



THE BRIDGE

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As a change from our customary colour photograph, this month we are including this black and white image of the Burford/Fulbrook bridge. We think this drawing wonderfully shows the detail of the view and is worthy of the front page. We hope you agree. We are grateful to Roger Hopkins for sharing this with us.

As the roadsweeper of time brushes the Burford Festival into the dustbin of memory, we have moved through July which was a rather quieter month on the local front even though troubles have come in battalions at national and international level. The local and international levels have overlapped as Ukrainian refugees arrive and fund raising for them continues. Schools have closed and summer arrived with a vengeance with temperatures around 35°C at the time of going to press and lawns turning from green to beige. Many readers will be away on holiday or about to go, and we hope that those travelling by air don't find the experience too traumatic. Rarely has staycationing seemed such an attractive option.

The Chronicle, for those who are not familiar with it, is a magazine which circulates around a number of villages along the valley to the east of Burford. Its editors have reached out to us this month as The Chronicle has passed the amazing milestone of 50 years of continuous publication and 290 issues. By comparison The Bridge is a mere stripling of 15 years. Hats off to them for this achievement. Thirty-five years to go before we can match that. We must step up our exercise regime.

Editors



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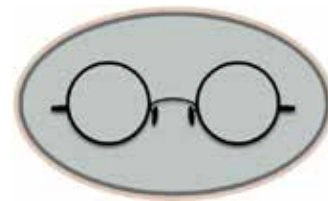
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BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL

A Mixed Bag.....

After the enjoyment of the Jubilee celebrations and the Burford Festival in early June, the remainder of June and early July have given council a mixed bag of items to consider.

I am sure you are all aware that the planning appeal for Cole's Field was heard by the planning inspector (more on this elsewhere in this issue). Eight days of evidence were heard; sitting in on a few of the sessions, for a layman I can only say it sounded like the two sides were on different planets on occasions. We will hear the result in a few months. I must thank John White and Hugo Ashton for their contributions and time spent on behalf of the town.

We might be getting close to persuading OCC and Lioncourt to properly repair the verges on Shilton Road; it has only taken two years so far. However, the good news is that the new play area on the Cotswold Gate developments is almost complete, and should open soon, after a full RoSPA safety inspection.

The long-term plans for the recreation ground led by Cllr. Jo Rushton are continuing to consider a new play park, pavilion, sports facilities and a trim trail to name a few of the items. Once we have agreed the proposed plan, we will invite the community to view it and give their comments.

Chris Ball, our police inspector for the Neighbourhood Planning Team, attended our meeting to see if we would like to be part of a local network of councils and police which could consider local issues of policing affecting us all. We already have good communications with Darryn Moulding, our local PCSO, so to have Chris as well is good news. I guess it is often thought that it is not easy to make good contacts with the police, so this is a good link. Cllr Sarah Palmer has agreed to attend the network meetings for BTC.

Finally, as I published last month, council considered whether to apply for a one-way system along Church Lane from the High Street to alleviate the problem of vehicles entering Church Lane being impeded by traffic trying to turn out from Church Lane, blocking the High Street. It is not a clear-cut case. The proposal is for Church Lane to become one way from the High Street, with a new marked pavement on the section from Church Green on the eastern side going south, and a marked crossing from this pavement over to the existing pavement by Burgage End, to provide a marked pavement all the way to the High Street from Guildenford car park.

Guildenford would remain two-way. Council will now seek the opinion of OCC and the police. We will need to conduct an informal survey, so if any residents would like to offer their opinion, please email or write to the Town Clerk. (town.clerk@burford-tc.gov.uk) or Town Clerk, The Tolsey, 126, High Street, Burford OX18 4QU.

Peter Higgs - Mayor



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



WILL YOU BE A FRIEND? - £10

Will you become a Friend (£10 p.a.) or Benefactor (£25) to help us to financially underwrite the annual running costs of the Tolsey Museum and our newly expanded operations in Swan Lane, please?

On completion, the Archive Centre will be a place where residents and visitors can meet, collect and benefit from the stories of Burford's rich heritage, and securely preserve them for future generations. It will facilitate research into family and building histories.

We will be engaging with primary and secondary school pupils by facilitating innovative ways to access our acquisitions. We are looking to involve the later generations in assisting us with the operation of the archive. Volunteers are not only assured of a warm welcome but also some very interesting work to immerse themselves in with like minded individuals.

The archive will also supply speakers, monthly talks (see the separate article about the Tolsey Talks) and 'nostalgia boxes' to groups and individuals to prompt memories, which we will be capturing as living oral history.

Additionally we are working with Burford Town Council to capitalise on the survival of the town's unique number of medieval buildings to not only attract more tourists to visit but also to encourage them to spend longer here, discovering its heritage.

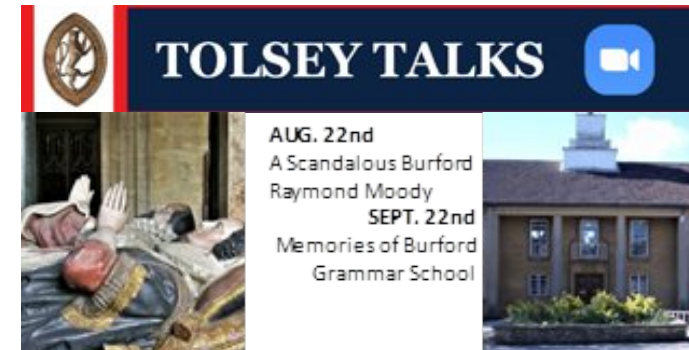
As a small thank you, when you become a Friend you can enjoy:

- **Monthly e-News** – our magazine with locally focussed articles
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- **'Free'** participation in local projects
- An additional **discount** for subscribing to the Tolsey Talks complete series - see separate article later in this edition.
- **Benefactors will also be invited to an Annual Benefactors Reception.**

There are two ways to become a Friend or Benefactor on www.burfordtolsey.org

1. **Download and complete the application form** and either email it or post it to the address given. Payment may be made by standing order, by bank transfer or by cheque to address given in the form. Or
2. **Join online** (see the above address) using a debit or credit card. The supporter plan will automatically renew every year unless cancelled. Payment will be through the secure Stripe payment gateway.

Peter Martin



The Tolsey Zoom Talks last 45 minutes plus 15 minutes of Q&As cost £5 per talk/household. You can buy the complete series of ten talks at a discounted price - £20 for Friends (save £30) £40 for non-Friends (save £10) at www.burfordtolsey.org/shop.

Peter Martin



The FaB WI would like to congratulate the organising committee for this year's Burford Festival for a truly outstanding series of events. The town buzzed for the whole week and it was really wonderful to drink in the atmosphere. Thank you to all those involved.

Our WI played a small part in the festivities by running an afternoon tea venue in the Friend's Meeting Place for the Open Gardens on both Saturday and Sunday. Throughout both afternoons there was a continual stream of customers seeking refreshments as they worked their way around the many beautiful gardens. The oasis of peace and calm offered in the sheltered garden of the Friend's Meeting Place (and the WI cake) was appreciated by all those who spent time there.

In July we are looking forward to an evening with an old friend and renowned local apiarist, Gareth John, who is to present a talk intriguingly titled 'Sun Hives and Bees go to Rye Hill Prison'. We can't wait to hear his story. Later in the month we are visiting the lovely Oxfordshire Pettifer's Garden whose owner, Gina Price, has transformed it into one of the most influential gardens in England.

When we think of August our minds immediately turn to long sunny summer days and holidays. Just the month for our monthly meeting on 9 August to host a relaxing 'Creative Art Evening'. In an atmosphere of peace and calm members will be encouraged to put together artistic creations using material scavenged from the local environment. Hopefully this will be a very sociable evening.

Finally, looking forward to September we host Alastair Lack. Alastair originally was due to be with us back in April but unfortunately ill health forced a cancellation and the complete restructuring of our programme. However, we are excited to welcome him this September and it should be well worth the wait. Alastair will be speaking on the 'Oxford of Morse' and about the scenes and locations of some of the best-known cases of Inspector Morse. Alastair will conjure up visions of dreaming spires, colleges and quadrangles alongside stories of this eternally popular character and the crimes he solves.

The television series Inspector Morse, featuring John Thaw, was based on the novels of Oxford writer Colin Dexter and remains immensely popular worldwide. This promises to be a very interesting talk and as always all guests are very welcome to join us.

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 [web-site thefabwi.org.uk](http://web-site.thefabwi.org.uk) or contact our President, Jennie Craven, on thefabwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk or at 07710 103015.

Angela Weller

FULBROOK FORUM

Following a pause due to Covid, Fulbrook Forum is restarting on Thursday 1 September 2022 at 3pm in Burford Church

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. Talks typically last about 45 minutes, followed by refreshments. All are welcome and no membership is required.

Normally our talks are held in the Fulbrook Meeting Place at the back of Fulbrook Church. However, our first post-Covid meeting will be held in **Burford Church** at 3pm on Thursday 1 September with free entrance.

1 September 2022 - Brigadier Clendon Daukes, a local expert and guide, will walk us around Burford Church, highlighting many of its fascinating features and legends. In Simon Jenkin's book, *England's Thousand Best Churches*, Burford Church of St John the Baptist was one of only 18 parish churches awarded five stars.

Back in the Fulbrook Meeting Place at 3pm
6 October 2022 - "Tin Pis na Ris" Misadventures in Papua New Guinea by Geoff LeGrys. The talk will explore his 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. It will focus on:

- trouble and strife on the university campus
- being a big fish in a small pond
- special features of life in PNG including 'rascals' and 'buai'
- PNG culture, expatriate (un-)culture and tourism including a short reading from Paul Theroux's *Happy Isles of Oceania*.

If you would like a reminder about a week before the meeting, please email fulbrookforum@gmail.com to join our mailing list. Unfortunately, we will be unable to offer refreshments at the 1 September meeting.

Oliver Sharpley



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.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Our Ukrainian guests have started to arrive! Several families and individuals have arrived in June and July and more are due soon. They are arriving in hugely different circumstances, both emotionally and financially and some will need more support than others. For financial help we have set up a Ukraine Fund which is being looked after (safe and ring-fenced) in St John the Baptist Church account which can be drawn from by any of our hosts faced with expenses which they would like help with. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please contact Sue Hunter Smart (charlesandsuehs@burfordchurch.org or 07876 760412) and she will pass on the church bank account details.

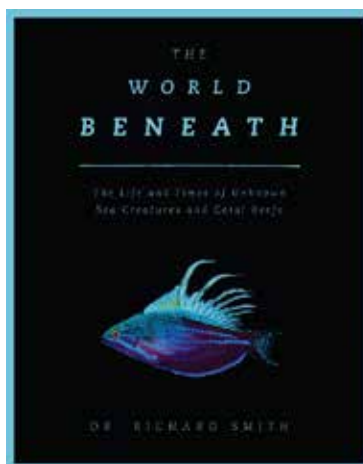
Thank you!

Sue Hunter Smart



BURFORD and DISTRICT SOCIETY

With so many members away on holiday white water rafting, abseiling the Himalayas, glamping with campers and wellies, or pampering themselves at well-being spas to restore and relax any examples of physical perfection that might have suffered from Burford's recent hectic social whirl, there are no planned Society events this month.



September Meeting. We will re-commence our rendezvous with an opportunity to meet some of the world's most fascinating sea creatures at 7pm on Tuesday 20 September at the Warwick Hall. Join us to hear marine biologist and underwater photographer Dr Richard Smith provide us with a fascinating and colourful introduction to the teeming life in the depths of the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian oceans.

Online booking for members is requested. Guests are welcome; £5 at the door.

October Lunch. Booking is now open for our annual lunch and talk on 18 October. As before this is a members only, strictly limited numbers, first come, first served event.

Membership. As a result of our change of meeting place to the Warwick Hall we are very happy to welcome new members, so please don't hesitate to join if you would like to get to know more people in a relaxed and friendly environment. The application form can be downloaded from our website, and the annual fee for the remainder of this calendar year is £5 per person – renewable on 1 January each year at a cost of £10

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

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

It's been an extremely busy couple of weeks with the Cole's Field planning inquiry running concurrently with a series of committee meetings and more new councillor induction sessions.

Separately John White has described how the planning inquiry was set up. He mentioned the presence of a Rule 6 party – that was me! Highways matters were not included as reasons for refusal, so were not part of the District's case. However, I felt that the inspector needed to have it explained that the highways impact of the scheme would not be negligible (as claimed by the appellant). Being a Rule 6 party allowed me to cross-examine and be cross-examined (not much fun), and probably most importantly to present a closing statement. I focussed the latter on the impact the development would have on the tranquillity of the AONB (particularly in Frethern Close and on Witney Street) and on arguing that the claimed "ease of access by sustainable modes" was poppycock, particularly for the future residents of the proposed retirement housing or care home, owing to the topography of the site and steepness of access approaches. Now we will just have to wait and see what the inspector concludes.

If the inspector refuses permission, it will be because the site is within both an AONB and a Conservation Area, and the Appellant will not have been able to prove "exceptional circumstances and need". These designations are crucial for the preservation of the character of an area, but they impose additional obligations on those of us privileged to live within a Conservation Area. For example, planning permission is required for many changes which would otherwise be covered by Permitted Development Rights (e.g. external alterations) whether the property is listed or not. Furthermore, owners of trees in a Conservation Area must give the District Tree Officer notice of their intention to carry out works such as lopping, topping or felling, and obtain permission.

This need to apply for planning permission means that we, as residents, can know much more about what is planned in the buildings around us. In the past we have relied on yellow notices being posted by planning officers, and WODC informing us if a neighbouring property is the subject of an application. However, these practices have been changed (I am trying to find out why) and the applicants themselves are required to post the notices, and neighbours are no longer automatically informed. So, if you want to know what is going on, do register with WODC to be informed of any new applications near you.

Hugo Ashton

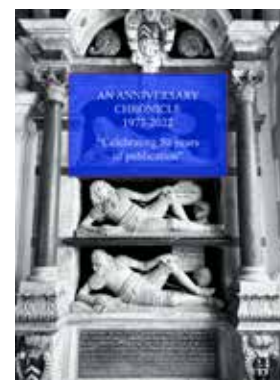
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FIFTY YEARS OF 'THE CHRONICLE'



In 1972, the Reverend Tim Hine, Vicar of Swinbrook and surrounding parishes, launched a magazine to keep those living in the community under his care in touch with one another. The magazine was intended for everyone in settlements strung out along the Windrush Valley east of Burford, including Asthall, Asthall Leigh, Worsham, Widford, Fordwells, Field Assarts and South Lawn, as well as Swinbrook. It has been in production ever since, funded by subscribers, advertisers, coffee mornings and jumble sales, and put together by a small editorial team and by the support of local residents who have written articles, distributed and subscribed for an astonishing fifty years. We have an archive of every edition from Number 1 to Number 290, and we are marking the milestone with an anniversary edition that draws on articles from the first five years. The articles selected cover stories from each of the villages, some dealing with ancient history, some celebrating the people who lived in them fifty years ago. Snippets of news, domestic tips and letters are also included, to give a picture of the sort of thing engaging the interest of our first contributors.

The distinctive cover of 'The Chronicle', a hand-drawn map of the area, is reproduced as a centre page spread. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of two of the first ever advertisers – The Swan Inn in Swinbrook and The Maytime in Asthall – the magazine will be distributed to every household in the villages, free of charge. Additional copies will be available for sale and deposited with the library in Burford and the Burford Archive. It is a fascinating record of how much remains the same since the magazine was launched, although there have also been many changes. Contact chronicleoffice@btinternet.com for more information or to order a copy. We would also love to hear back from readers, with their thoughts and reminiscences, which we will include in future editions, and who knows, maybe in a 75th Anniversary edition in 2047.

Anne Youngson

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BURFORD

The Oxfordshire Family History Society works to support family historians in their efforts to find out about their ancestors through a wide range of events, talks, one-to-one support and advice as well as making valuable data available that might not otherwise be easily obtainable. The OFHS Monumental Inscriptions team forms part of this effort as much interesting information is held on the monumental inscriptions in churches and churchyards.

Over the years, the team has been recording such information, churchyard by churchyard. In fact, it is surprising how many churchyards have yet to be targeted. Although burial records exist and are widely available, memorials can provide so much more information: actual death dates, family links, second marriages, lists of children, a wife's maiden name, and so on.

We transcribe any legible wording (sometimes this can be a real challenge), take photographs and draw up detailed plans of the memorials in a church and churchyard so that researchers can track down where to find the graves and/or memorials relating to their own family tree. Our information is drawn together on a dedicated CD, or in downloadable form. All the information is linked so that a user can search by surname, from the plan, from a transcription or a photograph. It is easy to move from one to another just with the click of a mouse.



You may well have seen Mary, Rita, Marion, Pamela, Susan, David and me in Burford Church or churchyard over the last couple of years, crawling around on the grass, notebooks in hand, or scrubbing headstones with water and stiff brushes, and wondered what was going on. We have very nearly finished there and will be moving on to the cemetery at Upton and then, hopefully, the Baptist Chapel burial ground in Witney Street. We like to record all the churchyards in a benefice, so, in future seasons, we will move on to record at Fulbrook, Taynton, Asthall, Swinbrook and Widford. We work from April to about October each year, so I think that will keep us busy for a few years yet.



If you are interested in following up your family history in Oxfordshire, then the Oxfordshire Family History Society is a good place to start. We have a website - www.ofhs.uk - where you will find the Monumental Inscription records in the on-line shop, either as CDs or downloads, for a small charge. Also, our annual Family History Fair will take place in Woodstock on 1 October 2022, free entry and details can be found here www.ofhs.uk/events/event/fair2022

If you are interested in joining the team, please contact us by email mis@ofhs.uk or speak to us if you find us in a churchyard on a Tuesday morning in or near Burford.

Sally Abby

Some gifts giving a glimpse of Burford Fire Service before the Second World War.

This leather belt, worn by Walter Search as part of his uniform as a member of the National Fire Service in Burford before the Second World War, has been presented to the museum recently by his grandson who lives in Preston, Lancashire.

Walter can be seen wearing the belt in the familiar photograph of the Burford crew together with their Coventry Climax trailer pump, which was being shown off in Burford Grammar School yard following an efficiency award – hence the silver cups. A large copy of this photo was given by Mrs J. Hicks of Witney.



The pump, which was kept ready for use in the southern bay of the Tolsey, was pulled by the Austin van shown in the background which was housed in a garage in Priory Lane near Reg Paine’s house.

A photo given by Reg’s son, also Reg, shows the delivery power of the pump with its four hoses in a demonstration upstream from Burford Bridge, watched keenly by a group of schoolboys.



Reg Paine, Walter Hicks, Norman Barret, Chris Wilkins, George Hicks
Walter Search, Ben Hitchcock, A.Francis, Bill Dixon, Margaret Bean

Other items in the museum collection associated with the fire service include Margaret Bean’s hat and tin helmet and a brass helmet by Merryweather, as worn by the crew in a late Victorian photograph.



Chris Walker

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/>

A Saunter to Saintbury

Tuesday 9 August – Moderate 3hr 6ml

Perhaps not a 'saunter' but an exploration of the countryside and villages north east of Broadway including Saintbury and Willersey. Please bring a snack/drink.

Start: 10:00 The War Memorial, Broadway Green, Broadway.
OS Map ref: SP 095 375.

Andoversford on the Gloucestershire Way via Shipton and Syreford

Tuesday 23 August – Moderate 3hr 6ml

An interesting walk to Shipton Oliffe then on to Hampen where we go over an old railway bridge closed for traffic, and stop for a while to pick blackberries. Back via Soundborough and Syreford. Refreshments are available at the Royal Oak in Andoversford. Bring a tub for collecting blackberries!

Start: 9:30 Andoversford, Station Road, GL54 4HR. OS Map ref: SP 024 198.

Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday to the end of September – Easy 1.5hr

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

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

OS Map ref: SP 151 392.

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

Sheila Wasley

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



Gardener’s Delight

I’ve just returned from the Burford & District Horticultural Association Summer Show. It’s not Chelsea – participants are friendly, encouraging, supportive, and local. There are prizes, but taking part is the big thing. If you’ve never exhibited before, a member of the committee helps you set up your blooms and pots, and put them in the right class (I didn’t know what made a rose a hybrid tea...). The show was much appreciated by those who were there – but there’s space at The Bowls Club for very many more participants. It costs a mere 20p to enter each class. The Summer Show had 20 categories including a children’s class, vegetables, and fruit as well as flowers, and the Spring Show 19 – surely something for everyone who has a patio, window box, town garden or rolling acres?

Have a look at [Home - Burford & District Horticultural Assoc. \(burfordhorticultural.com\)](http://Home-Burford-District-Horticultural-Assoc.burfordhorticultural.com). You might just want to show (and you can do that as a non-member), or you might like a monthly adventure into topics and speakers on all things horticultural, in which case there is a membership fee, with discounts at local garden outlets as a benefit. Garden visits are also on offer. The Burford Festival Open Gardens attracted so many of us to visit each others’ gardens – why not go one step further, and give the Hort. Soc. a try?

Ruth Reavley (joined 2022, proud holder of a 2nd and a 3rd prize certificate from the Summer Show)

Veganned Out

I was originally going to write The Bridge in June to thank Cllr Field-Johnson for pointing out that the controversy surrounding the serving of vegan meals at OCC meetings was a waste of time. I was also going to suggest that perhaps he could kindly inform Cllr Field-Johnson of this fact, considering he had spent five of the past six* issues of The Bridge informing readers at length of this 'ideological distraction'. Unfortunately, it slipped my mind before the deadline, but I have been given a second chance, as Cllr Field-Johnson has dedicated column space to it not once, but twice in July's issue, with further assurances to the readership that this distraction will continue for the foreseeable future.

A Knowlton

** and still counting! Ed*

Diverting Argument

When the Conservatives were in control of Oxfordshire County Council, they introduced an HGV ban in Burford and this led to complaints that lorries were being diverted away from the town through nearby villages. When the new “traffic light coalition” (Reds, Yellows and Greens) took over they cancelled the ban. Now I see that the Low Traffic Neighbourhood scheme they have adopted in Oxford is being criticised by the Tories for - guess what? - moving traffic from one area to another. Is it too much to hope that these politicians might get together and work out what is best for our communities instead of knocking lumps off each other?

F. Tyler

COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Things are taking shape on the Burford community allotment. Thanks to the fabulous team of regular volunteers and a generous grant from West Oxfordshire District Council we now have a new shed, a greenhouse (kindly donated) and several smart new beds, one of which will be a higher bed for easier accessibility. We’re growing almost all the vegetables ourselves from organic seed and trying to grow as sensitively as we can with soil and pollinators in mind. By the time you read this we hope to be in a position to distribute the veg to local people – please keep an eye out for local posters and the BEAGles Facebook site for details of what we have to offer. Our volunteers meet at the allotment on the Recreation Ground on Sunday afternoons 3-5pm and at various points during the week as well - we’d love to have a bigger team so we could do more - please do get in touch if you’d like to be involved, it’s a lovely and very positive group – no gardening experience necessary!



The expert panel of speakers at Burford Festival’s excellent recent Sustainability talk listed ‘Buying Local Food’ as the number one action we can all take to support the combined climate and ecological crisis we are faced with. Our sincere ambition is to have a local grower’s market in Burford - please support us to get this off the ground.

Tree planting

The tree planting season is once again close at hand. This autumn and winter we’re hoping to continue to put in trees and hedging at the Blue Cross with another large community planting project planned – keep your eyes open for the Google volunteer sign up sheet. Hedgerows play such a vital role in our landscape, important in their own right for carbon capture and habitat for wildlife but also linking and connecting other habitats. If there are any landowners who would like support gapping up their hedgerows or planting new ones, do get in touch – we’d love to help. Finally, as part of the Oxfordshire-wide collaborative Treescape project there will be a garden tree giveaway this autumn. I hope to provide more details next month. This will include a selection of small, medium and large bare-root trees for you to choose from.

Fulbrook Nature Group

The Fulbrook nature group has got off to a flying start. We’re about to have our fourth meeting and, as well as a lot of really interesting discussion, we have so far recruited a team of butterfly recorders and changed the mowing regime on the strip of roadside verge up Cocklands Hill. We hope the wildflowers will make an attractive entrance to the village and a home for lots of pollinators. Please do come along and share your thoughts. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the Carpenters Arms in Fulbrook, 7.30pm.

Lucy Staveley

WHITTINGTON COURT

Anyone who missed the very interesting Burford & District Society visit to Whittington Court near Cheltenham might like to know that the house will be open from 13 to 29 August between 2pm and 5pm. More details are available from <https://whittingtoncourt.co.uk/>





Get curious and inventive this summer with a
**FREE children's reading challenge at your local
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From 9 July to 10 September children across Oxfordshire can collect stickers and rewards as they read library books.

This year's theme, "Gadgeteers", is all about creativity, science and innovation. Children who finish the challenge at an Oxfordshire Library will get a medal and certificate and be entered into the countywide prize draw. Join in to become a Gadgeteer!



Under threes can take part in a mini challenge with their own special card and stickers.

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Find out more at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge Go to summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for more fun!



ALSO ADULT READING

During the summer months an increased number of people are able to relax and enjoy that great book they have been meaning to read. We look forward to welcoming you to your library on the High Street, where you will discover many examples of reading material to while away your leisure hours.

Further details of our ever popular Plonk and Pudding Party will follow in the next edition of The Bridge.

Maureen Percival

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YOUR BURFORD BOOKSHOP BRINGS YOU

Burford Literary Festival 22 – 25 September 2022

We are very excited for Burford Literary Festival 2022; an event that is both all-encompassing and accessible with most events priced at £5 each. I hope you will agree when we say we have a great line-up including:

•Alison Weir

•Gill Hornby

•Pam Ayres

•Martin Sandbu,

Book Launch: *The Six Who Came To Dinner* by award winning author Anne Youngson;

Afternoon tea by Cindy at Hugo Patisserie with children's favourite Frederick The Fox;

Cocktails and canapes in The Secret Garden with Head Chef of The Feathered Nest, Matt Weedon.

We have also put a programme of author events into Burford Primary School to be shared with other schools and two authors will be speaking to pupils at Burford School because working with the community is at the heart of every indie bookshop.

Tickets for Burford Lit Fest are available at www.burfordlitfest.co.uk or you can pop into the Madhatter Bookshop and we can go online for you.

If you are interested in volunteering at the festival, we would love to hear from you.

We wish you all a sunny, peaceful summer with plenty of time to relax and read.

Kim and the Team, Madhatter Bookshop



POETRY READING

Ways of being - Conversations about poems with Sue Leigh

I published my second collection, *Her Orchards*, in 2021, and a pamphlet, *Chalk*, was published recently. I am currently working on a third book.

This autumn I will be running another short course in which we will read and discuss the work of a number of poets, including Louis MacNeice, Kathleen Jamie and Alice Oswald. Each week we will look at a group of poems that are linked in some way – thematically perhaps, by authorship, or in the way they approach their subject. As we read we will consider such things as language, sound, voice, imagery, lineation, meaning and difficulty, the relationship between form and content. We will also touch on broader issues relating to poetry, thinking about whether it is possible to arrive at a definition of poetry and why poetry might matter in today's world.

The course will take place at The Friends Meeting House, Pytts Lane, Burford on Thursdays 6, 13, 20 and 27 October 2022. Sessions will begin at 10.30am and end at 12.15pm. Each session will include a short break. Bring your own drink if you like. The cost for the course is £70 for all four sessions, which includes handouts of all the poems we will study. Please contact me if you are interested.

Sue Leigh info@sueleighpoetry.com

BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION

Cinderella Is Dead

Who doesn't love the old tale, Cinderella? Surely no one? Well *Cinderella is Dead* is the perfect book for any fairy tale lover. It takes a deep look at the background of Cinderella and answers the most probing question. What happens after Happily Ever After?

Cinderella is Dead is written by Kalynn Bayron and was published in 2020. The book starts off by telling us "Cinderella has been dead for 200 years. I've been in love with Erin for the better part of three years. And I'm about two minutes away from certain death."

Cinderella is Dead is focused on Sophia Grimmins, a teenager living in the same world as Cinderella, 200 years after her death, when 16-year-old girls are forced to attend balls to be chosen as wives of men they've never met. Sophia sets out to destroy these rules and be with her true love Erin. But when the castles hold deep secrets and no-one knows who they really love, what does happily ever after really mean?

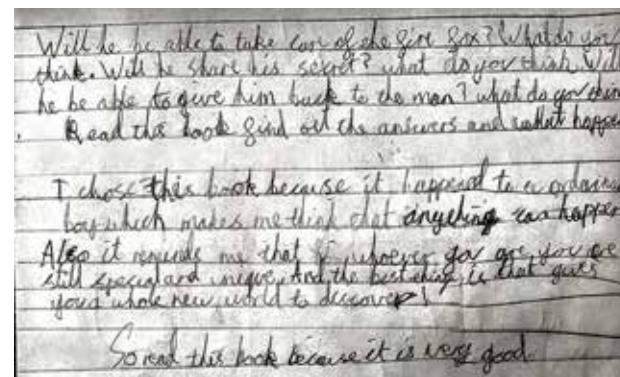
The rest of the book follows Sophia going to the ball and trying to escape the kingdom of Mersialles or certain death. After her plan to escape fails, she runs away and finds a long-lost relative to Cinderella, Constance. Sofia has to destroy the venomous kingdom while battling over who she really loves. Fairy Godmothers are witches. And princes are monsters. So, what will the future hold for the kingdom of Mersialles?

Cinderella is Dead is full of intriguing secrets and dark twists and absolutely unputdownable although the book is not for easy readers as it is a little upsetting at parts. But I personally think that it makes it extremely gripping and the ending more cheerful. This book takes Cinderella and puts a brilliant probing twist on the old fairy story. This book is extremely well paced, and I never felt it was rushed at all whilst reading it. The character development is very descriptive

I would recommend this book to anyone as it is adventurous, exciting and overall brilliant. Kalynn Bayron is an outstanding author and *Cinderella is Dead* an outstanding book.

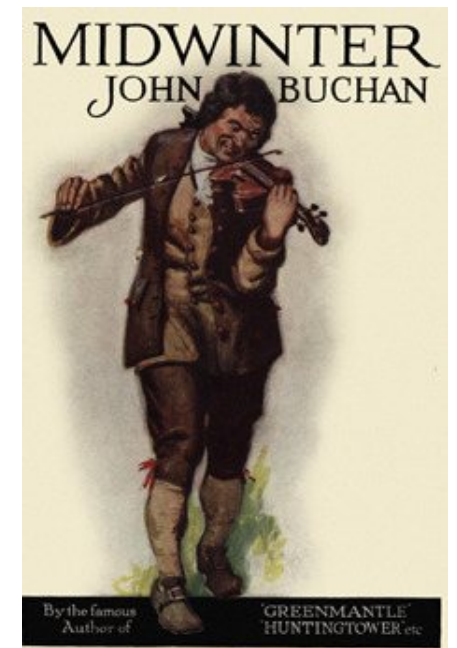
By Sophie Bardon

Congratulations to Sophie, age 12, who won the 11-16 section of Friends of Burford Library Book Review.



Also congratulations to Sam Putt, aged 9, who won the junior competition with a review of *The Last Firefox* by Lee Newbury. The prizes were awarded by judges Felicity Zeigler and local authors Francesca Gibbons and Anne Youngson, all of whom stressed how impressed they were with the standard of writing. The Madhatter Bookshop kindly donated second prizes, which we presented to Isabel Lampard, 15, in the seniors for a review of *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys, while Evie Webb, 8, wrote a tale inspired by *The Boy at the Back of the Class* and *The Star outside my Window*. The competition was held by The Friends of Burford Library to encourage reading and the use of the library.

ALICE'S BOOK GROUP



Midwinter by John Buchan was not perhaps a happy choice, expecting, as Alice's Book Group was, a locally based story; unfortunately the person who suggested it had confused it with another of Buchan's tales of adventure which is based in the area. The group is in no way parochial, however, so were content that the only Cotswold mention was of Cornbury Park, and whilst none were wholeheartedly enthusiastic, most members did enjoy it.

Midwinter is an historical adventure novel, the hero being a gallant supporter of Bonnie Prince Charlie whose mission is to carry vital news from France to his prince in Scotland. In his various adventures and misadventures he meets, in the remote Wychwood Forest, the romantic nomadic character Midwinter who has a benign dominion over a country-wide network of "common people." This exploration of bucolic life is a device often employed by Buchan, and he does it very well. The description of the countryside which is *Midwinter's* domain is enthralling, as is some of the descriptive writing: "the thin note of the violin cleft the air like an arrow" was only one of the impressive phrases. Characters are generally well sketched in, though the cry "his women are so weak" was a recurring theme, and truly the females do tend to be formulaic, but like *Treasure Island*, this is meant to be a thrilling adventure story, and women to John Buchan are usually set upon a pinnacle; at the best they are plucky and loyal but often misguided.

It was an interesting book, as we all found the historical detail held our attention; of course it is dated, but it is nice to have story that portrays the old values of chivalry and an old-fashioned hero who is just very brave and resourceful and with none of the character flaws one encounters in a modern novel's central character.

Having recently chosen a Victorian and an early twentieth century author we are this month progressing to one writing a little later; during the Festival Nicola Cornick expressed her love of *Frenchman's Creek* by Daphne du Maurier, and as many of us have happy memories of this author we are to continue the theme of exciting adventure. Of course it is also an historical tale so after this I suspect it will be time to read something contemporary.

Veral Marshall

BURFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here at Burford Primary School, we have been involved in lots of sporting events this summer. We kicked it off with a sports day at the beginning of June. The children competed in a variety of track and field events. It was a lovely day, where parents and carers could come together and watch their children take part in all the different events and enjoy a picnic in the sun as well.

Lower school have also been on some sporting school trips this term. Warwick Class (EYFS) went to Cotswold Clubhouse in Bourton-on-the-Water. They were able to use lots of different gymnastic equipment and trampolines, with gymnastic coaches showing them how to do this safely and properly. Windrush and Tolsey Classes (Y1,2 and 3) had a trip to Clip 'n' Climb in Bicester. There the children got to climb lots of different climbing walls, go on a drop slide and climb the stairway to heaven. As well as this the children learnt how to tie different knots needed for rock climbing safely.

Burford Primary School are part of the Burford PE Partnership. This has allowed us to enter loads of different events throughout the year, including Boccia, tag rugby, cricket, multi-skills and even golf. It has been amazing to see all our children get involved in such a variety of different sports and really develop a broad range of skills.

We have also had an inflatable football company come into school. All children got to take part in the sessions. They learnt different football techniques through games. The company have since been back during Friday lunch times for any children who wanted to continue to develop their football skills.

We are looking forward to next year, hopefully bringing just as many sporting opportunities as this year.

Phoebe Gore - Sports Lead - Burford Primary School



Adam Clark - Headteacher

BURFORD PRE-SCHOOL

What an incredible school year we have had. We are so proud that we finished the year knowing that each and every one of our pre-school children had the most stimulating and supportive year, making new friends.

Our summer term was filled with exciting events, including a visit from the Burford Fire Station team, thank you so much for your time. The children had the most wonderful morning meeting the team, learning about safety and dangers of fires and having a go with the fire hose. In addition, the children had a wonderful school trip to Farmer Gows and a visit by our local community police officer and were very excited to sit inside a real police car.



We also had to say a very sad farewell to our big leavers who have proudly graduated from our pre-school and move up to their respective big schools. We said goodbye with heavy hearts, but filled with confidence knowing that the children are ready to take on their new and exciting steps.

We have a few final places left for new children at our pre-school. Should you wish to enquire about a place please email us on:- burfordpreschool@outlook.com

Ola Caless - Burford Pre-School Committee Secretary

BURFORD SCHOOL

Burford School enjoyed an incredibly busy end of term. Between public examinations, our students were also involved in a range of events and trips. This is just a small selection of highlights from our final term of the academic year.

Once Upon A Time

At the end of June, over 80 of our students from Years Seven to Nine performed in *Once Upon a Time*, a play written and directed by our head of drama, Mr Brookes. A modern retelling of *Grimms' Fairy Tales* with a sensitive nod to recent events, the audience was treated to fantastic acting and dancing, which skilfully blended great drama with moments of light relief. Huge congratulations must go to all the cast and crew for their stunning performances, and thanks to all that supported the production.

Year Seven Induction

In early July, we welcomed hundreds of Year Six students for two days of induction before they move into our Year Seven. All students took part in several academic, extracurricular, and orientation activities to increase their familiarity with our campus and their new teachers. Also, new boarders were able to experience a taster overnight stay in Lenthall House, our Boarding Department.

After the final day of induction, new students and their families came together on the playing fields to enjoy an evening replete with sunshine, music, and bouncy castles. The Parent-Teacher Association also attended and organised a huge uniform sale. This evening event proved a great success with more than 600 people in attendance.

Lower School Prizegiving

In July, we celebrated the achievements of over 80 of our students in Year Seven, Year Eight, and Year Nine at our Lower School Prizegiving. Old Burfordian and former head girl (2011-2012) Charlotte Allcock, our brilliant guest speaker, inspired us with her account of her school time, experience and studies which have led to a successful career in advertising.

Technology, Art and Photography Show

In July, our Technology, Art and Photography Show took place in the main hall, which celebrated the work of our GCSE and A-Level students. The show was an utter delight, with the display of creativity and endeavour inspiring. If you missed the chance to attend this fabulous creative showcase in person, there are virtual exhibitions of the displayed work that can be viewed on the 'New and Events' section of our website (burford.oxon.sch.uk).



Annual Writing Retreat at the Story Museum

In July, our Creative Writing Club attended its annual writing retreat at the Story Museum in Oxford. The Magic Common Room was its base for the day, and students enjoyed a prolonged, exclusive visit to the Enchanted Library, where they had the rare opportunity to write in Narnia, Horrid Henry's bedroom, or just over the Pooh Stick bridge.

Students also had a surprise visit from BBC Radio 4's 'Front Row', who interviewed them on their experiences at the museum. First broadcast on 7 July 2022, their interviews can now be heard on BBC Sounds.

Clementine Bright

THE BRIDGE TIMETABLE AND CONTACTS

The closing date for entries to the editorial sections of the magazine is 10th of the month preceding publication. Please send articles and information to:

editor@thebridgeburford.co.uk

Advertisements need to be received by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Please contact:

advertise@thebridgeburford.co.uk

AS I WAS SAYING.....

I'm typing this during the Cole's Field planning appeal. Not literally, the planning inspector, who is judge, jury and executioner in this type of appeal, would take a dim view of my hammering out content for The Bridge whilst the proceedings are ongoing. We have done five successive days so far with three or four still to go but there are breaks now and then – coffee, lunch and the odd heart attack – which enables me to put pen to paper, figuratively speaking. I can't tell you which way it will go, the inspector is holding her cards very close to her chest. And I'm not being wokish, I do mean "her" for the inspector is a lady.

If you haven't been to one of these enthralling events, let me try to draw a picture. The venue is the WODC council chamber in Witney. It is very like a courtroom with the inspector sitting alone (which is unusual, normally they are supported by a bevy of flunkies) on a raised platform. In the well of the court are the parties; the appellant, Greystoke, is on the right as you look at the inspector and the respondent, WODC, is on the left. Both are represented by their respective armies although Greystoke, being wealthy beyond the dreams of avarice, has amassed a battalion of senior and junior barristers, experts on landscape, heritage, land supply, affordable housing and traffic, and gofers to fetch the coffee whereas WODC has relied on one barrister and a couple of in-house experts. There is one Rule 6 Party i.e. a person or institution who is prepared to risk being held liable for costs in exchange for the right to be heard as part of the proceedings. He is in the middle separating the two warring factions. Then, banished to the outer fringes, are the "interested parties" – BTC, Responsible Planning in Burford etc and members of the public for it is a public hearing.

I make no apology for using warlike terminology – war is often described as lengthy periods of intense tedium interspersed with moments of blind panic and unimaginable fear. So it is with planning appeals. Days go by when the only excitement is the honking of the lunch van. WODC's council offices are almost completely deserted as most of the services it used to administer have been devolved to somebody in the Romney Marshes. So, naturally, the office canteen has been closed. An enterprising entrepreneur has filled the gap by modifying a van to become a mobile oven/fridge and he appears round about lunchtime every working day and announces his presence by two long, loud honks on the horn. These honks have a dramatic effect on the participants in the appeal. Some even wake up! There is an unseemly scramble as senior barristers trample on juniors and highway experts refuse to give way to mere planners as they jostle their way to the van. Such fun!

I have devised a method of staying awake. I try to put new words to old songs – here's one based on an old Victorian music hall piece:-

They're digging up Swan Lane Close to build a sewer,
they're digging it up regardless of expense.

They're ruining all the lanes to put in nine inch drains
and provide the public with a nice new gents'.

It's such a lovely place just by the Archive
with Japanese knotweed growing by the fence.

Now it seems a wicked plot
to spoil that lovely spot
just for one old rich man's convenience.

Eat your heart out, Sondheim!

John White

BURFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Coach Outing to Coton Manor Gardens,
Nr. Guilsborough, Northamptonshire**



You will never be disappointed whatever the season. For lovers of gardens whether yours is large or small this must surely be one of the finest gardens in England. Every corner you turn provides a 'wow' factor. Masses of snowdrops followed by millions of bluebells in the Spring, roses and clematis delight the eye in Summer along with the amazing herbaceous borders, not forgetting the wild flower meadow. Too much to describe to anyone who has never visited. On top of all these delights there is a wonderful tea room and as for the variety of plants for sale. Just come and see for yourself.



Thursday 18 August 2022

(leaving Primary School at 9.30 a.m.)

£23.50 per person to include coach and garden

To book please phone Jan Cohen on 01993 822288

or email:- cohen4sp@btinternet.com



BDHS WINNERS

Our Garden Party was enjoyed by more than 30 members and friends in the lovely informal terraced garden of Ken and Jenny Sparrowhawk which overlooks the Windrush. Then on 2 July our Summer Show produced a very colourful display. The Quilter Cup for the best specimen rose and the Dr Cheatle Cup for a vase of mixed flowers from your garden were both won by Jane Tunnell-Wesrmacott as was the Silvertop Cup for most points overall. However the latter was closely challenged by Jan Cohen and Janet Copley who tied for second place, so Jane may one day lose her almost exclusive hold on these cups.. The Richard Cumming prize for the best delphinium and the Joy White Cup were both won by Jan Cohen.

Finally if you would like to go on the outing to Coton Manor on 18 August you may still have a chance if you contact Jan Cohen - see left for details.

David Day

We also heard that the prize for the best single rose bloom went to June Hall. Is it mandatory for the name of the prize and the winners to have a name beginning with 'J'? - Ed

BEAGles BUG AWARD 2022

Announcing the first Winners of the Burford Ungardening (BUG) Award 2022

Amid the growing awareness that the UK's wildlife is in crisis, one of the easiest ways we can help is in our gardens. However small, your garden can provide a haven for insects, birds and wild animals. Several Burfordians are actively doing this already and the BEAGles is delighted to announce the first winners in the BUG Award 2022.

Highly Recommended: **David and Jan Cohen**

- Garden filled with wide diversity of plants.
- Vegetable plot.
- No pesticides or slug pellets
- Ponds
- Trees with nesting boxes

Highly recommended: **Bill and Christine Risebero**

- Good selection of native plants
- Ponds with tadpoles
- Wild patches including comfrey
- Hedgehog boxes
- Good number of trees

The Overall Winner is the owners of the Cobwebs in Swan Lane who have taken huge steps to encourage wildlife. Unfortunately, we do not know the owner's name* so in the meantime, please step forward so we can present you with the prize of a Dewdrop Bug Hotel kindly donated by the **Burford Garden Company**

Simply by introducing nesting boxes, leaving part of your garden to grow wild or planting plants and shrubs that attract wildlife, we can help support our local wildlife.

Photos and more winners to be announced in the next issue....

Ashley, Ali, Lucy and Sara

Surely Christine Agg in Witney Street? Ed



TWO NEW BUSINESSES IN BURFORD



A warm hello from me, Bettina, creator of Hector & Queen. We are so delighted to have recently opened our first little shop in Burford - 134b High Street to be precise - sandwiched between Lynwood & Co Cafe & Re-Source (fab preloved boutique)!

We love designing, creating and discovering inspirational gift ideas which are fun and practical without

compromising on style. We've got a lovely mix of super soft organic cotton tops (bretons, sweatshirts etc), soft pebble leather bags & straps, cotton nightwear in vibrant prints, the comfiest Melly&Co jeans, beautiful boho dresses, hand poured wax candles and so much more. We'll be introducing new items on a regular basis to keep things fresh and interesting

We're open every day Mon-Sat 10-5pm & Sundays 11-4 so do pop in and say hi, be lovely to see you and of course, do spread the word.

Bettina



Bramble & Gooseberry is a home and lifestyle store that offers a beautiful and unique collection of new, handmade and antique finds from around the world for your home and garden. Our range includes our popular hand poured soy wax scented candles (with scents ranging from Bay & Blackberry to Ginger & Lemongrass), handmade vintage linen grain sack cushions and a wide range of dinner and pillar candles in a wide range of colours.

Come and see us at Christmas Court, 94 High Street Burford, open Wednesday - Sunday.

Chris Gardiner

OCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Conservative opposition remains concerned that the ruling LibDem/Green/Labour administration continues with its Oxford-centric focus and is pursuing ideological ambitions beyond the remit of the council – and at unknown cost.

STARTLING £12,000 SPENT ON REPAIRS TO OXFORD LTNS IN JUST A MONTH

A startling £12,000 has been spent by OCC on repairs to bollards and planters in the new East Oxford Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) scheme in its first month of installation. There have been reports of repeated vandalism of planters, and bollards have been knocked down or pulled out of the ground by opponents of the scheme who feel they have been ignored. OCC has pledged to keep replacing them. Residents in Oxfordshire's towns and villages may wonder why such freely available money is not spent on rural roads where it is needed, rather than imposing a scheme unwanted by many city residents.

AMBITION TO ELIMINATE ALL ROAD DEATHS AND SERIOUS INJURIES BY 2050

A commitment to Vision Zero – the elimination of deaths and serious injuries from road traffic collisions in Oxfordshire – has been agreed by OCC's cabinet. The council has set interim targets of a 25 per cent cut in casualties by 2026 and a 50 per cent reduction by 2030 before aiming to reach zero by 2050. Although a laudable ambition, the Conservative opposition is questioning whether such a target is achievable and what the associated costs are going to be.

OCC LEADER PLEDGES TO MEET AIR POLLUTION TARGETS AHEAD OF GOVERNMENT

OCC Leader Cllr Liz Leffman has signed a letter to the UK environment secretary George Eustice pledging to meet World Health Organisation (WHO) targets on deadly air pollution ten years ahead of the Government's 2040 deadline. Another laudable ambition, but many will question whether the council is working beyond its remit and is attempting to reach another impossible goal at unknown cost.

POLICE WILL NOT ENFORCE 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

As the debate continues to add 20mph speed limits in our villages, Thames Valley Police has re-stated its stance on 20mph limits. An objection was recorded in a recent OCC officer report***

ATTENDING COUNCILLOR MEETINGS REMOTELY

In his weekly update, Stephen Chandler, interim chief executive officer, has confirmed all non-statutory OCC councillor meetings will continue to be held either virtually or hybrid.

ATTEMPT TO REVERSE IMPOSITION OF VEGAN MEALS – CONTINUING DEBATE.***

***Regretfully, mainly owing to the Festival coverage, we have not been able to include the complete reports regarding these issues. You will find them on our website: www.bridgeburford.co.uk.



BURFORD FESTIVAL 2022

After a fantastic start to Burford Festival 2022 and continuing on from July's issue, the following pages show a collection of photographs of some of the highlights of the festival. I think that the photographs speak for themselves and we hope they provide a lovely reminder of the many happy memories we have of that week. Burford was alive with dance, music, theatre and a great celebration of Burford's fabulous gardens. Many thanks to Raymond Moody who kept his audience captivated by his encyclopaedic knowledge of Burford's history and the Burford Singers for providing the perfect finale held on a beautiful summer's evening.

Once again, a very big thank you to all our Sponsors, Friends and Volunteers who have provided so much support and help over the last months. And a big thanks to Pete Gould, Derek Cotterill and Andrew Mckerlie for their kind permission to use their photographs.

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

Editor Comment

Despite their modest resistance, we could not let the opportunity go without printing photographs of the festival committee who have planned and produced such a wonderful festival.



Adrian Jackson



Jane Arnell



John Hendry



Sara Hall



Karl Morris



Ann Morris



Jennie Craven







DIARY OF SPECIAL EVENTS			
Sat 30 July	Windrush Valley Flower Show, Dog Show and Fete	Great Barrington Village Hill	1pm
Fri 31 July	Wychwood Forest Fair www.wychwoodforesttrust.co.uk		
Sat 30 July	Craft in Action Craft Fair	Warwick Hall	10-4-30
13-29 Aug	Whittington Court Open Daily	Near Cheltenham	2-5pm
Wed 17 Aug	Summer Teatime Classics	Northleach Church	3pm
Wed 24 Aug	Summer Teatime Classics	Northleach Church	3pm
Thu 18 Aug	Horticultural Society Outing to Coton Manor Gardens	Book with Jan Cohen 01993 822288	
Thu 25 Aug	Tolsey Talk <i>A Scandalous Burford</i>	Zoom only	7.30pm
Thu 1 Sept	Fulbrook Forum: Guided tour of Burford Church	Burford Church	3pm
Wed 14 Sep	TASC Lecture: History of European Fan Painting	Warwick Hall	11am
Tue 20 Sept	Burford & District Society talk <i>Wonders of the Ocean</i>	Warwick Hall	7pm
Thu 22 Sept	Tolsey Talk: Memories of Burford Grammar School	Zoom Only	7.30pm
22-26 Sept	Burford Literary Festival	Various	
Thu 6 Oct	Fulbrook Forum: Misadventures in Papua New Guinea	Fulbrook Meeting Place	3pm
Fri 7 Oct	Friends of Burford Library Plonk and Pudding	TBA	
Fri 7 Oct	An evening with Prue Leith ticket source.co.uk/northleachprue	Northleach Church	7pm
Wed 12 Oct	TASC Lecture: The History of Great Exhibitions	Warwick Hall	11am
Tue 18 Oct	Burford & District Society Annual lunch Members Only	Warwick Hall	12 noon
Wed 9 Nov	TASC Lecture: The Car in Art and The Car as Art	Warwick Hall	11am
Tue 15 Nov	Burford & District Society Lecture: The Park and its Penguins	Warwick Hall	7pm
Wed 14 Dec	TASC Lecture: A Musical Portrait of a Medieval Christmas	Warwick Hall	11am
Fri 7 Oct	An evening with Prue Leith ticket source.co.uk/northleachprue	Northleach Church	7pm

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 822589/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	Mon closed; Tues 1-6; Wed closed; Thurs 10-1; Friday 10-1 and 2-5.30 Sat 9.30-1	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
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	www.burfordpickleball.co.uk	Charlbury Community Centre	www.burfordpickleball.co.uk
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
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	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@theartssocietycotswold
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

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Please note that some hours of opening may not currently be correct

Burford Recreation Pavilion (Children's Events)	01993 823647	Library	01993 823377
		Tuesday 13.00- 18.00	
Burford Pre School,	01993 824031	Thursday 10.00 - 13.00	
Burford School	01993 823303	Friday 10.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.30	
Burford Primary School	01993 822159	Saturday 09.00 - 13.00	
		www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/burfordlibrary	
Burford Surgery	01993 822176	Member of Parliament	01993 702302
www.burfordsurgery.co.uk		Robert Courts robert@robertcourts.co.uk	
Burford Town Council		Oxfordshire County Council	
Tolsey office open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9.00 am and 11.30 am	01993 823647	General Enquiries	01865 815573
Email town.clerk@burford-tc.gov.uk		Highways	08453 101111
www.burford-tc.gov.uk		Faulty Street Lights	0800 317802
		www.oxfordshire.gov.uk	
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www.nhs.uk		Post Office	01993 822174
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Chemist Reavley's	01993 823144	Dix Pit, Lynch Hill, Stanton Harcourt	
Chipping Norton Veterinary Hospital		Open 7 days a week 8am - 5pm	
Burford Branch	01608 642547	Thursday late night until 8pm	
		Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day	
Churches		Southern Electric (Freephone)	08000 727282
Anglican St John the Baptist	01993 823788	Thames Water	0800 3169800
Roman Catholic	01993 823219	Tolsey Museum	
Church of SS John Fisher and Thomas More		April to October Tuesday -	
Baptist Church	07967 362885	Sunday 2pm - 5pm	
Friends Meeting House	01993 823886	Travel	
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Police – non essential	101	Hugo Ashton	07712 490517
Environment Agency		Witney Hospital Minor Injuries	01865 903841
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Hall Bookings		Witney Police Station, No front counter	
Baptist Church	gill.crippen@googlemail.com	www.thamesvalleypolice.uk	
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Fulbrook Meeting Place			
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Taynton Village Hall - Lexi Young	07909 913994		
Warwick Hall Bookings and Information			
bookings@burfordchurch.org.uk			

Please let us know if any details need amending. editor@thebridgeburford.co.uk

CHURCH SERVICES

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BURFORD

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST 2022

St John the Baptist, Burford

7 August	
Benefice Holy Communion (CW)	9.30am
Holy Communion (CW)	11.00am
14 August	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Choral Matins (BCP)	9.30am
Morning Service (CW)	11.00am
21 August	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Holy Communion (CW)	9.30am
Morning Service (CW)	11.00am
28 August	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Morning Prayer (CW)	9.30am
Morning Service (CW)	11.00am

St James the Great, Fulbrook

14 August	
Morning Prayer (CW)	9.30am
21 August	
Matins (BCP)	9.30am
28 August	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am

St John the Evangelist, Taynton

21 August	
Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm

St Nicholas, Asthall

7 August	
Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm
14 August	
Holy Communion (BCP)	6.00pm
21 August	
Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm

St Mary, Swinbrook

7 August	
Holy Communion	11.00am
14 August	
Morning Service	11.00am
21 August	
Morning Service	11.00am
28 August	
Morning Service	11.00am

St Oswald, Widford

28 August	
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.

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Tarnia Usher - Church Secretary

ST JOHN FISHER AND ST THOMAS MORE

A new Priest has been appointed: Fr Paul Whieldon but for the time being the services will not change in August.

Sunday Mass: 10.00 am

St Peter and St Paul 29 June: 6.00pm

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

Dan Boyle

BURFORD QUAKER MEETING

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

In addition the garden at the Meeting House will be open for quiet reflection from 2pm to 6pm on 19 June, 17 July, 21 August and 18 September - see elsewhere in this issue.

Myra Ford 01451 810484, or Graham Hadley 01993 823886

BURFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Gill Crippen

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.

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