



THE BANBURY EVERGREENS LINK

Keeping You In Touch

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Many apologies for the cancellation of Call my Bluff as it now turns out that many of you would like to have gone. Too late! Your committee make decisions on your behalf on the first Monday of the month when we had only sold 2 tickets (Chris and Roy) so the event would have made a £70 loss on room hire. Please book early to avoid further cancellations. Special apology to Stan who turned up raring to go. Sorry Stan x



LET US ENTERTAIN YOU AND MUSICAL BINGO £10

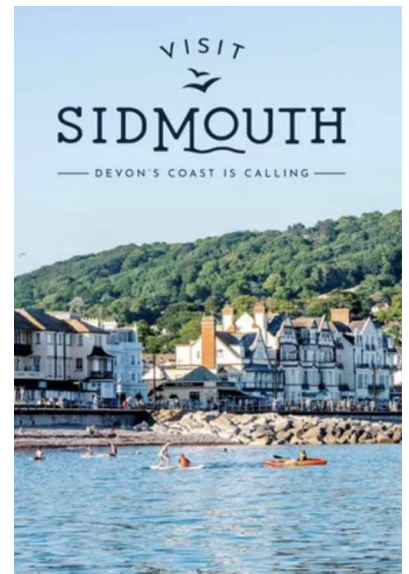
11th May 1900 - 2200, RVS Centre Cornhill. Doors open 1845 Let us entertain you- "You are awful but we like you". Come and enjoy an evening of fun and surprise Its not an audition for the X Factor but an opportunity to have fun with your friends. Tell a story or read a poem, sing a song, play an instrument, juggle a few bricks or do a few tricks even impersonate Dick Emery if you like. Followed by a light ploughmans supper and maybe a pud as well. After food, by popular demand, we are including musical bingo from the hits of the 60s and 70s with chance to sing along if you choose to. Don't worry if you don't play bingo or sing as the music is the important element. Tickets are selling well now so get your money into the account ref: BIN and your name before 5th May as we have to arrange the food order. BYOD.

SIDMOUTH SEASIDE HOLIDAY 4 NIGHTS 25TH JUNE £545

There are 36 people signed up with one awaiting confirmation of a room. If you are interested there are 4 places on request in double or twin rooms still available as we only had an original allocation of 40. Only 56 sleeps to go!

Lynette has been working hard on your excursions which already include a trip to Bicton Botanical gardens with 64 acres of garden. The entry cost of this will be paid for you as will the drivers tip so no need to worry about those. There will be other trips but we will advise of those in the next newsletter. There is entertainment some evenings and the chance for a seaside stroll or a pub visit on the other nights or maybe take a pack of cards and get a gamble going!

If anyone else wants to go this is the very last opportunity to join this event as we are only on request now. Please contact Lynette on 07907 986 268 or Chris (in an emergency) 07971 144 416



WALK, TALK AND EAT FRIDAY 12TH JUNE

Meeting at 1030 to the right of M&S on Gateway Park on the lane. There is a B9 or 500 bus from bus stop 5 in town to take you there or travel by car and park free.

Shirley and Anne have tailored the walks to the weather and walkers, abilities so that everyone will be able to manage some or all of it safely. There will be plenty of stand and look moments. You will be walking along the flood defences (which I know many of you haven't been to). For those able they can continue to "Swan Lake" as it is affectionately known by its regular users. There is a chance to view the canal and perhaps be lucky enough to see some waterways traffic and wild life.

Normal routine is to pay £5.50 into the account ref; WAL and your name and we give you £5.00 back on the day towards your meal at The Pepperpot Pub. There is a 2 course smaller appetite menu on the next page and you will need to let me know what you would like. There is a full menu available on line for those with a larger appetite.



PEPPERPOT SENIORS MENU 2 courses £8.99

Sausage, Egg, chips and Beans.

Sausage, mash, veg and gravy

6 scampi chips, peas/beans

Fish, chips, beans/peas

Beef/veg lasagna, garlic bread and side salad

Hunters chicken, chips and salad

4oz burger or cheese burger chips and salad

Chicken burger, chips and salad

For those who went on the Potters holiday you may have been aware of the small parking issue at the Cross. A new sign has been erected which clearly outlines that the Coach Park is now exactly that - a park. Drivers are not allowed to pick up or set down passengers or luggage so we ended up on double yellow lines and blocking the path for pedestrians which was far from ideal. I have spent quite a bit of time since finding out what we can do before the Sidmouth trip.

DESERTS

Apple crumble

Bread and butter pudding

Chocolate brownie

Chocolate fudge cake all served with cream, custard or ice cream

Call Chris 07971 144 416 with your food order ASAP as we need to advance order the food for you



I spoke to the police who say they don't feel we could be prosecuted for this as the information is so misleading and I am in contact with CDC who are responsible for the signage and Highways who I believe share this responsibility but no reply to date. This was raised at the Age Friendly Banbury meeting who are also on the case for us but if you look at the signage I am sure you will see the folly as they contradict each other. No suitable alternative with access to toilets and taxis has so far been offered so the Sidmouth coach will leave from the Coach park unless you are told differently and I will be there to wave you off and stay to sort things out if there is an issue. When you get back from your lovely holiday you may have to visit me in gaol with no get out of card free!!!!



CDC so far have offered Compton Road Coach Park and Hilliers Garden Centre toilets - which of course is now a car park and Hilliers aren't delighted with the prospect of us being there en mass. The bus station was also offered in bays 1, 2, 3 or 4 but there are no loos there and when I have visited the bays have been occupied. Thanks to the 9 Evergreens who attended the meeting and if anyone knows people at the Council, Highways, Councillors etc who can shed some light on this it would be really helpful. Thanks in advance. Chris





EARLY INTEREST SURVEY - THE OXFORD WAITS proposed 16th DEC

Mary has contacted this group who are willing to do an alternative or as well as, Christmas Event. Please look at their website and the Evergreens website and let us know if it would be something you would be like to attend. We have to pay for this to hold the date so can you please get back to Mary on reading this to express your interest 01295 268 676 as she has offered to manage this event . We have a committee meeting on 5th May and will be looking at this wonderful 16th Century Christmas event. The cost is anticipated as being £15 each as it is live entertainment and will include nibbles, mince pies and there is a bar. The Waits will sing & entertain you in full costume with instruments of the time. Thank you

SPORTS NEWS

We have no social event photos as we had to cancel the April event thru lack of support so we are happy to use the space to remind you that every Mon, Tues and Thurs there are Evergreens enjoying the sporting facilities available at Spiceball. We are awaiting a meeting at the Sports Centre to iron out a few problems and we published the events available and costs in the last newsletter and on the website on the sports page but we will also put them on the website. We have had to choose our photos carefully and remove some faces from the photos as there are non members in them so we don't have their permission to put them in the magazine. Sorry about that. We also don't have photos of swimming as not everyone wants to be seen in their costumes and there are also lots of general public in the session as it isn't our session exclusively. We will update you on the outcome of our meeting as soon as we are able. How many people still have an interest in Pickle ball if we can get it included? At the last request there were only 2 of you but things do change. Ring if interested. If you don't have a membership card please let me know - Chris 07971 144 416



Above left ; Mary Wood, David Rose, Stephan Edes and thankfully an unknown but unidentified player preparing to play table tennis on floor 2. Above right : 2 courts of badminton in full swing which looks to include Li, John, Cynthia & Steven on one court and Sue, Carole, Pauline and Irene on court 2.

Left is Andy, Keith, Carolyn, Jane R, Martin, Barry, Jane H, and Stephan sat waiting to see who plays in the next available court whilst Janice and Paul are about to have their turn playing. Its all sorted out quite amicably with everyone missing an occasional game to give everyone a chance to play - a good time for a catch up!

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members Martin, Carol and Jenny. Hope to see you at some of the events.

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

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

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

A gentle introduction to Health and Wellbing walks Health Walks with walk leaders.

Begin with the Tuesday walk at the Mill 1030 every Tuesday. Anne & Shirley attend and it has a short and a long option followed by coffee and chat.

Progress to Easington walk starting at Sainsbury a The Chatsworth on alternate weeks at 1030. Shirley and Anne attend.

and then Adderbury - gentle 3 mile country walk every Monday, leaving Adderbury Library at 1030am (meet at 1015 to register). Also a 5 mile walk for those wanting a bit longer walk

Country & Western at Banbury Borough Bowls - there are always plenty of Evergreens at this event but it was lovely to see newcomers Stan and John at the March event - I think they are planning a repeat visit

POTTERS 5 LAKES EARLY INTEREST LIST 24th May 2027 £619 pp all inc 4 nights

Thank you all for your very encouraging comments following our recent Potters holiday. We have held the Summer break holiday outlined above as you have to book them early or you simply don't stand a chance. We have already had people saying they have an interest in this sufficient to put a hold on it but we need to plan the rooms early. We do not need payment at all at the moment but if you have any interest in going please make the dates in your diary and give me a first and second room choice so we can meet as many first choice needs as possible. You can get details from me direct or by taking a look on the QR code .

GET WELL SOON

As always our thoughts are with those members who are recovering from health and fitness issues. We can only name you if we are notified of the need. Please think of Janet and Gina recovering from injuries, Janet and Sara facing health challenges and those with recent diagnosis they are coming to terms with xx

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to report that we now have 44 Honorary members, It would appear that Eileen Hart is our most senior Evergreen and still very active on the badminton courts. Well done - we were also very impressed with your dancing when we were on holiday. We have 2 other 90+ members, 51 aged 80 plus, 62 aged 70+ and a growing groups of 60+ 50+ which is excellent news for the future of the group and we total 149 in all.

THANKYOU

To Bella for the donation of tea and coffee, Jean and Annette for raffle prize donations and to Jean, Pam, Anne and anyone else who has given to our Knife Amnesty - we are half way there already. Thanks also to Chrissy who has given a large quantity of good quality plastic cutlery. If I have missed anyone out THANK YOU anyway



Scan Potters QR Code for further details and Video

Your Committee 2025

Chairperson. Chris Bemand **Secretary.** Mary Evans Young **Treasurer.** (Temp) Chris Bemand
Greeter Shirley Bygrave **Raffles** Anne Jackson **Catering** TBA
Trips Lynette Langley **IT** Roy Beckham **Honorary** Chris Wood **Website** Derek Evans
Website: www.thebanburyevergreens.com Email: Theevergreensbanbury@gmail.com

MAY 11th 7pm

Let me entertain you & Music Bingo

RVS Centre

June 12th 10.30am

Walk Chat & Eat

**Walk: Flood Defences.
Meet by Marks & Spencers**

**Eat: At The Pepper Pot
Please contact Chris,
Shirley or Anne**

June 25th

**Sidmouth seaside 4
night holiday £545 pp
including trips,
transport and 2 nights
entertainment BB/EM**

July TBA

**Back to the 60,s &
70,s Quiz with 60s
food**

August TBA

**BBQ and Scavenge
Hunt**

**OCT Barn Dance
TBA**

NOV AGM TBA

**Early Nov as agreed at the
Christmas party**

**Dec 4th Xmas
Party at General
Foods**

**Dec 16th
The Oxford Waits
Proposed @ The
Chestnuts**