

ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHESTERTON EVERGREENS

At our A.G.M. in February (2024), we reflected on the previous year of the club, and this year we, the Committee, have found the club challenging. To plan and organise take a lot of time and effort by us all, and on occasions we felt we weren't getting it quite right.

Numbers at the meetings were going down and the response to the outings we had organised caused some concerns, and if we had continued to run them we would have made quite large monetary losses, so we had to make the decision to cancel some. Also, the closing of the coach company 'Heyfordian' was another blow as we had always used them and found their prices reasonable. When talking to other leaders from local clubs they were finding it difficult too, so this year we are going to work with a few other groups to see if we can go on outings together.

During the year we organised various activities for the meetings, some did seem more popular than others. We had invited Alistair Lack again whose talk on Morse previously was very popular, and this time his talk was on 'My travels with Auntie - His life in the BBC World Service'. It was also arranged with Alistair to do a walking tour in Oxford on Morse, which we all enjoyed along with the beautiful weather on the day!

Other things we arranged were a party to celebrate the Coronation of our New King and Queen, Line Dancing, Horse racing. One thing which is popular is Eating, so when we do organise Fish and Chips we do get a fairly good attendance.

Each year we book at Kirtlington Golf Club for Afternoon Tea in August and Christmas Lunch in December which we all enjoy, both of which the Evergreens put money towards so we can provide it at a reduced cost for members.

Membership of the Club is still only £5 per person for the year, and then £2 entrance at each meeting.

There are six of us on the Committee. All of us work hard to keep the Club going, but find it difficult to get new people interested in joining the Committee, which is disheartening as at sometime we may want to step down, but for this year all six of us will be staying.

Joyce Barlow - Leader