

The Fulbrook News

Our Quarterly Newsletter

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Westhall Manor House – See the first in the new Secret History of Fulbrook series of articles on Page 6 for more information

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Dear Readers,

As I write this there will be many here in the village preparing for the next school term, **a new beginning!** It is the time of year when many of our young people will be looking forward to starting a different course or pathway. We wish them all a very good year, with hopefully little interruption or disruption.

Another major event at this time of year is the annual Ride & Stride where we raise money for Fulbrook Church and other churches in need in Oxfordshire. Fifty per cent of the money raised through sponsorship goes to Fulbrook. This year's Ride & Stride is to be held on Saturday 11th September and further details can be found on page 13.

Talking of new initiatives, The Fulbrook News will be running a series of articles focussing on the historical aspects of our village. It will feature different parts of Fulbrook and echo some of the excellent findings of the History Group. We especially wish to include everyone and in so doing unite us all in understanding our village heritage. See page 6 for our first piece.

As usual we have some new residents in the village, but before I introduce them I have a 'Thin' detail from my previous Editorial to correct. Shortly after their arrival Laurence, our compiler, ran into Alan and Jackie outside their house. He made a mental note of the names and carried on to Burford. When trying to remember what they said he made the word association, "Thin", which I duly included. After printing and distribution I received a call from an amused Jackie pointing out our mistake - apologies Mr & Mrs Slim! Moving on (pardon the pun), Ellen Cottage at Beech Grove has recently been purchased by Alan and Caroline Davies from Wales and the property is now advertised as a holiday let. We welcome Sean and Jennifer Watters at Longford and Sue and Robin Campbell + Chloe (the golden retriever) have moved into Windrush End. We look forward to getting to know everyone.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Betty Bishop, a local treasure who had lived in Fulbrook all of her life. After her marriage she went on to have six children: 2 girls and 4 boys. We all remember fondly her daily walks around Fulbrook and Burford where she graced the benches watching the world go by. Her funeral was held at Fulbrook Church, a fitting farewell.

We also remember Michael Marsh who recently passed away, a resident in Chipping Norton but a regular communicant at Fulbrook Church. He has joined his late wife in the churchyard.

The church is once again open for private prayer and visitors. Regular services have now resumed, dates and times can be found in the church diary on page 15.

Our village needs volunteers to help with various events and, in particular, to join the church cleaning rota. If you feel able to contribute in any way at all your efforts will be much appreciated and they will be reflected in the success of future community occasions.

The parish council continues to meet to improve conditions in the village and the new speed awareness sign is now in place. Further improvements are under consideration. There is a vacancy for a parish councillor so if you might be interested please contact Sarah Ebeling, the Parish Clerk on 07484 178143.

Along with very generous donations from parishioners, advertisers keep our newsletter alive and we currently have space if you would like to include your business in our quarterly issues. Contact David Foster on 01993 822223.

An old photograph has been returned to us and we are seeking its owner. It is a charming black and white picture taken of children in the 1800s outside the village school. Do contact Laurence Balbes, fulbrooknews@gmail.com or 823990, if you think you know who it belongs to.

A couple of reminders: don't forget the Literary Festival coming up from 23rd - 27th September in Burford; the Queen's platinum anniversary is next spring and we have a 'save the date' feature on page 14 with an announcement regarding celebrations!

So, lots to look forward to as we, hopefully, can resume our social and cultural interests - **a new beginning!**

Lesley Beveridge

A note from the Editorial Committee

We apologise that this issue of The Fulbrook News is a little later than usual. We aim to distribute during the first week of the month but Burford School, who print it for us, was closed for the summer holidays until the first week of September.

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Peter Burns, Chair of Fulbrook Parish Council

FROM THE PARISH CLERK

I provide a fortnightly newsletter to all residents that wish to receive it, detailing what's going on in the village, Parish council news and anything else I think may be of relevance to you. If you would like to sign up to receive the newsletter, have something added or have any issues you would like to raise please feel free to email me on clerk@fulbrookvillage.net or send me a message or call me on 07484 178143.

Sarah Ebeling, Parish Clerk

THE FULBROOK FORUM

All meetings of the Fulbrook Forum since March 2020 have been cancelled until further notice due to the coronavirus lockdown. The committee is planning to meet this autumn to plan a programme for the first half of 2022.



The Parish Council does not have any news for this edition of the Fulbrook Newsletter.

If you would like a notification of when we are able to resume our meetings please e-mail fulbrookforum@gmail.com to join our mailing list.

Meetings take place at 3pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Fulbrook Meeting Place at the back of Fulbrook Church. All welcome, no membership required. A donation of £2 please which includes refreshments.

Oliver Sharpley

HISTORY GROUP

The History Group is planning to meet to discuss our future post-Covid in the light of developments over the 18 months since we last met.

We will let you know what we decide in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Laurence Balbes

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As nobody has come forward to take over the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator after Jim MacAllan stepped down at the end of December 2020, our local PCSO Darryn Moulding has kindly offered to provide us with some local crime advice until a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator can be found.

Local Crime Advice from Darryn Moulding, our Rural Police Community Support Officer

The summer season is upon us once again, this time last year was completely different for a lot of us but for now it seems life returns to a semblance of normality.

What does that mean for you, the readers of this publication? Well, having got used to living in our own bubbles for a while and now being able to stretch our legs a bit more, we must also be aware that this time of the year brings out the opportunists.

Those individuals who knock our doors uninvited selling over-priced goods and being aggressive when told no, those who see an open front door when you're around the back working in the garden, or simply someone distracting you while another goes into your property.

That one time you leave your car window open or unlocked with a valuable item on display, or leave the windows open on your house as you just nip out for five minutes.

Sounds familiar to some, especially those who have been sadly affected in the past.

Don't be a victim this summer, just double check your property is secure, your car is locked and when you are working around your property close one door and reduce the vulnerability of yourself and your property.

If you're unsure who is at the door, don't answer it, do not feel obliged either to buy anything on the doorstep, the more we refuse to buy will ultimately discourage them in the future.

West Oxfordshire has one of the lowest crime rates in the land, let's keep it that way by just increasing our awareness, looking after our neighbours, and being vigilant.

Have a great summer and remember; in an emergency call us on 999 or 101 for less urgent incidents, or report online at the TVP website.

PCSO Darryn Moulding

Here is the latest poem from our resident poet John Hoyle:

Contentment

Everything patched and everything mended
Nothing is quite as it was intended.

Yet I survive with hope of my Zion,
Peaceful, contented and somewhat threadbare.
Maybe the trick is to never rely on
Any equipment I cannot repair.

Nobody knows what He has intended
None can say what will need to be mended.

John Hoyle



Since the June issue of the Fulbrook News the FaB WI has returned to full force with regular face to face get-togethers making the most of our very British summer. We had two very successful fund raising events; a cake sale under the Tolsey in Burford on the 26th June and a Coffee, Cake and Tombola morning in Fulbrook on the 24th July. We have to thank Pat Ferrett and Pauline Warner with their team of helpers for the success of both these events and a special thanks to Pauline and Bob Warner for the use of their lovely grounds for the coffee morning.

In August we had the absolute pleasure to host a speaker from the amazing 'Medical Detection Dogs' charity. We learned about the work that they do to train dogs to detect the odour of human disease with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics that lead to better patient outcomes. Forefront is the research in numerous life-threatening conditions such as cancer, diabetes, cystic fibrosis and most recently Covid. Dogs are trained to both identify disease and work alongside clients long-term in the same way Guide Dogs help the blind. Heather brought her dog Edward to do a demonstration which was very illuminating.

There is a full programme for future meetings planned. In September we have our traditional Bring and Share Harvest Supper. This year Sally Coulter is joining us again and bringing along delicacies from her renowned deli, Mrs. Bumbles. Her talks are always interesting and amusing. In October we have a practical workshop with the Lechlade Craft Barn. November brings us a talk on the fascinating Mitford family and their association with Asthall and Swinbrook and December is a festive celebration '40 Years of Musical Theatre – Les Mis. to Mamma Mia'. All our meetings are open to non-WI members for a small guest fee of £5. Please do come and join us – we are a very friendly bunch! Or join us for a very informal coffee and chat every third Tuesday afternoon in Café 15 at the Warwick Hall.

Lastly our walking group is back in operation. We are experimenting with different times and days to work out what works best for those wanting to enjoy our lovely surroundings with good friends. Our next walk is planned for the 25th September and details can be confirmed by ringing one of the numbers given below.

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. For further information please visit our web-site thefabwi.org.uk or contact Jane Arnell our secretary at gjaarnell@icloud.com or on 01993 822755. Alternatively contact our President, Ginny Renwick - Mobile: 07802 351888 or FABWI.ginny@gmail.com

Angela Weller (a FaB WI member)

Fulbrook News and Views

From the Editorial Team.....

In this issue we include details of the Autumn Village Clean-up, an article on Beekeeping from Gareth John, a Save the Date for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022, an update on The Oxfordshire Plan 2050 and much more

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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 Secret history of Fulbrook?

For some considerable time we have been running a very interesting series of interviews with people who live in our village. After the lockdowns of the past 18 months the restrictions on movement have now been removed and we are starting to spread our wings again (albeit cautiously), we thought we should have a change of focus for this column to remind ourselves of the interesting features of our village and their historical significance. A number of new Fulbrookians have also taken up residence who might be interested in exploring the village with a historical eye.

So, this is the first of a series of five articles about different parts of the village based on information from our History Group (new members welcome!). HOWEVER....there is a twist here. In addition to the introduction of information here we should like YOUR RESPONSES with stories, memories and other information about the places, features and the people that have lived there, or other information we have NOT included - so a living history if you like. For example, one of our editorial team was aware of 400 year old covenants on some houses in the village which requires householders to agree to some very unusual requests! (More of this in another of the series!). So PLEASE PARTICIPATE: rack your brains; talk to your neighbours; go over legal documents; look through your old photos, and add to the Secret History of Fulbrook to increase what we already know.

At the end of this series we plan to run an event of a tour around the village and to re-publish the Fulbrook History Trail. If there are enough contributions, photos and stories we should also like to have an exhibition to share these with everyone.

ALL contributions welcome - written to lynbibbings@icloud.com or spoken by ringing Lyn on 01993 823640 or by stopping by at Garden House, Dolphin Lane for a cup of tea and a chat. Thank you to the History Group for their work on the History Trail which was published in 2009 - to join the group please contact Laurence Balbes on 01993 823990.

THIS SERIES starts with WESTHALL HILL.

Walk up Westhall Hill to the impressive group of houses at the top.

Westhall Hill was once a separate settlement around the Manor House, and was one of up to five Manors locally, although evidence of only three now remain. Westhall Manor House (see front cover photo) is on the right hand side to the left of an arched gateway at the top of the Hill and has fine views across the Windrush Valley to Burford. It was built by John, one of three brothers of the Bartholemew family, who came to the area towards the end of the 16th century. Various members of the family held office in The Burford Corporation in the 17th century and have monuments in the aisle to the south of the chancel in the

church in Burford. Opposite the house, across the road, there is a stone wall with an interesting gazebo to the left of the gate which is the entrance to the Manor House walled garden.

The Pond, which is now barely visible, was always full of water until the drought of 1976 when it dried out completely. The old cracked and leaky clay lining was replaced with concrete in the mid-1980s when the pitched-stone ramp leading into the end nearest to the road was brought to light. This suggests that the pond had been used as a coach wash, a cartwheel soak - to keep the cartwheel tight in its iron rim in dry weather and as a horse watering site. As you can see, the pond is very overgrown and needs to be stripped back of all the excess undergrowth to allow it to flourish.

Would you like to help to restore this historic feature to the village? In the first instance, this will mean being part of a working party to remove undergrowth and to scope what needs to be done. If you would like to be involved please contact Lyn Bibbings 01993 823640.

The Pool House, to the right of the road and behind the grassy and overgrown pond, was once known as the brew house or malt house. It has a mysterious plastered shaft, about 35cm square running from the ground floor to the rafters, beside the chimney in the south wall. What the use of this was, is now unknown - any suggestions anybody? In the 1920s a couple named Gillet made jam from the fruit trees in the old orchard. The house became known to locals as The Jam Factory and Jammy Gillet, as he was known, could be seen cycling off to Witney in his bowler hat with jam strapped to his back.

This photo shows a further view of Fulbrook Manor House and Pool House is in the corner:



In this photo, the gazebo is on the left and the overgrown pond is on the right.



Fulbrook Autumn Village Clean-up 2021

PLEASE COME AND LEND A HAND



On: Saturday 6th November 2021

**A chance to bring our village back
to looking its best!**

The Amenities Group would really welcome help from all in the community who can spare an hour to clear pathways and verges especially those leading to country walks as pretty much everything is overgrown.

This year we hope to once again be able to meet in the Fulbrook Meeting Place at 10:30 am to start and then again at the end for tea and cakes.

Please contact Malcolm Taylor to find out where you can help or to let him know your favourite place to clear on 01993 824179 or 07788 391665. Black bags and hi viz jackets will be available.

A last glimpse of Summer in Fulbrook

As we move into the first weeks of Autumn, we thought we would brighten up this issue by bringing you a selection of flower and garden photos to remind you of Summer.



Bees without Beekeepers

I was recently privileged to be part of a small party that was taken on a tour of honey bee colonies in the grounds of Blenheim Palace. These are not bees in hives such as one would see at the bottom of a garden. Rather, these are bees that live in hollow trees and in hollow walls. We were guided by Filipe Salbany. Filipe has extensive experience of bees and beekeeping in both Southern Africa and the country of his family, Portugal. He tells of a conversation about wild bees that led to an invitation to look at the trees at Blenheim to check whether any contained bee nests.

The official mantra is that wild-living honey bees have long since died out in the UK, leaving only the bees living in the hives of beekeepers, or maybe swarms recently escaped from such hives. But Filipe's trained eye knew that this was not the case. He is aware of plenty of long established wild bee colonies. He uses a technique called bee lining to find them. Place some sugar water in a suitable container and wait for a bee to find it. The bee will return to its nest and tell its nest mates about the sugar. Over time the number of bees visiting the sugar will increase and, with careful observation, one can establish the direction of their flight. Follow this and you find the tree!

In this way Filipe found numerous wild-living bee colonies in the old oaks that populate the grounds of Blenheim and also in the walls that surround the fruit garden. The discovery of so many colonies amazed and delighted the staff and, once they got their eyes in, they too started to spot bee activity that had previously gone unnoticed. Once aware of the presence of bees and their needs, Blenheim started to change its management policies, for example cutting the grass much higher than previously to allow clover to flower. Uncut areas are being left around the bases of trees, both around the large oaks in the parkland and the fruit trees in the walled garden; the reduced passage of machinery reduces root disturbance. A programme of installing log hives around the grounds has been instigated to provide additional nest sites and all conventional hives have been removed from within the grounds and their immediate vicinity.

At this point you may ask 'why?'. Since Victorian times beekeepers have been importing honey bees from southern Europe. In a good year these bees can produce lots of honey, but required more management, and even supplementary feeding, as they were less adapted to our changeable weather than the local bees. Orthodox wisdom is that, over time, these imported bees have come to dominate our bee population, with local strains of bees dying out. Pests and diseases were thought to have contributed to the demise of the local British bee. However, recent research programmes have shown that the genes of the original native strains are still present in many of our hives. The bees that carry these native genes do better than imported bees in wet or changeable summers as they fly and pollinate in poor weather. It is worth remembering that pollination is what bees are really all about. Honey is a bonus.

The hives Filipe installs are hollowed-out logs hung vertically in a tree. They supplement and mimic the natural hollows that bees use as their home. They are hives for bees rather than hives for beekeepers and are ideal for land owners who wish to encourage bees but who do not wish to become beekeepers. Bees live in them free of human interference and seem to cope remarkably well not just with our weather but also with parasites that are a nuisance in managed hives. It's a case of adapt or perish, and the genes these bees carry provide a reservoir of resilience. Creating more nest sites allows their population to grow.

Away from Blenheim, this is exactly what a friend of mine, Matt Somerville, is doing with log hives more generally. He makes and installs hives for farmers and gardeners. In the last few years he has installed several hundred all over the country, including a couple in Fulbrook. They become populated naturally by swarms, which seem to find them with astonishing rapidity. One may be tempted to conclude that the mantra that bees can only survive in the hives of beekeepers is not an idea that is shared by the bees themselves.

Photo: a swarm moving into a decorative log hive, courtesy Matt Somerville, <https://beekindhives.uk/>



Gareth John

The Oxfordshire Plan 2050 – an update

The latest consultation on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 has now launched and runs until 8 October. The Oxfordshire Plan will set the development framework for the county for the next generation. It will affect all Oxfordshire residents, either directly (through development) or indirectly (through impacts on services, infrastructure, our countryside and rural character).

CPRE Oxfordshire is fighting to make sure that the growth options are deliverable without undue damage to our countryside and to some otherwise good policy proposals for getting to net zero and restoring nature. That means guiding development to the right places and building high-quality compact housing to make the best use of scarce land.

We urge you to respond to the consultation – it is our best chance of influencing both the outcomes of this Plan and the OxCam Arc proposals.

Have your say NOW – it's too late to act when the bulldozers arrive.

Find more information on the CPRE Oxfordshire website www.cpreoxon.org.uk

The Villager Bus Service through Fulbrook

Fulbrook is served by the volunteer-driver, community bus service, The Villager, on 3 days a week, Wednesday and Thursday to Witney and Friday to Chipping Norton. The service has now restarted following suspension during lockdown and welcomes back regular customers as well as newcomers.

Passengers are required to wear face masks and the bus is well-ventilated and regularly sanitised to reduce the chance of Covid infection. Passenger numbers are still very low and we hope to see them increase to enable us to maintain the service.

Please let your friends and neighbours know and encourage them to try us out.

For details of the timetable please ring Pauline Ingleby 822192.



Burford Primary School

'Respect, Aspire, Achieve'

It is a very exciting time at Burford Primary School as we prepare to open our fifth classroom in September 2021. As the need for spaces has grown, so has the school, and we will be welcoming a new teacher to join us next academic year. Opening the new class does mean that we do have some more space for older children who want to join our school. If you would like to find out more, please do contact the school.

As we move into the summer months, we have continued to utilise our fantastic outdoor space. The children love being able to take their learning outside of the classroom, and they really appreciate the outdoor space which they have for their play times.



Children have also returned to eating their lunches in the hall, which was welcomed by children and staff alike. We have used the opportunity to get the children and their parents and carers involved in redesigning our menu for the summer term. The children have also loved seeing the return of the salad bar, filling their plates with a healthy array of food!



Daily salad bar



Wednesday Roast Dinner day

Adam Clark
Headteacher
Burford Primary School

BURFORD LITERARY FESTIVAL

HEAR FROM LEADING WRITERS & THINKERS

We are delighted to bring you a new festival for 2021. Burford Literary Festival has been created by Kim Harvey, self-confessed book-worm and owner of The Madhatter Bookshop on Burford High Street.

Burford Literary Festival sets out to bring the community of residents and visitors together through an inspiring programme of events with

over 40 authors covering a wide range of topics and genres including history, politics, the natural world, poets, pioneers, innovators and of course children's literature.

Talks, presentations and workshops will take place throughout the long weekend of 23rd-27th September where you can meet the finest writers in a magnificent setting.

Our full programme will be announced shortly at www.burfordlitfest.co.uk where you can register to be the first to get access to tickets for all the events.



Reading Shaped My Dreams and More Reading Helped Me Make My Dreams Come True

Ruth Bader Ginsberg



Looking forward to the Burford Festival 2022

Save the date: June 10-19 2022.

Very sadly we have decided that Burford Unlocked, the 3 day event we were hoping to organise in June this year, will have to go the way of the Glastonbury Festival and Britain's got Talent 2021. In the end the continuing uncertainties over when lockdown restrictions would end, difficulties in booking speakers, potential financial risks and most importantly the safety of everyone involved left us no choice but to cancel the event.

However, this does mean that we can now focus all our efforts on organising a full 10 day festival in 2022. Many of the events we were hoping to stage this year can be rolled forward. Of course, that still leaves lots of gaps in our tentative programme so the Organising Committee are very keen to receive your suggestions for acts, speakers, artists, and activities covering as wide a spectrum of interest, age and budget as possible. Please send suggestions to chairman@burfordfestival.org. Similarly we would love to hear from anyone who would like to help with running an event or joining the committee.

Bill Risebero, Chair, Organising Committee

THE ANNUAL SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE, SEPTEMBER 11th

Here we are, nearly at September and it's come round again!

You may be interested to know that Oxfordshire supporters on bikes, feet or horse raised £108,000 last year, in spite of the many churches that weren't able to be open to welcome participants. Perhaps you'd like to take part this year as a family, a group, or just on your own. It makes a lovely day discovering hidden churches or enjoying those you already know. I think we all value our village churches even though we might not go to services and this event is open to everyone. Do pick up a sponsor form from the back of the church or if you fancy a quiet hour sitting in the church signing sponsor forms and greeting the visitors, there is a rota on the font, where you can choose your hour.

Further details from Diana Lethbridge 824196

WELCOME PACKS

If you know of someone who has moved into the village and would like to receive copies of the Fulbrook Village and Burford and District WELCOME PACKS, please could you let me know either by phone on 01993 823260 or by email to nicolahillmanart@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.

Nicola Hillman

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY

5TH JUNE 2022



A Fulbrook celebration to mark the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. A time for our village to come together in a spirit of fun and friendship and join the nation's **'Big Jubilee Lunch'**

Further details to follow later in the year. To get involved contact Martin and Angela Weller 822012 or at wellersativy@hotmail.co.uk



NEWS FROM FULBROOK CHURCH and a Warm Welcome to All

Dear friends and neighbours,

Fantastic news! Fulbrook Church congregation is now singing the hymns at Sunday 9.30 am services for the first time since March 2020. PLEASE DO COME if you possible can to add your voices to our sung and spoken worship! If, like me, you are wondering whether you actually still CAN sing, worry not - Brian Kay plays the organ excellently and guides us along and we shall only get better with practice! (I am going to be practicing singing in the shower from now on!). COFFEE and biscuits will also be served after every service, so that we can enjoy each other's company - please do stay if you can. NO NEED TO BOOK - please just come and we shall happily seat you.

We are at the beginning of a return to a more familiar pattern of services and worship and of social, fellowship and fund-raising activities. We are still going to be mindful of COVID - please do sanitise your hands as you come into Church and please do wear a mask while walking about the Church - however, you may remove your mask while sitting down if you wish, and while you are outside.

SERVICES COMING UP and DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

As you may know Oliver Strange, our Curate, has now left the Benefice as he has secured a post as Priest in Charge of the nearby Evenlode benefice of churches. We wish both him and Lucie much happiness in their new home and in their ministry as our near neighbours.

Many of you will also know that Cedric Reavley has been diagnosed with a stomach cancer and he will be taking some time out for treatment , recuperation and convalescence, probably until the new year. We send both him and Ruth our love and good wishes for a smooth path and for successful treatment in the months to come.

This means that we have a reduced number of clergy available for 9.30am services. We are very lucky that ALEX ROSS will still be preaching for some services - thank you Alex, I know the Fulbrook congregation will be delighted to see you, and we send our best wishes to you and Lynne.

Our Vicar Tom Putt, will also be preaching regularly.

Private Prayer

We are now opening the church every day and the key rota has been re-instated to enable that to happen. Thanks to all who do a duty on that rota.

NEWS FROM FULBROOK CHURCH **continued**

Services - at 9.30am

On the first Sunday of every month there will be a service at 9.30am in just one of the churches in the benefice. This will rotate between Burford, Taynton and Fulbrook churches. All are welcome to all services in any of the churches.

SEPTEMBER - 9.30 am EXCEPT September 19th for Evening Prayer at 6pm

Wk 1 - 5th September - Benefice Service at Taynton

Wk 2 - 12th September - Morning Prayer at Fulbrook

Wk 3 - 19th September - Evening Prayer at Fulbrook - NO morning service at Fulbrook

Wk 4 - 26th September - Holy Communion at Fulbrook

OCTOBER - 9.30am EXCEPT 10th October for Harvest Festival at 11am

Wk 1 - 3rd October - Benefice Holy Communion - Burford

Wk 2 - 10th October - HARVEST FESTIVAL at 11 am followed by a FREE LUNCH in the church

Wk 3 - 17th October - Morning Prayer at Burford

Wk 4 - 24th October - Benefice Holy Communion at Fulbrook

Wk 5 - 31st October - Songs of Praise Service at Burford

NOVEMBER - 9.30am EXCEPT November 21st for Evening Prayer at 6pm

Wk 1 - 7th November - Benefice Holy Communion at Taynton

Wk 2 - 14th November - REMEMBRANCE SERVICE begins at the War Memorial at 9.30

Wk 3 - 21st November - Evening Prayer Service at Fulbrook - NO morning service at Fulbrook

Wk 4 - 28th November - Benefice Holy Communion at Fulbrook.

We shall be publishing details on Christmas services soon - please watch out on the notice boards for details!

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

We shall be delighted to see as many of you as possible at these services but please also watch out for other social events. We are now selling tickets for a sumptuous Saint's Day Supper on Friday evening October 1st, please contact Lyn Bibbings on 01993 823640 or Angela Weller 01993 822012. Please do also come to our Harvest Service at 11am on 10th October which is followed by a free lunch to celebrate this lovely day - everyone is welcome. Please also let me know if you would like to be involved in the planning and delivery of these events - help gratefully received!

We are so excited to welcome everyone back to regular sung worship and to offer coffee after services in Fulbrook. Be sure that your safety is uppermost in our minds and ask you to observe hand sanitising and mask wearing when moving about the church. You will be seated with a social distance - but please leave the amount of space that you feel comfortable with.

COFFEE MORNINGS ARE BACK!

At last we can look ahead and put things in the diary. Hooray! David Foster and I are planning to restart the monthly COFFEE MORNING, on the fourth Thursday of the month, 10.30am in the Meeting Place at the back of the Church.

The dates for the rest of the year are September 23rd, October 28th, November 25th and in December the 16th as the 23rd would be too close to Christmas. Please put those dates in your diary and come along to join us for a cup and a chat, and maybe some delicious treats.....

Gilly Kay (823193)



NEWS FROM THE FULBROOK MEETING PLACE

Hurray! The Fulbrook Meeting Place is now open again for bookings! This is the space at the back of the church which we use for church and community events, both regular and for special occasions such as lunches or parties. Contact Lyn Bibbings on 01993 823640 for more information or to book.

We already have booked in the post-Covid Keep Fit classes run by Pat Ferret. These run every Thursday morning from 9-10am, £3 per class or £12 per calendar month. Please contact Pat on 01993 822892 if you would like to join, or just turn up with suitable shoes and a mat if possible.

The FMP is also booked for the Saint's Day Supper on Friday October 1st - everyone welcome – please ring Lyn Bibbings 01993 823640 or Angela Weller 01993 822012 for more details or to buy a ticket.

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 or e-mail lynbibbings1@gmail.com.



BURFORD and DISTRICT SOCIETY

CHANGE OF TALK

Tuesday 21st September at 7pm in The Warwick Hall, Burford

SAKE - The National Beverage of Japan

Catherine Owen will talk about what sake is, its background, its history, its different styles and much more

Come along to our new home at the Warwick Hall, to discover a great deal more about this beverage, typically referred to as a rice wine, that has been enjoyed at least since the 8th century. Guests welcome, £5 at the door.

(Catherine has kindly stepped in to be our September speaker because Alastair Lack (Travels with Auntie), is no longer available on that date – we will be re-arranging for him to come in 2022).

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ANTICIPATING NUMBERS IF YOU COULD REGISTER YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND USING OUR WEBSITELINK .

ANNUAL LUNCH MEETING

Tuesday 19th October. ‘Crocodiles – someone has to like them’. Pre-Registration on our website is essential. This will take place on the 19th October with a change of venue from the Burford Boarding School, as published in our programme, to the Warwick Hall to give more space.

But in the interests of spacing, there will be a strictly limited number of places available. Consequently reservations online via our website or a telephone booking to Julia Hart, 07779 109 761 are essential. We regret that we will be unable to cater for any members who simply turn up on the day.

Peter Martin, Chairman peteremartin@btinternet.com

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Burford Singers Autumn Concert

Burford Singers look forward to recommencing rehearsals in September towards their first concert since lockdown:

Sunday, 28th November, 2021, 7.30pm
The Church of St John the Baptist, Burford

Schubert: Rosamunda Overture

Clive Osgood: Dixit Dominus

Mendelssohn: Hymn of Praise

With:

Charlotte Bowden (Soprano)

Susanna McRae (Soprano)

Oliver Johnston (Tenor)

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Here's the latest recipe from our resident chef Peter Burns:

Pan-fried sea bass with pea and potato salad

I noticed that the Padstow Fish Company now comes to the Burford Garden Centre on a Friday morning. I've always been a fan of fish and this jolted me into sharing a very simple dish that will do well for a mid-week supper. Cooking fish is not particularly difficult; it just takes a bit of care and attention, and I'm here to help with that! Pan-frying fish fillets, such as sea bass, is quickly cooked and this fish and potato supper is ready in less than 30 minutes. The vibrant smashed pea and potato salad makes a flavour-packed side to the simple fish.

Ingredients

- 150g mangetout, trimmed and shredded lengthways
- 600g Charlotte potatoes, scrubbed and roughly chopped
- 250g frozen peas
- 25g butter
- 4 sea bass fillets *but see comment below about fish*
- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- 5g roughly chopped fresh tarragon leaves
- 25g watercress (take off any thick stalks)
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

Method

1. Blanche the mangetout in boiling water for just under a minute in boiling salted water. Drain them, and pop them into a bowl of ice water (they will maintain a bit of bite and their wonderful fresh green colour). When they are completely cold, drain again, shake off the excess water, dry with kitchen paper and set aside.
2. Put the potatoes in a saucepan and cover with cold water, bring to the boil and cook for 10 mins or so until tender. Chuck the frozen peas in with them for the last couple of minutes. Drain well; return to the pan.
3. Add the butter to the potatoes and peas, then crush gently with a fork; re-cover to keep warm.
4. Rinse the sea bass and pat dry with kitchen paper. Place on a cutting board of other surface, skin side up. Dust a little flour on the skin side only. Season both sides with salt and pepper and squeeze a bit of lemon juice on the flesh side.
5. Pour a little sunflower oil in a large frying pan and heat over a medium-high heat. Add the fish, skin-side down, and cook for about 3-4 minutes using a fish slice to press the fish gently into the oil. During this period the skin should take on a bit of colour and become quite crisp. At this stage, reduce the heat to low, turn the fish over and cook for 1-2 mins until just cooked through.
6. Toss the tarragon with the watercress, mangetout, vinegar and half the olive oil; season. Pile the crushed potato mix onto a warm serving plate, top with the fish (skin side up for preference), then the watercress salad. Drizzle with the remaining oil plus a few drops of balsamic and serve immediately.

Extra ideas about fish

I am using sea bass fillets in this recipe because they are ubiquitous these days. However, if you can haul yourself off to a proper fish shop (Aldens in Oxford, Padstow Fish at the Burford Garden Centre, Witney street market on Thursday, Waitrose in Witney, and even Morrisons in Carterton which has a surprisingly OK fish counter) you will find some other interesting examples such as brill (my absolute favourite), cod, plaice etc... I haven't tried it with salmon fillets but I guess they would work as well.





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