

Chesterton Events Committee

Annual Report 2023 / 2024

The 6th May was the Coronation of King Charles III and the Events Committee and helpers fed 120 villagers. Commemorative pens and wildflower seeds were given by the Parish Council. It was a happy day with a queue forming to have a photograph with Charles and Camilla! We, along with the CIO (Trustees of the Community Centre) and the Parish Council, purchased a commercial dishwasher which made a huge difference to clearing up with its first use.

The 23rd July saw our third outdoor play. The Pantaloons entertained us with their rendition of 'Emma'. We are very fortunate to be able to attract such a high calibre company and we look forward to welcoming them again on 4th August, 2024 with 'The Merry Wives of Windsor'.

The Last Night of the Proms was screened on the 9th September with a supper of fish and chips during the interval.

The lunches held at the Community Centre continue on the last Wednesday of the month with the exception of July, August and December. Our numbers were swelled in March by 32 Hong Kong Chinese visitors who live in Bicester and come to the Community Centre to meet once a month.

Most recently, on the 5th April, a murder mystery supper took place. The Thame Players acted out the murder with food being eaten after the two acts. Members of the audience were invited to guess the murderer and Paul Simpson won the bottle of wine for his excellent sleuthing.

The Events Committee makes donations to the Community Centre when we use the Centre for our events and lunches. The purchase of the dishwasher was another large donation this year.

As always, we thank our supporters and helpers for their encouragement and appreciation.