



Barn Dance July 16th.

On a balmy night in July Spiceball resounded to the music of The Apricot Pie Barn Dance tunesters and the laughter of the Evergreens as they sometimes found it too hard to follow the caller's instructions! It was a night of good humour, dancing, friendship and fun, and a great way to enjoy the second of our fortieth anniversary celebrations.



This was Apricot Pie's first gig since lockdown and it was good to be able to welcome them back among us. They always ensure that we enjoy ourselves as much as they enjoy playing for us.

Peter and Judy
'Promenade' while
their fellow dancers
urge them on their
way.....



.....and Jenifer and
Tony enjoy taking a
rest and watching
the fun.

As they left at the end of the evening members thanked the committee for organising different ways in which they could celebrate the club's longevity as they look forward to upcoming events and more anniversaries.



Fringford

Some of the
cottages we
encountered on our
walk in July.

Report overleaf.



A summer's day village walk.

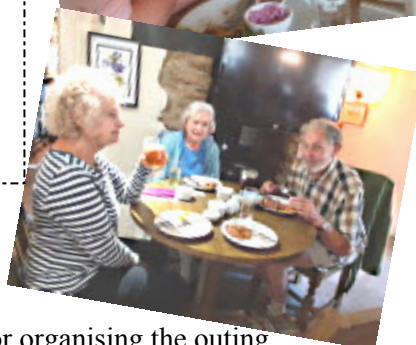
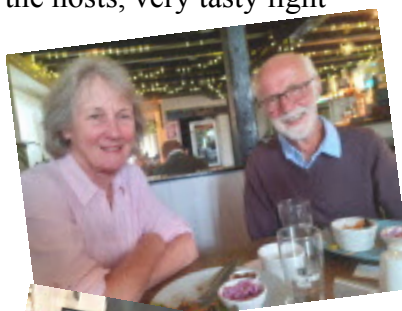
Fringford, better known as Candleford in Flora Thompson's book, Larkrise to Candleford, was the venue for our summer walk in August. The pretty village was a delight to wander through and we enjoyed the slightly cooler weather following the recent heatwave.

Soon after setting off we came across a thatcher repairing the roofs of a row of cottages who was kind enough to stop and talk to us about his craft, materials etc. And to answer questions put to him. An interesting interlude. Thank you Mike Willsher for capturing the interaction.

Having visited the church and walked the lanes of the village we retired to the Butcher's Arms for the warm welcome of the hosts, very tasty light lunches and good conversations with friends.



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Thank you Gerry for organising the outing.

Diary

Mon 26th Sept: 5 day autumn holiday in Skegness. Fully booked.

Wed 19th Oct:: Tenpin Bowling, at the Banbury Bowl, at 2.30pm. Tickets £6.00, on sale from 3rd. Oct.

Fri 25th Nov: AGM at St Hugh's Church Hall, at 7.30pm.

Fri 16th Dec: Christmas party at the Cornhill Centre. Music by The Now and Then Duo. Refreshments will be included in the ticket price, but we ask you to bring your own drinks and glasses.

Obituary

It is with sadness that we report the loss of another of our long time members Bernard Barton passed away in July after a short spell in hospital. He and Mavis always enjoyed the Evergreen holidays and he amused us with his wry sense of humour. We send our condolences to Mavis and their son Christopher.

Who wants to be Santa this year?

We are pretty sure that some of you in the past will have donated a shoe box full of Christmas goodies to be sent to countries where children otherwise receive nothing by way of gifts and surprises. Apparently the younger children are well catered for but there are very few contributions for boys between 10 and 14 years old. Therefore the committee has decided that this year we would like to help this charity and provide at least two boxes for that particular age group, and more if possible. A transport cost of £5.00 per box has to be paid and we have a list of suitable gifts that may be included..

We still have £12.00 in the charity pot from when we used to make donations to local charities pre Covid if we forgot to bring our cups for tea! We would like to use that cash and make it up to £50.00 from our funds and see how much we can buy to send. If you would like to make a donation (whatever you can afford) so that we can be as generous as possible and bring some joy to deprived children, we would be very grateful. We will have a collecting box at Spiceball for all your odd pennies (!) etc from the beginning of September. Thank you in advance.

PS. One of the suggestions for gifts is for hats, gloves and scarves so if any of our knitters would like to get busy that would be just great!



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