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Asthall pays tribute to Queen Elizabeth
Photo kindly provided by Lesley Gray

What a month this has been. This is being written on the evening of 19 September as we try to absorb the extraordinary events of the last 11 days, and particularly the very moving funeral in London and committal ceremony at Windsor. If you had asked us at the beginning of September what we thought would appear in the next edition of this magazine, we might have mentioned traffic, parking, the Burford Literary Festival, local concerts or some such. Eight days in, everything changed. In June we broke with our normal practice by putting a photograph of Queen Elizabeth II on the front page to make her Platinum Jubilee in place of our customary local view. Of course it never occurred to us that within four months she would feature on this page again in such circumstances. May she rest in peace.

Editors



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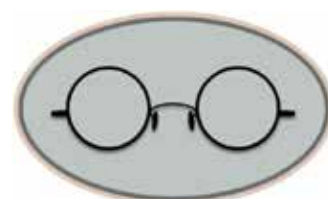
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THE BRIDGE INTERVIEW WITH ALLAN TUCKWELL



Allan Tuckwell is practically a Burford institution. He has lived in the town for over 50 years, spending many of them patrolling the mean streets as a police officer and doing much for the community both before and after retirement.

He was born in 1940 at Stadhampton, just west of Oxford, to William and Margaret

Tuckwell. William

served in the RAF during the Second World War and was away from 1941 to 1946 so Allan only got to know him after that. He had twin younger brothers, Pat and Martyn. Martyn was in the Royal Navy and served in the Falklands conflict. He died a few years ago. Pat still lives in the family home at Stadhampton.

After a typical country childhood spent playing football, swimming in the river and scrumping apples, Allan became an apprentice cabinet maker (he still has his tools and a workbench in the garage) after which he worked in the Morris Motors factory at Oxford where his father also worked. Childhood holidays were often spent with an uncle and aunt near Bath. One of his cousins was friendly with a girl from the local village who had twin younger sisters. Allan became friendly with one of these, Josie; very friendly, it turned out. The two cousins married the two sisters, Allan and Josie's wedding being in 1963. They had two daughters. One of them, Elizabeth, lives in Plymouth. The other is Jo Rushton, now a Burford town councillor, who has two children.

Sadly Allan's mother Margaret died suddenly in 1962 and shortly after the wedding William had a serious accident when he was knocked off his bike on the way to work. Allan and Josie looked after the home and his two brothers while William recovered. However there were limited prospects at Morris and they wanted a home of their own so in 1965 Allan joined the Oxfordshire Constabulary (merged into Thames Valley Police, or TVP, in 1968). After training he was posted to Witney and he and Josie moved to a police home in the town. He was equipped with a truncheon (he never used it in anger) and a whistle. There were, of course, no radios. At night officers were told to stand every hour for 15 minutes by a specified telephone kiosk so that the station could call them if needed.

In 1969 he was transferred to Burford police station which was on the Hill and he and Josie moved into a police house in Frethern Close. There were four constables and a sergeant at the station. Burford was patrolled on foot and Fulbrook, Taynton and Westwell by bicycle. There was a Morris Minor patrol car for the wider area. There was little crime, mostly things like newspaper and milk money being taken from doorsteps and minor motoring offences. Most of the former were dealt with by giving the miscreant a good ticking off and telling them not to do it again rather than inflicting a criminal record. One person on the receiving end of this mended his ways to the extent

that he later spent 30 years in the police himself, later thanking Allan for the way he was treated. On the other hand the police handled a lot of routine administration such as renewing shotgun licences and passports.

Not long after Allan moved here, Burford police station was closed and he and his fellow officers were henceforth based at the new station in Carterton. However he continued to patrol around Burford and continued to live in the town. The police decided that the police house was surplus to requirements and could be sold. Alan took out a mortgage and bought it. He remains there to this day.

What was the most traumatic incident he dealt with? Unhesitatingly he says that it was dealing with the cot death of a baby a few weeks old early in his career. "I was the first person on the scene, before the doctor". The mother was, of course, traumatised by the event and it had a big impact on him. Later he came injured to death as an inevitable part of police work: suicides, sudden deaths (sometimes two per week) and traffic accidents.

A happier memory was of nearly having to deliver a baby when the mother went into labour on a Sunday and her mother-in-law summoned Allan. He arrived in his wellington boots as he had been digging the garden. He entered the house to find the expectant mum on the sofa. He remembers feeling utter panic, and the only things he could recollect from his training were, 'Hot water and clean towels'. He reassured the mother-to-be that he had watched the film on childbirth during his training. Luckily for Allan, he knew of a retired doctor who lived close by and went to find him. A healthy baby girl was born not long after.

He also had to sort out a number of domestic incidents. One warring couple found themselves in the Tuckwell home on two consecutive Christmas mornings, in different rooms while the Christmas meal was being cooked in the kitchen and Allan tried to mediate between them. Christmas dinner was served somewhat late.

Allan worked closely with another officer, Alan Goodman, and together they became something of local celebrities (see photo - Allan on the left). One task the two Al(l)ans took on was helping United States Air Force personnel and their families living in the area. Although they were based at Fairford, outside the Thames Family jurisdiction, many of them were quartered at Carterton. The two officers provided a sort of social service, putting on talks in schools, helping them to adjust to life in Britain and generally making them feel welcome. Allan became such good friends with them that some kept in touch with them after they left. He was presented with a commemorative plate and the USAF's commanding officer sent a letter commending both officers for their service.



There was a great deal of political unrest during the earlier part of Allan's career and initially the police were not trained or equipped to deal with it. When Enoch Powell spoke at Oxford town hall there was a huge demonstration. All the police could do to control it was to form a wall. "You just had to link arms and stay strong." He also had to police the Greenham Common peace camp and demonstrations which followed the closure of the Corby steelworks. This led to proper riot training. Officers were given six foot high transparent plastic shields which they could hold in front of them and they practised moving forward in a row. Trainers then threw live petrol bombs at their feet. Allan found this alarming at first but became adept at putting the fires out by stamping on them. They were also given training in unarmed combat in fighting which was so fierce that occasionally officers were injured. Fortunately he never had to put any of this training into practice.

Police officers from all over the country were drafted in at the time of the miners' strike of 1984/85. Those called in were generally men without children who could stay away from home more readily so Allan was not directly involved. However the remaining officers had to work seven days per week in 12 hour shifts to cover for their missing colleagues.

More pleasant memories include attending the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph representing TVP in 1976, standing right opposite the Queen, and policing concerts for Barry Manilow and David Bowie at Blenheim Palace and Milton Keynes respectively. In 1987 he was awarded the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (see front cover). He also took part in the celebrations of the centenary of Burford Primary School.

With their two children at the primary school, Allan and Josie became actively involved in school life. Allan regularly helped with swimming lessons, taking the children to lessons at Witney pool. Josie also helped at the school, teaching groups of children knitting, sewing and embroidery, and then worked as a playground supervisor for several years. Housing conditions for many families were inadequate and one of Josie's tasks was to take children to the cottage hospital to be washed. Even the police themselves struggled financially in the 1970s which, as we have recently been reminded, was a time of high inflation. Morale was low, some demanded the right to strike, many officers left and Allan himself applied for other jobs. Police stations had collecting boxes on the front counter for the Police Benevolent Fund and such was public support that many donations were made. The children were eligible for free school meals at the primary school. In 1975 Allan was elected to represent his colleagues on the Police Federation. He was present at a conference addressed by Merlyn Rees, home secretary



Allan wearing a very thick wooden Victorian police uniform on the hottest day of the year. On the right in red is Sarah Palmer, now a Burford town councillor

from 1976 to 1979. His speech was met with stony silence in the entire hall. "The atmosphere was electric." Relief came when a commission of inquiry into police pay was set up, chaired by Lord Edmund-Davies, a senior judge. This recommended substantial increases in pay, including a rise of 45.5% for constables with 15 years of service. Rees agreed to implement these recommendations phased in over two years, but following the 1979 election Margaret Thatcher decreed that they should be introduced immediately. Free school dinners stopped.

Allan's duties with the Police Federation gradually extended to include being secretary of the constables' branch board for TVP and area representative for the Police Benevolent Fund. His duties included taking part in the annual conference of the Police Federation and he attended the Garda conference in Ireland. This work eventually became a full time job but he did don his uniform every year for the Remembrance Service at the Burford war memorial.

In 1995 Allan retired, with 30 years service completed and the mortgage paid off. For a time he continued to work for the Police Federation as a civilian, for the golf club and for Castle's the Butchers doing deliveries. Sadly Josie was diagnosed with Alzheimers in 2015 and died in 2018.

Allan is an avid gardener and his house has a usefully large garden. When police pay was low he had two allotments as well as the garden, this being the only way to guarantee his ability to put food on the table for his family. He reels off a long list of vegetables he grows, while apples are provided by his James Grieve tree. His pride and joy is a magnificent Pyracantha which grows along the front of his house and was covered with orange berries at the time of our visit.

His other passion is bowls and he is positively evangelical in seeking converts to the

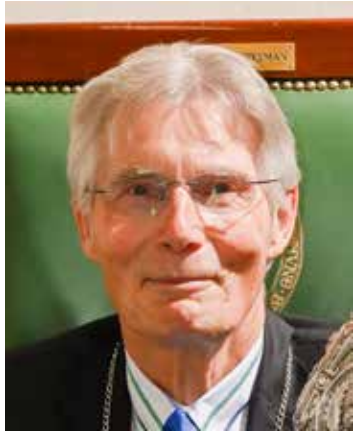
game. He joined Burford Bowls Club in the 1980s and was president for around 14 years. He plays every week and until Covid he had organised the annual Bowls Club tour 14 times. He even ran it from his hospital bed in 2016. Last year he was pleased to let someone else organise it, but he was there and enjoyed a rare winning tour. The day before he talked to us he had taken part in a match at Headington, one of the best teams in the county, which Burford won. He is still the vice president of the club, and he represents the it on the Recreation Ground Committee.

A tall and authoritative figure, he can be seen striding, if not exactly patrolling, around the town, a model of service to our community.

For more images, including ones concerning the centenary of the primary school, please see our website. - Editors

BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL

A quiet and hot August, but September changes....



August was a pleasant if dry month and great for all who either enjoyed a staycation or just stayed at home here. Best news was the decision on Cole's Field, but that was in the last edition. We did have gridlock for a few days as a trench was dug across the High Street, but otherwise it was quiet.

September came in cooler, but by the evening of Friday 2nd uninvited visitors entered Westfield

by breaking in on the A40 gate, and populated it with 14 caravans, many vehicles, three ponies, geese, chickens, and dogs. With the valued support of two other councillors, I visited and informed them that they were trespassing on our property, and asked them to kindly move on immediately. They refused.

There were frantic emails and 'phone calls on Saturday and I was advised that OCC could not get a court order to evict for over two weeks and the police advised it was unlikely they would take action to evict. Fortunately, the gypsy and traveller service* at OCC informed me that this group had already been evicted by Stadhampton and Wheatley parish councils, who had used private bailiffs to evict them quickly, but at a high cost. After contacting the parish clerk at Stadhampton, we decided to take the same route using the same bailiffs, as the cost of allowing them to stay here and the damage they could do with the animals and rubbish would be very expensive to clear, and it would be best for the community if they moved on, especially as the schools were about to return after the summer break. On the Monday morning, the bailiffs arrived, and without any trouble, the travellers packed up and left by mid-afternoon. Over the following evening and next morning David Buckland, myself and several councillors and volunteers cleared up the mess left behind, and WODC collected all the bagged-up refuse. My thanks to all those of you who helped clear up, and for the support we received from the community.

There were various thefts and criminal activity in the town over that weekend, but hopefully our swift action has kept the damage to a minimum. As a result, council agreed to adopt a "zero tolerance policy" to travellers who trespass on council land, so that in future we can take immediate action to evict them. In addition, greater security will be installed on the three gates on the A40 and Tanners Lane.

Hopefully many of you will have seen and responded to our survey to find out what sort of new play area Burford would like on the recreation ground. Once we have a proposal, we will consult the community, and work on sourcing the funding to make it happen.

We have been informed by OCC that the Burford bridge repair is planned for next April, with the road being closed for a minimum of two days.

Finally, on the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: her long life of complete service to her country and the commonwealth are a shining example to us all.

Peter Higgs - Mayor

**In case anyone is wondering, that's its official name - Ed*



APPLY NOW FOR FESTIVAL FUNDING

Following a successful Burford Festival 2022, we generated a surplus and our trustees have asked me to call for applications for support again. Our full objects can be found on our website, relating to Burford and/or the surrounding districts. To remind you, in summary they are to:

- *advance the knowledge and understanding of the arts, and local historic heritage, the promotion of the conservation, preservation and improvement of the local physical environment;*
- *the promotion of good citizenship and civic responsibility by supporting youth groups, and youth centres, sporting events, educational activities and community entertainments.*

So, if you have a project that needs support, please do apply to the Burford Festival Trustees by 24 October, trustees@burfordfestival.org on no more than one A4 page, covering:

- The name of the organisation applying and contact details;
- A description of what the support would be for, who it would benefit and how it meets the objects;
- The amount of support applied for, and details of other sources of support (organisations and amount).

We look forward to hearing from you so that we can see all our efforts in putting on the Festival directly benefit the community and as many of you as possible.

Sara Hall - Festival Committee Chairman

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Peter Higgs



BURFORD TOLSEY MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

Official Opening of the Archive – 18 November

It is with great pleasure mixed with excitement, gratitude and relief, that we can announce that the official opening of the new Burford Tolsey will be on Friday 18 November.

It will of necessity involve two venues, because the new Archive is not suitable for large gatherings.

First, at the new Swan Lane Archive at 4pm, there will be a relatively brief 'cutting of the ribbon', following which the building will become an 'open house' for donors and other invited guests to have a look round. This will be followed by an Opening Ceremony Reception at 5pm and a talk at 6pm at the Warwick Hall, to which all our much appreciated Donors, Volunteers, Friends and Benefactors will be invited.

We are delighted to announce that Antonia Bostrom, Head of Collections at the Victoria and Albert Museum, has kindly agreed to officially open the community's new Archive and present our Opening Day Talk entitled "The Lure of Archives – the past brought alive".

Further details will follow in the next edition of The Bridge, in the meantime, please mark your diaries.

Archive – Fitting Out and Volunteers

In the new Swan Lane Archive, storage racks, bookcases and office furniture are now installed and the procedures and identification of the specialist equipment needed to start to record and digitise our records are well advanced. All is very much going to plan.

What we now need are more volunteers, for example;

- To join the collections working group
- To help with the Tolsey Talks – Zoom/IT familiarity would be a bonus
- To assist with the management of the Archive
- To lead tours of the town
- To spare a couple of hours periodically to welcome visitors to the Tolsey Museum

Full training will be given and you can look forward to working in a warm Tolsey Museum or the equally comfortable modern, purpose built centrally located Swan Lane Archive where you will meet other new similar-minded friends.

If you are interested in informally exploring how your interests and time available might match our needs, please have a word with Clendon Daukes by emailing cddaukes@gmail.com or ringing him on 01993 823533. If you would like to come along with a friend then that would be a bonus for us.

Friends and Benefactors of the Burford Tolsey

A huge thank you. We have been most encouraged by how many have agreed to become a Friend or Benefactor of the Burford Tolsey by donating £10 or £25 respectively per person, a year. Many have also been able to complete gift aid declarations, which enables us to receive an extra 25% from the government.

If you would also like to join, your support will be much appreciated and entitle you to (1) **Monthly e-News** – our magazine with locally focussed articles, (2) **'Artefacts'** – our twice-yearly e-update for Friends and Benefactors, (3) **'Free'** participation in local projects and (4) An additional **discount** for subscribing to the Tolsey Talks complete series.



TOLSEY TALKS



Benefactors will also be invited to an Annual Benefactors Reception. To join and Gift Aid, please go to www.burfordtolsey.org/join

The October talk, exclusively delivered via Zoom, is at 7.30pm on 27 October, when Clendon Daukes will present a virtual tour of Burford's Grade 1 listed St John the Baptist Church, which welcomes over 100,000 visitors each year. Described by David Verey as "a complicated building which has developed in a curious way from the Norman", join us to enjoy its history and discover some of its treasures.

The talks, which last 45minutes plus 15 minutes Q&As costs £5 per talk/household, can be purchased on www.burfordtolsey.org/events.

If you are a Friend of the Burford Tolsey, you can still buy the remaining series of eight talks at a discounted price of £20 at www.burfordtolsey.org/shop

Clendon Daukes, Chairman www.burfordtolsey.org

BURFORD TO BADMINTON IN EASY STAGES



On Wednesday 12 October the sound of coach horns will echo round Burford, Oxfordshire and accompanied by the jingle of harness and the rumble of iron tyres when two 19th Century-style horse-drawn stage coaches will set off at noon from the Burford Garden Company to collect passengers from the Bay Tree, Burford and head off to the Badminton Estate.

Both coaches are privately owned. The "Nimrod" will be drawn by four powerful bay Gelderlander horses and the "Monarch" by a team of home-bred British Hackneys from a stud in Staffordshire.

The 65-mile journey winding through Eastleach Martin. Lechlade, Kempsford, Cricklade and Malmesbury, will take four days, arriving at Badminton on Saturday 15 October.

As the coaches pass through towns and villages, no doubt stopping at the occasional local (as they would have done 200 years ago), bucket collections will be made raising funds for cancer charities. In previous years the two coaches have travelled from Windsor Castle to Warwick Castle, London to Portsmouth and through the Snowdonia National Park on similar fund-raising ventures.

This coaching tour is an unusual adventure with a charitable purpose undertaken by a group of friends who are all four-in-hand coaching enthusiasts.

Further information from Colin Pawson - pawsoncolin@gmail.com



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INSPIRING WOMEN



The FaB WI have enjoyed a relaxing summer making the most of the wonderful weather. We met in August for a creative art evening organised by Laura Gordon. This was a chance for the FaBWI to be imaginative and forget all their daily hassles. Members were asked to bring along interesting plants, leaves, flowers from their gardens and any items that would make up attractive art pictures. What was brought in was fantastic; ribbons, fabric, feathers, flowers

from the garden, herbs, pressed flowers origami paper and more. Paper, card, glue and colouring pens were provided, and the tone was set with some lovely, relaxing music playing in the background.

FaBWI were very kindly invited by the Burford Lawn Bowls Club to join them for a taster evening in August. Some of us with a few partners and children/grandchildren went along to try our hand at the sport. The youngsters were all very good and natural bowlers! The Bowls Club members were so very welcoming to us all and so patient teaching us the basics of bowling. The bias on bowls threw us to begin with, with bowls curving everywhere. They were so generous with their praise and by the end of the evening we were getting closer to the jack or mat. Many thanks to the Bowls Club for their generous invitation. Some of us may even be bitten by the bowls bug.

Our wider WI family both in Oxfordshire and nationally continues to encourage us to look beyond the boundaries of Burford. The NFWI (National Federation) Chair, Ann Jones, has reacted to the planned rise of the energy price cap by helping members to learn more about the wider implications of the rise and encouraging us to take the campaign for government control of the effects of the rise to our local MPs. October also marks ADHD Awareness month. The NFWI public affairs team will be hosting a webinar for members on Friday 21 October 2022. Members will have the chance to hear from expert speakers on the issue. This will be the first in a series of webinars designed to offer WI members an overall understanding of ADHD.

Our Oxfordshire Federation is organising a Simultaneous Quiz Night on Monday 31 October at 6:30pm. WIs across the county are encouraged to enter teams to pit their wits against their fellow WI friends. Also in October there is a day trip to the SS Great Britain and Marina area in Bristol.

Our meeting on 11 October will be our traditional Bring-and-Share Harvest Supper. This is a chance to enjoy the company of fellow FaB WI members accompanied by a delicious supper.

The FaB WI meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Warwick Hall at 7.00 p.m. and warmly welcome 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

FULBROOK FORUM TALKS

For those of you new to our area, the Fulbrook Forum offers a chance to meet other members of our community and listen to a local speaker. Meetings take place at 3pm in the Fulbrook Meeting Place at the back of Fulbrook Church. Talks typically last about 45 minutes, followed by refreshments. All are welcome and no membership is required. A voluntary donation of £2 please to include refreshments is requested.

Brigadier Clendon Daukes unfortunately had to cancel the September scheduled talk at the last minute owing to a funeral. I very much hope we can rearrange the event in the future. In the meanwhile Brigadier Daukes will be doing a Zoom presentation of a similar talk on Burford Church on 27 October: please click the link for details <https://www.burfordtolsey.org/event-details/virtual-tour-of-st-john-the-baptist-church-clendon-daukes>

6 October 2022 "Tin Pis na Ris" - Misadventures in Papua New Guinea by Geoff LeGrys. The talk will explore Geoff's personal experiences of living and working at a university in PNG. It will set the background of the country through its languages, and the human and physical geography of the country.

10 November 2022 Masters of the Post: From 1512-2022, the story and the future of the Royal Mail by Victoria Marsh who was a lawyer working for the Royal Mail. Her talk will be a trot through the history of the foundation of the Post Office from the days of Henry VIII and the first "master of the post" to the everyday operation in Britain today of both Royal Mail and the Post Office network. The ins and outs and a story of loyalty, duty and conscientious determination down the ages.

If you would like a reminder about a week before the meeting, please e-mail fulbrookforum@gmail.com to join our mailing list.

Oliver Sharpley

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NORTHLEACH CHURCH CONCERT



Orchestra Pro Anima with Michael Bochmann (violin) and Peter Adams (cello)

Thursday 20 October, Northleach Church, 7pm

Orchestra Pro Anima, in partnership with Water City Music, return to Northleach Church, to bring favourite classics, technical wizardry and popular songs under one roof. The evening will again feature a special performance from WCM Cotswold Junior Voices. The programme will include: Locatelli – *Concerto in F minor* Op 1 No 8; Mozart – *Serenata Nottuorno*; Holst – *St Paul's Suite*; Sarasate *Zapadeado* (George Ewart – violin); Copland – *Hoe-Down* from *Rodeo*
Jane Quelch

And another venue for these popular performances

THE LENTHALL CONCERTS

Series 2022-23 - Celebrating 30 years!

Way back in 1992 a Burford School old boy Michael Bochmann put on a highly successful concert in the school hall with his Bochmann String Quartet. It proved to be a seminal event. Thirty years and around 170 concerts later the Lenthall Concerts, named after one of Burford's most famous benefactors, are still going strong.



Steeped in the musical profession, Michael has been able, over the years, to find many thrilling performers to come and play including famous names such as pianist Bernard Roberts, clarinettist Thea King and guitarist Craig Ogden. Groups from Italy, Russia, Slovenia and the USA have played and, more recently, local celebrity Brian Kay. Sometimes performers about to play at the Wigmore Hall, who wanted to perform their programme in advance, took part.

This year the Lenthall Concerts series launches on Wednesday 5 October. We will be celebrating our 30th anniversary and, as ever, the concerts present an exciting and contrasting series of great music and performers, concentrating mainly on classical music.

We shall be kicking off in grand style with two of the greatest works for violin and piano by Mozart and Schubert performed by the concerts' founder Michael Bochmann and the pianist. Esther Cavett. In November, Klanglust, the popular chamber orchestra from Nuremberg, will follow and the new Fiero Piano Trio play in December, including Peter Adams on cello.

Next year starts with the best known brass quintet in the West Country, Bristol Brass. In February Adam Khan (guitar) and Michael Bochmann celebrate new aspects of Paganini and his friends, and in March we bring the season to a close with the Amiel Trio from Slovenia, who last visited eight years ago.

Concerts will take place at Burford School at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings from October to March. Season and individual tickets can be purchased in advance via ticketsource (www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-lenthall-society). They will also be available at a slightly higher price on the door. All details of the new season can be found at www.lenthallconcerts.org.uk.

We hope you will join us and look forward to celebrating with you.

Sarah Duckworth



The Burford Singers Celebrate the Music of John Rutter

Sunday 27 November, 2022, 7.30pm
Church of St John the Baptist, Church Green,
Burford OX18 4RY

Burford Singers with Cotswold Chamber Orchestra
Leader: Kate Bailey
Mezzo Soprano: Melanie Marshall
Conductor: Brian Kay

Rutter favourites will be performed including

Gloria; Feel the Spirit; Suite for strings; Distant Land;
A selection of Christmas carols.

Tickets reserved at £25, £20, £15, unreserved £10

Online booking (booking fee applies)
<https://www.burfordingers.org.uk/buy-tickets/>
Booking in person (unreserved tickets only) at
The Madhatter Bookshop, 122, High Street, Burford
OX18 4QJ and on the door

Full details on our website <https://www.burfordingers.org.uk/events/>

Catherine Martin - Burford Singers Publicity

CRAFT IN ACTION, CRAFT FAIR

Warwick Hall, Burford, OX18 4RY

Saturday 5 November; 10am to 4.30pm

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.

Admission is free. The venue is wheelchair accessible. We welcome well behaved dogs.

Contact us on craftinaction@yahoo.co.uk if you need more information or find us on Facebook: Craft In Action
Website: craftinaction.co.uk
Jane Hunt

OCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Conservative opposition remains concerned that the LibDem/Green/Labour coalition running the county council continues to pursue ideological objectives way beyond the remit of the council, the core functions of which are: adult and children's social care; education and learning; and highways. They also do not seem to listen to residents.

Protests Against Drag Queen Story Time For Children At Libraries



As previously reported, the planned drag queen story time classes for primary school children in council libraries sparked fury from many parents. The events took place during August provoking demonstrations and counter-demonstrations with a heavy police presence. Without going into the detail of the debate, Conservatives are asking voters who switched their vote to the LibDems if this is the type of thing they want the council to get involved in, or whether it should focus on the fundamentals of running local government.

Libdem/Green/Labour Administration Ramps Up Veganism Campaign

The administration continues to push its vegan agenda under the guise of climate action. A new website promoted by Oxfordshire councils called Climate Action Oxfordshire features links to the Vegan Society. Pressure group the Countryside Alliance has responded by stating that the vegan policies which OCC has adopted should be dropped because they undermine British farmers. The alliance is urging councillors to withdraw from the campaign which encourages residents to give up meat and adopt a plant-based diet. It argues that in order to make an environmental choice, it is more important for consumers to know where food comes from and how it is produced. At the OCC full council meeting in September, Conservatives again tried to reverse the imposition of vegan meals at council meetings.

Cost Of Gender-Neutral Toilets

Subsequent to the cabinet decision to further investigate the provision of gender-neutral toilets in all council buildings, OCC's property director confirmed that OCC has 905 sites and that each of these would have to be assessed. Ignoring the cost of any actual work required, just this assessment could cost in excess of £90,000 if each individual assessment costs £100. If the actual work costs £1000 per site on average, then the total cost would be in the region of £1m.

Have Your Say On The Draft Central Oxfordshire Travel Plan

OCC has launched a consultation on its draft Central Oxfordshire Travel Plan, which focuses on potential ways of taxing motorists to reduce car use in and around the city of Oxford. Residents and parish councils can respond to the survey on Let's Talk Oxfordshire: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/central-oxfordshire-travel-plan>

Meanwhile, opponents of the hugely divisive Low Traffic Neighbourhood scheme in Oxford have launched a legal bid to overturn the council's decision.

OCC Cllr Nicholas Field-Johnson, Burford & Windrush Valley, nick.fieldjohnson@oxfordshire.gov.uk and nfjuk3@gmail.com





Worried about higher energy cost? Citizens Advice share some advice

Most households will see an increase in prices from 1 October. If you are unsure of your tariff, please check your bill or ask your supplier so you are prepared.

How you can reduce your energy bills

There are ways to reduce how much electricity and gas you use. For example:

- Switch your appliances off standby
- Use your washing machine more carefully — wash at 30 degrees and only when you have a full load
- Turn down your thermostat by one degree — aim for between 18°C and 21 °C
- Draught-proof and block cracks throughout your home
- Insulate your hot water cylinder
- Boil only the amount of water you need in your kettle
- Close curtains at night to contain the heat

For more tips on the [Energy Saving Trust website](#).

Support to help you pay your bills?

If you're struggling to pay your energy bill, contact your supplier. They have to help you find a solution. They can put you on a payment plan which takes into account what you can afford.

Grants and benefits available

Energy Bills Support Scheme — every household gets £400 over six months from October. **No action needs to be taken so please watch for scams.**

Winter Fuel Payment — £300 per household if you were born on or before 26 September 1956

Warm Home Discount — £150 a year if your supplier has an open scheme and you are eligible

Priority Services Register — register if you are eligible
See more advice on the [Ofgem website](#)

Citizens Advice is here to help too

Citizens Advice can help you understand your energy bills and advise you on ways to reduce your debt by budgeting and checking your benefit entitlements.
For further advice visit citizensadvicewestoxon.org.uk or call Freephone 0808 278 7908
Judy Anders

AS I WAS SAYING...

Is the “Nanny State” a good or a bad thing? And who is behind it?

Taking the last one first, obviously the government but not, I suspect, at the exalted level of secretaries of state and ministers but civil servants working from home with little to do to occupy their WFH time, decide to have a bit of fun scaring the living daylights out of us. I doubt whether they are an organised, institutionalised group of do-gooders, merely a bunch of people with the same mindset. In recent times they have had masses of opportunities to exercise their bone-chilling arts — coronavirus, monkeypox, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, heat waves and now drought to mention a few. I envision them standing at their bedroom windows clad in radiation-proof pyjamas and masks frantically scanning the heavens for nuclear rockets, hitherto unknown viruses (or should that be viri, virii or vira? Google supports all three!) or rain and mentally reviewing all the possible dire warnings and advice they can give.

There are some wonderfully lunatic examples. When the dangers of nuclear fall-out became shockingly apparent post-Hiroshima and Nagasaki the US government produced a splendid public service film which was shown in all cinemas in America. Amongst a wealth of commonsensical advice about building nuclear shelters and what to stock in them (contraceptives featured large in this advice, not surprising given that the film was sponsored by Durex) there was a strong admonition that, if you were one of the 99.999% of Americans who did not have a nuclear bunker and spotted a nuclear rocket coming, you should run into the kitchen or dining room of your house and shelter under the table. This despite the fact that the obliteration of thousands of square miles of Japan had featured in innumerable news reports at the time. The film should have been sponsored by IKEA, not Durex.

Another classic came from our very own Department of Health when we had a couple of sunny days recently. After merrily listing the number of likely deaths from sunburn, sunstroke and sun blindness it helpfully advised that, if you had an electric fan, you should place a bowl of ice cubes in front of it so that the air fanned over it would be cooled and hence lower the temperature in the whole house. Those who fell for this nonsense soon found that the heat generated by the whirring fan melted the ice cubes in seconds.

So those who favour minimal state intervention in day-to-day life say do away with the Nanny State and spend the money on saving the planet. We do not need government officials to tell us to put on another jumper when the thermometer freezes (or probably three when the fuel bills hit this coming winter) or to put a brick in the cistern when we have two or more rain free days to help prevent the inevitable hose pipe bans. But hold on, some excellent stuff came out of the NHS during Covid; babies and bath water come to mind. Would it not be better to accept with amused tolerance the many infelicities for the sake of getting some sound advice at the same time? None of us enjoys being bossed around by some pencil-toting jobsworth but if he/she gives us a 10% nugget of golden guidance with 90% of dross, is it not best to give thanks and move on?

Incidentally, did you know that Brewdog produces a “Nanny State Beer”? Sadly it is alcohol free — that really is extravagant Nannyism!

John White



Can you Solve the Mystery?

Amongst the many reasons for people going to the village pub is simply to meet friends for a drink or a meal, or perhaps to watch a televised game of football or rugby. The traditional bowling alleys, dartboards, cribbage and dominoes survive in some places, but these convivial pastimes are becoming rare, and drinkers who are not eating are discouraged in many establishments, in favour of providing a gastro experience for a different audience.

A summer game once common in the Oxfordshire/Gloucestershire area is Aunt Sally, and I believe a league still operates around Witney, but another old game, Quoits has probably not been played around here for almost a century. An account of the game as played in the North of England where it seems to have originated may be found in *The Countryman, Rescuing the Past*, (1973). We have a pair of iron quoits in the BTMA collection, coming from Glenthorne, on the Hill.



A board for an unknown game came from Providence House in the Lower High Street, the former home of the Butler family. Constructed of pine, measuring approximately 20 x 14 x 5 inches, it is lined with striped hessian and padded on the main area. The lozenge shape is formed by around 25 nails or pegs, three of which across the middle have a brass cap. The central area is worn where something was evidently thrown onto it, but we do not know what. There are pegging holes on each side for keeping score — four groups of four, and a ‘home’ peg hole on each side.

An historian of the game of darts is certain that our board is not a dart board, but the game remains a mystery. Perhaps it will be identified by a *Bridge* reader.

Chris Walker

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12 October, Lecture at 11am
In person at the Warwick Hall, Burford and by Zoom
The Car in Art and the Car as Art with Julian Richards



Speed! Technology! Destruction! The battle cry of the cubist-inspired Futurists in the years before the First World War heralded the appearance of the car as a powerful symbol in avant-garde art. The creations of the great car builders and coachbuilders of the Art Deco era can be described as works of art, and it is perhaps no coincidence that Ettore Bugatti, the creator of beautiful cars, came from an artistic family that included sculptors and furniture makers.

The romance of speed continued to be a major theme in how cars were depicted in art, from formal gallery works to race posters. But since the 1950s the car has become art, from the re-shaped creations of the American custom scene, to its use as a canvas for artists as celebrated as Peter Blake, Andy Warhol and Damien Hurst.

This lecture will showcase the beautiful and the bizarre, celebrating the dynamic, creative, and sometimes unsettling relationship between cars and art.

Julian Richards studied archaeology at Reading University and has since worked as a professional archaeologist, in commercial archaeology, for English Heritage, for the BBC and as an independent. He was elected a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London in 1992 and is being awarded an honorary doctorate. He has been involved in teaching and outreach projects, lecturing widely in continuing education, to groups and societies and to special interest tour companies

This hybrid lecture will be held at the Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford, OX18 4RZ at 11am and via Zoom. Please be seated by 10.50 for notices of upcoming events. Numbers are no longer restricted but booking is really helpful for planning.

Further information will be circulated via the newsletter and bookings can be made via the website (www.theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk). Visitors are welcome, space permitting, for a suggested donation of £10.

Coffee is available in the Warwick Hall.

For more information contact Frances Sparkes on 07834769080 or

publicity@theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk

To learn more about The Arts Society Cotswolds and to keep abreast of any additional activities, please see the website

www.theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk

Frances Sparkes

Don't forget to look at our website
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

FRIENDS OF BURFORD LIBRARY

A wonderful opportunity awaits some like-minded people to join our worthy band of volunteers to help keep our amazing library open.

A few hours every couple of weeks is all that is asked for. If you are interested please contact the library or Liz Deverson.

Apart from the ongoing range of special activities at Burford Library, we are busy preparing for the ever popular Plonk and Pudding Party. This will be held on Friday 4 November in the Baptist Chapel on Witney Street.

Book early to avoid disappointment and don't miss out on a wonderful evening's quiz entertainment, as well as some of the tastiest puddings in Oxfordshire.

Tickets available from the Library.

Maureen Percival /Carol-Amy Holdcroft



THE BURFORD ALMSHOUSE CHARITY



The Burford Almshouse Charity trustees held a farewell lunch for John Marks, who joined the board as treasurer in 1992. He served for many years in this role but was also responsible for the buildings and maintenance sub-committee, which meant it was always John who helped the residents when something needed doing. He took over as chairman when John Kimberley left and set about making sure that he had a



good succession plan in place, as all good chairmen should. He introduced Don Griffin to the intricacies of his accounting system and appointed Sue Matthews and Steve Eginton to be the maintenance team that made sure the properties were always in the best possible condition. He finally felt able to leave the board to its own devices this year, when Don Griffin stepped up to be chairman and Desmond Lawton took over as treasurer. Over lunch at the golf

club John remembered some of the highlights of his time on the board, which included the purchase of two new almshouses and the sale of the land on the Shilton Road which brought in money to support the charity's work in the community. He was presented with a walking stick with a fish handle, because when he was not supporting the almshouses or playing golf, he would be on the Windrush, fishing. John will remain as a consultant to the board, as his knowledge is too valuable to be lost.

Anne Youngson

WODC COUNCILLOR REPORT

The highlight of the month has been the dismissal of the Land East of Barnes Lane (Cole's Field) appeal. The inspector's report was short and sharp and, in the September Bridge, John White gave an excellent review of the implications of her decision and an assessment of whether the matter is now at rest.

We were protected by our Conservation Area and AONB status and the inspector's view of the harm arising from the impact of the development on Burford's heritage value and the local landscape. Furthermore, the applicant's proposals did not provide the number of affordable homes required by WODC's policies.

The sting in the tail for the district council was that the inspector did not support its assertion that it had a five year Housing Land Supply. Our planning team is now urgently reviewing progress on the key sites in the District, to establish a better evidence base than was presented to the inspector, and to assess what can be done to accelerate progress on sites which have fallen behind, or renew permissions on sites where they have lapsed. Until this is done or the Local Plan amended, appeals for development on land outside sites identified in the Local Plan will have a much better chance of being upheld.

Help during the cost of living crisis

We are all experiencing rising costs in many areas of our lives and the district council is well aware that many people across West Oxfordshire are, or will be, struggling to make ends meet. There are multiple schemes of support, but it can be difficult to find one's way around them. To help, the council has published a comprehensive list of almost 20 such schemes. Not all will be applicable to everyone, but it is a handy way of quickly checking to see whether you are already receiving the support you are eligible for, or whether you qualify for more. Do try the following weblink to see if there is help available for you:

<https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/news-items/help-if-you-re-struggling-with-living-costs/>.

Hugo Ashton

District Councillor for Burford, Fulbrook and Taynton hugo.ashton@westoxon.gov.uk or 0771 2490517



ON THE WATER FRONT

Water, and the companies who supply it and dispose of it, have been much in the news in recent weeks. The supply side has been so lacking that hosepipe bans have been imposed in our area and many others, but this has led to complaints that the real problem is that 25% of water escapes from leaky pipes before it reaches consumers. In comparison the amount used watering gardens and washing cars is, er, a drop in the ocean. The disposal side came into focus as soon as some rain began to fall and the water companies released untreated sewage into rivers and the sea. The latter was particularly unpopular as it coincided with the seaside holiday season. Even the French have complained about the risk of *la merde anglaise* washing up on the beaches of Normandy, making the *entente* less than *cordiale*.

Across England and Wales incidents of raw sewage discharge more than doubled between 2016 and 2021. The start of this coincided with cuts by DEFRA of £80m on sewage monitors as part of "efficiency savings". (Award yourself an A* if you can remember which minister was in charge of DEFRA in 2016. She has now gone on to higher things). It has also emerged that all 11 water and sewage companies in England

and Wales failed to meet their targets for tackling pollution and sewage outflows. They face fines totalling £75m for the last financial year for falling short of their targets. The government's response is to point the finger at the regulator, OFWAT, which is charged with supervising water companies. The beleaguered CEO of OFWAT, David Black, insists that he is determined to hold the companies to account and penalise them when they fall short of the required standard. He is also seeking powers to block "inappropriate" dividend payments. However it has been pointed out that, since the water industry was privatised in 1989, it is estimated that dividends of £72 billion have been paid to shareholders. To such companies fines of £75m must be the equivalent of the loose change you supposedly find down the back of the sofa.

Back in our part of the world, some readers may have seen a long article by Oliver Bullough which appeared in The Guardian and later in The Week magazine about "the duo who uncovered the truth about our rivers." It tells the story of Peter Hammond, a retired professor of computational biology, who moved to a new home by the Windrush. In 2013 he acquired a new neighbour, a retired detective superintendent and a keen fisherman called Ashley Smith. As a fisherman, Ashley quickly recognised that all was not well with the river. Hammond and Smith, the Lennon and McCartney of fighting river pollution, set about investigating the cause of the problems for the Windrush and then for other rivers.

Hammond's career had involved using computers to help doctors identify medical conditions in children and he adapted his skills to analyse data from water companies. Smith's investigational expertise enabled him to ferret out information from water companies and regulators. By sending out freedom of information requests they started to discover the extent to which untreated sewage was being dumped into the Windrush and the fact that this had been tolerated by the Environment Agency. (The EA is responsible for protecting the environment as a whole while OFWAT's job is specifically to supervise the water and sewage companies). This led to the foundation of Windrush Against Sewage Pollution (WASP), helped by other local campaigners.

Water companies are allowed to discharge raw sewage into rivers after exceptional rainfall because rain also runs into sewers and there would be the danger of them backing up into homes. However they are required to report such instances to the regulators. Our duo discovered that for long periods, sometimes months at a time, the water companies were simply not reporting this. Worse still, the companies were discharging sewage when there had been no rain at all. They reported their findings to the regulators and this led to an enquiry by the Environmental Audit Committee, a parliamentary body, whose members came to see the Windrush for themselves.

Bullough's article goes on to recount that eventually the EA and OFWAT announced that they were starting an investigation into the water companies although this might take up to two years. They seemed to be very reluctant to acknowledge that this was in response to the information that Hammond had dug up and they simply used expressions like "new information". Apparently they did not want to admit that Hammond had uncovered facts that they should have known already if they had been doing their job. Also a new body, the Office of Environmental Protection, has been set up to investigate the existing bodies - in effect to regulate the regulators (are you keeping up?)

There is still a long way to go and the WASP team are carrying on the good work. But it's clear that we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Peter Hammond, Ashley Smith and the rest of the WASP team. It's an extraordinary achievement for "a bunch of amateurs" (in Ashley's words) to uncover such a major scandal.

Gordon Elliot



ANNUAL LUNCH MEETING

**Tuesday 18 October - noon. 'Adamas – a very special rock'
– Tim Thorn, Warwick Hall**



Our next talk is about the story of a very special rock found in 1996 in Africa. Tim Thorn will cover its early history, how it became famous because of its intrinsic value, which then became too tempting to villains who attempted to steal it from behind extensive security barriers at the Millennium Dome. The rest is history.

After a career of over 30 years in the RAF where he rose to the rank of Commandant General, in 1995, Tim Thorn voluntarily left the RAF to start a new and exciting career with De Beers, the South African diamond company. As their Head of Security, he travelled regularly to some 15 different countries including Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea and Sierra Leone. During his time with De Beers he played a significant role in thwarting the largest ever robbery (\$350 million) of a rare diamond from the Millennium Dome.

The ticket price of £9 is inclusive of a light lunch, a glass of wine or soft drink.

Pre-booking is essential. Bookings can now be made via our website. For those without access to at the internet **please telephone Julia Hart to book your place on 07779 109761.**

This really is a case of 'first come, first served'. We regret that we will be unable to cater for any members who simply turn up on the day.

Looking further ahead to Tuesday 15 November 7.00pm, our talk will be 'The Park and its Penguins; the first 50 years'



Head Bird Keeper Chris Green will share the extraordinary stories from the Cotswold Wildlife Park's archive, including the history of the Park's penguins. Guests are welcome - £5 at the door.

Finally a huge thank you is due to Frances Sparkes who has stepped down as our Speaker Secretary following her move to Bristol. Her

support has been greatly appreciated.

Peter, Chairman petermartin@btinternet.com
www.burfordanddistrictsociety.co.uk

BURFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Our coach outing (many thanks to Pulhams – a great service) to Coton Manor in August was enjoyed by all – the weather turned out just right, not too hot, not too cold and thankfully not wet. If only!



The garden was looking fantastic, no sign of a drought, and packed with interesting plants, most of which were labelled, so many notes were taken in order for us to buy later. The herbaceous beds were well planned and colour-themed, viewable from all sides and full (not a weed in sight). Several large ponds were fed from a stream, with a great rill cascading down through the orchard – just enough formality in a slightly wilder area. The water went on down to a large pond with flamingos, yes, flamingos, real ones! A bit of a surprise. There were also bantams wandering around (how do they keep them off the flower beds?)

The Stableyard cafe was well stocked and very welcoming – those who partook of lunch or tea and cake all said how good it was.

The final glory was the nursery. Oh, how great! Really healthy-looking plants and a great choice, many from the garden. I don't think anyone went home empty-handed and the coach driver managed to keep them all upright in the luggage bay.

We must keep in mind that this would most likely be a really good garden to visit at another time of the year – perhaps in the spring – watch this space.

Jan Cohen - Outings Secretary

BURFORD SCHOOL

As you read this now, our new school year is well and truly under way. However, at the time of writing, our Year 13 and Year 11 students have recently received their A-Level and GCSE results respectively. Here, we wish to reflect on the impressive set of results achieved by Burford School students this year.

A-Level Results

We have nothing but pride and admiration for our Year 13 students who achieved very pleasing A-Level results with many outstanding individual results. This year, 31% of our grades were A*-A, 58% were A*-B, and 81% were A*-C with at least 1A* or A achieved by 43% of our students. Many of our students have now taken up places at university and the breadth of destinations and courses highlights their range of interests and talents.

Some exceptional examination results for our students see them now attend, amongst others, Cambridge to read Modern and Medieval Languages, Durham to read Natural Sciences, Edinburgh to read Physics, and St Andrews to read Art History. Indeed, one of our students, Kate, is now at Cambridge University after achieving A*A*AA in Spanish, History, French, and the Extended Project. Reacting to her results, Kate said, 'I am thrilled that my hard work has paid off [...] I was extremely lucky to have such amazing language teachers who encouraged my passion for modern languages.'

GCSE Results

Our GCSE results were also fantastic this year with many brilliant individual results for our Year 11 students. Our results were above the national average, with over 30% awarded at grades 9-7 and 80% awarded at grades 9-4.

Some outstanding results for our Year 11 students included an 11 grade 9 GCSE result, which was achieved by Barney.

Reacting to his results, Barney said:

'When I found out my results... I was extremely pleased ... Throughout my five years at Burford, I have been supported and challenged by excellent teachers, especially in the last two years leading up to my GCSEs'.

Responding to these fantastic results on the day, headmaster at Burford School, Matthew Albrighton, said: 'We are so proud today as students receive their results and start the next chapter of their education. All our Year 11 students at Burford have shown enormous strength of character over the last two years to overcome challenges that no one could possibly have expected. Their efforts have been rewarded with outstanding outcomes. I am incredibly proud of the students and the staff for their dedication and good humour throughout.'

Open Evening

An open evening for prospective Sixth Form students will be held at Burford School on Thursday 10 November 2022. For more information, visit our website at www.burford.oxon.sch.uk

Clementine Bright

BURFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Nursery and Reception children.

Do you, or anyone you know, have a child who will be turning three soon, or due to start Reception in September 2023? If so, please do come and visit us at Burford Primary School. We have open days on Wednesday 12 October at 1:30 p.m., Thursday 3 November at 1.30 p.m. and Tuesday 15 November at 9:15 a.m.



We have nursery provision for children from the term after they turn three, which runs alongside our EYFS class, giving the children a great head start the year before they start in Reception.

This setup also gives our Reception class the opportunity to be role models to the younger children whilst also providing opportunities for us to support children who find the transition to school difficult. We welcome up to ten children to join our nursery and 20 children to join us in Reception each year, meaning we can get to know each child individually. All of Early Years children are able to enjoy all areas of our early years setting, including their two outdoor areas which can only be used by their class. They also enjoy daily access to our trim trail, active play equipment and our paddock, where children take part in forest school sessions.



Children enjoy nutritious hot school dinners which have been chosen with the help of parents and children and are cooked on site by our chef. We also have regular enrichment clubs after school and a breakfast and after school club to support our working parents.

Either email or call the school office to find out more about our school – office.2251@burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk 01993 822159.

Adam Clark - Headmaster

BURFORD PRE-SCHOOL

New school year and a wonderful new eventful time ahead for all the children. We are thrilled to see our pre-schoolers return as well as welcome many new children and families to our setting. The children have been wonderful in settling in so well and making new friendships and supporting each other with our daily routines.

This autumn, the children will be exploring the outdoors, heading for walks and venturing out to the Scout garden collecting autumn treasures to make a picture with various materials.

We would also like to thank all our supporters for their help with which the pre-school have been busy making upgrades to our setting. We now have new lights fitted, new bark in our outdoor area, fixtures to our roof and a new gate in our fencing.

Thank you Hickmans for your generous support with the bark, the children have loved all their adventures outside.

We look forward to an exciting autumn term.

Ola Cales

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.

HELP CITIZENS ADVICE

Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire opens up new opportunities for volunteer advisers to provide vital support in the community

Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire is looking for volunteers from all kinds of backgrounds to support local people with their problems. Issues might include debt, housing, benefit and employment problems. The charity gives free, independent and confidential advice. With the increase in the cost of living, the need for more volunteers to help people is vital.

Citizens Advice volunteers come from all walks of life and choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. They include students; people getting back into work after career breaks; people with part-time jobs; carers; and people who have retired. People simply need a desire to help.

Right now, the local charity is looking for volunteers to become advisers. This involves taking calls, meeting clients face-to-face and working with colleagues to provide the best support possible for people in need. Each adviser works with clients to understand their individual needs, then, with professional support from qualified and experienced supervisors, undertakes research to find the best advice to give. A comprehensive training programme will be given, with our next induction planned for early this autumn. Generally volunteers are asked to contribute at least eight hours per week, which can be done flexibly either in the central Witney office, our HUB on Station Lane, Witney, or even from your own home. To find out more and apply, visit citizensadvicewestoxon.org.uk or contact training@citizensadvicewestoxon.org.uk



Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire is still here for everyone providing free advice that is confidential and impartial.

Free-phone number: 0808 2787908

Online: citizensadvicewestoxon.org

Judy Anders

WE ARE ON TWITTER



To get the latest news follow us on Twitter @BridgeBurford or go to our website www.thebridgeburford.co.uk.

ALLEYWAYS AND TREASURES

Burford now has a number of new shops offering a range of interesting and attractive clothes, crafts, jewellery and items for the home.

Some of these are tucked behind the High Street.

NEW HOUSE OF MÄLU OPENS IN BURFORD

Our latest addition to Burford High Street sees the culmination of years of interior design experience plus a rich heritage of motor car racing passion from Viktorija and James Watson (not forgetting baby Charlotte).



Describing their business as a boutique department store providing a lifestyle experience for consumers as well as an inspiring source of interior advice and guidance (thanks to her Interior Design BSc from San Francisco State University), Viktorija explains that the name Mälu means “memories” in Estonian, and she hopes that her enthusiasm for English craftsmanship and Euro-flair design will bring new memories and spirit to her customers as their retail story evolves.

A fabulous collection of unusual and individual home accessories, including Viktorija’s own sculpture pieces available by commission, the ground floor showcases beautifully crafted, Italian design furniture, ceramics, lighting, textiles and Amanda Caroline skincare; the first floor is dedicated to a range of Italian and Danish designer ladies’ clothing and accessories.

In addition, James is proud to display his unique range of Jordan bespoke luxury Tuscan leather and canvas bags and accessories - each piece designed individually to customers’ exacting requirements. Hand-made on the outskirts of Florence, Italy, customers may choose not just the suede, leather or canvas fabric outer, but their own specific colour, size, lining, stitching and handles, then add their personalised logo or initials as a finishing touch. For fellow car enthusiasts, it is good to know that the company specialise in designing bags to fit cars - in particular supercars. Heirloom quality bags, laptop cases, even credit card holders can be matched to any chosen colour and at a surprisingly affordable price: a recent customer order for a credit card holder colour matched to his Ferrari Monza paint and embossed with a personalised logo cost a mere £65 - considerably less than the Ferrari. (*We’re ordering a dozen - card holders, that is -Ed*)

Follow them on instagram : house_of_malu for news and updates plus the launch of their new ladies bag collection.

Open Wednesday- Sunday, 10am until 5pm.

Joanna McKerlie and photo by Andrew McKerlie



After what has been a turbulent few weeks full of joys and sorrows many of our bookshoppers are turning their thoughts to shopping and looking forward to the December festivities. Do drop in and see us as we have a shop bursting with delightful books including signed copies of *Landlines* by Raynor Winn, *The Bullet That Missed* by Richard Osman and lots more for booklovers of every age.

During last months Literary Festival we were delighted to launch Anne Youngson’s new book *The Six Who Came to Dinner* – we loved Annes previous two books and in this latest collection of stories Anne delivers her delightfully dark unputdownable take on human foibles, pettiness and rivalry.

Last year our subscriptions also made the perfect gift as well as our Book Spas in conjunction with Cindy from Hugo Patisserie – pop in to The Madhatter Bookshop and let us take care of your wish list and your gift list!

Finally the Book Bar is back, join us for a glass of shelf medication – watch the blackboard and our website for dates.

Kim Harvey

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/>

Batsford Circular via Sezincote and Moreton Tuesday 4 October – Moderate 3.5hr 7.5ml

A gentle walk to the fabulous Sezincote Manor with its 'onion dome'. A visit to Moreton-in-Marsh on market day for a coffee and a quick look or make your way back to Batsford.

A warden will be in the car park from 9.30 am.

Start: 10:00 Park in the lower car park at Batsford Arboretum. OS Map ref: SP 183 334.

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 to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

Please note that the Chipping Campden town walks will cease from the end of September and will recommence in the spring.

Sheila Wasley



WHY CAN'T I GET RID OF CLOTHES MOTHS?

I quite like hand sewing, but now, with increasing frequency, I darn holes in jumpers. As a child I don’t remember clothes moths being a problem. I do remember the reek of moth balls in the spare room of our grandparents’ house, but nothing in my parents’ house. So what’s going on?

Clothes moths, like all moths, have a four-part life cycle. Eggs – tiny (think smaller than a glass pin head) whiteish/creamish, laid in groups of a few to a hundred, over a few days, by the female adult moth. How quickly they hatch depends on temperature and humidity, and is typically four to ten days.

The eggs hatch into larvae, starting a few millimetres long, growing to 1-1.5 cm long. I’ve only seen one (it was white with a brown head on a blue jumper). I’ve seen the evidence of many. The larvae stage can be two months to a year and a half (which is a lot of holes in a lot of jumpers).



When they pupate, they usually select somewhere dark, and take from eight days to 1.5 months to emerge into the state we see mostly – the adult moth. The pupae are often cunningly disguised with fibres from the fabric they’ve munched, so are easily overlooked.

The sole aim of the adult moth is mating and egg laying (on your best wool, silk or cashmere).

So what do I do? I go moth-spotting before bed. Mostly I find them towards the top of the walls, and occasionally on the ceiling. The clothes moth *Tineola bisselliella*, is a pale cream colour, and about 7mm long. They don’t seem to notice the advance of a hand, about to squash them. I tap them lightly, then brush off the “shadow” with my finger – most of the time there is no lasting mark, and if there is, it comes off with a damp cloth. Our walls are painted – I’m not sure how the technique would work on wallpaper.

All our vulnerable jumpers and blankets are now stored in plastic bags. I use zipped-up clothes bags for things on hangers that moths might target. We have moth traps in strategic places. These are card or plastic receptacles into which I slot a sticky pheromone-impregnated card. The pheromone attracts male moths, and the glue traps them, preventing mating. They last about six months. We leave our cupboard doors open, as moths seek out dark places to lay eggs and to pupate. Vacuum cleaning in the corners of cupboards has become a more frequent activity, as has shaking out coats and jackets hung up for daily use.

Cedar wood blocks are said to be good. I’m told if you sandpaper them from time to time it releases a fresh supply of the cedar fragrance moths avoid. Other essential oils are also said to be effective. There are sprays to be had in high street shops and on the internet which interfere with the lifecycle, and sachets to put in the pockets of hung-up clothes to deter.

So why no moths in our parents’ house? I was a child in the 1960s and 1970s. It was the polyester, rayon, orlon, nylon, tie-dyed cotton and cheesecloth era. Not much to tempt a clothes moth there! There were carpets in the centre of rooms, but they didn’t go right to the edges. Wooden floorboards didn’t offer much enticement to a clothes moth. Maybe we had fewer articles of clothing, so everything was “turned over” more often, giving the moths less opportunity?

Does anyone have any other insights to offer?

Ruth Reavley

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Bring Back the Bins

Those of us lucky enough to have travelled through France during the summer will have been struck by its wonderful pothole-free roads and the absence of litter wherever one went. So I wonder whether others have noticed that the rubbish bins along the A40 have been removed? Many will have seen volumes of litter floating around the lay-bys near Burford without realising the cause. I understand that the relevant highway authority is usually the county council but my notes to the council have yet to elicit a reply. It is of course quite possible that new bins are being provided but at the moment the state of the lay-bys is a disgrace.

Clendon Daukes

Give Veganism a Try

County Councillor Nicholas Field-Johnson says that “this vegan issue” is a major distraction from council business.

Might I suggest that the most effective way of ending the distraction would be for Mr Field-Johnson and his carnivorously inclined colleagues to show some grace, curiosity and open-mindedness and participate in the seven meals per year in which they are being invited to enjoy a plant-based menu.

Most of us are lucky enough to eat three meals a day; that’s 1,094 meals per year. If Mr Field-Johnson cannot happily eat 0.64% of his meals without meat, how does he suggest we move towards the recommendation of our National Food Strategy to reduce our consumption of meat by 30% by 2030 (a goal that many climate scientists consider too modest)?

I entirely agree that the food should be sourced locally, and this is, in fact, a stated goal in the policy that was adopted by the council. Perhaps the Conservative councillors could focus their scrutiny on this particular, rather than on the concept of serving plant-based food itself which is, for a council that takes the climate emergency seriously, an exemplary step.

One final point – choice. Look at it from the vegan standpoint. Walk into any pub and ask yourself who has the choice. It’s certainly not the vegans.

Rosie Pearson - Asthall

Mayor Cleans Up

I must tell you of the sterling effort to protect our town from our loyal, selfless mayor, Mr Peter Higgs. If you are not aware, a week or two back, a group of Travellers set up camp. Mr Peter Higgs, being nobody’s fool, got straight on the case. My real point is to thank the people who cleaned this up. This really was a nasty job I personally would struggle to physically do, yet I recall when I spoke to our worthy mayor, Peter, on the first day of his efforts to clean up, his characteristic kindness, upbeat nature and enthusiasm had not waned in the slightest, dustpan and brush, bags in hand, and willingness to get on with the job. I have known Peter Higgs a good 12 or 15 years, always liked him, I’d like to raise this not to admire the man. What a good thing we have a mayor who will do this for us. I know Peter Higgs was not alone in the clean up, I also commend the efforts of all others involved, I saw people walking on the Westfield, cleaning up, Thank you to all involved, you all showed “True Grit”

Neil Treloar (Habitual Moaner; this time Praiser)

In the Excrement Again

The following event occurred on the 26 August. You may wish to include this in the Bridge to warn others about this behaviour.

My wife and I witnessed a dog walker pick up the excrement before throwing it in the hedge. When challenged his excuse was that it was bio degradable. Is this the behaviour acceptable from a resident of Burford?

Trevor Yates

IS YOUR CAR REALLY NECESSARY

22 September was World Car-Free Day – did you know? The day is not over-enthusiastically observed in the Oxfordshire countryside.

How could it be? Those of us who can are urged to reduce our reliance on the private motor car but it seems, at times, impossible. The county has plans for a bus network connecting all major towns, cycle routes to Park & Rides, and 20-minute walkable neighbourhoods. A consultation on rural connectivity is now closed, but worth looking at – see link below. But such things feel like daydreams given our present situation, when bus routes are withdrawn at short notice, timetables are often inaccurate, and many in our scattered villages (even if they are lucky enough to be on the route of the splendid West Oxfordshire Community Transport) have no alternative to getting in their car.

What’s to be done?

First, we can inform ourselves. The service is often not quite as bad as we believe. Most people in my village, Asthall, think that a bus comes to the top of our road a few times a day. In fact, it is almost once an hour. But the timetable at the bus stop is inaccurate, and the timetables online are not clear, because, confusingly, the 233 has two different routes. The answer is to use something like Google maps, which is far more informative than the Stagecoach timetable.

Second, we can lift share as often as possible. Beyond a friendly arrangement, this can be formalised through a website like liftshare.com, or we can use our existing networks – community Facebook or Whatsapp groups – to let people know when we are off to the shops or a local event. A few people did start doing this during the fuel shortages earlier this year, and must surely be considering it as fuel prices rise.

Car sharing goes further than lift-sharing, and lures people away from the idea of a private car as an essential possession. Hiya car is the leader in this field, and some groups, such as one in East Oxford, have set up a community car-sharing group. This encourages people to consider other modes for some journeys rather than jumping in the car without thinking about the hidden costs. Most cars are unused 96.5% of the time, according to the RAC.

Some local authorities – including our neighbours Buckinghamshire and Gloucestershire - won a rural mobility fund grant in 2021, which they have used to run a trial of “buses on demand” – something between a bus and a taxi, with an app that works out the best route between the various journeys of people requesting a ride. This could make all the difference to our countryside villages.

Let’s face it, our cars are often our havens. We can go where we want, when we want. We can listen to the radio, keep them as clean or as messy as we like, sling the dog and our overflowing bags in the back. I know people for whom a drive around the block is their go-to solace if they’ve had a row with their partner and need to scream without anyone hearing. This kind of relationship will be a hard one to end, but we’ve got to have a go.

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltcp/brainstormers/rural-connectivity-and-supporting-rural-residents/ideas>

<https://liftshare.com/uk>

<https://www.hiyacar.co.uk/blog/benefits-of-closed-loop-sharing/>

Rosie Pearson for the BEAGles

SHILTON DOG SHOW

Well, what a fun day it was! Even the dogs enjoyed themselves!

Classes included: dogs most like their owners; prettiest bitch; the odd couple; golden oldies; agility class; most handsome dog; the waggiest tail and many more.

The agility class was a sight to behold with dogs and handlers needing to squeeze their way through a very long, narrow plastic tunnel with eventual light at the end of it. Credit to all that managed.



Sian MacInnes tried very hard to encourage the dogs to wag their tails furiously by cavorting about at the end of the line. Little did she realise that in the main, they were completely confused and potentially terrified. Never mind, she clocked up her keep fit steps !

The show could not have proved such a success without the time and effort of Mrs Lesley Radcliffe, the lovely judge who managed to stay the course, with her critical and vigilant eye.

All classes were kindly sponsored by local businesses and villagers. Cakes and homemade ice cream proved popular for tired dog handlers whilst the inevitable tombola (sponsored by Snowy Pheasant Illustrations; Spar, Minster Lovell and Mrs Angela Loxton) added to the profits. Overall a profit of just over £500 was amassed towards refurbishment of the Old School village hall.

This event could not have taken place without the ‘behind the scenes’ stalwarts from the Old School committee. We thank our photographer William Templeton for his time and talent. But most of all our thanks must go to the superb show secretary, Sarah Royle, who throughout the day organised dogs and handlers alike with splendid tact and skill. She ensured that the majority went home with a rosette and prize.

We are all now practising for next year’s event!

Maggie Harrison

COUNCIL TAX REBATE EXTENDED

West Oxfordshire District Council has expanded the eligibility criteria for the £150 council tax rebate so more people across the district who didn't get the original £150 payment can now apply.

Those who are eligible for the funding include:

- People living in properties banded E-H who are on low incomes or don’t pay council tax due to caring or health reasons
- People on low income who pay energy bills but not council tax
- People living in houses of multiple occupancy and on low income
- People living in emergency or supported accommodation
- Households where there has been a recent change in council tax band that now puts them in an eligible band
- Students
- Households on low income that aren't eligible for council tax support

The full list of eligibility criteria is available on the council's website along with a form to apply for the support.

Those unable to use the website can telephone the council for advice and support, however, the council is encouraging people to apply online where possible to free up phone lines for those who need them most.

WODC Communications Team

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE



Just the thing for a trip to the Cotswolds

We were interested to see that it has been suggested that the standard size of UK parking spaces should be increased to cope with the ever-increasing size of cars. Certainly getting out of your car in a standard space can be nigh impossible, as anyone who has parked alongside a Range Rover can attest. When a manufacturer brings out a new model it always seems to be bigger than the previous version so that the VW Golf, for example, is now 34% larger than the original one. And large SUVs are increasingly popular with buyers as can be seen among visitors to our area. Food for thought if the proposed extension to the Guildenford car park eventually gets the green light.

Gordon Elliot

ANOTHER INTERESTING AND WORTHWHILE VOLUNTARY OPPORTUNITY IN BURFORD

Helen & Douglas in Burford’s High Street is hoping to find another volunteer. If you enjoy meeting people (local and tourists) and would like to support this excellent charity, please pop in to see Bex or contact her on burford@helenanddouglas.org.uk or 01993 824908

BUSWT

Burford, Upton & Signet Welfare Trust

Dear Residents of Burford, Upton, Signet & Fulbrook

Do you need financial help?

We are all aware of the current cost of living increases – things that are essential to our daily lives are costing us much more – whether it be food, clothing or energy. This is leaving a number of people in a difficult financial situation now and others may have considerable concern about how to face the winter.

The BUSWT charity was set up in 1970 specifically to help in these circumstances – to offer assistance to those who need financial support. This small charity is able to offer some financial assistance to those that live in Burford, Upton, Signet & Fulbrook to help alleviate some of these rising costs.

If you find yourself in financial need, please do not hesitate to contact the trustees, who will confidentially respond to any request.

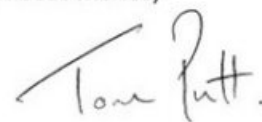
To request financial assistance please contact Christine Brown, the Secretary, 07971679116 or email christineibrown7@gmail.com for an application form.

Are you in the position to be able to help others?

Could you help those in our community who are struggling?? It may be that you would like, and feel able, to support those who are in tougher financial circumstances. If so, we would value any financial contribution you might be willing to offer so that as a community we might be able to face this cost of living crisis together,

To offer financial contributions, please contact John Yeatman, 5 The Leaze, Barns Lane, Burford OX18 4NE email: johnyeatman@aol.com. You can either send a cheque payable to Burford Upton & Signet Welfare Trust, or John can send you bank details to pay in directly

With best wishes,



Rev Tom Putt, Chair of the Burford, Upton, Signet Welfare Trust.

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editor@thebridgeburford.co.uk

Alternatively, you can leave letters and articles at the Post Office for us to collect.

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DIARY OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Wed 5 Oct	Lenthall Concert: Violin and Piano	Burford School	7.30pm
Thu 6 Oct	Fulbrook Forum: Misadventures in Papua New Guinea	Fulbrook Meeting Place	3pm
Fri 7 Oct	An evening with Prue Leith ticket source.co.uk/northleachprue	Northleach Church	7pm
Tue 11 Oct	FaBW1 Bring and Share Harvest Supper	Warwick Hall	7pm
Wed 12 Oct	TASC Lecture: The Car in Art and The Car as Art	Warwick Hall	11am
Wed 12 Oct	NCAA Mixed Media demo by Eleanor Campbell	The Old Warwick Hall	2-4pm
Wed 12 Oct	Departure of stage coaches	Burford Garden Company	12noon
Tue 18 Oct	Burford & District Society Annual lunch Members Only	Warwick Hall	12 noon
Tue 18 Oct	Choral Evensong sung by choir of Elstree School	Burford Parish Church	5pm
Thur 20 Oct	Orchestra Pro Anima with Michael Bochmann	Northleach Church cotswoldfestivalofmusic.co.uk	7pm
Thur 27 Oct	Tolsey Talk - Virtual Tour of Burford Parish Church	Zoom	7.30pm
Wed 2 Nov	Lenthall Concert: Klanglust	Burford School	7.30pm
Fri 4 Nov	Cotswold Festival of Music - a Neapolitan Night	Northleach Church	6.30pm
Fri 4 Nov	Burford Library Plonk and Pudding Party	TBC probably Baptist Church	TBA
Sat 5 Nov	Craft in Action Craft Fair	Warwick Hall	10-4-30
Wed 9 Nov	TASC Lecture: Exhibition History, Expos and World Fairs 1851 - present	Warwick Hall	11am
Thu 10 Nov	Fulbrook Forum: Masters of the Post	Fulbrook Meeting Place	3pm
Tue 15 Nov	Burford & District Society Lecture: The Park and its Penguins	Warwick Hall	7pm
Fri 18 Nov	Official opening of Burford Archive	Archive/Warwick Hall	4pm/5pm
Sun 27 Nov	Burford Singers: The Music of John Rutter	Burford Parish Church	7.30pm
Wed 14 Dec	TASC Lecture: A Musical Portrait of a Medieval Christmas	Warwick Hall	11am

An event at St John the Baptist, Burford



Friday 2 December 7pm - 9.30pm

Join us for a festive evening including a talk.
Over 20 stalls with a wide range of gifts.
Entrance £5 per person to include drinks and canapes. A percentage of the entrance fee will be donated to CAP.

This information may be out of date but included as a prompt for people to tell 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	Gateway Hotel, Burford	7.30pm
Beaver Scouts	Wednesday (term time)	Scout Hut 6-7.15pm	Claire Griffin 07751 472125 burfordbeavers@gmail.com
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	K. Gray 823805 burfordanddistrictsociety.co.uk
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 Monday each month	Varies. 9.30-9pm	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	Warwick Hall	Jane Arnell gjaarnell@icloud.com 01993 822755 or thefabwi.org
Fulbrook Coffee am	Every 4th Thursday	Fulbrook Meeting Place 10.30 - 12	Gilly Kay 823193
Fulbrook Fitness Group	Thursday (wef Sept 2021)	Fulbrook Meeting Place 9am	Pat Ferrett 822892
Fulbrook Forum	1st Thursday (not Jan or Aug)	Fulbrook Meeting Place 3pm	fulbrookforum@gmail.com
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	Frances Sparkes 01993 823943 publicity@theartsocietycotswold
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

We love showing photographs of all villages covered by The Bridge articles and distribution. Peter Martin kindly provided the ones below of Asthall Church and Widford.



CHURCH SERVICES

BURFORD BENEFICE

St John the Baptist, Burford

2 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am
Morning Service	11.00am
9 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Matins (BCP)	9.30am
Holy Communion	11.00am
16 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Holy Communion (CW)	9.30am
Morning Service	11.00am
23 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Morning Prayer	9.30am
Morning Service	11.00am
30 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Morning Service	11.00am

St James the Great, Fulbrook

9 October	
Harvest	11.00am
16 October	
Matins (BCP)	9.30am
24 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am
30 October	
Morning Prayer	9.30am

St John the Evangelist, Taynton

2 October	
Harvest	6.00pm

St Mary, Swinbrook

2 October	
Harvest Festival followed by lunch	11.00am
9 October	
Morning Service	11.00am
16 October	
Morning Service	11.00am
23 October	
Morning Service	11.00am
30 October	
Morning Service	11.00am

St Oswald, Widford

23 October	
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

Sunday Mass: 9.30 am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - 10.00 am
Thursday - 10.00 am

The interior of the church is due to be redecorated and weekday Masses may be temporarily suspended.

Please check 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.
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

Readers may be interested to know that a service of choral matins with the choir takes place in Burford Parish Church on the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE QUEEN

A service of reflection and thanksgiving for the life of Queen Elizabeth II was held in Burford Parish Church on 16 September. The hymns *All Our Hope On God Is Founded* and *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* were sung, together with the National Anthem. Michael Taubenheim, deputy mayor of Burford, read a lesson from Revelation 21. The Queen's funeral was broadcast on large screens in the church on 19 September.

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