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Well, we have had a pretty good programme recently, though most of the events outside the monthly meetings seem to have been limited to the more able-bodied. It would be good to have the kind of suggestions we had last year for the smaller outings, for example to the theatre and country houses where we can tailor the outing more to individual tastes. We have also had a lot of help from members who are willing to use their own cars.

The Fish and Chips lunch was up to the usual excellent standard and value. The trip to Morton in Marsh market was most satisfactory, especially the lovely ride through the early spring Oxfordshire countryside. The minibus allows us to pick up from people's doors, and saves lots of money by comparison with coaches. The demonstration of owls was fascinating and very touching, as was the visit to the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, beautifully organised by Bob(I hope to play their DVD at a monthly meeting soon).



And who would have thought we would enjoy Tai-chi so much.



It was very sad that the Minibus broke down after we had all got on board for Thame market. Now that it's mended I will re-run that.

**Forthcoming events**

See over for the programme. But meantime do come to Erika's afternoon tea (note change of time to 2.30 – 4.0) and venue(Chesterton Village Hall) and bring good raffle prizes – it's all in aid of US!

**PROGRAMME 2008/9**

<b>Month</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Time, Event, Organiser</b>	<b>Other info – cost, deadline etc. Monthly meetings 30p and raffle</b>
June	2	Monthly meeting (raffle M-Z). Cream Tea.	Bring good raffle prizes. All proceeds are for US!  10 from Lower Heyford to Rock of Gibraltar for lunch, then another 10 go back – as last year.£7 plus lunch.
	16	2.30 – 4.0 Tea and raffle. Chesterton Village Hall (Erika).	
	17	Canal Trip –Lower Heyford to Rock of Gibraltar. <b>Names to Stephen by 10 June</b>	
July	7	Monthly meeting (raffle A-L). 'Old Wendlebury'. (Stephen)	Talks and photos of Wendlebury and surrounding villages with Dave Jones. Please bring your own and tell us about them, and let us save a copy.
	28	River trip from Abingdon to Wallingford. Group discount for 20+. 33-seater coach. <b>Names (max 33) to Stephen by 30 June.</b>	Arrive 12.0 by coach (241500) in Abingdon on Farmer's Market day. By river 2.30 to Benson arriving Waterfront Café at Benson around 5.0 for tea. Home by approx 6.30. (Cost £15 excluding lunch and tea). Pick-up times later.
August	4	Monthly meeting (raffle M-Z). Summer puddings.	
	19	Trip to Thame Market. <b>Names to Stephen by 12<sup>th</sup> August please</b>	
	21	11.00 Committee meeting.	
September	1	Monthly meeting (raffle A-L). Ploughman's lunch.	Names to Betty by 26 <sup>th</sup> please.
	dtbf	Horse drawn barge near Newbury – probably with Bletchington (Ron Counter - 350473)	This family run business near Newbury involves large barges holding 50+ (and the horses thoroughly enjoy it!). Bletchington would welcome us to make the numbers up. Expressions of interest please to give me an idea of numbers.
October	6	Monthly meeting (raffle M-Z). Fish & chips (Yvonne).	Suggestions welcome.
	dtbf	Trip to good carvery .	
November	3	Monthly meeting (raffle A-L). Indoor games (10-pin, Curling etc).	From Cherwell Leisure services.
		Shopping expeditions.	Venues to be fixed from suggestions as last year.
December	1	Monthly meeting (raffle M-Z). Christmas party (Stephen).	– including quiz.
	18	Christmas Lunch (in house)	
January	5	Monthly meeting (raffle A-L). Cinema (Top Hat) (Betty).	
February	2	AGM (Raffle M-Z)	

Betty and I will willingly take expressions of interest at any time for other suggestions (eg Rousham, Tiggywinkles the world's leading wildlife hospital, return to Hearing Dogs, Seaside, theatre outings etc).