

Littlecourt Lunch Club Report (APCM 2017)

We have been pleased to welcome several new members to the lunch club this year and usually have over 40 guests to lunch. Our six cooking teams have continued to provide excellent hot, two course lunches.

George Holding, one of the members, helps set up the hall and tidy up each week, now with the assistance of Geoff Hibbert. The front of house team Deirdre Montanaro, Pam Rankin, Maggie Booth, and Rosemary McLintock are now supported by Clare Thomas, Wendy Shapland and Ruth Dooley.

We continue to be grateful to Beryl Ellinor, Geoff Holland and Bryan Nicholas who collect the members' weekly payments and to Stuart Wigley for managing the finances. We have received donations from Age UK, Quercus Quilters and the Bosville Charity and at Christmas generous support from Batchelor's Butchers.

The volunteer drivers bring and collect the members, rain or shine. This is as important a part of the day as the food and fellowship during lunch. Marjorie Brown has begun co-ordinating the drivers' rota for which we are extremely grateful.

We try and mark special days such as Easter, Valentine's Day and Burns night with extra decorations, Pam's cupcakes and Scottish shortbread. A local wind ensemble played for us one lunchtime which everyone enjoyed.

At the beginning of August we went by coach to Heaven Farm in Sussex for lunch. The guests were able to sit outside afterwards enjoying the sunshine.

Our popular Christmas party was well attended as usual by 80 members and team helpers and made extra special once again by the choir of Amherst School singing carols.

We are always pleased to welcome new members as well as offers of help to join one of the teams.

Maggie Booth
March 2017