

## **Christmas Day Lunch – 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

### **Report**

The Christmas Day lunch for people on their own was once again a success and much appreciated by all the attendees and those who received dinner deliveries. This year was the most challenging yet as since the Covid year when I had to have all the dinners delivered, a few people have not felt that they want to come to the venue and mix with everyone or some who have anxiety issues do not want to partake but still want to have a dinner. I get quite a few referrals from the Adult Mental Health Team for those with anxiety issues who would rather stay at home but still need a dinner, also this year there were lots of changes up until the day before as some of the attendees had flu or bad colds and felt they could not come out so I was constantly changing arrangements from lifts for them to the venue to dinner deliveries at a different time. Getting 22 attendees to and from the venue and 32 dinners and hampers delivered all over Didcot within a 45 minute timeslot was a bit of a nightmare but it all worked out in the end, even though the heavens opened whilst the deliveries were being done

After dinner we watched the first ever King's speech and then played bingo before they all left at around 4pm with a hamper each

Needless to say they had an amazing day and were all very happy

Once again I had an amazing team of volunteers including husband and wife chefs, helpers in the room and volunteer drivers for pick-ups/drop-offs and dinner deliveries

It was a long and hard day and took many weeks to organise but it was worth it

Once again my thanks to Didcot Town Council for continuing to support this cause with their donation

I attach a cost breakdown and some photos of the day

Kind regards

Anna



