



The Banbury Evergreens Link

Keeping You in Touch

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Welcome to 2022 with the Evergreens.

The last three months of 2021 brought us a mixture of pleasures and disappointments as yet another Covid-19 variant made its presence felt.

Following the success of the tenpin bowling afternoon in early October, the holiday to the Isle of White at the end of the month gave us another reason to be cheerful.

The AGM at the end of November was well attended and the following concert with over an hour's worth of popular tunes played by members of Brackley Brass Band made a very pleasant ending to the meeting.

Things began to go wrong from the very beginning of December when we had to take the decision to cancel the Christmas party owing to low ticket sales, and shortly after the proposed holiday to Harrogate next May became unviable and also was cancelled.

The trip to the Royal Albert Hall did go ahead on 22nd December, with just 14 people, only 7 of whom are members, the remaining ticket holders having been friends of members! Those who did attend had a wonderful afternoon of singing and sharing the anticipation of Christmas.

Undaunted, your committee continues to plan events to keep us all connected as we approach our 40th anniversary year. However, we realise that the future months are uncertain so please do excuse our Diary if it looks a little vague at this time. We hope that, as most of us are now triple jabbed, that you will feel confident enough to come out and support our efforts.

We wish you all a happy and healthy year in 2022 and look forward to seeing you all again when activities restart at Spiceball on 4th January, followed by tea served by one of your lovely committee members!

New Year Blues?

Feeling down and lonely?

No Need, just come along to

St Hugh's Church Hall

*on Sunday 16th January
between 2.30 and 4.30pm,*

for an afternoon of friendship, chats
and cakes,

and even the odd table game if you
fancy one.

Tickets on sale now £5.00

AGM 2022

We were pleased to welcome 40 members to our AGM in November. The business of the evening proceeded as usual apart from the fact that we were unable to hold elections for the committee for the coming year as no nominations were received. Fortunately the present committee members had indicated their willingness to continue for 2022, for which we are very grateful. Our new treasurer, Glyn Pritchard, was introduced to the meeting. He took over as interim treasurer in September and is now an elected part of the committee.

Homemade cakes and biscuits were served before we enjoyed an hour of popular music performed by an eleven piece ensemble from Brackley Brass Band.



The Isle of White, at last!

There were times last year when we thought that we would never be able to enjoy our planned holiday to the Isle of Wight. Cancelled from April 2020, cancelled again for April 2021, but the Evergreens don't give up easily and we booked again for the end of October 2021 and were successful this time.

We left Banbury around 9.00am, had a straightforward run down to Lyminster and arrived at our destination on the island by early afternoon. Warner's staff were very efficient and we were soon settled into our very comfortable chalets.

Norton Grange Coastal Village is situated on the south coast of the island and provided us with sea views and easy walks along the shore. The small village of Yarmouth is easily accessible a short distance away.



The weather treated us to mild days with sunshine and we were able to be out and about without needing the thermal underwear some of us had taken as a precaution! Daily programmes of



The name's Birchmore,
Stanley Birchmore!

voluntary activities kept us busy when we weren't being driven around the island to see the sights, and evening entertainments provided us with music, dancing (the Evergreens always being the first to take to the floor), singing and laughter.



Happy Christmas,
in early November!

A variety of personal expeditions were undertaken on our free day and all too soon the holiday was over and we returned to Banbury well fed, refreshed and happy.

Diary

Sun. 16th January. Cha, Chat and Cakes, at St Hugh's Church Hall, 2.30 - 4.30pm. An opportunity to meet up for a quiet get together with other Evergreens. Tickets on sale now, £5.00.

Fri. 18th February. Cheese and Wine Evening, St Hugh's Church Hall, 7.30 pm. Tickets available from 18th January.

Wed. 23rd March. A gentle stroll around Cropredy taking in its history, followed by lunch at the Brasenose Arms.

April. Tenpin Bowling. Details to follow.

May, possibly a spring holiday, destinations being investigated.

June. Putting and evening meal at Cherwell Golf Club. Date to be confirmed.

July. The month when we hope to celebrate our 40th anniversary. Watch this space!

PS. Just a quick reminder that your annual subscriptions of £5.00 are now due and run from January to December. Glyn will be pleased to receive your payment in cash, by cheque or by bank transfer, soonest!!

At the same time we would be grateful if you would advise us of any changes to your details, especially email addresses.
Thank you.

Your Committee 2022

Chairman: Janet Harral

Treasurer: Glyn Pritchard

Secretary: Christine Wood.

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