

Melbourn & Meldreth Lunch Club (Jeannie Seers)

Lunch Club at Melbourn Hub

Report 2020/2021

Potted History

'Lunch Club' was set up some years ago and formerly known as 'Melbourn and Meldreth Self Help Group'. The 'club' was to provide a setting for the elderly to meet weekly, to socialise over a hot cooked meal, for which a set charge was made to members. Members were transported by a combination of volunteers and Royston & District Community Transport.

The club was based at Vicarage Close for some time, run by a succession of volunteers. Initially meals were cooked by volunteers on the premises, before the meals were then sourced from Moorlands Care Home and collected for delivery to Vicarage Close for a negotiated price per head.

Until the end of 2018, the club was being run by Melbourn Mobile Warden Scheme using Moorlands for the meals, but when they were unable to continue, the Hub offered to take over the Lunch Club from 2019.

It began operating at Melbourn Hub on a Wednesday for three weeks out of four from February 2019 and a report was provided to Melbourn Parish Council for the first year, showing it was a popular amenity and had enjoyed an increase in attendees.

Current Status

Unfortunately, from March 2020 until present, Lunch Club has been unable to operate at any point due to the Covid-19 pandemic, so there is no activity to report at all during this year.

Lunch Club members are feeding back that they are keen to return, once able to do so safely and lawfully. Melbourn Hub will continue to review the situation regarding any potential reinstatement of Lunch Club in line with government guidance.

Thank you to Melbourn Parish Council for your support.

Jeannie Seers

Director - Melbourn Hub

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