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SPARTA Newsletter



Happy New Year!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to 2023.

We start this year with some very exciting news. Our very own Deputy Chair, Sue Johnson, has been recognised in the New Year Honours list. She has become a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).

We offer her our warmest congratulations on receiving this well-deserved honour for all her incredible hard work over such a long period of time.



On receiving the award Sue said, "I am absolutely delighted and deeply honoured to receive this award.

"I would particularly like to thank my friends and colleagues from SPARTA who have supported and assisted me as deputy chair. I could not have done it without them."

If you have not set a New Year's Resolution yet, then you should set one to congratulate Sue in person at the SPARTA AGM which takes place on 18th January at 4pm in Room LG11 in Great Minster House.

Further details can be found in the blue panel next to this.

SPARTA continues to expand. You will have seen in past issues that we have recently helped to start a climbing club in Leeds, well now we have started a Board Games Club.

Details of what happened at their first meeting can be found on the following page.

We want to continue to expand in 2023 so if you have any ideas of clubs that we can help you to set up then please do get in touch with us. We all also need volunteers to help at our clubs to ensure that they run smoothly and are able to expand to meet the needs of our members. If you are interested in helping then get in touch with us at

SPARTA@dft.gov.uk

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New Year, New You
SPARTA Fitness Class
Free Every Friday 12.30
Live Online or in GMH

SPARTA AGM DETAILS

The SPARTA AGM takes place on 18th January at 4pm.

You can either attend in person in Room LG11, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR, or online via the link below:

[SPARTA AGM ONLINE LINK](#)

If you are attending in person and do not have access to Great Minster House, then please get in touch with Jason Marchant to arrange access.

If you have any items that you would like included in the agenda, then please do let us know.

Jason can be contacted at jason.marchant@dft.gov.uk

Check out the SPARTA website for upcoming events



SPARTA BOARD GAMES CLUB

SPARTA has a new club, find out about it here.

SPARTA has been looking to start a board games club for quite a while as significant interest has been expressed at a number of events and surveys that we had held over the past year.

We are really pleased to report that the initial trial took place on 19th December and was a real success.



The club met after work in Great Minster House with staff from both the Department for Transport and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities attending.

Tea, Coffee, and snacks were shared around those attending, who joined and played a total of four different board games.

Apparently, the games were all very close and despite the competitive nature everyone had a fun evening and left in good spirits.

Going forward the club are looking to expand their collection of games so that they have games that can interest more people to join.



Next Meeting

The club is next planning to meet on 18th January in Great Minster House, straight after the SPARTA AGM

The club is really interested in expanding and being available to all and meeting on days and times that suit everyone.

If you are interested in attending the next Board Games Club Evening, then please get in touch with David Misell at david.misell@dft.gov.uk



UPCOMING SPARTA CLUB FIXTURES/EVENTS

January

12th – SPARTA History Society Talk – Pompeii - 1:00pm

18th – SPARTA AGM – Room LG11 GMH - 4pm

18th – SPARTA Board Games Club – 5.30pm

WANT TO START A CLUB OR MAYBE JUST HELP AT A CLUB?

SPARTA are always looking to build on our portfolio of clubs. If you want to start a club or are already running one and want SPARTA's help, then please get in contact.

Want to help at a current club? Then please get in contact with us: SPARTA@dft.gov.uk


Details of current club contacts can be found on the SPARTA website

www.spartarecreation.co.uk/



THE SPARTA CLUBS

SPARTA supports a number of clubs and associations across the UK and is always looking to start new clubs. Here is just a taster of the current clubs

SPARTA TABLE TENNIS CLUB 

www.spartarecreation.co.uk

SPARTA GOLF SOCIETY 

www.spartagolf.co.uk/

YOGA CLASSES 

www.spartarecreation.co.uk/yoga

SUPERSTARS CRICKET CLUB 

www.superstarscricket.org.uk

SOFTBALL CLUB 

www.spartarecreation.co.uk/softball

YOUR CLUB HERE

Start a club and it can be advertised right here

CIVIL SERVICE CHOIR 

www.civilservicechoir.org.uk

HISTORY SOCIETY 

www.spartarecreation.co.uk/history-society

FITNESS CLASSES 

www.spartarecreation.co.uk/fitness-class

TENNIS CLUB 

www.spartarecreation.co.uk/tennis

TENPIN BOWLING 

www.spartarecreation.co.uk/tenpin-bowling



Check out all the SPARTA clubs on our website

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