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I thought I would use this Newsletter for three things. First to outline the agenda for next Monday 5th February. Second to urge you to think about this year's programme, using the attached sheet if you want. Third to ask if you could use the attached sheet also to let me know what other groups you belong to and what they do well that we might learn from. Please excuse the use of scrap paper – to save costs.

Next Monday 5th February

Betty, Muriel and I are among what I hope will be a larger number who can bring along 'Fond Memories'. Betty has Evergreen paperwork *going back to 1959!* We also have a guest in the form of the producer of the Wendlebury Website who is kindly going to show my digital photos and give us a demonstration of how the Website works.

The AGM is not a big set piece but it is important. The Committee and I were elected to serve for one year, and can drop out or be voted out at this meeting. If we agree and are elected for a further year we need to know that the membership really does want to work with us, and doesn't expect to have everything done for it. This seems to be clearly understood and makes it all great fun and well worth-while

Speaking for myself I am very privileged to have such fun with so many. The Committee not only gathers every so often to chew over the programme and allocate responsibilities for arranging the events, but we all muck in to make sure things go well at each monthly meeting. I realise all the time that the test of the Evergreens is that we try to meet everyone's needs, and we may be very important for people whose disability is growing and links with friends and family are reducing. It is brilliant how members and Links quietly get on with making sure that transport and other help is provided. The message seems to be that if we want something doing we do it and don't wait for someone to do it for us.

If I am re-elected I want to continue to widen our membership and our interests, so that we always mix the familiar with the new. I also want to push the internet technology which can be a boon especially to people who have more time to develop interests and to keep in touch with the younger generations. And of course I want to make sure that everything we do is well thought out – which can mean quite hard work on occasion, which is why we all need to be roped in from time to time.



Thanks for another super year – and here's to the next one.

PROGRAMME

Month	Day	Time, Event, Organiser	Other info – cost, deadline etc. Monthly meetings 30p and raffle
February	5	2.30 Angela Barnett, Community Development Officer will speak about a new group she is starting in Bicester. Then AGM (see across). Followed by Introduction to Wendlebury Website. Then 'Fond Memories' – with any photos and other memorabilia of Evergreen times in the recent or more distant past.	AGM. 1. Minutes of last meeting. 2. Treasurer's report. 3. Election of officers. 4. 2007 programme PLEASE BRING £3 SUBS
March	5	Ploughmans. Linda Turvey, Banbury Age Concern	Linda has kindly agreed to come and tell us what Age Concern does, and has on offer.

Evergreens Survey – 2007

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EVENTS

Please circle your favourites, and add any comments

River trips

Seasonal feasts (Midsummer madness. Winter Guzzles)

Shopping and Market trips

Guest parties

Musical outings

Garden visits

Stately homes

Speakers

Other

Membership of other groups –

I belong to –

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Comments