

Evergreens Report for 2018/2019

The Evergreens meet on the first Monday of the month at the Chesterton Community Hall, and has been steadily growing in numbers over the last two years., and each meeting gets between 40 to 50 members attending. We have a programme of activities arranged from speakers to painting, bingo, fish and chips, games and many more. We also showed a film and provided popcorn, fruit drinks, sweets, crisps and of course ice creams, (just like being at the cinema!!) We also have a quiz at each meeting which gets everyone talking, mainly saying 'I've no idea!!!'

When I became the Leader of the Evergreens in 2017 I wanted the club to continue to be successful but also for everyone to have FUN. This we are achieving, with hard work from the Committee.

Our trips were all successful during 2018, occasionally over subscribed, but we tried to ensure all that wanted to go could go by increasing the size of the coaches we had booked. Some of the places we visited were to Cotswold Wildlife Park, Black Country Museum, Weymouth, Trentham Estate, Flower Festival at Winchester Cathedral, Westonbirt Arboretum and Bath Christmas Market and also enjoying Afternoon Tea at Kirtlington Golf Club.

As I said last year we do have access to Wendlebury mini bus which seats 16 and with the help of drivers willing to take their cars as well we were still able to use this facility on local trip to Millets Farm. We may find though that this will soon not be an option as drivers for the mini bus are getting smaller due to restrictions on their license as they reach the age of 70!

Our finances are well looked after by Pat Lawrence and our bank balance was good through 2018. The subs are still £5 for the year, and we do have a raffle at every monthly meeting, prizes are provided by members and this raffle makes the club a minimum of £50 each month.

Pat very kindly hosts a Coffee Morning at her house each year and this year we made £312 which goes into the funds of the Evergreens.

This year at the AGM in February, we were all voted back onto the Committee plus we had another member join us, so we can look forward to another busy year, sharing responsibilities with another person. We all work as a team as we want to continue with the success of the club and will ensure we welcome New members at all times.

Regards

Joyce Barlow	-	Leader
Pat Lawrence	-	Treasurer
Marilyn Simpson	-	Secretary
Ann Houghton	-	Catering and Entertainment
Janet Truby	-	Catering and Entertainment