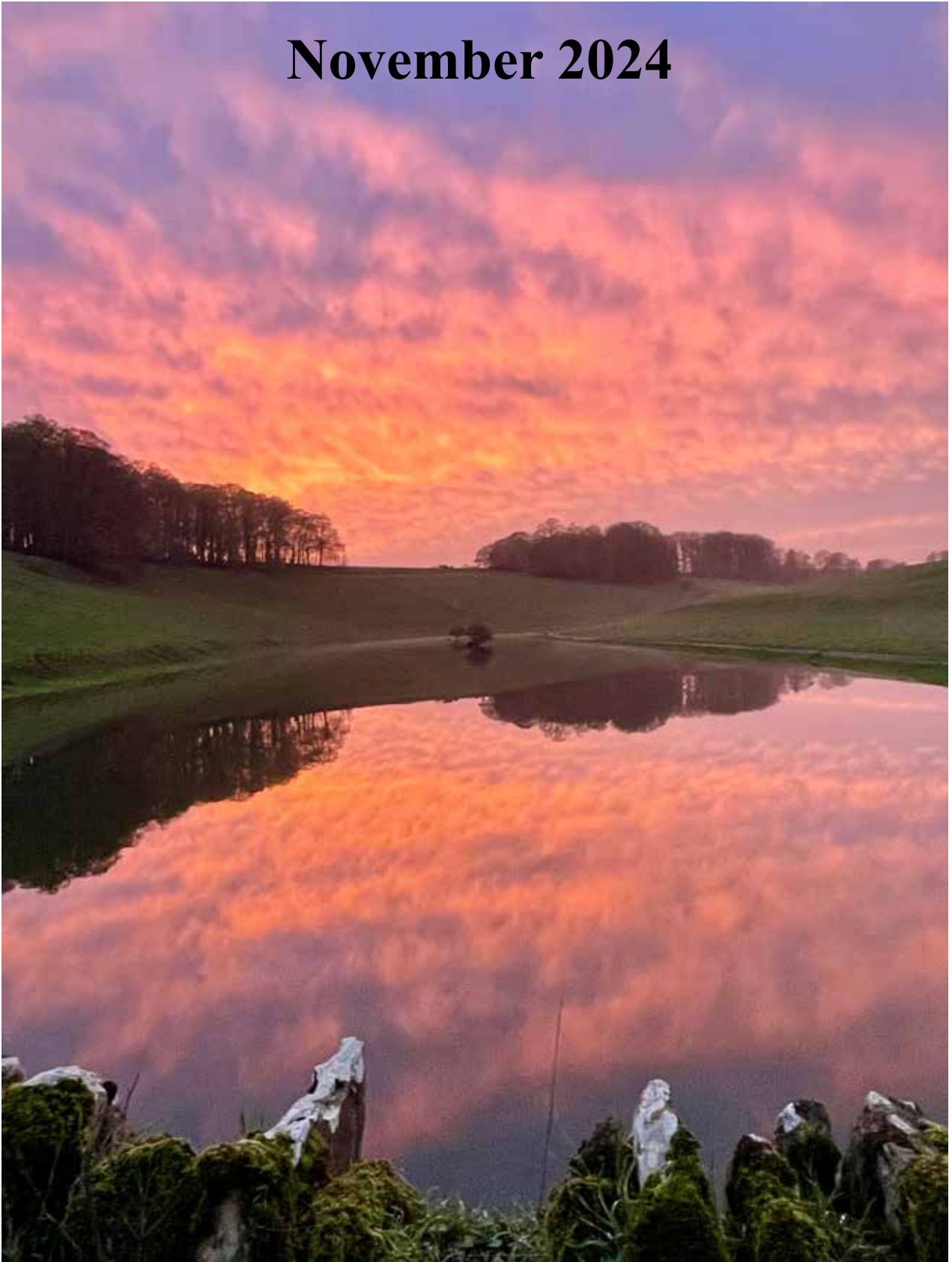


THE BRIDGE

November 2024



Macaroni Downs, Eastleach, photographed by Tom Barry

This monthly magazine covers people and events in our area of the Cotswolds, and is delivered free of charge to residents and businesses in Aldsworth, Asthall, Asthall Leigh, the Barringtons, Bradwell Village, Burford, Field Assarts, Fordwells, Fulbrook, Holwell, Northleach, Sherborne, Shilton, Signet, Swinbrook, Taynton, Upton, Westwell, Widford and Windrush with a wider national and international readership.

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EDITORS' NOTES

That's the Limit

Jeremy Clarkson, fast becoming a regular in these columns, mentioned in a recent article a village where a 20mph speed limit had been introduced. He didn't name it other than to say that it was once known as "Foul Brook" and we guess it is on the route between his two places of business. We learn from Nick Field-Johnson this month that OCC has now approved more than 200 such schemes in the county. Not being road safety experts, we cannot opine on whether they are doing any good but it was reported some time ago that, when Edinburgh introduced a 20mph limit in 80% of its streets, road deaths declined by nearly a quarter and serious injuries by a third. This was apparently achieved simply by putting up new signs and without extra traffic-calming measures or police patrols. Of course the streets of a large city are very different from rural areas such as where we live.

On the other hand presumably the results would be even better if there were to be a 10mph limit and so far as we are aware no one is (yet) advocating that. As always, a balance has to be struck between safety and undue restriction. From empirical observation many drivers in these parts exceed 30mph limits and ignore 20mph ones even more. But perhaps the message will slowly sink in.

One point that Clarkson did make is that keeping a car at no more than 20mph requires quite a lot of concentration and this might distract the driver's attention from other hazards. The EU now requires all new cars to have speed limiters although these can be overridden. One way or another the freedom of the roads seems likely to be curtailed. We wonder if residents of Fulbrook have any views on whether the speed limit is making any difference.

What's in a Name?

We commented last month that it would no longer be possible to refer to the Windmill roundabout. Thank you to the Rev Cedric Reavley for pointing out that it is also known as the Asthall Barrow roundabout, which is recognised by Royal Mail as a delivery location. It is named after the seventh century burial mound in the field which sits in the V between the A40 and the Minster Lovell road. We don't think the barrow has featured much in The Bridge before but we read that it's notable for having commanding views as far as the Chilterns and the Berkshire Downs.



Asthall Barrow photographed in 1895 by Henry Taunt

FRAUD PREVENTION

You can find some advice from Thames Valley Police on prevention of fraud on our website thebridgeburford.co.uk. Look under Community Matters/News.
Editors

BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL REPORT



I am pleased to welcome Geoff Haines (photo above) onto the council and to thank all the residents who expressed an interest in joining us. Geoff will bring new skills to our council as we need to keep up to date with all the changes in technology and communication along with legislation to serve the town effectively.

I am also pleased to say that Burford's annual Bonfire and Fireworks event will be taking place on Tuesday 5 November, organised by several residents, councillors and the Fire Service.

We are very lucky to have so many people here who are willing to give their time and effort to the town to organise a special Bonfire Night celebration with a brilliant firework display, good food, a bar and live entertainment.

Entry is free, but if you attend, please donate generously so that we can continue the event and support the firefighters' charity. Please take plenty of cash!

The Tolsey market is available on Saturdays for charities to hire at a very low cost of £15 for the day. We want to support local charities, so if you know of a charity that could use the space to raise funds, please ask them to contact Christina, our Town Clerk, at town.clerk@burford-tc.gov.uk or on 01993 823647 to arrange a date.

Many months ago, I said that we are trying to improve the crossing at the top of The Hill to remove the island and put in a traditional zebra crossing. Things move slowly unfortunately in highway changes, but we are about to pay for a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) which will cover some minor parking changes, a length limit on coaches in Priory Lane, and the zebra crossing. This then starts a consultation by OCC, and provided there are no major objections, it will allow us to start to raise funds for the zebra crossing. The present crossing is risky: for pushchairs, dog walkers, children crossing to go to schools and to the recreation ground and new play park. We will push this forward as quickly as we can.

Just a reminder of the Remembrance Service to be held at the War Memorial on Sunday 10 November at 10.45am to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts. Parking will be suspended at the War Memorial the evening before, and the road will be closed from 10.30am until 11.30am. I hope to see many of you there. I am pleased to see how well supported it is every year,
Peter Higgs - Peter.higgs@burford-tc.gov.uk



OCTOBER TALK

Group Reminiscences of Burford led by David Cohen

7.30pm on Thursday 31 October Baptist Church, Witney Street

Join David to talk about some of the Archive's old images of Burford. The format for this, our final event of the 2023/24 season of Tolsey Talks, will be relaxed discussions which will enable everyone to share and exchange their reminiscences and probably provide us with additional information.

Jan and David came to Burford in 1980 when they purchased The Highway Hotel. David says that "over 25 years we enjoyed countless hours talking with locals of all ages about their time in Burford and, looking back, I suppose this is what fired my interest in the social history of our wonderful town. One time mayor, and long-time councillor, my interest has never waned and has been strengthened by my involvement with the setting up of the Burford Tolsey Archive".

Tickets, £6 bookable on www.burfordtolsey.org/events or available at the door or free to

Benefactors of the Burford Tolsey Archive.

Peter Martin

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



All are welcome to attend the Burford Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10 November at the War Memorial, start time 10.50am, and continuing in Burford Parish Church.

And please note Burford High Street will be closed to traffic from 10.30 to 11.30
Town Clerk

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Lecture on Wednesday 13 November Northern Renaissance Art and its Influence on the Italian Renaissance



This lecture considers the influence of the art from the Low Countries on Italian Renaissance art. Generally considered a one-sided cultural exchange from the south to the north, this talk demonstrates the significance of Flemish art for its innovations in the medium of oil, landscape painting and portraiture. Focusing on the example of Florence, the impact of Netherlandish art is considered from the perspective of the Medici and leading patrons together with painters including Botticelli, Ghirlandaio and Leonardo. The extent to which Flemish art was valued, economically and aesthetically, is underlined by its frequent appearance in household inventories and the stylistic changes adopted by Florentine artists to satisfy the increasing demand.

Dr. James Lindow was the first Renaissance PhD from the Royal College of Art and the V&A. He has convened and presented at international conferences, lectures widely in the UK and overseas and is currently a fine art underwriter in the City. He has written articles on diverse aspects of the Renaissance, and his book entitled *The Renaissance Palace in Florence: Magnificence and Splendour in Fifteenth-Century Italy* was published by Ashgate Press in 2007 to widespread critical acclaim.

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 recommended to reserve a place via our website (see below). Non-members are welcome (space permitting) at a charge of £10.

Further information will be circulated via the newsletter and bookings can be made via the website (see below) or please call Lisa Etheridge on 01285 711805 for a booking form.

To learn more about The Arts Society Cotswolds and to see what lectures, Special Interest Days and other activities are planned, please see the website: www.theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk
Or contact Carolyn Walton on 01993 822296
Alison Morgans

LONG MARCH



Burford's ever-intrepid firefighters recently did a marathon 26 hour charity walk on a treadmill beneath the Tolsey. In the course of it they raised just over £1300 for charities Sobell House Hospice and Seesaw which provides support for families where a parent or sibling has died or is terminally ill. In the process the firefighters covered 106 miles between them - quite an achievement while dressed as Zippy. They will also be collecting donations on Bonfire Night.

Editors

GUIDED WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLD VOLUNTARY WARDENS

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

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

A Diddy Squat Walk Thursday 31 October Easy 5.5 miles 3 hours

A circular walk across farmland with far reaching views. Start: Chadlington Village Hall OX7 3NY10:00am

Great Rissington and Little Rissington on the Diamond Way – Tuesday November – Moderate 3hr 6.5ml

The walk starts at the church in Great Rissington and goes through the picturesque village to head north to Little Rissington. We then walk west to meet the river Dikler and the Diamond Way. We head south to get back to Great Rissington. There are some places to eat in Great Rissington or you could head off to Bourton-on-the-Water where there are more cafes and pubs. Please bring a drink/snack.

Start: 10.00am Tidy roadside parking at the foot of lane near the church in Great Rissington. GL54 2LN. OS Map ref: SP 196 171. W3W: silently.cured.appetite.

Arts & Crafts in Chipping Campden and Broad Campden Thursday 7 November Easy 2.5hr 4.5ml

A walk from Chipping Campden War Memorial first to St James then to St Catherine's before walking to Broad Campden and returning to the War Memorial. During the walk we shall be pointing out sites linked to the Arts & Crafts movement which contributed greatly to how the town looks today. The walk is mainly flat and consists of a mixture of town and country walking. Please bring drink/snacks.

Start: 10.00am Chipping Campden War Memorial (on the High Street) GL55 6AT. OS Map ref: SP 151 390. W3W: desktops.childcare.claims.

Should Be Good Underfoot Thursday 14 November Moderate: 7 miles 3.5 hours

A walk good underfoot with wonderful views in various directions. Please bring refreshment to enjoy en route. Start: Salford village, Chapel Lane (the stony layby on the left side of the lane). OX7 5YN

Tysoe and the Vale of the Red Horse Thursday 21 November Moderate: 10 miles: 5.5 hours

A moderate walk with some climbs but rewarded by the fabulous views. Please bring a packed lunch Start: Tysoe Methodist Church (now closed) Main Street, Middle Tysoe CV35 0SE

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 and Rosemary Wilson*





Concert

Rising stars play Candlelit Classics

St John the Evangelist
Taynton, OX18 4UH

Performed by :
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Saturday, 23 Nov 2024


6pm - 7.45pm

Tickets: £15


Contact: lucindanegretti@gmail.com / 07787 513150

Online: <https://TayntonConcert.eventbrite.co.uk>

All concert proceeds go towards preserving the fabric of the church.



Burford Town Council



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Sunday, 1 December, 2024 | at 3:30pm
St John The Baptist Church, Burford

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FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 6PM-9PM

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Details: burfordchurch.org/events
Contact: Tricia 0784 202 5034
Susan 07866 008 943

KEEPING WARM IN WINTER

We know that many people are concerned about keeping warm in winter without incurring unaffordable energy bills. Age UK has issued the following suggestions on how to reduce energy bills, some of which are simple changes, such as turning lights off when you leave a room, whereas some of them are more extensive changes.

Their website contains more details about how to achieve each item listed. If you don't have access to the internet you could ask for help from someone who does, including at a public library. Just search for Age UK heating advice.

- Turn lights off
- Think about replacing lightbulbs
- Choose appliances with good energy ratings
- Switch off appliances when they're not in use
- Defrost your freezer every six months
- Take showers instead of baths
- Fix dripping taps
- Only use the water you need
- Turn off radiators in rooms you don't use
- Understand how your heating controls work
- Run machines at lower temperatures
- Keep radiators and heaters clear
- Bleed radiators
- Make sure doors and windows are draught-proofed
- Install double glazing throughout your home
- Insulate roof and loft spaces
- Insulate cavity walls
- Insulate hot water tanks

You can also keep warm and find some company in Burford Library. Its activities include Knit and Natter (apparently knitting is not compulsory) on the first Tuesday of every month from 2.00pm to 3.00pm and coffee mornings on every Friday from 10.30am to 11.30am.

Burford Parish Church hosts Coffee & Company every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.00 noon. It's a great way to meet new friends and enjoy fellowship together.

Time Out for older residents is held on Mondays in the Warwick Hall from 11am to 3pm with a range of activities and speakers. If you would like to join, call 01993 822451 or 01451 844371.

Citizens Advice can also help with advice on energy saving via their website citizensadvice.org.uk. They have an office at Marlborough Lane in Witney (behind the Blue Boar pub in the Market Square) which is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 1.00pm. They can be contacted by telephone on Freephone 0808 2787908.

If you are not receiving pension credit but think you may be eligible for it, they can help you with this. If you do receive pension credit, you should still be able to claim a winter fuel allowance from the government.

Age UK/Editors



HONOUR FOR FIREFIGHTER



The photograph shows Burford firefighter Steve Eddington being invested with the British Empire Medal by the Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Marjorie Glasgow. The honour was conferred for Steve's service to the community for over 40 years.

We obviously have some very special firefighters who go above and beyond the call of duty in looking after the community and our safety.

Photo from OCC



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only) at The Madhatter Bookshop
122, High Street, Burford OX18 4QJ. And on the door.
Catherine Martin

BURFORD DISTRICT & HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



Our speaker for September told an engaging succession of stories as he demonstrated best practice in dividing perennials – we all came away with a rooting to grow on. Key to success in planting new perennials from your supplier of choice is to tease out roots, then knock off surplus soil from the root ball and mix it with compost, and a hefty quantity (up to 40%) of grit, gravel and sand, and a dose of garden soil. This combination provides the new plant with a chemical transition from its pot into your garden, plus good drainage and aeration.

We were also encouraged to garden with the courage of our own convictions. Weather patterns have been so unusual, and temperatures so “unseasonal”, that the guides we’ve inherited from published sources are less and less applicable. Ditching the “what to do this month” published lists can yield brilliant results.

For the 28 November meeting, we’re looking forward to guidance on planting roses. This year many members have had marvellous displays of roses, so there’ll doubtless be great interest.

There’s still (just about) time to pop in some bulbs for the Spring Show in April, if you are reading this in the first week in November.

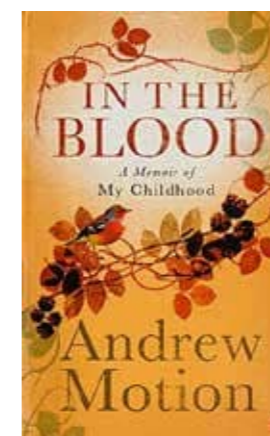
Ruth Reavley

ALICE'S BOOK GROUP

Andrew Motion's memoir of his childhood, *In the Blood*, did not greatly impress Alice's Book Group. One remarked it is “a miserable book” and whilst others were not quite so damning, there was a dearth of enthusiasm. None denied that it is beautifully written without exaggerated poetic flourishes. The economy and effectiveness of the descriptions stood out, and one member who knew East Anglia, where Motion spent his youth, attested that he had portrayed the area and the feeling of place perfectly.

Growing up in a country family with a successful businessman father passionate about hunting and country sports, and who was a self-confessed philistine, Motion gravitated to his gentler but somewhat delicate mother. There are charming vignettes of his and his younger brother's childhood as they ride their bicycles and explore the local countryside.

As a sensitive child he suffered initially when, as was and sometimes still is normal for his class, he went to a strict boarding school at a young age. But despite being something of a loner he made a few friends and was as mischievous and fun-loving as his school mates. At a second school one of his masters introduced him to poetry, resulting in his lifelong passion and career.



Motion repeats verbatim his conversations from a very early age, especially fondly those with his mother. This gives the feeling of a novel rather than an autobiography, but he does call it “a memoir,” so a general recollection is acceptable, as are one or two memories that perhaps are blurred by time.

There are some lightly humorous interludes throughout but overshadowing it all is the tragic accident suffered by his beloved mother while out hunting when Motion was 16, resulting in her eventual death after spending three years drifting in and out of consciousness. Motion begins and ends the book with this, so leaves the reader in a melancholy mood. The intervening chapters teach us to like his mum, who despite her intermittent illness, was a valiant soul, whilst his father's iron upper lip disguises a loving, caring man, whose softer side is uncovered by the family tragedy.

The group had reservations, but this is a good book charting as it does, childhood's contradictions, contrasts and uncertainties, and the sacrifices and patterns of family life. It is easy to say that Motion's recollections are coloured by hindsight, but his insight into the human state and the depiction of a certain way of life in the 1950s and 60s rings extraordinarily true.

The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins next will take us even further back.

Veral Marshall

BOOK REVIEW

Sir John Cripps - Burford Quaker who Championed the Countryside by Bert Clough

Readers who have an interest in political history, especially older ones, may recognise the name of Sir Stafford Cripps (1889-1952). Born into a distinguished family, he was a Labour politician (although at times he fell out with his party)

who served in Winston Churchill's War Cabinet variously as leader of the House of Commons, lord privy seal and minister for aircraft production. He was also chancellor of the exchequer in Clement Attlee's government from 1947 to 1950 and at one point was seen as a possible prime minister.

Less well known is his son John (1912-1993) who nevertheless quietly did a great deal for this area and the whole country. Bert Clough has now produced a short but very illuminating account of the life of John Cripps.

In 1922 Stafford bought Goodfellows, a large house in Filkins. During his early years John met many leading Labour politicians who visited his home and might well have followed his father into that arena. However a single unsuccessful attempt to win a seat in Parliament was his only foray into national politics. Instead John entered local politics with no party affiliation, becoming a member of the Filkins parish council from 1946 to 1974 and of Witney Rural District Council from 1946 to its abolition in 1974.

Stafford was responsible for many public works in Filkins including the construction of new council houses which were made of Cotswold stone in the vernacular style and were the first council houses to become listed buildings. John continued this work as “model squire for a model village”.

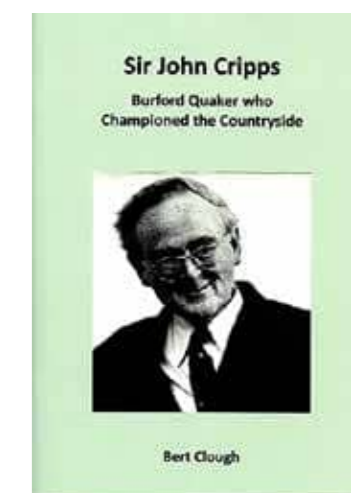
For 11 years he assisted J.W. Roberson Scott who was editing *The Countryman* magazine in the attic of his home at Idbury. When Scott retired in 1947 Cripps succeeded him as editor (by then working at Greyhounds in Sheep Street) and performed this role until 1971. That same year he became chairman of the Countryside Commission which had been set up to develop the rural economy and was responsible for our National Parks. He led this body for ten years and it was for this that he received his knighthood. This was a period when it was beginning to be seriously argued that the countryside did not exist purely to maximise food production. Perhaps he could be called an early environmentalist.

Cripps's religion was a major influence on his life. Unlike his father who was a High Anglican, John became a Quaker and was an active member of the Burford Quaker Meeting for most of his life. He was also a pacifist, and was a Conscientious Objector (CO) during the Second World War. Bert points out the irony that John was working on the land as a CO when his father was the minister responsible for manufacturing as many bombers as possible for the war effort.

John Cripps died in 1993 and is buried in the churchyard at Filkins. The Filkins estate was bequeathed to an educational trust which enables disadvantaged children to connect with nature. The farm is managed by his son, Andrew.

This monograph gives an engaging account of a self-effacing man who devoted his life to serving his country and community. The author concludes: “Underlying this inclusiveness and altruism was his deep Quaker faith and practice.”

Copies are available from Bert Clough
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Gordon Elliot





BURFORD TOLSEY MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

JOIN US ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2024

2024 Annual Benefactors' Reception

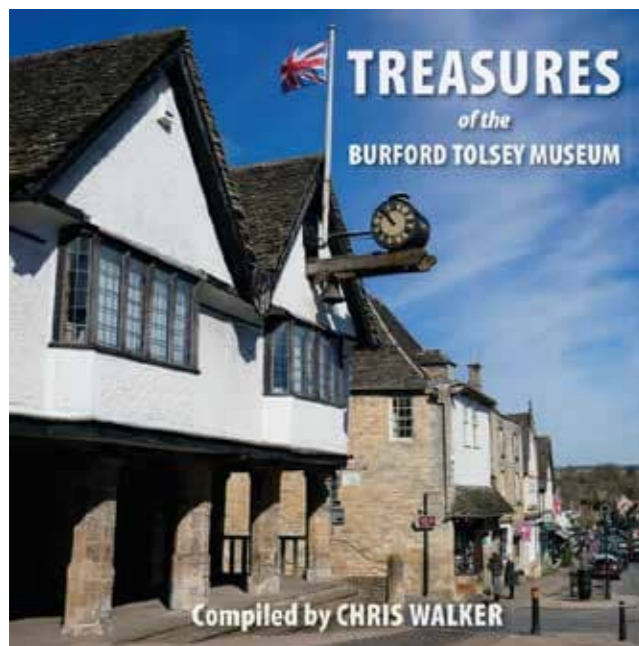
The 2024 Benefactors' Reception will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 7 November at the Baptist Church, Witney Street, Burford. All Benefactors are warmly invited to join us for a glass of wine, to meet other Benefactors and hear about the latest developments and the BTMA's future plans; we have much to tell you.

In addition, Benefactors will be given a private preview of the newly published book *Treasures of the Burford Tolsey Museum* and the opportunity to buy it at a special price.

RSVP is requested to Reg and Dorrit Marshall at supporters@burfordtolsey.org. If you are a Benefactor of the Burford Tolsey and have not received your invitation, please also contact Reg and Dorrit.

Treasures Of The Burford Tolsey Museum

It is with pleasure and excitement, that we announce the book launch reception for *Treasures of the Burford Tolsey Museum* (that received such a glowing review in last month's edition of *The Bridge**), which will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 7 November at the Baptist Church, Burford.



This lavishly illustrated book with 108 full colour pages is for a wide range of readers, and is the first to be published by the BTMA's newly established Tolsey Press. Once released, it will be available to order from the Madhatter Bookshop, other booksellers and online, including Amazon, but it will be offered at a special offer price at the launch evening, when you will be able to choose between a hardback or a paperback edition. It will make a splendid Christmas stocking filler.



The descriptions of the featured items were compiled by Chris Walker, a remarkable local historian. Throughout his life, he dedicated much of his time and energy to acquiring objects of local historical interest. It was a delight to him to be able to share his carefully collected treasures in the Tolsey Museum for all to appreciate and enjoy.

This book is dedicated to his memory.

Come and join us for this major milestone event and enjoy some entertaining and fascinating selected highlights of the book, delivered by a range of local speakers. Tickets for the launch can be bought online, www.burfordtolsey.org/events, or in person at the Museum. They cost £3 per person or £5 for a couple, and are inclusive of a glass of wine.

Benefactors are invited to stay on after their Annual Reception, that precedes the book launch, free of charge.

Peter Martin

Book Review: "This is a fascinating book, beautifully illustrated in a glossy hardback format but also available as a paperback or as an ebook. We recommend it to anyone with even a passing interest in local history. It would also be a great Christmas present. We hope the Tolsey Museum has ordered plenty of copies". (The Bridge Book Review October 2024)



THE EXECUTION OF THE LEVELLERS IN BURFORD

Burford has become famous as the place where three Levellers were shot by firing squad on the orders of Oliver Cromwell in May 1649. But none of those involved had any connection with the town, and the principal reason for these summary executions was not political. The Levellers were active during the Civil Wars of the mid-17th century but none carried a party card, and 'Leveller' was a term of abuse used by their enemies. Moreover, the term was more appropriate to another group known as the 'True Levellers' or 'Diggers', who established a short-lived commune on St George's Hill in Surrey, which is now a gated community for the wealthy.

At this date Oliver Cromwell was a general in the New Model Army, who had ordered that part of the army should go to Ireland, where there was a longstanding rebellion led by the Irish Catholic Confederacy. But the order provoked strong resistance in one regiment, which demanded that its arrears of pay be settled first. Cromwell could not tolerate mutiny and launched an attack on the rebels, some of whom may indeed have been Levellers. This led to a running battle through the streets of Burford, which Cromwell and his loyal troops won. About 340 of the rebels were captured and imprisoned in Burford church overnight. On the fourth morning, four were singled out and asked to recant but only one agreed to do so. The other three were shot, supposedly against the churchyard wall, while their comrades watched from the church roof. When they promised to behave themselves, they were released. That was the end of the rebellion, and after that the influence of the Levellers as a whole declined dramatically.

This incident, and the Levellers as a whole, were more or less forgotten until the 1930s, when interest revived, especially amongst historians of a socialist persuasion, who adopted the Levellers and gave them a good deal of coverage in the historical community. Their memory was given a further boost in the 1950s and 60s by the works of Christopher Hill, Master of Balliol College, Oxford, which dealt with popular movements during the Commonwealth and Protectorate periods.

Since 1975 there has been an increased level of interest in the fate of these three soldiers, and their execution has been made famous and politicised through the annual celebration of a Levellers Day in Burford. The first celebration was the brainchild of the Workers' Educational Association, and the subtitle which appeared in the publicity surrounding the event in 1984 was 'The Rights of the Worker', though the Levellers were in no way proto-socialists. Levellers' Day is still celebrated annually in Burford. There is a painting of the execution in the Tolsey Museum, alongside the scale model of the parish church, while the supposed spot where this took place is marked by a plaque on the wall of the church.

Stephen Cooper

RISSINGTONS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Friday 15 November at 2.30pm *Yesterday's Runways: Airfields of Gloucestershires, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and the Cotswolds* by Bill King

Many airfields were created during the First World War for training and continued to be used in the Second World War.

Venue: Village Hall, Upper Rissington GL54 2QW
Visitors Welcome £3.50 to include refreshments.

For enquiries contact information.RLHS@gmail.com /
Kate O'Brien 07815 606770.

Susan Brown

REBIRTH - A LOCAL HOCKEY REVOLUTION

Oxfordshire sport has this month seen a revolution with the formal launch of the first new mixed hockey club in over 30 years and a bucking of the trend of diminishing sports participation.

The new Burford Hockey Club is based at the new purpose-built astro pitch at Burford School. Open training sessions are held on Wednesday evenings 7.30 – 8.30 and are being well attended by a mixture of local youth, regular and returning adult players. The mixed side is playing friendlies under the captaincy of Stephanie Wood and the men's side is playing on Saturdays in the Cherwell 3 division of the South Central Hockey league under the captaincy of Nick Henry.

Burford has a proud hockey history with the museum hosting pictures and details of the town's mixed side playing fixtures as far back as 1895. However, no club had been operational in the town in living memory. That is until a group of friends from varied clubs around the county grew fed up with the travel and decided to start afresh.



The new club was brought into being at a well-attended foundation meeting on 6 September at the Lamb in Burford and has already got primary sponsorships in place for the inaugural season. The club is welcoming those wanting to rekindle their love for the sport by just training, as well as those looking for competitive or friendly hockey from the area. With players already coming from Burford, Carterton, Witney, Chipping Norton, Banbury and across the county border in Gloucestershire, the opportunity is proving to be very attractive. Of course, a club needs all sorts of people to function so we are also seeking umpires, administrators and other supporters willing to help make the venture a success.

The first home fixture is at 2.30pm on Saturday 28 September with a mixed game at the same time on Sunday 29th, so why not come along, watch and support?

Chairman and co-founder Nick August said "We wanted to create a club to provide an enjoyable playing experience for everyone and take advantage of this fantastic new facility on our doorstep. We have been delighted by the response and we think a women's side will soon follow the mixed and men's sides."

Club website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61564212813092>

Club fixtures/results: <https://southcentral.englishhockey.co.uk/teams/burford-1-mens>
Secretary: [Malcolm West burfordhockeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:Malcolm.West@burfordhockeyclub@gmail.com),
07841 778095

With a goalie that big they must be unbeatable - Ed



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON, BURFORD

Saturday, 30 November, 3.30 to 4.15pm, Tolsey, 126 High Street, Burford

Come and meet Father Christmas, sing some carols and watch the Christmas lights switch on at The Tolsey, Burford.

All welcome.

Burford Town Council

TEAROOM AT THE TOP

Nestled at the top of Burford's iconic High Street is Davenford Tearoom, which is more than just a place to enjoy a delightful meal - it's a welcoming spot for everyone. Owned and operated by local residents who cherish their role in the vibrant tapestry of Burford life, Davenford Tearoom offers a warm and inviting atmosphere that feels like home. From hearty breakfasts to sumptuous lunches, and an irresistible selection of cakes, Davenford Tearoom caters to every craving. Our scones and cream teas are incredibly popular and each visit promises a culinary experience that delights the senses and warms the heart. Indulge in our Hummingbird Cake, a tropical delight that's sure to satisfy your sweet tooth. For something savory, try our XXL sausage rolls, a hearty treat perfect for any time of day. And don't miss the Cotswold English Breakfast, which includes a cheese scone or our delicious chickpea shakshuka with poached eggs and fresh herbs, offering a unique twist on a classic favourite. Fresh pastries are available daily, ensuring there's always something new to tempt your tastebuds.

Davenford Tearoom is dedicated to fostering a sense of community. We are excited to announce our first community event: a Tea and Pastry Morning for Burford and Fulbrook's retirees. Join us on Wednesday, 13 November from 10am to 12pm for a free event where retirees can meet, chat, and enjoy delicious pastries in a friendly and relaxed setting. The tearoom also boasts a versatile events space upstairs, perfect for small parties, meetings, and more. On Saturdays, Davenford Tearoom will transform into a hub of creativity with our baking experiences. Whether you're looking to master the art of afternoon tea or create festive Christmas biscuits with your family, these sessions offer a fun and educational way to spend your weekend.

Davenford Tearoom is more than just a place to eat - it's a place to connect, celebrate, and create memories. We invite you to join us and become a part of our community. Whether you're a local or just passing through, Davenford Tearoom is the perfect spot to relax, enjoy, and feel at home.

Elisabeth Terblanche

WODC DISTRICT REPORT

At the District's Executive Meeting in early October, the decision was taken to make use of new freedoms granted by the previous government to increase the Council Tax premiums on empty properties and second homes. If passed at the next full council meeting in November these changes will take effect from 1 April 2025.

The District has over 1100 homes which have been empty for longer than 6 months. These are classed as "long term empty". This is around 2.4% of our housing stock, compared with 1.1% long term empty in England as a whole. Given our housing shortage, we need to encourage these houses back into use and therefore we updated our long term empty property strategy with a number of new initiatives. One of those is to take advantage of the ability to charge a council tax premium after one year rather than two years, as now.

When a property is empty, it is eligible for a 50% discount in Council Tax for the first six months. This will not change. However, after 12 months, WODC will now charge a 100% premium, where previously this premium was only charged after 24 months.

The District also has a relatively high proportion of second homes, particularly in the Cotswold area. This is understandable as it is a wonderful place to escape to, but it does mean that the property is under-used and not available for permanent residents. From 1 April, therefore the Council will apply a premium of 100% to second homes in the District not permanently occupied.

There will be exemptions from these premiums, for example during major works or when the property is being marketed for sale or subject to probate. Do check the detail if you think you might be affected after April next year.

On a different subject, you may be aware that the old analogue (PSTN) telephone lines will be switched off and converted to a digital (voice-over-internet) system. For many people with a landline and a modern handset, your phone will still be able to receive or make calls, but some personal and burglar alarm lines will stop working. Furthermore, during a power cut, your phone will no longer work unless it has a battery back-up.

If you are in doubt as to how this will affect you, do check with your telephone landline supplier when this will take place and what action to take.

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CAROL SINGERS FOR TOWN LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

At the invitation of the Town Council, local singers are warmly invited to come to the Tolsey between 3.30 and 4.30 on Saturday 30 November, to sing carols in harmony for the entertainment of passers by and to add to the atmosphere in Burford. Please get in touch for further details:

Ruth Reavley 01993. 823957, ruth.reavley@gmail.com

OCC COUNCILLOR REPORT



Flooding Advice

OCC has produced a flooding toolkit, which provides advice and support for residents and businesses, including information on preparing for flooding. If you live in an area of flood risk there are a number of flood protection measures you can take as a homeowner, business and together as a community. As the lead local flood authority for Oxfordshire, OCC has a duty to carry out formal investigations of flood incidents as per Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. OCC undertakes these where they meet certain criteria. For residential properties, OCC undertakes formal investigation where five or more properties have flooded internally and publishes the results of these investigations.

Eligible Groups Encouraged To Get Their Flu And Covid Boosters

People in Oxfordshire who are eligible for annual winter flu and COVID jabs are being encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

The flu vaccine is available for free to all pregnant women, children aged two to three or in primary and secondary education, anybody in a clinical risk group – such as those with diabetes, heart disease or a weakened immune system and their close contacts – people who live in care homes, carers, frontline health and social care workers, and all those over the age of 65. Those residents in care homes for older people, all adults aged 65 or over, anybody in a clinical risk group and frontline health and social care workers, including staff working in care homes for older people, can also get a free COVID booster. Where possible, the COVID-19 and the flu vaccine will be given on the same day. Find out more about the vaccinations and how to book an appointment by visiting nhs.uk/flujab and nhs.uk/covid-vaccine.

Number Of 20mph Schemes Approved In Oxfordshire Passes The 200 Mark

More than 200 requests to reduce speed limits to 20mph in towns and villages have now been approved in Oxfordshire. As reported last month, the police do not generally enforce these limits and OCC's intention is to rely instead on a change of 'mindset'. Given this, and the huge cost of the scheme, critics are concerned that no data has been published in relation to the success or failure of the programme.

OCC Plans To Move HQ To Speedwell House Advance

County Hall in Oxford is officially being marketed for sale following decisions taken by the county council's cabinet in January 2024 to move its headquarters to Speedwell House in 2027.

The building primarily comprises office accommodation and was completed in 1973. Old County Hall dating from 1841 comprises the council chamber and coroner's court and is listed Grade II*. The sale offers the opportunity for the

council to move into modern, net-zero accommodation enabling County Hall to be re-imagined by a new owner as part of the regeneration of the west end of the city centre of Oxford. Receipts from the sale of County Hall will pay for the upgrading of Speedwell House with decisions to be taken on how any surplus would be deployed. The highly controversial inclusion of Old County Hall in the marketing of the site allows the council to assess market interest and to make an informed decision about the future of the building. All offers received will be reviewed in detail with a shortlist of potential purchasers to be selected and interviewed to determine the deliverability of proposals. Decisions are expected to be made towards the end of 2024.

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Burford Town Mayor, Cllr Peter Higgs invites you and a guest to attend

Burford Civic Service
'Together at Christmas'

with grateful thanks to The Reverend Tom Putt,
Vicar of St John the Baptist Church, Burford

Sunday 1st December 2024 at 3.30pm

St John The Baptist Church, Burford

Followed by a short festive reception at
Warwick Hall, Burford



It's well and truly the autumn with the falling leaves. Whilst writing this article it is our annual Harvest Festival where there will be a fabulous spread of tasty delights. We are also having a 'Homemade and Homegrown' raffle. We'll have to wait till next month for the winning entry for the creative pumpkins' competition.

At our 10 December meeting as well as the Christmas festive food and mulled wine, we welcome back the Craft Barn from Lechlade who will be demonstrating their craft. We will be making Christmas lanterns, to be judged for the winner of our annual Rose Bowl competition.

Our September talk attracted 12 guests locally as well as many of our WI members and the talk did not fail to disappoint. Hayley Scott gave a fascinating insight into "Behind The Tape – Crime Scene Investigation". We learnt about what happens at a crime scene and some of the techniques to capture criminals such as the difference between fingerprinting and finger marking. There were some interesting stories retold, funny mistakes that criminals made and how Hayley had to give evidence at some notable crimes at the Old Bailey. We all thoroughly enjoyed the talk and want to invite Hayley back another time to do a crime scene where we will need to do the evidence-finding. She does these for adults and at children's parties (above a certain age). We would definitely recommend her as speaker and her details can be found on *CSI | Forensic Experience | Reading – The Forensic Experience*.

In the WI calendar, we are identifying the programme of events for 2025-2026, which seems a long way off but we need to book that far in advance to get the pick of the best speakers.

We are always keen to welcome new members and guests are always very welcome to any of our meetings for a suggested donation of £5. So we look forward to welcoming any of you who are interested.

The FaB WI meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Baptist Church in Witney Street at 7.30 p.m. For further information please visit our website thefabwi.org.uk or contact me, on thefabwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk or mobile 07710 103015.

Jennie Craven

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REFLECTIONS: A CANDLELIT EVENING



Please join us in St Mary the Virgin, Holwell on Saturday 2 November at 6pm for an All Soul's Day concert. The music will include some of the greatest works of remembrance in English and German choral music, including anthems by Bainton, Brahms, Holst, Parry, Purcell and Walton, performed by some of the finest graduate choral and organ scholars of Oxford and Cambridge, including New College, Merton and University College Chapel Choirs. There will also be blessings and candle lighting to remember those who have passed on in the past year, led by the Rev Harry MacInnes.

Free entry; the concert will be followed by a wine reception.

This is the same group who previously performed Evensong in May and October 2023, this time with more singers and more music!

Tara Shutes

BURFORD OIL SYNDICATE



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

Our next order will be on Thursday 24 October closing at 5.00pm. Delivery is expected to be from 28 October to 9 November.

The following order will be on Thursday 5 December closing at 5.00pm.

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

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

Peter Higgs

THE HIDDEN LANDSCAPE OF THE COTSWOLDS - 2

The Rock Foundations

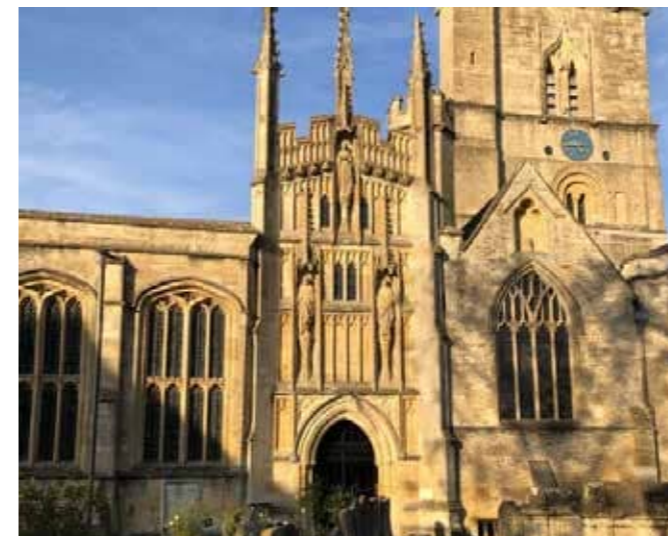
In the last issue we ended with the puzzle of how the placid River Windrush managed to carve out the substantial valley in which it flows. I planned to explain that this month but readers with a long memory will remember I gave the answer away in a previous article. So let's leave that for now and first consider the 'raw materials' that the Burford landscape has been carved out of.

Many of you will know that the Cotswold Hills are underlain by limestones dating back to the age of the dinosaurs – the Jurassic Period. (In fact the first dinosaur ever described was found in nearby Stonesfield over three hundred years ago, though not identified till a century later). These limestones are what give the Cotswolds their identity; the hard limestones are surrounded by softer rocks that are more easily eroded. The Thames and the Severn carve their way through these softer rocks, leaving a wedge of limestone upland between them.

The Cotswolds also differ from nearby hilly areas such as the North and South Downs. There the hills are primarily the result of buckling and folding induced by tectonic activity. In contrast, the Jurassic rocks of the Cotswolds are barely disturbed, with just a slight tilting to the southeast. The gentle topography is simply the product of thousands of years of erosion by the Windrush, the Evenlode and other Cotswold streams.

If we could strip off the cover of soils and vegetation that conceal the Jurassic bedrock, we would see much more than a uniform mass of limestone. Rather, the rocks are arranged in layers stacked on top of each other as in a wedding cake or chocolate gateau. Just as in a cake, each layer is made up of different ingredients. Geologists recognise many different layers and can trace them across the area.

Wander through the fields above Burford – beyond the golf course, say – and you will see scattered limestone rocks thrown up by ploughing of the thin soils. This is the so-called 'Great Oolite' which forms the upper parts of most of the surrounding hills. Head down the hill and you will cross progressively older rocks, now concealed by tarmac, buildings and vegetation. Still within the Great Oolite, a slight change in rock composition produces the familiar Taynton Stone from which many of Burford's buildings, including the church (see below), are constructed. Just below that another building stone, the Chipping Norton Limestone, is found.



By the time you reach the bridge you are standing on the oldest Jurassic rock unit – the Lias. These rocks are quite different from the overlying white or buff limestones. Dark coloured clays which erode easily are underlain by a very distinctive unit called the Marlstone. This is another limestone but one that is rich in iron. As a result it turns a characteristic gingerbread colour when weathered. This rock will be familiar to readers of The Bridge as it is the main building stone of villages such as Bloxham and Hook Norton and, perhaps most spectacularly, of the magnificent Jacobean Chastleton House (see below).



So it is not just the natural landscape of the Cotswolds that is influenced by the rock foundations, the character of the towns and villages – even the drystone walls – reflect the rocks upon which they sit. I highlighted the Marlstone above because of the obvious contrast to Burford's Taynton Stone. But if you look carefully at the buildings in other Cotswold towns, Chipping Campden, say, or Bourton-on-the-Water, you might notice more subtle differences from the building stone of Burford. Many of the buildings in these towns utilise another limestone which lies between the Taynton Stone and the Marlstone in areas west of Burford.

I mentioned earlier the slight tilt of the Cotswold rock layers; it is this tilt, combined with erosion, that causes different layers of rock to appear at the surface across the area. From southeast to northwest, erosion reveals the same sequence of rocks as walking down Burford Hill. Beyond Chipping Norton the Great Oolite is gone to be replaced by the Marlstone - the buildings reflect this change. William Morris's remark that Cotswold buildings seem to emerge naturally from the ground on which they stand is truer than he knew.

Joe Brannan



BURFORD and DISTRICT SOCIETY

NEW TO BURFORD & 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

DAVID SURATGAR

23 October 1938 to 17 July 2024



David was born in London, the son of Professor Lotfali Suratgar, a renowned poet and professor of Persian Literary Criticism and Comparative Literature at the University of Tehran, and Professor Edith Olive Suratgar (nee Hepburn) who taught at the same university. He was educated at Silcoates School in Yorkshire and the Universities of Oxford and Columbia. Given that parental and educational background, it is no wonder that David became a polymath – banker, lawyer, cricketer, theatre and opera lover and supporter, writer, bibliophile and bon viveur.

A list of all his accomplishments would fill a whole issue of The Bridge. Suffice it to say that he graduated from New College, Oxford with a BA in law in 1959 and from Columbia University, New York in 1961 with a master's degree in International Affairs. His first paying job was in the United Nation's Legal Department (1961 – 1962). He then moved on to lecturing in International Law at New York University (1962 – 1963), working at a New York law firm, Sullivan & Cromwell (1963 – 1964), a position as Legal Counsel to the World Bank in Washington (1964 – 1973) and, for a time simultaneously, lecturing as an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University (1966 – 1973). During that hectic period he married Barbara Lita Low who crossed the Atlantic for that purpose and with whom he had a daughter, Roxanne, and a son, Karim.

Returning to England with his family in 1973, he joined Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bankers, where he had a distinguished career rising through the ranks to become a group director (1988 – 1997) and deputy chairman of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell (1992 – 1997). During that time he also served as special legal counsel to the Bank of England (1979), special adviser to the European Investment Bank (1994 – 1995), European counsel to Surrey & Morse (a US law firm which subsequently merged with Jones Day Reavis & Pogue) and counsel to Le Boeuf, Green & Macrae (another US law firm) (1995 – 2001). Away from the law, he acted as chairman of Fortune Funds Ltd and Medicapital Bank plc and served as a director of BMCE Bank International Plc (now Bank of Africa Plc) and on the advisory board of Taylor de Jong Inc.

As if all that was not enough for one man, David found time to chair the West India Committee (a charity formed to support the Caribbean community founded in 1794 and holding a Royal Charter granted in 1903), to sit on the council of The Federal Trust (a think tank on government) (1992-1996) and on the council of Chatham House (the Royal Institute of International Affairs) (1993 – 2006), to be a member of the Oxford University Bodleian Library Appeal (1987 – 2000), of the boards of the UN Council on Ageing (2000 – 2003) and the Major Projects Association (Templeton College, Oxford) of the advisory board of the International Law Institute, the international advisory board of George Washington University and the advisory board of SOAS (University of London). His interest in the arts also led him, in his spare time (!), to sit on the boards of the Oxford Playhouse and the Northern Ballet. He was also co-founder, with Leonard Ingrams, and a board member of Garsington Opera whose performances gave him great joy in his later years.

After the purchase of the Great House in Witney Street, David became a major figure in the Burford community. His contribution as chairman of the Burford Festival for a number of years was immense. Whether it was finding speakers (who can forget Stanley Johnson's performance!) or hosting meetings, his influence was everywhere and his wise counsel essential, encouraging hesitant performers and tempering the wilder suggestions. His book collection, which he greatly enjoyed putting together, was eclectic and his devotion to cricket admirable. He is survived by Roxanne and Karim and his second wife, Wandra (Cita) Smalley, whom he married in 1994 having been widowed in 1990.

He was, and remains, an inspiration not only to Burfordians but also to hundreds of colleagues, his children, step-children, grandchildren and step-grandchildren, cross-generational friends and many others fortunate enough to have spent time with him. He will be sorely missed.

John White

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Allan Tuckwell Tribute October Edition

In the above article it was said that Allan was very close to help a mother giving birth.

I think your readers might be interested in knowing that the Mum was my late wife Jean who gave birth to our daughter Sally who will be 50 next year, on my Mother's (Mrs Francis Dixon) sofa.

Roy Dixon

WINDRUSH RURAL CINEMA



Saturday 30 November
Film Showing

Sadly at the time we had to complete this edition we have not received details of the film this month. Brendan Boyle will be able to provide more information.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN BURFORD

By the time you read this there will only be about seven weeks left until Christmas and there are certainly lots of events in and around Burford to help you get in the spirit.

Things start happening at the weekend of 29 November – 1 December. If there are spaces left, anyone wanting to book a stall for the Christmas Market can do so at <https://burfordbenefice.churchsuite.com/events/kr6t757o>.

There are lots more events and services closer to Christmas and more details will be in next month's Bridge but it is worth highlighting one event now: following the success of last year's Community Christmas Day Lunch we will be running this event again. As with last year, there is no charge for this event but booking is essential so that we know how many to cater for. For more info on these events and to book up for the lunch go to www.burfordchurch.org/christmas
Adrian Jackson

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HISTORY DAY

The Oxfordshire Local History Association's autumn study day takes place on Saturday 9 November in the Baptist Church in Burford, on the subject of *The Far Promised Land: A History of Emigration from Oxfordshire*.



Crusader, an iron sailing ship used in the New Zealand emigrant trade from 1871. Image courtesy of Cheshire Antiques Consultant.

The day coincides with the 150th anniversary of the sinking of the emigrant ship *Cospatrick* en route to New Zealand with the loss of almost 500 lives, including those of 17 members of two families from Shipton-under-Wychwood.

The programme includes three illustrated talks by local historians, a bookstall, private visits to the Burford Tolsey Museum and the new Archive building, and a guided walk around the town. All this for £14, barely more than the cost of a passage to New Zealand! For further information and to book a place please see <https://olha.org.uk/events/study-days/> *Carol Anderson*

FRIENDS OF BURFORD LIBRARY

As we hurtle towards the end of the year and the season of festivities, we would be wise to take stock during this month. Make some time to indulge in a little "me time." How better to do this than by settling down with a good book? At your library you will find a varied stock to choose from. Or, perhaps you would rather join in on one of the many other activities taking place.

If Scrabble is your game, come and join us on the first Tuesday evening of each month. Or, perhaps you fancy a few relaxing hours of Knit and Natter?

After our very successful Plonk and Pudding event at the end of last month, we are now planning our first event for 2025. Make your way at the end of February to The Royal Oak in Witney Street, for a delicious fish 'n chips supper and devilish Pub Quiz. This crowd pleaser always attracts a large audience. More details to follow in December.

On a more sombre note, we continue to battle against the never-ending rain, as it seeps into the ground floor of the library. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, but rest assured we are doing our utmost to find a solution.

Maureen Percival



THE KITTEN WHO LOST HIS MEOW

By Patricia Broughton

This is a book of drawings by Burford artist Patricia Broughton illustrating a fable written with local musician, Francis Rockliff. The Cotswolds and Oxfordshire countryside has inspired the landscapes in the book that form the backdrop to a narrative that takes the Kitten on a magical journey to find his lost meow. In particular, the book's cover features a beautiful view of Burford Town from Westhall Hill, Fulbrook.

The story opens with the Kitten happily enjoying life in a castle high above the Valley of Winds with Princess Think-a-Lot, King Lost-a-Lot and Mrs Make-a-Mess. One night under the moon's shadow he sets off in search of the lost meow with his feline friends, Old Tiger Top and Tiddly Pom. The search for the lost meow takes the Kitten's party across Imagined Oceans back to the Remembered World, down to the Lower Elements and up to the Dreamers' Dancing Ground. Eerie encounters follow with Wind Spirits and Unquiet Souls ending with visits to Dream Weavers College and the Museum of Memories. The Kitten's homecoming leads Princess Think-a-lot to reflect and consider embarking on her own journey of self-discovery.



The book celebrates family, friendship and cats and is dedicated to the Samaritans for the emotional support they give to so many and to the Burford Blue Cross for its animal welfare work. A final dedication is to parents who Love-a-Lot and, like Princess Think-a-Lot, thoughtfully and lovingly raise their families to share their good fortune with every person and innocent creature they meet.

Patricia graduated from Manchester University with a first-class honours degree in English Literature and went on to do postgraduate research in 17th century garden poetry at the University of Oxford. She then established a career as an artist in Oxfordshire and did ink, pencil, watercolour, iPad works and caricatures. Patricia has lived in the Cotswolds for many years and this year moved to Burford.

The first edition is a high-quality casebound sewn book of 128 pages with 140 original drawings that can be bought from The Madhatter Bookshop in Burford High Street. On the book's website www.findmymeow.com, signed copies can also be ordered.

Katie Robinson

CHARITY SALE
Saturday 2nd November
10am - 3pm
The Tolsey, Burford
Christmas items, good quality clothes, Bric-a-Brac etc. In aid of:
Shilton Old School Village Hall
(Cash preferred)
reg.charity 272023

WHAT'S ON AT FARMED IN NOVEMBER

There's a variety of events at FarmED over November - from literary lunches, lunchtime talks, farm walks and sustainable, festive wreath-making.

Lunchtime Talk: Great British Goats Cheese

Wed 13 Nov - 11:45 - 14:00

What would it take for dairy goats to become a mainstay of the British regenerative farming movement? Dairy goats have been farmed in Britain for many centuries but have been pushed to the margins of the British farming landscape. With the growing popularity and quality of British goats cheese though, is there now an opportunity for dairy goats to make a comeback? Rachel Yarrow thinks the answer is yes, but has learnt the hard way that there are no end of challenges to succeeding at pasture-based farming with dairy goats in the UK - and no handy rule book to follow!

Literary Lunch with Caroline Quentin

Tue 19 Nov - 12:00 - 14:30

Enjoy a special literary lunch with Caroline Quentin, one of Britain's best-loved actresses and comedians, who shares her life-long passion for gardening in her uplifting bestselling book, *Drawn to the Garden*. Your ticket includes a copy of the book (RRP £20), which would make a perfect Christmas gift, plus a seasonal one course meal from the FarmED Cafe, followed by coffee and a sweet treat.

Sustainable Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Fri 29 Nov - 10:30 - 16:00

*Further dates in December

Spend a day at FarmED to create a beautiful and sustainable Christmas wreath, made from willow and freshly-foraged greenery from the farm. Learn a new country craft as florist Lauren Macadie teaches you to create a seasonal wreath that's naturally beautiful and 100% sustainable. The day will start with coffee and mince pies, before you'll learn to make your willow frame. Enjoy a farm walk to forage for wintry greenery, seedheads and berries to decorate your wreath and look forward to a seasonal one-course lunch from the FarmED Cafe, with coffee and a sweet treat.

Introduction to Agriculture Thu 21 Nov - 09:45 - 16:30

For people with little or no agricultural experience who are either entering a career in the rural sector or would like a basic knowledge of farming and food production. With a combination of indoor and outdoor sessions you'll gain insights into the food we produce, the wildlife we share the land with and the roles that people play.

Climate Resilient Cows Wed 27 Nov - 11:45 - 14:00

Can we still maintain a thriving dairy sector with the pressures of climate change? Hattie, with a background in climate science and a passion for farming, will be exploring her findings.

Friday Farm Walks (Most Fridays) 10.30-2pm

Explore Honeydale Farm in the late autumn on an inspiring and informative guided farm walk, led by Founder, Ian Wilkinson or a member of the FarmED team.

Enjoy the fresh air and beautiful autumnal landscape as you visit the meadows, heritage orchard, kitchen garden, natural flood management and other areas. You will hear about all that's been going on at the farm and plans for the future.

There'll be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and find out about everything from regenerative agriculture, sustainable food to growing heritage wheat for artisan bread making. At the end of the walk, there'll be a delicious and nutritious set lunch freshly prepared in the FarmED kitchen.

More info & Booking : www.farm-ed.co.uk

Fiona Mountain

MAGGIE AND ME



The recent death of the extraordinary Maggie Smith brought back memories of a summer day in 2012. We had heard on the grapevine that the producers of *Downton Abbey* were looking for extras for filming at Bampton, which was used as a location for the fictional Downton village. I registered with the casting agency and early one morning turned up in a field where it seemed that an entire town had been set up for all the vehicles and back-up services. After having a hair cut and being dressed in a thick 1920s-style suit, I and other extras were marshalled by the 2 A/D (how we thespians refer to the second assistant director).

The scene being filmed in the road outside the church was one in which the Dowager Lady Grantham ((Dame Maggie) was being driven by in her Rolls Royce and would espy Mrs Crawley (Penelope Wilton) walking by. The car would stop, Dame Maggie would get out and the two would have a conversation. This was reshot several times from different camera angles while a coach load of Americans on a *Downton Abbey* tour looked on.

The extras were used as "background" - the people you see wandering around to provide a touch of verisimilitude in what would otherwise be a deserted street. I was paired with another extra dressed as the vicar and we were told to walk slowly along apparently looking at the church and admiring its architecture. Others walked with bicycles, pushed prams, carried parcels and so on. "Be careful around Maggie," counselled the 2 A/D. "She's in a grumpy mood today."

After lunch in a converted double-decker bus we reassembled for another sequence by the entrance to the church. At this point things went awry for me as I began to feel distinctly ill; not a result of the lunch but the start of a bug which laid me up for the next couple of days. I said I had to drop out and propped myself against a nearby tombstone while waiting for the crew medic to check me over. Far from being grumpy, Dame Maggie came over to me with Penelope Wilton, asked me how I was feeling and expressed sympathy. Lovely lady, I thought.

The scene duly appeared in one episode of season 4 though you would need at least a 240 inch screen to identify the small figure in the far distance. I stayed on the books of the casting agency for a while but no other jobs came up within striking distance from home so I de-registered. But at least I can boast that I have acted with Maggie Smith.

Gordon Elliot

BURFORD BONFIRE NIGHT



Sunday 5 November from 6.00pm onwards at Westfield off Tanners Lane

FREE ENTRY

There will be a collection towards the Fire Fighters Charity and next year's Bonfire Night
Please give generously **NB Cash Only Event**



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Gabi Schotten

Photographs taken by Pete Gould

MADHATTER BOOKSHOP

"In November, the earth is growing quiet. It is making its bed, a winter bed for flowers and small creatures. The bed is white and silent, and much life can hide beneath its blankets." - Cynthia Rylant, *In November*

Our friends at Madhatter Bookshop will have noticed our new face. The shelves at 122 High Street are now filled with hand - curated books for grown-ups. From Young Adult and Fantasy to Coffee Books from the British Library to paperbacks to educate and entertain.

Across the road in Little Madhatter Emporium are our wonderful and extensive books for children. The fish are swimming and the wardrobe is alight with magic. Have you found Frank the unicorn yet? Do come and say hello to our friendly fish. If you would like to draw us a picture, there will be a prize draw in January. We are also delighted to bring you an enchanting selection of toys for every age. From tricycles to bumper cars and polar bears to Dog Man, we have fun for all the family. We are getting new stock every day, look out for our new "car showroom" opening soon on the first floor.

You can do all your Christmas shopping and we will store your parcels until the big man in red is ready to collect them.

SAVE THE DATE



Father Christmas will be visiting Little Madhatter on 30 November so do bring the family to say hello and I have been told that if you want a photo – elfies are welcome!

7 November: Book Launch – *Gabriel and The Snow Blossom Tree* by local debut author Fenella George, illustrated by Kate Fotheringham. This is the story of Gabriel, a young girl in search of the ancient and mystical Snow Blossom Tree. With stunningly beautiful illustrations, this is a magical story of friendship and hope. A perfect gift book for children and adults. Tickets for this launch are limited and available from The Madhatter Bookshop.

30 November: we are delighted to welcome back Imaginary Landscapes, an evening of harp and poetry with Anne Denholm and Chris Tutton. Tickets are £12 and available from www.madhatterbookshop.co.uk

The Literary Salon

It is not easy to find a concrete origin for the 'Salon.' A salon, named for the type of room in which they were often held. Sala or salone was a place for people to exchange ideas. Those people were often, but not always, creative types, including artists and writers. These gatherings became popular during the Italian Renaissance in the 16th century and flourished during the French Enlightenment in the 18th century. The private nature of salons allowed ideas to be shared freely. Additionally, the private nature of salons made them common for women, who were most likely excluded from other meetings. In 2025 we will be making use of our event space at 103 High Street and welcoming a Literary Salon to Burford.

Thank you for shopping local and supporting the Madhatter Bookshop, it truly is a privilege to be part of the Burford High Street jam packed with independent shops. Burford really is like no other High Street!

Kim Harvey

CHRISTMAS IN THE BALLROOM

Asthall Manor Saturday 23 November 10 -5

Escape the bustle of the High Street and shop at a Christmas Market in the beautiful Asthall Manor Ballroom. You will have the opportunity to buy a range of crafted gifts from local, independent producers and also environmentally-friendly vintage and antique items. Please park in the field opposite Asthall Manor (the gate to the car park field: producers.zapped.tutored). Please bring both cash and cards to pay for your purchases.

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I'm a potter based in Oxfordshire, working with stoneware clay to explore unique shapes and textures. Each piece I create is wheel-thrown and individually crafted. While I aim to make visually beautiful pieces, they are first and foremost functional - designed for everyday use and to bring a bit of joy to daily life!

By The Hedge

We make honey and grow wool. We craft imperfect objects out of the foraged and the found; some for beauty and others for their practical use. We spin yarn, both fibre and folklore. Amongst other hedgerow offerings, when able to, we produce small batch, single estate honey which is untreated, cold-filtered and jarred by hand from hives in the North Cotswolds. Providing a glimpse into an English pastoral; a nascent collective, manifesting tales and wares of the seasonal smallholder.

Earth Ale

Earth Ale is all about bringing people together, and closer to nature, with artisan beers inspired by natural and foraged ingredients. Brewed by a Michelin-trained chef, they're passionate about quality ingredients and pairing their beers with good food and good people.

Freedom of the Press

Freedom of the Press is a micro winery based in Minster Lovell making small batches of top quality still wine using grapes sourced from the best sites in the country, primarily the Crouch Valley in Essex. The wines are listed in some of the top restaurants and have received rave reviews.

David Knight and Nigel Hancock are members of the Oxfordshire Bodgers

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Vintage Green

Nothing is greener than giving a second life to antique and vintage items. We will be offering an interesting selection of vintage and antique books, jewellery and pictures.

For further information, please contact *Lynne Hughson*, lhughson382@hotmail.co.uk

Liz Deverson kindly sent us photos of the aurora borealis in Burford



DIARY OF SPECIAL EVENTS

26 Oct-3 Nov	Cotswold History Festival	Cirencester	
Thur 31 Oct	Tolsey Talk - Group Reminiscences of Burford	Burford Baptist Church	7.30pm
1 - 2 Nov	Cotswold Festival of Music	Northleach Church	
Sat 2 Nov	Charity Sale Christmas Items, Bric-a-Brac	Tolsey, Burford	10-3pm
Sat 2 Nov	BEAGles Repair Cafe	St Johns Church Hall Carterton	TBA
Sat 2 Nov	Reflections for All Souls	Holwell Church	6pm
Thu 7 Nov	Tolsey Museum Book Launch Event	Burford Baptist Church	7.30pm
Thu 7 Nov	Book Launch - Gabriel & The Snow Blossom Tree	Madhatter Bookshop	TBA
Sat 9 Nov	OLHA - The Promised Land: A history of Emigrations from Oxfordshire	Burford Baptist Church	9.30/10am
Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	Various	10.50am
Tue 12 Nov	FABW1 Talk - Pre-Raphaelite Sisterhood	Baptist Church	7.30pm
Wed 13 Nov	TASC Lecture - Renaissance Art	Warwick Hall	10.50am
Wed 13 Nov	Tea and Pastry morning	Davenford Tearoom	10am-12
Fri 15 Nov	Talk - Airfields of Glos etc - see within	Up/r Rissington Village Hall	2.30pm
Sat 16 Nov	Kitchen Garden Workshop	Asthall Manor	
Sat 23 Nov	Candlelit Classics Concert - see within	Taynton Church	6.30pm
Sat 23 Nov	Christmas in the Ballroom	Asthall Manor	
Sat 23 Nov	Concert - Cantores Chamber Choir	Northleach Church	7.30pm
Sun 24 Nov	Burford Singers Concert	Burford Parish Church	7.30pm
Thur 28 Nov	BDHA Talk - Planting Roses	Burford Bowls Club	TBA
Fri 29 Nov	Burford Christmas Market	Burford Parish Church	TBA
Sat 30 Nov	Windrush Rural Cinema	Windrush Village Hall	TBA
Sat 30 Nov	Christmas Lights Switch On	Burford Tolsey	3.30-4.15
30 Nov-1 Dec	Yunis and Eliza Bronze Artists	Asthall Manor	
28-30 Nov	Wychwood Players - It's a wonderful life	New Beaconsfield Hall	TBA
Sun 1 Dec	Burford Civic Service	Burford Parish Church	3.30pm
Tue 10 Dec	FABW1 Talk - Craft Barn Demonstration	Burford Baptist Church	7.30pm
Wed 25 Dec	Community Christmas Day Lunch	Warwick Hall	2pm



Although we realise that everyone cannot equal the brilliance of Mike Russell's photos taken in Taynton (above is a rarely seen male Reed Bunting) please do continue to send them to us as we try to include as many of them as possible in the magazine.

Editors

Sometimes this information is changed without notification to us, so please check before turning up to an event.

REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Aerobics	Monday 6.15; Thursday 11.45 + 6.15pm	Warwick Hall	Gill Hames 822971 gillianhames46@gmail.com
Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesdays 7.30pm; Fridays 1.00pm	Bradwell Village Hall	Patrick 0786 796 0716
Astally Arms	Last Friday of the month	Memorial Hall Asthall Leigh	From 7.00 pm
Badminton Group	Monday nights. Friendly all abilities.	Burford School 8-10pm.	Kevin 704655 scareyradar@yahoo.co.uk
BEAGles aka Burford Environment Action Group	Third Monday of the month	The Prince of Burford	7.30pm
Burford Bridge Club	Every Tuesday Joining Fee £30 Monthly Session Fee £12.00	Warwick Hall Contact 07831 301886 bbc/office@mail.com	5-7pm
Burford Badminton Club	Tuesday nights 8-10pm	Burford School - fun, social, all abilities	Vijay 891043 vijaysmobile@gmail.com
Burford Crafters	3rd Wednesday of the month	Burford Library 2.30-3.30	Judith Butcher 01993 824194
Burford & District Society	Meet 7 times a year	Warwick Hall at 7.00pm	Bert Clough 07943 720668
Burford Town Bowls Club	Friendly Roll-up all Mondays	Bowls Club from 6.30 pm	Pat Walker 01993 822330 patr47@btinternet.com
Burford Trees care/planting	4th Sunday of the month	Community Allotment - Tanners Lane	lucy.staveley@gmail.com
Coffee and Company	Every Wednesday 10.30-12 midday	St John the Baptist Church	Diana Peters 01993 822785
Cub Scouts	Mondays (term time)	Scout Hut 6 - 7.30 pm	Mandy Bielby 07941 470465
Fencing	Tuesdays	Bradwell Village 7-9pm	Keith Money 01982 448295
Fulbrook & Burford WI (FaBWI)	Second Tuesday of every month	Burford Baptist Church Hall	Jennie Craven 07710 103015 thefabwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk
Fulbrook Coffee am	Every 3rd Thursday	Fulbrook Meeting Place 10.30 - 12	Lyn Bibbings 823640
Fulbrook Fitness Group	Thursday (wef Sept 2021)	Fulbrook Meeting Place 9am	Pat Ferret 822892
Horticultural Association	Fourth Thursday	Bowls Club - times vary	Janet Copley 01451 844210
North Cotswold Arts Assoc.	Every 2nd Wednesday	Warwick Hall	2-4pm
Pickleball - fun, social sport	Mon 11-1pm, Thu 10-12pm, Fri 8-10pm	Charlbury Community Centre	Vijay 01993 891 043 or vijaysmobile@gmail.com
Pilates Class	Wednesdays 10.00am	Burford Baptist Church	Elizabeth Jarvis cotswoldpilates123@gmail.com
Pilates Class	Thursdays 9.30am. Suitable for men and women; Tuesdays 6.45	Warwick Hall	Elizabeth www.wellnessity.co.uk 07932 981023
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 9.45-11.15	Warwick Hall	www.burfordchurch.org/rockatots
Rotary Burford & Kingham	Monday	The Burford Golf Club	John Smith 07717 883182
Signpost - Coffee and Help	Every Wednesday in term time.	The Warwick Hall, Burford 10.00 - 12 midday	Opportunity to raise worries confidentially
Scouts	Thursday (term time)	Scout Hut 6 - 8pm	Alex Gill 07762161769 burfordscouts@gmail.com
Scrabble	1st Tuesday of each month	Burford Library (free soft drinks)	7pm
The Arts Society Cotswolds	2nd Wed (not July/Aug)	Warwick Hall 11.00	publicity@theartssocietycotswolds
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

USEFUL CONTACTS + INFORMATION

Please check hours of opening which are subject to change

Burford Recreation Pavilion (Children's Events)	01993 823647
Burford Pre School	01993 824031
Burford School	01993 823303
Burford Primary School	01993 822159
Burford Surgery www.burfordurgery.co.uk	01993 822176
Burford Tolsey Museum Open seven days a week April to October 2-5pm www.burfordtolsey.org	
Burford Town Council Tolsey office open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9.30 am and 11.30 am	01993 823647
Email town.clerk@burford-tc.gov.uk www.burford-tc.gov.uk	
Carterton Health Centre NHS www.nhs.uk	01993 841718 111
Centre for Carers in Oxfordshire www.oxoncarers.org.uk	01295 264545
Chemist Reavley's	01993 823144
Chipping Norton Veterinary Hospital Burford Branch	01608 642547
Churches Anglican St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church of SS John Fisher and Thomas More Baptist Church Friends Meeting House	01993 823788 01993 823219 More 07967 362885 01993 875214
Citizens Advice Bureau Email admin@cawo.org.uk	0808 2787908
Community Transport Volunteer Link-Up Oxfordshire Comet	01993 776277 01865 323201
Emergency Services Police – non essential	101
Environment Agency Floodline Emergency	0845 988118 0800 807060

Hall Bookings Baptist Church gill.crippen@googlemail.com Burford Town Bowls Club Fulbrook Meeting Place Taynton Village Hall - Lexi Young Warwick Hall Bookings and Information bookings@burfordchurch.org.uk	01993 822330 TBA 07909 913994
Library Tuesday 13.00 - 18.00 Thursday 10.00 - 13.00 Friday 10.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.30 Saturday 09.00 - 13.00 www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/burfordlibrary	01993 823377
Member of Parliament charlie.maynard.mp@parliament.uk	07487 708681
Oxfordshire County Council General Enquiries Highways Faulty Street Lights www.oxfordshire.gov.uk Oxfordshire County Councillor Nicholas Field-Johnson	01865 815573 08453 101111 0800 317802
Post Office stephencolter@aol.com	01993 822174
Recycling Centre Dix Pit, Lynch Hill, Stanton Harcourt Open 7 days a week 8am - 5pm Thursday late night until 8pm Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day	
Southern Electric (Freephone)	08000 727282
Thames Water	0800 3169800
Travel Rail Enquiries Public Transport Enquiries	08457 484950 08712 002233
West Oxfordshire District Council General Enquiries Out of Hours www.westoxon.gov.uk	01993 861000 01993 705056
West Oxfordshire District Councillor Hugo Ashton	07712 490517
Witney Hospital Minor Injuries Open 10.00am – 10.30pm daily Last Patient seen at 10pm	01865 903841
Witney Police Station, No front counter www.thamesvalleypolice.uk	

Please let us know if any details need amending.
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CHURCH SERVICES

BURFORD BENEFICE

St John the Baptist, Burford

3 November Benefice Holy Communion Morning Service All Souls Evensong Evening Service	9.30am 11.00am 3.30pm 7.00pm
10 November Remembrance (starting at the war memorial) Evening Service	10.50am 7.00pm
17 November Choral Matins (BCP) Holy Communion Evening Service	9.30am 11.00am 7.00pm
24 November Holy Communion Morning Service Evening Service	9.30am 11.00am 7.00pm

Join us every Wednesday at 10.30am for a Holy Communion Service in Burford Church followed by Coffee & Company.

St James the Great, Fulbrook

10 November Remembrance	9.30am
17 November Matins (BCP)	9.30am
24 November Holy Communion (CW)	9.30am

St John the Evangelist, Taynton

10 November Remembrance	10.55am
17 November Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm

St Nicholas, Asthall

10 November Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm
24 November Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm

St Mary, Swinbrook

3 November Holy Communion	11.00am
10 November Remembrance	10.45am
17 November Morning Service	11.00am
24 November Morning Service	11.00am

9.30am and 11.00am services in Burford are also live streamed. Swinbrook services are available to catch up on Monday. These can all be found on our website or YouTube channel.

Tarnia Usher

ST JOHN FISHER AND ST THOMAS MORE

Sunday Mass: 9.30 am

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday - 10.00 am
Thursday - 10.00 am

Friday 1 November - All Saints Day - Mass at 7.00pm

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

Dan Boyle

BURFORD QUAKER MEETING

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

Myra Ford 01451 810484, or Graham Hadley 01993 875214

BURFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome to Burford Baptist Church. It's now a lovely warm space with a new heating system in place. We want the community to come and use our facilities and we are happy to negotiate rates for hire depending on the event.

We have a growing number of regular users including FAB WI meeting on the second Tuesday evening of the month and pilates meeting every Wednesday at 10am.

Both would welcome new people to join them at BBC.

Do get in touch.

Gill Crippen

SIGNPOST

Come and chat to someone over a cup of coffee about a matter you are struggling with. A team of volunteers from Burford Church will be available to listen and do their best to help.

All matters will be dealt with confidentially.

The Warwick Hall, Burford

Wednesdays during term time only 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

A service of Choral Matins will take place at St John the Baptist Church at 9.30am on Sunday 17 November. All are welcome.

DIRECTORY OF LOCAL BUSINESSES & SERVICES

Company Name	Business Type	Phone
Antiques @ The George	Award winning, friendly antiques centre	01993 823319
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Jenny Smith	Spanish & French tutor. Building confidence GCSE/KS2. Experience in schools; DBS check held.	07908 602547
Kendall & Davies Solicitors	Expert, friendly, client-focused legal services with offices in Burford. www.kendallanddaves.co.uk	01993 822025
Taylor and Fletcher	Estate Agents / Chartered Surveyors / Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers / Commercial Agents / Rural Specialists	01993 220579
Mallams Auctioneers Ltd	Auctioneers and Valuers	01242 235712
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Peter Garratt	Painter and Decorator	01451 810376 07788 896496
StayCotswold	Holiday/Short Lets, Relocation, Corporate Stays, Property Search, Sales & Lettings. www.staycotswold.com	01993 259444
Thomas Ellis-Rees	Clock & Barometer repairs. tellisrees@gmail.com	01993 822132
Vick's Byway Garage	Bushey Ground, Minster Lovell, Witney, OX29 0SW. MOTs by arrangement	01993 823142
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Lionheart Later Life Planning and Probate	Wills – Lasting Powers of Attorney – Trusts and their registration – Fixed fee Probate – Equity Release and Free Financial Advice. www.lionheartlaterlifeplanning.co.uk	07769 730616.
EIWell	Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nutrition Helping people stay independent as they get older	01865 238185
Burford Foot Clinic	Chiropody Castles Yard, Pytts Lane, OX18 4SJ	01993 200980
Adam Carter Chauffeur Services	Local Private Hire Chauffeur www.adamcarterchauffeurservices.co.uk	07920 135157
Tony Williams	Welding/Brazing/Soldering & Metalwork Home/Garden & General repairs & alterations	07722334696
Fairways Cotswold Explorer	for all your Airport & Cruise transfers	01993823152 07751472125
The Stone Gallery	Makers of Gold and Silver Jewellery, agent for Georg Jensen. Paperweights & Pictures. www.stonegallery.co.uk	01993 823302
NFU Mutual	Insurance Pensions Investments - Call your local Witney agency	01993 776716
Patti Good	Therapist, Teacher & Healer Free Online Guided Meditation Classes www.pattigood.com	07880 998568
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J Coles Plumbing & Heating	For all your plumbing emergencies/needs and bathroom refurbishments.	07947693427
Oxford Construction	Building, Groundworks and Project Management Services Email; enquiries@oxfordconstruction.co.uk	01865 922001
Grimebusters	Dirty carpets? Upholstery? Call Grimebusters - your local professional cleaners. Competitive rates. Free estimates.	01993 868924
Woodgrove Estates	Contemporary offices to let in Fulbrook. office@woodgrove-estates.co.uk	01993 640004
Piano with Victoria	Lessons for all ages and abilities in Burford. ABRSM + improv / songwriting lessons.	07737493980
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