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Our thanks to Catherine Chapman who provided this photo taken from the Fulbrook/Burford Bridge

“Summer’s lease hath all too short a date” wrote Shakespeare, and that could be said in 2023 as what has been generally described as a disappointing season wends its way to its expiry. The new season brings with it new activity from our clubs and societies after a summer break including a welcome return for the Lenthall Concerts, now celebrating their first 30 years and 180 recitals under the inspirational direction of Michael Bochmann. There is also a less welcome but regular visitor in the form of Cole’s Field, now entering season 7 as the developers continue their campaign of attrition.

There are two farewells coming up at Burford Town Council with Maggie Andrews and John Yeatman preparing to step down after years of sterling service in their respective roles of town clerk and responsible financial officer. The two jobs are being combined (see job description within) so it will be an important role for whoever is appointed.

Editors





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BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL

A Quiet August... No! Changes Afoot And Challenges Again!



After over 26 years of service to the town, our town clerk, Maggie Andrews, will be retiring at the end of this year. In addition, our responsible financial officer, John Yeatman, who will also have served over 26 years, will also be retiring next year, so we have started to advertise for a new town clerk and RFO as one position. They will both be sorely missed, as they brought so much knowledge and experience to the council. It says a lot about the stability of Burford and its residents to have two such loyal and valuable staff members! They have made a real impact on the town for the last quarter century and will be tough acts to follow. You will see more details for the position elsewhere in this edition. We welcome candidates and I am happy to have an informal discussion with anyone interested. Cole's Field yet again. Greystoke Land have launched an appeal after WODC refused their application for 70 dwellings last February. I urge you all to help to protect the field with your objections; more information elsewhere in this edition also.

There is still no news on when Burford bridge might get repaired. We are being told there are supply problems for the stone required so no firm date can be given for the repair. Lechlade bridge, which was damaged in June and is now completely closed to traffic, should be repaired in October according to Gloucestershire County Council. Strangely, the closure does not seem to have affected the traffic in Burford; still gridlock most days both morning and afternoon.

We have asked OCC to review their instructions regarding using car charging cables across the pavement. Their current instructions that you cannot place an electric vehicle charging cable across the pavement can be found here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/energy-and-climate-change/electric-vehicles>

Burford still has no public car charging points, and we are requesting WODC, who are responsible for installing these, to give Burford priority. The nearest public point is in Carterton; a long walk!

More news on Cole's field next month and after this July I'm hoping for an Indian summer.

Peter Higgs.



Who could have thought a simple 'Afternoon Tea' could be so complicated and full of elephant traps for the unsuspecting. The FaB WI's July speaker was Shaun Todd, an expert in all things related to this very British tradition. The often asked question, 'What did the Victorians ever do for us?' can be answered quite simply: they were responsible for the introduction of the genteel habit of taking afternoon tea by the fashionable ladies of the time. This gave such ladies a legitimate excuse for formally visiting friends and later the prestigious hotels such as the Ritz and more discreet tea

rooms that soon picked up on the commercial value of afternoon tea. These were also the first places where it was socially acceptable for Victorian ladies to go out in public without their male chaperones. Soon the suffragettes were meeting in tea houses across London, and the owners of these businesses, also usually women, opened up special upstairs rooms where the women could discuss their plans without fear of male eavesdroppers.

During his research of this subject, Shaun has gathered a wealth of interesting paraphernalia associated with the serving of tea. Tea cosies, tea towels, tea spoons, cake forks and doilies were all invented for this new entertainment. The right tea pots and tea strainers or the importance of bone china cups are all points for serious discussion. Which type of tea should be drunk when; is it Ceylon, Assam, Darjeeling, Lapsang Souchong, Earl Grey or Lady Grey - you can forget English Breakfast. Is it lemon or milk, milk first or last? Then there is the thorny question of tea bags. However, it is not just the intricate detail of the tea itself, how it is prepared and served, it is also the tricky subject of scones. Not just how you pronounce the word but how you cut (or not cut) them,



whether it is jam or cream first and whether clotted cream is essential. Should it just be scones or can it extend to sandwiches and other cakes too? If it is sandwiches, how should they be cut: fingers or triangles? My favourite pieces from his collection were his 'muffin warmer' and his 'what-not'. This is the silver frame on which the plates of delicacies are balanced (see picture). During the course of his research Shaun, met with many hotel staff and butlers closely involved with the

upper classes, dare we say even the Royals and he let slip several juicy tit-bits of gossip regarding their tea-time habits. Shaun gives his talks on behalf of a charity close to his heart, The Dogs Trust, whose work he is a keen supporter of.

In September our speaker will be Gus de la Querra who will talk on the 'Immune System and the Bowen Technique'. He describes the technique as 'healing from the inside' and it can be used to relieve persistent pain. Born and bred in Cape Town, South Africa, Gus has been involved in the health and fitness industry for over 35 years. As a successful personal trainer, he relocated to the UK in 1999. He has explored a variety of soft tissue and hands-on techniques and has, over the years, developed his own style of treatment in his busy clinic in Witney. The Bowen Technique was created by Thomas Ambrose Bowen (1916-1982) in Australia. Bowen wasn't a medical practitioner, but he claimed the therapy could reset the body's pain response. It is a hands-on complementary therapy, using precise and gentle rolling hand movements which focus on the muscles, tendons and ligaments. The idea is to reduce pain by stimulating the nervous system. Please come along and learn more about this complementary technique.

The FaB WI meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Baptist Church in Witney Street at 7.30 p.m. and warmly welcomes visitors and new members to all of our meetings. For further information, please visit our website thefabwi.org.uk or FB page search 'The Fulbrook and Burford WI (FAB WI)' or contact our president, Jennie Craven, on thefabwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk or mobile 07710 103015. *Angela Weller*

BIG APOLOGY

Occasionally we are not able to print all articles sent to us for reasons of content or space. Also, very regretfully some articles are omitted because of technical issues or (usually) human error. We very much regret that we failed to include contributions sent to the editors by the FAB WI (Fulbrook and Burford WI). These articles are very much valued as they describe interesting forthcoming events as well as a brief description about previous talks. We are particularly sorry that this has happened to such a well-regarded and popular, local institution.

Elaine Elliot - co editor



BURFORD and DISTRICT SOCIETY

Tuesday 19 September, Tim Healey THE OXFORDSHIRE GREEN MAN TRAIL 7pm Warwick Hall, Burford

A mysterious leafy mask - or a face with plants streaming from the mouth - the Green Man is an age-old presence in architecture and crafts. He turns up in some of the earliest parish churches and the cloisters of Gothic cathedrals, in 18th-century garden ornaments and Victorian door surrounds. Is he a pagan symbol?



Tim Healey explores the enigma of this extraordinary motif with a wealth of colourful images showing examples from Oxfordshire. Tim is a freelance writer and broadcaster. A frequent contributor to the Oxford Times colour magazine limited edition, he has also presented many programmes on BBC Radio 3 and Radio 4, chiefly on heritage themes and the popular music of the past.

To assist us in anticipating numbers, it is helpful if you register your intention to attend on our website. Guests welcome, £5 at the door.

ANNUAL LIGHT LUNCH -

**Tuesday 17 October at Noon - Warwick Hall, followed by
PETER RADFORD - Episodes in my life.**

Booking is now open online (see the website address below), for the strictly limited number of places for our annual members-only lunch at the Warwick Hall.

After the lunch, Peter Radford will talk about episodes in his life.

Any members who do not have access to a pc are invited to contact Julia Hart to book and pay for their places on 07779 109761.

Treasurer & Membership Secretary

We would love to hear from anyone who could be interested in becoming our new Treasurer & Membership Secretary. If you would like an informal, no obligations chat, to find out what the role involves, please contact me. Many thanks.

Peter, Chairman www.burfordanddistrictsociety.co.uk 01993 822769

REPORT FROM WODC DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

2021-2041 Local Plan

I put my name forward (and have been elected) as one of the four Lib Dem reps on a newly formed Local Plan Working Group. This is a cross-party group which will meet every two months or so to review progress and receive a briefing on the inputs to the plan as they are prepared.

Public consultation on plan objectives, spatial strategy and call for ideas and opportunities will begin during September. I encourage you to engage with the consultation to ensure the Cotswolds end of West Oxfordshire is well represented.

HGV restrictions

I have supported the town council in putting forward a revised scheme to restrict HGV movements across the Windrush in the valley either side of Burford. We hope this will achieve the objective of being selected as an early scheme to be taken forward for more detailed evaluation. Nothing will happen in a hurry though!

July WODC Council Meeting

I asked a formal question on the impact of needing ID at May's election in the District. Following the procedure set down centrally, it was impossible to quantify how many people were turned away because they had no ID, and what proportion subsequently returned with ID. Therefore, it is not possible to estimate the number or proportion of voters who were disenfranchised by the new ID requirement.

As there were no elections in Burford Ward in May, our electors did not experience this, but should be prepared with ID for voting in the forthcoming general election.

Community Funding

Last month I mentioned the restructuring of the community grant scheme. The relevant element for us is the 'Civic crowdfunding pledges' (£120,000 in total) which will be open to towns/parishes, schools, charities, and informal groups. This will be run by Spacehive and branded as 'Westhive'. Look out for details as applications should be possible during September.

Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2)

The grant HUG2 is aimed at households that primarily rely on oil, LPG, electric or solid fuel as their main source of heating. It is being delivered locally by OCC and is open to households with a combined income of under £31,000 - before housing costs and bills - or those on means-tested benefits (subject to approval). Households with a joint income above £31,000 could still qualify in some circumstances.

Qualifying properties must have an EPC rating of D or lower, although an application can be made for properties without a current EPC rating as a free survey will be completed as part of the application process. Details can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/retrofit. or by contacting retrofit@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Hugo Ashton





BURFORD TOLSEY MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

Both the Museum in Burford's Tolsey and the Archive in Swan Lane are currently hives of activity. The holiday season always brings renewed interest in the Museum with its famous doll's house, ancient charters and extensive collection of local artefacts and memorabilia. On a day in mid August the Museum hosted over 70 visitors, most of whom were British residents touring the Cotswolds but some were from as far afield as Canada, Australia and Japan. If you have yet to visit the Museum, do pop in and acquaint yourself with one of Burford's main attractions – it is open from 2.00 to 5.00 pm each day until the late autumn and it's free!

Most of the Burford Tolsey Museum and Archive's artefacts, heirlooms and records have been donated by individuals and families. Perhaps you have an heirloom of historic and local significance which you would like us to look after and make available for others to see, especially if it honours a family member or prominent resident. Our request in the last edition for you to suggest people we could interview to capture their memories of Burford, has proved very successful. If you have yet to nominate someone, Nick Welsh would love to hear from you at: people@burfordtolsey.org

Some of you may well have old photographs or postcards with a local connection. These albums or single items may show old houses, day to day activities or people attending special occasions. Films and recordings, private and business papers, diaries, journals and legal documents (deeds, wills and court proceedings) may well be of interest. To these can be added ledgers, order books, promotional material, society records together with programmes and posters. Do get in touch with our curator, Chris Walker, at: cgwalker100@hotmail.com if you have something you think might be of interest as long as it is legally yours and you know its history. We will arrange a meeting to decide whether we are able to accept items or not. Space is at a premium – so don't be offended if we have to decline items. Our Collecting Policy can be found at: www.burfordtolsey.org/about-us.



Town Tours have restarted and can be booked with Clendon Daukes at cddaukes@gmail.com or you can turn up without pre-booking to the regular weekly tours that leave the Tolsey promptly at 2.00 pm each Sunday (whatever the weather!). A donation of £8 per person is invited, those under 12 go free. Tours are led by trained volunteers. Tours usually include a short introduction to the town's history, a brief visit to the Museum, a walk around the town pointing out important buildings and sites, ending with a visit to the St John the Baptist church. Each tour usually lasts about an hour and a half after which some of us go for a cup of coffee or something stronger!

Clendon Daukes

TOWN TOURS 2pm Sundays START AT THE TOLSEY 1.5 hours - £8 each under 12s free



BURFORD TOLSEY
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BURFORD CRAFTERS

The next meeting of Burford Crafters will be on Wednesday 6 September at 2.30pm in the Warwick Hall. We welcome new members, so if you would like to join us, please do come along with your craft activities.

Judith Butcher

CRAFT IN ACTION, CRAFT FAIR

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Saturday 23 September 10am-4.30pm

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The venue is easily accessed for wheelchair users and admission is free. We are also a very dog friendly bunch!

Louise Goves



BURFORD and DISTRICT SOCIETY

NEW TO BURFORD AND AREA?

Welcome. The Burford & District Society will be happy to deliver your free copy of the 'Living in Burford & District' pack with details of many of the local facilities, clubs and societies. Simply email your name and address to lizannjack@gmail.com.



THE ARTS SOCIETY COTSWOLDS

Lecture on Wednesday 13 Sept 2023

The Frick Collection, New York: A Feast for the Eyes

The Frick Collection, New York, is one of the finest-quality museums in the world. American industrialist and steel magnate, Henry Clay Frick (1849-1919) acquired some of the most superb works of art available in the 'Gilded Age'. He died at the beginning of the First World War after being able to collect some of the best pieces available in Europe and



America. His agents were really effective and the result is a first rate collection of fine French furniture, enamels, porcelain, paintings by Bellini, Van Eyck, Holbein, Titian, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Van Dyck, Rubens, El Greco, Velázquez, Fragonard, Ingres, Renoir, JMW Turner, Constable, Whistler and many others. These are all set within an outstanding mansion in Manhattan. The collection opened to the public in 1935.

Hilary Williams trained in Art History at the University of East Anglia and as a postgraduate at

the Courtauld Institute of Art, London University. She was formerly Print Room Superintendent at the British Museum. She is now Art History Education Officer, working on Adult Learning Programmes at the Museum. She has published on Rembrandt, has lectured widely in the UK, Europe and USA and has led special interest tours of the state apartments at Buckingham Palace. Hilary is also a guide lecturer at the Wallace Collection London.

This hybrid lecture will be held at the Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford, OX18 4RZ at 11am and via Zoom. Please be seated by 10.45 for notices of upcoming events. Numbers are no longer restricted but booking is recommended to reserve a place via our website. Non-members are welcome (space permitting) at a charge of £10.

Further information will be circulated via the newsletter and bookings can be made via the website below or please contact Lisa Etheridge on 07918 180895 for a booking form.

To learn more about The Arts Society Cotswolds and to see what lectures, Special Interest Days and other activities are planned for the future, please log into the website www.theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk

Or contact Carolyn Walton on 01993 822296

Jill Wright



"Festivals are a time to come together and celebrate our shared humanity"

The summer months seem to melt into just a few days as the Burford Literary Festival 2023 engine revs itself up and each day brings 100 emails and phone calls about room bookings, author requirements and website updates and so here we are on the precipice of Lit Fest 2023 – our third annual celebration of all things bookish. Burford Literary Festival is fast becoming the best bijou Lit Fest in the UK.

If you have not got your tickets yet then zoom to www.burfordlitfest.co.uk as our events are small to keep the feeling of a personal conversation with our selected authors.

We have two more events to add to your diary.

Monday 16 October 6.30pm - Book Launch with Felix Francis

Horse racing is the second biggest spectator sport in the UK and Felix Francis knows his audience better than most. The son of the legendary author and jockey Dick Francis, Felix co-wrote thrillers with his father and is now a best-selling author under his own name. Felix will be talking about his life, racing and his new book *No Reserve*. Tickets are available from www.madhatterbookshop.co.uk at £5 each – redeemable against the purchase of *No Reserve* which Felix will be signing at the event.

Tuesday 10 October 3.30 - Book Reading with Children's author Louise Wannier

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We hope you will support our events and look forward to seeing you in the bookshop.

Kim Harvey

ELECTRIC BLANKET TESTING

Oxfordshire residents are being encouraged to take up the offer of a free electric blanket check, part of Oxfordshire County Council's programme to ensure everyone is safe, as well as warm, this winter.

The electric blanket tests are normally very popular, with places limited. Therefore, they must be pre-booked by phoning 01865 895999 or emailing duty.officer@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Testing in West Oxfordshire will take place on Thursday 21 September and Thursday 5 October. The actual address and a specific time slot will be provided at time of booking.

Maggie Andrews - Town Clerk

COLE'S FIELD 7

BACK TO THE BARRICADES!

Greystoke Land has lodged Notice of Appeal against WODC's refusal to grant planning permission for 70 houses on Cole's Field. At the time of writing we do not know the grounds of appeal nor do we have any indication of when the appeal will be heard but we will keep you updated by all means at our disposal.

Meanwhile the town council remains steadfastly opposed to this proposed gross incursion into our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Conservation Area and the damage it will do to Frethern Close, Orchard Rise and Witney Street. This will be the seventh time we have fought unwanted development of Cole's Field. We won the previous six battles primarily due to the unflagging support of the residents of Burford who made their views known in a suitably forthright manner. We will ask you to do so again – we will let you know when and how in due course. Greystoke are relying on objection fatigue – let's show them how wrong they are!

John White - Burford Town Council

BURFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



At the point of editorial cut-off, the summer coach outing had not yet taken place. We have high hopes of a warm and bright day for our visit to Morton Hall Gardens and White Cottage Garden Nursery on 24 August.

In late July members of BDHS were present for the Quaker Meeting to celebrate David Day's life. He was an enthusiastic member and past contributor of columns for The Bridge on behalf of BDHS and it was good to spend some time with others remembering this keen gardener.

The September meeting, on Thursday 28th at 2.15 at Burford Bowls Club, will be a talk by Paul Green on "Plants of the season". Autumn can yield riotous colours in our gardens, and there will be plants for sale, so do consider coming along. Visitors are charged £3, and there's always a chance to chat with others over refreshments before the talk.

Now is also the time to consider what bulbs you might want to buy for the Spring Show (Saturday 6 April 2024). The schedule on the website lists daffodils in many classes, tulips, hellebores, spring flowers, indoor plants, flower arrangements and more. Membership of BDHS brings the benefit of discounts at several local garden centres, to help with your purchases.

Ruth Reavley

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BLUE CROSS MEADOW WALK



National pet charity Blue Cross is delighted to be opening the private meadows at its rehoming centre on Shilton Road in Burford later this year.

Join the team from the charity, which

finds new homes for thousands of cats, dogs, small animals and horses, on Saturday 23 September to enjoy a beautiful 2k, 3k or 4k walk.

We recommend bringing along water, suitable protective clothing and comfortable walking shoes for the ramble as some areas may be overgrown.

Everyone is welcome to join but please note the route will not be suitable for those with wheelchairs or pushchairs.

There will also be a boot sale on site so you can be on the look out for a bargain on the day. The ramble will kick off at 10am, 11am and 1pm. You can find out more information at bluecross.org.uk/burford-ramble or email events@bluecross.org.uk with any questions.

Emma Sword - Blue Cross Media Officer

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ALPHA AT ASTHALL LEIGH

Readers are warmly invited to join us for an Alpha course at the Memorial Hall in Asthall Leigh. Hosted by the church family from St Mary's Swinbrook, the course is for the 'explorers, open-minded, still-thinking, curious'. It begins with an introductory tea at 4pm on Sunday 1 October. Coming to that does not commit you. The main course will be for eight weeks on Thursdays starting at 10.30am and finishing at 12.30. Drinks and cakes on arrival.

Alpha is a globally respected course for exploring Christianity and involves a short talk and discussion.

If you would like to come, please contact

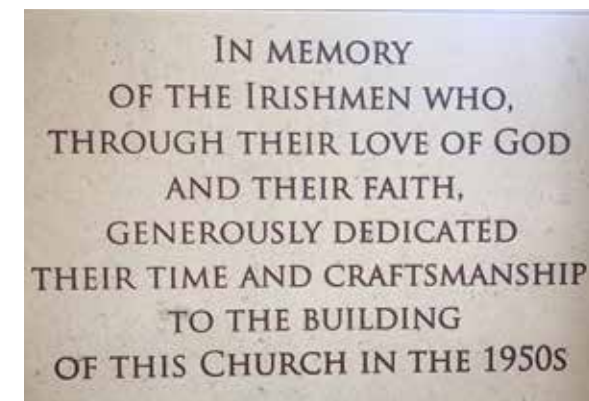
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THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN FISHER & ST THOMAS MORE

In the 1950s the Ministry of Defence decided to lengthen and strengthen the runway at the Brize Norton base. They imported about 150 Irish men to carry out that work. Imagine their dismay when they went to the only Catholic church in Burford to worship and found a shed standing on land belonging to the Littledale family, nothing more than a Nissen hut, and certainly not large enough to accommodate all those who wanted to attend Mass. They very quickly decided to take matters into their own hands. The Littledale family was persuaded to give the land to the Diocese for the purpose of building a church. Using their own labour and skills and paying for materials out of their own pockets, those Irish workers then built themselves a church which still forms the nave, the central core, of the church today. The two wings, the transepts, were added later.

Skip forward to just before Covid. Mary Hunter, a daughter of one of those original Irish workmen, enquired of the then Parish Priest if there was some form of memorial to them and, if not, could one be provided. And so the campaign began. It took ages, bedevilled by Covid and changes in Diocesan personnel but eventually we were able to commission Martin Cash and Peter Gargas to carve and install a stone memorial plaque with wording approved by Mary Hunter. They did a wonderful job. On 11 June last we were honoured to receive Bernard Longley, the Archbishop of Birmingham, who blessed and dedicated the plaque during the normal Sunday Mass. It is a thing of beauty and a fitting tribute to those extraordinary Irish men who made our present Catholic church possible.

John White



REVEREND FR BERNARD GARRETT BA



On 24 July, a congregation of family, friends and brother priests gathered at St John Fisher and St Thomas More Catholic Church in Burford to welcome into our church for the last time the mortal remains of Fr Bernard Garrett. We gathered again in even greater number the following morning, along with the Most Reverend Bernard Longley, the Archbishop of Birmingham, to celebrate his Funeral Mass.

Fr Bernard was a native of Watford and studied Theology at Oxford and French at the University of London.

He was ordained an Anglican Priest in 1969 and served in the Church of England for 37 years. He was received into the Catholic Church in 2005 and was ordained a Catholic Priest in 2008. He served as Parish Priest at Our Lady and St Wulstan, Southam from 2009 until he retired in 2018.

Upon retirement he and his beloved dog Daisy moved to Burford, and has been generously serving in the parishes of West Oxfordshire but most especially Burford since his retirement, right up until the day of his death. He had celebrated Holy Mass that very morning, and had gone back to his house in his usual jovial manner. At some point that evening the Lord came to take this good and faithful servant home to the Father's house.

Fr Bernard leaves a daughter Anna, and other members of his family, along with all those many others who have called him 'Father'.

A man of great intellect and wit, of a quiet and simple holiness, known for his humorous, short, beautifully delivered sermons, he will be greatly missed

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

Fr Paul Alan Whieldon (Parish Priest of Burford and Carterton.)



LETTER TO THE EDITORS

I'm wondering as a resident of Burford is there anything that could be done about the parking down Swan Lane and especially Windrush Close. It's getting pretty narrow with cars parked on both sides now, and on paths (which I thought was illegal!) God forbid if ever a fire engine or something similar needs to come down.

Susan Simmons

THE BRIDGE INTERVIEW WITH SUE LOFTHOUSE



“... for the times, they are a-changing”

The change of ownership of *Cameo*, hairdressers to hundreds of local people for nigh on 40 years, is a moment to mark. By the time you read this issue of *The Bridge*, Sue Lofthouse will be approaching her final week as owner of *Cameo*, a business tucked away in Christmas Court off the High

Street in Burford. It hasn't always been there, of course; longer-established customers and locals will recall the salon at Grafton House, on T'cheur (the snicket on the south side of Sheep Street), and those with even longer memories will recall Sue's sister Ann's hairdressing business at Nova, on Witney Street.

Forty years at the helm have just flown by, Sue says. When she took on the lease at Grafton House on Sheep Street, Ann joined her and has looked after some of her customers for over 55 years; Sue's longest-established customer is of merely 40 years' standing. Sue has always loved hairdressing. It's a job where building a trusted relationship with people is key. Hairdressing features high on the list of happy professions, she says. There are very few jobs where you touch someone, and that underpins the intimacy; people will confide in a trusted hairdresser in ways seldom found in other occupations.

Over the years, Sue has attended to the needs of famous people, titled people, children, the elderly, and those of all life stages in between, but most of all, to Burfordians. She tells the story of one Christmastime, on a Saturday with the salon fully booked, when an elderly, somewhat bewildered lady came in. She had no appointment, but knew she was to get her hair done for Christmas, so somehow she was squeezed in. She didn't know her name, or where she was. It was only through ringing round the local taxi firms that Ann established who she was, and organised her being picked up. And only then did Sue and Ann establish that she had been dropped off at altogether the wrong hairdresser! Such care and kindness typify the *Cameo* approach.

Sue is convinced that, in hair styling, “what goes around, comes around”. At the outset of her career, everything was bouffant. The process was a set, then back combing, then placing/dressing the hair, and spraying almost to the solidity of a helmet. That arrangement would in all probability remain untouched until the following week when the whole thing was done again. For many, the time under the driers (no blow drying then) was an utter treat – an uninterrupted half hour with a cup of tea and a magazine.

Much has changed. Cubicles are gone (much to the annoyance of one local lady: “My charlady might see me having my hair done!”), said in outraged tone). Forward “Ogee basins” are gone – Sue has no regrets there – they caused much back pain. Perms for men (a footballer-led craze in the late 1960s and early 1970s) have faded, but Sue sees signs of a revival. Perms are Sue's favourite work. The science and techniques of colouring have changed over time. Sue's first training was at L'Oreal in Berkeley Square in London (now also gone), updated later by a course at Goldwell Academy in Mayfair.

It's not just in hairdressing that times have changed. Sue has seen the cash era give way to a hybrid of cash and cheques, and latterly to cards. Cheques were the most time-consuming

to process as each one had to be written into the paying-in book, and cash far and away the dirtiest to process.

Conversations with customers have provided a rich source of helpful insight in her role as a town councillor, a role Sue has performed with diligence for 20 years. As a Chamber of Trade committee member, she and Gabi Schotten took on the revival of the wonderfully successful town fireworks' display. Sue and Gabi now run it under the auspices of the town council, with essential support from our fire service team.

The change in ownership of *Cameo* to an experienced business-owner from Witney with her team of part-time professionals signals exciting new times. After the refit, Sue will return as a self-employed part-time member of the new team, looking after her regulars and easing the transition. The future will be strange, she says, but also a “huge relief”, allowing time for longer holidays to visit family in Australia, to garden, to do crafts and to get involved in building up the community in Burford.

It's the colleagues and customers who have made the time fly by. As Sue steps away from the responsibility for business ownership, she has two messages – firstly a huge “thank you” to loyal customers, and secondly, “what's coming next is exciting – just wait and see!”

Ruth Reavley

EXHIBITION BY LOCAL ARTIST



I am showing a selection of my work in the Warwick Hall's Café Fifteen during September. I studied at Liverpool, Bristol and Perugia universities and have taught in private and state schools. I am inspired by nature, landscape and architecture, colour is of paramount importance. The exhibition reflects my philosophy of not adopting a single medium, and consequently features work ranging from traditional watercolours and prints created using a printing press, to silk painting and machine embroidery. The exhibition is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

Angela Tancock

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www.thebridgeburford.co.uk too for updates on local news,
previous features and topical photographs
And for more photos about Burford events do look at
Burford Life on Facebook**



There is such an accumulation of artefacts at the Museum that no one person knows the full extent of the collection, and even after fifty years involvement I can discover things lost to sight since being accessioned - for example this leather bank book, issued by the County of Gloucester Bank.



The account is for The Lamb Inn Club, Filkins. The first entry on 27 March 1880 is for £10 ; the last for 10 July 1894 when £157 9s 4d is taken by 'Selves' - presumably the trustees.

Established in 1879, The Lamb Inn Club was a Friendly Society meeting in Filkins firstly at The Lamb Inn, and from 1912 at The Bull up until 1953 when this '*Red, White and Blue Club*' was dissolved.

A Friendly Society was '*A mutual association, the members of which paid fixed contributions to insure pecuniary help in sickness or old age, and provision for their families in the event of death*'.

This useful definition comes from Oxfordshire Record Society, Volume 68, Oxfordshire Friendly Societies 1750-1918 [*Sounds a cracking read - Ed*], where we learn that Swinford Museum deposited 'a substantial amount of administrative and financial records' from the Filkins Club with the Oxford History Centre in Cowley, making it the county's best-documented club.

The book lists over 750 Oxfordshire societies/clubs, dating from pre-1800 to the early 20th century, including eight in Burford during that time, with upwards of 200 members in some early years.



Looking at the long dresses, this photo of '*Club Day in Burford*' probably records the last occasion when the Burford Mutual Benefit Society met in 1902. (Another indicator of date is that there are no blue paving bricks on the west of the High Street).

Chris Walker

AS I WAS SAYING...

Extreme sports. Not everybody's cup of tea and I have certainly never been attracted to the idea of taking a helicopter to the top of Mount Everest and skiing down to Base Camp or running six times round the perimeter of the Sahara Desert or paddling across the Atlantic in a size 8 thimble. But, from the comfort of my armchair, I can sort of see the attraction to those who are superfit and enjoy a challenge.

First, there is the production of adrenaline which is a hormone produced by the adrenal glands. It enables you to walk further, run faster and jump higher. Most people know it as the magic ingredient in an EpiPen which you stab yourself with, or get somebody to stab you with, if you suffer anaphylactic shock from a bee or wasp sting. It gives you the same sort of adrenaline rush as you get from taking part in an extreme sport. So, the next time you are stung, don't hang around shouting for an EpiPen, just leap up and abseil down The Shard.

Secondly, there is always the possibility of creating or breaking a world record if you chose the right extreme sport. Take tiddleywinks for example. Not the most extreme of sports perhaps but the Guinness Book of World Records reveals that there are no less than 13 world records involved in tiddleywinks some of them requiring mind-boggling powers of endurance, skill and patience. The longest wink shot is an astonishing 31ft 3in (9.52 metres) and the highest 11ft 5in (3.49 metres) but perhaps the most surprising is the record for the fastest time a wink has been squidged for a mile by a single individual. That stands at 22 minutes 23 seconds but the number of squidges it actually took is not mentioned. There are 5280 feet in a mile so if the squidger averaged 12 inches per squidge, it would have taken 5280 squidges. That is a long time on your knees frantically pressing a counter on to the edge of a smaller counter. It is so mentally and physically exhausting, Guinness has refused to accept any would-be record breakers unless they are over 16 years old. Better restrict your activities to tugs-of-war with steam engines.

Thirdly and finally, there is the almighty kudos you accrue just by taking part, let alone winning – rather like the Olympic Games. Imagine walking into the Royal Oak and announcing to the assembled Fallen Angels that you have just sky dived into the Windrush or cycled the whole length of the A361 (269 miles) from Ilfracombe to Kilsby on a penny-farthing. Jaws would drop, pints would be bought and impressionable females would fall at your feet. Of course, there is always the danger of not being believed so the modern trend is to perform your incredible feat carrying a stick with a mobile phone stuck on the end of it to video every moment. We must try to think of an extreme sport involving Burford. Gloucestershire has its famous cheese rolling hill, what can we have? Possibly removing epicormic growth from all our trees with nail scissors wearing a Spiderman outfit and singing “The White Rose”. It would certainly get done before OCC gets round to it!

John White

WING COMMANDER JACK ROSE

Battle of Britain Sunday falls on 15 September. We thought our readers might be interested in the story of one of Burford's notable former residents.



Jack Rose was one of the very few RAF pilots who was on operational duty at the beginning and at the end of the Second World War. He was born in London in 1917. While studying science at University College London he joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve and completed his training as a fighter pilot just before war broke out. In May 1940 he was sent to reinforce one of the RAF squadrons which was based in France supporting the British

Expeditionary Force during the Battle of France. He was in action immediately and was credited with shooting down two enemy aircraft. At the same time his brother Tommy was shot down and killed while operating in another squadron.

On 20 May orders were given to evacuate Jack's squadron to Britain. He then joined No 3 Squadron based at Biggin Hill, taking part in the Battle of Britain. On 25 August he was shot down and was forced to bale out, landing in the English Channel. He floated for two hours and was then spotted by another pilot from his squadron who was sent to search for him and was picked up by a rescue boat. After that he moved to Exeter and took part in a number of sweeps across northern France, being awarded the DFC for courage and devotion to duty. He was appointed to the command of No 184 Squadron, initially flying Hurricanes until they were re-equipped with rocket-firing Typhoons which were used to attack shipping, coastal defences and other targets during the lead-up to D-Day. Shortly after the invasion his squadron was moved to an airfield in Normandy to provide support to the allied armies fighting there.

In July 1944 he was rested after commanding his squadron for over a year. Later in the year he went to Burma to command a Hurricane squadron which was providing close support to General William Slim's 14th Army as they advanced towards Rangoon. After the Japanese surrender he went to Penang to help with the repatriation of Allied prisoners of war.

After the war Jack joined the Colonial Service. He served for some time in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) including spells as district officer, district commissioner and secretary to the governor. In 1960 he was seconded to be the first administrator of the Cayman Islands, his work including the introduction of a company law which established the islands as a tax haven. He was appointed CMG, having been appointed MBE in 1954. In 1963 he was appointed as deputy governor of British Guiana (now Guyana). However his appointment was cut short when his wife Margaret, who he had married in 1940, became seriously ill. She died the following year. Two years later he married her sister, Betty.

After his retirement Jack immersed himself in voluntary work with the Citizen's Advice Bureau and as honorary treasurer of the Red Cross in Oxfordshire. He was secretary of the Salmon and Trout Association from 1975 to 1979. He died in 2009 aged 92.

Reg and Dorrit Marshall were Jack and Betty's neighbours in Burford for a number of years. They remember him as follows:

We had the great pleasure of knowing both Jack and Betty Rose, who were wonderfully kind neighbours. They made us feel extremely welcome when we first arrived in Burford some 16 years ago, introducing us to their many friends and neighbours. Betty would make us tea served in bone china cups, accompanied by delicious cake, whilst Jack would entertain us for hours recounting his escapades during the war, and his adventures and achievements after the war. Jack was exactly what you would expect from a Hurricane pilot, he just never gave up, and even as his mobility faded, we would see him sitting on a stool painting the back gate with a paint brush attached to a long broom handle, so that he could reach the top of the gate. Parking his car in the garage next to the cottage was carried out with military precision, just as he would have manoeuvred his plane into the hangar.

A Volvo estate car from Blackwell's Bookshop would regularly pull up outside the house, and off-load aviation Spitfire and Hurricane art prints for Jack to sign, before they were offered for sale in Blackwell's. One of Jack's wartime stories which particularly sticks in our minds was when he attacked a German bomber over the channel and closed to within a few yards to shoot its port engine. Apparently oil from the damaged engine covered the wind shield of Jack's plane, so he slowed his plane to almost stalling speed, undid his safety harness, and climbed on his seat so that he could reach out and wipe the windscreen with his handkerchief. As he did, tracer from an enemy fighter hit his aircraft, and seeing Jack standing in the cockpit, the German pilot thought he was bailing out and claimed he had shot down the Hurricane, but skilfully Jack managed to break away and return to base.

Jack's and Betty's cottage on The Hill was cosy, and they loved sitting in their drawing room and watching the vehicular and pedestrian activity outside. As with all old cottages, not everything worked perfectly, but Jack had devised special methods for dealing with such things. Betty was well trained in all of those special techniques, and even years' after Jack's death she religiously followed the systems developed by Jack - they always worked!



We remember at Christmas time, before the lights on The Hill were connected professionally by Southern Electric, Jack would take the power lead in through their bedroom window and plug it in to a 13 amp socket. One such year, Betty and Jack were invited to spend Christmas with one of their sons, and on leaving the house, the son checked to make sure nothing had been left on. Unwittingly, he turned the switch off powering the lights on The Hill. That Christmas seemed very dark and dreary until Jack and Betty returned a week later and were able to illuminate The Hill again!

GUIDED WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLD VOLUNTARY WARDENS

Details of the walks available are described on the website (below). **Please check walk details carefully on the website, including whether booking is necessary. Additional walks may be published on the website.**

<https://www.cotswoldsاونب.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/>

Mickleton and around Meon Hill Fort - Tuesday 5 September – Moderate 3.5hr 6.5ml

A circular walk from Mickleton and around Meon Hill on the Heart of England Way and then to Hidcote Manor on the Monarch's Way. Bring suitable refreshments.

Start: 9:30 Church of St Lawrence, Mickleton, GL55 6RZ. OS Map ref: SP 162 435.

Highwaymen, Horses and Hills - Tuesday 12 September – Strenuous 5.5hr 11ml

This walk, although near busy towns and villages, feels surprisingly remote. We use a number of long-distance paths to arrive at Icomb and then north to Maugersbury, cross the Fosseway and return to Bourton. It's a hilly walk with good views and quiet paths. Bring a packed lunch.

Start: 10:00 Bourton-on-the-Water, War Memorial (village green). OS Map ref: SP 167 207.

Explore the Tip of the Cotswolds - Friday 15 September – Moderate 3hrs 5ml.

Booking Required

Upton House sits in the most northerly part of the Cotswolds, sharing geology that unifies the Cotswolds National Landscape. Unlike other parts of the Cotswolds this area has few wooded valleys but sits on the escarpment offering wonderful views. One steep ascent which will be done gently. To book a place please call 03442 491895 or email nventquery@capita.co.uk. Bring refreshments.

Start: 10:00 Upton House (NT) visitor car park OX15 6HT. OS Map ref: SP 371 461.

Walking the Ways 5 (of 5) - Tuesday 26 September – Moderate 5hr 9ml

The last in a series of circular walks exploring the Wardens' and Windrush Ways, which both end in Bourton. On this walk we go to Lower Slaughter on the Windrush Way, before returning to Bourton on the Wardens' Way. We then explore to the east of Bourton using the Oxfordshire Way. Bring suitable refreshments.

Start: 10:00 Bourton-on-the-Water, outside Dial House and the Chestnut Café.

OS Map ref: SP 167 206.

Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday starting from Tuesday 30th May to the end of September – Easy 1.5hr

We will walk along the High Street and provide a historical tour of the town. From the granting of Campden's Charter in the 1180s, the growth of the town and its magnificent buildings, to the arrival of the Arts and Crafts movement. Refreshments available in the town after the walk.

Start: 14:00 on Tuesdays and 10:00 on Thursdays. Meet at the Market Hall in the centre of town.

OS Map ref: SP 151 392.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

Sheila Wasley

A WALK ENJOYED



A recent issue of The Bridge asked for readers' views on the Cotswold Warden walks. Having thoroughly enjoyed an "easy" one last autumn around footpaths on the Blenheim estate, we decided it was time for another. We can thoroughly commend the Chipping Campden town walk, available twice a week through the summer. It took a leisurely hour and a half, and we were guided by a knowledgeable local chap. As the website warned that numbers were limited, we arrived early to find just one other waiting. We were joined by a couple a few minutes later, on a three week tour of the UK for their honeymoon from Canada, arriving by bus from Moreton in Marsh. We walked from notable building to notable building, learning of the ancient, distant and more recent history of the town. Place names were explained. Significant residents past and present were celebrated. Unique architectural features were pointed out, all in an easy and accessible manner. It was very easy to park on the main street for a 10.00 start.

We rounded off our trip with an excellent early lunch of pea and mint soup with a cheese scone, bought a couple of ready homemade frozen meals from a local shop and browsed round the secondhand book shop on Sheep Street. Altogether a small but perfectly formed morning out. We could have made a day of it by visiting the church and the museum and the historic silversmith.

Ruth Reavley

BURFORD OIL SYNDICATE



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Our next order will be on Thursday 7 September closing at 5.00pm. Delivery is expected to be from 11-24 September.

Our next order will be on Thursday 19 October closing at 5.00pm.

For existing members, you do NOT need to renew your membership for this year. For new members forms are available on the website and membership payment can be made direct to our bank.

To join the syndicate and order online at www.burfordoil.co.uk, or membership application forms, and order forms are available from Reavleys.

Peter Higgs

BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Burford Town Council is looking for someone with an interest in the local community to become its next Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).

Experience of local government or town/parish council work not essential but would be an advantage. Experience of dealing with the public is a key part of the role, as are: working with finances, working as a team and managing efficient administrative practices. Computer skills are essential.

Burford is the most westerly town in Oxfordshire and is known as the Gateway to the Cotswolds. We have a population of about 2,000, and our High Street has over 60 shops, nearly all independent.

Burford is the second most popular tourist destination in West Oxfordshire and we have a number of hotels and inns to cater for our visitors.

Our precept is about £90,000 and we manage our historic Tolsey, housing the council office and Museum, Burford recreation ground with a play park and pavilion, Cotswold Gate play area, Westfield, and Burford Cemetery.

This role includes keeping financial records/book-keeping, administration, agenda preparation and minute-taking at meetings, advising town councillors on procedural and legal matters, and supervision of the council's other part-time members of staff including the Lengthsman.

The job will be based at the Burford Tolsey, 126 High St, Burford OX18 4QJ, with a minimum of 8 hours per week in the office, and requires some evening working (average two meetings a month).

The position is part time – 20 hours per week, preferably spread across Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and includes some evening meetings. The pay scale is within the substantive range of the National Joint Council Salary grade LC2 (£26,845 - £38,296 pro rata) and membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme. Dependant on experience and qualifications.

Candidates will be expected to study for CILCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration), if not qualified and training will be provided towards this.

Closing date for applications with a CV is Friday 22 September 2023 followed by interviews and a decision in mid-October with the position starting in mid-November 2023 with a 4-6 week handover with the current Town Clerk.

A job specification can be downloaded at

<https://burford-tc.gov.uk/documents/town-clerk-and-responsible-financial-officer-job-description/>

or for an informal discussion contact: peter.higgs@burford-tc.gov.uk

Burford Town Council is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community and would welcome discussions with candidates who may not have all the relevant experience but would be willing to develop their skills.

Please advise if you need any reasonable adjustments for any part of the recruitment process.

Peter Higgs - Mayor

NORTHLEACH TALK

The Bookseller of Florence

Friday 8 September, 6.30pm, Northleach Church

Tickets £12/£15 including a free drink

northleachevents.co.uk



Ross King captures the excitement and spirit of the Renaissance in this illustrated talk about the life and work of “the king of the world’s booksellers” Vespiasano da Bisticci; purveyor of knowledge to the Popes, kings, and scholars of Europe.

A thrilling chronicle of intellectual ferment set against the dramatic political and religious turmoil of the era, The Bookseller of Florence is also an ode to books and bookmaking that charts the world-changing shift from script to print through the life of an extraordinary man long lost to history - one of the true titans of the Renaissance.

Jane Quelch

BURFORD AND KINGHAM ROTARY

In September we will be hosting a Black Tie Dinner to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Burford and Kingham Rotary at Burford Golf Club. We are delighted that the mayor of Burford, Peter Higgs, our district governor Katie Hodges plus many past and present Rotarians will be joining us on this special occasion.

We were thrilled to receive an impressive certificate from International Rotary. A significant landmark in the history of Burford and Kingham Rotary.

Why not think about joining Rotary? We meet at Burford Golf Club on Mondays 7.00pm for 7.30pm (except Bank Holidays). We are a small but very friendly vibrant group, with members from all the local villages in the area. We are always looking to increase our membership. You will get a very warm welcome.

Contact our Secretary John Smith email jpw.smith@jasss.co.uk 07717883182

If I can also give you any more details about Rotary, please do give me a ring. I would love to hear from you to have an informal chat.

Ros Richardson - 01608643844 /07702135731



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PLONK & PUDDING

Friday 27 October 7.45pm

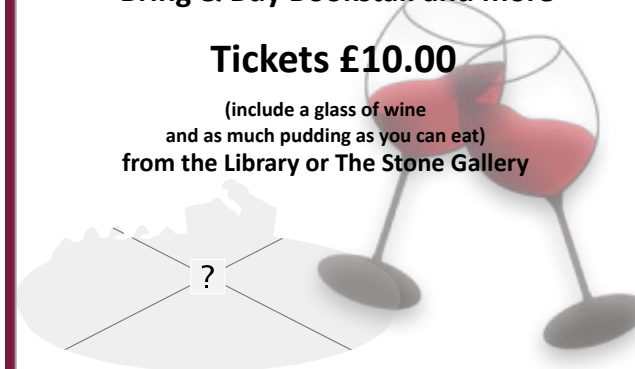
The Baptist Church

(with grateful thanks to Gill Crippen)

Our fiendish literary quiz,
Bring & Buy Bookstall and more

Tickets £10.00

(include a glass of wine
and as much pudding as you can eat)
from the Library or The Stone Gallery



THERE IS SO MUCH TO ENJOY AT YOUR LIBRARY

Every week Burford Library is the venue for a
fabulous range of activities:

- **Knit (or Sew) & Natter** : First Tuesday of every month 2—3 pm
- **Book Group** : Last Tuesday of every month 2—3 pm
- **Reminiscence Morning**: Third Friday of every month—10.30 to 11.30 am
- **Puzzle Club** : Every 1st, 2nd and 4th Friday—10.30 to 12 noon
- **Scrabble Evenings** : First Tuesday every month—7 to 9 pm
- **Family History** : If anyone would like help starting a family tree, or breaking down brick walls, please contact Jan Cohen: cohen4sp@btinternet.com

All Welcome to any of the above at your Library

Please register an interest with Carol-Amy at the Library or phone 01993 823377

Refreshments are provided—donations to the Friends of Burford Library

BURFORD LIBRARY 86 High Street, Burford—01993 823377 (behind Sue Ryder)

Library Opening Hours - see Useful Contacts page

BURFORD SCHOOL

Burford School looks forward to another successful school year, with academic endeavour and extracurricular participation aplenty from our students.

As very much a community school, we highly value and invite the support of the local Burford community, helping us to deliver the ‘best of education’ to our students. As such, we look forward to welcoming you to several fantastic events this year, including our exceptional drama productions, superb music concerts, Old Burfordian events, Burford Business Breakfasts, and many more. To keep up to date with all our latest news, including event details, do visit the News section of our website at www.burford.oxon.sch.uk.

Looking ahead to later this September, we hope you will join us for our Whole School Open Evening on Thursday 21 September to learn more about Burford School life. To book to attend and for further details, please visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/burford-school

If you are an Old Burfordian, we also warmly invite you to join us for our annual Old Burfordian reunion on Saturday 30 September. This will take place in the Main Hall between 2.30 pm and 5.30 pm. Booking is not required. This, as always, promises to be a great afternoon and an opportunity for Old Burfordians to come back to the school and meet and share memories with fellow Old Burfordians, whether from the same year or a different decade completely! For further information, please contact Alumni at alumni@burford.oxon.sch.uk



Save The Date

Thursday 21 September, Open Evening

Book at www.ticketsource.co.uk/burford-school

Saturday 30 September, Old Burfordian AGM and Reunion
Main Hall, Burford School, Booking not required
2.30 pm - 5.30 pm, Thursday 9 November,
Sixth Form Open Evening

Clementine Bright

PROFILE: MICHAEL BOCHMANN MBE

Michael Bochmann MBE, first broadcast for the BBC at 19 and played for the Yehudi Menuhin master classes on BBC2 TV shortly afterwards. He performs regularly in this country and abroad as soloist, chamber musician and orchestral director. He later formed the Bochmann Quartet, making over 50 broadcasts. Michael has started many concert series in different parts of the country and with his wife runs an occasional music school for young professionals. He is a professor at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance and was awarded an MBE in 2015.



16 November 2022. The venue: Burford Church. A hundred and eighty children from Burford School, Burford Primary and the Wychwood School crammed in with parents and well-wishers to play their music. Burford Primary fielded their impressive cornet band, Wychwood their newly formed choir (their first outing since Covid) and Burford School performed with their oboes and bassoons. My contribution was a violin solo.

The idea was for Burford school plus two feeder schools to meet musically, inspire each other and take their music out of school into this inspiring building. It certainly did that! This thrilling event was the result of a partnership between Burford Institute of Music, Lenthall concerts, Burford church and Water City Music (WCM).

WCM is a music education charity that I created with colleagues in 2016. Previously, in 2013, the governor of the Tower of London told me they have three million visitors a year but have difficulty engaging with the local community. Could I help? I suggested it could happen through music and children, and for the next three years staged schools from East London performing by the White Tower to queues waiting to see the Crown Jewels. In 2016 we grew into a festival, 'Water City Music at the Tower'. It expanded further and 2019, the last before Covid, saw 2000 children from 26 London boroughs perform over a week. Teachers, professionals and music college students took part including Burford School.

The interaction that takes place when experienced players and children make music together is electric. It is what happens regularly at the Lenthall concerts in Burford School. Thirty years ago, when the Bochmann Quartet was invited to give a concert at the school, we realised that the ticket sales paid the fee. Chris Yapp (now president), came on board, created a charity and 'Lenthall Concerts' was born. We are now 180 concerts later.

As well as distinguished professionals, many of the concerts involve youngsters from the school in a short musical contribution. The professionals work with the students for an hour in the afternoon of the concert, and then all perform together for ten minutes during the concert. Earlier, those students have been in the audience and now they are performing.

I have been performing classical violin ever since leaving Burford school in the 1960s, which I feel very privileged to do and continue to love with a passion. But I have always been concerned by the different worlds that exist in most concerts: those who perform and those who listen. In an extreme form, those who want to be admired play to those who judge. During my time at Burford, Peter Hemens, maths

teacher with enterprise, started a group of children on Morris and mixed dancing. He hauled me in to play the fiddle for the group. We performed all over the local area and it made a deep impression on me. Some dancers took part and then stood by to listen and then took part again. What a wonderful human atmosphere! Although different from a concert, this is a good atmosphere to aim for.

I started to wonder how one might bring this to the more formal classical music. Just a few things can make a big difference:

- Seat the audience in a semicircle
- Bring young people to perform in the main concert
- Make the human atmosphere of a concert the primary purpose, even before perfection

Jazz is much better at this. One jazz player told me: "We play better notes or worse notes; you play right notes and wrong notes!"

I have performed countless concerts all over the world, making many broadcasts and recordings but this intangible human context is now my first priority when I play. When you make or listen to music with attention, you live totally in the here and now. For the duration, you forget the past and the future. For me this is one of the highest points of living – and it is available through music. It is both pleasurable and healing.

This has been most strongly demonstrated through my involvement in a project with the Yazidi people in Iraq. A minority group, they were decimated by ISIS in 2014. ISIS would go to a Yazidi village and kill those men who would not join ISIS. The younger women were taken as sex slaves and those who escaped ran to the mountain top without food or water. Eventually those who survived were put into refugee camps near to their homelands in Iraq.

The Yazidis are a very musical people. Indeed, everything from their religion to farming is traditionally done through music. In the camps they had ceased to make their music, which was one strong reason for their depression. With a grant from the British Council, we (the AMAR Foundation) set up a music teaching scheme by which older expert Yazidi players taught the younger generation. When they first arrived, their eyes were fixed on the ground. They were totally traumatised. After a few days of music and support from the other girls, they began to gain confidence and even to smile. Such is the power of music! I had never seen such a transformation in anyone through music. It had an enormous effect on me.

Why am I a musician and why brought up in Burford? My parents were both cellists, my father German and my mother British. They met in 1933 as cello students in Cologne and would have married, but my mother realised it was not a good time to marry a German! So she spent the war as a WREN officer in Intelligence, listening in to U-boats in German. Meanwhile my father was at the Russian front and was the only one in that cello class to come back alive. After the war my mother opted to work for the Control Commission in Germany and helped reset up the Berlin Philharmonic. She eventually tracked down my father in 1946, not having corresponded for 13 years. They married and were living in a totally bombed-out Cologne. My father responded eagerly when an invitation to teach at Ankara Conservatoire came in. They stayed in Turkey for 10 years, during which time I was born. Then, during the 1960 revolution we moved to Burford to take over my great uncle's house in Witney Street. While at Burford Primary, I responded to an invitation from headmaster Frederick Dee, to learn the violin – enough cellists in the family, I thought! It was a duck to water and I'm still playing 60 years later.

BURFORD RACENIGHT MEETS "ROYAL ASCOT" Saturday 7th October



Venue: Burford Town Bowls club, OX18 4NA

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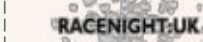
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BURFORD SINGERS COME AND SING DAY

Saturday 16 September

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A Singing Day with our Conductor, Brian Kay, music for the day including choruses from Carmina Burana, the famous cantata by Carl Orff. Accompanied by Robin Baggs (piano).

Doors open 0930

Workshop starts 1030; Informal performance 16.30; Workshop finishes approx. 1730

Light refreshments provided, but bring a packed lunch.

Adults £20, students £10 (including score hire). Audience free.

Online booking at <https://www.burfordsingers.org.uk/buy-tickets/>

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Catherine Martin

ALICE'S BOOK GROUP

Started Early, Took my Dog by Kate Atkinson is number nine and, I believe, the last in a series featuring a retired Edinburgh detective, Jackson Brodie, but it seemed none of Alice's Book Group had read any of the earlier books. This is probably a pity as Atkinson's style is interesting. This is not the usual style of detective stories. Her writing appears quite tongue in cheek, and her prose is easy, well spiced with a wit which occasionally verges on the dark side of life but can be outright funny too. There are some delightful details, and Atkinson appears to relish describing various outdoor scenes, and the action certainly moves about the country. The main characters are mostly believable though their actions are often not, but then if the events and characters were mundane, they would hardly warrant a novel. Or at least a readable one.

It is pleasant to read about people some of whom one would quite like to know, and though Brodie may be a little free with his fists, and, as essential to the detective genre, have a chequered romantic past which impinges on his present, he also has the requisite soft centre. And the dog is smashing.

There are several threads in this story, one or two of which could be considered superfluous. The well documented and moving confusion of an aged actress is poignant, but the part she plays in the plot seems unnecessary. A regular criticism by some of the group is that the plot moves between time frames and generations, and one does have to be alert to follow this story.

There was some discussion whether a book is "pretentious" if it has poetic quotes as chapter headings, most of which were from Emily Dickinson, though there appears little relevance to her poetry; no decision was made, but generally we did not talk a great deal about this book, which is usual when most of us have enjoyed it. The consensus was that it is that, whatever the initial impression, it is one "worth persevering with."

Choosing the group's next book is always difficult, as we want it to be a good one, but which no one has already read. It was suggested, that we read something from the Burford School 6th Form reading list which was kindly shown us by the school librarian, so we chose *Strange Meeting* by Susan Hill.

Veral Marshall



BEAGles

A couple of events coming up which are worth noting: Miles Gibson's farm near Westwell will be hosting an agricultural Eco Day on 3 September, but is being a little indecisive.

Our local owl expert, Adrian State, will be giving a talk on owls at Asthall Manor on 17 October - so keep the date free if you want to learn more about these fascinating and mysterious nocturnal visitors. And on a very topical note: are you interested in a visit to Burford sewage treatment works on 19 September, from 2-3.30pm? Numbers are strictly limited, but there are a couple of places going; please contact us on the email address below. Ashley from Windrush Against Sewage Pollution (WASP) is organising the visit in conjunction with Thames Water, and, what with the furore both local and national about our rivers, it would be an excellent opportunity to gain first-hand experience of just what is going on with the stuff we flush away without giving a second thought to where it ends up.

We are looking to improve links with the surrounding villages, such as Fulbrook and Shilton, and with this in mind we'll be attending parish council meetings over the coming months to explore ways we can work together towards a low carbon world. Shilton in particular has been very busy, regularly testing the pond and Shill river linking in to WASP data. Their annual walk will be to watch Shilton's swifts for Swift Awareness Week and other regular moth events include hosting the West Oxfordshire field club with moth experts Julian Howe and Mary Elford.



They have also planted four semi-mature trees with support from OCC with a view to an eventual avenue of trees.

And last but definitely not least, some organisational BEAGle news: we are currently building a website at burfordbeagles.org.uk, so please check in and have a look at what we're up to! We'll also have news there about upcoming events, especially the Agro Eco Day.

See you at the Prince of Burford at 7.30pm on 19 September for our next meeting. We'd be particularly pleased to see like-minded folk from the villages.

[Andy Hayter - beagles.burford@gmail.com](mailto:Andy.Hayter-beagles.burford@gmail.com)

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We very much appreciate receiving the photos sent in to us by our readers. We do try to include as many as possible, particularly those showing local events and scenes depicting the many beautiful villages listed on the front of the magazine.

DAVID HAROLD DAY

12 November 1936 – 26 May 2023



David's private family funeral took place on 22 June in Cold Ash near Newbury where he lived for almost 40 years with his first wife, Pam, and where they raised their family. David is buried in the churchyard there with Pam, who died in 1999, and their youngest son Adrian who had died 8 months earlier. A Quaker Meeting, attended by 75 family members and friends, was held in Burford Meeting House on 28 July to give thanks for his life, and his daughter, Sally, spoke movingly about her memories of him before others added their contributions.

For David, his family and home were always of the utmost importance. Sally emphasised her father's energy, positivity and trustworthiness. She spoke of happy family times, especially at Christmas as she and her two brothers were growing up in Cold Ash, and of the time when he iced her homemade wedding cake, all three tiers of it, so expertly! She had vivid memories of the hours he spent gardening, not only at home but mowing the lawns at both sets of grandparents as well. Gardening was a lifelong passion for him and it helped to keep him going through the darkest hours of Pam's decline with multiple sclerosis. David took early retirement to look after her, which he did for more than six years before she died. Following his degree in physics from Oxford, he had worked for 35 years at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, where he was involved in experimental work on neutron scattering and the peaceful uses of nuclear power. Later David was transferred to the AERE headquarters in London where he was involved in preparing written answers to parliamentary questions.

During David's time in Cold Ash he took a full part in the community there, getting involved with local politics and supporting the United Nations Association, as well as volunteering to maintain local public footpaths. He enjoyed playing bridge, along with taking part in play readings and in musical events locally. He was very active with the Horticultural Society too.

So David had already lived almost three-quarters of his life before he and I first met, on a group visit organised by Quakers to Palestine and Israel.

We found we had many interests in common and enjoyed each other's company. Eighteen months later David moved to Burford and we were married in December 2001. We bought a house on Tanners Lane and he immediately set about improving the somewhat neglected garden. He did all the hard work while I gave encouragement and enjoyed the results enormously! During several Burford Festival years our garden was open to the public. Once David had settled in Burford he continued with his volunteering activities. He joined the Horticultural Association, of course, and was soon co-opted onto its committee, helping to organise their spring and summer shows, and winning prizes. He led tours around the town for visitors, helped in the library and for fifteen years acted as a steward for the National Trust at Chastleton House. He was a great reader and enjoyed attending Karen Hewitt's literature classes and writing essays well into his eighties. Always well informed, he read the Independent, the Guardian and the Observer. Until recent months he regularly completed the daily cryptic crossword, several times winning the Saturday prize of a huge Chambers Dictionary. His interests were wide-ranging and he once remarked that if he could have his time over again he might choose to study Architecture, Literature or Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

David and Pam had joined Quakers in the early days of their marriage and he continued to make a significant contribution to the Quaker Meeting in Burford, serving on the premises committee and in the role of Clerk and Elder. Quakers were involved in prison work and David supported the Quaker Chaplain at Grendon for a number of years by visiting prisoners there.

David liked to keep life as simple as possible, and although in the early years of our marriage we enjoyed holidays abroad, later we preferred to stay in the UK, being particularly attracted to coastal areas and offshore islands where there were good habitats for a variety of wildlife. Nothing made us happier than to pack up a picnic and spend the day out walking in the fresh air. I feel very fortunate to have known David and been his wife for 22 years.

Finally I would like to thank all the friends and neighbours in this community who have sent me beautiful cards, letters, have telephoned me, and brought lovely flowers from their gardens. All of those have been a great comfort and support to me.

[Ruth Jennings-Day](#)

JEAN NORRIS

Many will remember Jean Norris who lived in Burford for many years till she moved to Norwich to be near her daughter in 2016.

Jean sadly passed away peacefully on Friday 28 July 2023 in Norwich after suffering a fall on the Monday.

She had a very full life. Her Christian faith and active life in several churches were a rock all her life. Her family gradually expanded so that grandchildren and great grandchildren were a source of joy and support to her.

She was bright and able to live on her own in her beloved flat in Norwich, a city where in just seven years she had grown some fresh roots.

[Judith Butcher](#)

DIARY OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Mon 28 Aug	Car Boot Sale	West Field Burford	
28 Aug -2 Sept	North Cotswolds Arts Association Exhibition	Warwick Hall	
1 Sept onwards	Art Exhibition by Angela Tancock	Warwick Hall	10-4pm
Wed 6 Sept	Burford Crafters Meeting	Warwick Hall	2.30pm
Fri 8 Sept	Talk by Ross King on Renaissance Titan	Northleach Church	6.30pm
Tues 12 Sept	FABWI Immune System and Bowen therapy talk	Burford Baptist Church Hall, Witney Street	7.30pm
Wed 13 Sept	TASC Lecture: The Frick Collection	Warwick Hall	10.50am
Sat 16 Sept	Burford Singers Come and Sing Day	Burford School	9.30-5.30pm
Tues 19 Sept	BDS Talk: The Oxfordshire Green Man trip	Warwick Hall	7pm
Tues 19 Sept	Visit to Burford Sewage Treatment Works	Near main carpark	2-30pm
Thur 21 Sept	Whole School Open Evening	Burford School book at ticketsource.co.uk/burford-school	
22-24 Sept	Burford Literary Festival	See burfordlitfest.co.uk	
Sat 23 Sept	Craft in Action Craft Fair	Warwick Hall	10-4.30pm
Sat 23 Sept	Meadow Walk and Boot Sale	Blue Cross, Shilton Road	10-1pm
23 - 24 Sept	West Oxfordshire Countryside and Game Fair	Langley Farm, Clanfield	10-4pm
Thur 28 Sept	BDHA Talk - Plants of the Season	Bowls Club, Tanners Lane	2.15pm
Sat 30 Sept	Old Burfordian AGM and Reunion	Burford School	2.30-5.30
Sun 1 Oct	Alpha Course Introductory Tea	Asthall Lea Memorial Hall	4pm
Sat 7 Oct	Race Night in aid of playground fund	Bowls Club	TBA
Tues 10 Oct	Book Reading with Louise Wannier	Madhatter Bookshop	3.30pm
Wed 11 Oct	TASC lecture: Visual Illusions	Warwick Hall	
Mon 16 Oct	Book Launch with Felix Francis	Madhatter Bookshop	6.30pm
Tue 17 Oct	Burford & District Society Annual Lunch members only	Warwick Hall	12.00
Thur 19 Oct	Michael Bochmann & Orchestra Pro Anima	Northleach Church	7.00pm
Thu 26 Oct	Burford & District Horticultural Society - Talk by Bill Laws	Bowls Club, Tanners Lane	2.15pm
Sat 28 Oct	Tricia Stewart Tap on The Original Calendar Girl	Northleach Church	7.00pm
Thur 9 Nov	Sixth Form Open Evening	Burford School book at ticketsource.co.uk/burford-school	
Fri 10 Nov	Cotswold Festival of Music Bavarian Baroque	Northleach Church	6.30pm
Thu 23 Nov	Burford & District Horticultural Society - Talk by Duncan Coombs on Winter Beauties + seasonal refreshments	Bowls Club, Tanners Lane	2.15pm
Fri 15 Dec	Chamber of Trade Burford Ball	Burford Golf Club	

This information is sometimes out of date but included as a prompt for people to remind us what Clubs and Societies still exist and who is the contact for them.

REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Aerobics	Monday and two on Thursday	Warwick Hall Monday 6.15pm, Thursday 11.45 and 6.15pm	Gill Hames 822971 gillianhames46@gmail.com
Astally Arms	Last Friday of the month	Memorial Hall Asthall Leigh	From 7.00 pm
Badminton Group	Monday nights	Burford School 8-10pm. Friendly, all abilities	Kevin 704655 scareyradar@yahoo.co.uk
BEAGles aka Burford Environment Action Group	Third Tuesday of the month	The Prince of Burford	7.30pm
Burford Badminton Club	Tuesday nights 8-10pm	Burford School - fun, social, all abilities	Vijay 891043 vijaysmobile@gmail.com
Burford Crafters	2nd and 4th Wednesdays	Burford Library 2-4pm	Christine Brown 07971679116/ June Catling 823752
Burford & District Society	Meet 7 times a year	Warwick Hall at 7.00pm	Bert Clough, Secretary 07943 720668
Burford Library	Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday	See Times on Useful Information page	High Street, Burford
Burford Town Bowls Club	Friendly Roll-up all Mondays	Bowls Club from 6.30 pm	Pat Walker 01993 822330 patr47@btinternet.com
Burford Writing Club	2nd and 4th Tuesday each month	Varies. 7.30-9pm	ashley.v.count@gmail.com
Coffee and Company	Every Wednesday	St John the Baptist Church 10.30 - 12 midday	Diana Peters 01993 822785
Cub Scouts	Mondays (term time)	Scout Hut 6 - 7.30 pm	Mandy Bielby 07941 470465
Fencing	Tuesdays	Bradwell Village 7-9pm	Keith Money 01982 448295
Fulbrook & Burford WI (FaBWI)	Second Tuesday of every month	Burford Baptist Church Hall	Jennie Craven 07710 103015 thefabwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk
Fulbrook Coffee am	Every 3rd Thursday	Fulbrook Meeting Place 10.30 - 12	Lyn Bibbings 823640
Fulbrook Fitness Group	Thursday (wef Sept 2021)	Fulbrook Meeting Place 9am	Pat Ferrett 822892
Horticultural Association	Fourth Thursday	Bowls Club - times vary	Janet Copley 01451 844210
North Cotswold Arts Assoc.	Every 2nd Wednesday	Warwick Hall	2-4pm
Pickleball - fun, social sport	Mon 11-1pm, Thu 10-12pm, Fri 8-10pm	Charlbury Community Centre	Vijay 01993 891 043 or vijaysmobile@gmail.com
Rhyme Time	Friday 9.15-10.00 am Term Times	Burford Library (for under 5's)	Carol-Amy Holdcroft 823377
Rock-a-Tots	Tuesday during Term Time	Warwick Hall	9.45 - 11.15 www.burfordchurch.org/rockatots
Rotary Burford & Kingham	Monday	The Burford Golf Club	Terry Best, Secretary 775232
Scouts	Thursday (term time)	Scout Hut 6 - 8pm	Alex Gill 07762161769 burfordscouts@gmail.com
Scrabble	1st Tuesday of each month	Burford Library (free tea, coffee, soft drinks)	7pm
Soup & Pudding Club (currently suspended)	Every 2nd Tuesday	Baptist Church, Witney Street	Gill Crippen 07967 362885 or 07793 012215
The Arts Society Cotswolds	2nd Wed (not July/Aug)	Warwick Hall 11.00	publicity@theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk
The Wychwood Lodge of Freemasons	3rd Thursday Sept-April	The Masonic Hall 31 Sheep Street	Mike 868302 / Allan 822240 wychwood988@outlook.com
Time Out	Monday 11.00am - 3pm lunch and afternoon tea	Warwick Hall inc games, bingo, singing, talks	John Harrington 822451 or Sue Sheppard 824729

CHURCH SERVICES

LOCAL SCENES

BURFORD BENEFICE

St John the Baptist, Burford

3 September	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Morning Service	11.00am
Evening Meeting in the Warwick Hall	6.45pm
10 September	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Matins with Choir (BCP)	9.30am
Holy Communion (CW)	11.00am
Evening Meeting in the Warwick Hall	6.45pm
17 September	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Holy Communion (CW)	9.30am
Morning Service	11.00am
Evening Meeting in the Warwick Hall	6.45pm
24 September	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Morning Prayer (CW)	9.30am
Morning Service (CW)	11.00am
Evening Meeting in the Warwick Hall	6.45pm

Every Wednesday at 10.30am we have a Holy Communion Service in Burford followed by Coffee & Company in the Warwick Hall

St James the Great, Fulbrook

10 September	
Morning Prayer (CW)	9.30am
17 September	
Matins (BCP)	9.30am
24 September	
Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am

St John the Evangelist, Taynton

17 September	
Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm

St Mary, Swinbrook

3 September	
Holy Communion (CW)	11.00am
10 September	
Morning Service	11.00am
17 September	
Morning Service	11.00am
24 September	
Morning Service	11.00am

St Oswald, Widford

24 September	
Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm

Tarnia Usher - Church Secretary

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Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - 10.00 am

Thursday - 10.00 am

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Dan Boyle

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Pytts Lane, Meeting for Worship every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

Myra Ford 01451 810484, or Graham Hadley 01993 875214

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Gill Crippen

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Tarnia Usher

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Photo by Mike Russell showing swallows and house martins lined up ready to emigrate back to Africa



View from Upton Road towards Barrington photographed by Tom Barry

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Burford Foot Clinic	Chiropody Castles Yard, Pytts Lane, OX18 4SJ	01993 200980
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Patti Good	Therapist, Teacher & Healer Free Online Guided Meditation Classes www.pattigood.com	07880 998568
Radnor Martin	Estate agents covering Burford and the surrounding villages	0203 8580035
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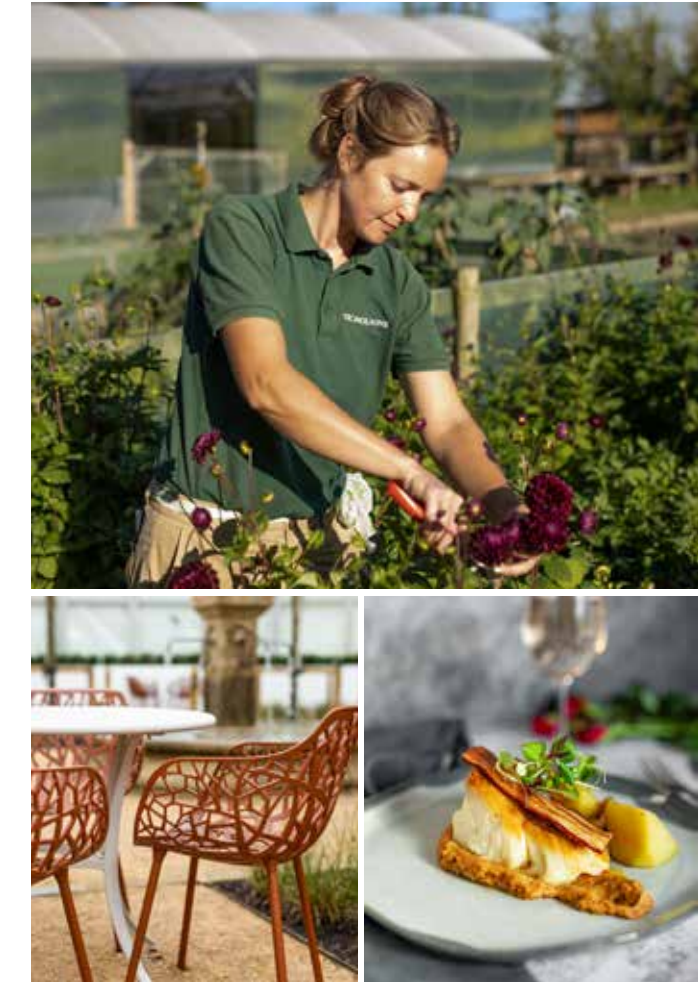
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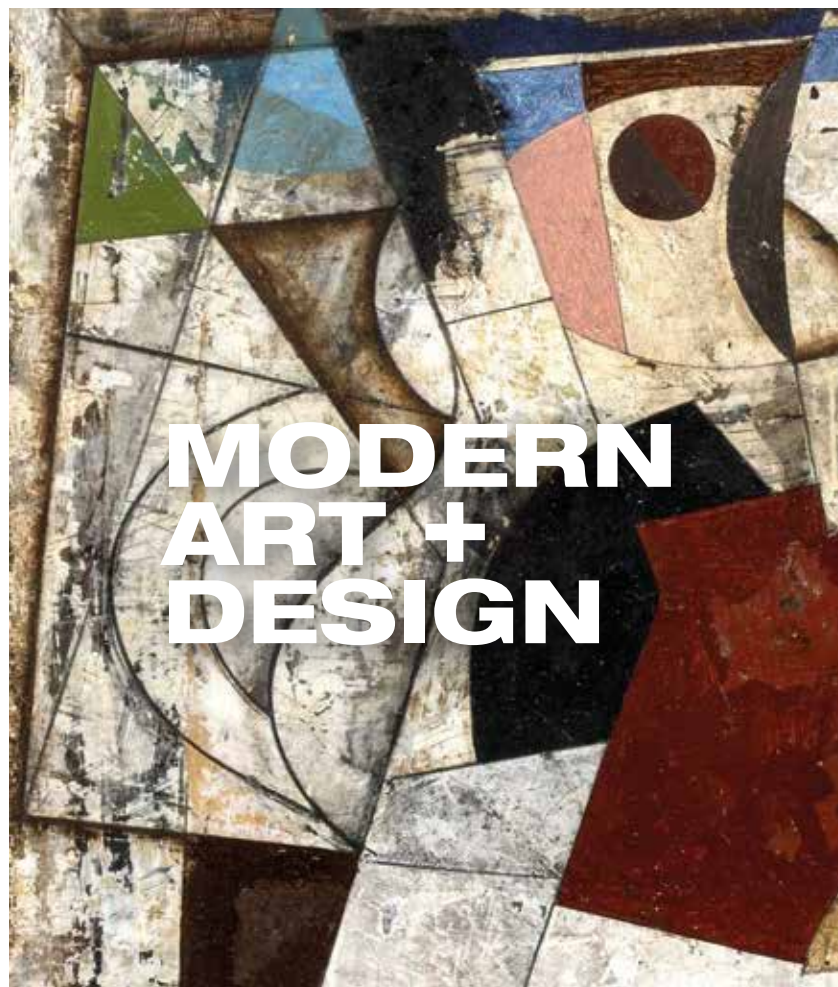
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