



Party time!

We were half way through December when we put on our party glitz and rushed down to the Cornhill Centre for the Evergreens' Christmas party. The hall was decorated with oversized balloons, and the band was tuned up and ready to go by time the first participants arrived looking fabulous. No expense had been spared in their hunt for the shiniest of outfits!

Dancing, dressing up with the party accessories, answering a quiz and later on enjoying their refreshments, everyone seemed to be having a good time.



Our AGM for 2023

Changing the time of the AGM to the afternoon seemed to have made little difference to the attendance; 35 members turned up and the proceedings went according to plan.

As he produced a copy of the 2023 accounts Glyn's report assured us that our finances remain healthy with a balance of £5,000, and he was thanked for all his hard work.

The chairman ran through the year's events, reminded us of the friends we had lost during this period, and thanked the committee and tea volunteers for all their work. She talked a little about the year ahead and said that, given the support of the present membership, the future of the club looks bright but we would like to encourage more players to join us this year..

Before the elections for the committee for 2024 were held Janet thanked Patricia Fenner and Keith Williams for their years of service as committee members and presented Keith with some wine. Patricia had been unable to attend but was also due to receive a thank you gift.

The remaining members of the committee stood for re-election and were elected en bloc. We then welcomed Peter Walden, who had been proposed and seconded prior to the meeting, and he was also elected.

Following the completion of the business, tea, coffee and homemade cakes were served and Fred Dainty entertained us with his music. True to form some of those present were unable to keep to their seats and had to join in to dance to the tunes. Being active is what makes the Evergreens special!

Film show

Join us at St Hugh's Church
on Sunday 21st January at 2.30 pm
for an afternoon film show
followed by tea and biscuits.

The film stars Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey and is described as a drama comedy with music, and as being well worth watching.

For further information talk to your friends who receive messages on their computers.

Tickets £6.00, on sale from 09.01.24



Tenpin Bowling

Wednesday February
2.30 pm at Banbury Bowl

Tickets £6.00 on sale from
February 1st

Diary 2024.

Sunday 21st January. Film showing at St Hugh's Hall at 2.30pm, with light refreshments. See details on this page.

February 21st. Tenpin Bowling at the Banbury Bowl at 2.30pm. Tickets £6.00 pp on sale from 1st February.

Friday 15th March. Skittles Evening at the Cornhill Centre, fish and chip supper. Buy your tickets for £8.50 from 22nd Feb.

Wednesday 8th May. Bluebell walk and meal. Details to follow.

Monday 13th May. Holiday in Weymouth; fully booked.

Saturday 22nd June. Barn Dance at the Cornhill Centre with The Apricot Pie Band.

Wednesday 3rd July. Day trip, more details in the next newsletter.

August Summer walk and pub lunch. Details to follow.

Monday 16th September. Late summer holiday to Newquay, fully booked..

Thank you

to all of you who have already renewed your membership. We are now ready to accept renewals and new memberships, the financial year running from Jan - Dec. Please remember that you can pay directly into our bank should you wish, details as follows.

Account name: The Banbury Evergreens.

Sort code: 20 03 84

Account number: 20434140

Please use your name for reference.

Obituaries

It is with sadness that we advise you of the loss of two of our members during December. Table- tennis player Jennifer Stretton passed away in the middle of the month following a long illness, and Barry Hutchinson died over the Christmas period. We will miss them both.

Jennifer's funeral will take place at the Natural Burial Ground at Tysoe at 11.00 am on 25th January, while Barry's service will be at The Banbury Crematorium on 17th January at 11.00 am.

Your committee 2024

Chairman. Janet Harral **Secretary.** Christine Douglas **Treasurer.** Glyn Pritchard
Gerry Bernardo, Billy McIlroy, Annette Murphy,
Julia Turner Peter Walden Christine Wood Christine Bemand (co-opted)

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And suddenly the party is over!