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BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Many thanks...

At last Burford has come to life in June with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee street party and the Burford Festival. For two years we have waited and hoped for normality, and it has finally arrived in style.

I have too many people to thank individually for the celebrations, but to mention a few, firstly Her Majesty the Queen for her Platinum Jubilee providing us with the opportunity to celebrate as a nation. For the Street Party, I must thank Matthew Freud for opening Burford Priory lawn and providing a wonderful funfair for us all to enjoy; for Maggie Andrews, our Town Clerk, for co-ordinating everything and for the committee of volunteers who made it all happen; for the local businesses who supported us with gifts and the Jubilee Cake; and for all the volunteers who set it up, made cakes, poured teas and cleared up afterwards. Thank you all.

I accompanied the Mayoress to present Jubilee Mugs to Burford Preschool children who were a delight to visit. It was so lovely to meet the two, three and four year olds there, who were so good, wearing their Jubilee crowns that they had made, and standing still in a line whilst the National Anthem was played. We spent a very happy hour there. Congratulations to the Preschool team!

At the well-attended Mayor's reception. I was delighted to present "Service to Burford" medals to Sally Colter, to Ken Gray, and relevant to this magazine, to Elaine and Gordon Elliot. I will be presenting one later to Clendon Daukes, as he was unfortunately unable to attend.

With the gardens open, Women's Cycle Race, Ghanaian Gala, and so many other events it has been quite a month for Burford. I must also thank the organisers and volunteers who made the Burford Festival such a success.

More mundanely, at council we discussed future plans for the recreation ground, how to balance "wilding" areas on the Rec with controlling rabbit damage to the football pitches and other areas, keeping the cemetery tidy, and the state of the verges on Shilton Road.

Our PCSO Darryn Moulding gave a report to the council, and expressed concern that camper vans are using the Guildenford Car Park, taking up 2 spaces and staying overnight, and whether for safety reasons Church Lane and Guildenford should become one way, especially as Church Lane has no pavement in one section, and is the main route for visitors to walk into the town from the car park. Council will address all these; some fairly straightforward, and some complicated.

Anyone interested in knowing more of what we do can view the meeting minutes on our website. We welcome those who wish to attend our meetings in the historic but tiny Tolsey Council Chamber.

Peter Higgs - Mayor



WHAT A MONTH

Going through some old papers to see what could be thrown out, we happened upon a cutting from The Independent dated 17 April 2009. It was headed "Perfect places to live: Tuscany, Kefalonia, Rome...and Burford?" It reported that the American magazine Forbes had advised its readers that the little town was among the ten most desirable places to live in Europe. It came in sixth place between Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Budapest. It did say that it had one disadvantage which was that house prices were high, with the average being a giddy £532,669.

Lists like these seem to come out almost every week and we doubt if anyone takes them seriously. This one described Burford as being set in a "mountainous and beautiful region in the centre of southern England" which raised doubt about whether the Forbes people had ever set foot here. However we think for many readers (in Burford or elsewhere) the last few weeks have been pretty good. We had the excitement of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with the rain managing to hold off for the Sunday parties, followed by an excellent Burford Festival devised by Sara Hall and her tireless committee which happily coincided with a spell of warm and sunny weather. We hope that the photos within of many smiling faces will illustrate this.

Before we get too complacent we must remember that there are challenges ahead both locally, nationally and internationally, but at least we have some happy memories to look back on.

Editors

BURFORD CHAMBER OF TRADE

Free Membership Extended Until March 2023!

After an unexpectedly quiet couple of years, Burford Chamber of Trade is finally able to reach out to members and local businesses as it relaunches its website and begins a new era of post-Covid business support.

The Chamber was founded in 1967 to support the local business community, "with the object to create a spirit of goodwill, unity and friendship among trading and commercial interests with benefits to the said area and to promote the town of Burford and its businesses."

Particularly valuable to new business owners in the town, membership offers the opportunity for networking and sharing information as well as a source of useful and helpful business contacts in the area. And, in a move to encourage all business owners to join the group, the Chamber is currently offering FREE membership until March 2023!

The Executive Committee is looking forward to hosting an informal drinks reception to mark the relaunch of the Chamber of Trade. It will be held at Greyhounds on Sheep Street on the evening of 21 July from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Both members and non-members are cordially invited and full details will be available shortly. If you have any queries regarding the event, email events@burfordchamber.co.uk

The new website is being developed ready to relaunch this summer, with exciting new plans to feature one member business each month on the home page with an article with additional images which will also be submitted to The Bridge magazine in Burford with a view to publication. Members will also have their company profile and details listed on the website, plus access to an exclusive members-only portal.

To find out more about becoming a member, please contact Ivy Tuffour, Secretary, Burford Chamber of Trade, by email at info@burfordchamber.co.uk.
Joanna McKerlie

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT



In my June piece for The Bridge, I said I would fill you in on some of the details of the new administration of the District. You will probably already know that the Lib Dems, Labour and Greens have formed the West Oxfordshire Alliance which together holds 26 seats of the 49 on the Council.

The new Council Chairman is Julian Cooper (Lib Dem, Woodstock) who attended the Mayor's Reception at the beginning of the Festival. Andy Graham (Lib Dem, Charlbury) and Duncan Enright (Labour, Witney) were elected Leader and Deputy Leaders respectively.

The nine-member Cabinet is formed from Alliance councillors, as are the chairs of the nine main committees. The membership of these committees reflects the political balance, except for the two planning sub-committees which reflect the balance of the councillors in the respective areas (Upland and Lowlands). The three Overview & Scrutiny committees are chaired by Conservative members to reflect good governance practice.

I have been appointed to:

- The Uplands Planning Committee which meets monthly
- The Development Control Committee which meets only when there are 'whole District' planning issues
- The Climate and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee (which includes, flood alleviation and sewage, waste collection, car parking, EV charging rollout)
- The Finance and Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee (which includes council tax and benefits, efficiency agenda, performance management). (The Scrutiny committees meet four times a year.)

At my first Uplands meeting, the committee agreed with the officers' recommendations to reject an application for 160 extra care units in Freeland. Some of the rationale was very similar to the Council's rejection of the application for the Cole's Field development. By the time you read this, the planning inquiry on Cole's Field ("Land East of Barns Lane") will have begun - scheduled to start in the week beginning 27 June.



I will be submitting evidence on its highway impact on Frethern Close, Witney Street and Guildenford/Church Lane. In preparation for our roles on the Scrutiny committees, we are being introduced to aspects of the Council's business. So far this has included a trip around the Witney sewage works. In terms of water treatment, I was impressed with how odour-free the process was and the quality of the resulting outflow of water. Most striking was the horrible product from their primary screening, extruding a mess of wet-wipes, nappies and other unmentionables that get flushed down the toilet. Remember the three P's – only flush away **poos**, **pees** and **paper**! To do otherwise risks blocked sewers and all the unpleasantness and cost that entails.

Of course, the key issue is not how clean the treated sewage is, but how much un-treated sewage is allowed to flow into our waterways. We were briefed on Thames Water's new approach to reduce sewage overflows. They promise to be more open and responsive, aiming to reduce discharges into the Windrush and Evenlode by 80% by 2030. Their strategy is a combination of finding and fixing points in their 200 miles of sewers where storm water gets into the foul drains, increasing storage capacity, and increasing processing capacity (a planned 60% increase at the Witney works). As a District we will find out the detailed actions behind these aspirations and monitor their implementation and the resulting outcomes closely.

Hugo Ashton - hughashton@btinternet.com or 0771 2490517
District Councillor for Burford, Fulbrook and Taynton

WODC COUNCILLOR (RETD) REPORT

Erstwhile but not yet Extinct

Just a reminder - it's also a quatre-vingt celebratory drink... Sounds much better in French!

For 16 years I have been supported and helped by many in the community and I don't know their names or where they live. I have helped some and failed others with success and failures littering the way. Taynton, Fulbrook and Burford have all received attention during those 16 years.

In order to say thank you, sorry or hooray I shall be hosting a garden party on 9 July in Greyhounds, Sheep Street, from 2pm till probably about 5pm so come along for a chat and a drink. The garden should be at its spectacular best but I cannot guarantee that I shall be able to compete in any way whatsoever. And I promise that there will be no speeches, short or Brezhnev length.

Do come along, we have had successful gatherings of this type in the past

9 July, 2pm till 5pm, Greyhounds, Sheep Street, Burford, by kind permission of Michael Taubenheim.

Derek Cotterill

CRIME ALERT

A reader living in central Burford informs us that they had an unpleasant experience as the result of an opportunistic thief entering their home while they were in the house and making off with several items including a handbag containing cash.

Apparently some dubious-looking characters had been seen around the streets and it may have been one of these who committed the crime. Please remember to keep your front door locked, even when you are about the house, if you wish to avoid suffering a similar loss.

Editors

AS I WAS SAYING.....

.....or rather what I was trying to say. You know when you are about to utter some brilliant epithet to an admiring audience or devastating put-down to an infuriating interrupter – and you can't recall the actual word you want to use! Totally frustrating. You hem and you haw and eventually descend into circumlocution to get your point across but it's too late, all impact has been lost. There's a technical medical term for this condition. It's neither Awful Alzheimer's nor Dreadful Dementia but, and I think you can see this coming, I can't remember what it is. For the time being let's just call it "forgetfulness".

But the problem is more acute than that. First, we need a word which means the condition of not being able to remember the word which means you can't remember a word. "Double forgetfulness" doesn't quite cut it and is getting perilously close to double incontinence. Secondly, writers who suffer in this way are said to have writers' block. Imagine sitting there in front of your computer knowing you have the Great British Novel or the Great Bridge Article inside you and you just can't make the words come. Thirdly, there is the geopolitical risk. World leaders seem to be particularly badly infected with the disease and President Biden has star billing. He seems to know when he is losing the plot and says the first thing that comes into his head. Nothing else can explain why he is constantly reminding Americans that Russia has invaded Iran rather than Ukraine. After the unsuccessful assassination attempt, President Reagan was lying wounded on the ground and an aide enquired how he was feeling. He replied "All in all, I'd rather be in Philadelphia". He clearly meant "hospital" but realised he could not remember the word so cunningly stole the epitaph which W. C. Fields wanted on his tombstone "Here lies W.C. Fields. All in all, I would rather be living in Philadelphia."

It is not the same as forgetting or mistaking someone's name or face. That is a commonplace peccadillo not a symptom of degrading brain cells. We have all done it. My most ghastly wish-the-floor-would-open-up-and-swallow-me moment occurred at Sir Jeremy Morse's leaving do (a.k.a. a party) as chairman of Lloyds Bank. Across the room I saw a lady I knew and got on with well. I bounded across the room like an ill-disciplined terrier and kissed her robustly on both cheeks. She took two startled steps backwards and said "I am Vanessa George, wife of the Governor of the Bank of England. Who are you?" My only defence is that she was the spitting image (another phrase which needs investigating) of the lady I knew.

The only cure or solution is patience. The mists will clear, those highly desirable words and phrases will bubble to the surface if you will only give them time. Think of something else entirely or undertake some entirely unrelated activity – like writing a very boring magazine column. The missing words will soon tire of being ignored and will make themselves known. There, I knew it! The condition is called anomia which really was on the tip of my tongue ready to trip lightly off it. I am glad I have written it down so I will not now forget it – as long as I can remember where I wrote it. And there is another phrase which has been haunting me through the length of this piece which I can at long last call to mind – THE END!

John White



BURFORD and DISTRICT SOCIETY

By the time you read this, our annual garden party will have taken place. Fingers crossed that the weather was fine because this year over 100 members registered to attend. This increased support is thanks to our most welcome influx of new members.



Our grateful thanks are due to Judy Cumming and her family who hosted this year's tea and cakes extravaganza in their beautiful garden on the banks of the Windrush and to Julia Hart and her supporters for their amazing work in supplying all the refreshments, together with Michael Taubenheim who masterminded all the other facilities.

Thanks are also due to our members for registering their proposed attendance at this and all our other events, on our new 'all singing and dancing' website. This is particularly helpful for planning the catering needed for our garden party and autumn lunch, in June and October respectively.



New Members Welcome - Join Now – 50% Discount Membership Fee

Following our change of meeting place to the Warwick Hall, we are able to welcome many more members, so please don't hesitate to join if you would like to get to know more people in a relaxed and friendly environment. An application form can be completed on, or downloaded from, our website.

The annual fee for the calendar year remains pegged

at £10 per person, as we wish to remain accessible to as many residents as possible. But because we are now halfway through the year, **anyone joining now can do so for £5.00 for membership for the remainder of 2022**. Such memberships will then fall due for renewal at £10 for the 2023 calendar year. To join, please visit www.burfordanddistrictsociety.co.uk/membership

Our Next Event – Tuesday 20 Sept. – 'Wonders Of The Ocean: The World Beneath' – Dr Richard Smith.

At the Warwick Hall at 7.00pm. Further details will follow next month

Peter - Chairman peteremartin@btinternet.com
<https://www.burfordanddistrictsociety.co.uk>



TOLSEY TALKS



Discounted series subscriptions are now available for the ten Tolsey Talks that take place on the fourth Thursday in the month, **starting on 25 August** at 7.30pm. Exclusively delivered via Zoom, they will all feature Burford and District related or county interest topics, as shown below.

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22 nd Sep 22	Memories of Burford Grammar School	Stuart Norridge
27 th Oct 22	Virtual Tour of St John the Baptist Church	Clendon Daukes
24 th Nov 22	Treasures of the Burford Tolsey Museum	Chris Walker
26 th Jan 23	Oxfordshire vs Napoleon	Julie Ann Godson
23 rd Feb 23	The Great House Dolls House and its life and times	Sue Ashton
23 rd Mar 23	'Half the wealth of England rides on the back of sheep'	Richard Martin
27 th Apr 23	Thomas Willement, Gothic Revivalist and Oxfordshire	Priscilla Frost
25 th May 23	Over the Hills to Glory: the story of the Ascott Martyrs	Carol Anderson
22 nd Jun 23	Burford Postcards – Group Reminiscences	David Cohen



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Clendon Daukes, Chairman

TIME OUT AT THE WARWICK HALL

Every Monday 11am to 3pm



Time Out is now back to as near normal as possible following the various problems of the past two and a half years. We had a great day out in March with a visit to Bourton-on-the-Water and all our members and volunteers thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

All members and volunteers continue to carry out a lateral flow test each week in an effort to protect our members as much as possible. We did have a problem with the Covid spike experienced in our area at the beginning of April and in fact had to cancel Time Out on Monday 11 April as Covid affected a number of our members and volunteers. This gave us a two week break and now all are well and everything is back to running very smoothly. Our members continue to enjoy the relaxed and wonderfully friendly atmosphere at Time Out every week and they are really most appreciative. Thanks go to our outstanding volunteers for all their dedicated hard work in creating the super environment each week.

In the last few weeks we have had some excellent events. We celebrated John Collett's 90th birthday with a bit of a party which added to the lovely events he had with his family. Then we had a very interesting and informative presentation from Age UK on 'Awareness of Scams'. They struck the perfect balance of information and advice without raising anxiety levels for our members. Everyone left with an information pack and we suggested our members discussed the matter with their families.

We all had great fun producing colourful hats for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and, as can be seen in our photo, members and volunteers were most creative. We know that many of the hats produced were worn again at various events during the Jubilee festivities held throughout the local villages.

Everything at Time Out is going really well and we have a good programme of events planned for the next few months. Then the fun starts again in the build up to Christmas!

If you are interested in joining Time Out, either as a member or a volunteer, please contact Jess on 01451 844371 or jess.whitman@outlook.com or John on 01993 822451 or john.harrington45@icloud.com We look forward to hearing from you.

John Harrington

BURFORD PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Street Party with picnicking in Priory Lane was attended by over 2000 people and Matthew Freud kindly opened his garden at the Priory and provided a funfair which was hugely popular. Adults, children and even town councillors collided in dodgem cars, were flung around on the terrifying Dance Zone and generally enjoyed themselves. And it stayed dry. A memorable day best illustrated by these photos by Pete Gould and Peter Martin, as well as Steven Martin showing Thomas and Henry White on the river Windrush.



Asthall, Shilton and Taynton also celebrated the Jubilee in style and we appreciated receiving the following wonderful photos

Photo by Robert Gray



Photo by Ian Lazarus



Photo by Claire Sohn



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INSPIRING WOMEN

What an amazing month June has been both nationally and locally. As a nation we all joined together to celebrate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Burford and Fulbrook both did it in style. Added to that we had the wonderful Burford Festival to enjoy. So much work went into organising all these events and many of our WI members threw themselves enthusiastically into community events. Although we chose not to have our regular meeting in June as it fell during the Festival week, we provided the afternoon teas in the Quaker Meeting House for the Open Gardens with members making the cakes and serving throughout both afternoons.

We were suitably prepared for a frantic June during our May meeting with a 'Well-Being Evening'. Helen Blantz from the Tai Chi Room took us through the calming Qigong breathing routines and this was followed up with a shoulder massage demonstration by one of our members, Pat Ferrett. Jennie Craven, our president, led the meditation, mindfulness and discussion sessions and hopefully we all left with ideas to try at home, a new book to read or a podcast to listen to. We might all be starting a Gratitude Journal recording all the good things in our daily lives, however small.

Looking forward: on 12 July we will be delighted to welcome back Gareth John from Fulbrook. Gareth's knowledge of bee keeping has fascinated us in the past. This time his talk titled 'Sun Hives and Bees go to Rye Hill Prison' sounds intriguing. Finally as an added bonus on 19 July we plan a visit to Pettifers Garden. Pettifers is an English garden in the Oxfordshire village of Wardington. Since 1984 owner Gina Price has transformed it into one of the most influential gardens in England. Our private tour includes refreshments in the family kitchen. Following the resounding success of Lord of the Dance in Oxford on 7 June, our Theatre Group is looking forward to a trip to see the musical Six at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham on 28 June. On 9 August we are joining together for an Art Scavenger Hunt evening. This should be great fun.

Finally I would like to congratulate our president, Jennie Craven, on being elected to the Burford Town Council. She is one very busy lady!

The Fab WI meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Warwick Hall at 7.30 p.m. and warmly welcomes visitors to all of our meetings. For further information, please visit our website thefabwi.org.uk or contact our president, Jennie Craven, on thefabwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk or at 07710 103015.

Angela Weller

BURFORD ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP

I'm currently listening to the series on climate tipping points by Justin Rowlett on Radio 4 – so I need a bit of a pick-me-up! One thing we ought to do more often is give credit where credit's due – this applies to green matters as it does to every other walk of life. Therefore, we'd like to highlight some of the steps that Burford shops have taken to lighten their carbon footprints, and there's actually quite a lot out there to admire. In order not to sound too much like an infomercial I'll list them one by one, by alphabetical order so as not to be accused of favouritism.

It is not exhaustive by any means, and we'd be happy to list any additional measures that these and other shops have taken to reduce plastic use and waste generally – please get in touch at burfordbeagles@gmail.com. Inevitably the focus is on packaging as this makes up such a large part of single-use materials. The Plastic Free Burford campaign which took off in 2018 in the wake of the screening of Blue Planet II may have been slightly derailed by Covid, but improvements made are still very much alive today.

Bakery on the Hill uses compostable cups for coffee and you can fill your own reusable cups.

Castles, Madhatters, The Oxford Brush Shop and Reavley's have moved to paper bags wherever possible.

Co-op - all their cardboard is recycled and separated from landfill waste. Their till receipts don't contain toxic biosphenols which can leak out of landfill and are toxic for both nature and human health; their green carrier-bags are compostable and make great caddy liners. Food that has a best-before on the day is reduced in price three times over the day to reduce waste.

Lynwood's have recyclable take-away coffee cups and most of their products are organic and locally sourced.

Mrs Bumbles - reusable milk bottles (currently the only place in town to offer these, I believe), refill your own oils and dressings in a variety of bottle sizes for a £1 discount, return your egg boxes for a refill.

Too numerous to mention have moved to paper straws now and in many cases, compostable cups. Most of our coffee shops will refill customers' reusable cups – keep one by the side of the door so you don't forget!

A thought from some of our members: would it be possible to reduce the amount of shop lighting there is on the High Street? Is some of the lighting on timers to switch off early in the morning? It may well be, I'm not often out at 2am to check!

Please watch out for our reusable recycled cotton BEAGLES shopping bags at future Repair Cafés and events!

Andy Hayter

ASTHALL PARISH JUBILEE BEACON

On the evening of 'Jubilee Thursday', a large procession made its way from The Maytime in Asthall to the top of Ninety-Cut Hill, where a towering bonfire had been prepared. As dusk fell, and right on cue at 9.45pm, an impressive blaze lit up the sky and the surrounding countryside. On the horizon, other beacons became visible, so uniting us all on this special occasion.



Lesley Gray and photo by Robert Gray



BURFORD TOLSEY
MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

A view along Swan Lane from less than a century ago; how things change! Sometimes a picture can convey more than my allocation of three hundred words.

Chris Walker



BURFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Burford Primary School was delighted to be invited to join in with the Jubilee celebrations on Priory Lane on Sunday 5 June. Teachers and parents helped children (and adults!) paint rocks which will be used to create a jubilee rockery in our school grounds to help us remember this wonderful occasion. We managed to paint over 100 rocks. They also had the opportunity to create a jubilee bee to take home with them. It was great to meet so many members of the community, and I loved hearing memories of local residents who had attended the school in years gone by. If you would like to see how the school has changed, please do get in touch and we would love to arrange for a time for you to come in and see us.

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us, and are looking forward to letting you know how our Sports Day and end of year performance go.

Adam Clark - Headteacher



ALICE'S BOOK GROUP

Earlier this year Alice's Book Group read *A Little Life* by Hanya Hanagihara, and while *Still Life* by Sarah Winman has a similar title, and also chronicles the lives of one individual and their friends, it is a very different book.

The first impression, unfortunately, is that Winman was unable to master the basic rules concerning inverted commas and quotation marks. There is a lot of "he said," "she said", indeed this eccentric approach discouraged a couple of members and they did not continue reading. They missed something of a gem, as once we got over this oddity, the rest of us loved it.

War torn Italy in 1944 is where we first encounter Ulysses, driver and friend to a charming, art-loving officer. In chaotic conditions of war they meet, briefly, a visiting art professor, with whom they enjoy an extraordinary, boozy evening while under German bombardment. They talk long of art and beauty and the essence of Italy and their brief but firm friendship is a ghostly thread throughout the book.

Post-war in the East End of London, we are introduced to a cast of characters, each of whom is a little out of step with the world, but in caring for their fellows derives some comfort. It is in the East End community that we first notice the dry humour. As we got to know everyone, there were lots of smiles. It is because of the love and support between the main characters that we loved them and the book.



Through strange circumstances the action moves to Florence where Winman's talent for description comes to the fore; one can almost smell the dusty piazzas, feel the burning sun and hear the Arno roar. The book frequently delivers an interesting range of facts, and as the characters are drawn into Roman life, so is the reader. More people are introduced, each is precisely drawn, and they too orbit this close-knit family, which is, in fact, unrelated.

Despite the foregoing, this is not a saccharine story, there is pain and sorrow, then too, an element of the fantastical adds another dimension – wait till you meet the wisest character of all, the aged African - and there is no conventional happy ending, but a satisfying end. We judged it a delightful holiday read, but with substance.

We wanted to choose something different and classic, related to this area, and John Buchan had connections in Burford so we next plumped for *Midwinter*.

Veral Marshall

CRAFT IN ACTION, CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 30 July 10am to 4.30pm

Warwick Hall, Burford, OX18 4RY

Established in 1973, Craft in Action is a non profit making organisation. They offer a friendly atmosphere and a chance to browse or shop. All crafters are local and make their products themselves so that you will find something truly unique and hand-made.

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Jane Hunt

BURFORD CRAFTERS' SALE



The Burford Crafters' sale on 14 May raised £360 for Maggie's Centre in Oxford - here is their response:

"Everyone here at Maggie's would like to thank the Burford Crafters and all who bought any of their amazing handmade items or made a donation. Your kindness means we can focus on the things that really make a difference for those living with cancer and their loved ones, like money worries, help with stress and depression, managing side-effects and relationship and family support. Thank you so much."

Christine Brown

RARE EXHIBITION OF SALLY JENNINGS' HAND-DYED & EMBROIDERED TEXTILE ART

Northleach Church, Thursday 14 July- Tuesday 19 July;
11.00am-4.00pm, Sunday 12.00pm-5.00pm



Sally Jennings is a Northleach-based textile artist who, among other subjects, draws on the natural and cultural life of Zimbabwe, where she grew up. She works in silks, linens and other natural fibres which she painstakingly dyes herself, layering materials and achieving textures which can be dense, three-dimensional or ephemeral. Her colours sing with subtlety and

sometimes startle with their vibrancy.

Sally's work is many-layered in every sense, and one of the inspirational motifs is her photograph of young Zimbabweans dancing in the dust. These figures movingly evoke early Bushmen paintings as well as the spirit world of Zimbabwean culture.

Jane Quelch

ONFORM SCULPTURE 2022



onform sculpture is now open to visitors and buyers. As usual there is a large collection of wonderful stone sculptures of all shapes and sizes displayed in the beautiful grounds of Asthall Manor. It continues until 10 July (closed on Mondays and Tuesdays). Booking at onformsculpture.co.uk
Image: Senator by the appropriately named Paul Vanstone

GARDEN VISITS AND AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday 10 July 1.30pm – 5 pm

The Churchill Partners cordially invite you to join them in raising funds for Cancer Research in Oxford.

Tickets will be available with directions from Sylvester House, 3 Sylvester Close, Burford from 1.30. Cost: by donation, with a suggested minimum of £5

Garden Visits: Sylvester House, The Lodge, Pytts Lane and Greyhounds, in Sheep Street with the kind permission of Sue and Hugo Ashton and Michael Taubenheim

Teas will be provided all afternoon in the garden of Sylvester House.

All proceeds direct to cancer research at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

For further information please contact Penny Barraclough
Tel No: 01993 824949 or pennybarraclough@btinternet.com

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.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/>

Around the Hill and Lakes of Bourton
Wednesday 13 July – Moderate 4hr 7.5ml

Starting from Little Rissington Church, we walk to Clapton on the Hill along the Monarch's Way into Bourton on the Water for lunch. A gentle stroll around the lakes back to Little Rissington. Bring coffee/snacks and packed lunch.

Start: 10:00 Little Rissington, St Peter's Church (donation to church for parking). OS Map ref: SP 189 199.

Royal Sudeley Valley
Wednesday 27 July – Moderate 3hr 5.5ml

A lovely walk crossing the home parks at Sudeley with views to St Mary's Church, which contains the marble tomb of Queen Catherine Parr. We climb up out of the Sudeley valley, looking across beautiful countryside, formerly an ancient Royal deer park, to the Welsh borders in the west.

Start: 10:00 Winchcombe Back Lane car park (pay & display £1 all day). OS Map ref: SP 024 285

Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday 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.

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY - Length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level); MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS - may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed. Walks are free although we do invite donations.

Sheila Wasley

OCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

Conservatives Call For Greater Focus On Towns And Villages

The Conservative Opposition remains concerned that the LibDem/Green/Labour ruling administration is being heavily distracted by matters over which it has little control, or are beyond its remit. It remains to be seen if the £millions being spent on climate change will bear any fruit, while the imposition of a vegan diet at council meetings continues to generate a lot of debate, wasting councillors' and officers' time. Costs are still awaited for the transgender measures. Additionally, much of the council's effort is focused on the city of Oxford, where anti-car measures are generating much concern and some civic unrest. As previously reported, mundane matters – which are nevertheless of vital importance to residents – such as roads and drains in towns and villages, do not feature in the administration's list of priorities.

Unauthorised Vegan Meals Being Served

The original, highly controversial, plan to serve only vegan meals at all council-catered events was scaled back in the report approved by OCC Cabinet in March, and it was agreed that the vegan diet was only to be imposed on councillors at full council meetings six or seven times a year and on the general public at civic events, with officers entirely exempt. However, complaints have been received that exclusively vegan meals are being served at other council meetings. The matter is currently being investigated.

New Chairman To Prioritise Visiting Traveller Sites

Labour councillor Susanna Pressel, who represents the Jericho and Osney division of Oxford city at OCC, has been elected as the new Chair of OCC. She has lived in Oxford for most of her life since being a student. She was lord mayor of Oxford between 2008 and 2009. She is to visit Traveller sites as one of her first acts in her new role as she believes they are the most underrepresented communities in our society. She is also to visit farmers where she may experience a frosty reception in view of the council's anti meat and dairy (vegan) policy.

Resident Fury Over Anti-Car Measures In Oxford

Roadblocks that were set up by OCC as part of a new low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) scheme in east Oxford have been smashed down as fury against the measures continues. Residents are concerned that LTNs benefit one area at the expense of another, simply shifting traffic and pollution, rather than reducing it. There have been widespread reports of huge traffic delays and incidents of road rage. Royal Mail has been forced to close some postboxes. The public consultation is now open seeking residents' views on the measures. Anyone can provide feedback on the proposals before 30 November 2022. Details here: letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/east-oxford-ltns-2022

Plans To Attempt To Drive Down Carbon Emissions Approved

OCC's cabinet has approved plans which they hope will see OCC corporate carbon emissions cut over the next three years. The OCC capital and revenue budgets for this period feature over £15m on climate change measures – only time will tell if this is money well spent.

£10.4 Million Awarded For Active Travel Improvements

OCC has been awarded funding from the third phase of the government's active travel fund. The grant will support infrastructure investment including the delivery of

improvements to Witney High Street and Garsington Road, Oxford.

[Cllr Nicholas Field-Johnson](mailto:nick.fieldjohnson@oxfordshire.gov.uk)
nick.fieldjohnson@oxfordshire.gov.uk
and nfjuk3@gmail.com



ELECTRIC BLANKETS

Octopus Energy have given, free of charge, 50,000 electric blankets to those customers who were having difficulty paying the new increased electricity charges. They may have ceased this generous offer but the science behind it is worth thinking about as a means of reducing energy bills.

Electric blankets are an incredibly efficient way to keep a single person warm, reducing the need to heat, and pay for, an entire space. Scientists point out that a human being typically emits around 100 watts of power. Thus, it takes around 100 watts of power to keep a person warm if they're not moving much. A boiler typically uses around 25kW to heat a small home, so using an electric blanket to heat a person is about 250 times less energy-intensive than using a boiler to heat a whole house.

With winter energy bills rising significantly this is definitely a course of action worth considering. See <https://octopus.energy/blog/extra-help-for-customers-in-need/> for more details.

David Cohen

BURFORD OIL SYNDICATE

(Covering Burford, Fulbrook, Taynton and Bradwell Village Only)



Yet another new "Oil Year"! This is Number 15 for the syndicate.

First order date for this 2022/23 year is Thursday 14 July 2022 by 5.00pm. No late orders accepted. Deliveries are expected to be between 19 and 31 July. If we received more than 40,000 litres of orders, the first 40,000 will be placed on 14 July and the rest on 28 July, as companies will only accept 40,000 litres at one time due to the price instability.

The following order will be on Thursday 8 September.

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, go to www.burfordoil.co.uk. Membership application forms and order forms are available from Reavleys.

Peter Higgs

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Verge View



The enormous and unexpected popularity of the poppy and wildflower fields beside the A40 to the east of Burford and to the west of Carterton on the road to Alvescot has shown how something so simple and natural can cheer so many people during these difficult times.

The new orchard opposite the Shilton Road junction on Oxford Road is going to be a great community asset as it develops, but it is currently time-consuming for those who have to mow around the trees. Might it be possible to have a poppy and wildflower meadow growing around the saplings?

Why stop there? The large areas of grass either side of the Shilton Road junction are mown flat to a sterile expanse of unproductive grass each summer. Could poppy and wildflower meadows grow there as well? For safety, a metre of mown grass should be maintained at the roadside, but a mown path or two through the flowers would allow people to walk among the flowers and enjoy them.

Time, money and energy would be saved by not mowing, and nature would thrive ...a win-win if ever there was one!

Rory Darling and photo by Nicky Darling

Have You Seen Our Verges? They have disappeared...

Have other residents of Burford noticed the state of the verges on the Shilton Road? In case you didn't realise, around 30% of the population of Burford will eventually be living along it.

The existing residents have had a right royal battle to get the verges reinstated after the numerous disruptions from construction of the infrastructure for the Cotswold Gate development. You would think that something as simple as reinstating the verges to the gently manicured strips that were once there would be easy enough, especially as this was one of the conditions relating to Highways Works agreed between the developer Lioncourt Homes and Oxfordshire County Council. However, despite legal obligations and oversight by OCC, it is proving to be a monumental fight. We have had two years of missed deadlines and obfuscation from the developer and OCC. We have submitted Freedom of Information requests to follow the chain of communication between OCC and the developers (which make for interesting reading). Our BTC Mayor, Peter Higgs, has tried to help.

There have been token gestures such as a sprinkling of topsoil, some weed killing, a scattering of grass seed in front of a few houses but there remain spoil, rocks, and no turfing. There have been serious flooding issues too. (This is due to the lack of new drains after adding a new pavement down the west side.)

Meanwhile the developers have sold many houses, receiving millions, and yet OCC refuses to hold them to account, instead following a policy of appeasement rather than protecting the concerns of existing residents. I am sure we are not the only council tax payers in Oxfordshire experiencing such problems.

Why is this? Whose interests do the council represent?

All we ask for is our verges to be put back to the way they were, in fact just like those in front of the new Cotswold Gate development.

John Blackburn - Secretary, Burford Shilton Road Residents' Association

Verging on the Ridiculous?

I congratulate the grass cutting contractor for their valiant effort of supporting the "No Mow May" campaign on Frethern Close. I am now wondering, are they extending it to a "No Mow June" in addition? In the past I've been happy to keep my frontage tidy, but with increased council tax and energy bills, I'm loathe to get my mower out to do a job which I see I have already paid to have done. Please inform me if the grass cutting service has actually ceased. If it has, I will do the job; Frethern Close is becoming a mess. Furthermore, I will never see the logic of removing the dog poo bin from the top of Wysdom Way. The last remaining one on the estate often gets full. I have also noticed blatant piles of mess where decent people would normally clear it up, on the increase, which I put down to two things, bad people to start with, but also those not willing to go full circle around the block with that mess in their hands. Surely, the dustmen are enroute, is it so hard to empty two bins instead of one? As I earlier moaned, council tax increases - services decrease seems wrong. At the time of emailing this, I am two days past the deadline, maybe I'll get lucky and this email will be published; if not, I'd certainly be upset if "No Mow May" got extended into July.

Neil Treloar; Frethern Close.

BURFORD ORCHESTRA



SEE TRACTORS WITH ADAM THORNTON



Adam invites Bridge readers to attend the Tractor Show which takes place in Ducklington 16 - 17 July. Adam will be there with ten tractors and lots of machinery equipment and hopes to see as many people as possible and have a chat with them. Adam remembers attending a previous Tractor Show with his beloved grandfather (Philip Thornton who died last year) and he still misses him very much. He appreciates the support given to him by local people and he can be contacted on Adam_blackheath@icloud.com or 07854 40159 for directions to the show.

Editors

THE MADHATTER BOOKSHOP

Today is 10 June 2022 and it has been 832 days since I was handed the reins of The Madhatter Bookshop by the brilliant Sara Hall. Sara successfully ran the bookshop for over ten years and there has been a bookshop here in Burford for over 30 years and the fact that we are still here is testament to the people of Burford and their love for the written word and passion to keep their High Street alive and vibrant. As I approach my second birthday as the current owner of The Madhatter Bookshop, I thank you for your continued love and passion.

It is wonderful to see the return of the Burford Festival this year and my hearty congratulations go to all those involved and now we look to the Burford Literary Festival, three days jam packed with authors from Pam Ayres to John Blair and Gill Hornby to Alison Weir – tickets are on sale at www.burfordlitfest.co.uk or pop and see us if you need more information.

We are also delighted to bring you our very own book club, the Book Bar - wine and books always makes sense, and author events throughout the year – all the details are available at www.madhatterbookshop.co.uk.

Finally, it is peak holiday season so whether you are flying off to a remote island or simply relaxing in the garden, we can help you with an excellent read: some of our favourites include:

- *The Vacation* by John Marrs
- *Circus of Wonders* by Elizabeth Macneal
- *The Whalebone Theatre* by Joanna Quinn
- *Life's Edge* by Carl Zimmer

We look forward to seeing you at our Lit Fest or for a glass of wine at the Book Bar.

Happy Reading, Kim

BURFORD PRE-SCHOOL CELEBRATES THE QUEENS JUBILEE

Following a wonderful half term by all, the children of Burford Pre-School continued to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. There were endless amounts of creative craft in honour of the Queen, particularly making Her Majesty's portrait from various materials. The children also created crowns to wear for their Jubilee party.

On Thursday 9 June, the children had the pre-school decorated in bunting and balloons. We were very honoured that the mayor and mayoress of Burford came to visit the children and join in with the celebrations. The children waved their flags and made us so proud as they listened to the national anthem and were all presented with a special Jubilee mug each. It was so lovely that the mayor and mayoress came to visit the children. They were very proud of themselves and all their achievements. *(Presumably the children - Ed)*



We would very much like to once again thank the Factory Shop as well as ASDA in Carterton who have both continued to support our Pre-School. The Factory Shop donated the balloons and ASDA enabled the children to have their superb Jubilee feast.

With only a few weeks left before the end of the school year, the children look forward to the Burford fire station team popping in for a visit and hopping on board the fire engine, a special whole school day outing and our farewell graduation ceremony.

It has been a fun-filled year, memories have been made and we are so very proud of all the children.

Ola Caless - Burford Pre-School Committee Secretary

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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



BURFORD FESTIVAL 2022 PART ONE

The sun shone upon us as the Burford Festival 2022 kicked off with the Mayor's reception, followed at the weekend by the Open Gardens, Jazz, Jo Bradley, the Three Inch Fools and Ghanain evening. It was great to see Burford literally buzzing with such a happy, festival atmosphere. Many thanks to Derek Cotterill whose photographs record some of the most memorable moments. More to come in the next issue!

In the meantime, a very big thank you to all our Sponsors, Friends and Volunteers who have provided so much support and help over the last months.

Sara Hall, Adrian Jackson, Jane Arnell, John Hendry, Jennie Craven, Karl and Ann Morris

As those of us who were on car parking duty can confirm, Burford gardens attracted the usual interest and appreciation. One couple informed us that they had come from Cornwall to take part in the Festival and particularly enjoyed seeing the beautiful and creative gardens.



JO BRADLEY - DRESSING THE STARS

Jo Bradley provided a fascinating and humorous description of her life as a costume co-ordinator for film and television production. She heads a team who are responsible for sourcing and shipping costumes and making sure they all arrive at the right time and place and in good condition. From BBC comedy and light entertainment shows she moved to working on The Crown series 5 and 6 and to the recent film of Jurassic Park- Dominion. Hazards include arriving on location at 4am while appearing calm and cheerful in all crises such as managing costumes for several hundred participants in a battle scene in Scotland where that there was so much mud that the extras had to be hosed down at the end of each day. Photos by Gillian Arnell.



JAZZ SETS THE MOOD

Paul Jeffries' Burford Jazz kicked off the Burford Festival's first music event in true style with a marvellous septet led by saxophonist Andy Hooley.



Ivy and Ben Tuffour, owners of Reavley's chemist, hosted a spectacular evening of Ghanaian music, food and dance. Everyone had a fabulous time and great to see so many Burfordians on the dancefloor! Huge thanks to the Tuffours for putting on such a terrific evening.



The Alice in Wonderland Tea presented by Hugo Lovage Patisserie was a visual, theatrical and mouth watering delight. The audience was treated to an exquisite tea of scones, patisserie and sandwiches before Cindy demonstrated how to make one of her favourite patisserie. Everyone went home armed with a recipe card and boxes of delicacies. A magical afternoon.





FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON POSTER COMPETITION



The Burford Festival would like to send huge thanks and congratulations to all the children that took part in the Family Fun Afternoon Poster Competition. There were so many creative and colourful entries especially from Pre-school and Primary school and we are delighted that so many children that took part.

As Cotswolds Wildlife Park sponsored the event, Lorah Wardle, Head of Education and Activities thoroughly enjoyed looking through all posters and judged the competition during the half term week.

The final winners are: Pre-school winner – Ethan aged 4; Primary school winner – Aeshreya aged 9 and the Secondary school winner – Nevaeh aged 12.

Cotswolds Wildlife Park kindly donated the prizes for each winner being a free entrance ticket and the opportunity to adopt an animal of their choice at the park. All the Posters were on display at the Family Fun Afternoon and are shown here too. Burford is very lucky to have such talented budding artists!

Sara Hall, Jennie Craven, Adrian Jackson, Jane Arnell, John Hendry, Karl and Ann Morris

As part of their UK tour this summer, **The Inch Fools** delighted the audience with their energetic and music filled take on Twelfth Night. Five young actors sang, danced, played numerous musical instruments and with acrobatic skill navigated numerous costume changes. A captivating production.



LEVELLERS DAY



In 1649, a group of soldiers from Cromwell's New Model Army, angered by arrears in pay and with little hope of being paid the money they were owed, mutinied. As members of the Leveller movement, they were radicals advocating equality before the law and religious toleration and favouring the removal of political, social, or economic inequalities. Cromwell's troops caught up with and surrounded the Leveller mutineers near Burford and some 340 prisoners were locked in the church. On 16 May 1649 three of the soldiers, Corporal Perkins, Cornet Thompson and Private Church, were taken from the church and shot.



Levellers Day is an annual event in Burford to commemorate this historic event. This year, the address and prayers were given by Canon Professor Mark Chapman. Four posies were laid at the base of the commemorative plaque – three for the martyrs and the fourth for Tony Benn who had long championed their cause. This was accompanied by radical songs from the Sea Green Singers followed by a march through the town.

The event ended with a lecture on the Levellers by the historian Professor Ann Hughes at Warwick Hall followed by a panel debate, that included Richard Burgon, MP, on the need to hold to their values in today's politics.

Bert Clough

BURFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Entries were slightly lower for our Spring Show than in previous years, possibly due to the dry weather, but it was a great show. Particularly notable were Janet Copley's land-based orchid and Jane Westmacott's flower arrangement in the colours of the Ukrainian flag. The three cups were again won by Jane but Janet ran her a close second so Jane may yet lose her pre-eminence.

David Day

FRIENDS OF BURFORD LIBRARY

What a wonderful celebration we all enjoyed during the Jubilee Bank Holiday. Thank you to all the children and adults who entered into the spirit of the fancy dress competition held during the Street Party on Sunday 5 June. It was a tough decision to make, but it was decided that Evie Jennings deserved to win First Prize in the junior section, with Rowen Hind coming in a close second. As ever, the seniors put on a good show, with Alice Temple-Bruce securing the first prize, Jennie Craven was second and Lottie and Sienna, third place.

The winner of the jubilee writing competition was Sophie Bardon, aged 12 in the 12- 15 age group for her review of *Cinderella is Dead* by Kalynn Baydon

Runner up in this age group was Isobelle Lampard for her review of *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys.

Sam Putt was the winner of the children's section for his review of *The Last Firefox - Find Your Inner Fire* by Lee Newbury.

Runner-up was Evie Webb for her short story based on *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Ranf.

Pete Gould took the photo below of Anne Youngson and Francesca Gibbons with the winners.

Maureen Percival



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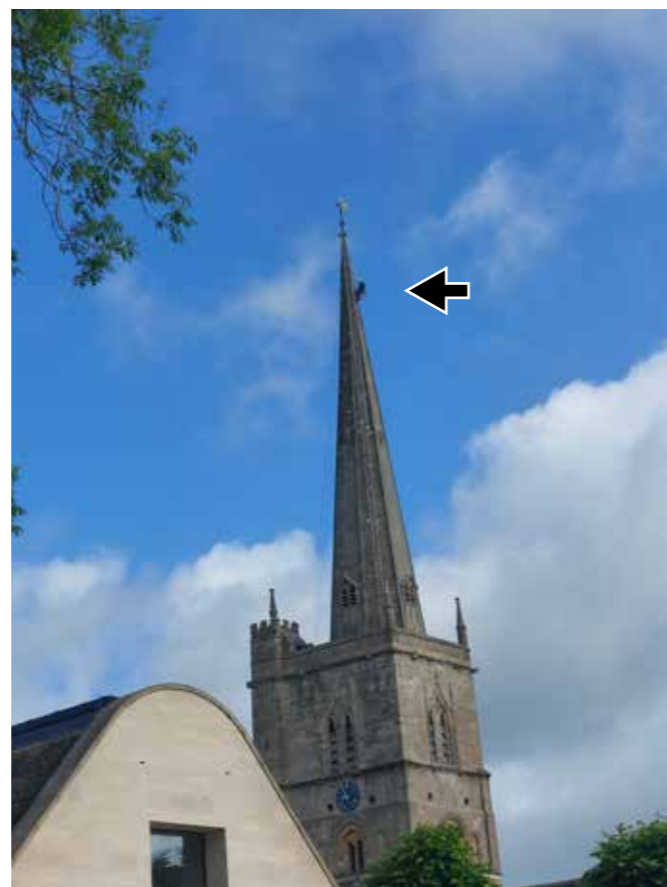
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Image of a Burford Garden with the Church behind and another picture of the Church about to be buntinged!



Dear Reader

We received so many excellent photos and we are sorry that we cannot include them all.

We do appreciate your letters, articles and photos relating to people and events in our part of West Oxfordshire and East Gloucestershire.

As the Festival continued beyond our print deadline you will find more Festival accounts and photos in the August issue. We are sorry that we had to omit the pages about Clubs and Useful Contacts in this issue due to space shortage.

Gordon and Elaine

DIARY OF SPECIAL EVENTS FROM APRIL 2022

Tue 28 June	Burford & District Society Annual Garden Party (members only)	Springfield House	3-5pm
27-29 June	Burford School Play <i>Once Upon a Time</i>	Burford School	7pm
Sat 2 July	Burford Orchestra Summer Concert	Burford School	7.30pm
Sat 9 July	Derek Cotterill Party Invitation	Greyhounds Garden	2-5pm
Sat 9 July	Burford School Grand Anniversary Ball	Burford School	7.30pm
Sun 10 Jul	Garden Visits and Afternoon Tea	3 Sylvester Close and others	1.30-5pm
Tue 12 July	FABW1 - Talk about Bees	Warwick Hall	7.30pm
Wed 13 July	North Cotswold Arts Association Demonstration Using Coloured Pencils	Warwick Hall	2-4pm
16-17 July	Tractor Show with Adam Thornton	Ducklington	10-5pm
14-19 July	Exhibition of Sally Jennings' Textile Art	Northleach Church	11-4 w/d 12-5 Sun
Thu 21 July	Burford Chamber of Trade Drinks Reception	Greyhounds Sheep Street	6.30-8.30
22-13 July	Guiting Music Festival	Guiting Power	various
Sat 30 July	Windrush Valley Flower Show, Dog Show and Fete	Great Barrington Village Hill	1pm
Sat 30 July	Craft in Action Craft Fair	Warwick Hall	10-4-30
Thu 25 Aug	Tolsey Talk <i>A Scandalous Burford</i>	Zoom only	7.30pm
Tue 20 Sept	Burford & District Society talk <i>Wonders of the Ocean</i>	Warwick Hall	7pm
23-26 Sept	Burford Literary Festival	Various	
Fri 7 October	Friends of Burford Library Plonk and Pudding	TBA	

In June, apart from Jubilee Events, Burford Festival and Open Gardens, Burford also had a Cycle Race through the town!



CHURCH SERVICES

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BURFORD

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES
JUNE 2022

St John the Baptist, Burford

3 July		
Morning Service (CW)		11.00am
10 July		
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am	
Choral Matins (BCP)		9.30am
Holy Communion		11.00am
17 July		
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am	
Holy Communion (CW)		9.30am
Morning Service (CW)		11.00am
24 July		
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am	
Morning Service (CW)		9.30am
Morning Service (CW)		11.00am
31 July		
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am	
Morning Service (CW)		11.00am

St James the Great, Fulbrook

10 July		
Matins (BCP)		9.30am
17 July		
Matins (BCP)		9.30am
24 July		
Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am	
31 July		
Holy Communion (CW)		9.30am

St John the Evangelist, Taynton

3 July		
Holy Communion (CW)		9.30am
17 July		
Evening Prayer (BCP)		6.00pm

St Nicholas, Asthall

3 July		
Evening Prayer (BCP)		6.00pm
10 July		
Evening Prayer (BCP)		6.00pm
17 July		
Holy Communion (BCP)	6.00pm	
31 July		
Evening Prayer (BCP)		6.00pm

St Mary, Swinbrook

3 July		
Holy Communion (CW)		11.00am
10 July		
Morning Prayer	11.00am	
17 July		
Morning Prayer	11.00am	
24 July		
Morning Prayer	11.00am	
31 July		
Morning Prayer	11.00am	

St Oswald, Widford

24 July		
Evening Prayer (BCP)		6.00pm

9.30am and 11.00am services in Burford are also live-streamed. These can be found on our website or YouTube Channel.

www.burfordchurch.org

Tarnia Usher - Church Secretary

ST JOHN FISHER AND ST THOMAS
MORE

Services in July for Ss John Fisher & Thomas More -
Sunday Mass: 10.00 am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday and Thursday at 10.00am

For updates please see catholicchurchburford.org.uk or the church noticeboard for details.

Dan Boyle

BURFORD QUAKER MEETING

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

In addition the garden at the Meeting House will be open for quiet reflection from 2pm to 6pm on 17 July, 21 August and 18 September - see elsewhere in this issue.

Myra Ford 01451 810484, or Graham Hadley 01993 823886

BURFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Burford Baptist, as a building, has not re-opened post lockdown at present as we are awaiting work to be done on the building which will hopefully mean that we can resume some of our activities and allow the building to be let this year. The soup and pudding and cafe services are currently suspended. We look forward to welcoming the community back in once we have made the building safer and done essential works.

Gill Crippen

The Rev Cedric Reavley conducted a Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee wearing this magnificent cope which was made by a number of Burford ladies to mark the Coronation in 1953.



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