

SHOUT ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEERING



*H*i, I'm Maureen Russell and I live in Mitcham.

I am over 70 and five years ago I decided my New Years' Resolution was to say yes to everything (within reason!).

I visited Vestry Hall and joined a singing group called "Going for a Song" and I was warmly welcomed into the group and quickly made lots of friends.

Through these friends I was persuaded to join a belly-dancing class and to my utter surprise and delight I thoroughly enjoyed it. All the people at singing and dancing are lovely.

We also go "tap dancing" at the Merton and Morden Guild once a fortnight and then we have lunch.

We go to different venues throughout the year and perform our dancing and singing.

Once a year we volunteer our singing and dancing skills to a big show at the Charlie Cryer theatre in Carshalton. It's good fun.

Several of us from these groups decided we wanted to save up and go out a few times a year as a treat. We each pay £1 per week and I bank it for the group. I then organise our outings.

Every now and then we go to the theatre or cinema and we have been to the ballet and lots of shows.

I am no longer lonely or fed up with nothing to do. I am now very busy. It has got me out of the house and I have a good laugh with my friends. Happy days.

I Volunteer—Why Wouldn't You?