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The main character in Jonathan Coe's novel *What A Carve Up* is an unsuccessful novelist who is given the opportunity to review a book by a rival author. He composes a hatchet job and then considers what would be the best concluding sentence summarising the failings of the writer. He decides on "I suspect, finally, that he lacks the necessary brio." He is pleased with the piece and, after it is published, he speaks to various friends about it but is puzzled that they don't seem to have understood it. Finally he rereads the article and finds that it says the defect of the writer is that "he lacks the necessary biro."

Spotting typographical errors is a fine art and at The Bridge we are fortunate to have the skills of Judy Cumming and her occasional deputies, Ruth Reavley and June and Ivan Hall to check our copy before it is printed. However many times the editors check the text, there are inevitably a few errors that slip through but Judy's hawk-like powers of observation always find a typo, an errant comma or double space between words. So thank you Judy, an unseen heroine of The Bridge team.

Slowly, slowly life seems to be creeping back to something a bit more normal. One sign of this in our list of forthcoming events is entries saying that the venue is "Warwick Hall and/or Zoom" and indeed the more intrepid among us are venturing to meetings in person. Another is the welcome return of the Burford Singers who are performing for the first time since lockdown on 28 November. No doubt Brian Kay will be conducting with his customary biro.

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BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL



It is good to see and hear the chatter of children walking up and down The Hill to school again. This truly marks the start of autumn after an uncertain summer. The weather was definitely uncertain, and although we gained freedom from almost all the domestic Covid rules in August, it didn't allow us back to life as it was before Covid. As you read this, who knows whether restrictions will be back and what

might happen over the winter to come? It all makes planning very difficult.

The final HGV survey will be carried out during October or November to provide data on the changes the 7.5 tonne HGV limit through Burford has made on both Burford and other areas around. This survey will be for one week and this time, in addition to using an ATC system (two pneumatic tubes across the carriageway that sense the vehicle wheels crossing and a computer to calculate the type of vehicle and its speed from the pulses generated), it will use a video system to break down the smaller HGVs from 3.5 to 7.5 tonnes, which are permitted to travel through Burford, and the 7.5 to 18 tonne HGVs which are not unless they are exempt or delivering to the town. This should provide much more accurate data than the previous surveys at the critical sites in the area. The experimental weight limit is due to end in January unless OCC decide to make it permanent. Hopefully the new survey data will provide a good basis for their decision. The previous surveys indicated that the larger HGVs over 18 tonnes have been reduced by over 50%; a great result.

Recent press reports suggested that the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which includes Burford was to be designated a National Park. This was proposed by the Cotswolds Conservation Board in 2018, and a report chaired by Julian Glover was submitted to government in 2019. The government body Natural England are advising the government and it was reported that we may know more later this year. However, the Cotswold Conservation Board have advised that they are unaware of any imminent announcement on this.

This would affect Burford. The town council will consider this potential change at our next meeting, but as with most government changes, I would not expect anything much for a few years by the time consultations have happened. However we will make sure we are prepared.

For those who are interested in the changes this might bring, please see the Cotswolds Conservation Board's website at

<https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/A-Cotswolds-National-Park-Position-Statement-Dec18.pdf>

You can find this link on the Burford Town Council website under News.

Peter Higgs - Mayor

WATCH YOUR STEP

Repair of the Western Pavement of the High Street, Burford in October and November

Oxfordshire County Council are repairing the western pavement of the High Street from Antiques at the George down to the Cotswold Arms starting on 25 October and completing by 19 November.

This will involve no parking in this section of the High Street for the duration of the work including weekends. As they carry out the work section by section, parts of the pavement will be closed over the period, but access will be maintained. OCC will be contacting all the properties concerned at least two weeks before by letter.

These repairs are urgently needed as parts of the pavement are now dangerous and in places the slope towards the road is far too steep for the safety of disabled and visually impaired users. The work will be raising the kerbs using the traditional granite kerbstones to create a low 1 in 25 maximum gradient of the pavement on the road side of the black Victorian paving towards the kerb. The areas of tarmac will be completely resurfaced with golden tarmac. Broken gullies will be replaced with the nearest modern version where necessary. This work is being done at the joint request of the town council and the Burford and District Society.

Burford Town Council

WODC COUNCILLOR REPORT



Some will be pleased, some will be dismayed but either way the town council project to expand the existing Guildenford car park looks doomed. The planning officer's report recommends "Refusal" for the expected reasons, affecting the setting of a Grade 1 listed building and being located in the flood plain. As there is no way to alter either of these facts we have reached the end of the road if

the Uplands Committee members, on 20 September, sanction the officer's recommendation. This application was the "free go" which applies when applications are refused and can be used to address the reasons for refusal. Some were addressed but the St John the Baptist church will remain where it is and the flood plain issue will remain the risk that it currently is. The town council has neither funds nor expertise to take this further.

The church is at increasing risk of flooding as the years pass. It would appear that the millstream was considerably deeper, up to a man's shoulder, in the 1920s and 30s. The landowner swam in it when he was young, 75 years ago, but now it is not deep enough for my labrador, Jasper, to swim in it. It is choked with silt and undergrowth. The car park repair of a few years ago put a pinch point into the millstream which causes the car park to flood. Environment Agency policies against dredging have and are increasing the risk to the church.

The WODC Local Infrastructure Plan calls for 200 extra off-street car parking spaces before 2024.

Over to WODC, it's up to them to find the land, not the recreation land including Westfield, to locate this facility.

It's for the town to choose the successor district councillor who will help in this matter.

It's for the traders and residents suffering from lack of parking facilities to pressurise these bodies.

Derek Cotterill - 12 September 2021

See our website thebridgeburford.co.uk for the result on the car park - Ed

AS I WAS SAYING.....

Acronyms. They are Marmite – you either love 'em or hate 'em but this is a high-minded organ (*really?* - Ed) and we must seek a balance. Just to whet your appetite, what do you make of this:
NIOMTPLABARBMBETZHELBTBABSBOBOMONIMONKON
OTDTEKHSTROMONT

Quite right, it's the longest acronym in the world according to the Guinness Book of Words and I will not tell you what it stands for because you will have lost the will to live before I get to the end. It's something to do with Russian cement companies, 54 letters in English if you're counting but 56 in Cyrillic. I do hope Judy Cumming, our distinguished proof reader, checks the spelling.

It rather damages the principal argument of acronym supporters, namely that acronyms are useful short cuts! But they are in practice. Nobody thinks that it is rampant wokism to refer to the USA, (or even the US) or to the EU – everybody understands what you mean. Hopefully everybody accepts that BTC is Burford Town Council, otherwise forests of trees and oceans of ink will be wasted. They also serve as useful disguises enabling you to call your life partner a BF in front of the children and distressed Afghans, in desperation at the inability of civil servants to issue exit visas in time, to tell the FO to FO. Perhaps the most vivid example of acronymic disinformation is the now famous PCR test. Realising I had no idea what the initials stood for, I looked them up – they stand for "Polymerase Chain Reaction". I was somewhat disconcerted to find that the principal purpose of PCR tests is to diagnose genital herpes!

The second most useful attribute of acronyms is to supply fodder for pub quizzes. They can range from the dead easy – "What does HM stand for?" – to the maddeningly difficult – "What does UNICEF?" stand for" – to the hopelessly impossible – "What does URL stand for?" I will give you the last one – Uniform Resource Locator. Or the quiz master may ask the contestants to translate "NB – FYI I'm going AWOL ASAP this p.m." Or "What is the opposite of DIY?" Obviously it's GSI – "Get Someone In"

What is the case against the use of acronyms? They irritate some people intensely and the reason seems to be that the person using them is suspected of doing so to demonstrate that he/she knows what they mean whilst the hearer doesn't. That may be true but the opportunities for confusion are endless. Be very wary of asking somebody if he is a member of the AA. You may be invited to a meeting and find yourself encouraged to confess your addiction rather than the viewing of a range of classic cars which you had been anticipating.

BA is an absolute nightmare! It ranges from the wholly respectable British Airways, Bachelor of Arts and Bank of America, through various scatological iterations to medical usages, Breast Augmentation, Bronchial Asthma and Brachial Artery, and further on to the frankly incomprehensible, Ballistic Aggregation, Bacteriologic Algorithm and Bison Ambassador. Why bison should need an ambassador is beyond me – suggestions on a postcard



please. Google lists 142 versions of BA and I expect most of you can think of a few more. Would it be possible to construct a whole sentence out of BAs? Those still WFH might have a go but I have ROOS (Run Out Of Space) so will TITT (Throw In The Towel).
John White - Councillor



Just a reminder that the next Burford festival is set for Friday 10 June to Sunday 19 June 2022 (inclusive) so please put these dates in your diaries.

As the first Burford festival after a bumpy couple of years for everyone, the new team is very excited to be planning a local, community-based festival to celebrate our special town, the talent within Burford and our resilient local traders, businesses, pubs and clubs. We are especially delighted that Brian Kay's Burford Singers will be performing and we are welcoming back the hugely popular Three Inch Fools (www.threeinchfools.com).



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

Sara Hall, Jane Arnell, Adrian Jackson, Karel and Ann Morris, Jennie Craven, John Hendry
www.burfordfestival.org

METAL DETECTING

Land wanted for metal detecting for retired gentleman who will pay small fee to farmer or landowner.

I am a member of the metal detectives and hold a full NCMD licence .

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Recent finds include a seal ring for which the farmer received £3000.00

Reference can be supplied.

Corrected Contact Number is **07930820012**
Steve Hunt



BURFORD TOLSEY MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

Among the textiles in the museum collections are several pieces of this plain- or tabby-weave linen fabric which came from the former home of Abiah (1786-1842) and James (1790-1872) Wall, now part of the group 136-142 High Street, Burford, which included the Three Goats Head Inn.

Having bought out her brothers following the death of their father, James Daniel (b.1756 – d. ?) landlord and flax-dresser, Abiah Daniel became the sole proprietor. In need of help, James Wall of Eynsham was employed to manage this business, bringing skills as a rope-maker. He soon married Abiah, and their descendants went on to develop the family business 'Established in 1755', supplying a wide range of products through almost two centuries.

Received family tradition states that the blue and white fabric was woven on the premises, but no record of linen-weaving has been found in the 18th century account books of the business, although flax dressing and sack weaving are mentioned many times.

For an exhibition of 'remnants of Burford's past' in 1939, Abiah's grandson Jabez James Wall loaned a hat-block and straw bonnets as relics of Abiah's hatmaking business, but in Mrs Gretton's account of the exhibition in her *Burford Past and Present* no mention is made of any linen weaving being loaned, despite the family's declared provenance for the checked material; perhaps the fabric was still being used as furnishing. Similar tabby-weave linen survived as bed covers and curtains at Shipton-under-Wychwood, Asthall and Winchcombe, examples of which are shown below.

In the absence of firm proof for linen being woven in Burford, the oral tradition remains the only evidence. [Chris Walker - tolseymuseum@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Chris.Walker@tolseymuseum@yahoo.co.uk)

Below are fragments of late 18th century linen furnishing fabric.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

At our August meeting the FaB WI had the pleasure of hosting Heather from the Medical Detection Dogs charity along with her gorgeous dog, Edward. We learned how dogs have an ability to detect many illnesses through their incredible sense of smell. They have millions of scent receptors and a unique method of circular breathing which enable them to detect diseases such as Parkinson's and diabetes. There are also dogs trained to support individuals with severe allergies and life-threatening conditions. For these owners, they give confidence and a quality of life and independence they would otherwise not have. There are several trials ongoing for various forms of cancer including prostate cancer, and over 20 dogs are trained and ready to be COVID detection dogs at our airports once given the go ahead to start work. A pair of dogs working together at an airport could check 250 people per hour, all without them having to touch the individuals or to have people stop moving in the line. Truly remarkable. I had the absolute privilege to meet one of these wonderful working dogs just last week in a hotel in Northumberland. Its owner explained how her dog had transformed her life to the extent that she could now holiday away from her home and have real independence.

Our September meeting will be our traditional Harvest Bring and Share Supper. It is always a very convivial evening and this year we will be joined by Sally Colter, the owner of Mrs Bumbles, who will yet again be talking all things food.

On 12 October we are hosting the Lechlade Craft Barn. This is a return visit for a hands-on crafting evening guided by their expert tutors. We will be making 'Kumihimo' or 'Kusudama' paper flowers – using old books and/or magazines, decorating with felt or button centres.

The FaB WI walking group is on the move again. We are starting our September walk at 9am on Saturday 29th. Details of this and future routes/ start locations can be obtained from Jennie Craven at 07710 103015 or jennie_craven@cgem.co.uk. Guests would be most welcome to join us.

The FaB WI is part of the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Warwick Hall at 7.30 p.m. Guests will always receive a very warm welcome at meetings or come and join our very informal coffee/tea afternoon in Cafe 15 every third Tuesday of the month at around 2.30. For further information please visit our website thefabwi.org.uk or contact Jane Arnell our secretary at gjaarnell@icloud.com or on 01993 822755. Alternatively contact our President Ginny Renwick on 07802 351888 or FABWI.ginny@gmail.com. *Angela Weller*

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

DETERIORATION OF THE SHERBORNE BROADWATERS

The famous Broadwaters have been an iconic landscape representing Sherborne for 250 years. In the second part of the 1700s, two lakes were formed by placing weirs across the Sherborne Brook. This created a classic "serpentine" form in the valley bottom, seen from the village to its south. This was the style of the parkland design fashion at this point in time with the water in the middle distance, fronted by a gently sloping pasture to the water's edge, then rising ground away to the horizon dotted with trees and features. This is a Grade 2 listed parkland.



The Sherborne Broadwaters a few years ago



The Upper Broadwater today

The Broadwaters are much more cleverly engineered than one might initially surmise. Although it appears to sit in the valley bottom, it is actually at a higher elevation by about six feet off the valley bottom, and shifted to the north, to allow its vista to be seen better. Both ends are hidden cleverly by trees, hinting that the lakes continued out of sight.

Of the two weirs, the upper one (often called the cascade, although we think that's a derivation of the "cast gate" weir) has a sluice through the middle and intriguingly an eel trap in a separate conduit, both disused and non-functional now. An attractive small arched foot bridge and a cobbled ford surrounded by careful masonry complete this weir, a delightful view from the road. The lower weir, actually a much more dramatic and taller weir, though hidden, is equipped with two sluices, one a "flood" sluice to manage the level and the other sluice once used to power a turbine and provide electricity to Sherborne. All these water management features have been in disrepair for decades and are now unusable. As a result nearly two years ago the lower Broadwater bank breached in flood conditions and that breach continues to this day, eroding the soil of the pasture to its south.



The Lower Broadwater today with the derelict turbine house in the background.

For 250 years the lakes were carefully managed, and villagers and visitors alike have been charmed by the classic view from the road. Occasionally the silt was dredged and regular and careful use of the sluices meant that growth of reeds which might cover the lake surface was knocked back.

Regrettably for the last 30 years or so the two lakes have been allowed to fill with silt, and weeds have run rampant. For a few years villagers kept the weeds at bay cutting and pulling weed with a boat, but latterly there was so much silt the boat no longer had depth to float and the weed growth was simply allowed to run wild. Today both Broadwaters are mostly covered in weed - about 95% - and the view has gone, replaced by an ugly swamp. Successional species such as willow and other large shrubs are now populating the valley bottom, and it looks dismal in comparison to its history of open water.

A community group, made of 140+ locals, has been urging the owners, the National Trust, to address this issue, making the point that this is a heritage view and most precious and valued to the community, but so far to no avail – money and environmental concerns are cited as the reasons the National Trust will not clear silt and weed. This is a dynamic change to the landscape and the most significant change the local landscape has undergone for centuries. Villagers are frustrated by the attitude of the National Trust towards their heritage.

Roger Davies, Sherborne Brook Support Group.
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ANNUAL LUNCH MEETING - PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

Tuesday 19 October - ‘Crocodiles – someone has to like them’.

What animal has the most powerful bite of any living creature? Which animals breathe air, but can stay submerged for hours at a time? The answer is of course the crocodilians. But why would anyone want to work with crocodiles when they can eat you? Why indeed would anyone want to protect such animals?



For these and many other questions Colin Stephenson will give the answers in his fascinating talk which will present crocodiles and alligators in a new light - from having the most complex heart around, to teaching old crocs new tricks. Join us to dispel some of those myths and if after hearing Colin you are looking to learn more then not only does he have a new book out, *Crocodiles of the World*, but also you can come face to face with these predators at the UK's only crocodile zoo of the same name at Brize Norton.



This October members only meeting on 19 October will be our annual light lunch which will cost £8 per person (to be collected at the door).

Please note the change of venue from the Burford Boarding School, as shown in our programme, to our new home at the Warwick Hall.

While the new location gives us an increased capacity, in the interests of spacing the number of places available is strictly limited. Consequently pre-registration via our website www.burfordanddistrictsociety.co.uk is essential. Registration is already open and this really is a case of ‘first come, first served’.

For those without access to a PC telephone bookings to Julia Hart, 07779 109761 can be made.

We regret that we will be unable to cater for any members who simply turn up on the day.

The doors will open at noon and the talk will follow the lunch.

To help offset any disappointment for those who are unable to attend personally, we are hoping to be able to provide an online link to the talk which will be circulated 24 hours before the event. Please refer to our website for the latest information.

Hybrid Meetings



At the time of writing this article we have yet to hold our first experimental hybrid meeting presenting live to an audience at the Warwick Hall and simultaneously digitally online (accessed by our members by clicking on a link). Scheduled to take place on 21 September, we are trialling the hybrid arrangement to cater for those who still have reservations about physically meeting together and also to enable us to also share our meetings with anyone who is mobility challenged. Our intention is to test the viability and support for this arrangement for the balance of this year to enable us to decide whether to continue to offer the online option in 2022.

Living In Burford Packs

After very successfully managing the distribution of the free ‘Living in Burford’ packs to new residents in the town and district, Pamela Wilson is stepping down with our grateful thanks for all she has done in pioneering this community service. We are pleased to announce that Liz Jackson, a new committee member, has taken over the role so future requests should go to lizannjack@gmail.com please.

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

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

In aid of Churchill Partners, supporting Cancer Research UK in Oxford. All proceeds go direct to research.



Saturday 16 October at the Tolsey from 10.30 - 14.30 hours.

Please come and support us.
For further information please contact
Penny Barraclough - 01993 824949

SAVING THE PLANET

Our little group – the BEAGles, Burford Environmental Action Group – is expanding in numbers by the week, and we now have a core of active members who will take ideas forward that will hopefully benefit Burford and beyond, both in the short and long term. Our next meeting will be at The Angel at 7.30pm on Monday 18 October. All are welcome! Please email me on andy.hayter@gmail.com if you'd like any more information.

Our launch event will be the Repair Café at the Old Hall in Warwick Hall on 23 October, from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Please come and join us, and bring any item that needs repairing to test the skills of our resident volunteers! We can't promise complete satisfaction, but we'll have a really good try...

Please look at our Facebook page for more on this: just Google ‘Burford environment’ for the link.

Residents of our area cannot fail to have noticed the waves that were being made by the Extinction Rebellion movement in the last week of August and the first week of September. I, for one, was very impressed by their ability to hog the headlines in what was otherwise an unusually busy month for news – no silly season this year – all the more so when one considers that this was their third national foray into highlighting The Inconvenient Truth. Whatever some of us might think about their methods, there is nobody who can fault their aims in trying to raise awareness of the perilous situation in which we find ourselves. One of our number took part in the demonstrations, and this is her story:

“The recent 2021 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change makes very disturbing reading – no surprises there. When I first looked at their 2018 Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels it changed all my priorities and, in truth, the direction of my life. Now, I've never been one for protests, demonstrations or marching. I don't like crowds, confrontation, complaining or causing any sort of inconvenience to anyone, but the future prospects for humanity and our whole planet are officially, beyond any question or doubt, horrifying. And if that doesn't demand a reaction, I can't think what would. Since then, I have met many people who feel the same way and who, like me, feel they have no alternative but to act in the face of governmental inaction.

“Luckily, for those cowardly folk like me there are many different roles that need filling in this game and I found mine this August in the wonderful world of the ‘Food For All’ kitchens in Holborn, helping to prepare meals for those involved in protest actions on the streets of London. Everyone worked hard and everyone looked out for each other. Extinction Rebellion is made up from these ordinary, normal people and all are committed to non-violent direct action designed to bring about the changes required in reducing the impacts of the climate and ecological emergency we are all in, and the disaster we face.

“We don't want to be popular. We don't want to be elected. We want people to listen to the terrifying science and we will do anything that is non-violent but disruptive to achieve this.

“Protest works. Burford remembers the Levellers every year. We are their descendants. It is our turn to act to protest for our descendants yet to come.”

Powerful stuff, I think you'll agree...

Andy Hayter

COFFEE AND COMPANY AT BURFORD CHURCH

Coffee and Company has started up again each **Wednesday morning at 10.30 to 12 noon** in The Lady Chapel, Burford Church - open to all. This is a great way to meet people over a cup of coffee with a piece of home made cake!

Do join us, we would love to meet you!



Please join us every Wednesday Morning for coffee and cake in the Lady Chapel to enjoy good company and a chat.

Diana Peters

WE'RE HIRING!

Warwick Hall Caretaker

If you are an enthusiastic and flexible team player, willing to do manual labour and turn your hand to practical tasks, **we would love to hear from you!** We are looking for a reliable Caretaker to be responsible for the care, upkeep, and preparation of the Warwick Hall. They will be responsible for general maintenance, cleaning (with the assistance of two cleaners), and for moving furniture and equipment for the setting up of events and meetings.

Hours: Initially 20 hours per week
Salary: £10.50 per hour

Closing Date: 5.00pm, Friday 08 October 2021
Start Date: As soon as possible. The role is initially for three months with the possibility of an extension.
For more information, or an informal conversation, please contact



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OCTOPUS DISCOVERED IN PARISH CHURCH

St John the Baptist Church in Burford is well known as a repository of many wonderful, fascinating, and sometimes puzzling objects. The South American indigenous people on the Harman monument, the chains in the Lady Chapel, the primitive carved panel in the south aisle and the defaced inscription on one of the Sylvester monuments are but a few. Now we have another to add to the list: an octopus!

During the autumn of 2020, the lighting in the church was completely replaced. Out went the halogen lights (state-of-the-art when they were installed in 2005 but replacement bulbs now increasingly scarce) and in came state-of-the-art LEDs.) The new lighting has been transformational, with many of the monuments and medieval heads better lit than they have ever been. The electricians had to work on scaffolding for much of the time, and it was whilst they were installing the new lights high up the tower that they came across an octopus and a group of animal heads. They kindly took the photographs which are reproduced here.



I have never seen any reference to an octopus in the church so I think this must rank as a significant rediscovery. With its tentacle, suckers and eye (top right) it is unmistakably an octopus, albeit with the addition of a flipper! I wonder whether the mason had actually seen an octopus or whether it is his interpretation of someone else's description.



The existence of the animal heads in the tower was known about but I had never come across any photographs of them. They are similar to the animal heads over the west door but haven't suffered from erosion like the latter and are probably the work of the same stonemason. They include a fox, a snake, a rabbit and a raven and date back to about 1170, during the reign of King Henry II.

Now that the church has reopened, do come and experience it again in a new light (literally!). It delights us

today just as it did the first parishioners 850 years ago. And it is still a place of worship, prayer and meditation where everyone is welcome.

You will need a pair of binoculars if you want to see the octopus and animal heads in the tower.

Stephen Price (retired verger)

THE LORD WHO WAS BARRED

I was most interested in David Cohen's piece on Nell Gwynne and the Earl of Burford. A number of years ago I was visiting a house in Winchester next to the cathedral. The owner told me Nell Gwynne had resided there and showed me a door in the garden wall where Charles II crept in at nightfall. So maybe their illegitimate son, later the Earl of Burford, was conceived in the house. A print of the earl as a child with his younger brother, James, is exhibited in the Tolsey museum.

As David Cohen states, the earl was given the title of the dukedom of St Albans. Unlike his dilettante father, he sired twelve children by the same woman. His wife was a celebrated beauty and the daughter of the twentieth Earl of Oxford. The earldom of Burford was granted in perpetuity to every first son of all future dukes.

Many years later I became acquainted with a modest lady who lived in a modest terraced house in Newbury. I discovered that she was the daughter of the thirteenth duke and an aunt of the present Earl of Burford. She never used her title of "Lady" and never mentioned her aristocracy. Indeed, she was a socialist who stood in the local council elections as a Labour candidate.



Her politics were very different from those of her nephew. The present Earl of Burford was barred from the House of Lords in 1998 for standing on the Woolsack declaring that the bill to exclude most hereditary peers from voting was treasonable. He claimed that the abolition was "the abolition of Britain which has become a wasteland". The earl then left the Conservative party because it had failed to stop "the march of revolutionary socialism" under Tony Blair. So, he then formed the short-lived and ironically named Democracy party. Its aim was to restore the vote to hereditary peers, many of whose forebears, like him, were conceived on the wrong side of the blanket. In the next year, he stood against Michael Portillo in a by-election in which he secured 189 votes.

Like his aunt, the earl never uses his title but for a very different reason; it had no value since it no longer gave him the right as the son of a peer to sit on the steps of the throne in the Lords. So perhaps, he will not visit Burford, unless he is tempted by Mrs Bumble's delicious quiches.

Bert Clough

BURFORD LIBRARY

The library should be fully open by the time this edition of *The Bridge* goes to print. Volunteer sessions started again in September and we are planning to re-start the Scrabble evenings. These will be on the first Tuesday in the month, at 7.00pm, and anyone, with or without a Scrabble set (there are always plenty) is welcome to come and have a game. The first will run on 5 October. Burford is a community library, and we should make use of it, as a community. As well as being a place to drop in and borrow books or use the computer, it can be booked, outside normal opening hours for any clubs or groups who want somewhere to meet.

The next Plonk and Pudding will be on 15 October in the Warwick Hall. All welcome, and the puddings will be, as always, plentiful. The price includes wine, a quiz and a plateful, or two, of pudding. This has been a popular event in the past and we are hoping the pandemic hasn't affected anyone's taste buds to the extent that they can't still enjoy a ginger and rhubarb crumble, Mississippi mud pie, Eton mess, cheesecake or any of the other home-made creations. Or all of them. Indulge yourselves! Buy a ticket!

Anne Youngson - Friends of Burford Library



**Friends of Burford
Library**

**PLOK &
PUDDING**

Friday 15 October 7.45pm
Warwick Hall

**Tickets £8.50 from the Library
or The Stone Gallery**



ALICE'S BOOK CLUB

Thomas Hardy's classic novel *The Woodlanders* was not a happy choice for Alice's Book Group; the reactions were mostly lukewarm, and I fear they would have been icy but for the fact that I had suggested it, and I was in the minority of two readers who liked it. All, however, were agreed albeit reluctantly, that it is necessary for us to read widely – but not too often.

Written in the 1860s, the language is of its time, sometimes lyrical, sometimes overblown. The beautiful descriptions of the woods make them as intrinsic to the tale as the human actors. We see them in all seasons and they are intimately described. The humans are also given flesh, though to us of the 21st century the yokels may appear caricatures. Their emotions are timeless, and we can recognise the gossiping workmen and the aspirations of the young doctor and the self-made merchant. The hesitations and miscalculations of Giles Winterbourne in his clumsy wooing of the heroine, Grace Melbury, are as cringe-worthy as those of anyone's early attempts at romance today.

At all times, one is aware that this is a 19th century work. It is laced with melodrama: death, disappointed love but with a moderately safe ending. The zealous preservations of social mores, and the insecurities of the workers are described vividly, of both of which Hardy seems a stern critic. He also appears more sympathetic to the plight of women than was current. This book is surprisingly risqué for the period. Sexual temptations, infidelity and divorce, whilst not shown in the vivid detail now common, are nonetheless very clearly indicated and must have been shocking. Indeed the publisher insisted upon the removal of the more explicit sentences. We "the minority" delighted in words one encountered, many now defunct or very rare in day to day discourse. There - instead of "conversation," I find myself using "discourse", nowadays seldom heard! The description of the hovels in which people lived quite satisfactory lives gives pause, and the acceptable behaviour required shows how times have changed, while modern emotions and ambitions are much the same.

The story is refreshingly chronological, without flash backs. There is tension, and many humorous interludes, however Hardy, as so many prolific 19th, and sadly, 20th and 21st authors, has a formula, so if one has read other of his works, and most people have, at least at school, its familiarity is noticeable, and together with the old fashioned prose that can make for heavy reading.

I enjoyed it, whereas next month, I suspect the opposite will be the case. I did not much like *The Salt Path*, and we are reading the sequel, *The Wild Silence* by Raynor Winn.

Veral Marshall

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BURFORD SCHOOL

Welcome Back!

There is always a mixture of anxiety and excitement at the start of a new term. This is more exaggerated in September than other terms and is particularly heightened during Covid times when you nervously await implications of the next last-minute missive from the government. However, when you are new to the post of headteacher and following in the footsteps of someone as impressive as Kathy Haig, it is safe to say you find yourself on somewhat of an emotional roller coaster.

Needless to say, the reputation of Burford School as a kind and nurturing community (the very reason I applied for the post), has been borne out and the opening weeks have been an utter delight. Every single member of staff and each governor has taken the time to offer support and guidance, greeting me in to this nurturing family environment with open arms. As for the pupils - what a fantastic group of young people they are! I am grateful indeed to all for their welcome.

Continued success

As ever, the school celebrated superb GCSE and A Level results in the summer with Sixth Form leavers heading off to many and varied destinations. There are medical students beginning in Oxford, Sheffield and UCL as well as two destined for Law in Cardiff and UCL. Others are moving on to study across a range of subject areas including Philosophy, Psychology, Mathematics and Veterinary Nursing. I am particularly pleased to announce successful transition of students from Burford onto degree apprenticeships in Engineering (through BMW) and Rural Surveying.

It is evident the success of this historic school is built upon the care of each member of the community within it and the huge variety of opportunities on offer. Burford School does not rest on its laurels and, as I begin my journey with the school, I look forward to working with the talented and dedicated group of staff in furthering its success.

Dates for your Diary

I look forward to welcoming visitors to the school in our 450th year and draw attention to upcoming events to celebrate this occasion.

Saturday 9 October 2021: The Old Burfordians, Alumni Reunion and the unveiling of our new commemorative window

Friday 19 November 2021: Charter Day

Wednesday 15 December 2021: A Christmas Miscellany at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford

We are particularly keen to make contact with our alumni in the 450th year and ask that you make contact with Alumni Officer, Mrs C Hawker at:
alumni@burford.oxon.sch.uk

Deadline for getting applications in to OCC for Year 7 places – 31 October 2021. For details regarding admissions, please contact Mrs J Morse on: 01993 823303.

Matthew Albrighton -Headteacher



BURFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Burford Primary School put the disappointment of England not quite winning the European Championship behind us by inviting world record holder Jamie Knight to the school. Jamie wowed the children with his internationally renowned freestyle football skills which have been performed on *Ireland's Got Talent* and at some of the biggest football stadiums across the world.

Jamie began with a freestyle routine which included the two tricks illustrating that he is a world record holder and a number of his other impressive athletic skills. This was followed by a workshop for all of the children, having a go at learning some of Jamie's moves.

Our keen footballers were also able to sign up to a freestyle workshop at the end of the day and learnt some more freestyle moves and gained some advice on how to learn the moves quickly and more effectively.

It was great to see all of the children having a go at some of the incredibly difficult moves and we found we had a few freestyle naturals! The children also learnt the importance of discipline and perseverance, as Jamie spoke of the time he has to dedicate to his training to remain in the top ten freestyle footballers in the world.

Sally Hunt



Lecture Wednesday 13 October at 11am, Warwick Hall or via Zoom

A Brief Story of Wine With David Wright

We are anticipating that this lecture will be held at the Warwick Hall (observing any current Covid regulations) and via Zoom for those who prefer. More information will be circulated via our newsletter and website.



Wine has been with us for thousands of years, and our speaker will share the fascinating 'brief story of wine' through paintings, decorated drinking vessels, buildings and literature spanning 7,000 years of rich evidence.

David Wright has been a wine retailer, importer and distributor for 30 years. He has presented tastings and talks on wine to trade and private audiences. These have taken the form of wine tastings or charity events where a particular subject is presented and wines tasted.

Lectures take place from 11.00 – 12.00 in the Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford OX18 4RZ. Booking arrangements for the Warwick Hall or Zoom will put on the lecture page of the website in late September. Visitor information will also be displayed on the website.

For more information, please contact Frances Sparkes on 01993 823943 or by email, publicity@theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk.

To learn more about The Arts Society Cotswolds and to keep abreast of any additional activities, please see the website www.theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk
Frances Sparkes

SHILTON

Noting that Shilton has appeared on the circulation for The Bridge, I expect many will know it for the excellent Rose and Crown and for the playground opportunities offered by the ford and pond for their children.

Shilton is unique as one of two remaining Cistercian farming granges in the UK. One other is at Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire. On 25th January 1205 King John gave some local manors to the Cistercians: Shilton, Little Farringdon, Great Farringdon, Little Coxwell, Great Coxwell (where the tythe barn still exists) and Inglesham. The monks were to build their monastery at Farringdon but this proved impossible so they were given Beaulieu. Beaulieu Abbey retained the ownership of Shilton and the other manors until surrendered to Thomas Cromwell's Commissioners on 2 April 1538.

Today the Dovecote, Old Manor with carp pond, the conygar, the church with mensa and some medieval glass from their period all remain. Maybe one stone barn was living quarters for the lay brothers, the conversii, who farmed the manor. The monks lived in the Old Manor where certain artefacts still exist. The tythe barn burnt down in the 1960s but a house stands on its footprint and some corbels remain.

The typography of the Cistercian farming grange can be identified quite easily today in the Conservation Area of the old village. The Shill still runs through on its original path.

After the Cistercians the parish became autonomous but the farming land was poor and, so, it never prospered and developed; it remains today as it was then in many aspects.
Derek Cotterill - 12 September 2021

BURFORD SINGERS

Autumn Concert

Sunday, 28 November 2021, 7.30pm
Church of St John the Baptist Church Green,
Burford OX18 4RY

Schubert: Rosamunde Overture
Clive Osgood: Dixit Dominus
Mendelssohn: Hymn of Praise

Burford Singers with
Charlotte Bowden (Soprano)
Susan McRae (Soprano)
Oliver Johnston (Tenor)
Robin Baggs (Organ)
Cotswold Chamber Orchestra
Leader: Kate Bailey
Conductor: Brian Kay

Tickets reserved at £25, £20, £15, unreserved £10, children and students half price
Online booking from 11 October 2021 at <https://www.burfordingers.org.uk/buy-tickets/>
(Booking fee applies)
Booking in person (unreserved tickets only) from 11th October from The Madhatter Bookshop
122, High Street, Burford OX18 4QJ
Full details on our website <https://www.burfordingers.org.uk/events/>
Catherine Martin

CONCERTS IN NORTHLEACH CHURCH

Popular classics - Tuesday 19 October 7pm

Orchestra Pro Anima with Michael Bochmann (violin) and Peter Adams (cello) present Classical Light.

The programme includes Bach's double violin concerto, Vivaldi's Winter, Mozart's Salzburg Symphony in F and dazzling Hungarian Rhapsody, as well as premiering Cotswold junior Voices with Water City Music. The distinguished orchestral players are ex-members of the New York Philharmonic, English Chamber Orchestra, Covent Garden Opera and Academy of St Martin in the Fields.

With an interval bar, tickets £16
at www.ticketsource.co.uk/water-city-music/tqdvjyg

Bonfire Night Classical Concert

Friday 5 November 6.30pm

We are going to recreate an evening at the famous Cafe Zimmermann... imagine it's 1723 and Bach has just arrived in Leipzig to the world-renowned and best-appointed Kaffehaus (coffee house), drinking coffee at small, intimate tables and listening to the music of Georg Philipp Telemann and Johann Sebastian Bach.
Tickets £16 as above

Jane Quelch

LENTHALL CONCERTS

Wednesday 6 October – Carducci String Quartet play Beethoven, Shostakovich and Schubert.

Wednesday 3 November – Klanglust play Bach, Corelli, Mozart and Britten.

The concerts are at Burford School and start at 7:30. Advance tickets (£14) can be obtained from Madhatter bookshop, by ringing 824949 or via the website (www.lenthallconcerts.org.uk). Tickets on the night cost £16.

Nigel Barraclough

craft in action

Warwick Hall, Burford, OX18 4RY

Saturday 13 November 2021

Craft in Action is a non-profit-making organisation which was established in 1973. The aim is to offer a friendly atmosphere where the exhibitors are happy to talk about and where possible, demonstrate their craft. So why not go along and see what is on offer?

Craft in Action pride themselves on having handmade crafts available, no bought in goods are allowed, so you will see genuine crafters on show.

Entry is free and the event is open from 10am until 4.30pm

Helen Wallis

GHOSTLY TRAILS?



Having spent my earlier years as an actor and after many years away from performing, I thought it would be fun to dip my toes in the water again and create an entertainment-based ghost tour. Living in Witney, Burford was an obvious first place to look. As it is an ancient coaching town, I was excited to find how many wonderful tales it had waiting for me to discover.

Many happy hours were spent in the library hunting down spooky stories that I could weave into a gentle walk around Burford. I finally came up with a script and spent several weeks learning it - which I peppered with props and illusions, and then rehearsed the tour with only our startled cat as an audience. An appropriate costume was sourced via an undertaker, and I ran my first tour on an August evening back in 2005. I was delighted with the reaction - although I wasn't expecting to have someone faint! It might have been the heat or possibly the story of the unexpected and grisly way in which one of the most notorious Burford highwaymen escaped capture.

The tour went from strength to strength, but the lure of Oxford finally forced me into giving up my regular Burford tours. However the pandemic of the last few years has given me pause for thought and after much soul-searching I have decided to give up my regular Oxford tours. I'm hoping now to get to run my Burford private group bookings a little more often. Burford in the evening, is the perfect backdrop for a spooky walk. Its beautiful streets are wonderfully quiet and relaxed after the hustle and bustle of Oxford. Sixteen years after venturing out on my first ghostly tour it'll be a real treat for me to come back full circle to Burford. To kick things off, I will be running ghost tours at Hallowe'en on Saturday 30 October at 5:30pm and 7:30pm, meeting under the clock of the Tolsey museum at the junction of Sheep Street and High Street. Adults £10 Children £7. As it's Hallowe'en I strongly advise booking in advance. Anyone interested should email me at info@ghosttrail.org.

Bill Spectre

MRS BUMBLES

Sally and Lesley send their thanks for all your support for the new post office and newsagents.

Everything is going well including the five minute parking idea - as previously mentioned here the traffic wardens are happy for you to park in the space in front of the Post Office just to use the post office and newsagents. However, if people start parking there long term parking tickets will be issued.

We do have one major issue - starting up the newspaper deliveries service is proving difficult. As you know, there is a big staff shortage at present in the hospitality and related industries and we have been struggling to find additional staff. According to the head of the trade body, Hospitality UK, Brexit and the virus have meant that "the wrong people are in the wrong place at the wrong time". This is something that might take a couple of years to rectify. In addition many people have found out that they have abilities and talents that they never knew they had and have moved out of the industry.

Also, we are having to put in extra hours just to keep Bumbles, the post office and newsagents fully stocked up. Getting stock delivered is a big problem in itself. There's a shortage of delivery drivers and this means that it is not unusual for me to spend most of the day driving to suppliers and collecting stock rather than just waiting for a delivery driver to become available.

So, at the moment, I'm afraid that there are simply not enough hours in the day to provide newspaper and magazine deliveries.

However, Lesley has made sure that if you let us know that you have a favourite magazine, we will keep it in stock for you and you can collect it at your leisure.

Steve Colter - Bumbles

BINS

West Oxfordshire District Council is reviewing its provision of litter bins across the district to make it easier for residents and visitors to dispose of their rubbish responsibly, helping to keep communities litter free.

At the same time, the council is investing in new litter bins so that older bins which are reaching the end of their useful life can be swapped for bins that are easier to empty and more visually pleasing to help keep towns and villages looking their best.

Currently, the council manages and empties over 1,200 litter and dog waste bins. A programme has now begun to check the condition of all existing bins and that they are located where they will provide most benefit. Litter bins will also be sited at new locations if a need is identified as part of the project.

In the future, this may mean:

- Where an existing litter bin is next to a dog waste bin, the dog waste bin may be removed as bagged dog waste is now accepted in with the general litter.
- Where two bins are in close proximity to each other and where usage of the bins is low, one of the bins may be moved to another location where there is clear evidence of litter and where no bin is currently provided.
- Residents will start to see a phasing out of separate litter and dog waste bins. These will be replaced by a brand-new single bin, which reminds users to put both litter and dog waste into the bin. Over a hundred of these new style bins are already in use in the district and proving popular.

Residents interested in finding out more about the litter bin placements * and renewal programme can visit West Oxfordshire District Council's website for more information: <https://meetings.westoxon.gov.uk/Data/Cabinet/20201216/Agenda/9%20Litter%20Bin%20Placement%20and%20Renewal%20Programme.pdf>

**And who can resist?- Ed*



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



HGV Ban

I wanted to respond to last month's article submitted by WiVTAG. This Group continues to make misrepresentations and twists the facts.

First of all they discuss the climate emergency and the need to burn more fossil fuel to by-pass Burford. In fact it is an eight mile detour via A40 and Fosseway which burns far less fuel than sitting in a 20 minute traffic queue in Burford which in turn pollutes our town.

Secondly they mention the farmers stating that they are isolated and unable to move crops or supplies. Burford Town Council has always supported our local farmers and is in discussion with OCC to enable BTC to issue permits to them so that they can receive supplies and deliver their crops to market.

Lastly they mention schoolchildren walking to school and the dangers of HGVs. I should remind WiVTAG that there is no pavement across Burford bridge and they should try and push a push-chair across Burford bridge when an HGV is crossing.

In much of their correspondence they mention Leafield. Leafield have been complaining about HGVs since 2018. When HGVs use Leafield, it is to avoid the Charlbury weight limit and has little to do with Burford.

We have seen a 70% reduction in three and five axle HGVs in Burford which shows that the ban is working!!
Nicholas Field-Johnson - Conservative County Councillor Burford & North Carterton

Having read the various articles about HGVs, I can see that there are strongly-held views on either side. I can see the merit in having a strategy for lorries over the whole area but cancelling the HGV ban now with a view to trying to agree a plan at some undefined future date might just be a way of kicking the problem into the long grass. I wonder instead if it would be possible to agree some sort of compromise by which local businesses are helped, perhaps by simplifying the process for getting permits or extending the radius within which exemption applies, while keeping the ban in place for the vehicles not engaged on local journeys - the Birmingham-to-Swindon types.
Gerald Megson

Having just seen the latest copy of The Bridge I now realise that I'm not the only one to find fault with the HGV ban. The arguments against a ban are so much stronger than those for one when all facts are considered. Thank you for showing an independent view and not just the opinions of the town council.

Ian Hanks

The Bridge is happy to entertain robust debate on local issues and publish different points of view as long as they comply with our editorial policy which appears in each issue - Ed

While we have every sympathy for local villages which have been suffering an influx of heavy lorries as a result of the weight limit on Burford bridge, the solution is not to abandon the project and return to the unsatisfactory situation that prevailed before. The weight limit was intended not only to protect the bridge, but also to prevent further damage to the ancient buildings on either side of The Hill and the High Street. This was caused by vibrations from the enormous goods vehicles thundering down the road. The same problem afflicts other local villages, but there is no reason why any particular place should suffer more than any other. There are various measures that could be taken to reduce the nuisance, notably for haulage firms to be obliged to update their satnavs, but the problem is nationwide. Given the ever increasing weight of HGVs, there needs to be an agreement between haulage companies and the Ministry of Transport to designate a network of routes for heavy lorries, with proper rest and parking areas equipped with cafés and showers, as in Europe, and a series of depot hubs where goods could be loaded onto smaller vehicles for distribution to where they are needed. The present unregulated system is unsatisfactory for drivers and citizens alike. Drivers have to spend their rest time on random lay-bys, and find their way through small country roads, and those who live nearby have to put up with it. We need a plan!

Elizabeth Mortimer

If memory serves me correctly, Burford raised the not inconsiderable sum of £150,000 to implement the weight limit on HGVs in the High Street. If the new player in the game - The Windrush Valley Traffic Action Group - is successful in its appeal, what happens to the £150,000? Will Burford be refunded?

Clive Fieth

Our understanding is that the money has been spent and will not be refunded if the ban is not continued -Please keep sending us your views on this important question - Ed

Crime Wave

Has our community policeman been on holiday?

OR!

Perhaps Thames Valley Police do not report our crime reports to him, because all we get is a crime reference number.

NO! support.

Our sheds have been broken into numerous times and garden equipment stolen. Cars are broken into on a regular basis. Two weeks ago, my neighbour witnessed six men in ski masks at 12 minutes past midnight, remove my catalytic converter from my car along with several other cars in our neighbourhood.

I look after my disabled brother and I am on pension credit, therefore it was difficult to get my car fixed and I needed it to care for my brother. It cost me £479.00, half my pension for the month. Another resident is a carer for the elderly on very low pay and cannot afford to get her car fixed. My insurance provider will not pay out, as there is no-one to charge with the crime.

Everyone should be aware of this. Check your insurance policies. We need Community Support and vigilance at night.

Sandie Everard

BOWLING A MAIDEN OVER



'An unusual game of cricket! The 1894 edition of 'The Burfordian', reported the following:

'On June 26th, eleven of the smallest boys in the school played a team of girls and hush! tell it not in gad, but the boys were defeated (in a whisper please).

'The boys went in first and, endeavouring in a highly successful manner to prevent their bats being injured by a blow from the ball, amassed a grand total of 16!

'To this the girls replied with 13. Upon their second venture the small boys compiled 47, thanks to Hobbs who made 23 runs before being caught. The girls thus required 51 runs to win and they accomplished this with 4 wickets in hand. Miss Ethel Cheatle was top scorer with 17 and Misses Matthews and Stephens played extremely well. Many of the young ladies showed signs of careful coaching. A return match has been arranged for 24 July at the Stephens' farm in Taynton.'

We know that the girls were the daughters of the staff and local families, but not pupils at the school, as Burford did not welcome girls until 1922! Other than that we know little about the match and how it came to be played. However, the match did coincide with the future Gloucestershire and England cricketer, Gilbert Jessop's time at Burford as a trainee teacher. It would be wonderful to think that he may have had some involvement, either as coach and/or umpire.

What makes this match unusual is that it is the first recorded Boys v Girls cricket match in the UK and most probably, the world!

I am indebted for the above, to the recently retired, and much respected Bill Williams and his wife Mandy, sports masters, since 1983 and 1991 respectively. However further research in the British Newspaper Archive uncovered the following all girl matches, but no mention of Boys v Girls. The first recorded match of women's cricket was reported in The Reading Mercury on **26 July 1745**, a match contested "between eleven maids of Bramley and eleven maids of Hambleton, all dressed in white." The first known women's cricket club was formed in 1887 in Yorkshire, named the White Heather Club.



The *Sherborne Mercury*, published in August 1849 described a match between 'nine married ladies' and 'nine single ladies' played at Picket Post, in the New Forest. The single ladies were defeated by one run only, the married ladies having scored fifty runs, and the single forty-nine. The players were dressed all in white, with the married ladies wearing blue trimmings, and the single pink.

The single ladies played with a great deal of spirit, but the matrons were one too many for them. One of the young ladies with a sigh said, "Ah, I wish I were married, for then I should have won."

This custom of married women versus single women taking on each other in the cricket format is seen elsewhere in the British Isles. The *Morning Advertiser*, July 1860, reports on the annual cricket match 'between 11 single and 11 married ladies of Littlehampton,' Sussex.

The annual cricket match, between 11 single and 11 married ladies of Littlehampton, was played on Monday last, in a field adjoining Mr Henly's hotel on the beach, and attracted a large concourse of persons. On the present occasion the game was in favour of the married, as last year it was won by the single ladies. Miss Glover, of the above hotel, provided tea, &c. for the party, and after the match, the lads and lasses danced on the green to an excellent quadrille band provided for the occasion, and the remainder of the evening was spent right merrily.

One Reverend C S Bere, during the Cricketers' Supper held in Tiverton, Devon, attests to the phenomenon of women playing cricket in the *Tiverton Gazette (Mid-Devon Gazette)*, November 1861. Speaking at the supper, he boasts of the 'practical proof that they could engage in the game. He had seen in his own parish a match between eleven young ladies and eleven girls.' Heaven forfend!!
David Cohen

NEW LOOK FOR:

Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

The guided walks programme has restarted and Cotswold Wardens are once again leading the public on walks in a safe and careful way. Details of the walks available are described on the website (below). * Please check walk details carefully including whether booking is necessary.

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

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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

* **NB You can access the details of the walks by going to the Bridge website where you will find it under Community Matters/News. On the same page you can also see a historic film about the Burford Dragon.. Ed**



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



The Summer Café on the Rec

A very jolly time was had by all at the Café this summer. We opened the pavilion doors every Tuesday and Thursday morning throughout the holidays, serving coffee and a huge range of delicious homemade cakes. It was fantastic to get so many of Burford's families together and for the children to see their friends and enjoy the lovely space. We had a range of free activities set up (table tennis, balls, art table etc) and also several family events— from the very popular Forest School with Alex Rae, tie dying and bug house making to an evening walk with WASP along the Windrush. Huge thanks to all those who helped: from the use of the pavilion and equipment, cake bakers, volunteer helpers and families who came along and supported us. With a regular turnout of over 30 children and their parents together with lots of occasional visitors it was a real success and hopefully to be repeated next summer. We also raised £200 for the Community Allotment.



The Community Allotment

The Community Allotment has got off to a great start, and already we're a keen and dedicated team! We've been lucky enough to take on a double plot on the Tanners Lane side of the allotments, and whilst it needs a fair bit of clearing still, we've planted lots of lettuces, kale, courgettes and herbs and are now enjoying the fruits of our labour. It's been lovely to bring together a different group

of people in Burford and so helpful to share and enjoy the labours of keeping a vegetable garden with others. We're soon to get together and plan for next year's planting and hopefully how we can grow a bit for the community as well, so if you think you'd be interested in finding out more or get involved (as little or as much as you like) please do get in touch.

Burford Tree Initiative



It's almost Autumn, and the tree planting season is fast approaching! I'm delighted that this year we'll be planting again at the Blue Cross and in Burford itself. We have secured funding for 5000 trees at the Blue Cross (a mixture of native trees and hedging) which is extremely exciting and a real boost for nature. Burford Town Council are also going to plant a community orchard on Oxford Road and also several apple trees by the allotment on the Rec. All in all, we are planning between 5-10 planting days in October and November and I will be preparing a sign-up sheet. This is an ambitious community project and I'm hoping that everyone who'd like to will get a chance to plant a tree. It's a great thing to do for Burfordians current and future plus it's remarkably satisfying and enjoyable! Please do set aside some time to get involved.

Lucy Staveley lucy@natureandnurture.uk

ELVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

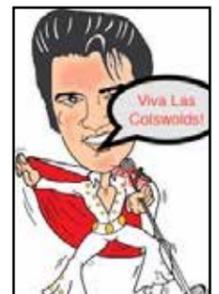
Burford Cubs and Scouts are extremely pleased to have any donations of goods or chattels for their Bank Holiday boot fairs.

What has this got to do with Elvis Presley?

Well, when Brian Swanson passed away this year, his family kindly donated his vast collection of memorabilia (all Elvis related). The collection was very random: magazines, tickets to shows, brochures, leaflets, posters and (of course) cufflinks and clocks.

I contacted Tayler & Fletcher in Bourton-on-the-Water, who have an auction once a month. They were delighted to have the opportunity to sell such a varied and interesting collection. They must have spent hours sorting and cataloguing but with the amazing result of the whole collection raising £1705. It's great to think that rather a random (but specific) donation could make such a contribution to the 1st Burford Cubs and Scouts.

So the moral of the story is: don't throw it out - give it to the cubs/scouts (we collect/pick up anything!)
Michael Taubenheim (Chairman) 07711 342608



OCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Importance Of Our Hedgerows,

This month I would like to focus on the importance of our hedgerows in Oxfordshire. Hedges have been used as field boundaries in England since the time of the Romans. Recent excavations in Farmoor reveal Roman hedges made of thorn. Later farming expansion in the 15th Century led to more widespread hedge planting, but the greatest use of hedges came in the enclosure movement in the 18th and 19th centuries.



Hedges are used as field boundaries in the lowland regions of England whereas in other areas dry stone walls are commonly used. Hawthorn and blackthorn as well as spindle were the most commonly used in hedges.

The National Hedging Society notes that there are more than 30 regional styles. In the Midlands and Oxfordshire we tend to see stone walls and the single brush hedge – one side bushy and the other side thorny. The farmers tend to keep their cattle on the bushy side, out of reach of their wheat or barley which is protected by the thorny side.

Other than boundary markings, the key benefit from hedgerows is the ecological value. Hedges provide support for a wide variety of flora as well as the basic structure of trees and shrubs. This includes climbing plants such as the dog rose, bramble, honeysuckle and ivy, to mention a few.

Also the hedges provide shelter to much of our wildlife: deer, rabbits, hares, hedgehogs and foxes as well as bats, birds and insects. On a walk, one can often see all this life emerging from our hedgerows. This is part of the reason why hedgerows are so vital to our community and provide important biodiversity to our countryside.

Our farmers and councils need to be encouraged to maintain and cultivate our hedgerows in order to enhance our wildlife and community as well as contribute to the biodiversity of our county.

Covid Update

Covid cases by district for Oxfordshire for the week to 6 September (rate per 1,000 population):

Cherwell	464
West Oxfordshire	415
Oxford	368
South Oxfordshire	345
Vale of W. Horse.	328
<i>Av. for all England.</i>	<i>345</i>

You can view the latest figures on OCC's Covid-19 dashboard.

Cllr Nicholas Field-Johnson

nick.fieldjohnson@oxfordshire.gov.uk and nfjuk3@gmail.com



New to Burford & area?
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 Town's local facilities, clubs and societies. Simply email your name and address to lizannjack@gmail.com

BURFORD AND KINGHAM ROTARY

The Rotarians are very much enjoying being able to meet up again on a Monday night. We are very grateful to Burford Golf Club for making us so welcome. We had a very lively evening with two members sharing with us what they would put in Room 101 including deliveries with too much cardboard, parking and lists. The winner was about nuisance calls which got a 100% vote.

We have enjoyed doing Chastleton teas over the last few weeks. We have raised so far well over £2000 which is a great boost to our charity fund. This has enabled us to send a shelter box (do look up link www.shelterbox.org) to Haiti. The box contains tents, tarpaulins, toolkits, solar lights, water filters and carriers, blankets, cooking sets and mosquito nets. A lifesaver when you are left with nothing. Thank you to all who came and bought tea and cake! By the time you read this we will have had our Charity Dinner which we are all looking forward to. We are delighted that the mayor of Burford, Peter Higgs, will be joining us. Photos and report of this event next time.

On 18 October we have a speaker from Lawrence Home Nursing Team.

Do think about joining us. We are really keen to increase our membership, and you will be given a warm welcome. Why not come for a taster meeting? All you have to do is email our secretary, John Smith jpw.smith@jasss.co.uk. We will be very pleased to hear from you. Our meetings are held every Monday at Burford Golf Club at 7pm for 7.30pm (except Bank Holidays)



Ros Richardson

SUMMER OF 2021

Now that summer is over and the tide of staycationers has started to ebb, we wondered how our businesses have fared after a difficult 18 months. We contacted several of the leading businesses who serve visitors to our area (as well as the local community). Some did not reply (you know who you are). We are grateful to Paul Gingell, managing director of the Burford Garden Company, for the following observations:

The summer of 2021 has been an interesting one business-wise, with a steady but gradual return (a very welcome one too) to more normal trading conditions as the vaccine programme has been rolled out across the age groups. The café element of our business had to stay closed for a longer period than the retail side due to national lockdown restrictions, and that has naturally had an impact.

Overall, we would say that visitor numbers have been slightly lower than normal, but that has been compensated for in part by a surge in interest in gardens and gardening products. This has been fuelled in part by people naturally spending more time at home and in their gardens across the summer. We have seen notably more British tourists and day-trippers than in previous years, particularly in July and August, with a good proportion coming from the north of England and Scotland.

Our position is that we remain very grateful for the continuing loyalty of our customers, who have supported us throughout the pandemic and whom we have supported by continuing to offer the best service possible throughout this challenging period. It has been a tricky period for all, but we feel optimistic about the coming year and the future.

Paul Gingell - Managing Director

Burford retailer Michael Taubenheim comments: "Excellent summer. But remembering that not a penny was taken in Burford tills for over six months during lockdowns, businesses have quite a lot of catching up to do."

One business not so far away which has been booming is Jeremy Clarkson's Diddly Squat Farm which has been reportedly taking £40,000 per day with visitors travelling from as far as Glasgow. At least some have stayed in Burford so the local economy did get some benefit - Ed

TIME OUT IS BACK

It is so good to have started our weekly meetings again and, although experiencing some difficulties as have other hirers at the Warwick Hall, we have had seven wonderful and happy sessions since the restart. In August we had the outstanding Bee Man, Gareth John, give a talk on beekeeping and his work in prisons. Our members thoroughly enjoyed the talk and asked many questions.

Monday 13 September saw **Time Out's 100th meeting** since the start back in April 2018. Due to drainage difficulties at the Warwick Hall, we had to decamp for our party to the Lady Chapel at the church. But thanks to our outstanding volunteers along with the incredibly helpful Lynette Derry, the verger, we were able to run the day as planned. We had craft activity along with flower arranging and dominoes much to the interest of visitors to the church. Lunch provision was saved by Sally Colter. Many thanks go to Sally for producing an excellent lunch at such short notice and, as with help during recent set-up problems at the Warwick Hall, the Colters again saved the day. What a wonderful asset they are to our community.

It's fantastic to see all the happy faces back at Time Out. We have sadly lost some members over the past 18 months and we miss them greatly but I'm pleased to say that since our restart we have a number of new members to join in the happy and relaxed atmosphere created at Time Out.

If you would like to join as a member or indeed to help as a volunteer please contact Jess Whitman tel. 07775827109 or email jess.whitman@outlook.com or John Harrington tel. 01993822451 or email john.harrington45@icloud.com.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help run Time Out on a Monday or help in giving lifts to our members. You choose just when you are able to help. It might be once a month or more frequently but it is your choice. Please contact us as above if you would like to join our team.

John Harrington



COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK

White Storks bred at Cotswold Wildlife Park take flight in the UK's first Stork rewilding project.



Twenty eight Storks bred at Cotswold Wildlife Park have taken flight in one of the UK's most ambitious rewilding programmes – The White Stork Project. For the fourth year running, the Park has successfully bred chicks for this pioneering scheme which aims to restore wild Stork populations to Britain – a sight not seen since the 15th century. It is the first Stork rewilding programme of its kind in the UK.

The team at Cotswold Wildlife Park, together with the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation, are responsible for the captive management aspect of the project and bred the youngsters from a captive population received from rehabilitation centres in Poland. Twenty four adult pairs live in a large netted enclosure at the Park where they are given the highest standard of care to facilitate successful breeding. Eight chicks hatched in 2018, 24 were successfully raised and released in 2019 and in 2020, despite challenging weather, the birds still managed to rear 21 chicks.



This year's chicks hatched in May and to maximise their chance of survival, the husbandry team at the Park "assist" fed the chicks on the nest. Once fully fledged and separated from the adults, the birds were weighed, sexed, microchipped and fitted with highly visible leg rings to make them easily identifiable after their release. At the end of July they were transferred to Knepp Castle Estate in West Sussex. In August, the Storks were released into the wild – a momentous moment for the entire team.

The White Stork Project monitors tagged birds via their fitted GPS tracking system but also relies on sightings. More positive news emerged over the summer with potentially the first return home to England from a Stork released from Knepp back in 2019 which was recently spotted in Guernsey and Sark. The White Stork Project said: "This would be the first of released juveniles to return after migration, so we're very excited to see where she turns up next. This is not a GPS tagged bird, so we wouldn't know about her progress without you, our wonderful community, reporting your sightings, so we would like to thank you for your incredible contribution".

Debbie Ryan - www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk-

LEONARD SASH

We are sorry to have to report the recent death of Dr Leonard Sash who lived in Widford for 47 years. He was 89.

Dr Leonard Sash pursued parallel careers as a medical practitioner and a painter. He was born in South Africa. His sister Cicely was also a well known artist. He was best known for being doctor to the Arsenal football club and a consultant to the club for some 30 years.

In an interview a few years ago he explained that his connection with Arsenal started when he was working helping injured servicemen along with two physiotherapists, Bertie Mee and Fred Street. Bertie Mee became club physio at Arsenal and was later appointed manager of the club - he had played professional football earlier in his career. He then invited both Leonard and Fred to join him. Many of the subjects Leonard painted came from the world of sport. They included images of Arsenal players in action. "I have always found figures in motion a fascinating subject," he is reported as saying. "I like to portray that extreme moment in sport, that one second when, for instance, the footballer kicks the ball." His knowledge of the human form helped with his painting and he insisted that he was a painter rather than an artist. *Editors - with thanks to Johanna Butt for help with this piece.*

MADHATTER THANKS



This message must surely start with THANK YOU. Thank you to everybody who supported the Burford Literary Festival, if you bought tickets, distributed flyers, put a poster up in your establishment, volunteered to help or just popped in to the bookshop to say how pleased you are that Burford has its very own Lit Fest – please know that every word and every gesture was appreciated and spurred me on to start conversations with authors for 2022.

A particular mention must go to author and Burford resident Paul Miller – his sponsorship was very much appreciated and his calm and wise counsel kept me sane when I wanted to jump in my car and drive as far away as possible and not come back until the Lit Fest was over. Thank you also to our sponsors, The Oxford Brush Company, Weezy Lamb Design, Saltway Publishing and Tayler & Fletcher Estate Agents.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a very loud and resounding thank you to our main sponsor, local resident and head of Freud Communications, Matthew Freud, whose generous donation and support gave the Lit Fest the impetus it needed. I really do feel Burford is so very lucky to have such knowledgeable and enthusiastic residents.



And so we move into a new season of reading, giving and sharing and Madhatter bookshop (and my fellow Burford retailers) are ready and excited to share our wares with you. From page-turners to coffee table books we have it all. Please keep

shopping locally and together we will keep Burford a vibrant and bustling community.

Kim Harvey

GOVERNOR FOR BURFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am writing from the local governing body at Burford Primary School. It is that time of the year when we are recruiting new governors to extend the expertise on our governing body.

This is the start of the first full academic year for our new headteacher, Adam Clark, a new Reception class and some new pupils who have moved into the area. Plus, of course, new little ones in the Nursery class. Mr Clark deserves the best support he can have from the local community and being a governor is one way of offering that support.

Burford Primary School is a member of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust but retains its Community School status.

The local governors are all volunteers; we ask that you serve a minimum of one academic year but most governors stay for the maximum four year term before re-election.

Following Covid, we embrace a more fluid approach to meetings. Some will be at the school but by consensus, we will continue with some Zoom meetings.

If you are interested in becoming a governor for this amazing local school, please email me at rbright@burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you
Ruth Bright
Chair of Governors Burford Primary School

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BURFORD PRE-SCHOOL

Places Available

Set in the heart of the Burford community, with a lovely outdoor setting and a very nurturing environment, we have spaces available to welcome new children into our special pre-school.

Ever wondered what a day at a pre-school is like? Please see our details here, as well as our operational hours.

We always plan and structure our day to ensure the children have a stimulating day, learning through play. Even with the best planning, we assess the children each day and there may be times when we alter the day to suit the needs of the children. Our planning is based on the three prime areas: 1 physical development; 2 communication and language; 3 personal, social and emotional development.

Children learn best through play. We strongly believe in providing a secure, consistent structure with a stimulating early years provision.

We welcome parents and families to get in touch and arrange a viewing.
Ola Caless - Burford Pre-School 01993824031

Burford Pre-school
Learning through play



CAKES AND ALE

(Or at any rate gin)

A brand-new patisserie has opened its doors on Burford High Street. Hugo Lovage Patisserie is run by Michelin trained pastry chef Cindy Kosmala who has worked with the likes of renowned chefs such as Philip Howard, Gordon Ramsey, Matt Abe and Clare Smyth, and worked at Soho House, Chez Bruce and Restaurant Gordon Ramsey, will be hand making and selling baked cheesecake, bavarois, eclairs, cookies, battenburgs and her speciality – meringue towers.

Cindy, 36, is originally from South Africa and moved to the Cotswolds with her chef husband Hubert, who is the head chef of the award-winning Swan at Swinbrook. It has been their dream to open their own business. Alongside Cindy's glorious creations will be some great healthy salads to take away, created by Hubert. The business will also be selling Gin in a Tin, offering the full range of blends and products. Hugo Lovage is at 54 High Street, Burford, OX18 4QF. Hugo Lovage Patisserie is open 9-5pm every day.

Jonathon Rooke

9am – Self Registration

Parents to encourage their child to find their named teddy bear

910-1010am – Free Play inside or outside

Staff take this opportunity to allow the children to settle in
Staff also, tick off children & record daily attendance on whiteboard

1010-1030am – Group Circle Time

- Register is taken
- Days of the week song
- Show & Tell
- Phonics, numeracy, shapes & colours practice activity

1030-1045am – Wash hands for mid-morning snack time

1045-1130am - Teacher Led Activities

- Term theme activity focus (includes art table & crafts)
- Development focus with keyworkers (small group sessions)

1130-1145am – Tidy up time – encourage children to help

1145-12pm – Group Circle Time

Story & discussion time before morning session children finish

12pm – We say goodbye to morning session children

1205-1210pm – Afternoon Register taken for remaining children

1210-1245pm – Wash hands & lunchtime

1245pm-2pm – A mix of Free Play & Adult Led Activities

- Free play inside or outside
- Continued term theme activity focus
- Continued development focus with keyworkers
- Discussions with "pre-school leavers" about school preparations

2-215pm – Tidy up time – encourage children to help

215-230pm – Group Circle Time

- Story time
- Song time
- Rhyme time

230pm – End of Pre-School Day – We say goodbye to the children

This information may be out of date but included as a prompt for people to tell us what Clubs and Societies still exist and who is the contact for them.

REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Aerobics	Monday and two on Thursday	Warwick Hall Monday 6.15pm, Thursday 11.45 and 6.15pm	Gill Hames 822971 gillianhames46@gmail.com
Astally Arms	Last Friday of the month	Memorial Hall Asthall Leigh	From 7.00 pm
Badminton Group	Monday nights	Burford School 8-10pm. Friendly, all abilities	Kevin 704655 scareyradar@yahoo.co.uk
Beaver Scouts	Wednesday (term time)	Scout Hut 6-7.15pm	Claire Griffin 07751 472125 burfordbeavers@gmail.com
Bradwell Village Coffee	Every Friday am	Bradwell Village Hall 10.30-12.30	Margaret Booth 822677
Burford Badminton Club	Tuesday nights 8-10pm	Burford School - fun, social, all abilities	Vijay 891043 vijaysmobile@gmail.com
Burford Crafters	Twice a month	Currently not meeting but still making crafts	Christine Brown 822589/June Catling 823752
Burford & District Society	Meet 7 times a year	Warwick Hall at 7.00pm	K. Gray 823805 burfordanddistrictsociety.co.uk
Burford Library	Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday	Mon closed; Tues 1-7; Wed closed; Thurs 10-1; Friday 10-1 and 2-5.30 Sat 9.30-1	High Street, Burford
Burford Town Bowls Club	Friendly Roll-up all Mondays	Bowls Club from 6.30 pm	Pat Walker 01993 822330 patr47@btinternet.com
Coffee and Company	Every Wednesday	St John the Baptist Church 10.30 - 12 midday	Julia Ritchie 01993 841484
Cub Scouts	Mondays (term time)	Scout Hut 6 - 7.30 pm	Mandy Bielby 07941 470465
Fencing	Tuesdays	Bradwell Village 7-9pm	Keith Money 01982 448295
Fulbrook & Burford WI (FaBWI)	Second Tuesday of every month	Warwick Hall	Jane Arnell gjaarnell@icloud.com 01993 822755 or thefabwi.org
Fulbrook Coffee am	Every 4th Thursday	Fulbrook Meeting Place 10.30 - 12	Gilly Kay 823193
Fulbrook Fitness Group	Thursday (wef Sept 2021)	Fulbrook Meeting Place 9am	Pat Ferrett 822892
Fulbrook Forum	1st Thursday (not Jan or Aug)	Fulbrook Meeting Place 3pm	fulbrookforum@gmail.com
Horticultural Association	Fourth Thursday	Bowls Club - times vary	Janet Copley 01451 844210
North Cotswold Arts Assoc.	Every 2nd Wednesday	Warwick Hall	2-4pm
Pickleball - fun, social sport	Mon 11-1pm, Thu 10-12pm, Fri 8-10pm	Charlbury Community Centre	Vijay 01993 891 043 or vijaysmobile@gmail.com
Rhyme Time	Friday 9.15-10.00 am Term Times	Burford Library (for under 5's)	Carol-Amy Holdcroft 823377
Rock-a-Tots	Tuesday during Term Time	Warwick Hall	9.45 - 11.15
Rotary Burford & Kingham	Monday	The Burford Golf Club	Terry Best, Secretary 775232
Scouts	Thursday (term time)	Scout Hut 6 - 8pm	Alex Gill 07762161769 burfordscouts@gmail.com
Scrabble	1st Tuesday of each month	Burford Library (free tea, coffee, soft drinks)	7pm
Soup & Pudding Club	Every 2nd Tuesday	Baptist Church, Witney Street	Gill Crippen 07967 362885 or 07793 012215
Stretch (All abilities)	Every Monday and Thursday	Warwick Hall Monday 9.15-10.15 Thursday 7.30-8.30pm	nickjsmith@hotmail.co.uk 07867411474
The Arts Society Cotswolds	2nd Wed (not July/Aug)	Warwick Hall 11.00	Frances Sparkes 01993 823943 publicity@theartssocietycotswold
The Wychwood Lodge of Freemasons	3rd Thursday Sept-April	The Masonic Hall 31 Sheep Street	Mike 868302 / Allan 822240 wychwood988@outlook.com
Time Out	Monday 10.30am - 2.15 (tea)	Warwick Hall inc games, bingo, singing, talks	John Harrington 822451 or Sue Sheppard 824729

DIARY OF SPECIAL EVENTS OCTOBER 2021

Weds 6 Oct	Lenthall Concert - Carducci Quartet	Burford School	7.30pm
Sat 9 Oct	Burford School Alumni reunion	Burford School	
Tue 12 Oct	FABWI -Crafting Evening with Lechlade Craft Barn	Warwick Hall	7.30pm
Weds 13 Oct	North Cotswold Arts meeting and demonstration	Warwick Hall	
Sat 16 Oct	Charity Christmas Card Sale	Tolsey	10.30-14.30
8-17 October	Cheltenham Literature Festival	Cheltenham - various	
Sat 9 Oct	Concert - Four Hands, One Piano	Northleach Church	7.00pm
Weds 13 Oct	TASC lecture on wine	Warwick Hall and/or Zoom	11.00am
Fri 15 Oct	Library Plonk & Pudding	Warwick Hall	7.45pm
Mon 18 Oct	Burford & Kingham Rotary Talk	See article for details	
Tue 19 Oct	BDS annual lunch and crocodiles talk - Members Only	Warwick Hall	12.00 noon
Tue 19 Oct	Classical favourites concert	Northleach Church	7.00pm
Sat 23 Oct	Repair Cafe	Warwick Hall	10-1pm
Weds 27 Oct	TASC special interest day - The Thames	Warwick Hall and/or Zoom	10.45-3pm
Sat 30 Oct	Ghost Tour	See article for details	
Weds 3 Nov	Lenthall Concert - Klanglust	Burford School	7.30pm
Fri 5 Nov	Bonfire Night Concert	Northleach Church	7.00pm
Weds 10 Nov	TASC lecture on David Lean	Warwick Hall and/or Zoom	11.00am
Sat 13 Nov	Craft in Action	Warwick Hall	4.30pm
Sun 28 Nov	Burford Singers Concert	St John the Baptist Church	7.30pm
Tue 16 Nov	BDS lecture Susan Ashton on gardens	Warwick Hall and/or Zoom	7.00pm
Weds 8 Dec	TASC lecture - Victorian Christmas	Warwick Hall and/or Zoom	11.00
Wed 15 Dec	Burford School Christmas miscellany	Sheldonian Theatre Oxford	
10-19 June 22	Burford Festival	Various	

NB When advising The Bridge of an Event, please include: Day of the Week, Date, Venue, Time. Thank you.

CALLING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

On the next page we have put our list of local cubs and societies as it appeared before lockdown last year. We hope to resume printing this in future editions. Would ALL clubs and societies please let us know (editor@thebridgeburford.co.uk) whether or not they would like their listing to continue and if the details shown are correct.

**PARISH CHURCH SERVICES
OCTOBER 2021**

St John the Baptist, Burford

3 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am
Morning Service	11.00am
10 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Matins (BCP)	9.30am
Holy Communion	11.00am
17 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Morning Prayer (CW)	9.30am
Morning Service	11.00am
24 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Morning Service	11.00am
31 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am
Songs of Praise	9.30am
Morning Service	11.00am

St James the Great, Fulbrook

10 October	
Harvest	11.00am
24 October	
Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am

St John the Evangelist, Taynton

17 October	
Harvest	6.00pm

St Nicholas, Asthall

3 October	
Harvest	6.00pm
10 October	
Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm
17 October	
Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm
31 October	
Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm

St Mary, Swinbrook

3 October	
Harvest	11.00am
10 October	
Morning Service	11.00am
17 October	
Morning Service	11.00am
24 October	
Morning Service	11.00am
31 October	
Morning Service	11.00am

St Oswald, Widford

24 October
Evening Prayer (BCP) 6.00pm **All services are subject to change due to COVID.**

Please check our website burfordchurch.org before attending a service.

Tarnia Usher - Church Secretary

**ST JOHN FISHER AND ST THOMAS
MORE**

Weekly Services

*Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/cb2fdh9j>

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00 pm
*Sunday Mass: 10.00 am

Weekdays:

Tuesday - Mass 10.00 am

Thursday - Mass 10.00 am

Friday - Mass 6.00 pm followed by Confessions

Please see catholicchurchburford.org.uk for booking details and latest updates.

Dan Boyle

BURFORD QUAKER MEETING

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

David Day (01993) 823398

BURFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Burford Baptist as a building, has not re-opened post lockdown at present as we are awaiting work to be done on the building which will hopefully mean that we can resume some of our activities and allow the building to be let from January 2022.

The soup and pudding and cafe services are currently suspended.

We are aware that many of the vulnerable people in our community are anxious at this time and we need to ensure that all of us are being kept safe and that we all continue to keep safe during these times.

We look forward to welcoming the community back in once we have made the building safer and done essential works.

Gill Crippen

DIRECTORY OF LOCAL BUSINESSES & SERVICES

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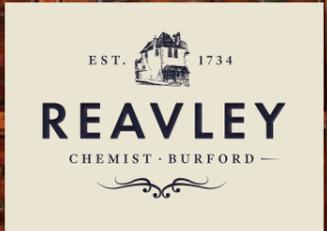


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