

Lets Get Together (LGT) Report for (March) 2020 APCM

It is now more than ten years since LGT started, as an outreach project aimed at providing an occasional afternoon of social interaction and refreshment for lonely and older parishioners of the Woburn Benefice and the local villages

LGT developed into a monthly gathering in the Crypt on second Thursday of the month, starting at 2:30 with ½ hour of seated Pilates led by a professional instructor; followed by a speaker, musical entertainment, craft work or a quiz. During 2019 we enjoyed a number of speakers, also visiting musicians - Allsorts group, Judy Barker and Trefoil Guild hand bells, who join us every November

Jo Taylor, for many years our resident professional fitness instructor, retired in the autumn, we were pleased to obtain services of Charlotte to succeed Jo. Our thanks to Church Outreach and Mission Fund for paying the majority of their fees. We should also thank Dianne and Angela for their contribution one afternoon when Jo was unable to join us, their workout was wonderful

Afternoon tea is served, properly – tea in cups, homemade sandwiches without crusts, homemade cakes and pastries – together with seasonal ‘extra’s’. Our raffle pays for any expenses incurred in providing the homemade food. Special tea was provided in July to commemorate 10th anniversary

December meeting, for some years, has run as a full Christmas Lunch, cooked and served in the Crypt. Starting with canapés and Sherry/wine this was all available at a suitable charge to all our members, who were able to invite a guest to join them. An excellent meal was enjoyed by some forty attendees’. Raffle proceeds on this occasion were sent to a local charity - Willen Hospice

Due to large amount of extra work involved in shopping and organising this event for our small team of volunteers this tradition will not continue – instead a Christmas tea will be provided

For some years we ran occasional LGT Pub Lunches. These have now ceased due to difficulties of arranging hostelries and transport – as well as ensuring every taste and diet was catered for

Age, infirmities and disabilities require transport of some members to Church or the Crypt door. A few helpers (and members) have been able to assist with this, but we now rely on Woburn Sands Community Transport to ferry a number of guests who live in the Woburn Sands area. We would appreciate having a couple more drivers to spread the load of transport and ensure everyone is able get to and from their monthly treat

Our thanks are due to the small team who assist in making sandwiches and cakes, also in setting up and clearing up the Crypt for us – and to those who happily drive members on the day

Regrettably at the end of February the team decided it had to postpone LGT meetings indefinitely, due to concerns over the Covid-19 epidemic and its possible effect on our elderly members. We do hope LGT will be able to restart its monthly meetings later in the year

Angela and Bob Franklin