



THE BANBURY EVERGREENS LINK

Keeping You In Touch

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Sidmouth Holiday Information

**Pick up at Banbury Coach Park by the Cross toilets
Thursday 25th June 0930**

Don't forget to pack your bathers as there's a swimming pool very close to the hotel, a hydropool and spa in the hotel and the sea across the road. Hydropool cost is £50 per 90 minutes for any group using it so get a group together and share the cost!

Lynette is in charge of this holiday so don't forget to put her phone number in your phone in case of emergencies 07907 986 268 and the hotel number is 01395 513043 in case your family need you.

TRIPS. Fri 26th Norman Lockyer observatory Saltcombe Hill Sidmouth and Bicton Park in the afternoon. Entry fee is £12 if you go in.

Sat 27th is a FREE day so do whatever takes your fancy - walk, paddle, sunbathe or go pier hunting!!!

Sun 28th is Killerton National Trust so please bring your NT membership card if you have one otherwise its £17 if you want to go in.

Mon 29th departure time TBC by Lynette during your stay. You stop on the way back at Berkley castle £15 but you don't have to pay - Its a freebie!!

Have a fabulous time everyone and look after Lynette and Shirley!!!



WALK TALK and EAT June 12th 10.30 outside Marks & Spencers on Gateway shopping park. Tickets are now available. If you haven't paid to go please do so by 6th as we have to get a food list through to the pub. The menu was in last months magazine. £5.50 to go into the account Ref: EAT and your name please. If you can't walk just come and eat.



Can You Remember

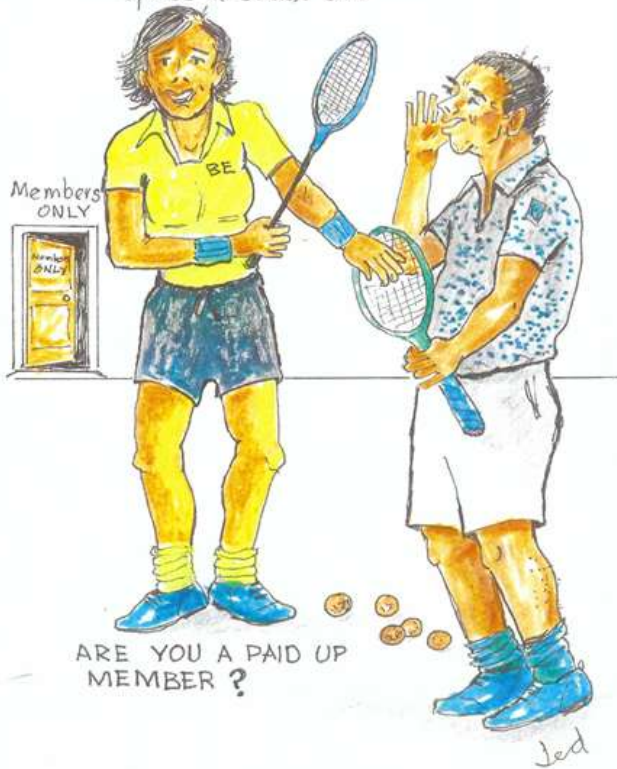
He-de-HI! The Generation Game
Fawlty Towers
Candid Camera Dixon of Dock Green
Ivanhoe Double your Money
The Morecalme & Wise Show
Ready Steady Go Oppertunity Knocks
The Rag Trade Z Cars
Sunday Night at The London Palladium
Val Doonigan

60s and 70s EXTRAVAGANZA at THE CHESTNUTS £10 include supper. 22 JULY 1900 - 2200ish

Back by popular demand and we know that the tickets have to be limited to 60 maximum so get your booking in now as the tickets are already available. Put your money in the account REF: 60s and your name. There will be a 4 part opening quiz with a prize for the winning table. We are providing supper again so get your tickets as its no ticket - no food, harsh but practical as we have to shop and prepare as well as order chips. Ticket sales open until 16th July. You can dress in 60s attire with a prize for the best one or just go as you are - no prize other than a good laugh. The second part of the evening will be 60s 70s music, dancing and a good time for all.

CRUISE CREW - Only 131 sleeps!!! Can you please pay your £60 per head for the bus there and back so I can get that off my "to do" list Ref CRU and name. Thank you XXX

Banbury Evergreens
sports & social club



MEMBERSHIP etc etc.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that a few of our past members have rejoined us as they were missing the magazine and events. Fabulous - you are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you at events or sports. I am still very aware that our Members Room (or lack of it) is still a bone of contention along with aqua aerobis in the swim lane, tea and coffee costs on a Tuesday, change of keep fit time, blah, blah, blah. Please keep letting us know of the problems as we are having a meeting at Spiceball with the manager on 4th June where we hope to have a constructive discussion and perhaps some better outcomes. In the meantime just remember we have gained as well as lost - the Thursday badminton now goes on till 1600 and you can also use the gym on your membership entry fee on a Thursday. Keep your fingers crossed and we will see what we can get and will update you in the next newsletter.

PARKING PROBLEMS - OH DEAR

We haven't given up on the problem and have Dave and Barbara Manners to thank for a helping hand. They phoned to let me know about the Counsellors Surgery that week so I took myself along. They were as surprised as we were and agreed to take it to the next meeting which should have taken place on 20th May so it is definitely on the agenda - don't get too excited as they admitted that it has been there for the last 3 meetings and was deferred each time. I have supplied all of the photographs and they will come back to me by 1st June when this newsletter is due out. They did however suggest that we use the coach and lorry park by the garden centre. We went for a look but as you can see it is now a car park with a height restriction. It hasn't been a coach park for over 3 years!!!! See right.

I have also spoken to The Banbury signage group as well as Age friendly Banbury again. Any more ideas?



BANBURY BUS STATION

Public Service Vehicles only

No parking of unauthorised vehicles.
Penalty charges apply.

The Banbury Bus Station Order regulating the use of the Bus Station may be inspected at:

Cherwell District Council Offices
Bodicote House, Bodicote
Banbury OX15 4AA



The next suggestion was the bus park which on investigation comes with the same problems. We can park in bays 1,2,3 & 4 but not pick up or put down. The signage directs you to across the road where Wilco's was but the parking meter shows its not for coaches - so the saga continues.



The posh ploughmans and cakes seemed to go down well

WHAT A SPECTACLE

Our admiration goes to all those who plucked up the courage to do a little something to entertain us - who would have thought there was so much talent within Evergreens. Thank you Derek for MCing the evening. We had singing, jokes, a cockney rhyming verse, a testimony of settling into Banbury, a Cliff Richard sound alike and 7 little girls and a bloke called Fred. At a time when voices are thinning as well as our hair we listened to some very talented singers from a variety of ages and genres and you are all to be admired. After supper we played musical bingo for sweets as prizes. Thanks to Roy and Derek for managing that. Everyone joined in "she died, she did" with me conducting. Well done and thank you all as I am sure I speak for all who went in saying it was a fantastic night with lots of chat, good company, laughter and food, what more could you want?



Fred serenaded us and got us involved too.



Normally we see Keith at short tennis but today we heard him sing also.



Andy surprised us with some jokes - he had us laughing and groaning.



Stan read a verse about ageing and its horrors and sang too!



Jenny managed to get 2 songs in



Terry did a verse in Rhyming slang



Li told us how she came to live and love Banbury

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

The committee welcome Annette on board her first meeting and now her inauguration by fire in two songs. We hope she can be co-opted on to the committee if we haven't put her off. I was amazed by your brilliant committee who just got on with things, doing what needed to be done and allowing me to get away with just packing my car so we all left at a reasonable time.

Below. Annette. Roxy, Chris, Lynette, Mary, Margaret and Sue as the 7 little girls



This was Derek sounding a bit like Cliff and his backing Supremes - Lynette, Annette and Mary





THANKS

Thanks are due to many of you and of course some have already been mentioned in the newsletter but thanks also go to Bella McTaggart once again, this time for donating a set of skittles to the group even though she is unable to attend events now. We will fetch them out on the skittles night and think of you all over again Bella.

GETTING OUT & ABOUT

Stan and John have been to both the Banbury and Kidlington folk nights we advertised and enjoyed both. Look out for the sea shanty night at Kidlington on 5th June and 26th June - should be good informal nights with plenty of chance to join in. No tickets just put some change in their collection pot. Phone Chris for more details 07971 144 416

BEST WISHES AND SPEEDY RECOVERY

As always our thoughts are with those who are unwell or waiting on hospital appointments - in particular Sara C, Janet W, Janet H, Annette W, Anne Q, Pauline E and anyone else we haven't heard about.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The Swimming pool is closed for two weeks from the 1st June

OBITUARY.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with the family of Heather Watts who passed away recently. She stopped coming to Evergreens with the arrival of Covid and never got back to the fold. Sadly the funeral has already taken place but we did get the details on to the website for those who knew her.

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
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YOU ARE AMAZING

Well done to Paul Rowan and Jon Robinson for not only being active at Spiceball and social events but for their pursuits away from Evergreens. Jon has done over 250 park runs and is still out there most weekends clocking up more and Paul has just completed another half marathon. Well done to you both. I'm sure many of you are worthy of a mention so why not let us know and send us a picture too.



June 12th 10.30am

Walk Talk & Eat

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

Eat: At The Pepper Pot

**60s/70s extravaganza
JULY 22nd 1900 to 1030
£10 atTHE CHESTNUTS**

includes supper and there is a bar and dancing.

AUG TBA

**Scavenge hunt and
BBQ at Roys**

SEP

**POSSIBLE Holidayand
skittles**

**OCT Barn Dance
7th at Freemasons
Hall**

NOV AGM TBA

Early Nov as agreed at the Christmas party

**Dec 4thXmas Party
at General Foods**

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