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The National dances are your dances where you can meet up with old friends, friends you met years ago, friends you only meet at National dances.

IF YOU LIKE WHAT WE ARE DOING LEAVE THIS NEWSLETTER SOMEWHERE FOR OTHERS

IT MAY JUST IMPROVE YOUR CLUB `S MEMBERSHIP

IF YOU DON`T LIKE IT TELL US

IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WHAT YOU GET WITH OUR INSURANCE IN SIMPLE ENGLISH.

SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ALL THE HELP IN PUTTING TOGETHER THE PHOENIX NEWS
GROSVENOR HOTEL SKEGNESS
FRIDAY the 10\textsuperscript{th} of May & SATURDAY the 11\textsuperscript{th} of May 2019
NATIONAL AGM WEEKEND

THIS HOTEL IS NOW FULL
WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US
BUT SADLY YOU WILL HAVE TO SEARCH FOR A HOTEL
The Grosvenor House Hotel,
North Parade, Skegness, Lincolnshire PE25 2TE

2 NighTsof mixed dancing
Sequence, disco, rock & roll and line.
Giant raffle, cash draw

Friday night fancy dress (optional) from around the world
Whatever you like from wherever you have been
or would like to go

Saturday night dress to impress posh frocks & sharp suits
NATIONAL WEEKEND AWAY
The Phoenix Clubs Rock band came out to play when the midnight bell tolled. Note the special guest appearance of Malcolm “Hendrix” Gray playing the wobbly stick.

When the rock band comes out to play so do the rock chicks. Onlookers were amazed at the behaviour of the groupies and I believe next year there could be more as the fun spiralled to fever pitch.

The National weekend was fabulous the hotel was fantastic and the Ballroom was full. It was a brilliant weekend so please don’t miss the next one - join us in Skegness.

SEE PAGES 4 & 5 and 18 & 19
SADLY LEEDS HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE TO DOREEN

Doreen has been a member of Leeds Branch for many years and, hardly missed a club night nor any of our 'away dances'. Apart from her passion for Crown Green Bowling, Doreen loved to dance and she taught various members of Leeds Branch numerous Sequence Dances. She was a good Committee member and she often gave members a lift to the club and/or to the National Weekends when they were held in the Yorkshire Region. Doreen had a large family who will miss her tremendously and so will her numerous friends throughout the Phoenix Friendship Organisation.

George Holder

A longstanding member of Wigan for over 30 years a regular visitor to many clubs in the North West Region and keen to dress up on fancy dress nights.
Tony Weston
A valued member of Tameside for over 20 years Tony was well known in the North West and visited many clubs regularly.

Gordon Harris
A member at Tameside Phoenix best known for his sarcasm.

Alf Simpson.
One of our much loved members at Tameside always full of fun and is sadly missed

Gordon Tasker.
Another one of our members here at Tameside who has sadly passed. Gordon was heavily involved in the deaf community after being hearing impaired himself.
Please accept my apologies for the delay in producing the Phoenix News. This has been caused through ill health; hopefully the future is going to be brighter for all of us.

In this issue we showcase some of the wonderful clubs taking our members on trips and holidays. Hopefully for all of us there will be many more to come, along with great club nights.

As regards the National Weekends we have tried to move them a little closer towards the summer months. At the NEC we thought that perhaps we would all prefer a little bit of warmth on our backs rather than the rain, cold and frost, so although they are a little more expensive, that is because the have moved closer to the prime time holiday period.

All at the NEC are looking forward to you joining us, so let’s make the National Weekends a time to meet old friends from around the country and have a good time and hopefully in the sunshine for a change.

On a personal note a big thank you for all the phone calls I have received wishing me well.
It is having friends from clubs around the country that make this organisation the Friendship Club. Thank you all again.

If you know of a good venue in your area with a large dance floor let our Nation Secretary know (contact details on the inside front cover) You never know In the future the National Weekend could be in your area.
Some of the Northwhich members and a few from Warrington Phoenix headed off to Torquay for a 6 day holiday. We all had a wonderful time getting involved in plenty of activities provided by the hotel which also had 4 swimming pools to choose from. Adrian organised an indoor bowling match one afternoon. On another day we had another great day on a boat called Round Robin which took us from Totnes to Dartmouth and then after free time we took the steam train back to Paignton. Nancy made a new friend - a big cuddly dog. She got on so well with everyone the Entertainer decided to use her as his puppet as you can see from the pictures above.

We are only a small club but if you like sequence dancing then this is the place to be on a Wednesday night in Cheshire.
**MEXBOROUGH ON TOUR**

L to R. Tony, Myria & Eric, at Barnsley’s Dance

L to R. Tony, Myria, Frank, Margaret & Les, at Rotherham’s Dance

Pickering 40s weekend. L to R. Geoff, Frank, Kath, Jill, Tony, Brenda, Joan, Myria & Colin.

L to R. Kath & Myria, Joining the Land Girls at the National Arboretum.

Beamish Museum. L to R. Kevin, Tony, Vera, Myria, June, Anjie, Margaret & Derik.
Wetherby Whaler fish and chip supper. L to R. Geoff, Douggie, June, Les, Anjie, Rosaleen, Sharon, Vera, Sue, Derrick, Margaret, Tony, Kath, Myria, Joan & Frank.


Waiting for the bus at Mexborough Athletic Club, bound for Leeds. L to R. Myria, Val, Rose, Tony, Kath, Trevor, Kath, Ineta, Margaret, Rosaleen & Chrissie.

Refreshments in Leeds. Colin, Kath, Margaret, Myria Rosaleen and Chrissie.
Sadly I have to let you all know of the loss of one of our members

Jack Spencer - an individual member from Lincoln.

He will be missed by all that knew him
Just some of the pictures taken at The Bruche fancy dress nights
Worksop Oakdale celebrated its 21st birthday having been reborn after a short break in 1996.

The photo above shows from left to right: Sue Hobson our present secretary, Jean Liversidge one of our original 1996 members and who is still attending regularly, Doreen Sleight our President and who was a founding committee member in 1996, Doris Firth our present Treasurer, Sheelagh Wilkins our Chairlady and a founding member and Steve Wilkins our Vice-Chair, founding member and DJ since 1996. Doreen, Sheelagh and Steve have all served on this committee constantly since 1996.

The club celebrated with a wonderful buffet and evening of dancing, raffle and bingo. We also enjoyed birthday cake brought by Karen Parkinson one of our members, who celebrated her birthday on the night. An enjoyable night was had by all and we look forward to many more celebrations.
Members from Tamworth, Willenhall, Wigan, and a VP and his good lady wife enjoyed a fabulous holiday in Southern Ireland. We had the best Guinness, great food, 1st class weather and wonderful scenery — what more could you want on a relaxing break? Why don’t you find out where we are off to next and join us?

Just some of the pictures on tour.
BUT
Harry & Vickie say it’s time for bed.
2 NIGHTS OF MIXED DANCING
IN
LLANDUDNO
Sequence, Disco, Rock & Roll and Line.
Giant Raffle, Cash Draw
FRIDAY THE 30th Of AUGUST 2019
&
SATURDAY the 31st of AUGUST 2019
Friday Night fancy dress (optional)

Peaky Blinders
Saturday Night Dress to impress

POSH FROCKS & SHARP SUITES

The Queen’s Hotel,
Clonmel Street,
LLANDUDNO,
LL30 2LE
NATIONAL WEEKEND
The Queen’s Hotel,
Clonmel Street,
LLANDUDNO,
LL30 2LE
FRIDAY the 30th of August & SATURDAY the 31st of August 2019

Views of the bay, Great Orme, and the pier on Llandudno’s sea front

£110.00pp. for the weekend. Price will include:

2 nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast with exclusive use of the Grosvenor Ballroom for use during the day and of course in the evenings.

For restricted mobility guests, the hotel have an access ramp next to the front entrance.

Friday and Saturday night dance tickets price held at £6.00 each.

To book telephone our National Secretary Mally Trail 01902 679690

A £25.00 deposit along with £12.00 for the dance tickets totalling £37 per person required when booking

The balance is payable to the hotel on arrival.

PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO BOOK DIRECT WITH THE HOTEL
# Phoenix Friendship Club Members Support Fund

**Application for Fund Support**

**Personal Details (Please Print)**

Please note this form can be sent direct to the National Secretary.

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**Present Club:** ………………………………………………MEMBERSHIP NO …………

I have been a member for **Years** **Month**

I have been a member of the NCDSW/Phoenix Clubs for **Years** **Months**

Previous Club ……………………………………………………

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Comments:

**Support Fund Officers Only:**

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**Members Signature** __________________ PRINT NAME _______________
The PHOENIX FRIENDSHIP CLUBS MEMBERS SUPPORT FUND.

This is the charitable arm belonging to the members of the Phoenix Friendship Clubs - controlled and funded by the members. The fund is run by a committee which helps members by providing small amounts to help them overcome financial difficulties. All requests are vetted by the committee and awards are governed by their urgency and whatever funds are available. Applications are not means tested & what you see in the application form on the opposite page is all that is required.

If you can help in anyway to raise funds by holding an event please contact us and we will help in anyway we can.

Please remember that you are helping PHOENIX FRIENDSHIP CLUBS members less fortunate than yourself.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

NO SUPPORT IN CASH: - ALL MONIES WILL BE PAID TO THE SUPPLIER OR YOUR BRANCH
SUPPORT CAN NOT BE GRANTED FOR DEBT OR MORTGAGE, RENT OR UTILITY ARREARS
(HOWEVER WE MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER THE SERVICES OF A DEBT ADVISER)

IN SOME INSTANCES GRANTS MAY NOT BE PAID IN FULL BUT A CONTRIBUTION MAYBE MADE TOWARDS THE REQUEST

THE SUPPORT FUND COMMITTEE DECISION IS FINAL

POST THIS FORM TO SUPPORT FUND SECRETARY
68 Parkes Hall Road, Dudley DY1 3SR
Barnsley branch celebrates 50 years 1968 to 2018

To celebrate 50 years at Barnsley Phoenix (NCDSW) a buffet evening was put on for the members with a celebration cake shared by all. A commemorative gift was also given to all our members.

Come on Barnsley use the gift to save for the next National AGM in Skegness. You never know, you may just enjoy yourself.

That cake looks YUMMY

The Scunthorpe challenge

Five long serving members years adding up to 108, “beat that” they said

YES SCUNTHORPE WE CAN BEAT YOU.

On Monday August the 20th 2018 Barnsley branch got 5 members on a picture and their membership totalled 133. Left to right Sandra Blackburn 20 years, Vernon Connah 37 years, Margaret Hollingsworth 20 years, Geoff Everett 21 years and Peggy Dooling 35 years - total 133 years.

Yes, a total of 133 years now can any club beat that?

Sorry the picture is a little poor.
The Tameside members again show the North West and all the clubs how to do a fancy dress night. We had an “around the world” theme and it was fantastic. Look at some of these brilliant costumes. Don’t you miss our next one.
Some more of the great events at Mexborough if you're in Yorkshire come and join us for a good night out.
From a member in the Warrington area
A big thank you to the Phoenix Support Fund
for helping me to get my much needed special bed.

The support fund received a magnificent £245.85 raised
In the clubs collection boxes.

Bruche Phoenix raised a magnificent £380 by holding a charity night for the support fund. Pictured below is the Bruche Phoenix chair Wendy Worthington presenting the cheque to support fund secretary Mally Trail.
Remembering Our Friends

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Margaret was a very popular and hard-working member of South Notts NCDSW and sadly passed away on the 27th November 2018 after a long illness which she bravely fought until the end.

Margaret joined NCDSW South Notts in the early 1980s and in 1984 she met her future husband Geoff after they were set up on a blind date and they were later married in 1989.

However very soon after joining NCDSW she began to play an active role in the Organisation which was to last until the end of her life. She became Personality Girl at South Notts winning the competition in 1986. This was followed by her winning the Midland Region competition in the same year and the National Personality Girl in 1987. Throughout her reign as Personality Girl at all levels, Margaret managed to spread her warmth and enthusiasm for NCDSW to many people as well as her dedication to the Movement.

Throughout her time in the NCDSW she continued to take on many different roles which included working as Development Officer for 3 years, alongside Geoff, opening a number of clubs in the Midland Region helping them to start up, grow and expand. She then worked as a member of NEC in 1991. In her own Region she has been Vice-Chair of the Region, as well as Chair of Midland Region twice. She was awarded a Vice-presidency of South Notts in 1984 in recognition of her hard work and dedication to the Branch and has been a Vice-President of Midland Region since 2006. Margaret along with Geoff were both awarded NCDSW Fellowships in 2016 in recognition of their outstanding contribution over many years to NCDSW. Just latterly in August 2018 Margaret was made President of her own Club, South Notts, in recognition of her enormous contribution to the club over many years, a well-deserved honour.

Margaret and Geoff together were a formidable team in whatever they organised or carried out together. They organised a large number of weekends away for National AGMs and Personality Competitions as well as holidays for their own members in South Notts, not to mention all the dances in Midland Region and at club level. As Chair of Midland Region she was an excellent Organiser and leader of the Region, well respected and liked throughout the Region. She was always friendly, smiling and immaculately dressed, as well as having a kindly listening ear for anyone in trouble. She did Midland Region proud. All who knew her will miss her terribly and we send our deepest sympathy and condolences to Geoff and to their wider family.
CLIFF KINSEY
Cliff was a regular and popular member of Worksop Oakdale Club. Sadly after a recent operation he passed away on 20th December 2018.
Cliff joined NCDSW in 1997 and within a short time became an active committee member of Mansfield Band of Gold. He was Secretary of the club for many years as well as being its DJ for a number of years. He was made President of the club as a reward for all his hard work as well as receiving an NCDSW Fellowship.
Cliff met Irene Smith at Mansfield Band of Gold a year after he joined NCDSW and together they became a formidable duo, who worked tirelessly for the NCDSW and its members organising weekends away, club activities and attending Midland Region meetings on a regular basis. Cliff, along with Irene regularly attended many other NCDSW clubs notably Staveley, Nottingham Locksley and Worksop.
Cliff will be remembered for being a very kind and generous man with a great sense of humour, who always had time to listen to people. He was also someone who liked to see that rules were followed and was insistent that the NCDSW Constitution was upheld in clubs and at all levels throughout NCDSW.
During the last few months of his life he formed a loving and close friendship with Doris Firth and was very happy once more. They spent the last week before his operation on an NCDSW holiday in Weymouth, which they both enjoyed.
We will all really miss Cliff at Worksop Club. He supported the club week in week out. He was a true friend to very many within the NCDSW movement.
We send our deepfelt sympathy and condolences to Cliff’s family and to Doris.
A great night was held at Longsight Phoenix with members arriving from all around the world. We had Arabs & Mexicans, Australian's & Spaniards, onion sellers from France & Americans and the most authentic Chinese you have ever seen. All the fun from around the world and a fantastic supper for everyone.

VISIT LONGSIGHT ON TUESDAY NIGHTS YOU WONT BE SORRY
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1st of July 2019

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FRIDAY
Leigh  VENUES VARY PLEASE CHECK  01942 747928
Mansfield Band of Gold (Glapwell)  S44 5LW  07527 055998

SATURDAY
Wigan  WN6 0JT  07971 956532

SUNDAY
Bruche  WA1 3NJ  01925 451392
Dudley  PLEASE CHECK  07412 553412
Yardley  B8 2HE  078599 16495

Most of the clubs start at 8pm and some go through till 11.30pm. There is a small entry charge each week, and after 3 visits we invite you become members. The yearly membership in clubs varies depending on the area you live in but could be as little as £4.00. There are a variety of nights out that our clubs offer to members.

If there are any problems getting in touch with any club please contact our National Secretary whose contact details are on page 2.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NATIONAL AGM WEEKEND  SKEGNESS  10th & 11th OF  MAY 2019
NATIONAL WEEKEND  LLANDUDNO  30th & 31st OF  AUGUST 2019
NATIONAL AGM WEEKEND  ST ANNES  29th & 30th OF  MAY 2020

For bookings contact National Secretary. Contact details on page 2.
NO NEED TO BE ON YOUR OWN,
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FOR YOU

FOR FRIENDSHIP & SOCIAL NIGHTS
WE HAVE DAYS OUT - THEATRE TRIPS - HOLIDAYS
AND JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED
DANCE NIGHTS TO GIVE YOU THAT MUCH
NEEDED EXERCISE

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