



The Banbury Evergreens Link

Keeping You in Touch

Issue 69

July 2021

Email: banburyevergreens@googlemail.com

Looking forward

Welcome to our July issue of the Evergreens Link. During the past sixteen months we have tried to keep in touch with as many of you as possible and have been gratified by how often you have all kept in contact with each other.

Now that most of us will have received our two vaccinations we hope that we dare to look forward to the rest of this year and to the events the committee have started to organise for you. Our first event is the picnic and Treasure Hunt, of which there are details over the page.



Windsor Castle from the Long Walk

Following that is the day trip by coach to Windsor on August 16th. The cost of the fare is eleven pounds and we will begin to book seats and take payment on 14th July, either at the picnic or by cheque (made out to the Evergreens) sent to Geoff or Janet.

As usual there will be three pick-up points and we will leave Banbury at 9.30am and expect to be home by around 7.00pm.

Looking for an escape/day out?

Why not try visiting Hill Barn Farm Cottage lavender farm at Broadway in Worcestershire? In the next few weeks it should be at its peak just before the harvesting.



Only 26.3 miles from Banbury, via Chipping Norton and the A44, and very close to Snowhill Manor, it has fields to wander in, and a shop selling lavender oil goods. More details can be found on the website and it is well worth a visit, especially on a sunny day.

Look for cotswoldlavender.co.uk for further details.

Evergreens at Spiceball

At this time we have no information as to when we will be able to meet again as a group for sports etc. at Spiceball. However it is possible to book sessions for some sports, swimming, the gym, badminton and Keep Fit but you still have to book in advance. See their website for further information. Rest assured that we will let you know as soon as we have any good news for you.

Something to celebrate

Next year The Banbury Evergreens will be forty years old and we are already thinking about how we shall mark the occasion. If you have any ideas about how you would like us to celebrate please do get in touch and let us know. The date should not go unrecognised.

Isle of Wight Holiday, October 2021.

We are hoping that after two false starts it will be a case of third time lucky for this particular holiday! Leaving on Monday 25th October we will spend four nights at Warner's Norton Grange Coastal Village, in chalet accommodation on half board tariff. The cost is £289 pp and includes all coach travel, ensuite accommodation, entertainment and 50p bar from 6pm-12pm each evening, and two coach excursions.

There are two double/twin rooms still available. Please contact Janet on 01295 263304 if you are interested.



Picnic Time

Close your eyes and just think; a balmy July afternoon, the birds singing their hearts out in Spiceball Park and the Evergreens able to meet up once more after a sixteen month break!. At least that is the idea as we plan our picnic on Wednesday 14th July, weather permitting.

We will meet at 2.30 for the optional short Treasure Hunt that Barrie has arranged, which will take about half an hour, leading you round the newer areas and the town centre by the canal. Then it will be back to the park where you have left your chairs, bags, goodies etc with Janet and Mary and you can begin to tuck in, catch up with friends and book your seat on the coach trip to Windsor on 16th August

We do ask that you sit in small groups and then circulate as you wish but still observing social distancing, unless Boris has given us permission to hug by then!

Should the weather be very unsuitable for 14th (eg. pouring with rain) we will postpone until Wed 21st July and hope for success then.



Diary

Wed 14th July: 'Bring your own' picnic, and a short Treasure Hunt. 2.30pm. See 'Picnic Time' below.

Mon 16th August: Day trip to Windsor, tickets £11.00, on sale from 14th July.

Wed 1st September: Evening walk, meet 5.30pm outside the Red Lion at Adderbury. More details to follow.

October: Tenpin Bowling afternoon. To be arranged..

Oct 25th - 29th: Holiday to the Isle of Wight. See details left.

Fri 26th November: AGM at St.Hugh's Church Hall, Ruskin Road.

Wed 22nd December: Carol concert at The Royal Albert Hall. Some tickets still available, £60.

Your Committee 2021

Chairman: Janet Harral

Treasurer: Geoff Jones

Secretary: Christine Wood.

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