



CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP

## About Chameleon.....Our History & Aims

Chameleon Singles Group was formed in 2003. The original members were part of a group known as Simply Friends which closed when its founder moved to the West Country. At the time keeping the original name would not have been practical as the founder had registered it and we would have been obliged to buy out the club's name.

At a meeting held early in the year it was decided to continue as an informal group meeting up to go out with friends. More than 20 years on the group is still running the same way with the aim of providing a meeting point for those who are single for whatever reason and in whatever circumstances. Other groups are more formalised and many run as businesses which include a dating service. We do not operate on this basis and are strictly an informal group of people meeting to enjoy some time together.

Over the years we have organised and enjoyed a number of events including pub evenings and lunches, skittles and bowling, coffee mornings, walks, Quiz Nights and at home evenings for take-away meals, games and sharing suppers. During the summer months we organise a number of day trips and the occasional short holiday both to places of interest and the coast. We also enjoy the great outdoors with events such as barbeques and picnics in a local park.

Our membership is predominately within the High Wycombe area although we have people from all over South Bucks. Other than day trips most events are held locally and where possible accessible by public transport for those who do not have a car. On occasions where it is practical we car share picking up those who do not drive. This also helps reduce the impact of the club's activities on the environment by cutting unnecessary journeys.

Chameleon Singles Group is open to all aimed at the 40's to 60's age group. By this we strive to be inclusive regardless of background, ethnic origin or circumstances. Our small membership fee is just to cover costs and ensures that everyone can join. Many groups have a much higher fee and run events that would be beyond some of our members reach. To that end we have around seven events per month some of which are of minimal cost so no one should feel excluded because they cannot afford to come.

The club has no formal constitution or rules. While we have an AGM and publish accounts everyone is encouraged to be part of the organising team. We believe in the area Chameleon is unique as a voluntary not-for-profit group that gives single people the chance to meet up and removes the isolation of being alone.