



# THE BANBURY EVERGREENS LINK

## Keeping You In Touch

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### GREY HOUND RACING 28th February - this Saturday £35.00 1600 at the Cross

There is room on the coach for 2 more people if you are interested in "going to the dogs". If you want to go please call now as we will have to book tickets at the Stadium. You can put the £35 into the account as usual (ref. DOG) and your tickets will be available on the coach. Included is the coach fee there and back, entry fee, a drink, burger and chips and a free bet. Should be a good laugh all round. Bet I don't win!

### HOPTON ON SEA 9th MAR 4 NIGHTS £565

Only 8 more sleeps and then 31 of us are off on a spring break to Potters all inclusive holiday. Yes, that means no big bill at the end for your booze, soft drinks, proper coffee, wine at the table activities etc.

We will be leaving from The Cross at 0930 and I will have the Radar keys so we can all use the loo. Front seats in the coach are already taken but there will be plenty of seats to choose from.

We will stop at the services & maybe even glimpse the sea as we go so you get a loo and snack break.

We have the use of the coach whilst we are down there and can have either 2 short trips on Tues and Thurs morning to South Wold and Lowestoft getting back for lunch or put the 2 together and have a day trip on Weds to Norwich with a packed lunch provided. We will take a vote on the coach, majority wins.



### **BANBURY HISTORY WALK with local historian, STEVE KILSBY** Saturday 21 March, 11am at The Cross £5.50

Join Steve for a fascinating walk around Banbury's Town Centre looking at some of the town's ancient buildings, and hearing anecdotes and interesting facts about them and Banbury's history. The walk is exclusively for EVERGREENS and will last approximately 90 minutes. There will be several opportunities to sit down if required during the walk. We are going to GF for a lunch afterwards for anyone with a bit more loot to spare you can have a meal at The Reindeer pub to complete your historical experience. We need you to sign up as places are limited on the walk and also at GF if we want to sit close together to complete our social aspect. Can you let me know what food you want so I can tell GF. You will be given £5 back on the day and will pay for your own meal. The 50Ps will go as a tip to the bar staff.



## **CUNARD QUEEN ANNE 4 NIGHT CRUISE. price at time of booking**

This is a 4 night cruise October 9th to 13th October 2026 on Cunards newest ship.

Leaving from Southampton and going to Rotterdam in Holland and Zeebrugge in France

You will need to have a current passport valid for 6 months and insurance that covers previous conditions and up to 2 million cover. These are your responsibility as they will not let you sail without them.

To date we have 12 people signed up for this cruise and they will have first refusal on the community coach to take us and our luggage to the port and collect us after. The coach fee is £60 per head and avoids the personal travel cost and the parking. Please get your name down before the next group sign up for the cruise.

Anyone else wishing to take advantage of this can join at any stage subject to cost and availability but might have to make their own travel arrangements in the uk if all of our coach seats are taken. Chris is the contact for enquiries on this trip 07971 144 416. We will get together at some stage to look at the trips which are available (at additional cost) if you choose to do them.

### **CALL MY BLUFF 15th APRIL St HUGHES HALL £10**

Some members may be very familiar with this TV programme whereas it may come completely new to others. No previous experience needed just a sense of humour. Get yourselves into teams of 4 or 6 and come along. If you don't have a team we will help you with that. We will let you know what the supper arrangement is in the next newsletter once we have checked out the kitchen.

### **LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU. MAY EVENT BURCHESTER HALL TBC 10.00**

We know there are lots of talents out there but we need you to share them - come on you dancers, ukelele players, pianists, singers, jokers, actors or anything else besides. There will be food and hot drink but there is a supermarket across the road where you will be able to purchase your Dutch courage. Ring Chris on 07971 144 416 to book your slot on the stage. There will probably also be a musical bingo session as many of you have asked for it again



## **HONORARY MEMBERS BOX**

Well my comments last month about our most senior Honorary member has had the desired affect. Several of you have been back to me to let me know I got it wrong. I know it caused a few phonecalls back and forth and some of you said how pleasant that was - perhaps you should do it more often!

My revised information says its most likely to be Don Holloway - a regular attendee at social events and holidays.

or Jonathon Dixon doesn't get to events but stays in touch through the newsletter and even produces cartoons in there.

or Pam Williams is still there as a senior who still gets to the gym and attends most of the events and holidays.

or Eileen Rivers who may have the wrong DOB on her form as I'm sure she celebrated her birthday whilst we were at Bembridge. She still badmintons most weeks

I'm not giving ages away but all are nonogenerians of whom we are very proud.

Hi Evergreens how about coming to join us on a Thursday between 2 & 4pm for a friendly game of Table Tennis. If you havn't played before or used to play and would like to try it again please come and join us. We are a friendly bunch. Age does not matter if you are in your 50,60,70s or older. Beginners are most welcolme, afterwards join us for a free tea or coffee and a chat upstairs in the dance studio on Thurs. Ladies and gentlemen all welcome.  
Thank you Jean Lawrence

## **SIDMOUTH HOLIDAY 4 NIGHTS 25TH jUNE - Yes a long weekend**

For anyone who hasn't signed up yet we have a couple of rooms left but no singles I'm afraid. If you want to go then you need to get in touch with Lynette as soon as possible as she has another booking to phone through already. It looks to be a great line up for you with the seaside on your doorstep. Money in the bank please £40 per person (ref SID) once you have confirmed a room with her. Tel : 07907 986 268 or Chris 07971 144 416

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are gaining new members - 10 so far this year. More importantly our 60s age group has gone from 2 to 15 so now we just have to find out what sort of things they like to do. We will be repeating the 60s night later in the year but will include 70s as well so they are included and stand a chance in the quiz.

## **OH DEAR**

We have hit a slight snag with some members not wanting to rejoin Evergreens but still wanting to attend the sports sessions. I have had a very successful meeting with the mamager and will be able to give you all of the outcomes in next months newsletter but it will include some extras and explanations. I would ask people to remember that attending the sessions allows people to join in a friendly supportive group as well as having free refreshments and use of equipment provided by the group at the cost of £400 in total funded by subscriptions. If you play regularly it works out as 10p a session which is really nothing for the friendship and sports that are on offer and cheaper than hiring a court and having to find someone to play. The sports centre are also happy for us to have social events such as the barn dance there at a cost we could manage. There is no bar but they are happy to let us take drinks in. We will also be able to let you know the entry costs for April onwards

Banbury Folk Club - meet weekly on a Weds at The Cromwell Lodge Hotel. Artists are as advertised on the folk club website, along with admission cost. Chris Kay attends

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Diamond Spur Line dancing- weekly beginners lessons Tues 7-8pm at Hardwick Community Centre. £6. New dances are taught every 12 weeks, giving the chance to join the class throughout the year.

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Weekly Over 50s Ballroom and Latin Dancing lessons at The Mill, £7 a class, starting at 1145am, from 7th January-25th March. No partner needed. Full details on The Mill Website. Chris and Roy attending next term

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Health Walks with walk leaders

Adderbury - weekly gentle 3 mile walk in the country around Adderbury | Every Monday, leaving Adderbury Library at 1030am ( meet at 1015 to register). Also a 5 mile walk for those wanting a bit longer walk . Chris KAay attends

Grimsbury. meeting at the Mill 1030 every Tuesday. Speak to Anne or Shirley

Easington Every Weds 1030 meeting at Sainsburys Speak to Shirley or Anne

Walking shoes/ boots recommended. Normally followed by coffee.

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Regular shows of various kinds at The Mill Theatre. See The Mill Website for details. It is common to see Banbury Evergreen members there and it is generally a very friendly atmosphere.

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Country & Western at Banbury Borough Bowls club last Sunday in the month ring Chris 07971 144 416 for details. There are lots of Evergreen members there including The Campanaros, The Holloways Jane, Roy and Chris

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Free Fish and chip lunch

1st Friday of each month at Glebefields Drayton. You need to book 07971144416

SILVER SCREEN

Every Thursday @ archery light Cinema

Social meeting

How about coffee or tea at The Cromwell lodge on a weds PM.

Keep your eye on this space in the next magazine

## Banbury Gardening Club Trip

This isn't an Evergreens event but Lynnette from Evergreens is there to greet you.

Chenies House Gardens  
Buckinghamshire

May 20th 11am from St Hughes Church, Ruskin Road, OX16 9HU

Cost £44.00 Includes Coach, Tea and Biscuits.

Telephone Lynette on 07907 986268 Trips May-August

**Why not join us the 3rd Monday of the month at St Hughes Church Ruskin Road. 7pm Speakers at 7.30pm**



### SPEEDY RECOVERY

To Gina, Roy and Janet who have all been suffering recently. Keep your chins up and hope to see you all soon.

### Your Committee 2025

**Chairperson.** Chris Bemand    **Secretary.** Mary Evans Young    **Treasurer. (Temp)** Chris Bemand  
**Greeter** Shirley Bygrave    **Raffles** Anne Jackson    **Catering**  
**Trips** Lynette Langley    **IT** Roy Beckham    **Honorary** Chris Wood    **Website** Derek Evans

### Potters March 9th

4 Nights 5 Days

Including subsidised  
**DUXFORD Air Museum**

March 21st 11am  
**Spring Walk & Eat**  
**From Banbury Cross**  
**Approx 90 minutes**

April 15th 7pm  
**Call my Bluff**  
**St Hughs Church**  
**Ruskin Rd OX16 9HU**

May TBA Let Me  
Entertain you followed  
by musical bingo

### WALK AND EAT

with either a roast dinner  
or afternoon tea. Which  
do you fancy

### June 25th

**Sidmouth seaside 4**  
**night 5 day holiday**

### JULY TBC

Hopefully the 60s 70s  
quiz night with supper

### AUG TBC

Bar B Que and games day  
at Roys with archery,  
swimming, competition

### SEPT TBC

Barn dance