

Parwich Over-60s, 2020 (by Denis Laycock - Chairman)

The Over-Sixties had planned a full programme of events for the summer. Quotes had been sought and coaches booked with Slacks of Matlock. And then! - Covid struck. There was no way we were able to continue with a programme where forty to fifty people, all over sixty years of age, were expected to sit together on a coach for three or four hours. The programme had to be abandoned. This was a shame. The Club was formed some forty years ago and enabled elderly people without means of transport to visit the seaside or places of interest. This is not so much the case nowadays, and membership has declined of late, but many of us continue to enjoy the pleasure of visiting somewhere different without the chore of driving.

It was not just the visits we had to abandon. Our annual Christmas Dinner -usually at some local hostelry - and the Cream Tea in the Memorial Hall also had to be abandoned.

Several of our members are now into their nineties, and one of them, William Bunting of Alsop, always a great supporter of the Club, celebrated his 100th birthday this year - the Club's first centenarian.

Covid has proved a difficult and lonely time for many senior villagers, but as ever Parwich has proved to be a very supportive village. Names and phone numbers of potential helpers soon appeared on Parwich.org; There was a wonderful village response , and from the Over Sixties, we say "Thank-you."