



Bideford beckoned, May 2023.

It was a full coach that departed for Bideford on a rather damp and dull May morning, but as always, Evergreens' spirits were high and remained so during the 5 days of our holiday, despite an indifferent greeting on our arrival at the Durrant House Hotel [although things soon improved] and somewhat cool and showery weather.

The hotel food was good and although rooms varied in size and luxuriousness [ask Jim and Pauline about the four-poster bed!] they were clean and comfortable. The evening entertainment provided plenty of opportunity for members to show off their dance moves despite a few "creaking joints" and aching muscles.

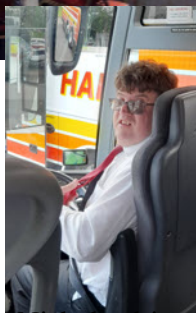
Bideford is an historic port town with a pleasant waterfront by the river Torridge and with numerous cafes that proved irresistible to Evergreen members seeking coffee, cream cakes and scones, not forgetting the locally produced and truly scrumptious Hocking's ice-cream.

Although we were some distance from the town centre, a regular bus service with a stop directly outside the hotel made access easy and also enabled some people to visit places further afield such as Westward Ho, Ilfracombe, Clovelly and the Dartington Crystal visitor centre. The organised coach trips to Barnstable, Appledore and Exeter also provided plenty of variety.

Many thanks to our gentle, laid-back coach driver and most of all to Janet for bearing the brunt of organising yet another successful Evergreens holiday. (Report thanks to Barrie Wood)



A sing along after dinner.



Nick the driver..

These friends could only afford one ice cream between them.....



.....while these two have bought three to share!



Janet and Peter looked back in time.



Glyn enjoyed the maritime history in Appledore.



A DAY IN WINCHESTER

The summer weather continued to smile on us in the middle of June as we spent a day out in the beautiful city of Winchester. A trouble free journey down saw us arrive just in time for coffee before we set off to explore the cathedral, museum, ancient working water mill, colourful gardens etc as our various interests took us. The shops were very varied and it was interesting to see how few closed down premises there were, apart from the huge Debenhams, compared with other towns.

By the time 3.30 arrived we were all very warm and weary but happy and ready for the ride home after an enjoyable day out.



Diary 2023.

Sat 15th July: Race Night at the Cornhill Centre, 7.30pm. Proceeds to the Lions Charity. Free entry to Evergreen members.

Wed 16th Aug: Gentle stroll round the village of Sibford Gower prior to lunch at the Wykham Arms.

Mon Sept 18th: Holiday to Tenby in south Wales. Fully booked.

Oct: Ten pin Bowling, date to follow.

Fri 24th Nov: AGM at the Church Hall, Ruskin Road. We are planning to hold this meeting in the afternoon.

Fri 15th Dec: Party, at the Cornhill Centre, Music by The Now and Then Duo.

Race Night

at 7.30pm on Sat. 15th July.

Free entry to Evergreen members and all proceeds to the Lions Club Charities.

There will be 6 races and bets will cost £1.00 on each horse, but you can back as many as you like!

Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles, and we ask you to let us know if you plan to attend so that we can prepare adequate seating etc. There will be a list on the board at Spiceball or you can ring or email us.



Let's Walk

Where? Sibford Gower
When? Wednesday 16th August
starting at 11.30am.,
to be followed by lunch at the Wykham
Arms at 12.30pm.

Tickets on sale from 25th July will cost £5.00 which will be refunded towards the cost of your meal when you arrive. The menu will be issued for your choices ASAP and nearer to the event.

Obituary.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Adrian Silman on 24th June. He was a valued member of our committee for three years and always had a wonderful sense of humour. We send our sympathy to his partner Evelyn.

Your committee 2023.

Chairman. Janet Harral
Gerry Bernardo ,
Julia Turner,

Secretary. Christine Douglas
Patricia Fenner,
Keith Williams,

Treasurer. Glyn Pritchard
Annette Murphy ,
Christine Wood.