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Newsletter

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Autumn Update

We continue on our path back to some sort of normality. Our classes are running smoothly and mostly taking place back at The Club. We are continuing with our Covid safety measures and grateful to all of you for adhering to them without complaint! There's plenty to look forward to in the run up to Christmas!

Come and Meet your local MP, Sarah Olney Friday 5th November 2021, 10.30 –12.00

We are very excited that Sarah Olney will be visiting The Avenue Club on 5th November, between 10.30 and 12.00.

After a tour of the building, she would like to meet Avenue Club members so why not come along for a chat?

We will be providing refreshments and cakes but could you let us know if you intend to be there.



Christmas Lunch Friday 17th December 2021 12.00– 3.00pm

After the disappointment of not being able to put on our Christmas lunch last year, we are very excited to announce that lunch will be going ahead this year, accompanied by Ian Bloomfield and his singing waiters with a festive tune or two from our Avenukes.

We are reducing the numbers to allow a little more space on the tables - it has been quite a squash in previous years! We will also ventilate the room by having the doors and windows open so perhaps you may want to wear a Christmas jumper on the day! Hand sanitisers will be plentiful and we would be grateful if you could take a lateral flow test before you come.

The cost will be £20 per head and we will only be taking bookings from Monday 8th November.

Please contact the Office to book.

Famous TV jewellery expert, Kate Bliss from Hansons Auctioneers and Valuers is coming back to value your precious items for FREE here on Thursday 11th November between 10am and 3pm. So, don't be shy, bring us your treasures!



Macmillan Coffee Morning—29th September

We were delighted to be able to hold a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at the end of September.

We were inundated with generous donations of delicious homemade cakes. Our Knit and Stitch ladies kindly sold a variety of their knitted garments and our lovely Trustee, Margaret Marshall, was selling her beautiful plants with all proceeds from both going to the Charity. It was a busy morning with over 50 guests which bought a happy buzz back to The Club.

However, we could not have done it without the help of our lovely volunteers, Linda and Shirley, who worked tirelessly all morning – thank you both. Our new CEO, Simon, joined members for a chat over coffee and cake and they were all pleased to meet him.

We raised over £650 for Macmillan Cancer Support which was beyond our expectations so we would like to extend a huge 'Thank You' to everyone for their generosity.



Sheena, a tech whizz from Age UK was able to offer some help to some of you but unfortunately, cannot commit to a regular slot so we are on the hunt for another volunteer to run a 'phone clinic at The Club. We will let you know when we have found someone but in the meantime, Age UK run weekly drop-in clubs in Barnes and Hampton plus private 1-1 IT lessons. We have more details in the Office.



All our classes and activities are running successfully at The Club whilst making sure rooms are properly ventilated. As we know people are more likely to catch COVID-19 and flu in poorly ventilated rooms. We are aware that the advent of cooler weather means our rooms may feel a little colder with windows open and you may be concerned about sitting in a draught. Your safety and well-being is a major priority for us so we need to balance the need for good ventilation with your comfort. We will endeavour to open windows and doors in such a way as to minimise draughts and would welcome any feedback about these arrangements. Please think about wearing an extra layer of clothing, though we realise this may depend on the activity.

Hopefully, we can all work together to keep everyone as safe and comfortable as possible.

Lisa's Retirement. It is with some sadness that we announce that Lisa has decided to retire. Luckily she will be around for a while yet as she is not leaving until after Christmas. As many of you are aware, she has been Manager of the Club for 21 years and assures us she will be back as a Member to keep us on our toes!!

The Trust are now advertising for a new Manager of The Avenue Club. If you know of anyone who might be interested in applying, the job details are on the KCT website.

Thank you for all your support as always. If you would like any information about any of our classes, please don't hesitate to get in touch. **Lisa, Siobhan & Sue, The Avenue Club Team**