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**Recent events**

It's always a gamble when Betty, Yvonne and I set out the tables on a Monday morning trying to guess how many will come in the afternoon. Broadly speaking (and 'broadly' is the word), the better the grub, the more come. And the Christmas party was no exception. Over 50 turned up, most bringing the most tempting dishes, and one or two even dressed up pretty dishily, very much in the festive spirit. The only snag about the large numbers is the length of time it takes to run such a large raffle, especially since more and more of the prizes are really nice. We will think about that.

Most of the readers now come to the events, so I will not spend too much time or space on them. Perhaps it is just worth saying that, while we know why some are unable to come – and there are also some events which one or two don't really enjoy – please don't think that, if you do come, you will be stopping someone else. I can't think of anything we have done which has had a limit of numbers, given reasonable notice – and thanks to the kindness of those with transport, we have never turned anyone down who has asked their Link for a lift. The coach company is always very accommodating, and Kerry Wilce and the Wendlebury Village Club have proved most generous with their minibus.

**Forthcoming events**

Because I don't take the commitment of the Committee beyond February for granted – so far we each sign up for 12 months in February – we only plan a programme up to then. We don't seem to need anything more heavy, and anyone is welcome to make any suggestion or step down or put themselves forward at any time. But this is the time to begin to think what we would like to do next year so that we don't come to the AGM in February empty-headed.

From what I can see everything we have tried has succeeded thanks to the willingness of everyone to muck in and an element of luck. The basic recipe of Ploughmans Spring and Autumn, and a Summer and Winter feast with outings and some special speakers and Fish and Chips and films in between seems to fit the bill of regular monthly meetings when old friends and new can meet. Any fresh ideas are very welcome, as they were this year.

I would like to explore three new-ish ideas. 1. There are lots of clubs nearby which many of our members belong to and I want to learn what they enjoy. 2. Cherwell has been kind with its travel grant and other support like the mobile cinema and I would like to see how we might repay that. And 3. the world of e-mails and the internet is already becoming known to quite a few members, and is particularly valuable to the old and young, especially in the same family and when they are separated by big distances. So I want to see how we might help the young to help ourselves.

**PROGRAMME**

Month	Day	Time, Event, Organiser	Other info – cost, deadline etc. Monthly meetings 30p and raffle
December	14	Blooms lunch (Betty with Yvonne) 12.30 for 1.0	Cost £7 (Club subsidy of £4, being the balance of the true cost and wine of £11). There won't be a raffle this year. <b>Please drop the less mobile at the entrance and then turn round and park. There are wheel chairs by the entrance. Blooms are happy with this.</b>
January 07	8	2.30 Monthly meeting – Mobile Cinema - <i>Ladies in Lavender</i>	We need to get ideas for the 2007 programme and possible candidates for the Committee for the February AGM
February	5	2.30 AGM. We plan to theme the meeting as 'Fond Memories' – with any photos and other memorabilia of Evergreen times in the recent or more distant past	We wondered how many would like it in the Chesterton Village hall. Let Stephen know in good time so that we can book it if enough people want it there.
	?	Panto	It has often been suggested that a party of us might go to a panto or show. Please give any of the committee suggestions as soon as possible so that we can make a booking.