

THE BRIDGE

A monthly magazine covering people and events in our area of the Cotswolds, and delivered to Aldsworth, Asthall, Asthall Leigh, the Barringtons, Bradwell Village, Burford, Field Assarts, Fordwells, Fulbrook, Holwell, Northleach, Sherborne, Shilton, Signet, Swinbrook, Taynton, Upton, Westwell, Widford, Windrush. Volume 14, Number 9, £1.50



Our thanks to Helen Cotswolds who provided this evening photo of St Peter's Church Little Barrington

Like many of you, we were very sad to learn of the death of Lady McLintock, someone who made a great contribution to our area, not least in the founding of the Burford Festival. When we took over as editors of this magazine in 2016 she was more or less the automatic choice for the first of The Bridge interviews. That interview, slightly amended, is reprinted in this issue. The service of thanksgiving for her life on 27 September will doubtless be well attended.

Followers of the Cotswold Warden Walks will know that many of the walks listed in The Bridge seem to take place quite a long way from our neck of the woods. We are pleased to report that Rosemary Wilson, who lives in Shipton and is responsible for walks in the eastern Cotswolds, has agreed to provide us with details of what is going on locally. One walk listed this month starts in Asthall, right in our area of circulation.

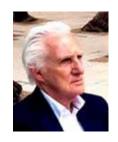
Autumn brings the welcome return of the Lenthall Concerts on 11 October. And there will be a performance of Handel's Messiah with the Burford Singers which will be Brian Kay's farewell concert. We also have the first details of next year's Burford Festival.

Finally we would welcome your feedback - see within.

Editors











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BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

Playground update

As many of you will have noticed, the multiplay unit on Burford Rec is no more. Sadly, it failed its safety inspection and, despite our best efforts to repair it, we were unable to bring it up to the required standard. After 24 years of loyal service, it has therefore gone to the playground in the sky!

The good news is that work is still going on in the background for the new playground. The committee is busy organising the race night which will take place on Saturday 7 October at Burford Bowls Club. Tickets cost £5 (£3 for children) and are available from Lynne's Shop on the High Street, or by telephoning Jennie on 07710 103015. It promises to be a great night and all ages are welcome.

By next month we should know whether we have been successful with our lottery application; we are all keeping our fingers crossed and will let you know as soon as we are able. Assuming everything goes to plan, our aim is to begin construction of the new playground in January.

Request

I am sure we would all like our town to be both safe and tidy. You can report defects on the roads and pavement to Oxfordshire County Council, and report full litter bins, dog fouling and street cleaning to West Oxfordshire District Council; it is easy. When a full litter bin is reported, it is usually emptied the next day. Please report the defects. For pavements, a trip hazard is 25mm or more, for a pothole in the road it is 40mm or more. You can also report damaged signposts, streetlights not working and blocked drains in the road. The links and QR codes to access the pages on their websites to make a report are below. Please help us to keep Burford safe and tidy by reporting. Thank you!

https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/environment/litter-streetcleaning-and-dog-fouling/ https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk





On the left is the QR Code for Full Litter Bins and on the right is the QR code for Fix My Street Peter Higgs - Mayor



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CONVERSATIONS ABOUT POETRY

I published my second collection, *Her Orchards*, in 2021. I have recently been working on a project with the Cornish painter, Alice Mumford, and there will be a book published in September.

This autumn I will be running another short course in which we will read and share our responses to a variety of poems. We'll be looking at the poetry of the past as well as newer work. There will be poems about birds, fish, mirrors, music and all manner of things.

Over four weekly sessions we will also take on wider issues relating to poetry. Why does it matter to us? How should poetry respond to such important issues as climate change, conflict, injustice? And we will consider language itself, its limitations, its possibilities.

We will discover how this 'difficult, simple art' (Douglas Dunn) may change the way we experience the world and how we see things.

The course will take place at The Friends' Meeting House, Pytt's Lane, Burford OX18 4SJ on **Thursdays 5, 12, 19** and **26 October** 2023. Sessions will begin at 10.30am and end at 12.15pm. The cost of the course is £80. All materials will be provided.

Please contact me, Sue Leigh, if you are interested at sueleigh262@btinternet.com or on 07890670749. *Sue Leigh*



Photo by Krista Sullivan-Webb of a balloon low enough for the children of Burford Primary School to wave to the people inside the basket.



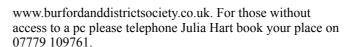
ANNUAL LUNCH MEETING

Tuesday 17 October noon

Our next talk, which will follow our Annual Light Lunch will be given by Peter Radford who will be talking about episodes in his life.

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

Pre-booking is essential and as this members-only event has a history of selling out, you are urged to book early via our website



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

Looking further ahead to Tuesday 21 November 7.00pm, our talk will be 'Bombs, bullets and banquets'

We will be welcoming **Lord** (**Geoffrey**) **Dear** to accompany him on a relaxed stroll through some events during his career in the police, home and abroad combatting organised crime, ensuring Royal and Diplomatic safety and protecting the public.

Lord Dear is a crossbench peer and retired British police officer who is a former Chief

Constable of West Midlands Police. He was described by the broadcaster and writer Sir Robin Day as "the best known and most respected police officer of his generation". Booking is now open on our website. Guests are welcome at the door – admission £5.00 for non-members.

Monthly e-Newsletters Many members will recall that our Digital Supplements of videos were introduced and released weekly, at the start of the Covid lockdown, to enable the Society to keep in touch and hopefully entertain our members, during the dark days when we were all confined to our homes. They achieved an extraordinarily high 'opening' rate during this period.

When the restrictions were lifted the Supplements continued as a monthly addition to our Newsletters. As the analytics now show that their popularity has considerably waned, this section of the Newsletter will be discontinued at the end of the year.

Peter, Chairman <u>peteremartin@btinternet.com</u> www.burfordandistrictsociety.co.uk





I thought I would take time this month to shed some light on the wider activities of the Oxfordshire Federation of WIs. Each branch in the county is a member of OFWI, giving us all opportunities to enjoy events and activities any single group would find it difficult to offer. Each month we all receive an informative magazine, 'Oxfordshire Inspires', keeping us up to date with the Federation's activities including news from groups across the county and giving us that feeling of being part of a big family. This year our Federation has organised day trips to Iford Manor Gardens and Bath, the Royal Forest of Dean and Montacute House. In May there was a group holiday to Cardiff then in November there will be a two-night break to see the annual Thursford Christmas Spectacular with visits to Norwich, Wimple Hill NT and Peterborough. Next year's holiday will be in Northumbria. Alongside this there are talks on a wide variety of topics: this year they spanned skin care and beauty and seasonal garden know-how to an insight into the work of scientists at Oxford University. Christmas is always celebrated with entertainment; this year Stages Theatrical will entertain us with songs from the shows. There are regular competitions and even a croquet taster day for the more active. The Federation runs a whole range of training courses for the officers of our WIs and keeps us up to date with the progress of the national programmes and

Our own programme follows a similarly diverse pattern and hopefully there is something to satisfy everyone's individual tastes and passions throughout the year. This year we have enjoyed talks about pearls and Art Deco jewellery, the history of afternoon tea, the immune system and Bowen Therapy with alpacas and the art of felting and tales from a midwife to come. There have been hands-on craft sessions and an environmental walk looking at the work of the Burford Tree Initiative Group. As a group we never shy away from an opportunity for a social gathering as our Summer Garden Party shows. We joined together on 8 August in the delightful home of our treasurer Julie Bond to enjoy her fabulous garden and summer refreshments with a glass or two of Pimms. In October we will gather together for our annual Harvest Bringand-Share Supper.



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

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Cotswold Chamber Orchestra, Leader: Kate Bailey, Soprano: Jessica Cale, Mezzo: Marta Fontanal-Simmons

Tenor: William Searle, Bass: Gareth Brynmor John, Conductor: Brian Kay

Tickets reserved at £25, £20, £15, unreserved £10. Online booking from 8th October (Booking fee applies) at https://www.burfordsingers.org.uk/buy-tickets/. Booking in person (unreserved tickets only) from 8 October at The Madhatter Bookshop, 122, High Street, Burford OX18 4QJ, and on the door Details on https://www.burfordsingers.org.uk/events

LENTHALL CONCERTS 2023-2024

We are delighted to invite you to join us for the first in our 2023-24 Lenthall Concert Series. One of Britain's most distinguished oboists, George Caird, will be performing a ravishing programme including Bach's double concerto with Michael Bochmann. The concert will take place on Wednesday 11 October at Burford School. Please note that this year we shall be starting our concerts at the slightly earlier time of 7.00pm.

Tickets are £20 on the door or you can buy a season ticket for all six concerts for just £72.00. Season tickets include a welcome glass of fizz on arrival and reserved seating. For further details about all six concerts and to purchase tickets, please visit our new website at: www.lenthallconcerts.org.uk Sarah Duckworth

BACH FINZI ELGAR ENESCO FAURE CORELLI MOZART VIVALDI



Enjoy a season of six outstanding concerts, in an intimate, friendly, social setting led by Artistic Director, Michael Bochmann MBE

11 October: George Caird, one of Britain's most distinguished oboists performs a ravishing programme, including Bach's double concerto.

Venue: Burford School www.lenthallconcerts.org.uk www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-lenthall-concert-society

Tickets: £20 or 6 concerts for £72



Just a reminder that the next Burford festival is set for **Friday** 9 June to Sunday 18 June 2024 (inclusive) so please put these dates in your diaries.

We are delighted to welcome Paul Newman and Sarah Duckworth who have bravely volunteered to join the team to help organise what we hope will be a great festival with lots of varied events, celebrating our special town, the talent within Burford and our local traders, businesses, pubs and clubs.

The team is also aware that there are a lot of ideas and suggestions amongst you, so if you have any comments or suggestions, please do contact anyone of us or email admin@burfordfestival.org.

In the meantime, we will be keeping you posted of events and talks over the coming months.

Sara Hall, John Hendry, Jane Arnell, Adrian Jackson, Karl and Ann Morris, Paul Newman and Sarah Duckworth



BURFORD TOLSEY MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

A former pupil of Burford Grammar School, Roy Storey arranged to come to Burford recently to fulfill his wish to donate his 1951 school blazer and rugby shirt to BTMA. Now in his late 80s, Roy enjoyed sharing happy memories of schooldays, and telling us the life-changing circumstances which brought him to rural West Oxfordshire.

At the age of four, Roy and his family were bombed out of the East End of London, and he came alone as an evacuee to Kencot, where he stayed with the Smiths, a childless couple who fortunately looked after him as if he was their own.





Roy attended the local school and transferred to Langford Primary School where he did well in his studies, especially enjoying art, and passing exams to gain a place at Burford, Again he made good progress in sports and studies as well as art



Rugby Team 1951





Although his own mother was also evacuated and stayed nearby with several siblings, Roy stayed with his hosts throughout. Due to family circumstances there was no hope for all of them returning to London at the end of the Second World War. After leaving school and serving his National Service, Roy became a draughtsman, settling with his wife and family in Maidenhead.

Surprisingly, throughout this time Roy kept the BGS blazer and rugby shirt, together with six issues of *The Burfordian* school magazine, one of which includes his photo as part of the Rugby Team in 1951, (middle row near left); also two fixture cards for 1951 cricket matches.

As with so many items in the BTMA collections, it is often the story behind the artefact that is so interesting. We are keeping in touch with Roy, and asking his family to follow up on his gift by recording some of his memories for our spoken archive.

Chris Walker

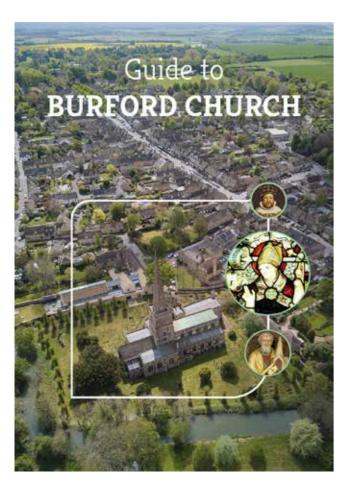
PLANT SWAP

Kempsford Community Gardeners
Kempsford Village Hall
Saturday 14 October 12am - 4pm

This is your opportunity to see some interesting stalls as well as swap or buy plants

Refreshments available

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NEW GUIDE TO BURFORD CHURCH

Do you know about Edmund Harman? Have you seen the Epona Stone? Where can you find a fox, a snake, a rabbit and a raven? No, this isn't about a children's story. The answers can be found in the new *Guide to Burford Church*. It was written by Stephen Price, who was verger there for seven years and knows the place intimately, and illustrated mainly with his own photographs. (Harman, incidentally, was barber and personal servant to Henry VIII and lessee of Burford Priory. He is commemorated by an elaborate monument in the south aisle which includes images of his 16 children).

The guide is published by the Friends of Burford Church. At a recent meeting of the Friends, Stephen explained that for some time there was no proper guide to the church although there was a history of it which is quite different. There was a booklet about the church until the early 1970s at a price of 15p, which he pointed out would have bought you three cups of coffee at the time so the current price of £5 is a comparative bargain. The new version is a walk-round guide which takes you to 16 locations inside and outside the church and explains what you can see. I for one thought I knew the church pretty well but found out lots of information which is new to me.

The *Guide to Burford Church* is 30 pages long, contains around 30 illustrations and was clearly the result of much painstaking work by the author. It can be purchased from the Friends stand, which is just inside the church to the right of the entrance.

Gordon Elliot

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



WHAT'S ON AT FarmED

The FarmED Programme for 2023 includes a wide range of courses, workshops and events that inspire, educate and connect people to build sustainable farming and food systems that nourish people and regenerate the planet. All take place in our beautiful eco buildings at the heart of our demonstration farm in the Evenlode Valley. Delicious and nutritious refreshments are freshly prepared in the FarmED kitchen

Friday Farm Walk & Lunch - Most Fridays

Explore Honeydale Farm on an inspiring and informative guided farm walk, led by founder Ian Wilkinson or a member of the FarmED team. You'll visit the meadows, heritage orchard, kitchen garden, natural flood management, woodland and other areas and hear about all that's been going on at the farm. At the end of the walk there'll be a delicious and nutritious lunch freshly prepared in the FarmED kitchen.

Regenerative Farming: Soil Health Fundamentals -Tuesday 3 October

Would you like to learn how to create healthy soils and resilient fields while reducing reliance on inputs, even during droughts?

Autumnal Foraging Farm Walk - Thursday 5 October

Would you like to uncover the edible and ecological secrets hiding in the hedgerows, trees and fields around you? Join us for a foraging walk, reconnect to nature and nibble on our abundant wild larder.

Introduction to Permaculture - Tuesday 10 October Learn how to grow, work, and live regeneratively through

Learn how to grow, work, and live regeneratively through permaculture principles on this two-day accredited course.

Animals into Arable Rotations - Tuesday 17 October

Are you thinking of introducing livestock back into your arable rotation? Join us as we explore the options and find practical solutions.

How To Set Up A Joint Venture - Tuesday 19 October

Are you looking to diversify your farming enterprise? Are you a new entrant looking for land or do you have underutilised land that needs managing? This course can help you find the right people, the right business model and an agreement that works for both parties.

Apple Day - Tuesday 24 October

Join us on Apple Day to celebrate the fruit from our heritage orchard, learn about apples, and relish all the unique flavours of our varieties.

Farming 2050 - Thursday 26 October

Join us for an evening with Benedict Macdonald and Nick Gates. There will be a screening of Save Our Wild Isles: Hungry for Change, followed by a talk about their vision for the Future of Farming 2050.

Please book through www.farm-ed.co.uk

Sign-up for our newsletter to keep up to date with what's on at FarmED or follow us @RealFarmED $\,$

Fiona Mountain

BURFORD SCHOOL

As you read this now, our new school year will be under way after a long summer holiday. However, at the time of writing, our Year 13 and Year 11 students have just received their A-Level and GCSE results respectively. Here, we wish to reflect on the strong set of results achieved by Burford School students this year.

We have nothing but pride and admiration for our Year 13 students who achieved very pleasing A-Level results with many outstanding individual results. This year, 23% of our grades are A*-A, 57% are A*-B, and 80% are A*-C with 42% of our students achieving at least one A* or A. This is all the more impressive as this year Ofqual, the exams watchdog, announced that tougher grade boundaries would be imposed, lowering results nationally. Many of our students have now taken up places at university and the breadth of destinations and courses highlights their range of interests and talents.

Some exceptional examination results for our students see them now attend, amongst others, Oxford to read Earth Sciences, Birmingham to read Medicine, Exeter to read Clinical Psychology and Bath to read Psychology. Indeed, one of our students Camille Duff is now at the University of Exeter after achieving A*AAB in Psychology, Sociology, Geography and Ancient History.

Our GCSE results were also strong this year, with the vast majority of our students starting their studies at sixth form in September. This year, more than 60% of all our GCSE grades are a grade 5 or higher, with 54% of our students achieving a grade 5 or above in GCSE English and mathematics. Our BTEC students did particularly well, with 30% achieving a Distinction or better (42% in Engineering). Some brilliant individual results this year include Grace Linton (pictured) whose results included four grade 9s.



Responding to these results on the day, Matthew Albrighton, Headteacher, commented, 'I am so proud that our students have achieved such a strong set of results. All our Year 11 students at Burford have shown great endeavour and enthusiasm towards their studies over the past two years, which has been rewarded with outstanding outcomes today. Burford School wishes all our students the best of luck as they begin their next chapter of education.'

An open evening for prospective Sixth Form students will be held at Burford School on Thursday 9 November 2023. For more information visit our website at

www.burford.oxon.sch.uk Clementine Bright

BURFORD PRE SCHOOL

We are looking forward to starting a new term at Burford preschool, and would like to welcome all our new children and their families for the coming year. The committee and staff would like to take this opportunity to thank Ola Caless for all of her hard work, dedication and support as secretary; she worked endlessly for us and it was also a privilege to care for her three beautiful girls. We would also like to welcome Kerri Rees as our new secretary.

We have had to say a fond farewell to the children who have left us to move onto primary school, and we now have spaces available

We are always looking for new committee members in any capacity and welcome any support that you can offer, so if you have little time to spare please do get in touch.

In the next copy of The Bridge we will share with you all our wonderful autumn activities.

Dale Peedell (vice chair)

An evening with Tricia Stewart

The original WI Calendar Girl (as played by Helen Mirren in the iconic film)



Saturday, October 28th, 7.00pm Northleach Church

> Tickets £15 / £20, a free drink incl At northleachevents.co.uk and Northleach Post Office



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BURFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

August's coach visit to Morton Hall Garden just outside Redditch was a revelation in garden design and planting for all seasons. We started with a talk from the owner on how she had achieved year-long interest in her garden starting in the winter and following through every season. Then a guided tour by either her or the head gardener, followed by a light lunch in the orangery and a gentle walk round by ourselves to marvel at the colours, scents and layout. Plenty of ideas to follow up on, including the use of Waspinators (available from Amazon) in the orchard to put off wasps as they won't invade another's territory. We have tried these in our own garden with a reasonable amount of success It definitely reduces the number of wasps and makes eating out much more pleasurable.



We went on to White Cottage Garden just ten minutes away. The complete opposite end of garden design, this was a country cottage garden developed by the owners over many years. They also gave us a guided tour, then tea and cake, and a chance to buy some plants from their nursery.

All in all, a very enjoyable day out for us all and it was good to be able to open the visit out to nearby garden societies, namely Witney, Lechlade and Milton. These visits each year are open to all, members first as numbers are restricted, but then we welcome all comers. Details are printed each year in our programme of events issued in January to members — remember by being a member you are entitled to a year-long programme of talks and shows, and a discount on plants at various local garden centres.





By the time this copy of The Bridge is available we will have had a visit from Paul Green and a talk on Plants of the Season but the following talk is on Thursday 26 October from Bill Laws on Plants that have Changed the Course of History (intriguing!) and then on Thursday 23 November a talk on Winter Beauties (plants, that is) by Duncan Coombs. Free to members and £3.00 for visitors, 2.15 p.m. at the Bowls Club on Tanners Lane, Burford.

Jan Cohen

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/

Adlestrop, Chastleton and Cornwell - Tuesday 3 October - Moderate 3hr 6miles

A circular walk from Adlestrop, around to Chastleton then on to Cornwell and back via Daylesford. Bring suitable refreshments.

A lovely walk from Adlestrop where Edward Thomas was inspired to write his famous poem 'Adlestrop', where his train made an unscheduled stop and he wrote about what he saw and heard. From there we walk to Chastleton, home of the National Trust property, Chastleton House. The Jacobean house was used as the Seymour house in the television series of Wolf Hall. From here we walk on through the remains of Chastleton Barrow fort to the village of Cornwell and Cornwell Manor, a prestigious wedding venue. We head back to Adlestrop via Daylesford, home of Warren Hastings, the first governor-general of Bengal. Daylesford is now the home of Sir Anthony Bamford of JCB fame and the venue of Boris Johnson's latest wedding reception.

Start: 10.00 Adlestrop village hall GL56 0YR. OS Map ref: SP 242 272.

Rolling Round to Whichford - Monday 16 October Moderate - 4.5 hours 8 miles

Expect views, ups and downs, fields and woodland as we make our way to Long Compton, Whichford and Ascott. Bring a packed lunch and we will have a flask stop. *Start* 10.00 Great Rollright Village Hall OX7 5SW.

Mitford Country - Saturday 21 October - Easy 2.5 hr 5 miles

With pretty villages, a river to walk beside, far reaching views and a fascinating family connection this walk never fails to delight. an easy circular walk on minor lanes and field paths. *Start*: 10.00am Asthall Manor. Park on road along from the manor.

Please note that the Chipping Camden town walks stop at the end of September until next spring.

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/Rosemary Wilson



It is now 12 months since the Burford Tolsey Museum & Archive (BTMA) launched its Supporters' Scheme (£10 p.a for Friends and £25 p.a. for Benefactors). This, and in particular the Benefactors' scheme which carries the inclusion of an annual reception, has been a great success and annual renewals are beginning to come in. The financial support the scheme provides is crucial to the continuation of this project and of course is further enhanced if subscribers allow us to claim Gift Aid on their subscriptions. As a community facility we are hoping that most residents of Burford and the surrounding villages might wish to support their Museum and Archive. After all the museum has been operating for 60 years, remains free to visit and, though small, displays exhibits to interest all ages. So do support BTMA if you haven't yet signed up at www.burfordtolsey.org where you will also find a wealth of fascinating information about Burford and the local area.



During the Archive's first year we have opened the building in Swan Lane, fitted it out ready for archival material, bought specialist equipment and landscaped the small garden. Meanwhile we have attracted over 40 volunteers, some of whom have been appointed collection managers for specific collections as the latter are received into the Archive. Volunteers have already started recording and cataloguing some of these collections. If you think you might enjoy becoming a volunteer in the Museum or the Archive, do please contact Reg and Dorrit Marshall by emailing: supporters@burfordtolsey.org or go online at www.burfordtolsey.org



An excellent example of the interaction and partnership of our local societies is the recent acceptance into the Archive of the Burford & District Society's records. These records, back copies of The Bridge since its inception in October 2010, material from the town council and a host of other documents and chronicles form the basis of our collective contemporary history which, once catalogued and preserved, will be made available to the public. Coincidentally the Burford & District Society has generously donated funds towards a bench for the Archive's garden (see photo) for which we are very grateful. If you are an office holder of a local organisation and would like to ensure that its records are preserved as part of this area's rich heritage for future generations to research and enjoy, please contact the archive's coordinator, David Cohen at cohen4@btinternet.com or on 07899 837482.

These are true community projects so do get involved. Visit your museum (and its famous doll's house) one afternoon and come on a Sunday afternoon Town Tour. Neither needs prior booking.

Clendon Daukes

Editors

BURFORD OIL SYNDICATE



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

Our next order will be on Thursday 19 October closing at 5.00pm. Delivery is expected to be from 23 October to 4 November.

The following order will be on Thursday 30 November 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

FEEDBACK TO THE BRIDGE

We are always pleased to hear from readers about The Bridge. Is there anything you particularly like or dislike in the magazine, something you would like to be a bigger or smaller feature? Please let us know at editor@thebridgeburford.co.uk or leave a note at Burford post office. All comments will be treated in confidence and, although we cannot guarantee to meet every request, we shall take all views into account regarding the presentation and content of this magazine. Thank you.

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THE MADHATTER BOOKSHOP

"October, baptise me with leaves! Swaddle me in corduroy and nurse me with split pea soup. October, tuck tiny candy bars in my pockets and carve my smile into a thousand pumpkins. O autumn! O teakettle! O grace!" Rainbow Rowell

A humungous THANK YOU to those of you who supported Burford Literary Festival. Without our audience there can be no performance.

If you were unable to join us for our annual celebration of all things literary, we have more to celebrate this month.

10 October 3.30pm

We are thrilled to announce that author Louise Wannier is joining us all the way from the USA to talk about her stunning book *Tree Spirits*. Experience the joy of imagination with this interactive picture book for your children and grandchildren. The book is for 3-8 year olds and inspires creativity and imagination in children. It helps them to see and visualise our world in non-obvious ways and introduces them early to an understanding of their own inner spirit and feelings: key skills for early childhood development and crucial for lifelong success.

16 October 6.30pm

Felix Francis – talking horse-racing, writing and his new book *No Reserve*.



Horseracing is the second biggest spectator sport in the UK after football and Felix Francis knows his audience better than most. The son of the legendary author and racer Dick Francis, Felix co-wrote thrillers with his father in his latter years and continued to publish them under his own name after Dick's death in 2010, selling nearly a million copies as a solo writer to date. *No Reserve* is a blistering new high-stakes thriller set in the glamorous but cut-throat world of British racehorse sales. We are delighted to welcome Felix to Burford to talk about horse-racing, his life and *No Reserve*. Tickets are £5 and on sale now at www.madhatterbookshop.co.uk or at The Madhatter Bookshop. Each £5 ticket is redeemable against a copy which Felix will be signing at the event.

26 October 6.30pm

The Book Bar is back and this time it enlightened! Join us for wine and comedy newcomer Paul Miller.

We are thrilled to be hosting comedy newcomer Paul Miller, all the way from Fulbrook, as he takes you on a comic journey into the world of self-improvement, yoga, meditation, consciousness-raising, gong baths and (well, other stuff like that - you get the gist of it!) Join us for some wine (part of the ticket price) for 30 minutes followed by Paul - all done by 7.30pm. Where else can you get enlightened in an hour?

More information about our events and all the wonderful books we would love to recommend to you can be found at www.madhatterbookshop.co.uk or do pop in and chat all things bookish.

Kim Harvey

ALICE'S BOOK GROUP



The meeting of Alice's Book Group to discuss Strange Meeting by Susan Hill was incredibly raucous; whether this was a reaction against some of the book's graphic descriptions of the horror of the First World War or merely unusual high spirits I cannot decide. though I strongly favour the latter because many of us found verbal images which should have eaten into our souls felt sanitised by HIll's writing. Another theory is that everyone knew of the terrible slaughter of that

war, Tommies being called "lions led by donkeys," so we armoured our emotions when faced with harrowing descriptions. Susan Hill insists that this is really a story of love, and the developing affection of two men - now we would say "young" men as they were 22 and 19 - and she does it well, whilst her backdrop of the war is a pastiche of various war writers. One can appreciate why the school made it suggested reading.

We are introduced first to the elder of the two, a man damaged by a cold, repressive upbringing. He is unable to express, indeed experience, emotions, but his protective carapace is breached when a younger man whose diametrically different youth was filled with a loving family is billeted with him. Hill describes their first encounter in terms comparable to a romantic drama, though at no time does what would nowadays be referred to as "bromance" even teeter on the edge of sexual love. The ambiguity of the relationship did, however, cause more loud discussion, a remark that in the early 20th century it would be almost inconceivable for though it was only made legal between men over 21 in 1967, it was mooted that there was more general acceptance much earlier. In a way it is a pity that the sexual element hijacked the discussion. There is some nice writing, but there are too many diversions which the author obviously thought were pertinent but we thought unnecessary.

The story was never going to end well. It seems presumptuous of a 20-something-year-old, in 1970, to describe the emotions of men facing death on the battlefield, but the experience has been widely recorded. What Hill does rather well are the final scenes, which leave a feeling of slight hope amidst sorrow.

Remarks from the loud discussions: "I love Susan Hill"; "I won't read SH again;" several people "lost the thread for a while," and " had mixed feelings at the start" plus the refrain: "I hate war."

The library choice next month: *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins, is much acclaimed, so we shall see if we agree. *Veral Marshall*

AS IF WE DIDN'T KNOW

Yet another survey: this time as reported in the Daily Express, no less, Burford is "The beautiful little town on a massive hill [which is] one of UK's coolest places to live". It goes on to describe a "vibrant village" (?) "located 22 miles south of Cheltenham (??) and reports that "a deciding factor in determining the town's desirability was its 'Instagrammability', acknowledging the significant role social media plays in driving tourism."

It continues: "The town's status as a filming location for popular TV shows and movies, such as Inspector Morse, has also contributed to its popularity." (Morse finished 23 years ago and offhand we can only recall one episode featuring Burford). It then adds "Another of Burford's major selling points is the abundance of independent shops that cater to the needs and tastes of its residents." At least five of those by our count. And finally "Residents claim the town's commitment to preserving local businesses has helped create a unique and vibrant [that word again] atmosphere that stands out in the region". "Vibrant" is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as "pulsating with life, vigour or activity". That's us all right.



Vibrant Burford - How It Might Look

No doubt readers will form their views about whether this sort of publicity is good, bad or just plain silly. Meanwhile carry on vibrating. *Editors*

AS I WAS SAYING...

I was at a meeting the other night of a local philosophical debating society when, inevitably, the conversation turned to Burnley. Not to the delights of that bastion of Lancastrian culture nor the vicissitudes of its football team but the near impossibility of finding a word or phrase rhyming seamlessly with "Burnley". The combined brain power of the assembled company was burning itself out trying to complete a limerick starting:-

There was a young lady from Burnley
but without success. "Burnley" is like "orange" in that
respect. I have no doubt Cedric will rise to the challenge. It
did however give me cause to think about light verse and its
use to praise or pillory. I did some research and opened up a
Pandora's Box or can of worms, depending on your point of
view. There are light verses and limericks, mentioned above,
epigrams, clerihews, haikui, Balliol rhymes and double
dactyls, heaven help us! My favourite epigram has always
been one written by an undergraduate from Christ Church,
Oxford named Brown who was sent down (expelled) in 1650

or thereabouts for some minor misdemeanour by the Dean, Dr Simon Fell. However, the Dean had pity on him and gave him an epigram, in Latin by Martellis, and said he would let him back in if he could produce a reasonable translation. This is what Brown came up with:-

I do not like thee Dr. Fell The reason why I cannot tell But this I know and know full well I do not like thee Dr. Fell.

Brown was readmitted – but never given a degree! The great thing about this little gem is that you can pinch it, plagiarise it and hit any target with a two syllable/one syllable name structure. Next in line is the clerihew, so called because the format was invented by Edmund Clerihew Bentley in 1905. In a recent Facebook post the Blessed Raymond Moody mentioned the following:-

Sir Christopher Wren Went to dine with some men If anyone calls Say I'm designing St. Pauls

Raymond says that that is the best clerihew he knows – but then he has led a sheltered existence. I prefer more by Bentley, the first was his first, about Davy, the inventer of the miners' safety lamp and the second about George the Third who was barmy for most of his reign and lost us the Americas:-

Sir Humphrey Davy Was not fond of gravy He suffered the odium Of discovering sodium

George the Third
Ought never to have occurred
One can only wonder
At so grotesque a blunder

I have run out of space so haikui, Balliol rhymes and double dactyls will have to await another issue. To conclude, here is the chart-busting, No.1 top of the pops:-

Salvador Dali Painted bizarrely He enjoyed Freud John White

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WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT



2021-2041 West Oxfordshire Local Plan

Building on the feedback received to their initial consultation last year, WODC is running an 8-week focused consultation from 30 August – 25 October 2023 based around three particular elements:

- Draft local plan objectives a series of draft objectives which are intended to guide the future evolution of the plan in terms of its overall approach and anticipated policy content;
- The future pattern of development in West Oxfordshire different scenarios for how and where we might look to focus future growth in the period up to 2041;
- Call for sites, ideas and opportunities an open invitation for stakeholders to put forward their thoughts on how land in the district might be used in the future such as new housing, employment, infrastructure, community use, green space, nature recovery and renewable energy.

The focused consultation document is available to download in PDF format from the WODC website or to view locally at the Burford Library.

To ensure the responses are easily analysed, please respond if possible on WODC's online digital platform CitizenLab, which can be accessed via the following link: https://yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk/en-GB/

Alternatively, comments can be sent via email to planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk or by writing to the Planning Policy Team at West Oxfordshire District Council, Woodgreen Offices, New Yatt Road, Witney, OX28 1NB.

HGV restrictions

On the deadline date for submissions of articles for The Bridge, those of us working on the HGV issue have received a link to the draft 130-page report 'Understanding of HGV Issues & Approach to Area-based Weight Restrictions in Oxfordshire Technical Report – Phase 1 and 2' prepared by Atkins on behalf of OCC. We have been invited to make comments, which I am sure we will do, but haven't yet! The report findings have now been presented to the OCC councillors and Nick Field-Johnson has informed us that the plan is to take it forward in a three stage process - over a two year period as follows:

- Scoping and collection of data: September-November 2023
- Depending on what is recommended in the scoping exercise a pilot scheme to be introduced in 2024 (subject to funding) in Henley and the Windrush Valley. Funding to be confirmed in OCC's February 2024 budget (but this is not certain due to other OCC funding requirements).
- 3. Step 3 to include and determine strategy for Oxfordshire in general funding will be requested in February 2025 for this roll-out.

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

Robert Courts Watch, launched a year ago by a group of local people in Witney on the hottest day ever recorded in Britain at that time (19 July 2022), has been seeking to hold local MP Robert Courts to account on the climate change issue. The group - ordinary people worried about our climate and the future - maintains that it is only through Westminster that real change is possible; hence Robert Courts Watch.



Robert Courts Watch is active across the constituency – in Woodstock, Chipping Norton, Banbury and Carterton as well as Witney – holding vigils outside the constituency office and Saturday stalls. The distinctive sight of the group's sandwichboard man regularly walking the pavements of the constituency is a particularly visible activity but presentations have also been made to many community organisations. The group maintains an informative website (www.robertcourtswatch.com) as well as an active presence on Facebook, Twitter and in community media.

The group believes this activity has encouraged Robert Courts to shift his public position. In October 2018 he wrote that climate change is "one of the most serious long-term economic threats ..." But by October 2022 he had upgraded this to "the most significant, existential issue of our generation." It is exactly that.

Parliament's Climate Change Committee only last month characterised current government efforts to scale up climate action as "worryingly slow". So we are urging everyone concerned to write to Robert about climate and demand effective action.

The photograph shows a whiteboard at a Robert Courts Watch stall in Witney. Figures in these informal surveys tally quite closely with national polls which show that at least 80% of the population are anxious about the climate and our future. For further information please contact: Hugo Kerr Tel: 07399

BURFORD AND KINGHAM ROTARY

Our 40th Charter Dinner Celebrations

We celebrated our 40th anniversary Charter Dinner in great style at Burford Golf Club, with a delicious dinner. President John (also a founder member) delivered a speech explaining how Burford and Kingham Rotary has developed over the years, to where we are today: a small very friendly Rotary that punches above its weight. The district governor Katie brought greetings from Eve Conway, president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. She presented us with a framed certificate, congratulating us on this anniversary. She also talked about our history and achievements, the amounts raised for charity and support given to the community



Mike Lewis gave an amusing talk around his life and the trials of being an after-dinner speaker. A splendid raffle and auction raised £1200. This was an excellent ending for a very memorable evening enjoyed by all.

You will find us the end of September in our wellies marshalling for the local ploughing match. Always something different going on.

Why not think about joining Rotary? We meet at Burford Golf Club on Mondays 6.30pm for 7.00pm (except Bank Holidays). We are a small but very friendly vibrant group, with members from all the villages in the area. We are always looking to increase our membership. You will get a very warm welcome. Contact our secretary John Smith email jpw.smith@jasss.co.uk 07717883182. If I can give you any more details about Rotary, please do give me a ring. I would love to hear from you to have an informal chat. Ros Richardson 01608643844 /07702135731



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.

YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU



Are you are new to Burford and district and would like to meet new and congenial people? If so, please consider becoming a library volunteer. For some years our library has been kept open thanks to the efforts of a number of local residents who staff the library for several days each week. Volunteers work in pairs to help readers to borrow and return books and deal with all sorts of enquiries. The time involved is not great; usually if means doing one or two shifts of between one and a half and two hours per month. Full training is provided, and you will get to know fellow volunteers as well as library users. You will also be able to attend an annual volunteers' party at Christmas. If you are interested and would like to know more please drop into the library or contact volunteer co-ordinator

Liz Deverson on lizdev@btinternet.com.

THERE IS SO MUCH TO ENJOY AT YOUR LIBRARY

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

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

All Welcome to any of the above at your Library

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

Refreshments are provided—donations to the Friends of Burford Library

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SYLVIA MCLINTOCK



In February 2016, The Bridge interviewed Sylvia McLintock at her home in Burford to hear about her time in the area to which she had contributed so much over the previous 30 years. She told us that she and her late husband, Alan, knew the Burford area a long time ago. He served near here during the Second World War, and she first came here with friends in the late 1940s. When they married in 1955 they decided that they would one day like to live here. They managed to fulfil this ambition in 1983 and the house they found was in Fulbrook, which she emphasised was and remained a very different community from its larger neighbour. Fulbrook was a very lively place and she and Alan enjoyed making many friends. They particularly valued their friendship with Brian and Mwyndeg Alexander who were leading lights in the community. Later on Sylvia helped to research a paper on the history of the village.

Lady McLintock recalled that Burford was much quieter when she first came here. There were far fewer visitors and much less traffic. She quickly added that she did not object to visitors coming here, pointing out many of us first discovered the area when we were visitors. She recalled with affection some of the long-established shops which no longer exist such as the gallery owned by Muriel Beach-Thomas, Belinda and The House of Simon.

Sylvia was active in working for a number of charities and she was appointed as High Sheriff of Oxfordshire for 2001. One of the themes of her shrieval year was "Arts in Oxfordshire". Hilary Tadman Robins had just produced Benjamin Britten's "Noye's Fludde" in Burford Church with great success. Sylvia and Hilary decided to set up the Burford Festival, of which Sylvia was chairman for the first six years. Running a festival was a very steep learning curve and Sylvia derived enormous pleasure from the way so many Burfordians contributed over the years to making the festival the success it has become.

Sir Alan McLintock was a chartered accountant and was senior partner of the firm of Thomson McLintock, founded by his grandfather. (It later became part of the giant accounting practice KPMG). He held many other roles including being chairman of the Woolwich Building Society and the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, and did a great deal of work for the Church of England.

It was for this work that he was awarded a knighthood. He played the organ in Fulbrook church and was senior churchwarden at the time when Richard Coombs was appointed as vicar of the Burford benefice.

After Alan's death in 2007 Sylvia had to say farewell to Westhall Manor and its lovely walled garden and she moved across the Windrush to Burford where she continued to play an active role in the community as well as being visited by her four children and ten grandchildren. She then moved to the Richmond Village in Witney.

Sylvia said she would miss Burford and her many friends in the town, but was determined to keep in touch with them.

A service of thanksgiving for Sylvia's life will take place in Burford parish church on Wednesday 27 September at noon

Editors

SIR JOHN CRIPPS CHAMPION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

(1912-1993)



Although he lived five miles from Burford at the village of Filkins, John Cripps played an important part in Burford life. He was editor of *The Countryman* at its office in Sheep Street and was a leading member of the town's Quaker community. He also played an important civic role in being a member and chair of the Witney rural district council until its demise in 1974.

John Cripps came from an illustrious family of lawyers and public servants. His father was the well known politician Sir Stafford Cripps who was a successful KC who then became a Labour MP, rising to be Attlee's chancellor of exchequer in 1947. John's mother Dame Isobel was equally distinguished; honoured for her work on overseas aid.

John Cripps lived most of his long life at Filkins. His father had purchased Goodfellows, a magnificent manor house in the village, along with a 500 acre farm. The village owes much to Sir Stafford's generosity. He funded the building of the openair swimming pool and bowling green as well as a row of splendid cottages.

Like his father and grandfather, John had a privileged upbringing. He was educated at Winchester College and Balliol College, Oxford where he took a brilliant first in politics, philosophy and economics and chaired the university Labour Club. He dipped his toe into national politics when he stood unsuccessfully for parliament for Exeter in 1935. Although remaining a Socialist, John Cripps' future

involvement in public life was in non-party-political local authorities such as his parish council. He was also a member of the rural district council. He was not a tribal politician. His personal brand of socialism was never an ideology. It was about using practical ways of showing love and respect for his fellow beings, consensually, in a quiet Quaker-like way.

He served on Filkins parish council for a 41 year stint and was a member of the Witney rural district council for 28 years, chairing it from 1959 to 1962. He also chaired the Rural District Councils Association from 1967 to 1970 and was appointed CBE for his service to local government.

John's greatest passion however was championing the countryside. When the legendary J. W. Robertson Scott CH retired as founder editor of *The Countryman*, Cripps stepped comfortably into his shoes. He edited it from its offices in Sheep Street (now Greyhounds) from 1947 until 1971. After this period, he chaired the Countryside Commission, then at its height of influence. After the Second World War the stewardship of the countryside was very much in the hands of the landowners and farmers. He saw his role as reconciling their interests with those of conservationists. He wanted the countryside to be the place where ordinary working folk could make their living and where townspeople would be welcome to enjoy the open spaces. John Cripps was knighted for his conservation work in 1978.

A strong thread throughout John Cripps' life was his Christianity aligned to pacificism. Whereas his father and grandfather who were leading Anglicans, he was a long-standing Quaker. He was a conscientious objector (CO) in the Second World War, working as a market gardener along with other COs on the family farm, whilst his father served in the War Cabinet.

He revived the Burford Quaker Meeting after the war and walked the ten-mile round trip from Filkins to worship in a meeting which was often held in total silence.



On his last day of life, several Friends from the Burford Meeting joined John in a meeting for worship at his bedside in his home, Fox House, in Filkins. He spoke movingly about the unconquerable power of love and then departed this life surrounded by that love.

Bert Clough

BATTERY FIRE RISK

More than 700 waste-related fires are responded to each year

by the emergency services due to the unsafe disposal of batteries, many of which are hidden inside electrical equipment.

The use of lithium-ion batteries is becoming more and more commonplace and can be found in a range of electrical and electronic items, including rechargeable items like



mobiles, cameras, toothbrushes, laptops and e-cigarettes, the popularity of which has skyrocketed in recent years.

Batteries can often be hidden inside appliances, making them hard to notice. Should lithium batteries end up in the refuse or in the body of the recycling truck there's a very real risk of the battery being punctured by the compacting equipment with the potential to ignite or explode in the back of the lorry, causing damage, disrupting waste collections and ultimately putting lives at risk. Batteries and small appliances can still be recycled at the kerb just as long as they're separated out from the main recycling. Alternatively, they can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre or any retailer that sells batteries and electricals and who has a duty to offer a take-back service for these types of goods.

Residents can recycle their small electrical and electronic items using the council's kerbside service by placing them, separately, in their black box. Vapes and household batteries can be recycled in the same manner. Electricals and batteries are stored separately on the recycling vehicle so are not compacted, massively reducing the risk of fire. The Council is keen to point out that lithium-ion batteries are safe if used normally but care should be taken not to overcharge them, damage them or submerge them in water.

Electricals, electronics and batteries can also be taken to the local Household Waste Recycling Centre at Dix Pit, Stanton Harcourt for recycling in the dedicated bins.

Https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins and recycling communications@westoxon.gov.uk

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

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

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PHEW!

Five Burford firefighters hit upon Saturday 9 September to raise money for charity. It turned out to be the hottest day of the year, with the mercury pushing 30deg, when Nathan, Paul, Ryan, Justin and Tim set up their ladder in front of the Tolsey. Each of them, wearing their helmets and boots, then climbed to the top and back 80 times. Sweaty work. Their labours were to raise funds for the Fire Fighters Charity which offers specialist, lifelong support for members of the UK fire services community. Time for a pint or two afterwards, we imagine. Cheers!

Editors





Awaiting harvesting at Great Barrington photographed by Helen Lord



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THE ARTS SOCIETY COTSWOLDS

Lecture on Wednesday 11 October Visual Illusions: Can you believe your own eyes?

In this thought provoking and entertaining presentation John Ericsson has selected a range of visual illusions illustrating 'illusions in art' as well as 'illusions as art'. Some of the images will amuse, some will confound and others will challenge your self-belief. Even those familiar with illusions may not have appreciated how they affect our appreciation of art or how much they influence our day-to-day lives.

John Ericson was formerly a lecturer at the University of Bath where he was director of studies in the School of Education with responsibility for the professional development of teachers. He has worked extensively overseas as an educational consultant and this has given him the opportunity to give lectures and presentations at conferences all over the world.

This hybrid lecture will be held at the Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford, OX18 4RZ at 11am and via Zoom. Please be seated by 10.45 for notices of upcoming events. Numbers are no longer restricted but booking is recommended to reserve a place via our website (see below). Non-members are welcome (space permitting) at a charge of £10. Further information will be circulated via the newsletter or please contact Lisa Etheridge on 07918 180895 for a booking form. To learn more about The Arts Society Cotswolds and to see what lectures, Special Interest Days and other activities are planned for the future, please see our website www.theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk

UPDATE ON BULL

It's amazing how much difference the removal of a definite article can make. Local residents have been watching with interest the transformation of The Bull in Burford High Street. It has now emerged from its chrysalis, transformed into BULL. Some people have already been able to have a look around the hotel and most of those we have spoken to came away impressed by the decoration and fitting out of the public spaces and the bedrooms and by the striking art collection on display. There are four restaurants and three bars to enjoy. Those who follow our website or our Twitter/X feed may have seen a lengthy article from London's Evening Standard about it (still available online).

Just before we went to press Murray Ward, general manager of Bull, provided us with the following information about facilities which are now available:

The Horn - feasting dinners served family style across communal dining tables (can be booked for private events)

Graze - all day street food from our al fresco terrace kitchen

The Wild – whole meat, fish and vegetables cooked over hot coals on our beautiful outdoor grill and oven (can be booked for private events)

Hiro – our intimate, playful 10-seater Omakase restaurant serving fantastic Asian dishes with a twist

The Herd and The Hide

A private room for drinks and dining for up to 12 people, with exclusive access after hours to our subterranean Speakeasy

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	DIARY OF SPECIAL	EVENTS	
Thur 28 Sept	BDHA Talk - Plants of the Season	Bowls Club, Tanners Lane	2.15pm
Sat 30 Sept	Old Burfordian AGM and Reunion	Burford School	2.30-5.30
Sun 1 Oct	Alpha Course Introductory Tea	Asthall Lea Memorial Hall	4pm
Thu 6 Oct	Conversations about Poetry - first session	Friends Meeting House	10.30am
Sat 7 Oct	Race Night in aid of playground fund	Bowls Club	TBA
Tues 10 Oct	Book Reading with Louise Wannier	Madhatter Bookshop	3.30pm
Tues 10 Oct	FAB WI Harvest Festival Supper	Baptist Church	7.30pm
Wed 11 Oct	TASC lecture: Visual Illusions	Warwick Hall	10.45am
Sat 14 Oct	Kempsford Plant Swap	Kempsford Village Hall	12-4pm
Mon 16 Oct	Book Launch with Felix Francis	Madhatter Bookshop	6.30pm
Tue 17 Oct	Burford & District Society Annual Lunch members only	Warwick Hall	12.00
Thur 19 Oct	Michael Bochmann & Orchestra Pro Anima	Northleach Church	7.00pm
Sat 21 Oct	Repeat of John Mustoe Talk on Northleach recent history	Northleach Church	7.00pm
Thur 26 Oct	Interview with Paul Miller	Madhatter Bookshop	6.30pm
Thur 26 Oct	Burford & District Horticultural Society - Talk by Bill Laws	Bowls Club, Tanners Lane	2.15pm
Sat 28 Oct	An evening with Tricia Stewart, the Original W1 Calendar Girl*	Northleach Church	7.00pm
Thur 9 Nov	Sixth Form Open Evening	Burford School book at ticketsource.co.uk/burford-school	
Fri 10 Nov	Cotswold Festival of Music Bavarian Baroque	Northleach Church	6.30pm
Tues 14 Nov	FAB WI - Alpacas and their fabulous fluff	Baptist Church	7.30pm
Tues 21 Nov	Burford & District Society Talk - Lord Dear	Warwick Hall	7pm
Thur 23 Nov	Burford & District Horticultural Society - Talk by Duncan Coombs on Winter Beauties + seasonal refreshments	Bowls Club, Tanners Lane	2.15pm
Sun 26 Nov	Burford Singers - Handel's Messiah	St John the Baptist Church	7.15pm
Fri 1 Dec	Christmas Market	St John the Baptist Church	5.30-9pm
Tues 12 Dec	FAB WI Festive games and food	Baptist Church	7.30pm
Fri 15 Dec	Chamber of Trade Burford Ball	Burford Golf Club	
9-18 June 2024	Burford Festival		

*Portrayed by Helen Mirren in the iconic film Calendar Girls, Tricia came up with the famous fundraising idea of an Alternative W1 calendar and her story is heart-warming, inspirational and very funny.

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

REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

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

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CHURCH SERVICES

BURFORD BENEFICE

St John the Baptist, Burford

1 October	
Harvest	11.00am
Evening Meeting	7.00pm
8 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Choral Matins (BCP)	9.30am
Holy Communion	11.00am
Evening Meeting	7.00pm
15 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Holy Communion (CW)	9.30am
Morning Service	11.00am
Evening Meeting	7.00pm
22 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Morning Prayer	9.30am
Morning Service	11.00am
Evening Meeting	7.00pm
29 October	_
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Morning Service	11.00am
Evening Meeting	7.00pm
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Join us every Wednesday at 10.30am for a Holy Communion Service in Burford Church followed by Coffee & Company.

St James the Great, Fulbrook

8 October	
Harvest	11.00am
15 October	
Matins (BCP)	9.30am
22 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am
29 October	
Benefice Holy Communion	9.30am

St John the Evangelist, Taynton

1 October	
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Harvest 6.00pm

St Mary, Swinbrook

1 October	
Holy Communion	11.00am
8 October	
Morning Service	11.00am
15 October	
Morning Service	11.00am
22 October	
Morning Service	11.00am
29 October	
Morning Service	11.00am
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St Nicholas, Asthall

22 October

Evening Prayer (BCP) 6.00pm *Tarnia Usher - Church Secretary*

ST JOHN FISHER AND ST THOMAS MORE

Sunday Mass: 9.30 am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday - 10.00 am Thursday - 10.00 am

For updates please see <u>catholicchurchburford.org.uk</u> 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

For information please contact *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 10am - 12 noon term time only *Tarnia Usher*

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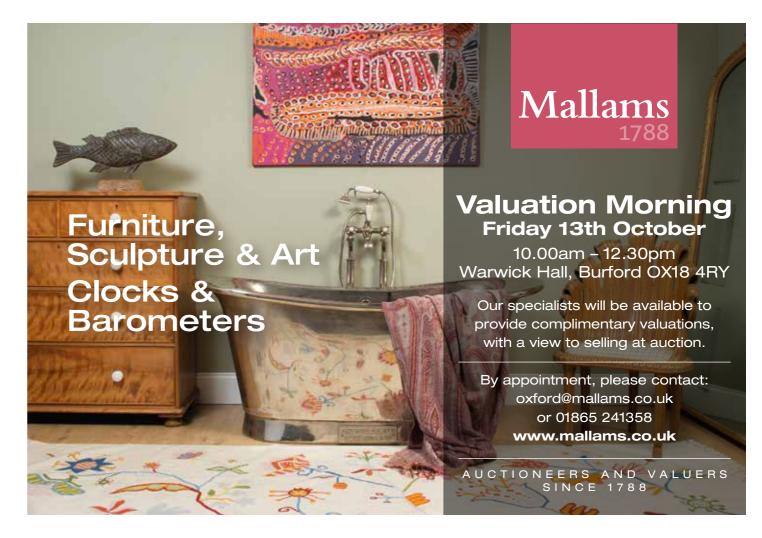
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