

REPORT FOR CHESTERTON EVERGREENS 2023
From Joyce Barlow – Leader

During 2022 the Evergreens were able to meet each month, and we are all pleased to be back where we were before Covid.

Our membership continues to be good, we have on average 75 members. Our monthly meetings were well attended. We had between 35 and 45 members to each meeting. We put on a varied programme throughout the year, like fish and chips, craft activity, speakers, flower arranging, film afternoon. We also had a party to celebrate our late Queens Platinum Jubilee. Christmas is always a time of celebration so a party with singing and dancing was enjoyed by all.

We did arrange outings for everyone, and we did manage to run some, visiting Millets Farm, Bourton-on-the-Water, Bournemouth, Kew Gardens and Bournemouth. Unfortunately we found they were not as popular as they had been prior to Covid. We felt that our members were not ready to go on coaches and visit places outside their area. Unfortunately this meant we were making a financial loss each time as members took their names off the lists. The Committee then had to make a decision to cancel some of the outings later on in the year, to ensure no further losses were made, which was disappointing for us all.

We had our A.G.M in February 2023, when all of the existing Committee members said they were willing to stand again (we had no nominations to go onto the Committee), and since the meeting we have been working to put together the programme for 2023/24.