



THE BANBURY EVERGREENS LINK

Keeping You In Touch

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BARN DANCE OCT 7th 1900 **FREEMASONS HALL**

This event is now sold out so please do not put money into the account as it will be returned to you. If you cannot dance it doesn't matter at all - neither can the rest of us but it will be a fun evening with live music from Larkrise Ranters and also a caller to try to keep us all in line. She was excellent last year and managed to provide something for all of us over a range of energy levels - even right down to a saunter. There is a bar and there will be a light supper (possibly pizza and nibbles as we cannot prepare food there). Raffle prizes gratefully accepted if you have any unwanted gifts you have received



CALLING THE CRUISE GANG 9th - 13th

Only 9 sleeps to go and then its sea legs time. We will be leaving from Roys house OX17 1SU at 0900 for a 0930 start, leaving time for a quick coffee and a documents check before boarding The Community Bus. No spaces left on this event unless we have last minute cancellations for which we have a wait list. We will send out a documents check list and you need to have printed labels or contacted Roy at his house immediately if you need help.



AGM & Call My Bluff 13th NOV 1900 AT THE CHESTNUTS

You should have this date in your diary and it's a free evening including a reasonably short meeting followed by food and free entertainment. Please do your best to attend as we need to know that there is support out there and you need to vote on your committee. Let us know of your nominations if you are unable to attend and also make yourselves known if you are hoping to join the committee. It doesn't matter how long you have been an Evergreen as we welcome new blood. If you are too shy to step forward get a friend to nominate you. If you are able to bake a cake please let me know. 07971 144 416 Chris xx



Banbury Evergreens

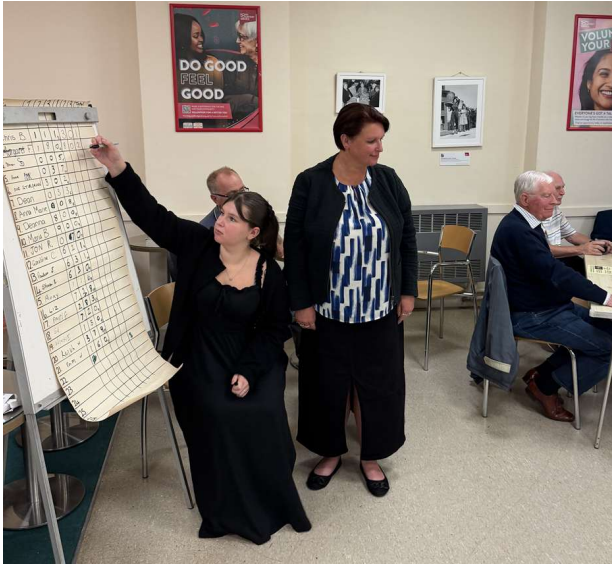
Christmas Party 2026

4th December 7pm GF Club

TOP HAT & TIARRA PARTY 4TH DEC **£15 1830 AT GENERAL FOODS CLUB**

First, a misunderstanding - you do not have to own a top hat or a tiarra as we are providing those on arrival - in the main top hats for the gentlemen and tiarras for the ladies but this is negotiable if notified in advance. Dress code is whatever you like from DJs and posh frocks to smart casual Christmas T shirts etc. Just be comfortable. We will be dancing to NOW and THEN just as we did last year and it will be mostly 50s to 80s music so there should be something for everyone. We are just starting the plans for the food but for those who went last year it will be similar and mostly from M&S so you know it will be good. There will be separate food for vegetarians and anyone who notifies us of special requirements in advance. There will be tables of 8 only so you can either put your own table of friends together or we will do it for you, please let us know when you book. To avoid the queue issue waiting in the cold you can arrive between 1830 and 1845 for early doors or 1900 if you don't mind queuing. Tickets are on sale from now until Dec 1st so don't delay.

SKITTLES AND FISH "N" CHIPS



Anna Marie and Deanna take a turn at the scoring and calling. Well done!



Ed and Win, Pam, Maria, Jon and Sarah, Geraldine and Anne all watch on as Margaret Fox gives it her best. And just look at those 3 elves busy in the background washing up. Thank you Shirley, Roxy and Elizabeth



Sisters Sandra and Gina help Roy out scoring and setting up. Also new members getting involved. Marvellous!



Stan, Keith and Pam having a good old catch up. Its always good to meet old friends. Looks like Chris is about to murder Stan!!!



Shirley and Roxy take time out from washing up for a photo call. You can run but you can't hide Elizabeth. Thanks x



Malcolm takes aim watched by John and Ann. Margaret C, The Holloways and The Wiltshires are just enjoying the night out in good company. These photos demonstrate that the committee also need help with photos. If you take any at events please let us have them so we get a good selection and not ones all from the same angle and perspective. Just email or Whats app them to Roy or myself.



Janet Wiltshire is one of the lucky prize winners in the raffle. It looks like we all get coffee and chocolate biscuits if we visit The Wiltshires. Margaret, Maureen, Don, Ann, Gillian, Judith all watch on and Chris K. Annette and Sheila sit in the background. Apart from a little delay on the fish and chips the evening went very well with another Evergreens full house. Thanks to all helpers - committee or otherwise.

DON't THINK THE WORST

When you buy one of the raffle tickets at our events please remember that the prizes have normally been donated by members and may not be exactly what you might have wanted to win. At the BBQ a member's came up to enquire about a prize they had previously won and wondered if it might have been donated by a wine buff. He had selected the prize thinking it was a bottle of "plonk" but on scrutiny it turned out to be a bottle which would have set him back around £100 if he had bought it. I explained that many of the bottles are from my husband - Geoff's stock of wine gifted to him in return for favours done by him. He would have wanted me to do something useful with them so I have been reducing his stock by regular donations to the raffles for the last 3 years. He would have been really pleased that this bottle went to someone who knows a bit about the stuff as he rarely drank it. Well done Jon and I am so pleased that you enjoyed sipping it and checking out its provenance with your son. Maybe there will be more!! Thanks Geoff xx

NICKNAMES PLEASE

Please give some thought to a nick name we can use alongside the Evergreens title. We asked AI to produce a poster for the Evergreens group and whilst it was very good at one level it showed a lot of senior people sitting around doing things. I am sorry but that doesn't accurately reflect who the group is now. We have increased our younger membership at the same time as valuing our long standing senior members. We do not sit around much as we are busy archery, axe throwing, bowling, cruising, walking, skittling etc etc on the social scene and badminton, squash, keep fit, pilates, swimming, short tennis, gym, table tennis etc on the sports front. We all know how important it is to keep mind, body and spirit working well in good company so let's find a nick name to reflect that. The only suggestion so far has been "coffin dodgers" and I'm not sure that will help our cause so get those brains working.

OXFORD WAITS

Mary Evans Young is arranging this event and she now has tickets so please contact her to make sure that you don't miss out on this spectacular fun event. There will be many instruments dating back to a different era for you to appreciate as well as singing and laughter so get your £15 into the bank asap to reserve a seat at this Christmas spectacular. Bank Ref ;WAI bank details in Jersey Boys section.

TWIXMAS MYSTERY BREAK.

For those of you who have paid your deposit we now need the balance paying so please put this into the account Ref: TWI and your name. You should have received a poster with the amounts and if you are in a single room don't forget to add the supplement. Total cost £229 for double rooms and £25 extra if you have been confirmed a single room. You have paid a deposit but I need the balance in the account by 10th Oct please. We will get more details to you nearer the time. Bank details in section below.

JERSEY BOYS 27th Jan 2027 Matinee

Lynette is organising this trip and you need to speak to her if you want a ticket. There are transport options which you can choose from depending on your preference eg. bus, train or car. Keep your eyes open in the next newsletter for details on the transport's but we do need you to contact Lynette and pay for the theatre ticket REF: JB's and your name. The bank account details are on the back of your membership cards and are The Banbury Evergreens 20.03.84 20434140 and it is a business account. For those of you who don't do internet banking you can call at your bank and do a transfer. You will be able to use your bus pass if you have one and can make a day of it if you choose to. There are only 20 tickets at the moment so get your £30 into the account by 7th Oct if you are planning to go.

POTTERS 5 LAKES 24th May £619.00 all inc for shared room

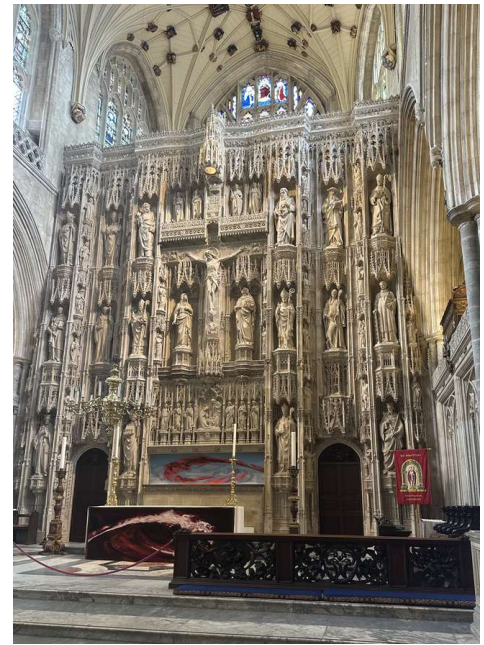
If you already have your name down for this you need to pay the £40 deposit by 8th Oct as well as any room supplements if you are having a single or an upgrade. If you don't then now is the time as we are only holding a limited number of rooms. Please ring and let me know or come to the coffee sessions and have a look at the brochure if you are unsure. REF: POT and your name. Although this is more money than usual you need to remember that it includes 4 meals a day, packed lunch if you are out and all of your drinks (including tea coffee etc at the coffee shops) and fabulous activities and entertainment.



As always The Evergreens Group was ever present on the dance floor and Peter was bowled over by the amount of dancing he did. he couldn't remember ever dancing so much. There is always someone who will dance with you in our group.



Above. Roy B. and Chris B. dancing the night away in one of their 60s outfits. Below: Dean and Anna Marie strutting their stuff in their 60's gear. 60s dress for Anna Marie and black and white shoes and retro tops for Dean.



We were cathedraled out by the end of our holiday but Winchester and Chichester were both awesome.



The whole point of a group holiday is that you can team up with like minded people and pick and choose what you want to do. Many people opted out of the second day trip and went walking for many hours in 2 different groups. Some took the little train ride and others took a paddle, some did both.



Don't take my opinion of the holiday, ask around the group and I am sure they will be only too pleased to give you their view. We warned you that the chalets weren't fantastic but none of you seemed bothered that they were a bit small - fore warned is fore armed - and you weren't in them for long were you - you night owls!!

I am sorry to have to tell you that Judith Burns has passed away quite suddenly on 23rd Sept after a brief visit to hospital. I am sure many of you will know her and be affected by this loss as she was still very active in the table tennis group and always happy to retrieve the balls from under the table. I cannot advise you about the funeral as it is a closed service and family reception. after so please do whatever you need to do to recognise this lovely lady. Her husband is quite naturally devastated as it was so unexpected so if you know him offer your support. Many thanks to Jean Lawrence for letting us know about this.

WHATS NEW

Many of you have asked if we can run additional events for the group and the simple answer is No, sorry! We have increased holidays from 2 - 4 and likewise the trips and are running events every month even when there is a holiday which is quite a big undertaking. We do however understand that for the non sporty people you are lacking a weekly event so what about these?

Jeff and Christine - both new members- are planning a social afternoon on Wednesdays at GF club Meeting 1pm to 3pm. You can always go early and enjoy one of their fabulous value lunches or just arrive for a drink and a chat.

Peter Ridding - another new member- has agreed to set up a WhatsApp group and many of you have already joined this following the friendships made at the 60s weekend. Please keep your eye on the website for rules and regs as we still need to protect everyone in the group and adhere to legal guidelines. Photos must be posted so we know who we are talking to. Thanks to all 3 of you - that's why we need new blood in the group. Well done. Contact Chris 07971 144416 XX

60s Weekend Hayling Island



A Titanic moment for Chris W and Roy B.



Roy B & Chris B in the Winchester museum trying their chances as Roman soldiers. Chris W. took this one.



Dean also gave the Roman soldier look a go.



In the excitement of the moment I don't always think about what I am saying. I had to drag Chris W. to see the angels as she said she wasn't ready to meet them quite yet. Sorry Chris, didn't mean it that way!!!



Shirley's table. Newcomers Yvonne and Peter settling in well with their group, the dancing, the activities and the spirit of friendship.



Left. Dean, Stan, Chris K, Maria, Jane and Anna Marie - glasses filled and ready for another night or pure party well into the night. It began each evening with a disco and old film footage of top of the pops etc. Right Angie and Phil watching the old footage and having a good old sing and reminisce. Then on to a spectacular live group each night before going into the late lounge for further merriment.



WARNERS FESTIVAL BREAKS

This was the Hayling Island trip - a 60s weekend. It was everything you could imagine from 60s music, 60s films in the theatre, 60s quizzes and 60s bands including Edison Lighthouse. Sadly their lead singer wasn't with them as he had a long appointment with the toilet. The supporting bands were fantastic. I think most people who went had a fabulous time and thanks for all your feedback. Warners do other festival breaks and the group seemed particularly interested in a Soul and Motown one which we can get at Alveston in Nov. If you are interested please email us to go on the early interest list so we can establish how many rooms we might need. No money at this stage

EVERGREENS ARE THERE

Well done to the 19 Evergreens who turned up to support Banbury Bowls Club Country and Western night. It is always on the last Sunday of the month and only costs £4 and perhaps a raffle ticket. Ring me if you are thinking of going but worried about arriving alone. 07971 144 416 Chris

REMINISCENCE GROUP

There are always Evergreens at this event and all making regular contributions to this interesting group. They have a pre planned subject each time and people send in photos and share memories of Banbury's past . Always the last Friday of the month 1400 at the museum cafe. £3 including refreshment. Chair space limited so get there early and bag a chair. Committee members Shirley, Anne and Chris are normally there along with many others.

WALK GROUP

Tuesdays at 1030 outside The Mill by the bridge. There are 2 levels of walk to accommodate most people and often a social chat in the Mill afterwards. Shirley and Anne present and its free.

WELLBEING WEDS WALK

Starts at Sainsbury entrance at 1030 and a bit more challenging. One to work up to. Often stops for coffee afterwards at the pub. Jane is leading this walk.

SEQUENCE DANCING

Every Thursday afternoon at King Sutton village hall from 1400-1600. Dave and Barbara Manners are offering this opportunity to you to learn some dancing. There are another 6 Evergreens attending there as far as I can make out and they really look the part when we are away as they glide around the floor. Why not give it a go.

Anything else

If you regularly attend a non Evergreens group you can advertise it here as long as you are happy to be the contact point for anyone who is interested as we can only give brief details in the space available but we are happy to do so.



Do you recognise these? It's Don and Maureen Holloway who have just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Well done both and all our best wishes.

New members and membership.

Welcome to Sue Rowe, Betty Halstead, Angie Paviour, Georgina Wilkins, Dave Rogers, Sue Akintola and 2 more in the pipeline. It's so good to have you with us and we look forward to meeting you at events.

Get well soon

I haven't been notified of any new health issues around the group but if you are feeling unwell or recovering just remember we are thinking of you. Anne - hope your wrist is healing well.

Coach Parking

Its good to know that our Councils are working away in the background to solve the problem we didn't even know we had. They are looking for a new site for the coach park when we are all perfectly happy with the existing one. I will give them one more chance to update us with something useful then I will ask the Banbury Guardian for help

Your Committee 2026

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

Barn dance

SOLD OUT

Cruise

Sold out

CHRISTMAS PARTY

4th Dec at GF tickets on sale now

OXFORD WAITES £15

16TH DEC 1900 CHESTNUTS
tickets available from Mary
Payment details below

TWIXMAS

27TH DEC 3 NIGHTS

Additional rooms now only
available on request

JERSEY BOYS

27th Jan £30 Tickets
available now from Lynette

CHESTNUTS INVITATION

Fri 16th Oct Quiz night 1900
food at 1920. Food orders by
13th oct £12.

Fri 30th Oct Halloween party
and fancy dress. 1900 and
jacket potato at 1930 £5.00

Fri 6th and 13th Nov free line
dancing lessons.

Fri 18th Dec Christmas
Carols Free

Contact
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and address it to TED

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