

The Fulbrook News

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Photo of the very successful Plant Sale held in the garden of The Carpenters Arms on 13th May, including David Foster in his natty 'at. See Malcolm Taylor's report on page 12 for further details.

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Dear Readers,

The blackbird that has my garden as his territory will take sultanas from my hand again this year. The pressure to find food when they have young to raise causes this – in the winter he ignores me! It was good to see house martins collecting mud for nest-building from a puddle at the top of Westhall Hill. Nothing in either of my nest-boxes this year. One was enthusiastically lined but nothing came of it. That usually means one of the partners has had a meeting with a cat or a sparrow-hawk and the other has been unable to attract a replacement late in the season.

There were various activities around in celebration of the Coronation – there was a well-attended gathering to watch the broadcast in the Warwick Hall – regular customers in her shop were treated to champagne and nibbles by Amanda Hanley.

Various activities for Oxfordshire Art Weeks were happening around. You could have seen a sculpture by Diana Brown in the exhibition at Kingham Lodge up to 29th May.

On the 22nd April we had an enjoyable send-off party for Tricia Picking at the Carpenter's Arms. A long-standing and active Fulbrook person who will be much missed.

Very many thanks to Lyn Bibbings-Burns for the work put into the soup and cake lunches through the past winter in the FMP – and for restarting the coffee mornings every Thursday. It was good to see David Woolley returning to Fulbrook for these occasions.

When will Burford Bridge ever be repaired? 3 months' notice of road closure must be given so it looks as if it will be September at the earliest.

We wish Cathy Mardon a speedy recovery from her caving accident.

At 2 pm on the 25th June there will be a Service of Baptism in the Church for Oscar, the son of Jen and Toby Tupper.

David Foster

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This is my last report as Chairman. Malcolm Taylor took over as chair following our AGM on 11th May. I would like to thank all parishioners and Councillors for their support. I will remain on the Council to ensure a smooth handover.

Amenities Committee: given the difficulty in finding a chair for amenities, a new model has emerged where an individual takes responsibility for a single project like the village plant sale, and annual village clean up. This is working quite well so far. The plant sale has morphed into a mini village fete with new energy and new venue at the Carpenters - a very welcome development.

Safety precautions for pedestrians crossing the bridge to and from Burford continue to give concern, and there have been a few very near misses and brushes with SUV wing mirrors. But the accident to the bridge wall has generated some very detailed correspondence with WODC and Highways dept regarding pedestrian safety, including the generation of several ideas. We are very grateful to Burford Mayor Peter Higgs, WODC Councillor Hugo Ashton and OCC Councillor Nicholas Field-Johnson for their continued support on the matter of the bridge.

The speed of vehicles through the village continues to be a safety concern and based on this we have made application to Highways for a 20mph zone. This could be done within a three year timeframe but there has been some discussion as to its potential effectiveness with at least one parishioner expressing doubt. We may need to revisit our decision.

Following several discussions about housing requirements, the council considers a proper housing survey is needed. For example, at each end of the potential requirement is a) older people living in large houses who want to stay in Fulbrook by downsizing and b) young people with families wanting to live here in sensibly priced housing. A survey would put some science behind the musings and give us some empirical evidence going forward.

The children's playground continues to be on the Council's agenda and we are revisiting cost estimates for its refurbishment.

If you have any comments on the above or any other matter of concern to Fulbrook please let your thoughts be known to Sarah our parish clerk.

Thank you, Peter Burns (former chair)

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

Fulbrook Forum needs new committee members

For those of you new to our area, the Fulbrook Forum offers a chance to meet other members of our community and listen to a local speaker. Talks typically last about 45 minutes, followed by refreshments. All are welcome and no

membership is required. We plan to hold about 6 meetings per year.

We normally meet in the Fulbrook Meeting Place which is at the back of the Church at 3pm on a Thursday. The present Committee members are Oliver Sharpley (Chair), Laurence Balbes (deputy chair) and Professor Peter Burns. **We need at least another 2 volunteers to join the committee (we have had one expression of interest from our request in the December issue, but we need at least one more).**

The tasks of the committee are not onerous. We have two planning meetings a year to plan our programme of speakers and a refreshment rota.

If you feel you can help, please contact Oliver Sharpley at fulbrookforum@gmail.com

If you would like a reminder about a week before each meeting, please e-mail fulbrookforum@gmail.com to join our mailing list.

Oliver Sharpley

HISTORY GROUP

At our latest meeting on 24th April, Anne Weir showed us a well that her son-in-law Dean had found at the front of their house and has refurbished, which led to a discussion about other wells in the village, particularly one at Mullions in Meadow Lane which was previously owned by Frank and Edna Wilkinson and which is currently undergoing a large extension by its new owners.

Robin Campbell showed us some posters for the Fulbrook Produce and Plant Sale from 1990 to 1993 which Tricia Picking had found during the clear out prior to her recent move and had given to him. Venues included Elm Farm Barn in Meadow Lane, Middle House in Church Lane and Pytts Barn.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 24th July at Triggers House, Meadow Lane. We would like to increase the size of the Group, so if you would like to learn more about the history of our village, please come and join us.

Laurence Balbes

A big Thank You from the Editorial Committee

In the December and March issues I mentioned our rather difficult financial situation with revenue from advertising, which is our main source of income, having fallen in recent years while our costs have risen.

As a result of this we have received a number of very generous donations, including one of £1,000 from a reader who wishes to remain anonymous. We would like to offer a big Thank You for all of these donations which have secured the future of the Newsletter for the time being.

If you also value the Newsletter and wish to help us, we would welcome any further donations. Please send a cheque payable to Fulbrook Newsletter to our treasurer Laurence Balbes at Meadow Way Cottage, Meadow Lane, Fulbrook, Burford OX18 4BS or send the money directly to our TSB bank account; sort code 30-91-43, account number 00074712 using Donation as the reference. Thank you in advance.

Laurence Balbes

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

Foreign Policy Nov '09

Pipe clay Kings in cardboard castles
With promises beyond belief,
And presents wrapped in pretty parcels
Do not assuage a nation's grief.

Body bags and bloody mayhem
Build a debt we can't afford.
For however can we pay them
For their lives put to the sword?

Soldiers take their masters' orders
Even when their master's wrong
And wars fought outside our borders
Come home to roost ere long.

John Hoyle



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INSPIRING WOMEN

There was a very definite theme of 'cake' to the activities of the FaB WI over recent months. In early April we hosted Sally Davis, 'The Cake Tutor', a lecturer in the art of sugar craft at Birmingham University. Sally gave us a rapid course in working with sugar paste; piping, colouring, cutting, stencilling and flower making. We all ended the evening with a box of six beautifully decorated cup-cakes to be proud of. She certainly got us in the mood to prepare for our annual fundraising Big Cake Sale under the Tolsey in Burford at the end of April. At 9.30 a.m. four long tables heaved with cakes of all descriptions, large, small, fancy and plain (all home made by our members) and by mid-day not one remained. The theme will continue again in July when Shaun Todd will be talking at our meeting on 'Afternoon Tea – the History, Etiquette and Hosting' of this very British tradition.



P.S. Did you spot FaB WI's Coronation friends in Burford?



Despite the appearance of an over concentration on cake our group does have a wide and varied programme. In May we joined with the Minster Lovell group for a talk from the 'Pearl Lady', Frances Carlaw, about this beautiful and eternally popular jewellery; the different types of pearls, how to look after them, the repurposing of old pearls and how and why they differ in price.

Looking forward to June we are taking a Tree Walk around the Blue Cross grounds near Carterton led by our own local environmentalist, Lucy Staveley. The Burford Tree Initiative has since November planted over 3000 wild-life friendly hedging plants and trees on the site. This was the groups 3rd year of planting on the site and we very much are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labours. This is just one of a number of exciting projects supporting nature and the environment in the area. Contact Lucy at lucy.staveley@gmail.com to learn more. You are most welcome to join us on our walk. We do not meet in August but in September we will be learning about the Bowen Technique and the effect its practice can have on our immune systems. The technique, named after Australian Thomas Ambrose Bowen (1916–1982), involves gentle rolling motions across the muscles and tendons and is a recognised complementary therapy for relief from troubling long term aches and pains.

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

Angela Weller (a FaB WI member)

Fulbrook News and Views

From the Editorial Team.....

In this issue we include the Annual Report from our District Councillor Hugo Ashton, a Save the Date invitation to the village BBQ to be held on 16th July, a report on the Plant Sale held on 13th May 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 Secret History of Fulbrook

This is the penultimate story in this series and this time focuses on the area of the village around the War Memorial which is at the bottom of the hill from both the Chipping Norton and Burford directions. On one side of the War Memorial lies a large house called the The Limes. This house and the two adjoining cottages to the right of it were once owned by the Witney Union for use as a Workhouse, which it was until 1849. In that year the Workhouse including the two adjacent cottages was sold to a new private owner, Mr William Nunney of Burford. Some years later the cottages were sold off separately to the Workhouse building and were subsequently made into one property now known as Corner Cottage.

The War Memorial, made from Taynton Stone, was erected in 1922 to commemorate the lives of the seven men who lived in the village and were killed in the First World War. It was sited on a grassy area surrounded by two tracks and the A361. The Meadow Lane tracks were widened and surfaced with tarmac to create an island around the memorial. In 1950 the names of the four men who lived in the village who had been killed in the second World War were added and a square around the plinth was paved and surrounded by a wall with capstones. In 2007 £20,000 was raised by parishioners and further work was done to improve the setting of the War Memorial including planting a tree. An annual act of remembrance is held at the War Memorial at 9am on the Sunday nearest to November 11th, where the names of those who died in both wars are read out and honoured by those present, usually about 60 villagers, and the last post is played on a bugle. The Act of Remembrance is followed by a Service of remembrance in the Church.

Just opposite the War memorial lies Pytts House and Barn which was built on the site of one of the 'Manors of Fulebroc' listed in the Domesday Book, which was a manuscript record of The Great Survey completed in 1086. Once a farmstead with land and buildings this 'long hall' style 16th Century family house built of rubble stone with a Stonesfield slate roof has large rooms with high beamed ceilings and a Tudor fireplace. The oak door in the stone archway leads to a medieval pebble stone hallway. The house has a magnificent very old Wisteria along much of its facade and is a glorious sight when it is in flower.

Moving just into the A361 towards Burford is the site of the Methodist Chapel. A tiny Wesleyan Chapel opened in the village in 1861 and was situated on the north side of the road between Church Lane and Garnes Lane. No records of the chapel seem to have survived and by 1922 it was no longer in use. The building was demolished in 1957 to allow for road widening and it is thought that the only remains is a stone from above the doorway inscribed with a verse from the Bible which says "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them. Matthew XVIII 20. AD 1861". This stone is now set into the drystone wall above a bench, near to where the chapel was.

But is this the only remnant from the Chapel? I live in Garden House, Dolphin Lane, and my garden is on top of this stone wall. While gardening we found a stone, which looks like a mini gravestone with a curved top, about 30cm wide by 35 cm high. It is inscribed TS 1813 and underneath AS 1877 - is this also a remnant from the chapel? The first date is long before the chapel existed but the second date is not. It is much smaller than a normal gravestone - was there a graveyard associated with the chapel in any case? Or was it a commemorative stone of some other sort? Or maybe there are remains still hidden somewhere in my garden!



Lyn Bibbings-Burns



Lecture 14th June 2023: Donatello and the Sculpture of the Renaissance

During this talk we will discover the amazing power and variety of the sculpture of Donatello, one of the most important artists of the early Renaissance. Donatello may have been born, in Florence, over 600 years ago, but his sculpture is so powerful that it still speaks directly to us today. Working alongside masters such as Brunelleschi, Ghiberti and Masaccio, he was one of the pioneers of the Renaissance and helped to change the way people looked at the world. From delicate idealism and startling realism, to the astonishing emotional force of his later works, this survey looks at the huge range of his sculpture, setting it against the vivid and colourful world of Italian politics in the age of the Renaissance.



About our speaker:

Jo Walton has combined teaching and lecturing with a career in art bookselling and has been a volunteer guide at both Tate Britain and Tate Modern. She is now a freelance lecturer for The Arts Society, the Art Fund, and Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery and local art societies.

This hybrid lecture will be held at the Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford, OX18 4RZ at 11am and via Zoom. Please be seated by 10.50 for notices of upcoming events. Numbers are no longer restricted but please book to ensure you get a place. (www.theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk). Non-members are welcome (space permitting) for a suggested donation of £10.

To learn more about The Arts Society Cotswolds and to see what lectures, Special Interest Days and other activities are planned for the future, please log into the website www.theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk

Or contact our Chairman, Carolyn Walton, on 01993 822 296



BURFORD TOLSEY MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

- **Tolsey Talks.** June sees the last of this season's ten Tolsey Talks, 'Burford Postcards – Group Reminiscences' which will be led by David Cohen who has done a great job of organising each Zoom talk in conjunction with Pete Freeman (see below for further details).
- **Volunteers.** In May we started to train many of our new volunteers who attended the Volunteers Reception for their exciting new roles. It is great to see how the ambitions for a community centred combined Museum & Archive are now starting to be realised and how many new people are becoming involved and enjoying themselves. Additional volunteers are warmly welcomed.
- **Burford Tours.** The intake of new volunteers will hopefully enable us to restart weekly tours starting from the Tolsey on a Sunday afternoon. Remember that private tours are also available e.g. for groups visiting the Town e.g. for hen parties, family reunions or for local Societies are welcome.
- **Museum** is now open 7 days a week from 2-5pm
- **Our online Shop** has an expanded range of items for sale on www.burfordtolsey.org/shop.

Peter Martin info@burfordtolsey.org www.burfordtolsey.org



TOLSEY TALKS



Burford Postcards – Group Reminiscences

22nd June at 7.30 pm with David Cohen



Burford postcards were an early, highly popular form of 'social media', long before the term was invented by today's digital age.

Join David Cohen to discover which are the Burford Tolsey Archive's twelve most popular 'postcard postings' to date on Facebook and hear some of the comments they have generated. The format for this, our final event of the 2022/23 season of Tolsey Talks, will be a relaxed chat which will enable everyone to share and exchange their reminiscences with others online.

The talk which lasts 45 minutes (+ 15 minutes for Q&As) costs £5.00 per household. It is exclusively delivered via Zoom and is bought online on www.burfordtolsey.org/events

HELP NEEDED

The Church of St. James the Great has been here for the comfort and solace of all villagers and visitors for many years, however it does not have a Sexton to look after the Church Yard. This job falls on the shoulders of our Church Warden who is long past the age of retirement.

Even if you don't want this job perhaps you could help? The upkeep of the Church is a heavy job for an old man! The ivy needs pulling off the gravestones and the Garden of Remembrance needs attention, plus the removal of branches and brambles etc and it generally needs a tidy up.

If you have a spare moment do just wander along with a pair of secateurs! Or contact John Radcliffe on 824044.

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

A RUDE AWAKENING

In the early hours of Saturday morning 15th April around 1.50 am, there was an almighty bang, a car having smashed into the telegraph post outside my front door on the A361, Shipton Road, showering the house, once Fulbrook Church Primary School, built in 1874, the land having been purchased and the School built, funded by six local worthy citizens.

Little is known as to who was driving the car at the time. One can only assume it was joy riders, out for a spree, possibly in a stolen car, drunk or simply driving at breakneck speed, dangerously fast by the sound of the explosion, obviously caused from the impact when the car veered on to the grass verge and smashed into the telegraph pole, finally colliding into the metal rail which buckled under the impact. The rail in the past was there to prevent the children from running down the steps, through the gate and onto the road. At that time it was the only entrance to the school.

I really have to raise my hat to the men who helped to clear up the mess, starting with the police who seemed to arrive out of thin air shortly after 2.00am and then, for the rest of the day, the remarkable work carried out by, I think they were 'Western Power Distribution', and the electricity board. Firstly dismantling the telegraph wires and cables (which apparently, was all that was keeping the telegraph pole from falling over, it having been smashed through in two places). Then the removal, the disconnecting of the wires and cables, which were subsequently reconnected to the new telegraph pole, which by now had been installed. The work involved was remarkable, requiring an impressive level of workmanship, which took the rest of that eventful day to be completed.

Nicola Hillman

Volunteer roles available at Citizens Advice North Oxfordshire and South Northants

Come and have a chat and find out more

We have a number of exciting opportunities for volunteers working directly with clients to help them in the current cost of living crisis.

Within the **Advice Team** we are looking for volunteers to attend our local hubs and direct clients to our many services. We also have the **Community Assist Team (CAT)** where we have a number of different roles:

Help clients in the comfort of their own homes to get the most out of their digital devices and reduce digital isolation. You don't need to be a computer whizz kid, just confident with day-to-day computer use.

Would you like to befriend people in the community to help them improve their physical and mental wellbeing? Some clients just want someone to chat to them over the phone, some would like a chatty pal to go for short walks and others may require a little hand-holding to help their confidence using public transport and attending local groups and activities.

We also have an opportunity which you can do from the comfort of your own home! Helping people over the telephone or by video call, giving them up-to-date information on grants, discounts and tips on saving energy.

By becoming a volunteer for just a few hours a week, you can make
a real difference to people in your Community.

Full training will be given for each of the above roles, information will be at your fingertips and you will have the support of the CAT team behind you assisting you on your volunteering journey.

We welcome anyone who would like to learn more. Please just drop in when you are free, have a coffee and a chat, ask any questions and hear more about these opportunities.

**Volunteer Open Day - Tesco Community Room, Bicester,
Tuesday, 6th June 10:30am – 3:30pm**

If you are unable to attend in person, please feel free to email us on cat.info@cano.org.uk, or call: 0300 0040401

Many thanks

Phillipa Read
CAT Manager
Citizens Advice North Oxfordshire and South Northants
01295 221449

Burford Ward District Councillor – Annual Report – May 2023

Thank you for electing me a year ago. It has been a very interesting year, up a steep learning curve, helped by Derek Cotterill and a very friendly and supportive set of fellow councillors.

The West Oxfordshire Alliance of Lib Dems, Labour and Green parties has worked well and constructively, and will continue with the same 9-strong Executive member team into the coming year.

My main committee workload has been attendance of the Uplands Planning Sub-Committee where we have considered around 40 applications brought to committee as major planning applications or where the planning officers' recommendations were at odds with the relevant town or parish council view. The two planning sub-committees also met twice as a combined Development Committee to consider major cross-District planning issues and the Mullin project application. It will also be the body that decides on WODC's consultation response on the Botley West solar farm application.

I have also been a member of two scrutiny committees – Finance & Management and Climate & Environment. I have to say that I have found them rather less influential than I would have expected, but this is perhaps because the new chairs and members have been finding their feet. My membership of these committees will continue.

My door (and email) are open to anyone wanting help with a District problem. During the year I have been (or still am) dealing with around 50 separate planning, licensing, housing or waste related queries and issues. It is easier for me to gain access to officers, than the general public, but not always! At least it is easier for me to demand a response!

I continue to work on the Ward issues that appear never to be resolved:

- Cole's Field: Helping to strengthen the case against, in anticipation of another appeal
- Burford bridge: Supporting Burford and Fulbrook in their attempts to improve pedestrian safety on the bridge over the Windrush
- Car parking: Working with BTC on expanding the Guildenford car park and making it more flood resilient
- HGVs: responding to the stakeholder consultation aspect of OCC's study into area HGV restrictions, with the first report expected imminently.

At a District level, I am working with the Executive member responsible (Lidia Arciszewska) on parking issues which will include EV charging points, and will engage in the development of the local plan which will be drafted this year. I will also take an active interest in the District response to the detailed plans for Botley West Solar Farm and the various planning and council tax initiatives that we hope will be made available when the Levelling up and Communities Bill becomes law.

Hugo Ashton

Councillor for Burford Ward, comprising Burford, Fulbrook and Taynton



Thanks to everyone who came to help with the Spring Clean-up on the 15th April. We achieved a lot within the time and then had a cup of tea/coffee and cake (despite Bill Nelson's attempts to hide it) to celebrate. A special mention for William Morgan, who has begun mapping the Flora and Fauna in Fulbrook to understand better how we can improve the nature around us.

Malcolm Taylor

The Fulbrook Plant Sale 2023

Bringing Fulbrook Together

Saturday 13 May began rather cool and overcast, but at least it was dry and didn't dampen the spirits of the people who came to our Plant Sale. This year it was organised by Jean Smith, under the banner of 'Bringing Fulbrook Together'. Helpers arrived before 9:00 am to set everything up in the Carpenters Arms garden and in addition to the great stalls from last year we had a silent auction, which raised £425 on its own. We also had music, which I for one thought added to the ambience (although I may have been biased as my wife was the piano player).



We raised a total of £2,300 (Ryan from the Carpenters ensuring that it was a round number by contributing the final bit) and all reports that I have received have been really positive and encouraging.

On that note, I would like to thank everyone who helped organise the Plant Sale and run the stalls on the day, for such a great job and more importantly, everyone who came as you make it all worthwhile.

There are too many people to thank individually, although you will see some of them in the pictures, but I will thank David Foster, who was the original inspiration for the Fulbrook Plant Sale, and by donating plants that he grows every year is the foundation for the whole thing.

Watch for the next *Bringing Fulbrook Together* event in the summer.





NEWS FROM FULBROOK CHURCH

and a Warm Welcome to All

Dear friends and neighbours,

Warm Words

How lovely it is to see some warmer weather at last! As those of you who have been in the church on very cold days know, the church is not easy to heat or keep warm when the temperatures drop to near or below freezing, and oil is very expensive and burning it is not good for the environment. The **good news** is that the church has just had a new heating system installed!

The oil boiler that has been used to heat the church for very many years had reached the end of its life, and the Parochial Church Council had to make a decision about what heating system we could replace it with to be more effective, more environmentally friendly than oil and not ruinously expensive. The diocese was consulted and other churches visited that had alternative systems.

The current thinking is that trying to heat all the airspace in large buildings such as churches is a lost cause, and that it is much more efficient and effective to heat people rather than airspace. Best practice to achieve this seems to be to heat the pews. However, as our church is also our de facto village hall, half of the pews were removed and replaced with movable chairs so that the space at the back of the church could be cleared and used for other purposes. Therefore a pew only system would not work for us. We were advised that we could have a combination system of electric under-pew heaters, and convector radiators for the Fulbrook Meeting Place. These have the dual advantage of only needing to be turned on a couple of hours before the building is in intended use and being more controllable on automatic timers. There has also been a heater installed under the organ stool to directly heat the organist (who has often continued to play even though frozen in that draughty corner) and one under the vicar's pew, so hopefully everyone will feel the benefit.

The **bad news** is that, of course, all this has come at a large cost and the PCC has had to raid the piggy bank. We were able to secure some grant funds to help us pay the bill for these, but we still need to raise money to help us move towards balancing the books in the coming years. With this in mind, any surplus made from the Summer Barbecue to be held in the Church grounds on the afternoon of July 16th this year will go towards funding the heating in the church and hopefully we shall have a more comfortable place to be for all users this coming winter. (See separate poster about the Barbecue on page 15)

Warm Welcome Thursday Lunches and Coffee Mornings

The weekly soup, bread and cake lunches held every Thursday in the Fulbrook Meeting Place from the beginning of November to the end of April were hugely enjoyable for all - please see separate report on this on page 15.

Now the lunches have finished for the season, **coffee mornings have resumed on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10.30 - 12noon. Everyone** is welcome, there is coffee and tea, cake and biscuits, and friendly chat and laughter. Come on your own or bring a friend - the more the merrier! The next dates are: June 15th, 20th July, 17th August, 21st September. Looking forward to seeing you - no need to book - just come along. Any questions, please call me - Lyn 01993 823640.

Church Services

Date and Location	Time	Type of service
4th June Trinity Benefice service in Taynton ALL WELCOME NO SERVICE IN FULBROOK TODAY	9.30am	Holy Communion
11th June Trinity 1 Fulbrook	9.30am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
18th June Trinity 2 Fulbrook	9.30am	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
25/6 Trinity 3 Fulbrook	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
2nd July Trinity 4 Benefice service in Burford ALL WELCOME NO SERVICE IN FULBROOK TODAY	9.30am	Holy Communion
9th July Trinity 5 Fulbrook	9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)
16th July Trinity 6 Fulbrook	9.30	Morning Prayer (BCP)
23rd July Trinity 7 Fulbrook	9.30	Holy Communion (CW)
30th July Trinity 8 Benefice service, Fulbrook ALL WELCOME	9.30	Holy Communion

BURFORD ORCHESTRA

**English music
for a summer's evening**

Vaughan Williams
Wasps Overture

Holst
Cotswold Symphony

Walton
Crown Imperial

Sir Henry Wood
Fantasia on British Sea Songs

Conductor: Rhian Frankcom

7.30pm, Saturday 8 July 2023

Venue: Burford School, Cheltenham Road, Burford
 Tickets: £9, U16s £1, available in advance
 from TicketSource via the QR code
 Email: info@burfordorchestra.org.uk
 Telephone: 01993 883490 for more information




Save the date: 16th July!!

You are invited to a celebration of summer Village BBQ lunch on Sunday 16th July 12:30-3:30pm in the church grounds



Tickets £12.50 (children £5) includes a welcome drink, burger, salad, and pud
Pay bar available

Games for children and young at heart
Music provided by Saxophony

All proceeds towards the upkeep of the Church



Warm Welcome Thursdays

We want to say a massive **THANK YOU** to all those who contributed in any way to the Warm Welcome Thursday lunches held in the Fulbrook Meeting at the back of the church every Thursday from the beginning of November to the end of April. Everybody and anybody was welcome to come to these. Thanks are due to everyone who participated in these lovely weekly lunches, gamely sampled a huge variety of different soups, bread and cakes and made them the interesting and fun occasions that we could look forward to each week. We enjoyed each others company, made friends in the village we didn't know before, and had the joy of sharing meals together. Thanks also go to those who generously donated the ingredients, cooked and baked to provide the food we shared each week. We could not have managed without those who helped set up the tables and made them look welcoming and inviting, and those who cleared up - especially washing and drying up and dismantling and putting the tables and chairs away. **THANK YOU ALL** very much indeed.

Lastly, although the lunches were provided free of charge, generous donations were made for which we thank everyone very much indeed. After expenses for cleaning materials and coffee were taken a total of

just over £700 was donated. Of this £300 is being donated to the church as a contribution to heating costs and £300 is being donated to BESOM - the Christian charity in Witney that provides food packs and other items for people in need in Oxfordshire (<https://www.witneybesom.org/giving-things>). The remaining £100 will be used to buy a new microwave for the church kitchen in preparation for future community events and in anticipation of future lunches next winter. **THANK YOU** so much to everyone who donated money - what a bonus that in addition to having an enjoyable time ourselves we have also been able to help others.

Coffee Mornings in the Fulbrook Meeting Place this summer

The first of this season's coffee mornings took place in the Fulbrook Meeting Place at the back of the church in May, and there will be a coffee morning at 10.30-12 noon every 3rd Thursday of the month. Please do come and join in, meet old friends and new in a friendly place and share coffee and tea, cake and biscuits. No charge is made but donations are gratefully received.

Everyone is welcome - come on your own or with a friend - the more the merrier!

Dates for the next coffee mornings at 10.30-12 are: June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, September 21st. Do give it a try - we look forward to welcoming you.

Any queries, please ring Lyn on 01993 823640.

Summer Movie Night - Mamma Mia (the 2008 hit musical based on the songs of ABBA)

Come join us, al fresco, for a movie night in the garden of The Carpenters Arms.

When: Saturday 5th August. Doors open from 8pm for a 9pm showing

Where: Carpenters Arms Garden

What: Please bring chairs, blankets, and snacks. All drinks must be purchased from the Carpenters Arms. We are grateful to them for hosting us! They will also have a special snack menu for the event, should you wish to purchase any from them.

How much: This is a free event and no tickets will be issued.

*Attendance is strictly limited to the first 80 people. Please arrive early to ensure your place.

Bringing Fulbrook Together



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Burford School is delighted to announce that tickets are on sale for two fantastic events. We hope that many of you will join us.

Play On!

On Monday 6, Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 March at 7.00 pm in our Main Hall, a talented cast of over 25 students in Year 11 -13 will perform *Play On!*

Play On! is a comedic reimagining, with songs, of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Set in a fictional school, a class of struggling and bored Year 11 students are persuaded by their English teacher to perform *Romeo and Juliet*. Through rehearsals and a performance, these students see their real-life relationships become transformed by the characters they are playing, resulting in much laughter, fighting, tears, and possibly even some true love!

To purchase your ticket to an evening of outstanding student performances, visit Ticketsource: www.ticketsource.co.uk/burford-school

Messa Di Gloria

On Tuesday 14 March at 7.00 pm in our Main Hall, The Burford Institute of Music Choral Society will perform Giacomo Puccini's arresting *Messa di Gloria*, alongside a superb orchestra of local musicians.

The Choir consists of our students, staff, parents, carers as well as members of the local community.

On the night refreshments will be available from our cash bar, run by our brilliant Parent Teacher Association team, and you will also be able to enjoy complimentary canapes after the performance.

To purchase your ticket to what promises to be a fabulous evening of music, visit Ticketsource: www.ticketsource.co.uk/burford-school

North Cotswold Arts Association

2023 Programme

- Wednesday 14th June: Painting en plain air, or 'Brusho' in the Hall if inclement weather, Warwick Hall, Burford Church, 2-4pm.
- Wednesday 12th July: Preparation for the Summer Exhibition, Warwick Hall, Burford Church, 2-4pm.
- Monday 28th August: Annual Summer Exhibition, Bank Holiday Monday to Saturday 2nd September, Warwick Hall, Burford Church, 10am-5pm. Entrance Free.
- Wednesday 11th October: 'Fun with Inks' by Jessica Parker, Warwick Hall, Burford Church, 2-4pm.
- Wednesday 8th November: Social Party (in preparation for Christmas) Warwick Hall, Burford Church, 2-4pm.

Burford Singers present the Magic of Mozart



Soprano: Lucy Knight, Mezzo: Angharad Lyddon, Tenor: Peter Martin, Bass: Freddy Long
Orchestra Leader: Kate Bailey

Tickets reserved at £25, £20, £15, unreserved £10

Online booking (Booking fee applies) at www.burfordingers.org.uk/buy-tickets

Booking in person (unreserved tickets only) at The Madhatter Bookshop, 122, High Street, Burford OX18 4QJ

And on the door

Details on our website www.burfordingers.org.uk/events

Wychwood Forest Fair 2023

The historic Wychwood Forest Fair is a fun, family-friendly event. From wood carving, axe throwing, and traditional archery, to pony rides, storytelling and falconry - there's something for everyone! There will also be the usual offering of great food, local beer, live music, and a wide variety of rural craft displays.

The fair celebrates and supports the conservation work of the Wychwood Forest Trust in creating spaces for nature and preserving the unique cultural heritage of the Wychwood.

Tickets will be available from the Wychwood Forest Trust website in due course:
wychwoodforesttrust.co.uk

Date: Sunday 9th July

Location: Foxburrow Wood, Hailey, Witney OX29 9XL



NEWS FROM THE FULBROOK MEETING PLACE

The FMP is the space in the Village that is used as a village hall as we have no other community building. It is located in the back half of the church and is there for everyone to use

Every week

9am - 10am. Keep Fit class - join the group for gentle aerobic, balance and stretching exercises to music. Please ring Pat Ferrett for more information 01993 822892.

Every month

10.30 - 12pm Coffee, chat and biscuits on the third Thursday of each month. Please contact Lyn Bibbings for more information 01993 823640.

Other meetings that periodically take place are the Fulbrook Forum, the Parish Council meetings and the Parochial Church Council.

THE FMP is also available to rent (at very favourable rates) to villagers for parties, meals etc. There is a small kitchen, tables and chairs, WC available. Please contact Lyn Bibbings for any information about the FMP or events 01993 823640

Burford & District Horticultural Society

June heralds an exciting new initiative for Burford – the first National Garden Scheme openings in the town. You'll spot the distinctive yellow posters for Sunday 11 June, when four gardens on Swan Lane and one in Frethern Close will open between 2 and 6pm. All proprietors are Horticultural Society members and there will be a plant sale. Please come and enjoy our very own local gems.

The Annual Garden Party (members only) takes place this month, and now is the time to check the Schedule of the Summer Show, moved to Saturday 8 July at the Bowls Club. All the details are here: <http://burfordhorticultural.com>. The list includes roses, vegetables, a children's class and flower arranging and lots more. The Spring Show was a great success, with new members winning prizes, so why not give it a go (and join up, to attend the Garden Party, maybe)?

Ruth Reavley

News from The



At the time of writing this, sat by the fire in the snug, the weather is still dreary, wet and grey, even though we're nearing the middle of May. Let's hope by the time the magazine is published, the sun is shining bright and summer is in full swing. We've had a barrage of bank holidays over the past few months and regrettably we haven't perhaps done as much with them as we had hoped. What with Sir Elton John getting in the way of Easter Sunday for Tom's Birthday, albeit a very enjoyable excuse to take Easter Sunday off, and a cancelled brunch due to a multitude of reasons. However, we plan to make up for our shortfall come the summer, with a festival across the whole of the August bank holiday weekend. The Friday will see the return of the Northern House Band for an evening of BBQing, beer and more dancing on the tables, if last year is anything to go by - tickets will be on sale closer to the time. We will have a beer and cider festival running from the Friday through to the Monday. Tom will dust off his carving gear and Yorkie tins for a Sunday roast on the 27th, accompanied by live music, and we're planning a family day on the Monday. Think bouncy castle, games, BBQ food and more live music.

The Aunt Sally's team gained a few new players this season and kicked off back in May with a home match against Talbot Unt, having climbed a division since last year. While they didn't win, they did hold onto their beer leg winning streak. Perhaps beer should be played for in every leg? Des led a competition for playing Aunt Sally's at the plant sale last month to give you all a chance to have a throw yourselves and we hope to repeat the fun for the August family day.

The quiz quickly turned into a midweek staple with lots of regular challengers for the grand prize each week. We extended the run to the end of April due to its popularity and the final quiz of the season saw 72 people partake, with a grand prize of £80. They will be back in October!

We have our fingers crossed that this may be the year we finally get to host an alfresco Feast Night. We hold high hopes for our date on July 28th.

Thank you all for your continued support, and lots of love from all of us at your local, The Carps.



BURFORD and DISTRICT SOCIETY

Annual Garden Party – Tuesday 20th June

This year, our ever popular, annual Garden Party, will take place on Tuesday 20th June at Asthall Manor. We are most grateful to Rosie Pearson for allowing us to use the wonderful garden of her Jacobean manor house.

Whilst Asthall Manor, OX18 4HW is only a short tandem ride from Fulbrook, car parking facilities will be provided. Everyone is asked to share transport with other members, to help to protect the environment and to bring your own collapsible seats, to protect your posteriors.

The Garden Party will be from 3 to 5pm and thanks to the generosity of the committee and our much appreciated supporters, tea and cakes will be served.

Whilst this is a free event, it is for members only and pre-registration is essential. Booking is now open on our website. If you are unable to access a pc, please contact Julia Hart to secure your place, or with any other queries, on 07779 109761 or julia.hart1000@gmail.com

If you have yet to renew or would like to join there is still time. Membership is £10 for the calendar year and Application Forms can be completed online, see www.burfordanddistrictsociety.co.uk

A waiting list will operate if the event is oversubscribed.

Looking ahead

To enable those members who simply have to go deep sea scuba diving, or needing Tibetan singing bowl therapy as an antidote for Fulbrook's frenetic social whirl, we do not meet during the summer holiday months. We will return on the 19th September for what promises to be a fascinating talk given by Tim Healey, entitled 'The Oxfordshire Green Man Trail'

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

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

Slow roast shoulder of lamb with a Persian twist

This edition of your recipe comes with a wine pairing by Ryan and Siobhan at the Carpenter's Arms. Siobhan and Ryan kindly offered to pair one of their wines with this recipe. It was a bit of a challenge, because complex, sauced, spicy food needs a really carefully chosen wine to bring out the best in the flavours. They selected a 2021 Chilean red, available by the glass from their wine menu (details below).

Lamb comes into its own at this time of year and this slow roast recipe with a Persian twist will have you slaving for more! This fragrant recipe inspired by Persian flavours of walnuts, pomegranates and molasses and is easy to make. The long slow cooking really suits the shoulder cut and you will find that three hours will give you a joint that is soft and tender without going to the extremes demanded from 'pulled meat' recipes. I spent a couple of months in Iran several years ago and found the hospitality to be overwhelming... so this is a celebratory dish where formal dining must be forbidden and everything placed in the centre of the table for people to dig in, help themselves, and raise a glass of Los Tres Curas!

Ingredients

- 4 tbsp pomegranate molasses (if you don't routinely stock this exotica at home, boil and reduce some cranberry juice with a couple of spoons of sugar and a dash of balsamic vinegar as a substitute... or as a last resort, use honey and lemon juice).
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground turmeric
- 1 cinnamon stick
- juice 1 lemon
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 crushed garlic cloves
- 1 onion roughly chopped
- 130g walnuts semi-crushed in small pieces (before crushing them, toast in a dry frying pan... keep an eye on them as they burn easily!)
- 1 shoulder of lamb about 1.6kg, lightly scored in a large diamond pattern
- Few pieces of orange peel
- 200ml stock (chicken or lamb from a cube)
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley to garnish
- 1 tbsp chopped mint to garnish
- Seeds from 1 pomegranate
- Flatbreads or pitta bread (you know how much you will need)
- Simple leaf salad

Method

1. Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3
2. In a small bowl, make the glaze by mixing the molasses with cumin, cinnamon, turmeric, lemon juice, olive oil, walnuts, and garlic
3. Scatter the onion and orange peel over a casserole dish or a deep roasting tin
4. Place the lamb on top of the onions. Pour the glaze over the lamb and rub in a bit (I'm sure it would be better to do this overnight, but I haven't tried it)
5. Rinse the bowl out with the stock, then pour it around – not over – the lamb

6. Cover the dish with a lid or the tin with a large piece of foil. Roast the lamb, undisturbed, for 3 hours
7. Remove the lid or foil and continue to roast for 30 minutes to give the lamb a bit of colour
8. When the lamb looks nice and brown, pour off the juices, remove as much fat as possible, then pour the juices back over the lamb
9. Sprinkle with the pomegranate seeds
10. Serve with warm flatbread or if you are using pitta (not Persian, but who cares) stuff the warmed pitta with lamb and salad

Wine pairing ‘Los Tres Curas’ (2021)

Ryan and Siobhan write “...This rich, vibrant expression of Carmenere is produced by Vistamar, 122km south of Santiago, in central Chile. The climate & terroir in this hot country produce full bodied, fruit forward wines with a moderate level of tannins. The Carménère grape is an ancient European variety that originates in the Médoc region of Bordeaux, France. Peter’s Persian lamb dish needs a wine with body and length to match the rich flavours and spices. We feel the red fruits within this wine will work beautifully with his Middle Eastern inspired dish...”

Bon Appetit or ‘noosh jan’ as they say in Farsi!!

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