

Wishing



Tom Mills - going on a cruise

One person who wanted to take a cruise to about 3 different countries, wrote:

"I am selling my house this year so feel this may well come true"

Ron Armstrong - discovering the Masai Mara

A man with a mild form of dementia said his wish was to go to see the Masai Mara - but he didn't think he was well enough to travel that far. Later that day, he came up with his own solution: he would like a day out at Longleat Safari Park, because his wish is to see African animals in the open.

Tony Roberts - in touch with nature again

A retired gamekeeper and a keen walker in the past, a man now aged 90, said he would like to follow a particular local walk through a nature reserve. The club's deputy manager already knew the current gamekeeper of the estate through which most of the walk passes. She asked the gamekeeper about the possibility of using his Land Rover to take this man along the route. He said he would be delighted to help. She gave the gamekeeper's telephone number to the man, who is happy to make the call as this means he can arrange it to suit him. Separately, she heard that his daughter also knows he is to phone; so two of the people in this man's circle (or network) have been taking an interest and encouraging him to make the call, and are awaiting news that he has completed the "walk".

Molly James - a visit to the Philippines

A good example was a woman whose wish was to go to the Philippines with her family. She had enough savings for a flight; her Philippine daughter-in-law went every year to stay with her own family and took her children. They were always inviting me to go over as well, so there would be no accommodation costs. She said:

"I've been saying for ages I'll do it, but that's definite.

I'm going to ring my daughter-in-law tonight and tell her 'Book the tickets straight away and count me in.'"



Janet Barnes - a hot air balloon ride

One of the (several) people who wanted to go on a hot air balloon ride had already been on one before, organised by her son. She decided to ask him if she could go again, as:

"They're always asking me what I'd like for my birthday and Christmas, and I can never think of anything to ask for. If it's a lot of money maybe they could all chip in, or it could be my present for both. I don't need any more talc, that's for sure!"

Vera Barnham - a horse event

A woman who used to go to horse racing with her husband, said she would like to go again. Her son has a share in a race horse so she would ask her family if they would take her to see it race, or take her to see her granddaughter at a gymkhana.

"I'd like a pair of amber earrings"

"Find Cadbury's Old Jamaican chocolate bar, as I can't buy this in the shops any more".

She said it wouldn't have occurred to her to ask for something like that if we hadn't been asking the question about wishes that day.