



The Banbury Evergreens Link

Keeping You in Touch

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Just like old times pre Covid!

It was just another Sunday afternoon in January until forty five members of the Evergreens turned up at St Hugh's Church Hall to enjoy a social get-together, our first for almost two years. And what an afternoon it turned out to be; the noise of the chatter and laughter was overwhelming as friends met up again after such a long break. The joy was infectious, and the tea and cakes were pretty good too! The promised table games were available but who wanted to play games when there was so much to talk about, though Barry and Margaret were tempted temporarily by the Bagatelle and Shove Ha'penny. Our thanks go to the committee members who worked all afternoon serving cups of tea and refilling the cake plates, Julia, Billy, Christine and Patricia, and to Janet and Peter Wiltshire who helped with the setting up and clearing away.



CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

St. Hugh's Church provided the venue for our second social event of 2022 – a Cheese and Wine evening held on Friday 18th February. The sense of friendship and fun was palpable as 55 members socialised, chatted and danced to Bob and Jim, the Now and Then Duo whose musical repertoire was just right for Evergreen tastes. Meanwhile, we enjoyed an excellent buffet which included a wide variety of cheeses, wines and soft drinks.

Our thanks go to the small group of committee members who worked incredibly hard to make the evening a success – and what a success it was! It felt as though we had finally broken Covid's isolating grip and were free to enjoy ourselves together once more in traditional Evergreens style. May this prove to be a harbinger of many more successful social events to come.



Mmmmm!

Thanks to Barrie Wood and Steve Fenner for the report & photos.





Diary

Wed. 23rd March: A gentle stroll around Cropredy taking in its history, followed by lunch at the Brasenose Arms. Non walkers will be welcome to join us for lunch at 12.00.

Wed. 20th April: Tenpin Bowling at Banbury Bowl at 2.30pm. Tickets on sale from 31st March, £6.00 pp.

Mon 25th April: 5 day holiday to Weston super Mare.

Wed. 18th May: Day trip to Tewkesbury, tickets £10.50, on sale from 21st April.

June. Jubilee picnic?

Sat 16th July: Barn Dance, details to follow in the next newsletter.

September: Autumn holiday, details later.

October: Ten pin Bowling.

Spring Walk

Join us for a social lunch and a walk round the historical village of Cropredy.

Wednesday 23rd March

Meet at Cropredy Sports Field (OX17 1PG) at 10.15 am for 10.30 start.

The walk is only a mile but on firm pathways, pausing to take in places of interest en route.

Lunch at the Brasenose Arms (at 12.00) must be pre-ordered so check with a menu if you plan to come along.

Names, orders and £5.00 non refundable deposit towards your meal to Janet by 17th March please..

Join us for lunch even if you can't make the walk.

The menu will be available on the notice board at Spiceball or from the Bar & garden menu at www.thebrasenose.co.uk

Obituaries

Sadly we have recently lost two of our members. Mike Peel, who many of you will remember from the evening walks he organised for us, died on 12th January. We have sent our sympathy to his daughter and to his partner Gill Eames.

On 17th February Stuart Gale also died, while in hospital. He had suffered from Parkinson's for some time but always had a twinkle in his eyes and a joke on his lips, and still played table tennis while he could.. We send our condolences to Donna and his family.

Your Committee 2022

Chairman: Janet Harral

Treasurer: Glyn Pritchard

Secretary: Christine Wood.

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