



# The Banbury Evergreens Link

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## Spring Holiday in Weston-super-Mare

At the end of April a coachload of Evergreens set off for a holiday in Weston-super-Mare with high hopes for good weather and a break from routine. Our hopes were surpassed and we soon settled into our hotel where we enjoyed comfortable rooms, tasty meals, good evening entertainment and the services of very helpful and cheerful staff. The front of the hotel looked out over the bay and we enjoyed our walks along the wide, spotlessly clean promenade to the pier and town centre.

Trips were taken to Wells, via the Cheddar countryside, where the visit to the wonderful Cathedral was the highlight of the day for many of us. Clarke's Village in Street was next on the itinerary, where lunch and shopping were the order of the day. Our other day trip was to Bristol where we learned the interesting history of the SS Great Britain, Brunel's ship that was rescued from complete decay off the shores of the Falkland Islands and brought back home for restoration. Reading the tales of what life was like on the great ship in her heyday it obviously was no leisure cruise!. Our last day was free for individual activities and before we knew it we were packing for the homeward trip. We had a short break in Bath en route back to Banbury at the end of another enjoyable Evergreen holiday.



View from the hotel



The nave in  
Wells Cathedral



Cheers!



Visiting the SS  
Great Britain

## Day Trip to Tewkesbury 18<sup>th</sup> May

Forty six members and friends benefitted from a perfect late spring day for our visit to the historic town of Tewkesbury. A pleasant coach journey each way allowed us four and a half hours in which to explore the town and its environs. Some chose to shop or visit museums, most spent a few minutes in the magnificent abbey, whilst others headed for the river and chose to walk alongside the Avon, enjoy a boat trip, or just relax in the tranquillity of the Severn Ham, a huge nature reserve teeming with flowers and birds. There was something for all tastes and it proved to be an enjoyable day for all.

Once again our thanks go to Janet who counted us all out and counted the same number of us back on board for the journey home in her usual well-organised way.

Report thanks to Barrie Wood.

## "Memories are made of this."

On 19th June sixty two members of the Evergreens, including six past chairmen, gathered at St Hugh's Church Hall to meet up with old friends and recall some of their memories of the club on its fortieth anniversary. Whilst indulging in tea and cakes they also leafed through the club's collection of photograph albums as well as some brought along by past chairman Terry Devan. They also were able to look at photographs of individual members taken when they were in their forties and, amid much laughter, tried to recognise them; not always easy!



The club's oldest member, Mrs Jessie Howard, who was there when it began forty years ago, was invited to cut the anniversary cake: a toast was raised to thank those who have kept the club running and to it's continued success .

The members of the committee, who had worked very hard to lay on the party, were thanked for all their efforts.

Past chairmen.



A toast to the past and the future of the club, and thanks to the hardworking committee



"Do you recognise her?"



Photos by Barrie



Cha and chat.

## Diary

**Sat 16th July:** Barn dance at Spiceball, 7.30pm. Tickets £10.00, £10.50 guests, on sale now.

**Wed 17th Aug:** Walk in Fringford Village followed by lunch at the local pub.

**Mon 26th Sept:** 5 day autumn holiday to Skegness.

**October:** Ten pin Bowling, date to be arranged later.

**Fri 25th Oct:** AGM. At St Hugh's Church Hall.

**Fri 16th Dec:** Christmas party at the Cornhill Centre.

## Summer walk 17th August.

Join us for another village walk , this time in Fringford, about four miles north of Bicester.

We will meet outside the village pub, The Butcher's Arms, (OX27 8EB), at 10.45 for 11.00am start. Lunch has been booked for 12.15pm.at the public house.

Directions to Fringford ,and the menu, will be available to those who wish to join us.

Names to a committee member soonest please. Meal places limited, book early.

## It's panto time again. Oh Yes it is!

We are looking into the possibility of booking seats for the Pantomime Dick Whittington at the Chipping Norton Theatre in Dec. Tickets will be between £19 and £26, depending on the date. Please let us know if you are interested in such a trip, ASAP please.

**Chairman:** Janet Harral

**Your Committee 2021**  
**Treasurer:** Glyn Pritchard

**Secretary:** Christine Wood.

Gerry Bernardo,

Patricia Fenner,

Billy McIlroy,

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