



The Banbury Evergreens Link

Keeping You in Touch

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Charting our way through winter weather to early spring

1. Garrya elliptica 11.01.21

2. Frozen tracery, 07.01.21

3. A flooded Saltway, mid-January

4. Snowdrops 08.02.21

5. Aconites

6. More snowdrops 31.01.21

7. Hellebore, Christmas rose 22.01.21

8. Heather & snowdrops, 06.02.21

9. Snowdrops & berries 27.01.21

10. Sledding N. Yorks, mid January

11. Snowdrops, Guardian Ct. 07.02.21

12. Snowman in Banbury, 24.01.21

13. Early crocus in the snow., 08.02.21

14. More crocuses, 16.02.21

15. Snowdrop display, Bloxham Churchyard.

16. Daffodils in Barford 09.02.21

17. Preparing for a colourful harvest this summer!

Photos from Steve Ashby, Gerry Bernardo, Sara Carter, Stuart Gale, Jean Lawrence, Ann Mason, Jon Robinson and Barrie Wood.

Thank you all very much.

Some Right Good Reads

Many Evergreens have been reading avidly since the last newsletter. See below for some recommendations...

The Good Liar by Nicholas Searle

This, for me, was a real page turner it keeps you guessing all the way.

The story begins with Roy, who is an elderly con man, who has a blind date with Betty. As the novel unfolds, we gradually learn more about Roy's past and his string of escapades, which have left him financially comfortable. Still, he cannot resist the opportunity to pull off one last con and intends to rob Betty of her life savings.

Cynthia Watson

Becoming by Michelle Obama

A good social history, well written and gives a real insight to life in America. Interesting to read about Joe Biden and family. Should be out in paperback in March.

Pauline Edes

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Amusing and witty but the plot is a little complicated at the end!

Pauline Edes

Tales Out of School by Gervase Phinn

Light reading, his usual sense of fun about life in the Yorkshire Dales and with unusual characters.

Pauline Edes

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefterie

Much enjoyed and would be of interest to both sexes. Nuri is a beekeeper and his wife Afra an artist. They live in Aleppo and are forced to escape and undertake the refugee flight to Europe, during the Syrian civil war. They hope to join his cousin already in England, also a beekeeper. Afra has been blinded by the loss of her son, which adds to their difficulties on the journey.

Jill Eames

The Sunrise by Victoria Hislop

A story of problems between Greek and Turkish Cypriots during the 1974 Cypriot coup d'état that tells the stories of three families whose lives are decimated when ethnic tensions erupt into conflict.

Jill Eames

A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell

I have just read this most enlightening true story of an extraordinary American woman who in WWII became the Gestapo's most urgent target in France. She trained civilians in guerrilla warfare, infiltrated Vichy command and sprung secret agents from Nazi prison camps. All this with the handicap of a wooden leg and never-ending prejudices for being a woman. This is a spy story like no other!

Stan Birchmore

Hello Everyone,

As a new committee member I thought I should introduce myself. I am sure many of you do not know me as I am a relatively new member who only plays table tennis.

I moved to Banbury from Bicester some 5 years ago but didn't join the Evergreens straight away.

I am a London born 71 year old. I studied geography at the University of Birmingham and moved into nursing in 1972, studying at St. George's Hospital. I really enjoyed nursing and when I had to give up in 2001 due to fibromyalgia I really missed it. I have always enjoyed sport being a member of an athletics club at school, then managing hockey, tennis, squash and badminton during my working career. In the last 10 years I have become a keen bowler, being a member of Bloxham Bowls Club and Banbury Cross indoor Club.

I have been lucky to have two wonderful children (son and daughter) and a lovely granddaughter aged 6 years. I do love spoiling her, I'm afraid. I am looking forward to being one of your committee members and meeting many of you in the future.

Linda Young

Diary!

26th April: Isle of Wight holiday cancelled by Government decree!

26th November: AGM.

Obituary

It is with sadness that we report the death of Hilary Creed. She had been in poor health for 6 years and died on 14th February. We send our deepest sympathy to Ed and his family.

Your Committee 2021

Chairman: Janet Harral

Treasurer: Geoff Jones

Secretary: Christine Wood.

Gerry Bernardo, Patricia Fenner, Billy McIlroy, Adrian Silman, Julia Turner, Linda Young

