

LUNCH CLUB

Occold Luncheon Club has now been running for four years and continues to provide a service promised to the village upon the completion of the new hall.

A freshly prepared two course mid-day dinner was provided generally once a fortnight throughout the last financial year on some 19 occasions serving a total of 540 meals (that works out at an average of 28 per sitting). Each menu is different ranging from old favourites like cottage pie or toad in the hole to a full Christmas Dinner in December.

Carole Mayhew continues to head up the volunteer team, overseeing the vast majority of the food shopping required. We are extremely grateful for all those who give up their time to support her in in cooking, baking, washing up and clearing away – including all those who responded to the 2013 appeal for more help which was circulated when previous volunteers moved away.

As a branch of ORAC, Lunch Club lunches remain priced at £5 per head which is very good value for money and ensures that it should be accessible to all. Over the course of the year the prudent running of the club has seen that a further £800 surplus was achieved enabling the Club to help ORAC in the purchase of the new warming oven and the new cooker in April 2014.