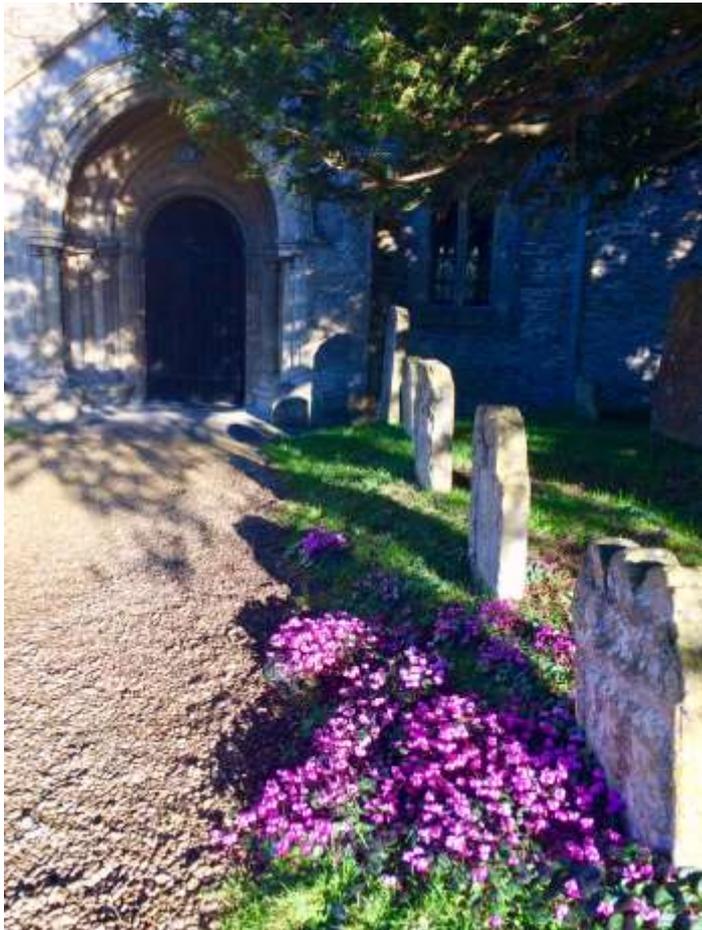


The Fulbrook News

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Cyclamen in full bloom at Fulbrook Church courtesy of Lyn Bibbings-Burns

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Dear Readers,

Fulbrook is flourishing! The recent questionnaire circulated by the Amenities Group is an indication of an enterprising village attempting to fulfil the wishes of the community.

The cyclamen in the churchyard and drifts of snowdrops emerging out of the undergrowth have lifted our spirits and soon blossoms and bulbs will bring more colour heralding the arrival of Spring. As the days lengthen we can enjoy all the many benefits of our glorious Cotswold countryside. It's a time for getting out and about!

We are delighted to hear that Martin and Deborah Knight have a new grandson, Joshua. Congratulations. Welcome too to Anne Clarke from Shropshire who has moved into 2, The Rickyard.

It's good news to hear that The Carpenters Arms has been renovated and will be re-opening on March 2nd – for more information see page 6. Meanwhile why not try out the recipes from our resident chef, Peter Burns, they're really tasty. This month's recipe is on page 21.

Shire Productions, the new company of Frankie Fowkes, the former landlady of The Carpenters Arms, will be hosting a Wedding Fair in the Warwick Hall on Saturday, 30th March from 12 noon for anyone interested.

Much pleasure is derived from creativity in all its forms and Sally Wyatt is eagerly looking forward to hearing from local artists who would like to exhibit their work at the Burford Festival – see page 21.

What a lovely tribute on page 12 from John Learoyd and Ann Weir to Peggy Hayward who died recently. It is particularly touching that Ann is now looking after her dog who was her constant companion. We hear that Pauline Tucker, a former resident who lived in Wagtail Cottage, Westhall Hill, died on 21st January. She had been a resident at Bridge House Care Home in Abingdon for the last 5 years. We send our condolences to both families and all who knew them.

Walking into Burford is still hazardous going over the bridge and it was a relief to hear that HGV's will be diverted when the necessary funds are raised. Let's hope we get less traffic in Fulbrook too.

Much has already been said about Cedric Reavley. Fulbrookians will miss seeing him in the chemist shop and would like to thank him for all his kindly advice over the years. Happy Retirement Cedric!

Jenny Jones

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- Please let the Parish Council know what you think about any of the above or other issues. Meetings of FPC are held at the Meeting Place at the back of the church and the following date has been set for the next meeting:-
- 25th March 7.30pm in the Fulbrook Meeting Place. All are welcome at these meetings.
- Contact details jhwingleby@btinternet.com or Mobile 07725 903512.

Don't forget the website www.fulbrookvillage.net
Walford Ingleby
Chairman

From the Parish Clerk:

FULBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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

- **The FaB WI are very generously donating a new seat to the village which will be positioned at the bottom of Church Lane. Further details will be published when available.**
- **Speeding through the village is a constant source of concern for all and I am pleased to report that we can re-commence Speedwatch as soon as we feel the weather is acceptable. To this end I have circulated all Speedwatch volunteers to establish they are still willing to participate. Those who haven't been involved previously, if you would like to join the group then initially please contact me or Jo Glyde so we can make arrangements.**
- **AGM: - The Parish Council AGM will be held on 20th May 2019 @ 7pm in the Fulbrook Meeting place. Refreshments will be provided as usual. Please come along to support Peter Burns who will be taking over as Chairman of the Parish Council from this date.**
- **Your amenities committee will be undertaking a short survey around the village looking for suggestions and opinions on any subject. Please feel free to add your comments to the survey.**
- **Amenities Committee members:- Chairman Malcolm Taylor is looking for 1 to 2 new committee members to assist with the running of the committee, please contact Malcolm direct on 07788 391665 if you would like to join this lively organization. New Councillor, we still have one vacancy on the Council. So come on and try your hand at steering the village to your and the local residents' wishes. Its great fun and full of opportunities to meet more people in the village.**

I send 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 me at fulbrookpc.clerk@aol.co.uk

I am continuing in the Parish Clerk role for the time being, as no one came forward to take over. If you are interested in this part time (about 5 hours per week) paid role, please do get in touch and I will explain what is involved.

*Jo Glyde
Parish Clerk*

AMENITIES GROUP

Village Spring Cleanup: 13 April 2019

Our next village cleanup will be on Saturday the 13th April at 10:00 am, meeting at the Fulbrook Meeting Place. Everyone is invited and there will be tea and cake at the end.

Plant Sale: 11 May 2019

Our annual Plant Sale will take place on the 11th May at 10:00 am this year at Woodgrove House and as well as plants there will be a tombola, a raffle and bric-a-brac as well as cakes and not forgetting sausages in rolls.

Malcolm Taylor

THE FULBROOK FORUM

6 December 2018: Jocelyn Bostock - from Cheltenham Ladies to Bletchley Park by Martin Knight

The Fulbrook Forum welcomed Martin Knight, who gave an enthralling talk to a packed audience, about Jocelyn Kerslake, nee Bostock and her achievements

at Bletchley Park from September 1939 to June 1944.

Jocelyn, who died aged 97 in 2014, had a number of local connections: she had holidayed as a child in Swinbrook in the 1930's, went to Cheltenham Ladies College, and retired to Fawler. She was the eldest aunt of Martin's wife, Deborah, who lives in Fulbrook. Through this family connection Martin was able to persuade Jocelyn to break her long held silence, about her work at Bletchley at the UK's code breaking centre in World War II.

She was a classic candidate for recruitment to Bletchley: upper middle class and well educated. She was fluent in both French and German and read modern languages at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. She arrived at Bletchley in September 1939 as one of about 100 staff in an Oxbridge like atmosphere, with eminent Fellows trying to break codes from first principles. When she left in June 1944 Bletchley had grown to industrial proportions of almost 10,000 staff. For the next three years, operating under intense pressure, trying to break the German Naval Enigma Codes, Jocelyn sat at the heart of one of Britain's most sensational intelligence successes.

Working alongside her lifelong friend, Harry Hinsley, a young undergraduate from St John's College Cambridge, and who later became Master of that College, the Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University and the official historian of British Intelligence in World War II, Jocelyn witnessed the emergence of Bletchley Park as a central weapon of the British Armed Forces.

7 February 2019: Professor Peter Burns - Fanta for Breakfast: a life in travel and tourism.

Professor Peter Burns (formerly a chef, now Director of the Institute for Tourism Research (INTOUR) at the University of Bedfordshire) treated us to an entertaining and thought provoking presentation on the issues of tourism. Historically, holidays have evolved from a luxury to a necessity since life has become more and more restless. Communication has advanced from the long distance phone call to instant video calling. Increasingly emerging markets are competing for the tourist dollar. Where do we find originality and solitude? Tourism has a huge impact on the host country. Who benefits from the cruise ships which go to Venice? Who benefits when large areas of virgin beach are developed? Who benefits from the

many tourists visiting Burford? Tourism needs careful environmental, political and socioeconomic planning. Prof Burns has travelled widely facilitating NGOs, politicians and business people to consider these aspects. His present research is looking at the impacts that tourism has on climate change.

Prof Burns answered a question on Burford which attracts many tourists for its natural beauty and architecture but the economic gains are minimal: As far as he knows, little or no planning has been undertaken. At the moment the coach park is inadequate, and free, and there is little in the way of signposting of Burford's treasures. If you charge the tourist for facilities they will expect a service in return. There are known pathways to solve the problem to the town's advantage.

Our next meeting in the Fulbrook Meeting Place:

7th March 2019

I chose to climb by Wendell Jones. Come and listen to 60 years of his alpine adventures

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

All welcome, no membership required, a donation of £2 please which includes refreshment

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

Oliver Sharpley

HISTORY GROUP

At our latest meeting on 11th February, Anne Weir showed us a booklet that John Learoyd found when he was clearing out the house where Peggy Hayward used to live and which he has passed to the History Group. The booklet was produced to celebrate the Centenary of Burford Methodist Church in 1949 and includes many photographs of people who were involved with the Church at that time. This triggered much nostalgia and discussion within the group about people they thought that they recognised.

A photo of the children at the Sunday School led to a discussion about who lived in three caravans of former fairground travellers which stayed on land

adjacent to Garnes Lane in the 1950s as Laurence Barrett, who is in the photo, was one of them.

Please contact Anne Weir on 823395 or come along to a future meeting of the History Group if you are interested to see this booklet.

Maurice Eldridge told us about a hut in the field where Woodgrove House now stands which he used to pass as a boy in the 1960s. It was built of brick with a curved corrugated tin roof and housed a large mortar operated by The Home Guard known as a Blacka Bombard. Maurice never found out why The Home Guard felt the need to station a mortar in Fulbrook.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.30 pm at Triggers Cottage, Meadow Lane.

We welcome guests to our meetings, so if you are interested in the history of the village or if you have any information to contribute to our research you are welcome to join us.

Laurence Balbes

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH FEBRUARY 2019. Safer Communities, Safer Fulbrook

LOCAL ACTIVITY UPDATE

Many of you will have received my Thames Valley Police (TVP) Alerts by email, and will have no doubt noticed that our 'Neighbourhood' (and the wider area) appears to have been targeted by a series of thefts, burglaries and by persons unknown 'snooping around' our properties.

There have been several incidents in each of the following locations: - Burford, Fulbrook, Taynton, Swinbrook, Asthall.

Further to that, there have also been many burglaries in the following locations: - Witney, Kingham, Foscot, Charlbury.

On some of the occasions, nothing was taken but the premises have been broken into. It is essential that all burglaries and attempted burglaries are reported to TVP. All information passed to TVP is useful intelligence which the police will use in their efforts to apprehend these criminals.

On the matter of 'snooping around' then there have been several reports of this in our area. These persons are no doubt checking out potential properties for breaking into there and then or

possibly for 'future visits'. They will be checking possible access and egress points, security systems, PIR lighting, are outbuildings and sheds left open for access to tools to assist them in their burglaries and for alert neighbours. Again these snoopers should be reported to TVP.

If you feel threatened then please do not hesitate to dial 999. To report the incident then please dial the Police Line 101.

In many of my previous updates I have pointed all of the methods you can use to deter would be snoopers/burglars. If you don't have any of these devices in place can I suggest that now would be a good time to do so. Our area is being targeted by criminals.

For burglary prevention advice, please visit the Thames Valley Police website below:-

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/>

Scams continue to be a problem with the usual one being seen a couple of times – that of 'Fraudsters are contacting victims by telephone and purporting to be a police officers or bank officials.'

Please remember that neither Police Officers or bank officials will ask for money or for bank / credit cards details, PIN numbers, etc. If anyone does request these details then it is a criminal fraudster and the telephone call should be terminated there and then. If something feels wrong then please have the confidence to refuse to pass such information on.

More advice can be obtained from the following websites: -

www.cyberaware.gov.uk

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/spottin-g-a-scam/

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z-of-fraud>

In the meantime stay safe.

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

Jim MacAllan, Email: jimlmacallan@aol.com

Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator for Fulbrook

STOP PRESS – THE CARPENTERS ARMS WILL SOON BE RE-OPENING

We are delighted to announce that new tenants moved into The Carpenters Arms on 13th February. They are Tom and Siobhan Addy and this is their first venture together in their own business. Tom had worked his way up to be Head Chef at Stoke Park Hotel in Buckinghamshire (5 red AA stars and 3 rosettes) and Siobhan was Restaurant Manager at the Cliveden House Hotel (also 3 rosettes).

They will be opening on Saturday evening, March 2nd for drinks only and will be offering a full traditional Sunday lunch on March 3rd. They plan to have a menu which includes pub classics but also has some more unusual dishes to tempt you. They will be concentrating on offering well cooked meals from fresh local produce. They look forward to being part of the Fulbrook community and meeting you all. They want to listen to your views and the things that will make you come back.

We wish them all great success and hope that as many people as possible will support them in their new venture.

Here is the latest and recently topical contribution from our resident poet Joanna Lynham:

SNOW

Snow fell unchallenged on the sleeping wood,
borne on a sullen wind drifting at ease
out of the still, dark silence of the night,
the snow-flakes settled

where they fell

And when the sun with orange-tinted face, glowed
on the margin of the eastern sky,
the wood emerged, transformed and beautiful

a fairyland of silver

shivering trees

where wayward breezes, flirting with the dawn,
murmured and whispered in the snow-capp'd
boughs

JL

Burford Festival 6 – 16th June 2019



Around 20 Open Gardens and 50 events including:

Music: a capella and male voice choirs, jazz, classical, choral and in the pubs

Film & Theatre: *A Plastic Ocean*, *Letters from Broadway*, *Much Ado about Nothing*, *The Family Way* and *Tweedy*

Authors: Michael Morpurgo, Diane Setterfield, Rosamund Young

Speakers: John & Rick Stein, Anna Pavord, Prue Leith, Deborah Warner, Chadden Hunter BBC wild life producer

Details on www.burfordfestival.org. Online tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/burford-festival



On Tuesday 12th February the FaB WI invited Philip Taubenheim, whose family comes from Burford, to talk to us about Life as a Country Auctioneer.

Philip works at Wotton Auction Rooms in Wotton-under-Edge where he has been for 35 years. He found the career after having an opportunity of 3 months' work experience at Moore Allen and falling in love with it.

The WI members took full advantage of having him around and bought some of their antiques in to find out some of the history behind each piece. He talked us through a book called The Modern Baker, Confectioner and Caterer Volume one of six written by John Kirkland. These books were a 'how to' back in the early 1900s and came in a variety of trades. The expected price for a set would be up to £100.

Others pieces included a beautiful carriage clock and case, a silver tray featuring two cherubs, a Dalton Jug and much more. We were delighted that Philip went through each and every piece answering questions along the way.

Wotton Auction Rooms have sale days towards the end of the month, all of which can be viewed on their website www.wottonauctionrooms.co.uk.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th March where we will be joined by The Hat Lady from Chipping Campden, she will be telling us about her life as a milliner and the millinery tuition she provides for recreational and educational needs.

As always we are a friendly, welcoming group of ladies who love hosting guests, so please feel free to come along. We are at Warwick hall, Burford from 7pm ready to start at 7:30pm. Entry is free to members and only £4.50 for guests.

Frankie Fowkes

Fulbrook News and Views

From the Editorial Team.....

In this issue we include an update from our local MP Robert Courts, news from the Burford Singers and the Burford Orchestra, a tribute to Peggy Hayward who died recently, news of a musical evening in the FMP in 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 conversation with

Mike Ferrett
(pictured here with his wife Pat)



Mike is a Frog Islander, born and bred (and his mother before him) and where he spent much of his life before emigrating to Fulbrook with his wife Pat on January 16th 1999. So where is Frog Island? Not that far away, it is the local name for Osney Island in Oxford.

Mike was educated first at West Oxford Infant School, then St Aloysius Primary then Salesian College in Cowley. When he left school it was to take up a 5 year apprenticeship as a mechanical engineer at the Pressed Steel Company, where the BMW works currently are. He stayed there for 9 years in the Research Department undertaking research and development for safety provision in design.

Mike is now one of the keen Fulbrook Pedalers, but his interest in cycling stems back to his early years and was instrumental

in him meeting Pat, his wife for more than 51 years. In 1963, when he was 18 he was a member of the North Berkshire Cycling Club and enjoyed racing with them. At this time, Pat, aged 16, who lived at Abingdon where her Dad was in the RAF, went to Bragg's Cycle Shop in the town where she heard about a cycle race happening that evening and she decided to go and watch the race. There she met Mike and they have been together ever since. Pat's Dad got posted away from Abingdon and Pat decided not to go with her parents and took lodgings across the road from Mike in Osney. They married in 1967.

Near to them on Bridge Street was a bakery, Woodward and Sons, where Mike had been helping out during the holidays since his schooldays. This bakery was owned by Ernie Woodward and had been a family bakery since 1887. Ernie wanted to plan for his retirement but had no-one in the family to take over the business, so he asked Mike if he and Pat would be interested in coming into partnership with him, with a view to buying him out. Pat and Mike, married only two years, sought advice from her Uncle Bernard who told them that to be successful they would need to keep up the quality of the bread - advice that stood them in good stead. They decided to take the plunge, Mike left Pressed Steel and started an apprenticeship in the bakery business. After 6 years they bought the bakery but kept the name due to its reputation. When Ernie owned it they had sold the bread in the shop that came with the business and also through door to door deliveries. When they took ownership Mike decided that the way forward was through

selling the bread wholesale and they started to sell to pubs, restaurants and delicatessens in Oxford and to the Oxford colleges but always within the city limits. They kept up a service to the Frog Island households by still selling them bread in the shop.

They never looked back and production increased enormously. So much so that on a Saturday, Mike and his three staff would make dough from 5 sacks of flour weighing 280lbs each and on this day alone they would be supplying 1000 loaves plus croissants, rolls, french sticks and Danish pastries - just in Oxford!

This is obviously too much to mix by hand and they upgraded the machinery to enable them to mix different items at the same time.

Mike's daily bread making started at 5pm the day before because they used a slow proving method that greatly improved flavour and texture. Every day between 5 and 7 pm the dough would be mixed using 8oz of yeast to 280lbs of flour and then leaving it to prove. He would go back to work at 3am to shape, prove and bake the loaves, working until 10 am or 12 noon. This gave him some time in the afternoon for a cycle ride and to collect the children (they by now had) from school and spend time with them before beginning the whole process again the next day.

Pat also worked in the business, getting up at a more reasonable 7am to get the children to school, to do the book keeping and to go to cash and carry to keep the shop stocked. The shop became more of a social hub for islanders, with people meeting there to chat as well as buy the things they had forgotten to buy in the supermarket - but the advent of the supermarkets nearby made it difficult for the shop to make a profit.

So how did Mike and Pat come to be in Fulbrook? They decided that when they retired they wanted to move away from Oxford. So they started to look round for houses ready for when they gave the business up. They somehow came to be in Fulbrook and thought they would look at the new houses being built at the end of Orchard Row - once they had seen round the house they currently live in, with its lovely view over the fields, they decided to make an offer

straight away. They weren't quite ready to retire at this point but started to let the house as a holiday cottage which they did for 4 years, coming every Saturday to do the changeovers and clean the house and change the beds. When it wasn't booked they came for weekend breaks themselves and soon got introduced to everyone by going to the Mason's Arms. They finally moved in for good on January 16th 1999, and found they didn't miss Osney or the busy-ness of their old lives. However, it wasn't long before Mike started working at a friend's dry cleaning business in Oxford - but in normal working hours this time!

But Mike is a man of many talents and he became interested in hedge-laying, taking a course at the Hedge Laying Association. A friend asked him to lay a hedge for him and he found he could do a really creditable job of this skilful craft, and so he continued to do hedge laying for the next 12 years - working full time over the winter from September to March and has laid over 5 miles of hedge. He retired from hedge laying two years ago.

However, cycling has been his lifelong interest - he took it up originally to go youth hosteling and had enjoyed racing from the age of 13. He gave up when he got married but started again in 1984 when they went to visit family in Devon and saw a lovely bike in a shop there and Pat encouraged him to buy it. Pat and the children then started riding and racing too, joining Oxford City Road Club and having some notable successes as a club racer. Mike has enjoyed a number of bikes, eventually getting a carbon fibre frame. He also had a tricycle for a while - he had broken his hip and couldn't ride a two wheeler - the trike now lives in Cuba after a charity run, and has been turned into a milk float!

As with everything else in his life Mike worked hard at his cycling training and only stopped in 2002 after contracting a virus that affected his heart. However he still rides at least twice a week, about 40 miles a week in the winter but up to 100 miles in the summer. His favourite ride here is a 35 mile, 2 hour ride is to Northleach, through the villages and back through the Windrush valley as well as his rides with the other Fulbrook Pedalers.

Quick Fire Questions to Mike:

Gin and Tonic or Whisky and Soda?

Gin and Tonic

Bread or cake?

Bread of course!

Night owl or a Lark?

Still a Lark, even now

Beach holiday in the sun or cycling in the UK?

Cycling in the UK

Shopping or Gardening?

Gardening - especially if there is a hedge

Classical music or jazz?

Jazz every time

Crime thriller or a romantic comedy?

Crime thriller

Scandi noir or Masterchef?

Scandi noir

Guilty food pleasure?

Secret eater of liquorice cuttings but very difficult to get now, they must have stopped making them!

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COIN BOX COLLECTION 2018

Thanks to all the Coin Box holders we raised the magnificent total of £731.16 in 2018.

The Children's Society does important work with thousands of children and young people throughout the UK. The coin box collection raised over £1.4 million last year and this was used to help the project workers give vulnerable youngsters the one-to-one support they so urgently need. This help transforms lives. Thank you.

Gilly Kay (823193)

Robert Courts MP

We all have a personal story of how the NHS has provided help and care when it was most needed. It is an institution that has been there for our family, our friends, and for those who have no one else to turn to. The NHS has a special place in our hearts, and it is right that we ensure it is protected and supported for future generations.

Earlier this year, the Government launched its *NHS Long Term Plan*: a 10-year plan setting out how our NHS will continue to help those who need it most, overcoming challenges and making the most of opportunities in the years to come. This Plan has been developed and driven by clinicians, medical experts and – perhaps most importantly – patients. I welcome the content of the Plan and its central principle, in particular, that prevention is better than cure. This is what our modern, growing population needs: support to keep people *healthy*, with a focus on preventing illness as much as curing it.

Of the £20.5 billion that will be injected into the NHS over the next five years, the biggest increase in funding will go to primary and community care. GPs are the bedrock of our NHS – especially in rural areas such as West Oxfordshire – and it is right that our GPs receive this increased support for the vital work that they do. When I am out and about knocking on doors in the local area, the importance of GP services is frequently raised by constituents, so I know this will be welcome news locally.

Other elements of the plan include – but are not limited to – a flagship ambition to improve cancer survival rates with earlier screening programmes and diagnosis; improvements in the prevention, detection and treatment of cardiovascular diseases; better access to mental health services; fighting inequalities by expanding support for veterans and 'care after custody' services; making digital health services a mainstream part of the NHS; and making the NHS a world-class employer, focusing on the improvement of working conditions for those who have dedicated their lives to helping others.

In the coming months, NHS services will work with communities to shape how this will look at a local level, ensuring each area has the right support according to local needs. Again, this is welcome news as the needs of West Oxfordshire healthcare services are entirely different to those in, say, Manchester, and it is right that this is reflected in the *Long Term Plan*.

This new vision for our NHS – along with the management and funding to deliver it – is something to be celebrated, and it is a hugely encouraging step forward for the future of healthcare services.

If there is ever anything you wish to raise with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at robert@robertcourts.co.uk.

Robert Courts



PEGGY HAYWARD (nee CROOK)

Peggy was a Fulbrook girl. She was actually born in a cottage in Meadow Lane but later grew up in West View, the house which her father, Harvey Crook, built on the Shipton Road. She and her sister Joan went to Fulbrook School which was just next door. She remembered either bringing the cow from an old barn (called the Red Hovel) or milking it where it was and then delivering the milk.

When she was a girl during the war a family of evacuees, the Pearce family, came to live with them. At this time Harvey had built an underground air raid shelter in the garden. It was a good place to keep the potatoes at the right temperature. The children would have had to sit on the sacks but luckily it was never needed. It still comes in useful.

Peggy was quite adventurous, heading off to Scotland with her best friend, Pauline on their scooters and spending a night in hospital after falling off.

She seems to have worked in the telephone exchange at one time when telephones were uncommon. There is a story that Robert Picken who had lived in Swinbrook for many years dialled a number to hear Peggy saying, "Yes Mr Picken and who would you like to speak to?"

One day she returned from work and her mother, Gladys was serving tea to a lady, a Miss Woods, and she sent Peggy to fetch Harvey to meet Miss Woods. It turned out that Gladys had always thought that Harvey needed a son and she was arranging to have one adopted. As John had a little sister and nobody wanted to split them it was arranged that John and Carol would become part of the family. Peggy said that they came with two little beds. Peggy said that she and Joan used to peep into the bedroom to see the two little children fast asleep. Later when the Crooks offered to adopt them finally and have their names changed John and Carol thought they still preferred Learoyd.

In 1972 Peggy was married to Ron Hayward and they lived in Shipton until Ron's death when Peggy felt very isolated and arranged to move back to Fulbrook. She eventually bought a lovely bungalow at the end of Meadow Lane overlooking Bob Warner's fields. So she returned to the place where she was born.

Peggy had always loved dogs and when Hanna, her collie, died she tried a couple of replacements until at last Max arrived. Max is such a friendly fellow he greets everyone like a long lost friend. Max was the reason that Peggy made so many friends in Fulbrook. She had to restrain his enthusiasm on a busy road and so she bought that little red harness. After Peggy's death Jim and Anne Weir are looking after Max and he is always greeted with delight.

Towards the end of her life Peggy was in a care home. She never lost her dry, sometimes impish sense of humour. One day the head of the home asked if she would like anything. She said she would like her hair done in the salon. The head said that would be fine and that she would come out looking like Shirley Temple. Penny's answer was, "As long as I don't look like Yul Brunner."

Peggy often said during her illness how grateful she was to Mum for bringing John and Carol into her life and this was so true as, in her last days, she was surrounded by her loving family.

John Learoyd and Anne Weir



NEWS FROM FULBROOK CHURCH

We have had a less challenging winter than last year thankfully and there are now wonderful signs of spring and if you haven't yet seen the heart-warming display of cyclamen on the approach to the church they are worth a visit – and are shown on the front cover of this newsletter.

This has been a busy winter working towards the recruitment of a new Vicar to replace Richard Coombs. The Benefice Profile was completed and approved by all four benefice PCCs and taken through the legal processes with the Bishop of Dorchester, Bishop Colin Fletcher. The advertisement went into the Church Times along with links to the profile. I am delighted to tell you that we have had a good number of applicants and shall now proceed through the selection process via shortlisting and interviews which will take place on the 11th and 12th March. During this process we have been having regular informal prayer sessions on the second Monday of each month from 6.30 – 7pm. Please do come to these – you will be most welcome, the next one is on Monday 11th March.

Many prayers have been said in church this winter for those who are ill or in need, both at the Sunday services and at our **regular quiet prayer at 5pm on Thursdays**. 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.

We have many things planned for this year and everyone is welcome and encouraged to take part in everything! In addition to **the regular 9.30 am weekly services on Sunday**.

Additional dates for your diaries

Date	Time		Details
5 th March – 16 th March	7pm	Lent course – 7 sessions	Studying the 7 miraculous signs At Cocklands, please ring Sue McCrossan 01993 823801
11 th March	Day	Informal visit to the benefice	Shortlisted candidates for the new Vicar
11 th March	6.30-7pm	Regular 2 nd Monday in the month informal prayers	All welcome to come. Especially this week we shall be praying for the new vicar interviews on 12 th March
24 th March	4pm	Taizé service	Ecumenical service of prayer and contemplation
30 th March	10am	Church and Churchyard spring clean - followed by coffee and cake	Please come and help clean the floor of the church or help remove ivy from walls and gravestones.
31 th March	9.30	Mothering Sunday and benefice service at Swinbrook 9.30am	Holy Communion
8 th April	6.30 - 7pm	Prayer	Regular 2 nd Monday in the month informal prayers
10 th April	7pm	AGM Parochial Church Council Meeting	All welcome. Drinks and nibbles at 7, meeting starts at 7.30
14 th April	9.30	Palm Sunday	Holy Communion
16 th April	6pm	Compline	
19 th April	10.30am	Service of Meditation	
21 st April	9.30	Easter Day	Holy Communion
11 th May	7.30pm	FMP concert and fundraiser	See p16 for news and ticket information
13 th May	6.30 - 7pm	Prayer	Regular 2 nd Monday in the month informal prayers
18 th – 27 th May	11-6am	Artweeks in the FMPdaily	See FMP news for details



NEWS FROM THE FULBROOK MEETING PLACE

SPECIAL EVENT

This year we have an exciting new event with the Fulbrook and Burford Art Group Exhibiting during Artweeks from Saturday 18th until Bank Holiday Monday 27th in the FMP. Do come and see the work and talk to the artists and crafters, some of whom may be doing their work during the exhibition. Free entry and open from 11am – 6pm. Coffees, teas and light lunches available every day.

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.

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.

Burford Singers Spring Concert

Brahms: Ein Deutsches Requiem

Vaughan Williams: Five Mystical Songs

Sunday, 14th April 2019, 7.30pm

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

Burford Singers with Soprano: Robyn Allegra Parton, Baritone : Gareth Brynmor John
Cotswold Chamber Orchestra, Leader: Kate Bailey, Conductor: Bob Chilcott

Tickets reserved at ~~£23~~ (sold out), £19, £15, unreserved £10

Online booking at <http://www.burfordsingers.org.uk/box-office> (Booking fee applies)

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

Full details and booking form available on our website www.burfordsingers.org.uk

FULBROOK MEETING PLACE
DIARY OF EVENTS March to May 2019

Thursday	7 th March	3pm	Fulbrook Forum
Monday	11 th March	6.30-7pm	Informal prayers – all welcome
Sunday	24 th March	4pm	Taize service
Monday	25 th March	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting
Thursday	28 th March	10.30am	Coffee morning- all welcome

Thursday	4 th April	3pm	Fulbrook Forum
Friday	5 th April	7.30pm	Bellringing
Monday	8 th April	6.30-7pm	Informal prayers – all welcome
Tuesday	16 th April	6pm	Compline
Friday	19 th April	10.30am	Service of Meditation
Thursday	25 th April	10.30am	Coffee morning – all welcome

Thursday	9 th May	3pm	Fulbrook Forum
Saturday	11 th May	7.30pm	The Boot Band, singers and refreshments – social and fundraiser
Saturday -	18 th – 27 th May	11am – 6pm daily	Artweeks exhibition with work from Fulbrook and Burford. Coffee, teas and light lunches available every day.
Monday	20 th May	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting
Thursday	30 th May	10.30am	Coffee morning– all welcome

Every Thursday a Keep Fit group meets to exercise with music from 9-10 am. Led by Pat Ferret, it is £3 a session – and a lot of fun as well as being good for you! Contact Pat for details on 01993 822892.

Every Thursday there is **Quiet prayer at 5pm** –everyone welcome

For bookings and further information call:

Lyn Bibbings Burns 01993 823640

E mail: lynbibbings1@gmail.com

Burford Orchestra

Burford Orchestra will be welcoming in spring on Saturday 16 March with a programme featuring well-known works from the classical era at St Mary’s Church, Witney. The concert, which starts at 7.30pm, opens with Mendelssohn’s *Hebrides Overture*, popularly known as *Fingal’s Cave* and written following his trip to the remote Scottish island. This is followed by Hummel’s lively *trumpet concerto*, featuring Richard Colquhoun as soloist, and the second half sees the orchestra take on one of Beethoven’s most celebrated works: the *Eroica Symphony*.

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. Doors open 7pm, refreshments available.

**Saturday 11th May 2019 at 7.30 pm at
the Fulbrook Meeting Place**



**A Musical Evening with
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Susanna Starling (Vocals and Double Base)
Judith Hooper (Composer and Instrumentalist)**

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(includes Light Refreshments, Glass of Wine or Soft Drink).**

**Available from: John Radcliffe 824044
 Diana Lethbridge 824196
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Proceeds to the upkeep of Fulbrook Church

Burford School News March 2019

A cause for celebration

The Government's validated league tables, published in January, confirmed that Burford is the best state school sixth form in West Oxfordshire and the third best in all of Oxfordshire. Furthermore, the high level of progress achieved between GCSE and A-level, means that we retain our place yet again in the top 25% of schools nationally. Together with the GCSE results, which placed us 5th in Oxfordshire, we have much to celebrate.

Sponsorship from the local community

As costs continue to rise we are always extremely grateful to those who are able to offer us their support. Sponsorship enables us to provide our students with the additional things that make a great education an exceptional experience – professional lighting for a drama performance, an illustrated programme for an art show, team kit for a sport etc. With this in mind we would like to pass on our thanks to the Burford Garden Company who are, once again, sponsoring our Broadway Musical and to Butler Sherborn who have generously committed to several years of sports kit funding for our teams. In addition, 'Panoramic Journeys' have generously agreed to sponsor our forthcoming talk by Adventure Queen, Anna McNuff. We are most grateful to them all.

The show must go on!

Undaunted by the snow, visitors attended our Boarding Department Open Morning. Contrary to the national decline in the demand for boarding places, Lenthall House has seen numbers grow over the last few years. After talks and tours by the staff and students, many families were keen to sign up for a place in our 'wonderful vibrant community' (Boarding Ofsted 2018).

Quiz and Curry Night success!

Eleven teams battled it out to win the prize of a meal at Pie Shop in the Witney Blanket Hall – courtesy of Eleanor and Richard Martin. It was a lovely evening of parents, students and Old Burfordians (former students) coming together for some mid-January cheer and a delicious curry from the wonderful Bilash Curry House.

Adventure Queen, Anna – to visit Burford

Anna Mc Nuff will be with us on **Wednesday 20 March** recounting tales of her many adventures, including her journey across the 50 states of the USA!

Do join us for what promises to be a fascinating evening. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/burford-school.

Beauty & the Beast - 26 – 30 March.

Our Broadway Musical is almost upon us. If you're bringing little people to the matinee do encourage them to dress up as their favourite character. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/burford-school.

Sarah Duckworth
Marketing Manager
www.burford.oxon.sch.uk

Flushing Hell! The Drains are Blocked Again

Unfortunately, the sewage drain under the lane to the electricity station/water treatment works has been blocked twice in the last month. The first time all the raw sewage flooded out into the bottom of our field, causing considerable pollution, and the second time the sewage flowed out of a manhole in the lane and directly into the Fulbrook stream and into the River Windrush.

Both times Thames Water and their contractors worked tirelessly over many hours to free the blockages – the first was a mix of fat, baby wipes and a large pair of scissors (!) causing four blockages over a 40m stretch of pipe. I left them still trying to find and remove the second blockage last week so am not clear on the final cause of that one. I know they put cameras down the full length of the drain after the first blockage and were satisfied there were no roots or other pipe damage that was causing the blockages to occur.

The sad fact is that inappropriate things going down our drains are having an environmental impact on our area and a financial impact on all our water bills to cover the cost of all the unblocking. Thames Water are running the **3P's Campaign** – if it isn't **Pee, Poo or Paper** DON'T put it down the drains. This means baby wipes, tampons etc should be binned not flushed, and cooking fat should be put in the food waste NOT down the kitchen sink. If we could all follow this simple advice we would have cleaner rivers and cheaper bills.

As a reminder to dog walkers, if you use the footpath along the top of our field (behind the Carpenters Arms Pub) please keep your dog on a lead and away from the lower field. The raw sewage is still decomposing and is almost impossible to clean off the grass.

Sue Newport

Windrush Against Sewage Pollution; an update

Representatives of our local **Windrush Against Sewage Pollution** campaign (**WASP**) were in Oxford Crown Court recently to witness Thames Water being fined £2million after 'reckless failure' saw sewage pour into local Idbury Brook killing more than a hundred fish.

Thames Water admitted discharging untreated sewage from the Bruern Road Sewage Pumping Station at Milton-under-Wychwood on or before 9th August 2015. Reported in the Oxford Mail, Judge Peter Ross stated that it was a "reckless failure" and a lack of lessons from the past that led to a pump failing. He went on to say "had lessons really been learned and implemented from the events in relation to the two previous convictions this would not have happened". Thames Water had been fined a record £20million last year for a similar offence.

WASP - Windrush Against Sewage Pollution - is campaigning to get the River Windrush restored to a much healthier state. Discharging of poorly treated or untreated sewage is a serious problem and water quality has declined to a shocking extent in recent years resulting in the killing off of healthy river weed and a major impact on wildlife. In this Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty our river should be an asset to be enjoyed by locals and tourists alike, not a health risk. The Cotswolds, the biggest of the AONBs "is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful areas of England and is a living, working landscape much loved by people across the world".

To find out more about the WASP campaign ...

WEBSITE: <https://www.windrushwasp.org/>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/WASPING/>

TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/WindrushWasp>

EMAIL: info@windrushwasp.org



NORTH COTSWOLD ARTS ASSOCIATION

For the very first time in Burford, we are holding an exhibition of paintings and craft in the Warwick Hall, Burford during Oxfordshire Artweeks

Monday 20th May - Saturday 25th May

10am - 6pm

Do come along and see us there!

Our regular meetings at the Warwick Hall, Burford:

Wednesday 13th March 2 - 4pm

Carol Bury - 'Wonderings with paper, stitch and gold'

Wednesday 10th April 2 - 4pm

AGM followed by Share your Sketchbook and Materials Swopshop

Wednesday 8th May 2 - 4pm

Pre-exhibition meeting for those involved with Oxfordshire Art Weeks

Contact Sandi Garrett on 01451 822550 or email alexa_buffery@yahoo.co.uk for more information



Wychwood Whittling Event, April 9th

Whittle wizard wands, a wooden "wol", or whatever you wish! Begin to learn the art of whittling green wood with David Knight. Starting with knife safety, sharpening and moving onto basic cuts and techniques this is a 3 hour session designed to whet your appetite and get you started. Green wood selected from the local woodlands will be supplied, as will all the tools and any protective equipment you need. Advice will be on offer should you wish to buy knives and sharpening stones.

This day-long event is split into 2 sessions: morning and afternoon. As a pair consisting of an adult and a child (8+), choose which session you would rather attend. First come, first served.

The event is held at Combe Mill, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe OX29 8ET. Tea room available as required.

Morning Session: 10.00 - 13.00, Afternoon Session: 13.30 - 17.00.

Cost: £30 per Pair. Booking essential.

To book your place: www.wychwoodproject.org

phone: 07584 262437

email: info@wychwoodproject.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WychwoodProject

Contact on the day Toby Swift 07891 134804

FaB Walks for 2019

This is our third year of monthly walks from The Carpenters Arms Pub. We are delighted that the group is growing, and by popular demand this year most walks include the opportunity for a coffee stop at the end of the walk. We alternate between walking directly from the Pub and carsharing to the start of a local walk. Meet ready to walk at 10am prompt.

Everyone – people and dogs - are welcome. Ages on the FaB walks have ranged from 13 to 80+ and it is a great opportunity for a natter and to make new friends. Some of us are doing the “Walk 1000 Miles” challenge so it is brilliant way to find new walks and clock up those miles.

The walks are organised on a voluntary basis and there is no charge for taking part. All you need is a pair of wellies or walking boots and some common sense when walking over muddy ground as everyone walks at their own risk.

Walks take place on the first Friday in each month and this year include:

Fri 1 Mar	Millennium steps (4 miles)	Fri 2 Aug	Windrush Sherbourne (4.5 miles)*
Fri 5 Apr	Eastleach Sheepbridge (4.5 miles)*	Fri 6 Sept	Signet (5 miles)
Fri 3 May	Swinbrook and Widford (4 miles)	Fri 4 Oct	Lyneham / Sarsden (5 miles)*
Fri 7 Jun	Alvescot (4.5 miles)*	Fri 1 Nov	Shilton (5 miles)*
Fri 5 Jul	Burford Watermeadows (4 miles)	Fri 6 Dec	Holwell / Westwell (4 miles)*

* = carshare to the start from Carpenters Arms Pub, meet at pub at 10am

We have a Facebook group “FaB Walking” if you’d like to find out more about the routes and see where else people are enjoying walking throughout the year.

Look forward to walking with you soon!

Sue Newport

The Arts Society Cotswolds lecture programme

On March 13th, 2019, The Arts Society Cotswolds will hold their next lecture “Twentieth Century Sculpture in Britain: Adventures in Three Dimensions” with Dr. Justine Hopkins

Modern Sculpture is mysterious to many – abstract, distorted, difficult and sometimes inaccessible. However, this lecture reveals an understanding of how form, materials, technical skills and imagination uses a three dimensional language as expressively as any painter, poet or novelist to give us insights into the rhythms and meanings of life.

On April 10th their next lecture is called “The Beauty of Frames” with Julia Korner and covers a brief history of their development across Europe – their construction, conservation, materials and techniques

On May 8th the lecture concerns “Art UK: Uncovering the Nation’s Hidden Oil Painting Collection” by Mary Rose Rivett-Carnac. A project offers an insiders view of a project cataloguing every oil painting in public ownership in the UK.

On June 12, The Arts Society Cotswolds will hold a lecture entitled “Same Old, Same New...” with Alike Braine. Can old masters help us understand modern and contemporary work?

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

Calling all Creative Fulbrookians

This is an urgent request for art and crafts contributions from Fulbrook residents for exhibition during Art Week in May. Sally Wyatt will be exhibiting her work in the Warwick Hall and also she will be opening Star Cottage for further exhibits.

She would very much like to include this time extra items of work from Fulbrook including sculpture, painting and drawing and needlework to mention but a few creative pursuits. We have a wealth of talent in this village and it has been too long since the last village exhibition where all of these strengths have been revealed.

Let's be proud of our efforts and make a show of it! Please contact Sally Wyatt at Star Cottage on 01993 822032 to register an interest in exhibiting your work.

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

Chorizo and butter bean stew with wild garlic and thyme

The weather is driving me mad. Is it summer, winter, or spring? I don't know; it seems that the idea of seasonal recipes requires more flux. With that in mind, I have put together a 'season-neutral' recipe with warm undertones... Rich in flavour that can be eaten outside if the sun keeps shining or in front of the TV if it turns cold again!

Ingredients (about four servings)

125g chorizo thinly sliced (use a good Spanish one!)

50ml olive oil

1 onion, finely chopped

Big sprig of wild garlic (or four cloves of garlic, thinly sliced, if the wild stuff is not out yet)

1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves

300 g of dried Greek gigantes (giant) white butter beans (soaked overnight) or 2 x 400g tins butter beans, drained

1 glass of red wine

400g can of chopped tomatoes

200ml chicken stock

200g baby spinach leaves (or baby chard leaves without the stalks)

2 tbsp chopped flat-leaf parsley

Method

1. Soak the butter beans overnight, rinse and bring to the boil in plenty of water for about three minutes, then simmer for 60-90 minutes (until tender). Strain
2. In a large thick-bottom frying pan (or a *Le Creuset* type pan if you prefer), fry the roughly chopped wild garlic leaves (or garlic) from cold until they sizzle (do not let the garlic take on any colour, as 'burnt' garlic does not taste good!)
3. Add the sliced chorizo and fry until lightly browned on each side (by this stage the garlic will be fine and with other stuff in the pan will not burn)
4. Add the chopped onion, and cook until they are soft
5. Add the red wine and reduce it down by about two thirds.

6. Add the butter beans, stock, thyme, and the can of chopped tomatoes. Cook gently for about 15 minutes
7. Stir in the spinach leaves and cook until they are wilted (under two minutes)
8. Serve in bowls with the parsley sprinkled on the top

Extras

Try to use the Greek gigantes dried butter beans if you can, they are sensational!

Serve with sourdough bread that you can buy at various places in Burford high street or up the hill at the Burford Garden Centre. This dish can be made in advance and heated through (don't add the spinach and parsley until you serve). It freezes reasonably well. You could add another 400ml of chicken stock and serve it as a soup.

Without wishing to sound completely mad, you could omit the stock altogether and serve it as a sort of warm salad

Buen provecho!!

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Rotary Club of Burford & Kingham News

Donation

Following our charity cycle ride from Burford to Paris, we recently made a significant donation to Contented Dementia.

Sponsored Dog Walk

We have been asked to help with this event which is being organised by the Sugar Plum Children and JDRF charities. It takes place at Cornbury Park on March 17th (10am - 1pm). This will be an exciting event (especially for the dogs!) and the funds raised will help children with Type 1 Diabetes. Our job will be to help with marshalling. If you would like more information, please have a look at their web sites: <https://jdrf.org.uk/>; <https://sugarplumchildren.com/category/events/>

Speaker Events

On March 25th, Joanne Hartley will speak about volunteering in Afghanistan – which sounds extremely interesting. Please contact terry.a.best@btinternet.com if you would like to come along.

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