



The Banbury Evergreens Link

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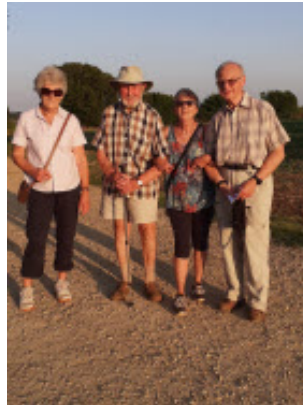
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A September Stroll

The last minute change of date for our evening walk at the beginning of September proved fortuitous as, in the event, the weather that night was wonderful, the views clear and the sunset a real treat to behold. Just a small group of members, and one dog, met outside the Red Lion in Adderbury and enjoyed a circuitous route towards Bodicote via footpaths and a couple of ploughed fields; the farmer obviously hadn't got round to reinstating the footpaths! Undaunted, the group trod their way back to Adderbury and enjoyed refreshments at a local hostelry before heading home.



Thank you to Gerry for organising the event.

Ten Pin Bowling, 6th October

Arriving at the recently refurbished Banbury Bowl, the 34 Evergreens were quickly divided into teams with a good mix of newer and established members, thanks to Janet's excellent preparation and organisation. An entertaining afternoon both socially and competitively followed and the atmosphere of good-natured fun meant that each "strike" was invariably met with cheers of encouragement, as were many less spectacular efforts. Keith Williams achieved the highest score of the men and Margaret Morgan of the ladies and both were presented with the traditional bottle of wine with which to celebrate their prowess.



Report and photo thanks to Barrie Wood.

AGM 26th November

Looking ahead to our AGM on 26th November at 7.00pm you are invited to put your name forward, or that of a friend, to become a member of our committee for the coming year. Your application must be supported by a proposer and a seconder and sent to the committee by Thurs 18th November.

We have decided to postpone the proposed cheese and wine party from the AGM until a date in February (to be advised). Instead your entertainment following the business of the AGM will instead be a selection of popular and traditional tunes performed by a small ensemble of players from Brackley Brass Band, which could include, among others,

Those magnificent men in their flying machines.

Rock around the Clock.

The Muppet Show.

Eidelweiss.

Uptown Girl

and more!

Do join us for the evening, enjoy the music and catch up once more with friends you have missed during the pandemic.

The Cairn Hotel, Harrogate



Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June

5 days, 4 nights, half board - £335.

Executive Coach Travel, 2 excursions,
Entertainment Included.

Reservations accepted from 1st November

REMEMBERING GEOFF - 15.02.1942 - 11.08.2021



Geoff was born in Banbury and lived in Grimsbury with his parents and brother. He went to St. Leonard's Primary School, and Grimsbury Secondary Modern from 11 - 13 years and North Oxfordshire Technical School from 13-16.



His first full time job was at the

Banbury Co-operative Society as a bank clerk. He worked as a clerk in the Commercial Office of Automotive Products for 25 years holding various positions and eventually becoming Computer Manager. He was also Computer Manager at Oxford University Press where he worked for 5 years before taking early retirement because of ill health. Latterly he worked part-time at Jaybee Motors until he retired in 2016.

Geoff met Gill at school and they were married in 1963. They had 2 sons, Kevin and Gary, and were the proud grandparents to 4 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. In 2017 they moved to Guardian Court after having lived in Elton Road, Bodicote Chase for 40 years.

At school Geoff was interested in sports, playing football and cricket and was very good at cross country running. He joined the Banbury Twenty Cricket Club in 1959 playing for the 2nd team and later umpired for the club. He was treasurer there for 25 years, and was President twice, a Trustee and then a Life Member. His other love was golf and he was a founder member of Brailes Golf Club. About 12 or 13 years ago he joined the Banbury Evergreens where he played short tennis and made many friends. He had been Treasurer for approximately 10 years until his death in August.



Gill and Geoff discovered the joys of cruising and also enjoyed short break holidays with the Evergreens. Unfortunately Geoff's health deteriorated and he had to give up playing sport, and had to go onto oxygen for 15 hours out of every 24. The pandemic meant he had to shield for many months but during this time he enjoyed the Zoom meetings on Wednesday mornings with the Evergreens. Some time ago Geoff did say that joining the Evergreens was the best thing he had done!

Thank you Gill for helping us to remember Geoff.



Diary

Fri 26th November; AGM at St.Hugh's Church Hall, Ruskin Road, to be followed by a musical presentation by an ensemble from Brackley Brass Band.

Light refreshments will be served following the business section of the meeting.

Wed 22nd December; Carol concert at The Royal Albert Hall. All tickets sold.

Pick up the bus at the following times and places:

1. Oxford Rd layby, 11.00am.
2. Whately Hall, 11.05am.
3. Tesco Express, 11.10am.

Fri 10th December:

Christmas party at Spiceball.

The room is booked, the music is arranged but with the slow return of so many members to Spiceball we have concerns about how many will turn up. Please do talk to the committee & other members and try to give us some indication of how many we might expect to attend.

Thank you.

Obituary

We are sad to report the death of another of our members. Cynthia Watson lost her battle with cancer on 30th September and we send our sincere sympathies to David and the family on their loss. You may remember Cynthia's wonderful achievement when she raised over £700 for Cancer Research and Katherine House during the first lockdown by making protective masks.

Your Committee 2021

Chairman: Janet Harral

Treasurer: Glyn Pritchard

Secretary: Christine Wood.

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