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Pride of place this month must go to the Heroes of the Coronavirus Lockdown. To Sally and Steve Colter at Mrs Bumbles and the team at the Carpenters Arms in Fulbrook for cooking and delivering hot meals and providing shopping for those unable to get around. Also to the staff at the Co-op, Reavleys Pharmacy, Burford News and the Bakery on the Hill for coming into work and keeping us supplied with food, medicines and other vital products. We hope that the new customers who have been served by them will continue to support these businesses once the pandemic is over. Perhaps BTC should strike a special campaign medal for these good people. And a big thank you goes to our wonderful distributors without whom this magazine would not have reached you, and to our excellent printers, Flying Press in Witney, who have kept going through the crisis.

More widely, we must also not forget the NHS workers, care workers, delivery drivers, bin collectors, postmen and women, and the countless volunteers who have been helping the older or more vulnerable members of the community.

This is an unusual edition of The Bridge. In April we had reports of events that had happened before the lockdown but no announcements of future events. This month we don't have either, apart from some more planned events that have been cancelled. We have, however, tried to put together some news and other material which we hope you will find interesting, including articles to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Although the times are very uncertain, we aim to be back with you in June in print as well as on our website [thebridgeburford.co.uk](http://thebridgeburford.co.uk) where we shall keep you updated on local news. Don't forget to keep in contact with us via [editor@thebridgeburford.co.uk](mailto:editor@thebridgeburford.co.uk)

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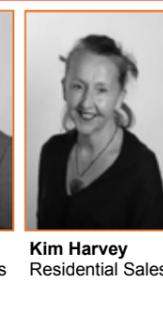
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## BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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God was seen walking round Burford recently. He was stopped by police who asked Him what He was doing. God replied "I'm working from home".

We have to start with the virus, I fear. Oh! for the bygone days when "CV" was something you had to prepare

for a job interview before it was superseded by "resume" which the Americans stole from the French. Now the whole world is faced with a faceless horror and a fight to the death. Burford, needless to say, has responded magnificently. We activated the BEAP (Burford Emergency Action Plan) which was implemented by the BEAT (Burford Emergency Action Team) and called for volunteers. Boris did the same and got over 400,000 in 24 hours. We got 49 in a similar period. If we are talking about proportions, as the ad. says – you do the maths. We divided the town into groups of streets, called each group a ward and appointed a councillor to be the manager of each ward. The ward managers appointed their own street managers and they are the day to day handlers of the volunteers. They have risen in number, as at 6 April, to 64.

These wonderful people look after, again as at 6 April, 135 Burfordians who are registered with us as "at risk" and who welcome help, be it shopping, prescription collecting, dog walking etc. The only line we draw is child care for obvious reasons. That is not half the story. There are dozens of people who are not on our list for the very good reasons that they are already being looked after by kind neighbours, relatives or social services, sometimes on a group basis like the Shilton Road Residents Association and the Signet Self Help Group and sometimes on an individual basis like so many people I am not going to mention to save them embarrassment. There is a wealth of help, both official and unofficial, and that is solely due to the generosity of spirit and good heartedness of the people of Burford. This is home indeed!

So, when you go out on Thursday evenings to clap or make some other noise to show the NHS workers how much we care, give yourselves a couple of extra hand slaps. But never forget that safety nets have holes and if you know or hear of anybody needing care or extra care or just not coping, don't let them slip through one of those holes – tell the nearest councillor straight away.

There have been one or two other things happening despite the plague and the shutdown. We have signed and exchanged the contracts with OCC which make the HGV weight limit a done deal. But now the timing has gone all askew. The contractors who were lined up to manufacture and install the signage have shut down for the duration. We were optimistically hoping to be operational by this September or by Christmas at the very latest but that has gone for the proverbial burton.

We cannot now see that the limit will be in place and enforceable before mid-2021 just in time for the 2020 Olympics and FA Cup Final.

We succeeded, in conjunction with top school, in getting the demolition of the A40 footbridge postponed and OCC's bridge department has agreed to revisit the possibility of repairing the existing bridge. That is a triumph for common sense and we must just hope that it will continue to hold sway when things return closer to normal. Everybody agrees that a bridge is the safest option so why are we arguing? The plan to make Burford a 20 m.p.h. zone nearly everywhere is about to come to fruition but, guess what, the signage contractor for that is the same outfit which is slated for the HGV signs.

Don't get too comfortable in your self-isolation grinning at the mountain of loo paper you have stuffed into every nook and cranny, there will be a lot of catching up to do come the Liberation!

*John White - Mayor*

*\*Mock Latin roughly translated as "Don't let the bastards grind you down" - Ed*



Jack and Amy Buckland supporting the NHS



## BURFORD and DISTRICT SOCIETY

It will probably come as no surprise to know that due to the pestilence the planned visit to Brockworth Court on 12 May will no longer take place, as a result of the crucial necessity of self-isolation.

But there is an old saying which goes, 'as one door closes another opens'. In these unprecedented times when we can no longer visit theatres, opera houses, ballet companies, museums, stately homes and other attractions, many of these have proactively decided to bring themselves to us – albeit 'virtually' via the internet. The first that came to our attention was the Metropolitan Opera, who are providing free online access to one of their different productions every day. Since their announcement there has been an ever-increasing tsunami of other free offers from the UK and around the world.

We have seized the appearance of these extraordinary offers as an opportunity to keep in contact with and support our members until the time when we can all come out again on the other side. We are doing this by producing interactive newsletters to tip them off about the latest of the above announcements and also by suggesting other interesting websites that they might like to explore whilst they remain under house arrest. Examples of the latter include live webcams to the nests of osprey, barn owls or the Cotswold Wildlife penguins, links to a slow canal journey, Tweedy's weekly show, virtual Blue Badge Guided London tours, a self-guided visit to the Pergamon Museum Berlin or Versailles, a talk by John Julius Norwich and a visit to the Cosmonaut Exhibition, to mention but a few. For every item listed there is a button to click which takes the reader direct to the featured item – all of which are available free of charge.



The response has not only been terrific but also it has prompted some recipients to suggest other additional opportunities which in turn we are then very happy to pass on. At this time when above anything, we all need to support each other, especially with good news. It is particularly encouraging to have also been told that our newsletters have subsequently been redirected by our members to many of their friends.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list (it doesn't matter if you are not a member), simply forward me your email address. It will be our pleasure to also send you future copies.

*Peter Martin (Chairman) - petermartin@btinternet.com*

## IN TIME OF PLAGUE

Burford is not without experience of serious infection although a vicious epidemic in 1758 which almost destroyed the town was forgotten, perhaps deliberately

Burford was then a moderately successful small town with paper making among its industries, as elsewhere in the Windrush Valley. Cheap, used rags were an essential component in the process and by way of ordinary business a load of such rags was delivered to the mill in the hamlet of Upton in early April. Unfortunately this load came from a firm in Gloucester where smallpox was already raging.

The population of Burford then was roughly 1800 and an annual average of 40 burials was registered in most years. By the close of 1758 the number of deaths that year had reached 247, including all those who had died in the six months of plague.

The miserable record of deaths began on 10 April starting with 14 names, first from two Upton families and then from the whole parish, then in May another 44 were added. Ninety one were registered in June, the peak month, and 34 in July. Further deaths entered in August may have been consequent upon the epidemic. Previous to this disaster the average number of burials in a month was 17.

Tragic events emerge on every page. Sometimes an entire family has died, perhaps all on the same day, on others parents are lost, and often too many children. The toll of misery throughout that summer is grievous, and the sorrow is not confined to the poorer people of the town who probably lived in insanitary hovels and humble cottages. Nor did it end immediately. When the epidemic was over the cleansing of the town became a priority. Great bonfires burned tattered garments, and some old blankets were taken to the Witney Street Mill, run by Henry Keylock and his wife. He was not a Burford man so they were without relatives in the town. He died in the epidemic and she was left a widow with 11 young children. The Overseers of the Poor, probably intending to help her, sent bedding and blankets to be cleansed at her mill, but the burden proved too much and she hanged herself there in the following August. A sympathetic inquest jury returned a verdict of lunacy which meant that she could receive Christian burial. To their credit leading figures including the vicar, Charles Knollis, and the lord of the manor, John Lenthall, stayed in Burford and saw the disaster through.

Jackson's Oxford Journal spread the news and details of the epidemic around both the county and the university, then reported the many acts of generosity which followed. Every gift was gratefully and gracefully acknowledged by the Burford Overseers of the Poor and the list of donors is fascinating.

An impressive monument commemorating multiple deaths from smallpox within a local family stands in the church at Great Barrington. There is no memorial here.

Burford chose to forget.  
*Joan Moody*

## THE WAR YEARS IN BURFORD



War came and it curtailed a lot of things. Burford saw many strange uniforms. Our streets were the parking places for tanks and lorries, with soldiers marching on guard. All empty houses were commandeered to house troops as were the Old Vicarage at the bottom of the hill, the Priory, Bury Barns on the A40, and the Modern Piggeries at Signet Hill.

Most nights, my mother would leave a flask of tea or coffee for the soldiers on guard in Witney Street. It was always placed inside the front door. Our door was never locked and we never missed anything.

A canteen was set up in Church House, now Warwick Hall, and this was manned by members of the local churches and other organisations.

Fund raising was also started to help the production of aircraft, war weapons, warships etc. under the slogans of "Salute the Soldiers" and "Wings for Victory" and the Red Cross started a "Penny a Week" collection.

Food rationing was also introduced of course — with dried eggs and milk, and bananas on green ration books for the under fives. Our rations consisted of 4 ounces of bacon, 8 ounces of sugar, 2-4 ounces of tea, 4 ounces of butter, 1-3 ounces of cheese and 1/10d worth of meat. This was for one person per week. Jam or marmalade was part of the sugar ration; bread and flour by coupons; three coupons for a pair of stockings (26 coupons per year for clothes).

All windows in every house had to be blacked out with heavy curtains and blankets, so that should enemy planes fly over they would have no guiding light. We were between three airfields — Rissington, Brize Norton and Windrush landing grounds.

There were two pill boxes built, one at Ten Steps (still standing) at the bottom of Cocklands Hill, the other at the top of Burford Hill on the A40 (the old road). These were manned by the Home Guard or Civil Defence.

In the High Street on the east side by the Highway Hotel were placed large tree trunks covered with barbed wire and a large metal wheel for rolling the barrier into place across the road should there be an invasion. I suppose this was to stop tanks or lorries going through.

At the beginning of the war, the evacuees came and Mother took in a lady expecting her first child in two months. She hadn't a thing. The ends of my nighties were cut off to make baby nighties and the inside of a huge

trunk was covered in muslin to make a crib. Towels were cut up to make nappies but soon after the baby was born, Mrs Lee returned to London, fed up with country life. We never heard from her and could only assume that they were perhaps killed in the Blitz.

It was on one hot summer's night that my parents took down the black-out so that there was a little more air. They got into bed only to be wakened by the siren and of course Dad had to get dressed in the dark and off he went for police duty. When he returned home after the "all clear" he said to my mother that he must have put on his underpants back to front as he was very uncomfortable. On undressing he found that in his hurry he had picked up Mother's knickers and put them on. Thank goodness he wasn't injured while on duty. What would anyone have thought?

We did have a few bombs dropped locally, one in a field next to where the Oxford Road houses were built after the war. A string of bombs were dropped along the Aldsworth road and two land mines were dropped at Swinbrook, one damaging the church and some houses. If you visit the church, do look at the window, which was made from all the fragments of glass collected from the bomb damage. The other fell at Hen's Grove but didn't explode as it was caught in the trees by its parachute. I cycled there to take my father some refreshments as he was on guard until the military arrived to defuse the mine and take it away.



Dad was a Special Inspector and to help keep up the morale he organised a police concert in which he dressed up as a woman and carried our old pigeon Sammy in a basket. He sang "My old man said follow the van". Our pigeons were registered for war service and many times I took the containers from their legs and delivered the message to the police station. I suppose you could call it my bit of war work. I wasn't old enough to join up and as we had lost our boys from the garage to war service, I had to stay at home to help run the garage. Although not everyone had petrol we still had to serve essential people and it was nothing to turn out 50 gallons by hand when Bradwell Grove hospital was being built.

As there were so few private cars because of petrol rationing, a few businessmen were granted hire car licences. Mr Griffin, Mr Holloway and my father were the three for Burford and, as the nearest railway station was five miles away and the nearest maternity hospital was at Chipping Norton, they were always well booked. In one maternity case that dad had, the lady had left things a bit late and the baby arrived in the car before they got to the hospital and because it was a little girl, she was called Victoria after my father's surname Vick.

It was almost impossible to have a telephone connected in wartime. As my father was in business he already had a telephone but the undertaker had not. He asked dad if he could use our number for his wartime work for the Air Ministry. This meant running to fetch Mr Francis when the call was for him, or taking the details regarding RAF personnel who had crash-landed and coffins were required. My mother would never take the message as she could not bear the thought of the loss of a young life.

Our Fire Brigade were wonderful. No bleepers to call them out to fires, but Jimmy Hicks used to blow a bugle at the corner of High Street, Witney Street and anywhere else where he thought he could contact a fireman. By the time he had run around the town you can well imagine what the bugle sounded like on the last call.

The engine was housed under the Tolsey. Our firemen were called to help in London during the Blitz. They had a fire service van pulling a trailer pump and this was found to be most useful in fighting fires and pumping water to various areas. Back in Burford, the Fire Station was manned by Margaret Hicks (now Margaret Bean), the telephonist, and she would make tea and coffee for the lads whenever they returned from a fire.

At the time when all these big cities were being bombed, my mother thought it a good idea that we should have our beds brought downstairs into the sitting room. This was done but after a few months and a lot of careful thinking it was decided that perhaps to sleep downstairs was not such a good idea; after all, if a bomb dropped we would have the whole house fall on us, so back upstairs we went.

Our one entertainment was the Picture House, which was at the Falkland Hall. Wilf Barrett used to man the projector with help from Bert Winfield whose wife would take the ticket money: 1/3d if you went upstairs and 9d downstairs at the back with 6d for the first two front rows. We did have plush seats half way down the hall. As there was only one projector, every time the film ran out it had to be changed for the next reel, which caused some disturbance such as "hurry up, Bert" or other comment. Much later another projector came on the scene. Also it was quite a common thing for one to leave by the exit door to go next door and purchase two pennyworth of chips and take them back into the hall. There was nothing like those fish and chips. Wrapped in newspaper and really lovely.

The Fire Service dances were the highlight of the year and held as near to New Year's Eve as possible at the Assembly Hall in Lawrence Lane. Every business, farmer and landlord for miles around provided the lovely prizes — pheasants, bottles of all sorts, food and anything that could be raffled. The older people used to come and sit in the balcony at the back of the hall, just for the pleasure of being there to watch the dancers.

The girls had G.F.S. (Girls' Friendly Society) at Miss Cheate's house. This was such a good thing. We used to make all sorts of gifts to sell for wartime charity. The last twenty minutes were for games and prayers. On the landing of the house stood a lovely rocking horse. The miles we travelled on it was nobody's business. I went to quite a few G.F.S. Youth Camps. One was at Cropredy for youth club members and it was during the week when Coventry was bombed. The German planes went right over the house where we were staying but being young it certainly didn't register with us what was going on or the devastation it was causing.

In 1944, an American tank went over Burford Bridge into the river [see photograph opposite]. It had to be towed down-stream and through Dr Cheate's garden and out into the High Street.



In the chapel at the Priory there is a commemorative plaque to the officers and men who went from there to Arnhem. I remember the distress of a young New Zealand pilot when his brother, also a pilot, was reported missing at Arnhem. They were two young men my mother had "adopted" and of course he came for comfort and understanding. It was not long before he heard that all was well and his brother safe.

In 1945, the war came to an end. A huge bonfire was lit and fireworks let off on the Recreation Ground. The fireworks had been confiscated at the beginning of the war and held at the Police Station for nearly five years. We danced in the streets with Ron Taylor playing the accordion.

In 1946, the war over, we were now trying to adjust to peace although rationing was still with us and likely to be for some time yet. March brought a new life to Burford. The American hospital at Bradwell Grove was closed down and the advance party of the Royal Naval School of Music arrived from Scarborough to establish itself as a new centre for training and management. After all the austerity of the war years, to see a band marching down the High Street for Church Parade at the Parish Church was a sight worth seeing.

The old wartime canteen had long since closed and we felt we should do something to entertain the young musicians. A dance was organised at the Church House (now Warwick Hall) in May and a band was booked from the R.N.S.M. If I remember rightly it was a five piece band and the fee was £2 per player with refreshments provided. As rationing was very tight, the public could not be catered for, but during the interval, a young bandsman, who had come to the dance, came to me (by the way I was only 18) to see if there was any hope of a sandwich. I said I would see what was left after the band had gone back to playing. After the dance, who should be waiting to take me home but that young musician. I was quite concerned as I had the takings on me. I remember wondering what I would do if I was attacked. I wasn't, and that musician has been my sweetheart and companion for 56 years.

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## MEMORIES OF VE DAY

The historian David Kynaston in his book *A World to Build: Austerity Britain 1945-48* describes life in this country at the end of the Second World War and the absence of many of the things we now take for granted. No supermarkets, motorways, teabags, sliced bread, lager, dishwashers, duvets, trainers, hoodies. Central heating was rare, chilblains were common. No automatic washing machines, clothes washed on Mondays by being boiled in a tub, scrubbed on the draining board, rinsed in the sink, put through a mangle and hung out to dry. Rationing for meat, butter, lard, margarine, sugar, tea, cheese, jam, eggs, sweets, soap and clothes. The whole list goes on for a page.

Crowds gathered in the centre of large cities, especially in London where Winston Churchill and members of the royal family appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. There was singing and shouting and Hitler was burnt in effigy in many places. In others there was less activity. Adeline Vaughan Williams was struck by how "very sedate" Dorking was while Cecil Beaton found Kensington "as quiet as a Sunday". While some were ecstatic, others were simply relieved that the war was finally over or even depressed or sad, especially if they had lost loved ones. Meanwhile the fighting against Japan was still raging in the Far East and was expected to continue until the following year or 1947. Kynaston concludes that most people "took the two days [of public holiday] in their stride, reflected on them to a greater or lesser extent, and above all tried to have a good time".

There are relatively few around now who can recall those events and we felt it was a good opportunity to mark this anniversary in The Bridge. We had planned this before the lockdown but recent events, leading to comparisons between the pandemic and the war, have added an extra dimension to the event. This was underlined in the Queen's broadcast to the nation on 5 April. The memoir by Kath Wain vividly describes life in Burford during the war and Raymond Moody puts this in a wider context. We also took the opportunity to ask a few readers of, shall we say, more mature years to tell us what they could remember.

*I was at home listening it all on radio. And very cross as I wasn't allowed to go up to London and join the fun outside Buckingham Palace !!! - Mardi Way*

*My recollections of August and September 1939, are intense but I do not remember VE Day at all. We had seen it coming... outside the cities no one bothered much - Raymond Moody*

*We were lucky in some respects. At the end of our road there was an enormous PX (the American equivalent of the NAAFI) and they catered for an enormous party lit by a humongous bonfire of all the tarred blackout blinds we had used during the war to stop the lights from our windows guiding the German bombers to our haven - John White*  
*I still have a vivid memory of VE day. In the morning when I was cycling to School I saw some other boys cycling in the opposite direction. When I arrived I discovered that the Headmaster had declared a Day's Holiday. We hastily organised a game of cricket. I made a few runs and even took a couple of wickets. The game went on until dusk. Our side won. I went home very happy and to the best supper rationing would allow. A truly memorable day! - Philip Otton*

*I remember the day, which was slightly muted, as we were reminded there was still a war in the Far East. I remember sitting in church at 11am when war was declared, the*

*Sunday Germany invaded Russia, the Battle of the River Plate, the capture of the Altmark in the South Atlantic with all the crews of the ships sunk by the Graf Spee. The first success after numerous set backs in 1939 including the loss of HMS Hood with the whole crew, including a family friend. I also have vivid memories of the Abdication Crisis in 1936. I was at school on Wednesday 8th May and have no recollection whether a holiday was declared - Jim Pringle*

*I was at school in Yorkshire. We were given a half-holiday, and a friend and I bicycled up to the moors and cooked a haggis to celebrate. It tasted DISGUSTING. - Hugh Ellis-Rees*  
*Editors*

## VE DAY - A HISTORIAN'S VIEW

May 8th is the seventy-fifth anniversary of VE - Victory in Europe - Day. The war in the Far East continued for another three months until two atomic bombs brought it to a swift end. War was the background of my boyhood, for the aftermath of the first war still hung over the 1930s as the clouds darkened again. There was civil war in Spain where the German Condor squadrons fought a proxy war in support of the Fascist Franco. The little town of Guernica suffered an extended air attack with appalling casualties. Burford saw a parallel for its own possible fate and took it to heart. With its share of military titles from the first war, the town set about preparing. The Burford Hospital was designated a casualty clearing station, the barn at the back of The Lamb (now redeveloped) and the chapel at the cemetery were to be emergency mortuaries. The glass in windows was secured with sticky tape. Street lights were extinguished and all windows were blacked out at night denying guidance to hostile aircraft.

After the British Expeditionary Force was extricated from Dunkirk, Burford prepared for invasion. All signposts were removed. The Local Defence Volunteers, later to be renamed the Home Guard, were recruited, but only slowly were equipped with arms. Plans were issued for concrete blockhouses to be erected by local effort. One was by the simple crossroads at the top of the hill where the roundabout is now, and another is by the mini-roundabout with the intention of commanding the bridge. Though plans had been issued for the building of these, there were no instructions for direction, and the one by the mini-roundabout is facing towards West Hall Hill. Tree trunks were placed at two points on the High Street, pivoted at one end and fitted with a wheel at the other to be swung out to block the carriageway. Mercifully the expected invasion never came.

Then Burford filled with troops, not the enemy but our own. Huts were sited in the grounds of the Old Vicarage and the former Cobb Hall where the top of the arch was removed to allow the passage of lorries. There was an officers' mess in the Priory. As D-day and the invasion of the Continent drew near American forces arrived. Then the troops left, some to be towed in gliders to the fields of Europe from the local air fields. Almost a year later and a lifetime ago now came first VE Day, and then VJ Day, and Burford was left to adjust to the post-war world, with more names to add to the War Memorial.

*Raymond Moody*

## VE DAY 75 YEARS ON



It is difficult to imagine the euphoria which must have swept through the nation on 8 May 1945. The sheer relief of knowing that the long years of war in Europe were at an end was a day like no other. Over the coming months nearly four million men and about half a million women would return to these shores. Their reunions and celebrations would come later but on that day in May 1945 the country at home was ready to celebrate. Churchill had declared a national holiday and ensured that there was enough beer in London! Red, white and blue bunting was on sale without having to use precious ration coupons.



So 75 years ago this month on 'Victory In Europe Day' people celebrated with all the pent up emotion a nation which had defeated its enemies could muster. They sang and danced in the streets. They sang and danced in their homes and the beer flowed in the utter relief and joy of the occasion.



While few of us are old enough to remember VE Day itself many of us have had occasion to celebrate the end of a campaign, the return from long periods of Service abroad or the end of a long contract away from home. Raymond Moody and others say that VE Day passed them by almost unnoticed and although peace had come to Europe, there remained many who were in no mood to celebrate while their loved ones were still engaged in heavy fighting in the Far East and others whose joy was tempered by the deep sadness and mourning for loved ones who would not be returning.



We should also remember the millions of children who from September 1939 had been moved to safer locations at home and abroad. They had endured the war years separated from their parents and everything they had ever known. Some would return to find their homes destroyed. Others, evacuated at such a young age, could barely remember their old homes in and still more would never see their parents again. Many of these children had been brought up by foster parents and were heartbroken to leave their wartime families with whom they had built such fond relationships. Some found it hard to adjust after such a long time away. The current crisis may yet go on for several months but five years of wartime stress and worry must have been an eternity in comparison.

There are of course other similarities between wartime and the lockdown we are currently experiencing. Restrictions on movement and shortages of many goods have echoes today. This crisis has separated us from our families and friends but 75 years ago there were no televisions, internet, mobile telephones or computers with which to keep in touch so easily. Thankfully however, the same spirit shines through today as it did during those dark war years. Communities have come together and people are going out of their way to help their neighbours recognising that we are ...'all in this together'... Let's look forward to the time when we, like the nation in May 1945, can share the joy, relief and anticipation of the world restored to its old self.

*Clendon Daukes*

## BURFORD THROUGH THE AGES

Note the Second World War barricades referred to in Raymond Moody's article

Michael Taubenheim kindly supplied the second image



## BURFORD SCHOOL

### The show must go on!

Despite the difficulties and uncertainties of recent months and the ultimate closure of schools, the second half of the spring term was full of activity and a great deal of planning was put in place to ensure as little disruption as possible to students learning in the event of closure.

### Voices of Angels – Burford School Choral Society

Hours of music rehearsals paid off handsomely as our 'pop-up' choral society held their audience spellbound performing Vivaldi's *Gloria* and *Zadok the Priest* by Handel at St John the Baptist Church, Burford on 12 March. Local musicians accompanied a large choir of staff, students, alumni and a former Westminster Abbey chorister who sang at the Queen's coronation in 1953. Emma Rednall, now reading music at university, also returned to perform a beautiful solo.

### Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader!

The second half of term saw students busy with a whole host of activities for our annual Reading and STEM Weeks. Our Patron of Reading, Martin Stewart, hosted writing workshops and talked to parents about the importance of literacy. Lauren St John, founder of Authors4Oceans, talked about her passion for wildlife conservation and how it features in her latest book *Kat Wolfe Takes the Case*. The Library held a wide range of activities and the week finished with the ever popular Non-School Uniform Day, with students dressed up as Peter Rabbit, Alex Rider and Arthur Dent from *Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*. Over £1,000 was raised for Book Aid International.

### Rockets, Robots and Reality

STEM week passed in a whirl of activity. Year 7 enjoyed a trip to Hill End Outdoor Centre for a Sustainability Day, looking at climate change and man's imprint on the environment. Year 10 Computer Scientists had an exciting day at the BMW Mini Plant where they were able to see robots in action. Students enjoyed a rocket launch demonstration, tried their hand at programming microbit robots, took part in a cipher challenge and everyone was blown away by the wonders of virtual reality.

### Business Breakfast

Sustainability featured once again at our Business Breakfast as our Young Enterprise and Tenner Teams took to the floor to present their eco-products. The students made an excellent first impression with their enthusiasm and professionalism. This year the teams were selling environmentally friendly Water Bottles @H2art\_YE, Greetings Cards - VenusCardsWitney, and Bees Wax Wraps @beekindddd.

Prior to closing our doors to the majority of our students, we were able to get outside more and make use of our wonderful extensive site. The hard work carried out by the students in the autumn, with the help of the Cotswold AONB, has begun to flourish. The hedging and trees kindly donated by the Woodland Trust arrived and were planted by an enthusiastic group of Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students and a team of boarders.

Work began on preparing the ground for the wild flower seeds, kindly donated by Cotswold Seeds @CotswoldSeeds, and planning is underway for the purchase of a number of heritage fruit trees for our new orchard – partially funded by the Burford Tree Challenge.

Everyone at Burford School would like to send their very best wishes to the local community at this difficult time.

Sarah Duckworth - [www.burford.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.burford.oxon.sch.uk)

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## THANK YOU

### Local Rescue

In household isolation and having repeatedly failed to get a supermarket delivery slot, we would like to make a public acknowledgement of thanks to Tom, Siobhan and Ryan of the Carpenters Arms, Fulbrook, who came to our rescue. They bravely and unselfishly decided to keep their business going offering delicious takeaway meals and household provisions delivered to the doorstep of local residents. The meat and vegetables are of superb quality and they even went the extra mile to get us unnecessary luxuries (chocolate) from a supermarket. Special mention must be given to Tom's fish pie, fish and chips and we are looking forward to the Sunday Roast.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your fantastic service

*From the Sharpley family*

### Local Heroes Indeed !

Very grateful thanks are due those who put together and distributed the April edition of The Bridge in rapidly escalating extraordinary circumstances.

Thank you also to Burford's very own Emergency Action Team. They all must have worked with great speed and efficiency to give everyone in the town a street manager to support those in need.

Once again Sally Colter of Mrs Bumbles has risen to hero status by setting aside her own safety. She is daily cooking suppers and distributing them to the elderly and vulnerable. She and husband Steve are keeping the shop open every day, well stocked with fresh vegetables, fruit, bread, eggs and other goodies. They even manage to find time to deliver to your door or self isolation box.

*A very grateful resident (name and address supplied)*



Don't forget to look at our website  
[www.thebridgeburford.co.uk](http://www.thebridgeburford.co.uk) for updates on local  
news, previous features and topical photographs

And for more photos about Burford events do look at  
Burford Life on Facebook

## MY FAVOURITE BOOK/S

What to do during lockdown? If you are tired of gardening, a good book could be just the thing. The obvious suggestion would be Hilary Mantel's *The Mirror and the Light*. With 912 pages it should be enough to keep you occupied for quite a time. However we thought we would widen the net so we asked a few of our regular contributors or previous interviewees to name their favourite book with reasons for it. Their recommendations are below. As you will see, the enthusiasm of some was so great that they couldn't confine themselves to one book. We hope to continue this theme next month, but possibly with a different subject-matter. Watch this space.

### Rebecca By Daphne Du Maurier



Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again.....there are few novels whose opening line instantly identifies them but this is one. And the first chapter is the one that sticks in my mind as one of the most unnerving, atmospheric and intriguing I feel has ever been written.

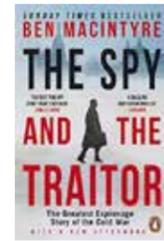
Immediately you are sucked into a secretive, somnambulistic state and feel like a voyeur. Initially, it is unclear whether the dreamer is a man or woman. But it gradually becomes apparent the person is approaching a former home, a stately and beautiful Cornish coastline house. Yet this happy memory becomes a nightmare as the path is inexplicably blocked and overgrown, as are the once immaculate gardens. The walker has a flash of the original building which 'lived and breathed'. But then the narrator says: "A cloud hitherto unseen, came upon the moon, and hovered an instant like a dark hand before a face. The illusion went with it, and the lights in the windows were extinguished. I looked upon a desolate shell, soulless at last, unhaunted, with no whisper of the past about its staring walls."

It is indeed a woman's story, one of an unworldly new bride whisked into a different life after a whirlwind romance with the enigmatic and troubled Max de Winter. Surreally, our heroine is never named throughout the tale – quite a daring gamble - which helps to give her an insubstantial character. This mirrors the disorientation and detachment she experiences as she tries to step into the shoes of legendary perfect former wife Rebecca, who has mysteriously died in her boat. She becomes easy prey for Rebecca's obsessively devoted and manipulative servant, the daunting Mrs Danvers, determined to break up the new union.

This may be sheer melodrama but it is masterfully managed by a much underrated author.

Caroline Fisher

### The Spy and The Traitor by Ben Macintyre



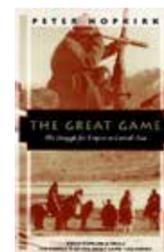
My reading habits are a little unconventional in that I seldom read a book from start to finish to the exclusion of others and I rarely read novels. I have a stack of books by my bed which I delve into as the mood takes me. This means that weighty books such as Simon Sebag Montefiore's magnificent history of Jerusalem at over 1,000 pages take me some weeks to finish!

These eccentricities however were recently overturned by a book recommended to me by a friend. I read it from cover to cover almost at a single sitting. It is Ben MacIntyre's *The Spy and The Traitor*. Billed as the greatest espionage story of the Cold War and reviewed by John Le Carré as 'The best true spy story I have ever read', it is the astonishingly exciting account of the defection to the United Kingdom's secret service of Oleg Gordievsky, one of the Soviet Union's most senior spies. Ben MacIntyre is a columnist on The Times and has written nearly a dozen books, all meticulously researched. This is no exception.

Gordievsky is married to a committed communist and his father and elder brother are dedicated KGB agents so Oleg's privileged life within the party machine seems destined to provide a lifelong career in the Soviet secret service especially after his acceptance into Moscow's elite training school for undercover agents. His career in the KGB forges ahead but access to the BBC's World Service, disenchantment with Khrushchev's presidency and his exposure to the freedom, classical music and western literature experienced while stationed in the Soviet embassy in Denmark begin to awaken in him a disdain for the cheerless life at home. He is ripe for turning. Meanwhile the 1982 nuclear crisis is beginning to unfold and there is a Soviet mole deep in the CIA. What unfolds is the remarkable account of the defection and extraction by the British Intelligence Service of Oleg Gordievsky from under the noses of the KGB. The book reads like a gripping thriller such that it is difficult to remember that it is a true story. I cannot recommend it too highly.

Clendon Daukes

### The Great Game by Peter Hopkirk



What a question! I can hardly choose my eight favourite bits of music ready for the invitation to appear on Desert Island Discs which I am certain is in the post. Discs were never a very good idea anyway. On a tropical island they would just melt away like ice cream under a blazing hot sun. Perhaps it should have been called "Dessert Island Discs". Avid readers are

particularly hard placed. If the test is a choice out of the books I constantly refer to then the answer must be a reference book. Before satnavs it would have been a road atlas but now it would be one of the many versions

of the Oxford Dictionary or Roget's Thesaurus. If the test is what book made me laugh the most, then it is a close run thing between *England their England* by A.G. MacDonell containing the most hilarious description of a cricket match you have ever read and any or all of the adventures of that mighty sow, the Empress of Blandings, in the novels and short stories of P.G. Wodehouse. If it is tales of derring – do you're after, *The Great Game* by Peter Hopkirk is a stirring retelling of the spying war between England and Russia over control of the approaches to India, that jewel in the crown of Empire. You will have noticed that I have left love, lust, romance, passion and prurience until last – not because I want to tiptoe round these absorbing subjects but because I fear becoming over excited as I approach my word limit. Suffice it to say that I am all in favour. Now where did I leave my *Kama Sutra*?

John White

### The Game of Kings by Dorothy Dunnett

Living in a smallish space, as I do, each time I finish reading a book there is a little crack in my heart as having no shelf room we must part; however, hidden away on a secret ledge are the historical books of Dorothy Dunnett. *King Hereafter* is based on Macbeth, brought to life as a Norseman who is no Shakespearian weakling, but a strong and capable leader in troubled times. It is a story of love, death, bloodshed and tragedy, but also of honour and nobility of spirit. As in all her books Dunnett thrills with her description and incredible research.



But the real treasures are the *House of Niccolò* series, and the *Lymond Chronicles*. The former are set in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, initially in Bruges referencing the trade in alum. Niccolo is a lad of uncertain antecedents but incredible talent, whose energy takes him around the known world from Iceland to the Mediterranean and beyond, enmeshed in the politics and troubles of the period. There is a shadowy

mystery throughout, and Dunnett, a mistress of misdirection, produces a startling final revelation.

The latter are six novels about a 16<sup>th</sup> century Scottish nobleman, also with a brilliant, devious brain, who becomes involved in the political intrigue surrounding the Scots and English royal households. He takes many guises and travels throughout Europe where bloodshed and cruelty dog his path.

These books are full of wonderful characters, humour, tragedy and romance in the true sense. I learnt much fascinating history from them, and they led to some lovely breaks in Bruges and Malta, both featured locations!

For light relief, I return to Alan Bennett's *The Uncommon Reader*, a truly charming book about The Queen joining a travelling Library.

At present I am reading Hilary Mantel. *The Giant, O'Brien* is disturbing, her soaring, wonderful prose describes some beastly characters and sickening vile deeds.

Veral Marshall

### The Complete Molesworth by Geoffrey Willans



How on earth can I identify my favourite book? Even more difficult, I think, than to select eight records for Desert Island Discs. But what a delightful task it has been to think about this, and to trawl through the collections of books dispersed throughout our home trying to reach a decision. And how many delightful memories the trawl has yielded.

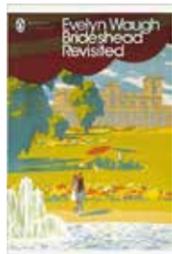
Like many other small girls, my very first favourite book was without a doubt *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell. I was given a beautiful "Boots" edition illustrated with plates by Cecil Aldin for my seventh birthday, and read it many times over. Perhaps this led to a love of books about animals - *Thy Servant a Dog* by Rudyard Kipling (but told of course by Boots), and *The Story of a Red Deer* by J W Fortescue among them. My memories of school holiday reading include plenty of Agatha Christie, Dorothy L Sayers and Margery Allingham, Graham Greene and John Buchan, Evelyn Waugh, C S Forester and C.P. Snow, some Tolkien plus a good dose of Georgette Heyer. So that was a start of a lifetime enjoyment of reading novels.

I enjoy books in long series. Hugh Walpole's *Herries Chronicle* might have been my first, followed by lots of Anthony Trollope. Favourites have been Olivia Manning's *Balkan Trilogy*, J I M Stewart's *Oxford Quintet*, but in the lead is Anthony Powell with *A Dance to the Music of Time* - and perhaps now would be a good opportunity to have another go at the *Alexandrian Quartet* by Laurence Durrell.

Very often the book that I am currently engrossed in or have just finished is the one that grabs my enthusiasm. There are countless authors whom I admire and enjoy, and given another lifetime would benefit from re-reading. In despair as to how to select my favourite book I asked advice of my husband, whose reply was that it was perfectly obvious. When I was about nine my parents subscribed me to a monthly magazine called "The Young Elizabethan." For me the highlight of that magazine was the Molesworth column by Geoffrey Willans, illustrated by Ronald Searle. An older cousin who was living with us around then saw my enthusiasm and generously bought me *The Complete Molesworth* which I (and now my children) can quote at length and laugh over whenever we read any part of it. Definitely the very best tonic in the era of Covid-19.

Deborah Knight

## Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh



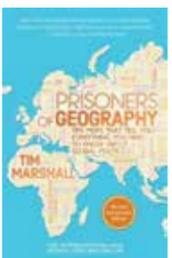
A book I first read at school has never lost its appeal and fascination. *Brideshead Revisited, the Sacred and Profane Memories of Captain Charles Ryder* by Evelyn Waugh first published in 1945 remains a favourite. It is set amongst the decadent, fading glory of the English aristocracy in the run up to the Second World War. It has four main themes. The friendship between Charles Ryder (who narrates) and Lord Sebastian Flyte and Aloysius, (his teddy bear) is central to the story, they meet at Oxford. Ryder's complex relationships with Flyte's sisters, the destructive force of alcoholism (to which the dissolute Sebastian descends) and the powerful influence of the Catholic Church (Waugh was a convert) are also explored.

I shall not describe the plot. For those who have not yet read it, they have a treat in store. The book was well received by the critics. *Time Magazine* said it was in the top ten of the 100 best novels of the century. Later ITV produced a serial with a star-studded cast. It included Jeremy Irons (Charles), Sebastian (Anthony Andrews), Laurence Olivier, John Gielgud, Diana Quick and Claire Bloom. It won many awards. There was also a later film which did not attract as much attention and praise.

The book is a unique combination of Waugh's infectious humour and seriousness of subject. He brings his profound faith to bear throughout. All his characters are vividly drawn. *Brideshead* was the seat of Sebastian's family (Castle Howard in the film) and a romantic backdrop for the story. It is written in his most lucid and elegant prose. It passes the not put-downable test. It has been one of my treasures for over 70 years.

*Philip Otton*

## Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall



I've hardly the most suitable disposition for this exercise because I am more comfortable looking ahead rather than pondering the past. Consequently identifying a favourite book of all times is not only mission impossible but I would also need to differentiate between fiction and non-fiction. But if I was to choose the latter and consider my recent reading then

undoubtedly I would choose *Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Tell You Everything You Need To Know About Global Politics* by Tim Marshall

On reflection, its proposition is blindingly obvious once spelt out, but otherwise is often overlooked. It is that all leaders are constrained by geography. Their choices are limited by mountains, rivers, seas and concrete. Undoubtedly, to follow world events you need to understand people, ideas and movements - but if you don't also know and add in geography, you'll never have the full picture.

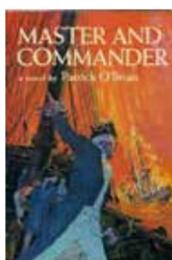
Each of the ten chapters feature a specific country (like China) or cluster of countries (like the Middle East) together with a map of the area to help visualise the text. The author analyses the geographical characteristics, then suggests links to why the country(ies) involved are successful or, on the contrary, are having trouble to exploit their full potential.

Examples of the topics raised include why China is interested in Tibet and Russia in the Ukraine, the need the US has for bases around the world, why France and Germany need to work together (and why Germany invaded France in both world wars), the reasons why China is expanding its influence with African nations and why Afghanistan is the graveyard of empires.

This is definitely not an academic treatise, it might lack depth of analysis and contain truisms, sweeping generalities and no doubt inaccuracies. But I was looking for an easy to read 320 page overview of geopolitics written by an authority on foreign affairs with more than 30 years of reporting experience, which is what I got and enjoyed.

*Peter Martin*

## Master and Commander by Patrick O'Brian



*Master and Commander* is a novel by Patrick O'Brian set in the Napoleonic wars. It begins in 1800 with the chance meeting in Port Mahon, Minorca, of Jack Aubrey, a naval officer, and Stephen Maturin, an Irish-Catalan physician. Maturin agrees to serve as surgeon on board Aubrey's sloop *Sophie* as it attacks French shipping in the

Mediterranean. Although superficially having little in common, the two men form a deep and lasting friendship. O'Brian is one of those writers whose knowledge of their subject is so great that, if parachuted into the place and time described, he would surely have felt instantly at home. The descriptions of life on board and the sea battles are convincingly authentic. Aubrey is a resourceful tactician and an outstanding leader of men. Many of the incidents described are based on the real exploits of naval commanders of that era. Maturin is a man of science, skilled in medicine and surgery and an enthusiastic student of natural history. He also has a dark side as a former member of the United Irishmen and, unbeknownst to Aubrey, a spy. But this is not all about swashbuckling as much of the action takes place ashore. The reader meets a host of other characters and gets a feel for life in the Royal Navy in the days of sail. If you are quickly hooked as I was, the good news is that there are 19 more books in the series to keep you absorbed through the lockdown.

Alternative choice: several decades ago Elaine introduced me to *Middlemarch*, described by Virginia Woolf as "one of the few English novels written for grown-up people". It's a rich, multi-stranded story of life in a Midlands town set around 1830 as the industrial revolution was quickly changing society. It has as much to say to us today as it ever did.

*Gordon Elliot*

## A REALLY BIG HEARTFELT THANK YOU

I suspect that there have been several milliners on Burford High Street down the centuries but perhaps not a shop that sells both hats and books.

I opened the Madhatter Bookshop in October 2011 and if I'm honest, I opened it with a large dose of bravado and little actual experience. My great grandmother was a milliner in Manchester in the 1900s, a photograph of her hangs in the shop and I was often conscious of her rather disapproving stare.

When I opened, the Kindle was at its most popular, many forecast the demise of hard books and the Oxford Times called me mad. Despite this rather wobbly start, I was immediately overwhelmed by the support of Burfordians of all ages. I met many wonderful people and I was astounded by the community spirit that took me and my family under its wing. Burford really is an astonishing place. The work and effort that goes into the Burford Festival, the parish council, the monthly magazine and the creativity of Onform sculpture show at Asthall simply takes my breath away.

I feel very fortunate to have been part of all of that and I hope I can continue to support this unique community going forward.

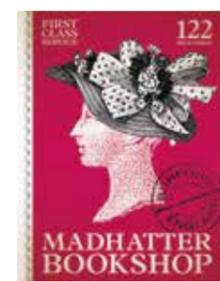
Undoubtedly, the success of any bookshop depends on its customer service and I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the fabulous team at the Madhatters. Thank you to Liz Savage whose organisational skills saved my bacon on many occasions and to Caroline for her enthusiasm, drive and commitment to the bookshop. Huge thanks to Anna, my longest-serving team member, and more latterly Chrissie who stepped in to save Christmas.

However, I must give a special vote of thanks to Kim Harvey who has taken on the Madhatters from 1 April. Kim has been with the Madhatters for the last five years and I know she will do a fantastic job as she quite literally oozes commitment to the future of the shop. She brings with her a wealth of experience and she is already planning some very exciting new ventures and events. Watch out for her window displays and social media...

I am very happy that the Madhatters is set to thrive in the future and I'm sending lots of best wishes and thanks from me and all my children (most of whom you've met at some point behind the counter).

We've had the best time at the Madhatters.

*Sara Hall*



STAYING AT HOME ISN'T EASY

## WODC COUNCILLOR REPORT

WODC is still operating under lockdown conditions as I write. 75% of the staff are now working from home and all reception facilities, meetings and other general activities have been cancelled. WODC is investigating which videoconferencing systems would be suitable for virtual meetings; such a meeting with up to 50 people, many of them not "tech savvy", could be quite a challenge.

Broadband has been given priority status by the government as an essential service. Consequently, Gigaclear are still working to roll out the WODC project requirements.

The planning application to extend the Guildenford car park is still live and the comments, objections etc., are still rolling in. Unfortunately, the residents of Guildenford and Church Lane will tend to lose out whether the car park is extended or not. No extension will mean the existing queues and chaos along Church Lane as hopeful drivers drive in fruitlessly and exit while more wait to enter. For Guildenford it means that returning shoppers have nowhere to park in order to unload their shopping. If the car park is extended it will mean traffic flows into the car park and out but there will be more of it.

Opening the field, 10am till 6pm, has a temporary planning permission with one year to run. It also relies on either the landowner or myself unlocking and locking the gate.

As I applied on behalf of the town council it ensures that the application will be heard at the Uplands Committee giving more opportunity for various voices to be heard and points of view expressed. However, under current circumstances no one knows when it will reach the committee stage.

Various people are suggesting the car park should be at the top of the Hill adjacent to the A40 and a shuttle bus service implemented. That would require at least two buses operating over an extended day, minimum 9:30am till 11:00pm judging by current Guildenford usage. No one has costed that proposal and explained where the drivers would come from.

Finally, if planning permission is refused it will probably fall to my successor to implement the WODC Local Plan 2031 and Parking Strategy for 200 extra off street parking spaces in Burford.

*Derek Cotterill - 12 April 2020*



## BURFORD'S TOLSEY MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY

### Driving on the wrong side?



Standing in the middle of Burford High Street was not too hazardous in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century when Mr Packer took the photos for the postcards shown above and below.

The 'stay at home policy' during the current pandemic afforded a rare opportunity to do the same, with very few vehicles moving about at 3 o'clock on a Thursday afternoon recently.

The car in the pre-1907 photo posed no threat to Mr Packer, because although it appears to be ascending the Hill it is an early example of a 'cut and paste' exercise. Perhaps his printer in Prussia thought it would add some interest to the scene, unaware that cars have been driving on the left in England since 1835!



Whilst the recent photos show more cars, only a couple are on the move, and the scene has hardly changed.



Of course, during the Covid19 crisis, the Tolsey Museum remains closed, but we still hope to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary, either on 3 July or later in the year if necessary.

[Chris Walker - tolseymuseum@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tolseymuseum@yahoo.co.uk)

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## OCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

### Coronavirus (Covid-19) report

These are unprecedented times, we all need to take care and follow the latest Government advice. Staff at the county council are working flat out as we cannot simply close down or ask everybody to work from home, we are there to support and protect Oxfordshire's residents particularly the vulnerable. We are prioritising our work and where possible staff are working from home. There are some areas that will see an increase in demand at a time when some of our staff will become ill with the virus. There will be some changes as we have to prioritise our work to key areas.

The main area of work in social care, both adult and children's, has to continue on a 24/7 basis protecting around 7,000 residents. We expect the number of people requiring care to increase as informal carers become ill and are unable to continue care. This work is vital as it's important we keep as many people as possible out of hospital.

We are working closely with the NHS to provide care and facilities for those patients who do not require acute care to be cared for away from hospitals or at home, freeing up beds for those who most need them. This includes the group that we need to shield from the virus who are thought to be most at risk across the county.

The government are shielding the extremely vulnerable (approx. 1.5 million across the country) full details can be found on the website - [Extremely vulnerable: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19)

Currently those people identified by the NHS as extremely vulnerable are being contacted by the NHS by letter, email, text or all 3 to say that they need to isolate themselves at home for the next 12 weeks. They will be asked if they have any help to collect prescriptions and food. This may be supplied by one of the brilliant local groups that have been set up. If they don't have any help

then they will be told to contact the council who will arrange a contact which again may come from one of the local groups. As you will see from the document these are certain groups within the population but there may be others that need help such as those in self-isolation which is where all the volunteers will help. If somebody thinks they should be on the list and haven't been contacted they should contact their GP or hospital clinician.

To assist in the logistics across the country there are Local Resilience Forums. We are in the Thames Valley, based around the police authority area. These are where the blue light services link in with the NHS and local authorities to consider the high-level strategy. These then delegate down to the County to work with WODC and other Districts to coordinate the local hubs. The government have seconded military planners to assist in the hubs which is where all the local community groups come in to the local networks. This is about all working together to ensure that we do not duplicate provision or even worse miss a vulnerable resident

The organic growth of the community networks or hubs that we are seeing being set up is fantastic. These groups are providing some excellent services to local residents who are self-isolating or do not have relatives locally. It's important that they are community led but we need to avoid duplication, so the county council and Districts are working with Oxfordshire Volunteers to list them all and provide support where needed.

If you are approached by people wishing to volunteer, they can register at: <https://oxonvolunteers.org/vk/volunteers/index.htm>

Unfortunately, there are some cases of people taking advantage of the vulnerable residents so Trading Standards are working with the police monitoring the situation and will take action should there be a need. Should you be aware of anything please do not hesitate to contact me.

This is a very fast-moving situation so please use the OCC: <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-from-the-government/> and Government: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> websites for the latest information.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the residents who continue to work to help us get through this difficult time.

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

### Breaking News:

I am extremely pleased to report that the HGV ban and contract has now been signed off by both OCC and Burford Town Council as of 6 April.

It is now binding !!

The next steps are to organise the signage to be put in place, however, unfortunately, the contractor for the signage is in lock down due to the coronavirus - so it will be delayed until normalcy returns !! The HGV ban will happen !!



Exceptional times need exceptional measures. Which is why for the first time in our history, we will not be holding our much anticipated AGM

with its usual pomp and ceremony. In the interests of social distancing to forestall any overnight camping to secure one of the fought after seats, this year we are having a virtual AGM, as explained below.

Around 1 May our members will be emailed or posted the below papers that need to be considered at the AGM.

- (1) The 2019 Minutes
- (2) The Chairman's Report
- (3) The Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report
- (4) The names of those standing for re-election
- (5) The name of the Examiner
- (6) Our planned Order & Delivery Schedule for the next 12 months.

Where required the items will already have been proposed and seconded with the names shown.

All those standing for re-election and all the items specified will then be taken as 'Agreed' on the 30 May unless I receive any contrary comments by the 15 May. Similarly any questions, suggestions or comments should also be sent to me ( 01993 822769 or [peteremartin@btinternet.com](mailto:peteremartin@btinternet.com)) by this date.

In the meantime, (as a trial run for 12 months) in order to reduce any Covid-19 pandemic risks, we will now accept telephone orders on 01993 822462.

Additionally, your membership fee, (which yet again has been pegged at the eye watering figure of £5), to cover June 2020 to May 2021 can now be paid by bank transfer – but it is essential that the payee's name is quoted in the reference.

Membership Application / Renewals forms can be downloaded from our website as follows <http://www.burfordoil.co.uk/downloads/Applicationform2019.pdf>

Your continued support and understanding is much appreciated in this constantly developing situation. We and the suppliers are doing everything we can to keep our show on the road, until we are all able to come out safely on the other side. Many thanks and keep safe.

[Peter Martin \(Chairman\)](#)



## BURFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

We now have plenty of time to get our gardens tidy, even immaculate. However during the winter I read a book *The Garden Jungle*, by Dave Goulson which I would like to recommend. He advocated a relaxed style of gardening to encourage wildlife. For example not tidying borders in the autumn but leaving the top growth on herbaceous plants until February or March to provide food and shelter for insects. He also suggested not using any insecticides or peat-containing composts. And finally leaving some grass uncut until later in summer with a final cut in autumn and also cutting the shorter grass paths less frequently.

So the reason my garden doesn't look too neat maybe isn't just old age.

*David Day*

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## GARDENING DISTRACTIONS



Unfortunately, due to the current crisis, the Burford and District Horticultural Society Spring Show was cancelled, but I decided to go ahead anyway in our garden - see attached photographs - this gave me a lot of pleasure using the bulbs and plants I had grown for the show and also let me know what I need to do for next year and what to replace etc. We are fortunate in Burford to have gardens as a means of getting out of the house, a bit of exercise (I dug over the veg beds!) and hope for the future - gardening is all about looking forward and doing better next time.

Keep well everyone and hopefully see you at the Summer Show on 4 July at the Bowls Club - if this proves impossible I will repeat the exercise in the garden!

*Jan Cohen*

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There was a young lady from Cyprus  
who swallowed a frightening virus.  
She fled to her room  
which looked like a tomb  
'cos the walls were made of papyrus.

*As Bridge Readers will know we do not publish poetry but this is an exception because of the exceptional times and because the sender is a top establishment figure in the town who frightens us.*

## MAY IN THE GARDEN

It's good to be back with readers of The Bridge after being unavoidably detained for some time at a government place near Bicester. While I have been away I have had time to think about what best to do in the garden. I know that during the lockdown (something I know all about now) many of you are spending more time in your gardens and why not? It's been shown that it's good for overcoming stress and there is nothing as good as lifting your first spuds of the season and taking them indoors to cook.

If you are growing vegetables, May will be a busy month for you. Your soil should be warming up now so you can sow things like French beans, carrots, sweetcorn, squash and pumpkins directly into the ground. If you have already started them off in pots you can now plant these out. If the weather is dry, it's best to water the drills before you sow the seed and then cover the seeds with dry soil. I am growing 'Swift' F1 sweetcorn and hope to have a good crop later.

If you are growing radishes, beetroot, carrots and peas, it's a good idea to put several batches in at different times so that you get them to eat through the summer. If you sow them all together, you get a glut all at once and may have to give them away, something that goes against my nature.

Remember to keep banking up the soil over your potato shoots as they grow. Keeping the potatoes covered helps make sure you don't get any green ones which are poisonous. It also helps protect them against a late frost.

Courgettes are a particular favourite of Mrs Potter and me. Before you plant them out, dig a good big hole at least a spade's depth and width. If your soil is poor, as it often is in these parts, dig in plenty of muck or compost before you fill in the hole. They spread out a lot when they get going so leave at least three feet between them to allow for this.

If the plants don't thrive, give them a feed with high nitrogen fertiliser or put some more muck around the base. Make sure you give them plenty of water when the fruit is setting, especially if it is dry, as they are thirsty devils. Try not to wet the leaves as this can cause mildew, and put some straw underneath to keep the courgettes off the ground.

You can start harvesting them when they are four or five inches long. Keep a sharp eye on them as they can suddenly start to grow fast and soon they are as big as marrows and not so nice to eat. Cut them off with a good sharp knife. Don't twist them as that can damage the plant. Keep harvesting them and they'll go on cropping until the autumn.

If you can't find supplies for your garden, you could try Burford Garden Company, Hickmans or Cassington Nurseries on line.

Keep planting the seeds and fighting the weeds. As we say in the Cotswolds. "Plant and your wife plants with you. Weed and you weed alone."

Happy gardening!  
*Adge Potter*

## NOTES FROM THE BEE HIVES



Early spring is an exciting if slightly nerve-racking time of year for beekeepers. Over these past few sunny days (first two weeks of April) we will have opened up the hives for the first time since the autumn. There is much to do.

Although periodically we have 'hefted' the hives to feel their weight, we need now to establish how well each colony has survived the winter. If the bees are active and strong we examine the frames to check that they have sufficient 'stores' (honey) and look for evidence that there is still a queen and that she has started laying again. So we are interested in a raft of detail: the size of the colony (number of bees), the amount of stores, whether there are eggs (recently laid by the queen) and sealed brood (larvae soon to hatch out as bees). Assuming all these are satisfactory we set about examining each frame to try and find the queen to mark her so that we can more easily see her in future. After all there could be up to 80,000 bees in each hive later in the summer!

Over the winter the queen and her colony have had free run of at least two boxes; a deep brood box and a slimmer 'super'. Now we separate one from the other by placing a 'queen excluder' between the lower brood box and the upper super. This is a sheet perforated with holes just wide enough to allow free movement of the worker bees between each box but too narrow for the slightly larger queen. We confine her to the lower brood box so that we don't get eggs and larvae in the supers where the bees will store their honey.

While this is going on we are also looking after the hygiene of each hive, checking for disease and identifying the different pollens\* that the bees are bringing in with which to feed the larvae. We provide various natural tonics to the weaker colonies and check each hive for damage that needs attention - and all this among clouds of agitated bees, cross that their peace and quiet has been disturbed!

\*The bees mix the protein rich pollen with a little nectar to make a paste known as 'bee bread' which they feed to the developing larvae. The colour of the pollen can reveal its source. At this time of year some of the following pollen is being collected: hazel - light green; willow - yellow; alder - brownish yellow; dandelion - orange; blackthorn - brick red.

*Camilla and Clendon Daukes*

## DOGS ON THE REC

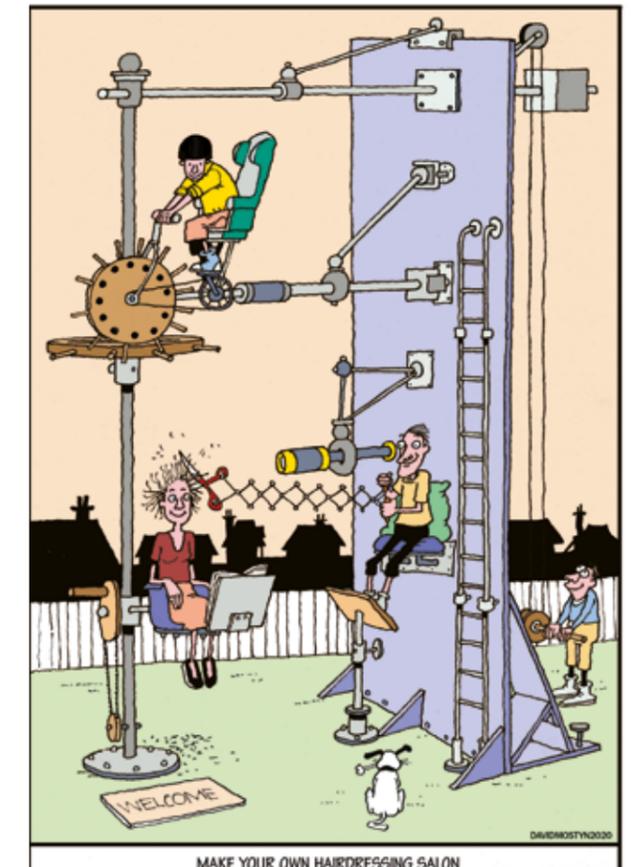
A number of people have asked us to put in a special mention about dogs on the Rec. They are welcome there but **ONLY ON A LEAD**. A problem can arise if the owner has to go to retrieve the dog who is within 6 feet of other pedestrians as they are all then within an infection zone. The West Field, next to the Rec, is a lovely space for dogs to exercise freely and without causing concern to self-isolationists.

*Editors*

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## MRS BUMBLES DIARY MAY 2020

Probably not a lot that we can add at this time but we would also like to thank the NHS and all the other frontline staff for the fantastic job they are doing. We are all grateful for your efforts.

Also thanks to our staff – without their help we would not have been able to start our food delivery service and keep the shop open as usual.

In the meantime, I thought you might like to try one of my favourite recipes – a twist on a traditional quiche recipe. Keep safe !

Ingredients	Equipment
Shortcrust pastry 100g chopped walnuts 2 – 3 pears, peeled, cored and diced 50g butter 2 tbsps. date balsamic vinegar 100-150g Blue cheese 6 eggs ½ pint cream Blind beans Salt Pepper	Quiche dish Chopping board Knife Frying pan Wooden spoon Scales Rolling pin Bowl Potato Peeler Whisk Jug Bakewell paper

### Method

1. Add the chopped walnuts to the pastry.
2. Grease the quiche dish and line with the pastry.
3. Put in bakewell paper and beans and bake blind at 200C for 10 mins.
4. Take out the beans and return to the oven for 5 minutes.
5. Melt the butter in the frying pan and add the pears, cook over a low heat for 5 minutes, turn up the heat to full and add the date balsamic.
6. Cook until the pears are a dark colour and the balsamic is thick.
7. Place the pears in the pastry base.
8. Crumble the cheese on top of the pears.
9. Break the eggs into the bowl, add the cream, season and whisk.
10. Pour the egg mixture onto the pears.
11. Place in the oven at 200C for 30-40 mins.
12. Serve with a green salad especially with rocket.

*Sally Colter*



## NAME THAT DUCK



I thought that you might be interested in the photos that I took in Burford on the River Windrush by the main car park, to feature in The Bridge.



I absolutely love this duck with its tufty head and wondered whether your readers would know exactly what type of duck it is?  
*Albee Yeend*

## 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, information and any photos to:

[editor@thebridgeburford.co.uk](mailto:editor@thebridgeburford.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can leave letters and articles at Burford News for us to collect.

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

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## CANCELLATION NOTICES

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Unfortunately all WI events have been cancelled until further notice.

If you need any assistance or have any questions please contact Frankie on 07967 817994 or

[francescafowkes@hotmail.com](mailto:francescafowkes@hotmail.com)

Stay safe x

*Francesca Fowkes*

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Unsurprisingly and now officially, our summer concert on 28 June is also cancelled.

*Catherine Martin - Burford Singers*

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BURFORD and DISTRICT SOCIETY

It will probably come as no surprise to know that due to the pestilence the planned visit to Brockworth Court on 12 May will no longer take place.

*Peter Martin*

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## FRIENDS OF BURFORD LIBRARY

Sadly, I think you will all know the content of this item. Something that none of us expected to experience in our lifetime has arrived and knocked the world for six. Oxfordshire Library Service acted promptly by closing all libraries from 21 March. We had already stood down all our valued volunteers in order to shield them from infection.

So, we have had to cancel all the activities which had been advertised in last month's Bridge: no Nicola Cornick, no Faith Martin, no poetry competition and no Poetry and Pimms in the Ashtons' garden on 28 June.

I'm sure many of you will miss the Scrabble evenings which have been put on hold until the situation improves.

On the brighter side (we hope) Plonk and Pudding will only be postponed. We don't, of course, know when it will be but we hope to rearrange a suitable time and date later in the year.

This comes with best wishes for your safety and good health.

*Elizabeth Mortimore*



## CHURCH SERVICES DURING LOCKDOWN

For obvious reasons we do not have our usual list of church services in this area this month. Burford Parish Church is live streaming two services on Sundays, JAM for children at 9.30am and a Benefice service at 10.00. [burfordchurch.org](http://burfordchurch.org) Details of Roman Catholic Churches which do live streaming of Mass can be found at [mcnmedia.tv](http://mcnmedia.tv)

Information for Methodists, Baptists and Quakers about online prayer and services can be found on their respective websites [methodist.org.uk](http://methodist.org.uk), [baptist.org.uk](http://baptist.org.uk) and [quaker.org.uk](http://quaker.org.uk)  
*Editors*

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*Tom Putt, Vicar of Burford, Fulbrook, Taynton, Astall, Swinbrook and Widford has asked us to include this message:*



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**NEW COURSE starting on 5 May and running for seven weeks**

The first session is a no obligation, introduction session.

## GRANTS FROM BUSWT

The purpose of the Burford Upton & Signet Welfare Trust (BUSWT) is to aid the welfare of people living in these areas.

The Trust has a modest annual income of approximately £2,500 from investments and donations, last year they were able to help:

- **Individuals facing hardship**
- **Preschool and Primary School with projects and activities**
- **Community groups who help both young and older people**
- **Young people with higher education projects, equipment and trips**

If you know anyone who might need help in any way, please contact the Secretary, Christine Brown, 01993 822589 or [christineibrown7@gmail.com](mailto:christineibrown7@gmail.com)

All requests are kept confidential.  
*Christine Brown*

In Burford the most obvious changes are the lack of visitors and the small amount of traffic. The ability to stand on the white line in the middle of the High Street is a novelty in itself. It's possible to go for a circuitous walk around the town and see perhaps half a dozen people. Someone pointed out that people are talking to each other more. If you see someone, even if you do not recognise them, you know they must be local so you stop for a chat. Then there is the apologetic smile you give to the person approaching along the pavement as you swerve to one side to maintain the statutory two metres of separation. We have had to acquire new skills, ranging from how to use Zoom or Google Hangouts to remembering what items you touched before you washed your hands or afterwards.



Empty High Street but full stock in Mrs Bumbles.  
Photo Peter Martin

Our hair grows longer and in some cases starts to change colour. Cars sit on driveways quietly gathering dust. Will grass soon be growing along the middle of the A40?

Some residents are leaving their garden gates open so they can see friends going by without the risk of visitors wandering in. Residents on The Hill must be surprised to be able to go out of their front doors without finding someone posing on the doorstep for a selfie. We admired the resourcefulness of two ladies in Fulbrook who were enjoying a coffee and a chat, each sitting at a safe distance on opposite sides of the lane.

How long will this last and will things ever be the same? We can only wait and see.

An unusually empty Fulbrook/Burford Bridge. Photo Peter Martin



## LOCAL PHOTOS

We are grateful for all the photographs which have been sent to us by Bridge Readers. Regrettably we cannot include them all but hope that the following small selection will be of interest.



We like Bridges! As well as the Fulbrook/Burford bridge shown on the previous page, Corinne Titcomb kindly sent us this one of a bridge in Taynton.

A Great Tit chick in Fulbrook by Kim Kekwick



A favourite Westhall Hill walk by Peter Martin



Photo of Shilton Road development by Wendy Hill



## USEFUL CONTACTS + INFORMATION

Please note that most hours of opening will no longer apply

**Burford Recreation Pavilion** (Children's Events) 01993 823647  
**Burford Pre School,** 01993 824031  
**Burford School** 01993 823303  
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 01993 823647  
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**Burford Visitor Information Centre** 01993 823558  
 Open Mon – Sat 9.30 am – 5 pm  
 Sun 10 am – 4 pm

**Carterton Health Centre** 01993 841718  
**NHS** 111  
[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)  
**Centre for Carers in Oxfordshire** 01295 264545  
[www.oxoncarers.org.uk](http://www.oxoncarers.org.uk)

**Chemist** Reavley's 01993 823144  
**Chipping Norton Veterinary Hospital**  
 Burford Branch 01608 642547  
 Mon–Fri 2.30–4pm  
 Saturday 11.30am - 12 noon

**Churches**  
 Anglican St. John the Baptist 01993 823788  
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 For Information 0845 3101111  
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Hickman Brothers Landscapes Ltd	Garden Design and Construction, Landscape and Garden Supplies <a href="http://www.hickmanlandscapes.co.uk">www.hickmanlandscapes.co.uk</a>	01993 822226
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. <a href="http://www.kendallanddavies.co.uk">www.kendallanddavies.co.uk</a>	01993 822025
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EIWell	Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nutrition Helping people stay independent as they get older	01865 238185
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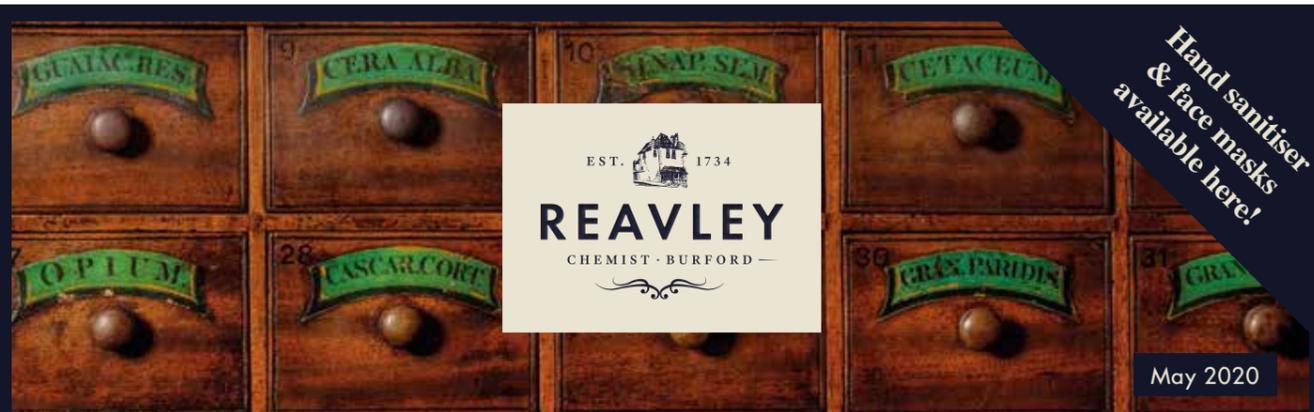
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Mr Reavley responded to the call and graciously offered his time to help during these challenging times. We are grateful to have him back even though this is temporary.

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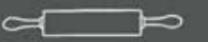
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