



THE BANBURY EVERGREENS LINK

Keeping You In Touch

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SKITTLES AND Fish "n" Chips SUPPER 9th SEPT at RVS CENTRE £10 pp DOORS OPEN 1845 FOR 1900 START

Tea & coffee provided and there will be a few cans of soft drink available to buy but it is essentially a bring your own drinks and cups night. 40 tickets have already been sold and we can only accommodate 60 max. as we need to protect space for 2 lanes of skittles. I will be ordering the fish and chips on 5th Sept so you must get your money in by 4th as I will not accept late bookings for this event unless you don't want food. Please book if you are interested as it is easier to cancel than to book late. Where possible and for good reasons we will transfer any cancelled ticket money to the next event and we will attempt to resell the ticket to anyone on the wait list. I apologise in advance to anyone who thinks this is harsh but it creates too much work for me.



60s, HAYLING ISLAND 11th SEPT dep. 1000hrs from The Cross

Almost time. Can I just clear up the dress code queries - if you wish to dress in 60s outfits please do but equally you can just go as normal. We are not trying to persuade people to do something they are uncomfortable with and I can guarantee there will be all sorts of dress so you won't feel out of place either way. It is DB&B basis so eat a big breakfast or pay for a lunch whichever suits your budget. Any drinks from the bar or at the table are your responsibility. We will break the journey on the way there for a short comfort break and a longer lunch stop and again on the return and this will be a part of the holiday so plan to get back to Banbury around 1700. Its best to arrange your lift/taxi as we approach Banbury. There are 25 of us going so there will be a good atmosphere and I can't wait!

TWIXMAS MYSTERY HOTEL BREAK 27TH DEC 3 NIGHTS £219 pp Half board

Last chance to book onto this holiday as there are only 4 rooms left and absolutely no singles. If you have been considering this then please contact me on or before the skittles night as its a busy time for me with the 60s holiday looming. Chris 07971 144 416 Bank details The Banbury Evergreens 20-03-84 20434140

Ref : TWI and your name



BARN DANCE

9th OCT, Freemasons, MARLBOROUGH RD The doors will open at 1845 for a 1900 start. There is a bar available so you cannot take your own drinks this time. Larkrise Ranters will be playing and there will be a Caller to instruct us. In many ways - the worse you are the more fun it is - so don't worry if you have never done this before or if you just want to come for the laugh. The tickets are available now and the event is limited to 40 as we need room to dance and move around. I can't say what the food will be at the moment but there will be nibbles at the very least, it depends how many tickets we sell as to how much money we have to plan with so once again get your money in and commit to this so we know what we are doing. Ref : BDA

CRUISE CREW October 11TH AMSTERDAM & ZEEBRUGGER

At the time of release there are only 41 sleeps left before we go! We agreed that it would be useful to get together to see who wants to go on trips and who is happy to stay on board with plenty to do. We should get the trips booked to avoid disappointment and as they are sold in dollars. We will estimate the amount and add a bit to cover changes in the exchange rate. If we overcharge you we will of course put that right as soon as we know. How do you all feel about coming to Roy's OX17 1SU Archers farmhouse for a light meal and a good old chat to clear up any worries. I know some of you have concerns as "Cruise Virgins" and worried that you are the only ones but trust me - I think the majority of you are! No worries - Roy has been dozens of times. What about Tues 8th Sept 7pm?. Let me know please.



Two of our newest members Peter & Geoff join in the singing, dancing, quizzing, feasting drinking and socialising. Welcome both.



Stan, Mary, Derek, Jill, Norma, Yvonne, Chris and Shirley all dressed for the occasion. I didn't even recognise Derek and Mary. Can you?

What a fabulous night we all had and for just £10. I think we should call our group VFM (value for money) We had all kinds of music quizzes, thanks once again to Roy who puts them together. The hot dogs and chips almost had us beat but most people managed a good portion of fruit pavlova and cream to wash it down. In the picture to the right is the remains of the pavlovas being tackled by another of our new members, Jenny. Why is it that her husband Rodney is right at the back of the queue? Lovely to have Barry at an event with his wife Mary - he's the one hiding behind Jenny and it looks like Don in the picture too. When we have an event if you take any photos of people doing things can you please forward them to myself or Roy as we are often tied up with other tasks and get to the end of the evening with nothing on our phones. The cut off date for pictures or comments is always the 24th of the month so we have time to put it all together and get it proof read.



Jenny & Barry getting their Pavlova Dessert

David, Pam, Chris, Stan and Maddie cooking their pizza.

And before you know it we are on to the BBQ and Scavenge Hunt. It was fantastic that most of you entered into it and scoured the fields on a pleasant ramble to find the answers to the clues; what a wonderful weather and location to do it. Thank you to Roy for allowing us back to his place. Below Derek, Mary, Jenny, Lynette and Margaret all gather round the BBQ waiting to cook or eat their pizzas. Huge thanks to everyone who made cakes - I was worried we wouldn't have enough so I did one as well. Nothing was wasted as some have gone to Lynette's ready for our next committee meeting and as my cake was all gone I took some of your to church as I didn't have time to bake again.



Jenny, Rodney and Peter getting ready to take aim at the archery.



Smell those steak burgers and posh dogs. Mmmmm!!!



THANK YOU ALL Following Derek's unfortunate accident before the BBQ even got under way. He has asked us to give his thanks to all those who supported and helped him - Evergreens expect nothing less, you are all so amazing.



Gina and Sandra won the scavenge hunt with a score of 44. So glad I taught you well when you were Brownies. Well done. Norma and Yvonne came second.



Anyone for croquet? Pam, Andy and Keith gave it their best. A bit slower than short tennis I bet!



Peter, Pauline and Steven taking a break between activities. Wonder what they will try next?



Congratulations to Sheila who won a rest after walking the whole field perimeter on the hunt and welcome to Ester.



Roy's family - Simon, Rachel and Ollie bought another gazebo, tables and chairs as our numbers and temperatures soared. Well done and thank you.



The gazebo was a must as the weather was great. Ann and Stan chillaxing and Jon, Maria and Sarah get comfy.



Mary taking instruction from Roys son Scott. Fortunately Derek hasn't got an apple on his head!



And then Keith has a go watched on by Scott - Thank you once again Scott



Jenny on the coconut shy - again - thank you Scott



Left. Look at the concentration on Mary's face but where is Derek now? Keith getting his eye in and giving it a go. I know if I name names I will miss someone out so please, all of you accept thanks for whatever you did to help, especially our lovely cake providers and the committee who always support Roy and I with gusto. Thanks to Rodney's searching eyes he had the most amazing find during the scavenger hunt - not only a deceased frog but also Roy's long lost ear pod - Roy charged it up and it works. Double amazing it was lost last year whilst mowing. Thank you also for the amazing "thank you's" received from all of you, they will be shared with the committee of course.



FREE INVITE TO BLOXHAM TABLE TENNIS

Richard Anstis has invited any Evergreens to their social table tennis group on Tues evenings from 1900-2200 which includes an hours tuition, games and cake. Their group is similar in age and make up to ours and needs to boost numbers, as do we, so maybe there could be some mileage in getting together on this and it is free. Give him a call on 07908 673 367 to arrange.

Sorry it's small writing but there was very little room left.

WELCOME to our newest members Peter, Jeff, Yvonne, Sue, Jenny, Christine, Marylyn, Roy, Dean and Anne Marie. We are now 159 members in total with a couple more potentially in the pipeline. Look forward to seeing you at events.

KEEP GETTING BETTER To those who have been having health and fitness issues. Particularly Ian French, Sarah Carter, and Gina Coyne - it was lovely to see you all back at the BBQ. Best wishes to Janet and Janet for more recovery. Thoughts go to Anne J (committee) who had a fall and broke her wrist. No alcohol involved I am told. And of course Derek. **xx TESTING TIME!** It's that time of year again! No, not 'back-to-school' - but to get our electric blankets tested. This matter is particularly pertinent to me as, a couple of years ago, we decided to submit our blanket to the test. It was under five years old and working perfectly fine. Our conversation went along these lines: "Shall we get our electric blanket tested?" "No point. It's only a few years old." "Just as a precaution, it's free - so nothing to lose." "OK, if you like..." We were gob-smacked when our 'perfectly fine' blanket failed the test. We were also mighty glad we'd taken it.

It was a well-organised operation: fire service staff and other organisations on hand to offer information and advice. A cuppa if wanted. Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service in conjunction with Oxfordshire County Council, is offering free testing for electric blankets, heated throws and pads, at The Mill Art Centre, Banbury OX16 5QE on Wednesday 23 September.

Spiceball and coach parking updates.

Nothing at present but they are very much still on the agenda so watch this space, and we need a catchy nick name for Evergreens which sounds vibrant and exciting - any ideas?

SEPT. 9TH

SKITTLES & FISH N CHIP SUPPER. 9 RVS
CENTRE Doors open 1845 for 1900. £10

11th SEPT.

60s FESTIVAL WEEKEND. HAYLING
ISLAND 3 NIGHTS sold out

OCT. 7TH BARN DANCE at The
Freemasons Marlborough Rd. 1845
for 1900 £15 Live band and caller

OCT. 9TH til 13TH CUNARD CRUISE
to Zeebrugge and Amsterdam
sold out

NOV. 13th. AGM at The Chestnuts
1900hrs. Free entry and nibbles

GEOLOGY WINTER WALK
and SUNDAY ROAST
Watch this space

DEC 4th CHRISTMAS TOP HATS
AND TIARRA'S PARTY
Doors open at 1830 for early entry
£15

DEC 16th OXFORD WAITES
An extra special night out with wonderful
musicians, rare instruments and seasonal
humour and cheer. With light refreshments

TWIXMUS MYSTERY BREAK
27TH DEC 3 NIGHTS 4 ROOMS LEFT

KEEP ON ROCKING!

Those of you who enjoyed the recent History Walk with local historian, Steve Kilsby - and those who didn't - may be interested to know Steve is an avid music lover - with a record collection to match! Until recently, he had a weekly show on Puritan Radio. Alas, the station has now closed, but Steve's talent has not. As Steve says, "At last! I can announce my new show will be on FRIDAY's running from 3.00 to 5.00 pm (i.e. drivetime!) on....Radio Horton (<https://radiohorton.co.uk/>)! Whilst Radio Horton is a hospital radio station, anyone can tune in, so please do. The show will be weekly. As might be expected, the first show may be a bit 'rocky' in all senses, but stick with it... Steve's show will be called "Back to the 20th Century - perfect for we 'Greeners'" from Mary Evans Young

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