

ALCHESTER EVERGREENS August 2011 NEWSLETTER



And so we continued our most ambitious and successful summer programme, thanks to the work of Joyce Barlow, Pat Lawrence, Ray and Yvonne and Jacky M – and many others in and out of the club. A wonderful insight into Portsmouth. An unchanging trip to Bournemouth (including my annual swim). A balmy afternoon at Kirtlington Golf Club which stretched well into the evening (see pic). (We're going there for Christmas again – see below). A most impressive trip to Longleat. And a small but perfectly-formed steamer trip on the Thames from Abingdon to Benson. And Buckingham Palace at least as impressive and friendly as we had hoped. The Summer puddings were quite delicious and the talk with Diane Gordon about her home Bignell House (see pic), and the book she has written about it including many insights from Evergreens was of great interest. A number of us



bought copies of her book (I have bought one for the Evergreens which anyone is welcome to borrow), and she is happy to sell them to members at less than the £20 cost of production.

A number of members have told me that they are happy to pay for trips which they have to cancel for health or other unavoidable reasons. The committee feels that we should not question members about this and that the club has to accept these losses

which are incurred through no fault of the members concerned. (We will of course accept if you insist!).

Among our country members Betty continues to send her beautiful hand-made birthday cards to members (and rumour has it that she has a little Springer friend to help her lick the stamps). And Grace graced the choir at the recent United Benefice service at Hampton Gay. Both send everyone their love and best wishes, especially those who are having a tough time.

Pat L is very grateful for the number of members who have said they would love to help with a stall at the Chesterton Fête on Sunday 11 September (2.0pm – 4.30pm). **All offers of cakes, confitures (jams to you) etc warmly accepted – please contact Pat.**

Since no one has taken up my suggestion for a Short-notice group to go to theatres etc I am taking that beyond the Evergreens since there are quite a few who say they would very much like to try it. I am calling it *The Culture Vultures* – and of course Evergreens are as welcome as anyone else.

PS There are still a few subs owing - £5 please.

PROGRAMME 2011 (as at 11 August)

Month	D	Event, Time, Organiser	Other information. Monthly meetings 50p + raffle
September	5	12.30 for 1.00 Monthly meeting (Ploughmans at the Red Cow - £6.50). Names to Pat L by Tuesday 30 August at latest please (Pat)	See over for list. Pickup arrangements nearer the time
	20	Stratford. Thanks to Dave Jones and the Wendlebury Minibus who are helping me with transport.	
October	3	2.30 Monthly meeting (Raffle). Bring and Buy for Christmas.	Going to the Races (Colin Board)
	4	Tiggywinkles (Chris?). World's leading wildlife Hospital, Haddenham, Bucks	See over for list
	dtbf	Shopping trip. ? Banbury Carvery (Stephen)	See also November
November	7	1.30 Monthly meeting at Wendlebury (Fish and Chips) (Yvonne)	Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, other suggestions?
	dtbf	Shopping trip/s (Stephen and others))	
December	5	1.30 Monthly meeting (Raffle) – Christmas party (Stephen)	Kirtlington guests
	15	Christmas lunch at Kirtlington Golf Club (Pat)	
January	9	2.30 Monthly meeting (Raffle)	
		?Theatre / Panto trip (Stephen)	
February	6	AGM	

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