



THE BANBURY EVERGREENS LINK

Keeping You In Touch

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MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

This newsletter is going out early and not proof read as these event details arrived too late for the previous magazine and we are now approaching the pay by date of 3rd July. As promised we have found you a 60s festival weekend (see poster). The good news is that the early interest people have their names down already and there are still places left but we are limited to 35 in total. If you are paying by cheque then the end of June latest to allow time for them to clear. The accommodation is in chalets based around a central outdoor coffee area. The single room supplement is £30 per night so its worth trying to pair up with someone to avoid the supplement or to take advantage of any reductions we may still have available. Roy and I went to the same lineup and it was buzzing with a full dance floor and separate lounge with 60s music for those wanting a quieter time. The usual daytime activities are available from swimming to quizzes with a 60s theme, archery, axe throwing and rifle shooting to list just a few so no time to be bored. The coach stays with us so we will put on some visits. (details in next newsletter) After 3rd July we have to give back any unsold rooms so they can be sold at the centre so don't miss out and after that we would have to request them back and the price will have gone up so get that money in the account. The Banbury Evergreens 20-03-84 20434140. If you believed yourself to be on the early interest list and you haven't paid yet you may loose your place.

SIDMOUTH HOLIDAY 25th JUNE

Heres wishing you a fabulous holiday and I'm hoping to send you some good weather. I will see you all at the Cross by the toilets ready to wave you off at 0930 prompt so don't be late. You should all have your room numbers to write on the labels by now but if not give Lynette a ring. 07907 986 268.



CRUISERS

If you haven't paid your coach fee yet please do so ASAP so I can get this finalised. I think most of you have been given paying details for the balance of the holiday payment as 11th July but if you are paying via Evergreens you will need to put it in a few days earlier especially if its a cheque or a weekend. There is still a space in a shared female room if anyone is interested - ring Chris 07971 144 416 REF: CRU

60s 70s Night at The Chestnuts 22nd July doors open 1845 finishes 2230

A night of 60s and 70s food, music, quizzes, dancing and if you like, authentic 60s dress. It is £10 pp and limited to 60 people and sales are going well following last months newsletter so ring up or get your money in the bank REF 607



Everyone gathered outside M&S and made full use of their seating to conserve energy. Penny, Ed, Win, Pete, Sheila, Jon, Chris, Maria, Alan & Roxy



The short walk team were lucky enough to see a barge go under the bridge. Sheila. Saras replacenet, Alan, Chris and Jon looking on.



A welcome rest at the Pepper Pot with a 2 course hot meal at a good price.



As you can see a few pints of something refreshing completed the event. Not forgetting the chat.



The more adventurous group managed a circuit of the lake & with all the ox eye daisies out it was beautiful. Everyone walked at their own pace and noone got left behind, but there are still plenty more treasures to see up here on another walk.

WALK TALK AND EAT

What a fantastic morning we had with exactly the weather I requested, sunny, dry and with a light breeze to cool us. Many of the walkers had never been to the Flood Defences before and although it doesn't sound beautiful - it is! The swans didn't grace us with their presence and there wasn't a duck or Canada goose anywhere to be seen - I think the heavy rain the day before drove them off. Many of you have passed on comments about how much you enjoyed it so "Thank you" to Anne and Shirley for organising it and heading up the long walk team. Who would believe there was this much beautiful space so close to Banbury! We are being offered a geology walk to look at fossils etc in the town centre so I will keep you updated on that - possibly September

THE SAGA CONTINUES...

The council meeting was due to take place in May but due to the 2 councils getting their dates confused it was put back until 11th June. As you can see from the email on the left it did get discussed and will get more attention but I still don't understand why they just can't use the existing space and remove the offending inaccurate signs. I have replied on Evergreens behalf to ask why does OCC have to look for a location when there is clearly everything we need at the Cross and why can't CDC just ammend the misleading signs and paint lines for a drop off area? There will be another update in the next newsletter I'm sure.

SPICEBALL MEETING

Derek, Roy and myself had a very informative and fruitful discussion with Graham Bleach and a colleague at the Spiceball where we were able to voice your concerns.

1. Can we have a dedicated space where we can have our notice board, preferably on the ground floor?
2. Does the water aerobics have to be in the swimming pool along the edge where we swim stopping us holding the side if we need to?
3. What are the arrangements for tea and coffee on Tues as we can't make our own &£3.50 is too expensive
4. What is the arrangements for the sports hall on both sessions and the provision of equipment for that
5. Is there a chance for us to have pickleball or the pedal bikes as part of our payment?
6. The affects of the changing timetable for keep fit and how it causes problems with parking?

We are assured that not only are we wanted at Spiceball as part of the general over 50s activity programme but that Graham is called upon to report the figures (which appear quite low at the moment (only 95 Evergreens in the whole of May). As this figure appears very low I will be keeping a record during July so figures for your sections would be very helpful to me - just text me.

We are waiting for Grahams email to confirm the outcomes of this meeting. See next newsletter.

HD Helen Durkin
To: CHRISTINE Cc: Rebecca > Thursday

RE: 2of2 coach parking

Good morning Christine,

The Traffic Advisory meeting went ahead and Councillor Biegel did bring the coach parking up as promised.
The issue sits with Oxfordshire County Council for a location and Cherwell District Council for the signage.
Hopefully this will now be moved on to a resolution in the very near future.
I have copied in Councillor Biegel to this email so that you can liaise with her going forward.

Kind regards

Helen Durkin | Executive Officer
Banbury Town Council





Banbury Gardening Club

You are warmly invited to join us for

"Free Afternoon Tea"

as part of the Oxfordshire Connected Community

on Wednesday the 15th July from 3pm to 5pm at St Hugh's Church Hall Ruskin Road, OX16 9HU

A great opportunity for people to meet socialize and enjoy refreshments.

Everyone, including friends and family are welcome to join us at this free event

INSURANCES and first aid

Can I please remind you all that once you pay for a holiday the money isn't refundable no matter what the circumstances. It is your responsibility to take out insurance (which you can do for £39 per person with Dunwoods. As soon as you pay we pay it to Dunwoods who pay it on to the holiday centre. We have tried to sell unwanted holidays and have been successful in the past but not on this occasion. Please protect your money as it is simple to do with no age restrictions on it. Ring and speak to them if you are unsure. 01384 455 655

The committee discussed if to buy more first aid equipment and decided against this as it goes out of date so quickly. The coach carries a first aid kit and they have them at the hotel but they are very restricted in what they can hold. Please make sure you take any tablets (e.g. paracetamol) that you may need or even sun products as I'm sure you going to have some sun!!!

GET WELL SOON

Special thoughts go to Janet W. and Peter who are missing their holiday with us due to her hospital appointment. Hope the op goes well and you recover quickly.

Sorry to say that Don and Maureen won't be joining us on the holiday as Maureen has been having some health issues. Hope you feel better soon.

Glad to say that Keith is feeling much better and will be on the holiday with Pam Horah!

Ian and Catalina are in our thoughts a Ian recovers from a serious condition.

Janet H. is getting there by steady stages but would welcome a phone call or a visit from her friends in Evergreens.

Gina is recovering from her sports injury so we will hopefully see her soon - warm up before playing!!

NEW ARTICLE

Watch out for some advice in the next edition from Mary (one of the committee) regarding having a healthy lifestyle as we all get older.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Annette Murphy was voted on to the committee as a co-opted member for the remainder of this year and you will be able to vote her on as a full member at the AGM in November

JUNE 25th SIDMOUTH HOLIDAY

Meet at the Cross for 0930 departure. Please consider the traffic problems and leave early

JULY 22nd

60s 70s EXTRAVAGANZA

Doors open at 1845 for 1900 finishing at 2230

At the Chestnuts with a bar and hot food supplied

£10 tickets available

AUG 22nd at Archers Farm

Summer BBQ and Pizza bake with Scavenge hunt and a variety of games and activities.

SEPT 11th 60s Festival Weekend on Hayling Island (see 1st page)

3 nights 4 days Bed breakfast and evening meal and transport there and back £435 pp in twin/double room some single room availability with supplement

SKITTLES NIGHT

09.Sept at the RVS Centre

£10 with fish and chips

Your Committee 2025

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