

The Fulbrook News

Our Quarterly Newsletter

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Remembrance Day commemorations at the War Memorial

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Dear Readers,

I am writing this in the middle of November and already we have had one minor fall of snow and several frosts and in fact I had to scrape ice off the car when I arrived back at Charlbury station yesterday at only 6.30pm. We are definitely witnessing weather events which are unusual – it has been exceptionally wet with many floods including fields and the A361 in Fulbrook and Burford. It also seems to change so rapidly from day to day and interspersed with the less pleasurable days we have had a few of glorious sunshine to lift our spirits.

Sometimes the consequences of these changing conditions can be a growth of bugs, so if you haven't yet had your flu jab it might be the time to do so before the winter is really here. Ben, the new proprietor of Reavley's the chemist, is also able to give these which are free if you meet the NHS qualifying criteria (over 65 or have specified ill health conditions) or £15 if you don't but wish to protect yourself nonetheless. Ring Reavley's at the beginning of any week to check appointment slots for that week 01993 823144. Nobody wants illness to mar their enjoyment of the festive season to come!

Talking of which, do come and join in Carol singing around the village on December 18th - see p14 - everyone is welcome, children and adults alike, and it is always fun with some refreshments along the way. You will then be practised and in good voice for the Carol and crib service in Church on December 24th at 4pm (p15), a lovely service where everyone's very welcome - do bring your families and friends too! In fact last year we had some gorgeous little ones who sat right near the crib and who stole the show – I shall always remember standing at the lectern reading one of the Christmas passages and suddenly finding a little hand holding on to mine – absolutely magical!

In the meantime we have a few welcomes to give: firstly we should like to give a very warm welcome to David Foster onto our Editorial Committee. David is going to take over as our Advertising Editor (a really important role if we are going to be able to keep this newsletter free to all households in the village). So if you wish to place an ad – there are different sizes available at different prices - please contact David (number below). Secondly, we have some grandchildren of residents to welcome to the world - Alice, born in September, granddaughter to Gareth and Lynne John; Maive, also born in September, granddaughter to John and Sarah Horner, and Isobel born in July, great-granddaughter to David Foster. We also welcome my parents, Syd and Joyce Richford (who have been subscribers to this newsletter since we moved here) who have moved to the Cotswold Home. It is with sadness that we have to report the death of Sally Radcliffe's mother who lived in Deal and who reached the wonderful age of 104.

Do also catch up on the reports of Church and Village events that have happened since our last issue – Harvest Festival, Evensong, Remembrance and Taize services in the Church news (p15) and the Fireworks and Village Clean Up on page 3.

Remember – this is your newsletter and if you have personal or local news you would like reported do please contact one of the editorial team. The newsletter was one of the outcomes of the Village Appraisal in 2000, and so we are coming up to our 20th birthday next year, and we think it is a good time to have another review and find out what you like (and what you don't) about these pages so we can see if we have your support to continue this for all the village – see p8, please respond to us!

In the meantime we should like to give our heartfelt thanks to all of the contributors and all the distributors of this humble mag – without whom it would not plop onto your doormat. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!
Fulbrookians are good at watching out for their neighbours, but keep a special eye out for those you know may need your help. The Churchwardens are also available to call, for phone numbers see the Church news on page 15.

A very merry Christmas everyone, we hope to share another twenty years of village life with you!

Lyn Bibbings

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were especially welcome on a chilly November day.

- This year Bob's Bonfire was amazing, thanks to all who donated fireworks, food and drinks and especially to Bob and Pauline who generously hosted the event, provided the venue and did endless clearing up afterwards and to Jack and his helpers for the faultlessly choreographed display of fireworks.
- 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:-

Monday January 6th at 7pm

All are welcome at these meetings.

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**Don't forget the website:
www.fulbrookvillage.net**

*Walford Ingleby
Chairman*

From the Parish Clerk:

Many thanks to all those who helped with the Village Clean Up. Your time and efforts were very much appreciated. It's a pleasure to see the village looking so tidy.

Mrs Kim Kekwick is the 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*

FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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

- Amenities Committee: We are desperate to have new members on the Amenities Committee. Should you have any particular specialist abilities that the group would benefit from please discuss with Malcolm Taylor. We have had various event suggestions for next year put forward but Malcolm cannot organise and run these alone please help where you can. Malcolm's contact number is 01993 824179.
- Gigaclear has taken a commercial decision to cable all areas in Fulbrook village. We are expecting them to start in late February/early March. The project manager is Carl who will be on and around site on a regular visit schedule. We have made it abundantly clear that service vehicles need 24 hour round the clock access, particularly in Upper End, Meadow Lane, Church lane, Garnes Lane, Dolphin Lane, Westhall Hill and Meadow End. Gigaclear has agreed to publish further details when available via the Fulbrook News as well as supporting our community by taking some advertising space. Watch out for further details.
- If you wish the Carol Singers to visit your street or house this year please let Malcolm Taylor know of your request.
- The Parish Council would like to thank all those who attended and generously gave their free time to the village clean up on the 9th November. The tea and cakes afterwards

THE FULBROOK FORUM

5 September 2019. Professional Engineer: Amateur Pilot by David Foster

David should have been born with a set of wings. In the 1950s, military training was part of the school curriculum. He joined the air cadets and was soon learning to fly at Rissington. He gained an RAF scholarship which enabled him to get a Private Pilot's licence at age 17. He signed up for National Service in the RAF and by age 19 was already an experienced pilot. Not content with flying, he did an Engineering degree at London University, where he joined the University Air Squadron. After his degree he joined Dowty Hydraulics but missed the flying, so re-applied to the RAF. He was soon flying Canberras in support of the Central Treaty Organisation. His role was pathfinding and identifying bombing sites which involved flying as low as 50ft above the ground and performing rolls above the target. He then qualified as a flying instructor at Rissington and a test pilot at Farnborough. He flew over 35 different aircraft types and after retiring did some gliding and microlighting. He said he had a close shave in a Comet. He took off into a near complete cloud base of 400 feet when the fire alarm in one engine went off. He shut down the engine and tried extinguishing the fire twice, unsuccessfully. He was lucky enough to see a hole in the cloud and land with a full fuel load. In a Comet the engine is buried in the wing and surrounded by fuel tanks. Amazingly it was a faulty fire alarm – Phew!!

3rd October 2019. 100 years of pharmacy in Burford by Cedric Reavley

Cedric told us that his grandfather Robert Reavley bought the pharmacy in 1918, although it had been in existence since 1734 and is the oldest pharmacy in England. At that time there were only 4 telephones in Burford, one at the pharmacy whose number was Burford 1. The exchange was in the house behind the shop. The room on the right as you enter was originally a sitting room and you had to go through the shop to reach the rest of the house.

His grandfather's family came from Jarrow and ran a soft drinks factory and Cedric doesn't know why his grandfather came to Burford, particularly as at that time it was a poor town whereas Jarrow was prosperous due to shipbuilding during WW1.

Cedric described how pills were made at that time and showed us a pill-making machine. He also showed us a machine for mixing powders, a special

spoon for giving castor oil to children and a tool for fitting corks into medicine bottles. He explained that the carboys in the window contained brightly coloured water and were purely to attract customers into the shop and had no medicinal content.

There was already an international trade in drugs in 1918 which had been in existence for hundreds of years with drugs such as opium, camphor, orris root and mustard seed being traded. There were shortages of drugs during WW2 and Cedric showed us a copy of the National War Formulary which was issued to pharmacists giving guidance on how to cope.

The boxes which line the walls of the pharmacy are mahogany and the labels are originals dating from the 1850s, although they were restored by Roger Warner after having been painted over with black paint by previous owners.

The meeting gave Cedric a warm vote of thanks for a very interesting and informative talk.

7 Nov 2019. Becoming an artist: Influences, Inspiration and Insight by Sally Wyatt

For a man with an atrophied right brain this talk was a real eye opener for me. Sally bared her soul to explain the exploration and the influences that contribute to her talented creativity. Although art was her favourite topic at school, Sally studied geology and geography at university. In 1991 she moved to Fulbrook and, wanting to work from home, started making decorative lampshades for Liberty's, whom she had worked with previously. After making 1,000 lampshades, she felt that her creativity was suffocating. A recession put paid to the lampshades in 2008, so the Wyatts set up a very successful B&B business in their home. In 2014 Sally attended an art course in Cirencester and the fuse was lit. She set off on a creative fine art adventure. At the Newlyn School of Art she was selected to do a mentoring course with an enlightened group of artists. Sally was unique in being an art virgin, having had no formal art education. With her group, Sally studied different artists' works and techniques. Unsullied by preconceived training, she was soon experimenting with different textures and materials; from canvas to board, watercolour, charcoal, acrylic and oil and mixing paint with wax, rust, egg and anything that could be found at the time. Sally soon realised that her art was expressing her moods, feelings and life events. Her raw talent is fast becoming recognised. She was shortlisted for the Summer Exhibition at the RA twice and four works were selected for the Discerning Eye Exhibition at the Mall Gallery.

Although Sally enjoys the creative challenges most, she realises the more tedious necessity of exhibiting and trying to make a name for herself.

Next meeting:

5 Dec 2019. Windrush Against Sewage Pollution by Ashley Smith.

A tale of one of the 86% of England's failing rivers, what a local campaign is doing and what you can do to bring our river back to good health.

Windrushwasp.org has lifted the lid of the waste water industry and found some nasty secrets.

If you would like a reminder about a week before each meeting please e-mail

fulbrookforum@gmail.com to join our mailing list.

Meetings take place at 3pm in the Fulbrook Meeting Place at the back of Fulbrook Church. All welcome, no membership required. A donation of £1 please which includes refreshments.

Oliver Sharpley

HISTORY GROUP

At our latest meeting on 12th November, Anne Weir showed us some documents she had come across in the Methodist Church in Burford.

One of the documents is headed 'The Story so far 1997' but there is no indication of who wrote it. The story starts with some history of the Wychwood Forest and then goes on to tell about the Dunsdons, a large family who lived for a time in the Manor House in Fulbrook and later moved further up the Shipton Road to the Rough House on Capps Lodge Plain.

Three of the family, Thomas, Richard and Henry Dunsdon (hence Tom, Dick and Harry) became highwaymen. They were eventually hanged for their crimes and their bodies suspended from the gibbet tree in Capps Lodge, in view of their father's house.

The story also tells of the Burford Whitsuntide Festival where there was 'gambling and merry making'.

A second document is headed 'Wychwood Forest and its Burford and Fulbrook connections' and has the initials R.G.F. at the end, although we don't know who this was. It tells that the people of Burford had the right of a free day's hunting in the forest on Whit Sunday, although there were a number of poachers who did not confine their hunting to that one day. The story names four of them: Ike Sheppard, Corky Spencer, Bolter Harding

and Ned Harding, some of whom lived in Burford and others in Fulbrook (it doesn't say which).

It also tells of a fair held on Capps Lodge Plain on the edge of the Wychwood Forest known as a 'Forest Fair'. This continues now as the Wychwood Forest Fair, held annually at the beginning of September and run by the Wychwood Project.

The articles, and the one I told you about in the last issue; Memories of Old Burford by Ivy Holloway, contain lots of fascinating information and stories and we discussed compiling them into a booklet which we would make available to anyone interested for a small charge to cover printing costs. We agreed to pursue this idea – watch this space for further details. If you can provide any information on any of the stories mentioned we'd be very pleased to hear from you.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th February 2020 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, December 2019
Safer Communities, Safer Fulbrook**

LOCAL ACTIVITY UPDATE

Vehicle crime

Overnight Wednesday 14/08/19 - Thursday 15/08/19 three vans were broken into in Burford, two in Oxford Road and one in the Guildenford. If you keep tools in your vehicles overnight make sure the vehicle has extra locks and an alarm if possible, park on your driveway if you have one and mark your tools with your postcode and photograph expensive items.

Scams/cyber crime

These types of crimes are definitely on the rise probably because they are done at arm's length and are viewed as anonymous but they still cause financial and personal pain.

Difficult as this may seem, it is best to view each email, telephone call, text etc as doubtful unless you know the person/company who is the sender. In case of companies (credit card companies, banks etc) always check by calling them direct using telephone number from separate information you have. Never

use the telephone number which is contained in the initial contact.

Burglaries

Between the 03/10 and the 05/10 three burglaries occurred in the Carterton and Swinbrook areas.

We are all aware of the additional financial pressures put on families as we approach the festive season. Regrettably, at this time of year, as homes are filled with Christmas gifts and additional treats to be enjoyed, it is a time when burglars, pickpockets and criminal opportunists are also at their most active. Here are a few things you can do to help stay secure over the festive season:

- Whilst out shopping, please be aware of the threat of pickpockets, so ladies keep your purses and wallets out of sight and keep your handbags closed as your smart-phones are also at risk; lots of ladies walk around with phones in back pockets – easy pickings for the criminal!!
- When shopping, remember to put any purchases in the boot of the car and not just on the seats to avoid tempting the car thief – Out of sight is best policy
- Never hang your purse or shopping bag on the handle of your trolley or pushchair
- And ladies, try not to leave your handbag on the passenger seat when you're driving, because, there is the threat that should you stop at traffic lights, crossings or at corners, a thief could open the door and make off with the handbag along with purse (credit cards, personal identification, + whatever else you keep in your handbag), smartphone, house keys etc. Place your handbag, either in your boot, or under the seat and lock the doors
- Gents, keep wallets in an inside pocket along with smartphones
- Whilst out at Christmas, avoid leaving a credit / debit card behind the bar as this substantially increases the risk of identity theft
- With the shorter days, now is a good time to check all outside and PIR lights are working
- And when you are taking cash out of the ATM be careful that no-one is watching; better still use the ATM within the bank and secure your cash before you leave the bank
- Lock windows if you are unlikely to be opening them in the winter months
- Leave lights on if you go out. The flameless battery-operated candles on timers (for all the

ladies in the village who love a candle, and I know there are quite a lot of you!) are also a good distraction at this time of year

- Keep garage doors closed and locked (the storage of Christmas booze in outbuildings is a temptation)
- Always ensure that the doors to your house are locked, even when the house is occupied, as the opportunist burglar could try to enter. Also keep all keys well away from the doors
- Christmas presents under the tree may look beautiful but are tempting to thieves – keep them out of sight until Santa's been!
- And finally, after Christmas, be sure to tear up the packaging of your gifts and place in your blue recycling bin so you don't advertise to thieves what's new in your home because, they will be watching

And, of course, there is 'On Line Shopping' – a few pointers here

- Check the web address - Always check you're on the correct website. Criminals can set up fake websites that have a similar design and web address to the genuine site
- Is it a secure connection? - Web pages you enter personal or financial details into should display a locked padlock sign and have a web address that starts with https. This means your connection to the website is secure
- Phishing - Don't click on links or attachments within unsolicited emails. The number of online shopping related phishing emails increases significantly during the holiday period.
- Bank transfers - 65% of Action Fraud reports during recent Christmas periods were linked to online auction sites. Don't pay for goods or services by bank transfer unless you know and trust the person. Payments via bank transfer offer you no protection if you become a victim of fraud

And taking this opportunity to look forward to 2020 and time for new year resolutions. So let's all make a resolution to keep safe by doing a few simple things to start the year off:

- Change your login passwords and update your security on your laptop or PC
- Put a light on a timer to come on when you go out at night.
- Check your carbon monoxide alarms and fire alarms are in full working order and replace batteries as required. When you replace the

batteries put a note on the battery of the date changed so next time it's easy to change with no doubts as to last time changed. Also, note that smoke detectors have a 'working life', usually about seven years – so check as you may need to replace them!

- Double check your locks and make sure that your doors and windows are locked at night before you go to bed
- We all have multiple keys for our home and I suspect that many of us don't even know how many of our house keys are in circulation. Now is a good time to do a reconciliation regarding just how many we have and who has a set!! If you've moved into your property in the last few months – change your locks – past cleaners, gardeners, next door neighbours might all have access to your house without you even realising
- We all need to be very much aware of scams, and almost doubt every e-mail, phone call and cold callers. Possibly seems a tad excessive but it just might prevent a lot of heartache later
- These are some of the simplest – but important – things you can do this year to stay safe
- We've still got to get through this winter weather-wise so keep warm and wrap up when you go out. Now's the time to help your elderly and less-able neighbours as well. You might want to check on them from time to time if you can. It's good to know that someone is looking out for you and there may be a time in the future when you will be grateful for having such good neighbours too

Crime cannot flourish in a community that cares, let's do our bit to keep our Fulbrook and our neighbours secure.

If you see something, report it! In an emergency dial 999. Otherwise contact Thames Valley Police on 101.

Best wishes for a really Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jim MacAllan, Email: jimmacallan@aol.com

Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator for Fulbrook

As I mentioned in the September issue, our resident poet Joanna Lynham has been poorly for the last few months following a nasty fall and was unable to provide us with a poem for that issue, with John Hoyle stepping in to fill the gap.

She has now written one more poem for us, but she tells us that this will be her last. We would like to thank her for her many contributions over the years.

AFTERNOON

I stood in the windswept garden
Under a sky of pearly grey
Breathed in the energy of the trees
On a green and silver day,
And I listened to voices I could not hear
Inviting me to stay.

In my dreams I returned to the garden
Joining my fantasy,
My longing to know what I cannot know,
To see what I cannot see,
And the ghosts of the garden drifting past
Are they aware of me?

JL

We've also heard that Diana Lethbridge's daughter, Anna, has been instrumental in getting a small book of Joanna's poems published. The book is called 'A Waterfall of Words – a collection of poems by Joanna Lynham' and it is on sale in The Madhatters Bookshop in Burford.

John Hoyle has kindly agreed to become our resident poet from March 2020.

Fulbrook Newsletter - The Facts

For the last 19 years, our quarterly village newsletter has been distributed free of charge to every household in the community. It was started as a result of the Fulbrook Village Appraisal carried out in 2000, which listed as one of the main findings and recommendations: “The lack of adequate communications within Fulbrook hampers the development of social and communal activity. Convene a group to start and run a village newsletter”.

This sentiment was supported in the publication of the The Village Plan in 2013: “There was little or no criticism of [the newsletter] and it is strongly recommended that the new editorial team carry on the good work started by Bill Long and David Woolley”.

The Bridge replaced the parish magazine and is a monthly communication distributed to all households in and around Burford. The cost to readers living outside these communities is £1.50 per copy.

Over the last 19 years the newsletter, now The Fulbrook News, has developed to include regular features on local issues and people within the village. Some examples include:

- Parish Council news
- Amenities Committee events
- Fulbrook Church News and Meeting Place regular groups and events
- A conversation with (featuring a village resident)
- News and Views (letters and comments from contributors and residents)
- Suggestions from our Chef and sommelier

Everyone in the village is encouraged to send comments and articles to the editorial team for inclusion in the issues.

It is with regret that we now have to report a shortfall in funding for our newsletter. Our costs must be covered mainly by the income from advertisers, which has sadly depleted. Also, our printing costs have risen since we introduced colour pages. Annual income and expenditure are as follows:

Income:		Expenditure:	
Advertising	£610	Printing	£800
Postal subscriptions	£40	Distribution	£30
Total	£650	Total	£830

This creates a deficit of £180 per year and as a result we have drawn down our reserves to the extent that we cannot continue to run this level of deficit.

Various options have been considered to raise extra funds in order to continue publication such as:

- A donation from Fulbrook Parish Council (on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting)
- A request for donations from the readership
- A social event in the FMP featuring suggestions from our Chef
- A book of recipes featured in the Newsletter over the years and their back story to be offered for sale (this has to be self-funding)

The editorial team is interested in YOUR views and will print any comments we receive, especially further ideas on how, or if, we should continue producing The Fulbrook News. Please send your comments to our e-mail address: fulbrooknews@gmail.com for publication in the March 2020 issue.



This month we welcomed men folk to our meeting to hear Tim Thorn talk about the “World’s Largest Attempted Diamond Heist”. Tim talked us through this specific diamond’s journey and how it ended up in the Millennium Dome, where seven thieves had planned to steal the diamonds from. The main diamond being the “Millennium Star” a 203.04 carat pear-shaped sat with 11 blue diamond’s totaling 118 carats. Luckily the police were aware of the heist before it happened, giving everyone time to prepare. Tim’s story telling was a real crowd pleaser, keeping us all on the edge of our seats throughout.

Our Next Meeting Tuesday 10th December sees us undergo some Self Defence pointers as well as the usual socialising, refreshments and raffle. Meetings are open from 7pm, ready to start at 7:30pm. Meetings will then resume in February. The second Tuesday of the month, from 7pm. The Old Hall, Warwick Hall, Burford.

Membership We are always looking to recruit new members and this year will be no different. We welcome ladies of any age to come and enjoy some well-earned company and socialising. New ideas are always welcome and we have the opportunity for you to take on tasks, if you wish to broaden your skills and fill out your CV. Membership fee is £43 for 2020, which includes access to many wonderful (and helpful) things.

Walking Group December – Due to the wet weather, December’s walk will be a Burford Town Walk. 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.

If you would like to meet with some of the ladies, we hold the **FaB Lunch Club** on every third Tuesday. The next date is on Tuesday 19th November, meeting at the Carpenters Arms at 12pm.

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 the results of the Ride and Stride, an item on Eleanor Jaskowska, the third woman to complete the 1,200km Paris-Brest-Paris (PBP) cycle ride, news about the village carol singing and much more ...

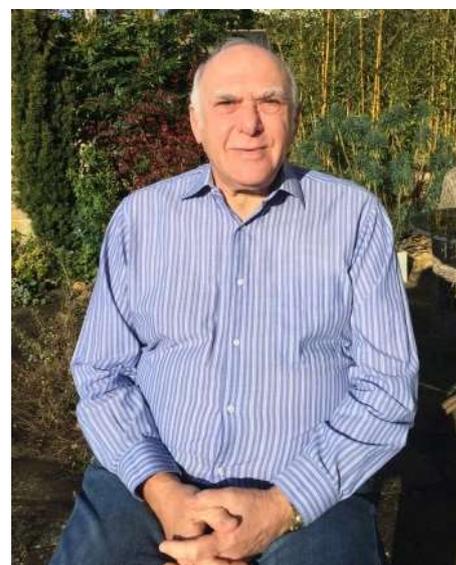
The purpose of Fulbrook News and Views is to highlight issues or interests within the village. For this to work successfully we need contributions from as many readers as possible. As you can see here, these can be of a serious, flippant or humorous nature. Please contribute!

A conversation with

Our Compiler and Treasurer Laurence Balbes

One of the reasons Laurence and his wife Susan moved to Fulbrook in 2004 was the opportunity to become involved in the village community. They previously lived in Harrow Weald, north London where they knew only their immediate neighbours. They both straight away became members of the History Group and the Fulbrook Fellowship, now renamed the Fulbrook Forum. They wanted to downsize and live in a quieter community. It was by chance that they saw an advert for Meadow Way Cottage and decided to take a look at this part of the country - their intention had been to move to Somerset.

It was in 2008 that Laurence volunteered for and joined the editorial team of the village newsletter - in the first instance as a local correspondent. Laurence's regular contributions included reports of the History Group meetings. Having worked in financial services for many years, Laurence was a natural choice to become the Treasurer on the newsletter team and he took over the role from David Woolley when he and Molly moved out of the area. He is still in the role and keeps a careful eye on income and expenditure, which is proving a bit of a headache at the moment! Without Laurence we wouldn't have The Fulbrook News as he now also compiles each issue ready for publication and distribution.



Laurence's family is Jewish and, although not religious, he is committed to the culture of Judaism, values his heritage and is a member of the Oxford Jewish Community. He has also retained his membership of the synagogue in London which will eventually qualify him for burial beside Susan. Early family records show that his great grandfather was naturalised as a British citizen in 1905 after having arrived in this country from his place of birth, Lodz then in Russia, now in Poland. Laurence, though, was born in Edgware, NW London and attended Broadfields Primary School before going on to the local grammar school, Christ's College, Finchley. Following school he went on to study Chemistry at Manchester University gaining his first degree. I say first degree for some years later in 1979 he achieved a Master's in Business Studies (MBA). The last 24 years of his working life were spent in financial services, latterly specialising in advising elderly clients with particular reference to care fees funding, equity release and inheritance planning.

Fulbrook Forum members will remember Laurence's father, David for his talk on his war experiences. He was a radar technician in the Royal Navy, posted on Arctic convoys protecting shipping delivering supplies to the Russians in Murmansk. David passed away in October 2018 at the great age of 96. In his family he was the last survivor of his generation, having had 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

Susan and Laurence were married in March 1975 and their daughter, Nikki was born on 24th October 1977. It was with great sadness that Laurence and Nikki finally said 'goodbye' to Susan when she passed away in January of 2008; she was 63 and had been battling bowel cancer for two years. Nikki studied Performing Arts and was Head of Musical Theatre at a performing arts college in Barcelona for 4 years. She has now returned to London and is studying for a master's degree in Creative Arts and Mental Health, focusing on performance anxiety.

In retirement, in addition to his contribution to village commitments, Laurence is a volunteer at Citizen's Advice in Witney every Friday. He had to go through a selection process and then a training course before becoming an assessor. Another of his interests, besides his beloved golf, is the Oxfordshire Buildings Record of which he is a team member looking at and reporting on buildings of interest across the county. He will often visit properties, take measurements and note special architectural features before recording it as significant. Golf, of course, keeps him fit and gives him great pleasure. As well as playing regularly he manages to attend numerous championships at all of our famous courses. He has already booked his ticket for The Open at Sandwich next year and is looking forward to his golfing trip to Turkey in March with the Wychwood Golf Club.

I don't know how he does it all, but he loves folk music and goes to festivals and concerts, sometimes with his partner of almost eight years Sharon Shine - aptly named as she certainly shines in his eyes! He regularly attends Fairport's Cropredy Convention and has Clannad, Rod Stewart and Elton John concerts booked. Together Laurence and Sharon enjoy travelling, sometimes on walking holidays or in Europe. The biggie though approaches next August when they are off to Vancouver, then an Alaskan cruise before embarking on a tour aboard the Rocky Mountaineer train. Article for the September 2020 issue please Laurence (with photos)!!!

Thoughts on being the compiler and treasurer of the Fulbrook News

Best:

- Which regular feature do you enjoy?
The content is very varied so this one is difficult. I like to look out for useful tips in the Neighbourhood Watch piece.
- Favourite recipe?
I don't make recipes as I never have all of the ingredients, so my diet mainly consists of ready meals from the supermarket, although I can grill fish, lamb chops and steaks.
- Select a moving poem
I can't, I'm not into poetry.

Worst:

- Which job is the most difficult?
Chasing late contributions.
- Any worries?
Not getting the issue ready in time but recently the main concern has been not having enough funds to pay the printing bill from Burford School.
- Nightmare?
I don't have nightmares regarding The Fulbrook News. We all volunteer our time and if we make a slip-up then so be it. It's not worth losing sleep over!

Results of the Ride and Stride in Fulbrook

Nine participants, including three children under nine, eight welcomers and countless generous sponsors raised £1,157 pounds, half of which will come to Fulbrook church and the other half to churches in Oxfordshire who are struggling with funding repairs and renovation.

For those who like statistics, 73 miles were walked or cycled and 84 church visits made, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Ideas are already afoot for next year, so watch this space in next summer's issue.

Diana Lethbridge

The Children's Society Coin Boxes

I will be asking the Coin Box Holders to return them to me so that I can count up and pay in the money. Thank you to all who support this very worthy cause. Saving your small change really can change lives. Thanks to your help the Society has supported over 11,000 youngsters, so many are vulnerable with no one else to turn to.

Last year I paid in nearly £700, a great result. Maybe we can do a little better this year! If it is easier for you I am happy to collect the box and return it, empty and ready to go again. Let me know.

Gilly Kay (823193)

VILLAGE WELCOME PACKS

If you know of someone who has moved into the village and would be interested in receiving a WELCOME PACK, please could you let Nicola Hillman know either by phone on 01993 823260 or by email to nicolahillmanart@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you

Nicola Hillman

THE LENTHALL CONCERTS: SEASON 2019-20

All the following concerts take place at Burford School on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

When this goes to press, the Lenthall Concert Society will have had the first of its six season's concerts, namely the **Carducci Quartet with Julian Bliss (Clarinet)**, however, there are five more concerts to come:

6th November 2019, Royal College of Music Strings with **Mark Messenger: Haydn, Mozart & Strauss**; **11th December 2019**, Burford Chorale conducted by **Brian Kay & Hilary Tadman-Robbins**. **22nd January 2020**, *Paganini: The Alchemist for the Violin & Guitar*, Michael Bochmann: Violin and **Adam Kha: Guitar**. **26th February 2020**, **Bochmann Trio with Paul Turner (Piano) Shubert, Beethoven & Brahms** **1st April 2020, Celebrating Oxfordshire Music**. The concert is in partnership with the Burford Institute of Music and led by Oxfordshire County Music Service.

For further information please contact *Nicola Hillman 01993 823260* or visit www.lenthallconcerts.org.uk

Fulbrook-born cyclist becomes only the third woman ever to complete Paris-Brest-Paris on a fixed-wheel bike

At the end of August, Eleanor Jaskowska became only the third woman to complete the incredibly demanding 1,200km Paris-Brest-Paris (PBP) cycle ride on a fixed-wheel bike. Eleanor spent the first three years of her life in Fulbrook, living in Winfield (now part of Star Cottage) in Meadow Lane.

Eleanor then moved to Wales with her mother, Ellen and sister, Alice. Later Eleanor (aka El) returned to Oxfordshire to study biology at Oxford University. There, by chance, she met up with another young woman from Fulbrook, Annie Tivey, who, by great coincidence, had been El's neighbour in Meadow Lane 15 years earlier, when they found themselves in the same University rugby team. After soundly beating Cambridge in successive Varsity matches El turned to the 'safer' sport of long distance, Audax (*from audacious!*), cycling.

Now based in Bristol, El has now been taking part in ever more challenging long-distance cycling events culminating in this year's PBP. This involved riding the 1,200km (750m) from Paris to Brest and back again in under 90 hours, (i.e., less than four days), unsupported and with key checkpoints along the way to be met within strict time limits. Unsupported means no support teams bringing you drinks or food, and carrying everything you need on your bike – clothing, food, drink and lights since you will be cycling through the night! And no comfy bed, just what ever floor you can find to rest on – if you have the time!

Just to make the whole event more interesting, El decided to ride on a fixed wheel bike, ie, no gears to help climb, or to free-wheel down, hills. Finishing, in a fantastic time of 88hr 29min 9sec, El became only the third woman cyclist since 1891 to complete the ride, now held every four years, on a fixed wheel bike.

In El's own words ***"France is flat they said, there's only one 'real' hill they said"***

"The ride itself was something like the United Nations of Cycling meets a sportive. With the sheer numbers and a fully signposted route it didn't feel as quirky as a UK Brevet [a timed, long distance cycling event]. The hills were relentless and the first day was marked with headwind.

I had less than 5 hours sleep over the full 90 hours constantly chasing time cut offs and determined to keep myself in the game. The climbs were all well suited to riding fixed but the long descents were a challenge for me and I would have made better progress with a freewheel. People are very friendly and enthusiastic towards a lady riding solo on a fixed gear and I met so many awesome people along the ride. The most impressive thing about PBP is the community support and the late-night roadside coffee parties were unforgettable, something we need on UK brevets!"

For Eleanor, the third night was the most challenging: *"It was an hour's kip on the bench of a changing room with random blokes walking in every few minutes trying to see if they could jump the queue for the men's toilets by sneaking into the women's!"*

For Eleanor, as with most of the other riders in the event, the sleepless nights and other hardships were balanced out by the special atmosphere of PBP: *"Seeing all the different bikes at the start, everything from fat bikes to recumbent tandems. The roadside support- one guy holds a 24h coffee party in his garage and gives out address cards. The only thing he asks for in return for caffeine and cake is that you send him a postcard when you get home."*

Any of our Pedalling Pensioners up for the Challenge next time?

Bob Tivey



Christmas Carols – Wednesday 18th December 2019

6.30 pm at the War Memorial



Once again, Fulbrook Amenities Group are delighted to invite you to wrap up warm and join them to sing your favourite Carols and spread some Christmas cheer.

We will meet at 6.30 pm at the War memorial. The singers will then make their way to Meadow End to arrive there by 6.45 pm when everyone will be encouraged to join in and sing.

Moving on around 7.15pm, the group will make their way up Westhall Hill and any hearty singers who wish to join in will be most welcome.

Finally, the singers will return to the Carpenters Arms.

For further information, please contact Malcolm Taylor on 824179.



NEWS FROM FULBROOK CHURCH

Christmas and New Year services.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you at our Christmas Services. On **Christmas Eve at 4pm** there will be a family carol and crib service. This is a really lovely service with traditional carols, the crib and Christmas tree and everyone is very welcome to come and join us – do bring your family and friends too to enjoy this Christmas celebration.

Please join us to celebrate **Christmas morning with Holy Communion at 9.30am** which this year will be taken by our curate, Oliver Strange.

On **Sunday 29th December at 9.30am** there will be an **all-benefice service at Swinbrook**. **NB There will not be a service in Fulbrook on this Sunday.**

Recent events

On October 6th we celebrated Harvest Festival with a traditional service of thanksgiving. Thank you so much to everybody who contributed to the decorating of the church and for the wonderful donations of food and produce that were taken to St Mungo's in Witney to support those who are homeless or suffering hardship. A harvest lunch, made by members of the congregation was enjoyed by all.

On October 20th we enjoyed an Evensong service of thanksgiving and prayer. We particularly wanted to express thanks to everyone who contributes to the church in any way. In the Spring we shall hold a service of thanksgiving with drinks afterwards for all our volunteers. Watch out for a notice about this but in the meantime a hearty thank you to each and every one of you for your quiet and largely unseen ministrations. It is quite wonderful that so many people in a village of this size are willing to give their time and energy to enable the church to be open and as active as it is and to donate and support all the events we arrange for the church and village.

On November 10th we held our act of remembrance at the War Memorial and the names were read out of all of those from the village who died during the first world war. We remembered all of those who gave their lives in war.

On November 17th the third Taize service this year was held in the afternoon. Taize services are all-denomination services of contemplation and chanting and are not led by the clergy. These offer an opportunity for everyone from any faith to take part in a peaceful and thoughtful service with others, please do come and try these next year.

Please look out for your neighbours this winter and help if you are needed. If you know of anyone who needs support or company or is sick, please ask them if they need help or would like to be visited. **If you need further support, please ask for their consent to contact the Churchwardens, John Radcliffe on 01993 824044 or Lyn Bibbings Burns on 01993 823640. Anyone can call these numbers if they need support or help.**

Wishing everyone a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

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. **The next one will be on 9th December.**

Regular quiet prayer every Monday, except the 2nd in the month at 5pm

Everyone is most welcome to join in these prayers. If you would like 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

Recent Events

On September 7th Fulbrook Church, village, family and friends enjoyed a wonderful late summer barbeque lunch in the churchyard – festively transformed for the occasion with marquees, bunting, the smokey smell of BBQ, music from a saxophone Octet and lively chatter and laughter. About 150 people gathered together – including 23 children – to share a delicious lunch of burgers and sausages in fresh rolls prepared by professional chef Toby. These were complemented with a wonderful array of salads and incredible desserts made by members of the church and village.

Games were provided for fun and entertainment - these especially appealed to the competitive spirit of the clergy, with Tom Putt, our new Vicar winning the game of collecting pegs from a line with one hand only – he gathered 25! His wife Anna assured us that his expertise had not been gained in hanging out washing at the vicarage!

A huge and grateful thank you goes to everyone who led and helped in the planning, preparation, cooking, setting up and clearing away of everything. It was a wonderful afternoon. This was a fund raising event as well as one of fellowship and fun, and we are delighted to report that £930 was raised to go towards the running costs of our church, although 10% of this, as with all church income, will be donated to the three charities we are supporting this year.

Regular events – **everyone is very welcome to come to these.**

- There is a lively **weekly Keep Fit** group that meets to exercise with music at 9 – 10 am every Thursday. Led by Pat Ferret, it is £3 a session – and a lot of fun as well as being good for you!
- On the **4th Thursday each month** there is a **coffee morning at 10.30am**, with conversation, coffee and delicious biscuits – just turn up for a warm welcome.
- **Every Monday** there is **quiet prayer** in the back of the Church at 5.30pm

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.

FULBROOK MEETING PLACE DIARY OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2019

Thursday	5th	3pm	Fulbrook Forum
Thursday	5th	7.30-9.30	Private booking
Friday	6th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Monday	9th	6.30 – 7pm	Prayers for Fulbrook
Tuesday	24th	4pm	Carol and Crib Service
Wednesday	25th	9.30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion service

JANUARY 2020

Monday	6th	7.30pm	Parish Council
Monday	13th	6.30-7pm	Prayers for Fulbrook
Monday	28th	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting

FEBRUARY 2020

Friday	2nd	7.30pm	Bellringing
Thursday	7th	3pm	Fulbrook Forum
Monday	11th	6.30 – 7pm	Fulbrook prayers

DON'T DISAPPEAR - a story of relationship abuse

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has launched a video 'Don't Disappear' to raise awareness of relationship abuse. This follows our 'Know this isn't Love' coercive control campaign from earlier in the year. It has been launched under the branding of Victims First. Victims First supports victims and witnesses of crime across the Thames Valley and is managed by the OPCC.

'Don't Disappear' tells the story of Jamie and Emma; from the seemingly loving early stages of their relationship, to the development of coercive and controlling behaviours such as jealousy and possessiveness, control, love bombing and isolation.

While anyone of any age can be a victim of coercive control, we are particularly keen to promote this to younger people who may have less relationship experience and people who are at the beginning of a relationship. The aim of the video is to raise awareness of the red flags – the early signs of coercive control which at the time, may be missed or misinterpreted as acceptable behaviour in a relationship.

We hope the video will help people who may be in controlling relationships to identify with it and potentially seek help. The video can be found at <https://youtu.be/d6rt8w5HBWw>.

You can also share posts from our Facebook page @victimsfirstTV and on Twitter @TV_PCC.

Anyone who is concerned they may be experiencing this can contact Victims First for support on 0300 1234 148. You can find further information about Victims First at www.victims-first.org.uk.

Burford Singers – Bach St John Passion

Saturday, 4th April 2020, 7.30pm

Church of St John the Baptist, Church Green, Burford OX18 4RY

Burford Singers with

James Oxley – Evangelist, John Stainsby – Christus, Alison Rose – Soprano, James Neville – Counter-tenor, Laurence Kilsby – Tenor, Freddie Long - Bass

Canzona

Leader: Theresa Caudle, Conductor: Brian Kay

Tickets reserved at £25, £20, £15, unreserved £10, children and students half price. Postal booking from 13th - 24th January, Online booking from 10th Feb at <http://www.burfordsingers.org.uk/box-office/>

(Booking fee applies), Booking in person (unreserved tickets only) from 10th February at The Madhatter Bookshop 122, High Street, Burford OX18 4QJ

Full details on our website <http://www.burfordsingers.org.uk>

Catherine Martin

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Arnold
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7.30pm, Saturday 23 November

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Telephone: 01993 883490 for more information



Burford Orchestra's autumn concert on 23 November at Burford School entirely features music from Great Britain and includes some of our island's most famous composers. The first half journeys around our shores, with Cheltenham-based Gustav Holst's *Somerset Rhapsody* cleverly interweaving traditional folk songs from the west country and Hamish MacCunn's *Land of the Mountain and Flood* evoking moods and landscapes of his native Scotland. These are juxtaposed with Malcolm Arnold's *Peterloo Overture* which dramatically depicts the events of the Peterloo Massacre, which occurred in Manchester 200 years ago. After the interval, the orchestra turns to a composer who needs no introduction, Edward Elgar, and his enduringly popular *Enigma Variations*.

Tickets cost £9 with £1 entry for under 16s and are available online from TicketSource. Contact info@burfordorchestra.org.uk or Sarah on 01993 883490 for information. Concert starts at 7.30pm, refreshments available.

Burford and Kingham Rotary



As we come towards the end of the year. It is good to reflect on our successful Rotary Year.

We have had some good Charity Events to raise money for President Jane's charities; Riding for the Disabled and Prostate UK and to support Rotary International in the quest to eradicate Polio throughout the World. We have also supported other local charities by doing car parking duties, and flag days for their events. We have had many excellent speaker meetings organised by Mike Clark. Trips and fun social days out and evening events

We now have a permanent meeting place at Burford Golf Club who have made us very welcome. We are all looking forward to our Black Tie Christmas Dinner there on December 2nd with Speaker Mr Duncan Andrews who is the farming partner of Adam Henson (Countryfile).

If you are looking for something new to do in 2020 Why not think about coming along to one of our meetings at Burford Golf Club, 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.

So if you would like to come along and find out what Rotary is about why not come as a visitor? Please contact our secretary at terry.a.best@btinternet.com, we would be very pleased to see you.

KATH DECKER

One Saturday in September Fulbrook Church organised a late summer barbecue which was entertained by a brass band. Kath Decker and I were entranced by the jolly music which reminded us of our youth, especially the final rendering of "Maybe It's because I'm a Londoner" to which we both gave full voice. Now, Kath is a Londoner and for some time she refused to leave to come to live near her son John Decker and his family in Fulbrook. Now she lives at No 1 The Rickyard, which is very handy for the family but the noise of the heavy lorries disturbs her. "We never had noise like this in London. I lived in a quiet street."

Recently there have been several programmes on television about the evacuation of London children in September 1939 to the country and Kath was one of the children evacuated. As this is the eightieth anniversary, they were interviewing several people. Kath, at 87, is the oldest member of our keep fit group and so she must have been seven at the time. I know she has happy memories of her time in Berkhamsted with Mr and Mrs Baker and her best friend all her life was the girl next door.

Anne Weir



Burford School News

November 2019

Inspiring Entrepreneurs

Our Year 10 Business & Enterprise students welcomed eight local business owners and entrepreneurs into school for the first ever 'Enterprise Event'. Students used this opportunity to find out why and how they launched their businesses and what skills they felt are essential to becoming a successful entrepreneur. Our visitors included *The Cake Element Bakery* in Bampton and *Blake's Kitchen* in Clanfield.

A blossoming Sixth Form

Our Boarding Open Afternoon and Sixth Form Open Evening took place early in November. All those who toured the Boarding House were keen to sign up to be considered for one of the few places we have available for September 2020.

Over one hundred students, together with their parents, attended the evening event held, this year, in the Sports Hall. Sixth Form staff and students gave an overview of our Sixth Form Offer and life in the Sixth Form and parents and prospective students were then invited to visit the newly refurbished Sixth Form Block, discuss subject options with staff and tour some of the creative departments.

Parliament Week

Members of *The Adam Smith Institute*, one of the world's leading think tanks, held a fascinating and thought provoking Independent Seminar Day with our A-level Politics students during Parliament Week. The visitors presented on a range of topics from *Time for a universal basic income?* to *Why care about inequality?* and interesting debate followed.

The parliamentary candidate for Witney & West Oxfordshire, Robert Courts, also visited during the week and, with the spotlight firmly on Brexit, shared in some lively discussion. There were plenty of differing opinions on the subject, all handled with aplomb by Mr Courts.

Charter Day & Upper School Prize Giving

There were celebrations on Friday 22 November, with the school's 449th birthday and its annual Charter Day Thanksgiving Service. The day consisted services for the whole school in the morning, at which students and staff enjoyed music from *All that Jazz* and singing by the *Sound Collective Choir*. The school closed at lunchtime for its annual half day holiday and in the evening, over one hundred and fifty students collected the coveted school awards for outstanding achievement across all subjects at our Upper School Prize Giving presentation.

Join us for: A Christmas Miscellany Extravaganza – 17 & 18 December 2019: 7.00pm

This year featuring our Community Choir!

Christmas Lunch at the Boarding House

Our Christmas Lunch for the senior members of our community will be held on Wednesday 18 December. Please book with Mrs Imms - 01993 823283 – by Wednesday 11 December 2019 if you would like to join us.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas & New Year.

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THE ARTS SOCIETY COTSWOLDS

December 11th 300 years of Christmas shows at ROH Covent Garden with Sarah Lenton

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

January 8th Through the Glass Darkly, a Study of Glass through the eyes of the Artist with Jane Gardiner

This lecture explores the ways in which artists have included transparent glass objects in their paintings, delighting in capturing shadows and reflections within the glass as well as displaying their skill in portraying what lies behind and beyond. It will include the remarkable depiction of glass objects in Roman wall-paintings, works by artists such as Titian, Veronese as well as the proliferation of glass drinking vessels in Dutch still-life paintings.

February 12th Art in Advertising: how the advertising industry exploits Fine Art with Tony Rawlins

Fine art has provided advertisers and their agencies with a great deal of material to use in their creative campaigns. This lecture shows how the works of Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael and Michelangelo have provided particularly rich sources for the industry. From the Renaissance, through to the present day, fine art continues to provide opportunities to enhance Brand imagery with humour, satire and irony.

March 11th Royal Collectors: Victoria and Albert with Susan Owens

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert expressed their love for each other through art. At every birthday, Christmas and wedding anniversary they exchanged gifts of paintings, sculpture and jewellery. They commissioned artists to record their lives together at Balmoral and Osborne House. Keen amateur artists, they made watercolours and etchings that give us glimpses into their family life.

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.theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk



BURFORD and DISTRICT SOCIETY

Earlier this year the Society had its Golden Anniversary celebrating fifty years of supporting the built environment by stimulating public interest in the local area and promoting its cultural and artistic life. This is done by not only involving ourselves in the planning system, but also running a programme of fascinating talks, social events and visits to places of local interest.

Membership is open to all for an annual fee of £10. Our next programme of events will commence on the 18th February with an astronomy talk entitled 'The Sky Above Burford & District' given by Robin Smitten. New members are invited – just turn up on the night – you will be warmly welcomed.

In the meantime you can find out more about us on our website www.burfordanddistrictsociety.co.uk or our hot off the press new facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BurfordandDistrictSociety> which was launched with photos of our annual lunch and talk.

Peter Martin, Chairman

We have given our resident chef Peter Burns a break for this issue and have instead used the following recipe that Nicola Hillman sent us as a contribution towards our proposed recipe book:

DUCK A L'ORANGE

INGREDIENTS

*2kg/4lb duck
Freshly ground black pepper
2 sprigs fresh rosemary or half a teaspoon dried rosemary
2 sprigs fresh thyme or half a teaspoon of dried thyme
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups/500ml/16 fl oz orange juice
1 tablespoon finely grated orange rind
1 tablespoon brown sugar
3 oranges, segmented & all white pith removed
2 tablespoons brandy.*

METHOD

- 1. Season duck with black pepper and place rosemary, thyme and garlic in cavity. Pierce skin of duck several times with a fork and brush with oil. Place duck on a wire rack set in a heatproof baking dish and bake for 1 hour or until tender. Remove duck from pan, cover, set aside and keep warm.*
- 2. Skim fat from pan juices, stir in orange juice, orange rind, sugar, orange segments and brandy and bring to the boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring, for 10 minutes or until sauce is reduced by one-third.*
- 3. To serve, carve duck, arrange on a serving platter and pour over sauce.*

Serves six and good with steamed green vegetables and small potatoes.

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