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Anyone who went short over Christmas could hardly blame the Evergreens. Every shopping expedition was pretty full, and the only problem was agreeing a departure time. Many thanks to all the drivers and others who helped to organise the trips.. And we did have fun with the Christmas parties, thanks to a very merry return match with Kirtlington Their leader Ron Counter wrote to me afterwards to say '*Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and were particularly moved by your members very friendly reception..... I hope we can arrange further visits in the future, even though I personally had to 'work for my supper' on this occasion'.*



*Ron sings for his supper*

*Jackie and Yvonne prepare for the party*

*Wyevale welcome*

And despite it being the beginning of the big freeze we had a marvellous Christmas lunch at Wyevale, where the same staff looked after us when it was Blooms. It was great to see Ken and Grace looking so well, and we were very pleased to have Sue from the Red Cow in Chesterton who have done us so proud with Fish and Chips, and Councillor Paul Sullivan and Laura from Cherwell Council, who have worked with us on lots of projects.

We seem to have weathered the big freeze thanks to lots of good neighbourliness. But we share the family's grief over the loss of Maria Westgarth after a long and brave battle for lung surgery. And we will all wish Betty a full recovery after suddenly losing most of her hearing for reasons which are not entirely clear.

Now we have a good party going to the Old Tyme Music Hall in Oxford on 27 February, courtesy of the Round Table, and lots of suggestions for other outings which I will feed in to the AGM.



*Richard 'just testing' Terry*

**AGM 1 February** (Raffle M – Z) All monthly meetings start at 2.30 unless otherwise stated

Please put thinking caps on to give the Committee ideas for the 2010 programme. I give overleaf some things we have done in recent years, and a copy of the Steeple Aston Valentine Club programme for ideas. And the more the merrier for ideas and people willing to help organise the outings.

The committee felt we should **raise the subs from £3 to £5** to help cover the increased cost of hiring the village hall and to go some way to subsidising travel, especially as we have been told that grant money will be tighter this year. And it is easier to collect! So please bring that with you or let a member of the Committee have it.

The AGM is also the time when we elect a new team (or re-elect the present one if they are willing) for the next 12 months, so if anyone would like to have a go, do let Betty know (remembering that she cannot hear the phone).

Committee Bob Annenberg (252994), Yvonne Clench (252963), Grace Jelfs (324091), **Harry Jenkins (Treasurer)** (241790), Terry Keane(246988), Pat Lawrence (245297), Christine Muddiman (242213), Muriel Pocock (252790), **Stephen Pryor (leader)** (360003), **Betty Tinkler (Secretary)** (241957)

*Some recent Evergreen events and suggestions*

<p>Morton in Marsh Market          Thame Market          Banbury shopping          Milton Keynes shopping          Swindon shopping          Hearing dogs for the Deaf          Tai chi          Indoor sports          Film shows          The Owl lady          Summer puddings          Fish &amp; Chips          Otmoor birdlife          Thames steamer trips          Stately homes          Horse-drawn barge          Canal trip          Memory Lane talks / photos          Theatre          Panto          Seaside          Buckingham Palace</p>	<p>Wildlife Park          Carvery          London Eye          Tropical Rainforest          Rousham Manor (season?)          Hobby crafts shop          Cadburys world          TV / radio audience          (Dare-I-say-it) BINGO          Whist / Beetle drive          Fancy dress          Speakers          Easter parade Old Fashions          Swan Hotel and boating          Country gardens          Woodland trust walks          Exhibitions          Impromptu picnics          Coach holidays          Entertainers          Craft exhibitions          Hospitality</p>
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Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>	"Serenade" Musical entertainment	Aug. 17 <sup>th</sup>	"Acusla Dance"
Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Age Concern – Paul Cadd Bring your questions and concerns	Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Coach trip to Buckingham Palace £25 to include admission
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	"It's a Lovely Day Tomorrow" Silvery Moon Theatre Productions Doors open 2 for 2.30pm	Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ploughman's Lunch – 1.30pm
April 8 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Afternoon Mystery Trip - £10	October 7 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Afternoon coach trip to Pendon Museum and WI tea - £12 all-inclusive
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fish & Chips and Bingo! (meeting at 1.30pm)	October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	"Concept of Pain" Dr. Tony Maisey	October 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Saturday)	Grand Jumble Sale – 2pm
June 9 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Coach trip to The Forest of Dean to include steam rail journey and pub lunch - £20	November 16 <sup>th</sup>	"Police Helicopter Operations" Andy Cadd
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Party at Primrose Cottage	Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Thursday)	Christmas shopping trip to Winchester Christmas Market - £10 per person
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	"Tea with The Queen"	Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner. 1pm for 1.30pm
July 29 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Coach trip to Portsmouth and Southsea £10	<p><b>All meetings in Steeple Aston Village Hall to commence at 2.30pm unless indicated as different</b>  <b>Membership for the year is £5 per person payable at the January meeting. We would ask that anyone, guests included, who would like to go on any of the coach trips to pay in advance to secure their seats.</b></p>	