

Report for September 2018.

Well what a year we are having, it started with our normal activities such as our successful cinema which is still a big favourite. Our regular Thursday mornings health and social activities at the Riverside are proving an excellent way of making new friendships and helping to overcome those feelings of isolation and loneliness.

A sad time for us all was when our ex Chairman Brian and his wife Beryl lost their daughter. This made the hand over of the Chair to me more difficult. Brian was and still is a great friend to us all He is assisting with our next big celebration. Our international Older peoples day on the 1st of October, which now is turning into a week of various community events. This is a great opportunity for Melksham to celebrate being the first rural Town to achieve age friendly charter status.

Early June we had a bus day trip to Brecon a trip on the Canal then an hour or so to do whatever we liked around Brecon town. Our next trip by bus is to Marlow we have an hour or so there, then we get aboard a boat that takes us to Henley on Thames, again we have an hour then board our coach home.

We shall then be preparing for another great annual event which will be our Christmas Party on Monday the 17th December at the Assembly Hall with great entertainment, bumper raffle prizes, local infant School Choir, Father Christmas, and buffet food for 150 Seniors or more.

We are also going to run a series of IT courses especially on the basic use of iPads, we propose to offer this service during the winter months, for seniors who want to learn about accessing the benefits the internet can provide. This will including keeping in touch with families and friends

We are looking forward to 2019 and supporting the Area Board with the age friendly project, supporting the whole community including many more seniors, and also working with all to make our Melksham the town we can all be proud of living in.

Jim Law
Chairman of the 55/Forum.