



# The Banbury Evergreens Link

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## And they're off!

A group of enthusiastic punters gathered at the Cornhill Centre in the middle of July for the Race Night in aid of the Banbury Lions Club. The weather was fine, the course was good and both horses and jockeys were champing at the bit!

The pictures tell the rest of the story!



The racegoers could barely control their excitement, that is until they had a winner! And some had to check their wallets before placing their next bets.



Brian celebrates a win, (drinks all round then Brian?), while Peter places another bet and dreams of riches to come..



Phil tells all about the work of the Lions Club and introduces us to their 'Help in a wallet' scheme.

The evening was run by Lion Phil Hassell who during the evening talked to us about the good work done by Lions Club members. He told us of the 'Help in a Bottle' and 'Help in a Wallet' schemes which would advise any emergency workers of the details they would need to know before treating you at home or in the street. He also told us of the Lions involvement in setting up three defibrillators around Banbury and the club's involvement in maintaining them regularly.

We were pleased that the evening raised £131 towards the Lions' Club funds and thank Phil and the tote managers for organising this event.

## A summer stroll around an Oxfordshire village

What could be nicer than to explore a village close to Banbury on a warm, sunny morning? Twenty one Evergreens did just that, meeting up outside The Wykham Arms before setting off under Gerry's guidance to enjoy the delights of Sibford Gower.



Our attention was immediately taken the moment we left the car park by the quirky layout of the Manor House opposite, and the surprises kept coming. Stonebuilt houses, odd porches, beautiful shrubs in the gardens, and amusing street and cottage names. We learned of the various uses the houses had been put to, with two previous Post Offices, the Old Vicarage, and a baker's shop along Bond's End Lane together with sweet, seed and grocery outlets having stood there before the last one closed in the early 1960s.



Having turned off into a leafy lane we found ourselves outside The Friends' Meeting House and, the door being open, we were able to go in and look around this different but very welcoming place of worship.

Then it was back to the Wykham Arms for a sociable light lunch, and conversations with friends before we thanked Gerry for organising the visit, said our farewells and returned home.

## Annual General Meeting.

Yes it really is almost that time of the year again!

This year we have decided to hold the meeting in the afternoon as a trial run as so many members have said that they don't like having to come out on dark winter evenings. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Between now and 24th November we would ask you to consider if you might be able to offer your services to join the committee as it looks as if we may be in need of some new members.

The lists for the names and of the proposers and seconders will be on the board in the tea room from the last week in October.

### Your committee 2023.

**Chairman.** Janet Harral

Gerry Bernardo ,

Julia Turner,

**Secretary.** Christine Douglas

Patricia Fenner,

Keith Williams,

Billy McIlroy,

**Treasurer.** Glyn Pritchard

Annette Murphy ,

Christine Wood.

## Diary 2023.

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

**Oct:** Ten pin Bowling, at the Banbury Bowl on Wed 25th October at 2.30pm. Tickets £6.00 pp, will be on sale from Tues 3rd October.

**Fri 24th Nov:** AGM at the Church Hall, Ruskin Road at 2.30pm. The meeting will be followed by refreshments and a disco provided by Bob Dainty.

**Fri 15th Dec:** Party, at the Cornhill Centre, Music by The Now and Then Duo. Further details will follow.

### After sports tea sessions

Please note that there will be no tea sessions on Tuesday 19th nor on Thursday 21st September as so many of us will be away in Tenby on those dates.

Should you ever feel like volunteering to make the teas for us on the odd occasion please talk to a committee member.  
Thank you.

### Obituary.

Many of you will remember Gill Gillett, who died in June. She was a long time member of the club and spent some years on the committee. She had a lovely singing voice and sometimes even managed to keep our Happy Birthday renditions in tune !

In her last active years she played table tennis with enthusiasm until her health forced her to give up.

We send our sincere sympathy to her two daughters, Tina and Cindy.