

PETROCKSTOWE GARDENING CLUB

We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month - 10 speakers, 1 summer barbecue and 1 Christmas meal.

Our numbers this year are about the same as last year and we have kept our membership fees at the same levels (£20 for a couple and £12 for a single person) for another year. We supplement the fees by holding raffles at the social evenings, fund raising at the summer fete and applying to the Merton Monks following the Vintage Car Rally.

This year we are organising a trip to The Arboretum at Newton St Cyres followed by a pub lunch and a trip to Bridgerule Garden and Mill followed by tea and cakes.

PETROCKSTOWE ART GROUP

The Art Group continues to attract new budding artists, we now have 24 members, some are more regular in attendance than others. On average we have an attendance of 19 on our Friday morning session. We are still open to take on new talent.

Teresa Turner our tutor has a knowledge which is beyond encyclopaedic when it comes to famous artists and their particular style.

We are very lucky to have Teresa's talents to help us in taking on new challenges. We will be supporting the Merton Monks again this year by staging an exhibition of our members work at the Vintage Rally.

We are a very friendly group and the tea and cake break is always something to look forward to.

We look forward to welcoming more new members.

Methodist Chapel

The Chapel hold regular services including joint services with the Church once a month. We also hold joint events for Rememberance Day, Harvest Festival, Carol Service and on Christmas Day. We are on the rota to provide the Coffee Morning in Hatherleigh once every 7 weeks and hold a Cream Tea every May. We rely on and thank the Ladies Group for their generous donations each year.

Ladies Group Report

2017 was a very successful year for us, as regards our continuing fundraising, so much so that we were able to donate £1,300 each to the village important buildings; the church, chapel and the village hall.

The fundraising is only possible due to the tireless activity and generosity of the members of the ladies group. Every penny raised goes directly to the charity "pot" and is shared equally amongst the three buildings.

We must also thank those who are not members, but who regularly donate homemade cakes and desserts when asked.

2017 saw the ladies baking cakes for cake stalls at the village fete and Merton Rally; holding a vintage tea, a Pimms afternoon, we also held 2 community breakfasts, plus the Punch & Pie evening in conjunction with the Baxter Hall.

We mustn't forget the carol singing on a very cold December evening just before Christmas. We were also asked to provide the food for funerals of 2 well known residents of our village.

Our present fund-raising pot is looking extremely healthy and it is our aim to carry on the "good work" throughout 2018.

Thank you again Petrockstowe, we couldn't do it without your support.

100 Club

There are currently 78 members who contribute £445 for the

Baxter Hall. We are down a bit on numbers and need to address

how to get the numbers back up. We are always hopeful of

getting new members. We will be holding the draw later tonight

so some of you may be lucky!

Petrockstowe Newsletter

No change from last year really, in that the main aim is to inform the village of events and issues that concern or are of interest to the community.

The newsletter has grown to an average of 40 pages some of which is devoted to advertising local businesses, occasionally this can be as many as 50 pages. David is our Ace reporter for village events and we also try to support the local pub and include events being held there.

We also support recycling by advertising items for sale or free cycle and this has proved popular, along with our mystery photo each month.

While we primarily focus on news within Petrockstowe, the local area is also represented by covering events in outlying villages.

The newsletter is free and supported by sponsorship from the Ford motor Co. A big thank you to all the volunteers who help distribute and supply news items.

Ladies Skittles

We welcomed 6 new players to the club this year, 4 of which played regularly. We have 2 teams of 6 playing every week against another 2 teams as far away as Poundstock, Kilkhampton and Boyton. There are 4 games played every Thursday, so you can see it is a very dedicated group of ladies who enjoy (I hope) the game of skittles. We have been playing in the Holsworthy league for about 30 years now so let's hope we can continue playing for another ?? years! If anyone would like to join use, please contact me. The new season will start in September.

Keepfit

Our flex & tone sessions are really well supported now with an average of 8 ladies coming along to exercise to music and having a fun time! I take the group with Jane stepping in when I am not available. All the money collected from these sessions is spent for the benefit of the Baxter Hall and we have bought items for the kitchen and mats for putting around the skittle alley to protect the floor. I shall be looking for ideas from the Baxter Hall committee for ways to spend the money this year.

Stevenstone Hunt

The huntsman is Andy Head, the joint masters are Wendy Chope, Peter Bromwell and Richard Goodburn. We have our Point to Point on Monday May 7th. Last August we had a very successful Safari Lunch based around Buckland Brewer. I think the hunt is a social thing where country people can meet and talk!