



THE BANBURY EVERGREENS LINK

Keeping You In Touch

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM OUR MEMBERS



HELP NEEDED PLEASE



It may seem way too early to be thinking about Christmas but we are trying to avoid the problems we had last year with the increased numbers for the Christmas party. It was a very encouraging problem to have but it caused a wait list and some delay in getting returned tickets to members and some disappointment. The RVS centre is now available for hire again and we are going to visit to check out the new manager, the cleanliness of the room, the leak and the electrics, all of which we have been assured have been improved. We are holding a booking at the Chestnuts for 13th Dec. as agreed but need to be sure it could accommodate the numbers wishing to go. Many of you have now been to The Chestnuts and we are interested in how you feel this compares with the RVS centre and how important having the bar is to you. We know that we are able to have 80 max at the RVS centre and to consider using General Foods we need to have considerably more people going to hold the cost at £10 per person. I have looked at the Freemasons hall which has a bar but would only take about 70 people. We are planning a dance at the Chestnuts which would help us to decide . many it could comfortably hold and still offer a degree of comfort and space to eat. We are opening an "early interest" list for people planning to attend both the Christmas party and the Barn dance, to avoid disappointment please send a message to Chris and you will be guaranteed a ticket providing we can find a suitable venue. Please let us know your thoughts as we really do value them and we do listen. If you know of other potentially suitable halls please advise.

**WE NEED TO KNOW THE POSSIBLE NUMBERS GOING SO
THE COMMITTEE CAN SELECT THE CORRECT LOCATION
FOR EACH EVENT BY THE 12TH OF MAY**

Our next problem is locating a reasonably priced caller for the planned barn dance so if anyone has any contacts in this field please speak up. As you know The Apricot Pie band who we used before have given up now so we are unable to use them for this year. I have some options but they are expensive so again we need to know numbers!

Lion King Trip Lyceum London



The end of the show



Birthday Girl Shirley talking to Anne, Annette & Chris K about getting older



The Evergreens team seated and ready for the start of the show most had been around Covent Garden for coffee and snacks and saw the many street artists that seem to pop up everywhere with impromptu performances. The show was fantastic and very emotional for some members. Some people opted for a stroll along the river and some got lost and had to hire a frilly tuc tuc to travel 100 meters to the coach

For those who enquired about the Lion King tickets and the members draw please be assured that they are going into the Christmas draw so you won't miss out.

COSTS AT THE SPORTS CENTRE

Apparently the costs go up annually on 1st April each year but I hadn't been told. Many apologies to those who were taken by surprise. Several members have commented that the swimming is more expensive than the general public cost, this is because we have a price for the afternoon but if you only plan to swim you can ask for a senior swim which would be £3.60. If in doubt ask the very knowledgeable staff who are happy to advise.

Walk and Talk 9th May

If you haven't signed up for this and are thinking of going please do so ASAP as we have to let the pub know what meals are required. If you don't feel able to manage the walks you are very welcome to attend the lunch but please note the pub doesn't open until 1200. The short walk is a stroll which most people will be able to manage easily and there are drop off points if it becomes too much. The longer walk will be a slightly brisker pace and should still be quite easy to achieve, Please look at the menu and text your order through 07971 144416. Cost is £5.00 refundable against the meal. You can pay money into the account using ref WAL and your name) or speak to a committee member

SAUSAGE ,EGG BEANS & CHIPS

SAUSAGE,MASH VEG & GRAVY

6 SCAMPI,CHIPS & PEAS/BEANS

FISH,CHIPS PEAS/BEAN

BEEF/VEG LASAGNA GARLIC BREAD & SALAD

HUNTERS CHICKEN,CHIPS & SALAD

4OZ BURGER/CHEESE ,CHIPS & SALAD

CHICKEN BURGER,CHIPS & SALAD

APPLE CRUMBLE

BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE

ALL WITH CUSTARD,ICE CREAM OR CREAM

ICE CREAM SUNDAE

£8.95

Silk Mill & Bombay Distillery

This promises to be a fabulous trip at £45 which includes your entry fee into the Bombay Distillery and the Silk mill for complimentary tea and biscuits on arrival. Time for a wander,a picnic or possibly lunch in the Kings Arms.Also Lynette has secured a group room and for £9 each extra you can have sandwiches. if you choose to and then moving on to the distillery for 14.00 Visit includes a free gin and tonic. We need to know numbers as soon as possible and for this we need your payment. If paying into the account please use ref BOM and your name. If you need a ticket contact Lynette direct on 01295 264647



Approx Itinerary

Pickup 9.40 Whately

11.00 Arrive Silk mill for Tea & Biscuits tour and free time

Arrive Bombay Distillery 14.00 for 90 minute tour and free Gin drink

Arrive back at Banbury approx 17.30pm

There is an on site shop to buy various Gin,s etc

NIDD HALL FINAL UPDATE

The holiday approaches and these are your final instructions. You should all have received your tickets but if you haven't please contact Chris (07971 144 416) who can correct this. The tickets are your receipt and also your entry into the free members draw at Christmas. I will collect the tickets on the coach. Peter is the lead person on this trip so if you have any enquiries please contact him (07775 598 602) We will congregate at The Cross in Banbury ready for the coach to leave at 1000 and we will of course stop en route during the 160 mile journey. There will be an opportunity to refresh and have something to eat and drink. The Tuesday trip is to York where you will be free to do any of the many things there e.g York Minster, Yorvik Centre, shopping and the Wednesday outing to Skipton where there is a boat ride should you choose to do this. For anyone taking a CPAP machine could you take a 5 meter extension cable as some rooms don't have bedside sockets. If you want holiday insurance you need to contact Dunwoods direct on 01384 455 655



Skipton Boat Trip



Jorvik Centre

Potters Resort Hopton On Sea nr Great Yarmouth 9th March 2026

Thanks to everyone who responded to this - all 38 of you, as this now gives us the confidence to commit to it. For the 38 you will have received or will shortly receive your room offer explaining about payment dates but you do need to contact me to confirm you are still interested and if you want standard rooms or upgrades. For anyone else there are 12 spaces still available as we go to print so give me a call if you are interested (Chris 07971144416). You can get more details about the resort on the Red QR code. The holiday costs £545 for 4 nights in a standard room - or there are upgrades available at £20 per person supplement. The fee includes return coach fare, 4 meals a day, all of your drinks, West End quality shows every night, activities, 2 day trips and crafts so this is a bargain and a good chance to try Potters out.



Membership now stands at 180. A warm welcome to our new members Wendy Kaye, Amanda Wilde, Angela Eastwood, Stuart Broadhurst, Angela Vickers, Michael and Valerie Prickett and we look forward to meeting you at future events.

Country & Western night at Banbury Borough bowls club on the last Sunday of every month. Not specifically an Evergreens event however some members do attend and others have asked to be updated. Come and join us.
£4 on the door (April 27th)

Your Committee 2025

Chairperson. Christine Bemand

Secretary. Temp Chris Bemand

Treasurer. Peter Walden

Catering Elizabeth Walden

Greeter Shirley Bygrave

Raffles Anne Jackson

Trips Lynette Langley

Chat Group Carol Duncan

IT Roy Beckham

Honorary Chris Wood

Website: www.banburyevergreens.co.uk

May 9th 10.30am

Walk 3K or 5K With Pub
Lunch at The Pepperpot
Grimsbury

May 19th to 23rd

4 day holiday to Nidd Hall
Harrogate

June

Barn Dance moving
to new date TBA

July 24th

Whitchurch Silk Mill &
Bombay Sapphire Gin
Distillery Tour £45.00

August 18th

Treasure Hunt Games
and Afternoon Tea

September 1st

4 Night holiday to Warners
Bembridge Isle of Wight

September

Skittles with Fish & Chips

October

Quiz Games & Bingo

November

AGM & Xmas Trip

December 13th

Xmas Party

March 9th 2026

Potters Resort
4 night holiday
Fully Inclusive
Hopton On sea

