

REPORT FOR CHESTERTON EVERGREENS FOR 2024/2025

During 2024 we were successful in securing a grant of £1500 from Cherwell District Council for Health and Wellbeing. The money was to be used for activities held in the Chesterton Community Hall at our monthly meetings. We were able to offer free to our members an Afternoon Tea one month, Tea, Coffee and Cakes at every meeting, a Fish and Chip lunch and also a free Christmas Party, with food.

During the year entertainment was organised for each monthly meetings. This can be difficult to do, coming up with different ideas which the Committee believe will be entertaining for all members.

Some of these ideas were Dog racing, Games, Bingo and also talks from outside speakers. We also had a Christmas Fayre in November, which took a lot of organising, but it was very successful.

We were unable to run many outings. We tried to organise some but found we had little support so we had to cancel at short notice. We were not too sure why this was the case, but thought maybe as the cost of coaches had increased so much that it had become too costly for our members. This year therefore we have decided not to organise any.

Lastly we informed the Members at the Annual General Meeting that myself and my five Committee Members will be resigning from the Chesterton Evergreens Committee in February 2026. We have all enjoyed our time running the group but feel it is time for others to take over.

We are hoping that during 2025 volunteers will come forward to take the club over as it has been running for many years and it is a well supported club, so it would be a shame if it folded.

Report written by Joyce Barlow – Leader

Committee members: -

Pat Lawrence

Marilyn Simpson

Ann Houghton - Secretary

Janet Truby - Treasurer

Jill Collings