

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN
LITTLE COURT LUNCH CLUB REPORT - (APCM 2019)**

As last year, we are pleased to welcome several new members to the club, although sadly we have lost a few too. However, we continue to have around 40 guests to lunch most Tuesdays. Our six cooking teams continue to provide excellent hot two course meals with new volunteers replacing those who have had to stand down.

Unfortunately, George Holding, who has set up the hall and tidied up for some years, has had to retire through ill health. Geoff Hibbert, who has been helping George, has shouldered the burden alone, but he really needs help as it is a two-man job. We would be grateful for volunteers who could be on a rota to help Geoff for half an hour on a Tuesday morning.

We continue to be grateful to Geoff Holland, Bryan Nicholas and Beryl Eleanor who collect the members' weekly payment, and to Stuart Wigley for managing the finances. The volunteer drivers bring our members to and from Lunch Club come rain or shine, and Marjorie Brown does sterling work co-ordinating the drivers' rota and attending Lunch Club every week to ensure that everybody arrives and departs safely. She has also managed to co-opt several new drivers to swell the ranks.

Trudy McGowan has recently joined the 'front of house' team which will keep our numbers at 7, when sadly we lose our vicar Martin and his wife Maggie in February. We thank them for all their hard work and friendship. They will be sorely missed by us all and we wish them every success and happiness in their new life.

As usual, special days such as Easter and Valentine's Day have been celebrated as well as, this year, the wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle. We also enjoyed the fish and chip lunch at the Bullfinch when the hall was out of action. Our Christmas party was supported by a donation from Age UK, and Batchelors provided a generous discount on the delicious turkey. It was as usual attended by members, team helpers and drivers, all of whom not only enjoyed the delicious food but also the singing by Amherst School choir.

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