

The Fulbrook News

Our Quarterly Newsletter

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**Martin and Anne Vessey at their
Diamond Wedding Anniversary
celebrations in the Warwick Hall**

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Dear Readers,

Despite the choppy and changeable weather, the hot days and the windy ones, the gardens seem to have flourished almost extravagantly, but I'm worried about the fruit which are thumping to the ground in the wind and some seem not to have ripened properly. However the roses have been wonderful, particularly the ones around the door of the Carpenter's Arms which, when driving past, have been a joy to behold. We are so lucky that our one remaining pub has survived all threats of closure and is once more a happy and welcoming place to visit.

A lot of us participated in the great Burford Festival, but one of Fulbrook's own highlights was our Church's Saints' Day Supper held at the FMP which was a huge success: a four course feast of Spanish food composed and cooked by Lyn Bibbings Burns and her husband, our Newsletter chef, Peter Burns.

During July and August the traffic down Cocklands Hill was horrendous. Once it took me twenty minutes to get to the roundabout before the bridge! Sitting there waiting I wondered if the 40 mph signs are really necessary on the way down the hill. It seems ridiculous to me to be encouraged to speed up before reaching the mini-roundabout. Perhaps when the problem of the HGVs has been resolved all will be better.

Congratulations to Anne and Martin Vessey on reaching their Diamond Wedding anniversary. What a huge achievement to have been happily married for sixty years. Congratulations also to Siobhan and Tom, the new publicans at the Carpenters Arms, on the birth of their son Max on Tuesday 23rd July at the JR; mother and baby are both doing well. Finally, congratulations to our own poet, Joanna Lynham, who has recovered and returned to us like a phoenix after a nasty fall in the beginning of the summer. She claims that it is all thanks to her kind friends, but maybe her own indomitable spirit has something to do with it too.

Anne Anderson has a daughter-in-law to be proud of too - Aimi Bullock is the UK's number one ranked female disabled golfer and in June this year she realised her childhood dream of representing her country at sport when she captained England to second place at the European Championships in Spain. See page 12 for an article about Aimi and her achievements.

Autumn is now upon us and the blackberries are ripening. Let us hope it will be a pleasant and warm one. A barbecue lunch is planned for 7th September, then there will be the Harvest Festival, and, of course, later on the Carol Service. Also don't forget The Remembrance Sunday Service, starting at the War Memorial at 9.30am on Sunday 10th November, in honour of the brave men of Fulbrook who fought and were killed in both World Wars.

The autumn Village Clean-Up will take place on 9th November. New volunteers are always welcome, just bring stout gloves and a pair of clippers, more helpers the merrier. Also, if anyone needs another form of exercise why not try Riding or Striding? It is a good way to see the countryside and visit other churches in the area, many of great interest, architecturally and historically (see page 11 for more details).

Diana Brown

A note from the editorial team: We apologise if you receive this edition of the Newsletter slightly later than usual. We aim to distribute the Newsletter during the first week of the month but Burford School, who print the Newsletter for us, was closed for their summer holidays until Monday 2nd September so that was the earliest we could deliver the Newsletter to the school for printing.

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Please let the Parish Council know what you think about any of the above or other issues. Meetings of FPC are held at the Meeting Place at the back of the church and the following date has been set for the next meeting:-

23rd September 2019 @ 7.00pm

All are welcome at these meetings.

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Don't forget the website:

www.fulbrookvillage.net

FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

This is my brief overview of the Parish Council activity in the past month. Points to Note are:-

- Amenities Committee: - We have now taken delivery of the new Marquee, which you will have seen in use at the Plant sale. It is exactly the same size as the last one and is available for use for private functions via booking through the amenities committee. We request a donation to the committee of £50 for each use. Additionally, there is also a large tea boiler. Should you have any particular bookings in mind please discuss with Malcolm Taylor.
- We have not been able to progress Speedwatch any further at the moment. Thames valley police are still to make a decision on whether to sign up to the National Speedwatch Campaign. At this stage with the uncertainty of that decision it is somewhat rash to invest £2,000 in speed monitoring equipment before we are authorised to use it. Along with TVPs endorsement of the scheme also comes the correct insurance. Until they confirm and re-train our volunteers we will not be insured. Further news will follow when it is to hand.
- New Councillor: I am pleased to announce that as of the last council meeting, we now have a further Parish Councillor, we welcome Michael Thompson to the council and thank him for taking up the vacancy.
- The next Village Clean Up is the 9th November, all help very much appreciated.
- The Carol singing date for this year is 18th December, should you wish to take part or have the singers visit your street/house

Walford Ingleby

Chairman

From the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Kim Kekwick is the new Fulbrook Parish Clerk. To contact Kim the e-mail address is fulbrookpc.clerk@aol.co.uk and the mobile number is 07792 020903.

The Parish Clerk sends out a fortnightly e-mail to those who ask for it, detailing events in the village, planning applications and other information from West Oxfordshire District Council. If you would like to be added to this list please e-mail fulbrookpc.clerk@aol.co.uk

Kim Kekwick

Parish Clerk

THE FULBROOK FORUM

6th June 2019. The history of the Wychwood Forest and the role of the Wychwood Project in conserving it and maintaining its traditions by Toby Swift

Toby is Education and Volunteering Officer for The Wychwood Project and in the first part of his talk he told us about the history of The Wychwood Forest which covers a roughly triangular area of 120 square miles and 41 parishes, mostly in West Oxfordshire bordered by the River Windrush to the south-west and stretching from Enstone to the north, Eynsham to the east and Northmoor to the south.

The term forest was originally used by the Normans to designate an area for hunting deer – it was not necessarily covered by trees and could include open

fields, meadows, heathland etc. Toby told us about the laws that applied to forests which included a ban on taking deer as they belonged to the King, a ban on farmers allowing swine to enter the forest to eat acorns and other food and the protection of forest timber as it was needed to build ships and buildings.

These laws were removed from The Wychwood Forest in the 1300s except for Cornbury, Woodstock and Witney and this allowed the start of assarting - the clearance of woodland for agriculture.

He told us about the history of some of the place names used in the forest – the name Wychwood itself comes from Hwicce, a tribal kingdom in Anglo-Saxon England whose land included the area of the forest.

He then told us about The Wychwood Project, founded in 1997 as a registered charity to encourage local people to understand, conserve and restore the wildlife, habitats and landscape features of the Wychwood Forest.

The Project manages four conservation areas: Foxburrow Wood, Grimes Meadow, Woodstock water meadows and Wigwell Nature Reserve, supports ‘special interest’ conservation groups and undertakes a range of conservation projects. It holds the Wychwood Forest Fair, a popular annual event held on the first Sunday in September which this year will be at Little Park, Cornbury on 1st September.

Our next meetings in the Fulbrook Meeting Place:

5 September Professional Engineer: Amateur Pilot by David Foster. Some reflections on 50 years in aviation including flying-training as it was in the 1950s, many years of involvement in military test-flying and in training a foreign air force in the Middle East.

3 October 100 years of pharmacy in Burford by Cedric Reavley. He will be covering some of the changes there have been in pharmacy as a profession, and the changing needs of local residents.

Please put our future meetings in your diary. If you would like a reminder about a week before each meeting please e-mail fulbrookforum@gmail.com and we will put you on our mailing list.

Meetings take place at 3pm in the Fulbrook Meeting Place at the back of Fulbrook Church. All welcome, no membership required.

There aren't many things in life that get cheaper. The Fulbrook Forum committee has decided to lower our donation request for refreshment from £2 to £1. What a bargain! The cheapest cup of tea and biscuit in Burford and an entertaining talk.

The Fulbrook Meeting Place is in Fulbrook Church which is up Church Lane, off the A361, opposite the Fulbrook War Memorial.

Oliver Sharpley

HISTORY GROUP

At our latest meeting on 12th August Jim Weir showed us a document called Memories of Old Burford by Ivy Holloway that he had come across while tidying up some papers.

Ivy was born in October 1894 at the Lenthall Temperance Hotel in Sheep Street (formerly The Greyhound Inn, now Greyhounds) which had been opened as a hotel by her father Thomas Paintin, who also ran a horse-drawn carriage business from the premises. Anne Weir, who moved to Fulbrook in 1979, remembers Ivy, who would have been 85 at that time.

In the document that Jim found, Ivy includes a list of all the businesses and trades that existed in Burford around the turn of the century, including 5 bakers, 6 grocers, 3 butchers, 2 blacksmiths, 2 chimney sweeps, 1 tinsmith, 1 bell foundry, 2 ironmongers and 2 fish and chip shops.

She also collected a number of stories about Burford and the surrounding area, including one about the Wesleyan Chapel in Fulbrook built by Daniel James Mills in 1861 using stones from the Wychwood Forest that he brought to the site using an old pony and cart. Maurice Eldridge remembers the chapel, which was demolished around 1957 to allow for road widening work.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.30 pm at Triggers Cottage, Meadow Lane.

We welcome guests to our meetings, so if you are interested in the history of the village or if you have

any information to contribute to our research you are welcome to join us.

Laurence Balbes

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, AUGUST 2019.

Safer Communities, Safer Fulbrook

LOCAL ACTIVITY UPDATE

We have had more of the usual crime in our area with perhaps more advice from Action Fraud this period, some burglaries and the inevitable scams – in various forms.

Burglaries

In June, over the period of 1 week there were five reported burglaries in the Burford area, all happened between the hours of 13.00hrs to 07.00hrs.

Unusually these have been committed during the daylight hours, this would suggest that observations on the properties have been done prior, and the households have a regular pattern of leaving the house at set times.

Where possible, vary your routine, walk the dog a bit later or earlier, go to the shops at different times and let your neighbours know that you be out for some time, and ask them to keep an eye out in your absence. You should obviously do the same for them.

Advice: Please double check your doors and windows before you leave your property, if you have an alarm then please activate it before you leave.

Lastly, do not keep valuables, car/house keys, handbags, briefcase etc. on view, or large amounts of cash in the house, and report any suspicious persons or vehicles in the area.

Being burgled is a traumatic experience - here is the TVP website address for info and advice:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/thames-valley/advice/home-security-guide.pdf>

Fraud

I received an email from one of our neighbours re attempted fraud – see below

“I have just received a fraudulent call from a nicely spoken man calling himself James Harding from Visa. He asked if I had recently spent £300 at Tesco in Manchester because £600 has been spent at Harrods this seems unusual transactions and could be fraudulent. I revealed to him that I had an account with Barclays. He said Barclays would call me shortly to check transactions. Only a few minutes later he or another man said he was from Barclays and I told him he was a liar and replaced the telephone. I

then called 1572 to delete that undisclosed number. I called my bank and no unusual transactions have been made on my account.”

Our neighbour did the correct thing here and well done. Remember, whenever you call your bank, always use the telephone number on the back of your credit / debit card or the telephone number on your bank statement.

The ‘Action Fraud Advice’ covered the following areas: Courier Fraud, Bogus Police and Bank Officials Alert, HMRC Non-Payment of tax or other duty alert, Online vehicle and machinery sales alert and fraudulent parking fines by bogus police and traffic wardens alert. Another scam was re fake ‘Talk Talk’ emails about a refund.

Details of these criminal acts have been circulated by email to those members of the Fulbrook Neighbourhood Group. If you wish to be copied on these emails then please contact me by email at jimmacallan@aol.com

HOLIDAY BOOKING FRAUD

With our holiday season upon us, many of us are enjoying long awaited holidays or looking forward to trips later in the year to shorten the winter months. But please be aware, online fraudsters are tapping into this lucrative market.

Fraudsters stole £7M from holiday makers in 2018; more than 5,000 people in the UK were victims as a result of buying bogus airline tickets, accommodation or organised tours. So here are a few tips from the experts to help you stay safe when booking online:

- don't just rely on one review – do a thorough online search to check the company's credentials
- check if the company is a member of a recognised trade body such as ABTA
- pay by credit card (this provides some cover if things go wrong) and avoid paying directly into a private individual's bank account
- read and understand the small print; you need to understand what happens if your holiday/flights are cancelled at the last minute so that you aren't left stranded
- check the web address to ensure you are dealing with a legitimate company and not an altered, fraudulent copycat site, eg domain name going from .co.uk to .org

And if in doubt...

- use a reputable travel agent
- ensure that your holiday booking or flights and hotel are covered by ABTA
- take advice from friends and family who have previous experience of a tour operator or hotel

If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

In the meantime, stay safe and should you see or suspect anything suspicious then do not hesitate to call 999.

In the meantime, stay safe and if you see something, report it! In an emergency dial 999. Otherwise contact Thames Valley Police on 101.

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THE FULBROOK NEWS – THE FUTURE

Most of you will know that our newsletter is produced quarterly, delivered free to every household in the village and funded entirely by advertising. Of late some of our advertisers have discontinued their support and this leaves us wondering how we will manage to cover the printing costs in the future - we have enough in the account to complete this year's print run.

In each issue we include a recipe and from this month we will also have a sommelier's suggestion of a wine to accompany the dish. So, an idea from the Editorial Committee is to publish a book of the tried and tested recipes that have appeared in the Newsletter over the years - there are quite a few! We would be grateful for your comments on such a project, which we would hope to launch with the December issue and have on sale in time for Christmas.

Of course, if any of you avid readers have any other suggestions to keep our newsletter alive please don't be shy. Let us know what you think.

Do you wish to continue receiving The Fulbrook News?

Our resident poet Joanna Lynham has been poorly for the last few months following a nasty fall and has therefore been unable to provide us with a poem for this issue of the Newsletter.

Another poet in the village, John Hoyle (a man of many talents), has therefore stepped into the breach and provided us with the following from what we believe is an extensive oeuvre of work:

At the Bar

The young man is ordering bitter
And half pints of Pimms "for the girls,"
Who're his sisters in sweaters that glitter
And his mother in twin set and pearls.

The old man is hard but uncertain,
Alone in an alien place,
An American World War Two airman
Returning for one well known face.

They are elbow to elbow, unknowing,
With something in common in style
Which is making his sisters uneasy
And his mother inscrutably smile.

Deep under the pearls she is planning
To let the American know
That the photograph, warm in his wallet,
Is secure in her mother's bureau.

John Hoyle



This month we hosted our yearly coffee morning, where we raised £240. Thank you so much to all that donated cakes and raffle prizes and to those who came to spend a wonderful morning with us.

It was lovely to see some familiar faces and for all of us to catch up.

Monthly Meetings:

The next meeting is on Tuesday 10th September from 7pm at Warwick Hall. We will be accompanied by the Lechlade Craft Barn, where we will be learning how to make Christmas decorations using ribbon.

October will see us celebrating with our harvest festival.

November we will be hosting an exciting talk titled 'Diamond Heist'.

December will be our Christmas Festivities.

Walking Group – First Friday of the month at 10am

September – Signet Loop from the Carpenters Arms in Fulbrook

October – Lyneham/Sarsden Loop

November – Shilton Loop

December – Holwell/Westwell Loop

Please note the routes are subject to change depending on weather and conditions so it is always worth checking with Sue Newport first: 07966 153797 sue@rsbjn.co.uk The start time is 10am from the Carpenter's Arms, Fulbrook on the first Friday of each month. Non-members and well behaved dogs are always welcome.

The Lunch Club will resume in September on the Third Tuesday of the month from 12pm: Held at the Cotswold Gateway Hotel, this is open to non-members as well. Contact Angela Weller on 01993 822012 or at wellersativy@hotmail.co.uk

Treasurer Needed

Our lovely treasurer is stepping down in January, so we are looking for someone to take her place. Perfect if you are looking for more experience in this area, full training is given. You must be a member to be able to complete the role.

Guests are always welcome and it is a good way to "try before you buy!" There is a suggested donation of £4.50 per meeting. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 7pm aiming to start at 7.30pm in the Old Hall in the Warwick Hall. More information about us can also be found on www.thefabwi.org.uk

Frankie Fowkes
President

Fulbrook News and Views

From the Editorial Team.....

In this issue we include news of the Oxford Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Stride, an item on Anne Anderson's daughter-in-law Aimi, the UK's number one ranked female disabled golfer, news from The Rotary Club of Burford & Kingham and much more ...

The purpose of Fulbrook News and Views is to highlight issues or interests within the village. For this to work successfully we need contributions from as many readers as possible. As you can see here, these can be of a serious, flippant or humorous nature. Please contribute!

A conversation with

Richard Lethbridge



It was a happy circumstance that brought the Lethbridges to Fulbrook. Twenty two years ago Richard and Diana were visiting Burford when Richard needed to go to the loo. He went into Jackson Stops, the estate agent, and said they were looking for a house in West Oxfordshire but could he first please use their facilities. The Dower House had just come onto the market, Richard and Diana went to see it and the rest, as they say, is history. They were downsizing from their lovely old farmhouse in Fawler near Charlbury. They are both very settled here in the village, have wonderful neighbours (he stressed that) and are near to Burford without being in it.

Richard was born in Bath in 1934 along with his unexpected, identical twin brother - quite a shock for Mrs Lethbridge! Richard empathised with Ann Weir when he read about her twins experience in the last issue. Sadly Richard's twin was killed in an air crash many years ago. Father was a mining engineer and in 1938 moved his four sons to Henley in Oxfordshire where he enjoyed a happy childhood. He and his brothers attended Downside Catholic School in Somerset before joining the Army for National Service, taking a commission in the Royal Berkshire Regiment where he served eighteen months in Germany (he described it as quite an education).

After the Army plans for a future career were discussed and father suggested applying for a trainee management post with a steel company with which he had a contact. Richard was taken on and enjoyed very much learning the ropes and discovering everything there is to know about steel production and sales. He recalls that the job took him to Birmingham, which he loved. Following this post he went to work for the

Port Talbot Steel Company in Wales and was soon promoted to Export Manager with an office in London. At that time the company employed 17,000 men.

After about 10 years Richard decided that he needed a change and one day he and a friend, sitting in a cafe near Tower Bridge, decided to set up a company and call it Tower Steel (Diana served us coffee in retained company mugs). They started in one room in Jermyn Street and eventually had branches in Birmingham and Southampton. He was very fortunate in having a brilliant partner with whom he remains good friends.

A dinner invitation found him sitting next to a girl called Diana. They were both smitten, wrote to each other and were married in 1962. Diana was a Froebel trained teacher in London and when their four children came along her skills were put to good use, all of them at one point being under the age of 5: Lucy, Anna, Damian and Benedict. The family lived in Twickenham, but it wasn't long before they moved to the Oxfordshire countryside.

In 1985 Richard sold his share of the business and was approached by a publisher to write a Shell Guide to Oxfordshire and Berkshire. This was a new departure and he thoroughly enjoyed the challenge gaining information throughout the regions. He and Diana have long been 'church crawlers' visiting churches all over the country out of interest - they have for many years been avid supporters of the 'Ride & Stride' scheme to raise funds for our much loved older churches. As a result he became the Hon Secretary of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. This was a whole new world and he willingly embraced the job of liaising with Church of England clergy across the diocese. He also became involved with the Glebe Committee, dealing with land management, The Victoria County History Trust and the local Wildlife Trust.

In 1985 Richard applied for a post with the Country Landowners Association and he was appointed Secretary of Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire. He was responsible for representing the members' interests, which he carried out for 6 years. Due to ill-health Richard retired after a heart by-pass procedure.

There has been a High Sheriff of Oxfordshire since the 10th century and in the Millennium year 2000 Richard was appointed by the Queen to this ancient office. Although the traditional role of attendance at the Oxford Court and the support of visiting High Court Judges continues, the Sheriff's role has widened to that of supporting numerous charities and other worthy causes throughout the county. Looking through his diary for the period he counted 140 engagements. A most memorable occasion was an invitation by RAF Brize Norton to fly to the North Sea in a VC10 on a refuelling exercise and to watch a jet fighter being refuelled in mid air. The fact that during the process the fighter pilot waved at him through the window was somewhat unnerving. He pointed out that he certainly came to know the county very well "It was an action-packed year but very rewarding". How splendid he looks in his official regalia: a rented court dress and borrowed sword.



Holidays over the years have been many and various including visits to family overseas. Lucy is an author and journalist living in London and Anna lives in Charlbury with her son Caspar. Damian and his family have lived for many years in Sydney where grandson Oliver is at university and granddaughter Milly is still at school (her recent claim to fame is being named waitress of the month at KFC!). Ben is a successful restaurant entrepreneur in Bordeaux with three boys Felix, Joe and Zac. Nowadays Richard and Diana enjoy short breaks to various parts of England, especially Yorkshire, East Anglia and Herefordshire.

As a practicing Catholic, Richard plays an active role at the church of SS John Fisher and Thomas More in Burford. He loves living in Fulbrook and seems very well, looking a picture of health, but there have been some pretty testing times, including stomach cancer, an aneurism and heart bypass surgery. He's made of stern stuff and certainly makes the most of whatever life can offer.

Quick Fire Questions:

Gardening or garden hammock?

Hammock

Moscow or Majorca?

Moscow

The Carpenters Arms or kitchen supper?

Kitchen supper (no disrespect to Carpenters Arms - we like lunch out)

Chocolate or chips?

Chips (Diana said that baked beans and full English breakfast are his favourites)

A good Claret or a chilled Coca Cola?

Claret

Tennis or cricket?

Tennis - never really got into cricket

Mozart or The Rolling Stones?

Mozart is a particular love

Eastenders or The Blue Planet?

I don't know about either but I like The Antiques Roadshow

Up with the lark or night owl?

Night owl

VW Beetle or Mini Cooper?

Station wagon - they call them estate cars nowadays.

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE

SEPTEMBER 14th 2019

It's not too late to sign up for the Ride and Stride this year. To refresh the regulars and introduce any newcomers to this enjoyable day, this is all you have to do to take part:

1. Pick up a sponsor form and a list of churches open, from the back of the church, or phone me.
2. Choose your route, which can be as short or as long as you like
3. Ask for sponsorship or, if you prefer, sponsor yourself. You can be sponsored either by a donation or for each church you visit.
4. Set off on Saturday, calling at each church you pass, where you will be given a warm welcome and refreshments.

A lot of people arrange their route with a pub for lunch on the way.

If you're new to this day, two favourite routes for both cyclists and walkers are the meadow walk from Burford to Swinbrook, calling first at the five churches of Burford and then the three en route (with perhaps Asthall too).

For cyclists, we recommend the "flatlands" from Westhall to Kelmscott down quiet lanes and with plenty of churches en route. Or you can cross the border into Gloucs., where they are participating too.

Your efforts will help to support both the church of your choice and grants to other churches in Oxfordshire, safeguarding them into the future.

All details from Diana Lethbridge 824196

UK'S NUMBER ONE FEMALE DISABLED GOLFER AN INSPIRATION TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

Many of us will know Anne Anderson's daughter-in-law, Aimi seen on the right here in our picture with Anne, wife Kirstie and cockapoo, Obi.



Aimi Bullock is the UK's number one ranked female disabled golfer. She was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2013 yet she refuses to accept defeat against this debilitating disease that can affect the brain, spinal chord and optic nerves. In June this year she realised her childhood dream of representing her country at sport when she captained England to second place at the European Championships in Spain. In the mixed World rankings she has managed to reach 84, while she made 6th best female. "I'm probably playing the best golf I've ever played with my lowest handicap of 7". Aimi is also 1 of 11 selected worldwide for the R & A's inaugural Women's Leadership Development Programme. She will be playing in the Celebrity Cup on the opening ceremony day of the Solheim Cup at Gleneagles in September, as one of the six golfers representing the European Disabled Golf Association.

As a member of the European Disabled Golf Association Aimi is on a mission to promote the sport for people with disabilities, adding "We want to introduce more people to golf. It's good for health issues". With this in mind she wants to get disabled golf in a position to make a bid for the paralympics and is currently working on setting up some 'get into golf' schemes. If you are interested do get in touch through The Fulbrook News!

(Aimi Bullock was featured in The Surrey Advertiser in August this year speaking on behalf of EDGA.)

<h2>WHY I LOVE GOLF</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ I love the openness. My brain can't cope with being in a big group of people. On a golf course there's just you and your partner ■ Fresh air, doing some exercise without it being running like mad ■ on the treadmill. A different way of exercising ■ It makes me feel alive ■ Involvement with the European Disabled Golf Association has given me focus and purpose 	<h2>THREE FIRSTS FOR BULLOCK</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ First female to represent England at disabled golf ■ First female to join elite training squad ■ First female to play in the English Disabled Open
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NEWS FROM FULBROOK CHURCH

Many people attended the induction and licensing of our new Vicar for the benefice, the Rev Tom Putt. Tom was the Associate Minister in Yeovil and Chaplain at the 6th Form College. He is married to Anna, and they have three delightful children Ellie, Sam & Abbie, who will be attending Burford primary school from September. Do say hello and welcome them when you see them out and about.

Tom trained at Oak Hill and was a Curate in Kirk Ella & Willerby, two villages just outside Hull. Both Tom and Anna have been involved in leading the Children's Ministry at the Keswick Convention for 12 years (Anna and Tom met there 20 years ago). Anna was a School teacher before they had the children and has had lots of involvement with all the churches they have been a part of.

Tom has now preached twice in Fulbrook and he has been very well received. Both he and Anna are full of energy and enthusiasm and they are quickly immersing themselves in Burford life. We have also enjoyed Anna and the children coming to a service and we very much hope they will be able to come from time to time. In the coming months Tom will be preaching in Fulbrook once a month and Oliver Strange, our curate, will be preaching twice a month here. This gives us continuity and spiritual leadership while still leaving space for preaching from the other excellent clergy we are fortunate to enjoy in the benefice.

Harvest Festival - 6th October at 11am

Please come and join us for the harvest festival service which will be followed by a free lunch for everyone, prepared by members of the congregation. If anyone would like to help in preparation of the main course, or by bringing a crumble (perhaps made with fruit from your garden or the hedgerow) please could you let Lyn Bibbings Burns know (01993 823640 or lynbibbings1@gmail.com)

We welcome donations of non-perishable items to be put in the box that will be left in the church from Thursday October 3rd, or you can bring these, along with any perishable items – perhaps some spare produce from your garden - to the service on Sunday October 6th. These donations will be taken, after the service, to Besom in Witney, who distribute these to those who are homeless or in need.

Evensong – October 20th at 6pm – NO MORNING SERVICE ON THIS DATE

Come and enjoy this lovely service followed by a glass of wine and cheese and biscuits. We shall be giving our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributes to keeping the church running. We have an amazing 58 people on the rotas which include opening and closing the church every day, cleaning the church, flower arranging, being sidesmen at services, making coffee and biscuits for after the service, doing the readings and intercessions as well as those that prepare the rotas! We shall also be thanking all the clergy, the bellringers and all the musicians who play the organ, choose the hymns for the services and all those that organise or help at events such as the coffee morning, and Time Out or fund raising activities.

Taize service – Sunday 17th November 4pm (in addition to the morning service)

Everyone, of any denomination, is invited to join us for this service of quiet prayer, chanting and contemplation. This is the only ecumenical service in the benefice and is held three times a year. This is the last service for this year – come and share this time of peace together.

Regular quiet prayer for Fulbrook, every 2nd Monday, 6.30pm – 7pm

Everyone is most welcome to join in these prayers to ask for guidance and help in developing, welcoming and growing our church congregation. **These will be on 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.**

Regular quiet prayer – new time and day for this – every Monday, except the 2nd in the month at 5pm

Everyone is most welcome to join in these prayers. If you would prayers to be said for anyone please let either John or Lyn (the Churchwardens) know (John 01993 824044, Lyn 01993 823640) or put their names on the pad on the small table to the left of the entrance door, and we shall ensure they are remembered in our prayers. **Please ensure you have their consent before mentioning anyone's name.** We shall be praying for all those in Fulbrook who are ill or in need.

Regular church services are at 9.30 am



NEWS FROM THE FULBROOK MEETING PLACE

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saints Day Supper – 3rd August

This was a great success – please see separate report on page 19.

BBQ and fun day – Saturday 7th September

At the time of writing there are just a few tickets left for this event which should be a lot of fun with a delicious BBQ lunch included in the ticket price of £10 adults, children (12 and under) free. Why not bring friends and family to enjoy the last of the summer with music provided by Saxophony and with games to play – suitable for children and adults alike! There will be burgers and sausages, salads and a range of puds, and drinks – both soft and alcoholic. So why not come and make an afternoon of it? Any funds raised will go to the church for upkeep (although as with all church income 10% will be donated to the three charities we are supporting this year). Please contact John Harrington (01993 822451) or John Radcliffe (01993 824044).

Harvest Festival Lunch – Sunday 6th October

Come and celebrate the harvest by joining us for a free harvest lunch in the FMP provided for all after the 11am festival service in the church. No need to book. There will be a main course and crumbles for dessert – with many of the puds prepared with fruit harvested from gardens or the hedgerow.

REGULAR EVENTS – everyone is very welcome to come to these.

- Every Thursday, Keep Fit 9 –10am All welcome £3
- 1st Thursday of the month (except January and August), Fulbrook Forum 3.00 pm – all welcome, £1 donation to cover refreshments
- 4th Thursday in the month – coffee morning – all welcome
- 2nd Monday in the month – please join us for prayers for Fulbrook 6.30 – 7pm
- 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Monday in the month – quiet prayer 5- 5.15pm – NB this is a change of day for prayers which used to be on Thursdays. Everyone welcome.

The Fulbrook Meeting Place is our village hall and as such is available for hire, subject to conditions, at a very reasonable rate. If you are interested in hiring the FMP for a meeting, afternoon get-together or a family party, please contact our Booking Clerk, Lyn Bibbings Burns on 823640.

FULBROOK MEETING PLACE

DIARY OF EVENTS September to November 2019

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 5th	3pm	Fulbrook Forum – All welcome
Saturday 7th	12 noon	BBQ and Fun day
Monday 9th	6.30-7pm	Informal prayers for Fulbrook- All welcome
Monday 23rd	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting
Thursday 26th	10.30 am	Coffee morning- all welcome

OCTOBER

Thursday 3rd	3pm	Fulbrook Forum – all welcome
Sunday 6th	12 noon	Harvest lunch – all welcome
Friday 4th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Monday 7th	6.30-7pm	Informal prayers for Fulbrook- All welcome
Thursday 24th	10.30 am	Coffee morning- all welcome
Thursday 31 st	1pm	Private event

NOVEMBER

Thursday 7th	3pm	Fulbrook Forum – All welcome
Monday 11th	6.30-7pm	Informal prayers for Fulbrook- All welcome
Monday 18th	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting
Thursday 29th	10.30am	Coffee morning– all welcome
Friday 30th	9-12noon	WI event - Wreathmaking

For bookings and further information call:

Lyn Bibbings Burns 01993 823640

E mail: lynbibbings1@gmail.com

Burford Singers Come and Sing Day

Saturday, 28th September at Burford School
Registration and coffee from 9.30am
Informal performance 4.30pm
£20 to sing, £5 for audience

Come and join us for a day singing under our inspirational musical director Brian Kay.

Great Handel Choruses from Acis and Galatea, Israel in Egypt, Messiah, Judas Maccabaeus, Solomon, Alexander's Feast and Zadok the Priest. The day will also include Bob Chilcott's Singing By Numbers. Everyone is welcome irrespective of singing ability or experience. Your music will be provided on the day and is included in the ticket price.

For further details, to book online or download a booking form go to our website at <http://www.burfordsingers.org.uk/events/come-and-sing/>

Burford Singers – Verdi Requiem

Sunday, 24th November 2019, 7.30pm
Church of St John the Baptist, Church Green, Burford OX18 4RY

Burford Singers with
Linda Richardson – Soprano
Marta Fontanals-Simmons – Mezzo
Ben Thapa - Tenor
Freddie Long - Bass
Cotswold Chamber Orchestra
Leader: Kate Bailey
Conductor: Brian Kay

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Online booking from 6th October - 23rd November at
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Booking in person (unreserved tickets only) from 6th October
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Full details and booking form available on our website www.burfordsingers.org.uk

Catherine Martin
Burford Singers Publicity

Rotary Club of Burford & Kingham news



Burford and Kingham Rotary Club meet every Monday. We are pleased to announce we have a new meeting venue. We are delighted to be welcomed by Burford Golf Club, We will be meeting there every Monday at 7 for 7.30pm (except Bank Holidays). We are a small but very friendly group. With members from all the local villages in the area .We are always looking to increase our membership, if you would like to come along and find out what Rotary is about why not come along as a visitor. Please contact our secretary at terry.a.best@btinternet beforehand. We would be very pleased to see you.

President Jane Coombes and fellow Rotarians went on a trip to Grundon Total Waste Management Facility

This was a fascinating trip and enjoyed by all. We were shown round by Norman Grundon, the grandson of the founder of the company.

Top facts from the day:

In the 1940's they supplied material for the Mulberry Harbour and filled bomb craters at RAF Northolt using hardcore from demolished houses and bomb debris from London streets.

The Green Redeem Programme was started which provides receptacles for recycling bottles, etc. and gives the depositor credit: Schools receive 5p per item collected up to £2000 per school. We are looking to help introduce this to local schools.

Their hazardous waste disposal expertise has included clearing up after both the Polonium attack on Alexander Litvineko and the Novichok poisoning in Salisbury.

Working with the Oxfordshire Trust for the Environment has raised over 1 million pounds.

Everyone was impressed by the computerised automation. Rubbish was dumped mechanically from trucks with moving floors into a huge concrete vats. Loads up to 7 tons are grabbed by remote control sorted and put into high temperature incinerators. All excess heat is recovered and any harmful gases removed. The residue is recycled and made into concrete blocks nothing is wasted. Nil to landfill.

On 28th July we had an interesting speaker evening with Kathy Slack – Organic Gardner, Cook and Author.

Here is a list of events for the next few months:

August 18th - Chastleton Teas

September 2nd - Charity Speaker – Prostate Cancer UK

September 14th - Rotary Proms in Symphony Hall Birmingham

September 23rd - Jan Harvey – author of crime novels set in the Cotswolds

October 18th - Annual Charity Bridge Drive

October 28th - Speaker Helen Plumb Gemmologist

A very varied and interesting programme, do please think about coming along!

**Burford School
News
August 2019**

As the school was closed for the summer holidays at the time the Newsletter went to print, we have no news from the school for this edition.

Lyndy Dennis
Marketing Assistant
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Saint's Day Supper in August

On August 3rd we honoured St James the Great, patron saint of Spain, in a delightful evening in the Fulbrook Meeting Place (the space at the back of the church - our best attempt at a village hall!). This was a fun social event but was also raising money for the maintenance of the church and the FMP.

Forty-three people bought tickets for the four-course Spanish themed meal and, with a glass of Cava, were welcomed to the FMP which had been decorated with bunting, sunflowers, red napkins folded into fans and with red candles in bottles on the tables.

We had a delicious selection of tapas dishes to start – beautifully prepared by Jo Glyde, and followed with a main course of Chicken Basque – this went down so well we have included the recipe for this in this edition of the Newsletter (page 21).

After a break when each table concentrated on solving a Spanish-themed picture quiz – with some hilarious results – we moved on to a delicious, moist, orange and almond cake, skilfully baked by Hilary Tadman-Robins. The quiz answers were wrested from the participants by Quiz master Jo Glyde and a prize awarded to the table with the most correct answers (you know who you are!).

The evening was declared a success by all, and we raised £871 for church funds – although 10% of this (as with all church income) will be donated to the three charities we are supporting this year.

Massive thanks go to all those that helped organise and deliver this event - Jo Glyde, Hilary Tadman-Robins, Peter Burns, Phil Glyde, Dan Glyde, and to all the participants on the night.

Lyn Bibbings Burns

The Arts Society Cotswolds

Lecture programme for September to December 2019

September 11th, 2019, “Canaletto & England” with Professor Brendon Cassidy

By the 1720s Canaletto was renowned for his “views” of Venice. In 1746 he moved to London where the famous sights were represented to the English in ways they had never seen before.

This lecture considers how he adapted his style to appeal to local taste, the successes (and occasional hostility from local artists), the range of work he produced and the influence he had on later English artists.

October 9th “Zaha Hadid –architectural superstar” with Professor Colin Davies

Zaha Hadid was born in Iraq but lived in Britain. This lecture tells the story of her career from the visionary projects of the 1980s, through the years of frustration when her designs were considered unbuildable, to the prolific crop of highly successful global projects in the last decade of her life. Architectural historians will recognise her as one of the most important architects of the early 21st century

November 13th “William Shakespeare and his turbulent world” with Elizabeth Merry

It's said that a Shakespeare play is being performed somewhere in the world every minute of every day. In this lecture we explore what is known about his life in the turbulent and often dangerous world of Elizabethan and Jacobean England, and look at the development of English Renaissance theatre. We also focus on some of the portraits purporting to be of Shakespeare and examine the theories behind them.

December 11th Christmas at Covent Garden with Sarah Lenton

The London Christmas season was invented 300 years ago at Covent Garden Although Panto has moved on to the Palladium but we still see the basic components of principal boy, fairy tales and the dame in the seasonal operas and balets at the Royal Opera House.

Lectures begin at 11.00 at the Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford OX18 4RZ. Non-members are welcome (suggested donation £10). For more information see our website www.theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk

Another recipe from the cookbook of our resident chef Peter Burns:

Elsewhere in this issue you will have read a report about the Saint's Day Supper held in the Fulbrook Meeting Place. A number of people who attended have been raving about the main course of our Spanish themed meal and asking for the recipe – so we thought it would be a good idea to share this with the whole village.

Buen provecho!

CHICKEN BASQUE – adapted from Delia Smith

A combination of chicken and rice, olives and peppers is found all round the Mediterranean – this Spanish version has the addition of spicy chorizo, sun dried tomatoes and paprika to make it extra tasty. This recipe has the added advantages of being cooked all in one pot and can be cooked on the hob or in the oven. It is a complete meal and may be eaten without any accompaniment, although we served it with green salad. It is also gluten free as long as you use gluten free stock and check the chorizo you use does not contain gluten (we used spicy chorizo from Sainsbury's).

This is a great meal for entertaining as the timings are not crucial once the dish is cooked – it will happily sit in the oven on a very low heat, or on the hob but switched off, for another half hour or more without spoiling.

INGREDIENTS

Enough for 4 (although we cooked enough for over 40!)

- 8 chicken thighs (skin on and bone in)
- Brown basmati rice measured to the 8 fl oz level (225ml) in glass measuring jug
- 10 fl oz (275ml) chicken stock (gluten free)
- 6 fl oz (170 ml) dry white wine – we used a Spanish White from Waitrose
- ½ large orange
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2oz (50g) pitted black olives
- Salt and freshly milled black pepper
- 2 large red peppers (or combination of colours)
- 2 medium onions
- 2-3 tbsps olive oil – we used extra virgin
- 5oz (150g) chorizo sausage, skinned and cut into ½ in (1cm) slices
- 2 oz (50g) sun dried tomatoes in oil
- 2 large cloves garlic, chopped finely
- 1 level tspn tomato puree
- ½ level teaspoon hot and smoky paprika (we used La Chinata which is gluten free)
- a large wide flameproof casserole with a lid

METHOD

- season the chicken with salt and pepper
- slice the peppers in half, remove the seeds and white pith, and slice each half into 6 long strips
- peel the onion and slice similar sized strips
- drain the sundried tomatoes and chop roughly into ½ in (1cm) pieces

- heat 2 tbsps oil in your pot and when it is fairly hot add the chicken thighs – you will probably need to do this in two batches- fry until golden brown on both sides and then remove from the pot and drain on a kitchen paper lined plate.
- Add a little more oil to the pot, turn the heat to slightly hotter than medium, and add the onion and peppers and allow them to get brown around the edges (about 5 minutes) stirring occasionally.
- Add the chorizo, sun-dried tomatoes and garlic and stir for a couple of minutes until the garlic is pale gold and the chorizo is coloured.
- Add the rice and stir to coat in oil, add the tomato paste, paprika and thyme
- Pour in the wine and then the stock and add some salt and pepper
- Bring to simmering point and then turn the heat down to a gentle simmer
- Place the chicken on top of the rice mixture (the chicken needs to keep the rice submerged in the liquid)
- Finally scatter with the olives and tuck the orange wedges in amongst the chicken
- Cover with a tight fitting lid and either cook on the hob – 1 hour or so until the rice is cooked, or in the oven - 350F (180C) for an hour and 20 mins – again test the rice to check it is ready.
- TUCK IN – and wait for the compliments!

As our resident sommelier, Siobhan from The Carpenters Arms, has recently had baby Max, she was not able to provide us with a wine recommendation to accompany the Chicken Basque recipe.

A good Spanish Rioja is not likely to go amiss!

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