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A juvenile Great Spotted Woodpecker photographed by Mike Russell. Tavnton

This monthly magazine covers people and events in our area of the Cotswolds, and is delivered free of charge to residents and businesses in Aldsworth, Asthall, Asthall Leigh, the Barringtons, Bradwell Village, Burford, Field Assarts, Fordwells, Fulbrook, Holwell, Northleach, Sherborne, Shilton, Signet, Swinbrook, Taynton, Upton, Westwell, Widford and Windrush with a



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27 - 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

Burford Literary Festival returns to bring visitors and our community together through an inspiring programme of literary events, showcasing authors covering a wide range of topics and genres. Tickets and further information are now available on our website.

FRIDAY

Nick Havely

SATURDAY

Kate Macdougall and Ericka Waller

Simon Mason

Eve Chase and Anne Mazzolla

Claudia De Rham

Marion Turner

Julie Cohen

Laura Coffey

Flora Soames

Esther Freud, Alex Pheby & Susie Boyt

Paul Seabright

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Respect Rom Com Panel

Michael Malay

Jane Campbell

Simon Parker

Sally Page

Sir Laurie Bristow

Xan Brooks

Andrew North

Sue Leigh

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EDITORS' NOTES

Awful?

"The Cotswolds is awful" writes someone called Adam Hay-Nicholls on the Spectator website. He writes that after the King bought his place near Tetbury "...wannabe poshos began buying Cotswold cottages in the hope that some royalty would rub off on them...now it's experiencing the 'Bamford effect' thanks to the Daylesford farm shop. It's filled to bursting with celebrities and the Chipping Norton media elite, and following them has been a steady stream of West Londoners with City jobs making the move to 'the country' under the delusion that Soho Farmhouse is anything other than Waco* for social climbers". Warming to his theme, he continues "Now every pub has a Michelin star, and the waiting list for lunch is six months because Giles Coren reviewed it in the Times..."

Now Mr Hay-Nicholls is clearly exaggerating for effect and humour (there is no Michelin-starred restaurant in Burford and the nearest one appears to be at Minster Lovell). But there is some truth in what he writes about the influx of outsiders. Many of us, including your editors, moved here from elsewhere. However there are regular articles on what is sometimes called the quality press about the delights of the Cotswolds which seem to be directed at the Daylesford/Soho House/Thyme/Estelle Manor set. Perhaps Hay-Nicholls has done us a favour by directing his fire on those who think of this area solely as a playground for the super-rich. Not exactly new. Twenty years ago the late A. A. Gill described Stow-on-the-Wold as "the worst place in the world" [I won't have that! There's a place in Eastbourne**] "which thinks it's a little smug Hobnob stuck in a tin of dog biscuits".

Perhaps it is time for someone to write an article describing the real Cotswolds - not glamorous or exciting but full of ordinary people like us who get on with their lives, never shop at Daylesford, only have a vague idea about where Soho Farmhouse is and don't drive a Range Rover Burford edition. Chipping Norton media elite, are you reading this?

*City in Texas where a massacre took place in 1993

**Line from Major Gowen in Fawlty Towers, as you all recognised.

BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL

"Highway" has now opened serving tapas, and the Mermaid has just opened as I write this. The Golden Pheasant, once the Golden Ball, is under refurbishment too, so Burford's hostelries are coming back to life. Good news after quite a long time. Nearly all our shops are full, and busy, and council is working to get the owner of 121 High Street (the old Copper Kettle) to repair the property, which is one of the few oak-framed buildings on the High Street and is Grade 2* listed. Unfortunately, we have had no success in getting any more parking in the town, but not for want of trying.

I am not sure what impact Jeremy Clarkson's new venture at the Windmill will have on Burford, or on the traffic going east from here. OCC have suddenly installed pavements on the road at the bus stops close to the venue, temporarily closing the road from the roundabout toward Minster Lovell. Not sure how many folks will visit by bus, OCC obviously think it will be a lot, but we will see.

I believe the venue will have opened in late August with a marquee added on, and will then close for the winter for updating with more parking and a bar upstairs etc. I guess the main impact will be in the future when we can all watch "Clarkson's Pub". I wonder what he'll name it?



The 15 new anti-ram bollards have now been installed by OCC's contractor on the first access to the centre of the Hill. They are painted in "Burford Green" as specified by WODC's conservation officer. The colour is correct according to colour charts, but it is very pale. We may well request a change to a darker conservation green paint so that they don't stand out quite so much. WODC conservation have now agreed. The challenges of living in a conservation area! The contractors have kindly made good all the damage caused by long vehicles running over the grass and planted grass seed. There has already been minor damage to the edge of the verge as the bollards have to be 450mm back from the carriageway, which allows vehicle wheels to run over the edge, but the main verges are now protected.

We now have two new wooden bus shelters on Shilton Road to serve the residents of Cotswold Gate and visitors to Burford Garden Company.

Our next council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 September in the council chamber at the Tolsey. This is later in the month than the usual first Wednesday. I am sure we will be discussing the new WODC Local Plan 2041 in the light of proposed new government changes, and we will be advised by Hugo Ashton, our district councillor, on how any changes may impact the town over the next 17 years or so. The one change I can see from the early documents is that the AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) we have been part of for many years is now known as the Cotswold National Landscape. I

guess we will have to get used to using "CNL". The National Landscape is not part of the Green Belt. The good news for Burford is that the National Landscape will remain protected with no changes proposed whereas, as recently well publicised, the Green Belt will not. More on planning changes elsewhere in this edition.

Peter Higgs - Mayor



Don't forget to look at our website www.thebridgeburford.co.uk too for updates on local news, previous features and topical photographs
And for more photos about Burford events do look at Burford Life on Facebook

THE ARTS SOCIETY COTSWOLDS

Lecture on Wednesday 11 September

The Body as a Place: The Sculpture of Antony Gormley

"Antony Gormley is probably best well-known for his iconic 'Angel of the North', imposingly situated beside the A1 near Gateshead. However, this 20-metre-high landmark sculpture is just one of a host of memorable pieces that he has created during the course of a prolific career that already spans over four decades. Having known Gormley since he was a student at the Slade and written two books on the artist's drawings, I review the development of this major British sculptor from a unique perspective. In the context of his work overall, I examine his continuous fascination with the body as a place – both of experience and of interaction with its surroundings."

Anna Moszynska, quoted above, is a lecturer and writer specialising in contemporary art. During the 1990s, she oversaw the development of the subject as the first Master's Degree at Sotheby's Institute. She has also taught at other institutions in London including The City Lit, the Royal Academy and Tate, as well as lecturing in cities ranging from Dubai to New York and Berlin to Sydney. She offers guest lectures on the Sotheby's Institute MA in Contemporary Art as well as running her own courses. Apart from many catalogue essays she has written on living artists, her books include Abstract Art (1990, enlarged ed. 2020) and Sculpture Now (2013), both published by Thames & Hudson, and two books on the drawings of Antony Gormley. She enjoys introducing art to audiences in a lively and approachable way to make modern and contemporary art both accessible and interesting.



This hybrid lecture will be held at the Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford, OX18 4RZ at 11am and via Zoom. Please be seated by 10.50 for notices of upcoming events. Numbers are no longer restricted but booking is recommended to reserve a place via our website (see below) Non-members are welcome (space permitting) at a charge of £10.

Further information will be circulated via the newsletter and bookings can be made via the website (see below) or please call Lisa Etheridge on 01285 711805 for a booking form.

To learn more about The Arts Society Cotswolds and to see what lectures, Special Interest Days and other activities are planned, please see the website:

www.theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk
Or contact Carolyn Walton on 01993 822296

Alison Morgans

SHILTON OPEN GARDENS

Thank you to everyone who came to Shilton Open Gardens on 9 June. Despite all the local competition from other Open Garden events we estimate that we had about 300 visitors. It was a lovely day and we made £3,530 for Old School funds, making it a record year for us.

Shirley Cuthbertson for Shilton Old School Management Committee

NEWS FROM ASTHALL MANOR



Gardening Leave

We are delighted to introduce our second Gardening Leave weekend at Asthall Manor. This residential weekend will combine practical tuition in nature-friendly growing methods with a chance to relax in our iconic, offbeat Manor, explore the much-loved gardens, and enjoy nutritious vegetarian meals in congenial company. Running from the evening of Friday 20 September to the afternoon of Sunday 22 September.

Kitchen Garden Course

You are seriously missing out if you haven't tried one of our Kitchen Garden courses. These are all taught by our resident organic gardener, Tim Mitchell, a qualified Level 2 Organic food growing tutor with eight years of teaching experience. He has worked in community food growing and commercial organic food production for the last nine years.

Complete beginners through to experienced gardeners are welcome.

Seed saving

It is well documented that the best seed you can sow is the seed that you have saved from your own garden, where those plants have learned to love to grow.

Learn the basics of saving seed from different vegetable plants and their beneficial companion plants

Know Your Soil

Learn the basics of different soils and soil life alongside a bit of helpful theory. Bringing a sample of your own garden soil, you will learn how to identify its type, characteristics and needs. You will also carry out some fun, practical work to apply your learning and to help keep our soil life happy, here in the kitchen garden.

For more information and booking go to asthallmanor.com
The Asthall Manor team

CRAFT IN ACTION

Warwick Hall, Burford, OX18 4RY
Saturday 21 September 2024 10AM – 4.30PM

Craft in Action is back at the Warwick Hall this month. Come along and see what the crafters have to offer.

Craft in Action pride themselves on having handmade crafts available, so you will see genuine crafters behind their tables.

Entry is free, dogs are welcome and there is easy access for wheelchairs.

Facebook @ Craft in Action, Website @ craftinaction.co.uk
Helen Wallis

NATURE UPDATES ACROSS SHERBORNE

As part of an extensive programme of works to improve habitat and spaces for nature on the Sherborne Estate, we've been working on ensuring much of the new planting that's being carried out is given the best possible start in life. Tree planting is a crucial part of the landscape, and planting trees is the easy part. Seeing them establish successfully is where it gets difficult.



We recently welcomed the National Trust trees and woodland advisor to assess the three avenues in the Bridgeman Landscape - the Serpentine Avenue, the Dog Leg Avenue and the Grand Avenue. The Grand Avenue is between 25 and 30 years old, and these established trees pose pruning issues, and we are investigating ways to try and restore the avenue shape, ensuring the trees are safe and happy in the future.

The elm trees of the Serpentine Avenue will most likely need pollarding to regenerate healthy growth in the canopy. We are also learning from the past with our newest avenue - the Dog Leg - by introducing formative pruning, mulching (to suppress weeds, drought resistance and nutrient cycling) and a watering regime for the first three years.



Elsewhere on the estate, we planted 3500 hazel and oak trees to create a future hazel coppice, and preparation is underway for the creation of nearly 70 hectares of new woodlands.

Ground preparation has begun so 45,000 trees can be planted over the autumn and winter in the northeast of the estate. We will be planting all native deciduous trees including oak, lime, beech and willow. The work has been funded by the Greater Western Community Forest and will be delivered for the National Trust by Matt Taylor from Forest and Land.

For more information on our work across Sherborne and the Cotswolds, follow our social pages @NTCotswolds. *Jacob Little - National Trust*

GUIDED WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLD VOLUNTARY WARDENS

Details of the walks available are described on the website (below). Please check walk details carefully on the website, including whether booking is necessary. Additional walks may be published on the website.

<https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/>

Naunton, Notgrove and Cold Aston – Tuesday 3 September – Moderate 3.5hr 7ml

A circular walk starting in Naunton and heading south to Aylworth, Notgrove and back via Cold Aston. A wonderful scenic and mixed walk. Join us at the Black Horse for refreshments after. Bring coffee/snack.

Start: 9.30am Naunton, by the Black Horse Inn, GL54 3AD. OS Map ref: SP 119 235.

W3W: darkest.grounding.scouting

A Tale of Two Churches – Thursday 5 September - Moderate 4hr 7ml

A walk from Chipping Campden's war memorial going first to St James Church and then to St Nicholas at Saintbury. There are several moderate but long inclines which are rewarded with views across three counties to the Malverns. We will be stopping for 20-30 minutes at Saintbury for lunch. Please bring drinks/snacks and a packed lunch.

Start: 10.00am. Chipping Campden War Memorial, GL55 6AT. OS Map ref: SP 151 390.

W3W: desktops.childcare.claims

Around Brailes Hill Thursday 12 September Easy: 5 miles 2.5 hours

Start: Brailes Village Hall, Castle Hill Lane, 10:00am Upper Brailes OX15 5AS

An easy walk with one incline rewarded with great views across this quintessential English countryside.

FarmED and an Ascott Loop Thursday 19 September 4 miles 2 hours

Start: FarmED on the A361 near Shipton under Wychwood OX7 6BJ

A starting point with a café, a scenic walk along a river valley and an interesting village to explore. This walk has all the right ingredients for an enjoyable morning.

Sherborne & Barringtons – Vistas and Brooks – Friday 20 September - Moderate 5.5hr 10ml

A walk with meadows, tracks and stone villages which sees the Windrush river and Sherborne brook. If you like gentle farmland, views and open spaces, this a walk for you. A beautiful area with some broad tracks and far-reaching views. Please bring a packed lunch. There is a National Trust honesty box for parking donations, so please remember some cash.

Start: 10.00am. Watermeadow car park, Northfield Barn, Sherborne, GL54 3DL.

OS Map ref: SP 175 154. W3W: outdoors.releases.warthog

Apples, Coffins and Salt Tuesday 24 September Moderate: 5 miles 2.5 hours

Start: St Mary's Parish Church Chipping Norton 10:00am This walk takes the well trodden Salt Way from Chipping Norton to Salford and the lesser known Coffin Walk to Over Norton.

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS - may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

Sheila Wasley and Rosemary Wilson

WODC COUNCILLOR REPORT

No sooner had I taken on the role of Executive Member for Planning at the District, than the new Government set out its policies on house building and planning. They are consulting on proposed amendments to the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) and new housing targets. The consultation closes on 24 September and the new "rules" are expected to be in place by the end of the year.

The new targets for West Oxfordshire are a substantial increase - from 549 to 889 annually - and for Oxfordshire as a whole the increase is around 2,000 a year from 3,229 to 5,151! These targets are based on 0.8% pa on existing housing plus an uplift where house prices have been going up particularly fast.

The transitional arrangements for new local plans have been changed, with the deadline for submission put back from June 2025 to December 2026. This allows more time to work on the spatial strategy, but we will still aim to draft a new plan well within this timeframe. At WODC, we are taking on board the implications of these changes and considering how to respond to the consultation.

The higher targets will make it more difficult for the District to show that it has a 5-year Housing Land Supply, but this doesn't mean developers will have complete freedom, because land protections such as National Landscape (AONB) and Conservation Areas still carry great weight. The new policy guidance also explicitly recognises the importance of facilitating new, expanded, or upgraded public service infrastructure, and signals a shift towards a vision-led approach to transport planning (away from "predict and provide" and towards "decide and provide").

Partly as result of all the workload needed to keep up on all these changes and partly to avoid potential conflicts of interest with my Executive role, I have withdrawn from Uplands Planning Sub-Committee. However, I should still be able to represent the Ward at a Committee meeting if required, even if I can no longer vote at it. I can also still advise you on the planning process, but won't be able to comment on any particular application.

Finally, you may well have heard of Jeremy Clarkson's plans for the Windmill Restaurant above Asthall. We understand his short term plans include expanding the parking in the wood, replacing decking and erecting a marquee with the aim of operating a restaurant, bar and food store. We have concerns over traffic building up and causing problems on the A40 and the B4047, but none of his currently known activities require planning permission, so no conditions can be imposed. If the experience of Chadlington is anything to go by, Burford may well see an influx of traffic (and car parking) from fans who cannot access the Windmill site or don't wish to queue. Brace yourselves!

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OCC COUNCILLOR REPORT



BURFORD BRIDGE AND HGV WEIGHT LIMIT

Discussions are continuing with OCC officers about the repairs to Burford bridge which have begun and to implement better and safer pedestrian access to the bridge to improve the current lack of space for pedestrians.

The county-wide HGV study continues and little progress has been made which remains frustrating to us all in Burford. Data collection is the current priority and recommendations may be made to the end of this year or in 2025.

JULY FULL OCC COUNCIL MEETING – THAMES WATER MOTION

At the July meeting I seconded the motion, with Councillor Povolotsky, passing a no-confidence resolution in Thames Water and calling for the company to be restructured.

This was supported by the majority of the OCC council on a day when Thames Water admitted that their dumping of raw sewage had risen fourfold since last year and increased dividend payments from £45m last year to £196m to its mainly overseas shareholders rather than investing in more infrastructure. Furthermore the company announced that it would run out of money within a year unless more funding was forthcoming (its shareholders have to date refused to invest more funds into Thames Water). It is clear that the company now needs to be restructured and the current management replaced. The new government hopefully will strengthen the powers of both OFWAT and the Environment Agency to effectively monitor and control Thames Water's woeful lack of sewage controls.

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT/GREEN ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Liberal Democrat/Green administration that runs OCC has claimed progress has been made in 2023/24 against its nine strategic priorities, particularly on climate change. However, critics observe that by far and away the most-complained about issues by residents are the state of the roads and drains, yet these are not mentioned in the list of priorities. The latest 'Residents Survey' shows that 'maintenance of roads' was rated by 67% of residents as one of their four most important council services, but just 19% were very or fairly satisfied. The overall satisfaction with the council is just 39%.

OCC HEADCOUNT CONTINUES TO RISE

2018-19 4959, 2019-20 5079, 2020-21 5087, 2021-22 5116, 2022-23 5310, 2023-24 5378. Agency workers are in addition to these figures. There were 446 for 2023-24.

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NEW COOK AT FARMED



One of the best places locally to meet for coffee, lunch or tea is FarmED just outside Shipton-under-Wychwood. So the news of a new cook there is exciting.

Gareth Rhodes has been at FarmED for three months. What really excites him about this job, after a career in notable UK restaurants, is the Farm to Fork model, which he says FarmED does “exceptionally well”. The food miles which most of his ingredients travel are about fifty

steps, from the farm building (where the harvest is sorted and crated up) to the kitchen. FarmED’s café depends very heavily on what is being grown in the polytunnels and fields which you pass on a farm walk. This puts a different perspective on planning menus, as those of us with veg plots or allotments know; seasonal dishes have been the basis of the café since it opened. Gareth is told on a Friday what crops are to be harvested for Monday morning; he has an allowance, as some of the harvest is used for the veg box scheme.

What’s different about this job is the challenge of managing the profusion (ok, the glut) that is inevitable. Strawberries go into cakes, preserves, compote, smoothies, and the freezer (Gareth commented on his surprise that the flavour of strawberries is not impaired by freezing). Any freezing is done on the premises – a significant difference from working in most other kitchens, where frozen veg comes in from intermediary suppliers through the back kitchen door. Broad beans make salads, dips and tagines. From his work with Asian flavours and principles, he’s a great advocate of zero waste, so carrot tops and leaves go into green salads, pestos and soups. You’ll find Asian influences in his curries as well. We talked of chillies – best used for their flavour, rather than their heat, and of the fragrance of white peppercorns.

In addition to preserves, Gareth makes pickles and chutneys to extend the seasons of farm-grown vegetables. Onions and cucumbers are currently the focus. We spoke about “bread and butter” pickle, a pickled sliced cucumber in white wine vinegar spiced with cumin and turmeric and dill. If you fancy a taste before you make some, it’s sometimes served with the ploughman’s lunch – or you might enjoy one of this season’s chutneys with a cheese scone. Some gluts are easier to manage than others. Kale, spinach and chard are “more forgiving” and they can stay in the field in peak condition for several days by comparison with a strawberry needing to be picked that day. So they are easier to plan for in designing menus.

Gareth’s abiding approach is to keep things simple, to showcase the seasonal, and not to play around with icons (for instance the cheese scones). He’s very respectful of members of his team; he mentions the cakes and breads on sale, made by Aga and Phoebe. Sourdough starter is mixed with different flours to make bread, pizza dough or pancake batter. The café uses FarmED flours, from grain grown on the farm, and also flours milled by Matthews Mill and by Bruern Farms, both just a couple of miles down the road. Popular cakes currently include the “Kake Moss”, which sells out regularly, and features spinach.

Gareth’s career is a list of high-profile restaurant jobs following training at the further education college in King’s Lynn.

The tutors were skilled, excellent teachers, and he learned a lot, but throughout the college years he also worked in restaurant kitchens – “nothing can prepare you for the intensity of the real job except doing it”. He’s still revelling in the novelty of a Monday to Friday, 9 to 5 job (with occasional evening dinners) after years of much more exacting demands as an executive chef.

So what does Gareth do with his new-found freedom? Teenage children help to fill it. Growing tomatoes is a great pleasure. His garden is still a project in-the-making. Gareth is looking forward to growing beetroot – not the “heritage” ones which are yellow, or white, or have concentric red and white rings, just conventional red ones. A cold beetroot soup served with mint and soured cream is one of his recommendations. And searching for vinyl records – older jazz and blues, and older reggae. Does he dance to them in the kitchen at home? “Only with the curtains closed” was the laughing response.

Conclusion – a favourite café is in safe hands!

Ruth Reavley

BURFORD LITERATURE CLASS

This term:

LITERATURE OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

Course starts: Wednesday 25 September 2024 from 10.a.m. to 12 noon at the Friends Meeting House in Pytts Lane, Burford



The French Revolution from 1789 to 1794 rocked Europe. Life changed; it would never be the same even in other countries. Our class begins with an outline history of what happened, followed by readings from writers who were inspired and appalled by the events of the Revolution.

This is an independent class for those who enjoy reading and discussing individual works in a friendly atmosphere. The tutor, Karen Hewitt, also teaches for Oxford University Department for Continuing Education.

For more information about the syllabus, how the class is run, and fees, please send an email to

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THE MADHATTER BOOKSHOP AND FESTIVAL

I usually open my column with a literary quote about the time of year but as I write for September the words that most come to mind are BUSY BUSY BUSY. September starts with the opening of Little Madhatter, our second bookshop on the High Street which will not only cater for our younger readers but with more space there is room for story time and a book club.

We are hoping that Little Madhatter will be a space for all our community. We are hosting games nights; hire a table, bring the family, bring your own refreshments and spend a couple of hours mastering one of our 100 board games. We are also delighted to be playing host to internationally acclaimed harpist Anne Denholm and poet Chris Tutton. I have secured the man in the red suit in December – all believers will be welcome. Tickets and information about all our events are available from www.madhatterbookshop.co.uk

The end of September will see Burford play host to Burford Literary Festival 2024. With a vast array of authors we do hope you will agree there is something for every reader. Here is a list of our authors – tickets are available from www.burfordlitfest.co.uk or by scanning the QR code.

- Nick Havely – *Apennine Crossings*
- Kate Macdougall with Ericka Waller – *Dogs in Literature*
- Simon Mason – *The Finder Mysteries*
- Claudia De Rham – *A Life In The Pursuit of Gravity*
- Eve Chase with Anna Mazolla – *On the atmospheric mystery*
- Marion Turner – *Chaucer, A European Life*
- Julie Cohen – *Bad Men*
- Laura Coffey – *Enchanted Islands*
- Flora Soames – *The One-Day Box*
- Esther Freud, Alex Pheby and Suzie Boyt – *On The Couch*
- Helen Hawkins and The Respect Romance Panel
- Jane Campbell – *Interpretations of Love*
- Simon Parker – *A Ride Across America*
- Sir Laurie Bristow – *Kabul: Final Call*
- Andrew North – *War and Peace and War*
- Sally Page – *The Secrets of Flowers*
- Xan Brooks – *The Catchers*
- Sue Leigh – *Poetry In The Chapel*

We very much look forward to seeing you soon.

Happy Reading

Kim and the Madhatter Team



Get Your Tickets!



BURFORD TOLLEY
MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

Treasures of the Burford Tolley Museum



We are now in the final stages of arranging for the publication of the very first book, as titled above, to be produced by our newly created in-house publishing unit the Tolley Press, which will be launched in November, just in time for Christmas stockings. Further, fuller details will follow in the next edition of The Bridge magazine. In the meantime you may care to enter and reserve 7 November in your diary. Just between you and me, I can quietly whisper that what we are working on developing promises to be quite a milestone event.

Work Experience Student

As part of our commitment and ambition to reach out to all generations, for the second year running the Museum & Archive has been pleased to host a work experience student, this time from the Cotswold School in Bourton-on-the-Water. The topics covered included cataloguing, quality and IT systems, working with and photographing museum collections and project development. The student’s week culminated in him making a concluding presentation to us on the subject of ‘How the artefacts in the museum present the local industries in the 18th century onwards’.

Museum Stewards

The good news is that the compounded success of our new promotional activities is resulting in an ever-increasing interest in, and numbers visiting, the museum, but we are now becoming somewhat stretched, especially during the holiday period, in finding volunteers to act as room stewards to open and staff the museum between 2 and 5 pm on their self-selected day. The museum rota is now available on line which provides maximum flexibility and enables anyone interested to quickly see what slots are available without needing to pre-commit to a regular session each week or month. Additionally we successfully run a most useful WhatsApp group to enable all our room stewards to keep in touch with each other and the museum’s management. Please consider joining us to have fun in welcoming and meeting our visitors, who literally come from around the world. For further information, please have a word with me; my contact details are shown below.
Clendon Daukes - 01993 823533

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WATER CLOSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To say that this summer has been rather wet would be an understatement. The rain has helped our native hedging to establish but has also meant that stinging nettles, brambles etc have also grown considerably. We need to redefine the paths through Water Close, clear the area around the bench, remove stinging nettles from around the hedging, and remove ivy from some of the tree trunks.

On Saturday 7 September Asthal Parish Council will be holding a volunteer morning (10-1) at Water Close. Please do come along to help us; even an hour of your time would make a real difference. Please bring gloves and tools. If you are coming by car please park in the Asthall Leigh Memorial Hall Field and walk down as the road by Water Close is too narrow for parking.



If you aren't free on 7 September but would like to help please contact me by email, lhughson382@hotmail.co.uk so that we can let you know future volunteer dates.

Thanks

Lynne Hughson - Chair, Asthal Parish Council



Our FAB WI planning subcommittee has been busy arranging our next year's programme. We are very fortunate in Oxfordshire, as there is a continually growing range of excellent registered speakers and topics to select from.

I have been writing this article on International Women's Day in South Africa. In 1956, 20,000 women marched to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to petition against the law requiring black women needing to carry passes under the Apartheid laws. This multicultural group stood still and in silence for 30 minutes. Some of the most revered freedom fighters and political activists that were involved in fighting for South Africa's liberation include Fatima Meer, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Albertina Sisulu and Ruth First.

A quote from one of the women who marched still inspires us. "If you are to free yourselves you must break the chains of oppression yourselves. Only then can we express our dignity, only when we have liberated ourselves can we cooperate with other groups. Any acceptance of humiliation, indignity or insult is acceptance of inferiority." (Winnie Madikizela-Mandela.)

National Women's Day is celebrated by drawing attention to many of the important issues that women in South Africa, and across the world, still face: issues such as gender-based violence, discrimination, unequal pay, harassment at the workplace, access to sanitary products and fair access to education.

October brings our Harvest Festival bring and share evening, which we are very much looking forward to and a favourite in our programme as a chance to get together chat with good food and wine.

Looking forward we have a historical subject with an evening talk about "Pre-Raphaelite Sisterhood" by Jannine Kilroe on 12 November. Before we know it, it will be our craft evening, making Christmas lanterns. More about both of these in next month's article.

We are always keen to welcome new members and guests are always very welcome to any of our meetings for a suggested donation of £5. So, we look forward to welcoming any of you interested in these events. The FaB WI meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Baptist Chapel in Witney Street at 7.30 p.m. For further information please visit our website thefabwi.org.uk or contact me on thefabwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk or mobile 07710 103015.

Jennie Craven - President

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Claude Monet and the Painting of the Water Lilies

Friday 27 September 7.00pm
Jazz Dynamos in Concert



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Jane Quelch

Lenthall Concerts 2024/25 season is now fully confirmed and



our website is up to date with artists, programme and tickets ready for purchase. Our opening concert on Wednesday 16 October features Nicholas Korth, co-principal horn of the BBC Symphony Orchestra. An acknowledged international star, and regularly seen on television with the BBC Symphony in the Proms, he will be playing Beethoven's Sonata for horn, one of the first sonatas written for the instrument. Also in the concert is the Brahms Horn Trio, a magnificent work for piano, violin and horn.



Our artistic director Michael Bochmann will also play the classic violin sonata in A major by Cesar Franck. Tickets are £20 with season tickets for all six concerts of the season for £72. Our website www.lenthallconcerts.org.uk.

Geoffrey Haines

FRIENDS OF BURFORD LIBRARY

As we enter the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, we at Burford Library are looking forward to a period of enjoyable social activity. At the end of August we held our Volunteers' Summer Party, when we were able to celebrate with our small army of volunteers in the delightful surroundings of Jan and David Cohen's garden.

Thank you, once again, to the stalwart band of individuals who allow us to keep the library open for all to enjoy.

Please reserve a special date in your diary: Friday 25 October for the renowned Plonk and Pudding Event. This will be held, once again, in the Baptist Church on Witney Street. Further details will be published nearer the time, but rest assured that a sumptuous array of puddings will be assembled - both sweet and savoury. In the evening, you will also be able to participate in the brain-storming challenge of the Literary Quiz.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please drop into the library. You are always welcome.

Maureen Percival

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Our next order will be on Thursday 12 September closing at 5.00pm. Delivery is expected to be from 16-30 September. The following order will be on Thursday 24 October closing at 5.00pm.

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Peter Higgs



NEW TO BURFORD & AREA?

Welcome. The Burford & District Society will be happy to deliver your free copy of the 'Living in Burford & District' Pack with details of many of the local facilities, clubs and societies. Simply email your name and address to lizannjack@gmail.com

BURFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



What an odd year it has been for our gardens: a warm, wet winter, a cold spring, then hot, cold, wet, dry – but as gardeners we deal with it – it's the same for all, but none the less sometimes it feels like a battleground.

And now we are very short of bees in the spring, and now we're short of hoverflies and wasps, but the slugs and snails have had a field day! Starting with the daffodils earlier, now anything that looks juicy, hostas, zinnias, you name it, it has been munched. Next year I'm only growing those that have survived this year.

But hope is always there, time to start looking at bulb catalogues for the spring show next year, first Saturday in April. The schedule of classes is on the website, www.burfordhorticultural.com, so have a look and start planning. Anyone can enter, 20p per entry, once again check out the website or contact Dave Cohen, cohen4sp@btinternet.com, or 01993 822288.

Our next talk at the Bowls Club will be "New Plants from Old" - propagation with a demonstration by David Cropp [Great name - Ed]. All welcome, meetings at the Bowls Club, Tanners Lane, Burford, 2.15 with tea and biscuits, £3 for non-members.

Hopefully see you there.

Jan Cohen

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THE PRINCE OF BURFORD

The hotel now known as The Prince of Burford presumably commemorates Charles Beauclerk (1607- 1726), an illegitimate son of King Charles II by his mistress Nell Gwyn. He was created Earl of Burford in 1676 and Duke of St Albans in 1684, titles which survive to this day. However, until a very few years ago, this hotel was called The Cotswold Gateway, and before that The Bird in Hand. On the other hand, there was a possible connection between the earl and The George in the High Street (a medieval inn presumably named after the saint). There are several legends about this; and some will even tell you that the boy was conceived in The George.



The Prince of Burford c. 1940

The first legend was related in 1891 by W. J. Monk, in his history of the town. Supposedly, as Charles was passing through Highgate where Nell Gwyn lived, she called out that she would throw her son out of the window unless he gave their son a title, and Charles replied immediately cried 'Save the Earl of Burford'. However, in 1983, in *The Book of Burford*, Raymond and Joan Moody related a second story. According to this, Charles and Nell were staying at The George in Burford, when Nell called her son 'bastard' in Charles's hearing. When the King protested at the insult, she asked what she should call him, since he had no name. This provoked Charles into creating the boy Earl of Burford on the spot. This version was repeated in Raymond and Joan's *A Thousand Years of Burford* (2006); and in *Inns of Burford* (2007), Raymond added: "there is a continuing folk tradition linking Nell and the King with The George. Certainly, there is truth to character in the story."

The evidence is scanty. Charles II undoubtedly visited Burford several times, and may have brought Nell with him; and the house in Windsor which the King gave her in 1676 was called Burford House; but the stories told above first appeared in print in 1775, in Granger's *Biographical History* and even then there is no reference to the events taking place in Burford. Specifically, the couple are not known to have stayed at The George; and Charles came in 1681, he stayed at Combury Park. Surely, he would always have chosen something grander than a common inn?

In conclusion, Charles must have had a reason for linking the child to Burford; and it is possible that the place evoked some romantic memory; but a cynic might think that the reference to The George was nothing more than an advertising gimmick conceived by the owners of the hotel, perhaps in the late 18th century when it had several competitors, in particular the Bull Hotel. However, if so, it did not work since The George had to close in 1800.

Stephen Cooper

LANDSCAPE AND LANDFORMS OF THE NORTH COTSWOLDS

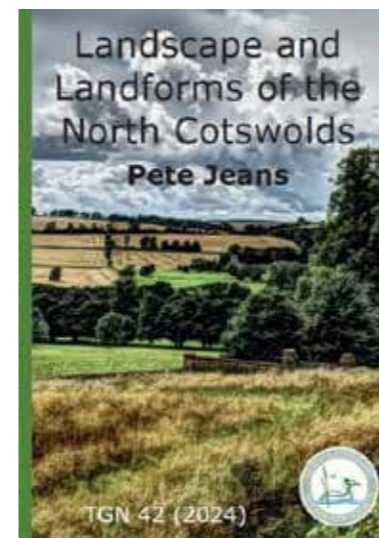
This book has just been published by the Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society, and it sheds light on how and why the Cotswold landscape looks as it does. The landscape that we see today dates largely from the Quaternary period (2.6 million years ago to the present), especially from the most recent glacial advances and the following, warm, Holocene epoch (together comprising the last 60,000 years). Although they were never glaciated, the Cotswolds were severely affected by the alternations of warm (interglacial) and cold (glacial) conditions, with the latter especially characterised by permafrost and dramatic seasonal snow and ice melt.

As well as the geological processes (weathering, erosion, and deposition) which shaped the landforms, the scenery that we see today has been heavily influenced by the activities of man. The Holocene saw the re-colonisation of the Cotswolds by Mesolithic man as the climate improved after the inhospitable Last Glacial Maximum (i.e. 15,000 years before present). Actual landscape evidence survives of over 6,000 years of human occupation from Neolithic times (long barrows, e.g. Belas Knapp), through the Bronze Age (stone circles, e.g. Rollright Stones), Iron Age (hill forts, e.g. Cleeve Cloud) and Roman times (towns, villas, and roads, e.g. Cirencester, Chedworth, and the Fosse Way, respectively).



View southwards across Asthall oxbow towards the A40 from 600m SW of Asthall village, east of Burford.

More recently, and almost as dramatically, the Parliamentary enclosure of the High Wolds from 1700 – 1850AD had a major impact on the Cotswold scenery, with the construction of the network of drystone walls, the planting of hedges, and the building of new roads. Much of what makes the Cotswolds so attractive is the result of this human intervention, with the drystone walls, honey-coloured stone villages, the wool churches, and the network of country roads



and footpaths. The big challenge for the future will be to balance and protect this landscape from an excess of further human intervention.

The book is A5 in format and contains 152 pages and 146 maps and colour illustrations. Copies (at £9.00 incl p/p) can be obtained from The Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society: www.glosnats.org > publications > publications to buy
Pete Jeans

THYME & LOVAGE – THE NEW COMMUNITY HUB



Thyme & Lovage, the new Warwick Hall café, will have been open for a couple of weeks by the time you read this. Hubert resigned from his role as chef at The Swan at Swinbrook in March, wanting to develop in a new direction, preferably in his own business. Many of us may already know him from The Swan, and many will know his wife Cindy, who has the Hugo Lovage Patisserie on Burford High Street. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to enjoy the undoubted skills and passion of them both within a few yards of each other.

In a short week, the décor of the Warwick Hall atrium has been softened with many plants and some new easy chairs and side tables. The servery hatch is the same, and Hubert says that we will recognise many of the staff from the Café 15 team. In the kitchen and basement Hubert has installed more refrigeration, but the kitchen layout is the same. However, Hubert's favoured (and valuable) Japanese knives will be carefully wrapped up at the end of each day and taken home – rather like those stickers you see on white vans "No tools left in this van overnight".



The Thyme & Lovage menu emphasises fresh offers. On display for the "soft opening" were smashed avocado on sourdough toast, a savoury breakfast plate including black pudding, and delicious-looking open sandwiches. Vegan and gluten-free options will be on offer, e.g. a courgette fritter, interestingly presented pulses, a spray of tenderstem broccoli and vibrant tomatoes. A neat and elegant presentation of chips could also be seen. All very Instagrammable.

For those with a sweet tooth, seasonal puddings (strawberries and cream) and classic cakes (Lamingtons and brownies that evening) were amongst the options. For those who went to the Burford Festival afternoon tea, there is also the promise of a Hugo Lovage afternoon tea on offer. The café has an alcohol licence, so prosecco with your tea is possible.

Initial opening hours will be 8.30 to 4.30. Hubert's vision is for a hub for the community, welcoming a new demographic for breakfast, a familiar welcome for locals, and a distinct and seasonal offer for all who cross the threshold.

Ruth Reavley

NEWS FROM COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK



Cotswold Wildlife Park is home to more than 1,500 animals from 250 different species making it one of the largest zoological collections in the UK. The Park's commitment to its various breeding programmes has resulted in an impressive number of new arrivals – in fact over 428 births from 53 different species so far this year.

New additions include Yellow Mongoose twins (pictured above). They are the only births of their kind in any UK zoological collection this year. The last time this elegant species bred at the Park was thirteen years ago. Natalie Horner, Section Head of Primates, Small Mammals and Birds explains: "We have had a wonderful year for births across the Primate, Small Mammal and Bird team so far. Most notably our pair of Yellow Mongooses, Chip and Nutmeg, have produced their first litter of two pups. This is also the first time since 2011 that we've had baby Yellow Mongooses born at the Park. The new arrivals are even more welcome as we are the only zoological collection in the UK to have bred this species in the past 12 months".

Both pups have been sexed as female and have been named Cinnamon and Clove by Senior Primate, Small Mammal and Bird Keeper Hayley. Visitors can see the youngsters, now 13 weeks old, in their exhibit in the Walled Garden.



Chip and Nutmeg aren't the only first-time parents at the Park this summer. Natalie adds: "One of our Humboldt Penguin pairs, Stephen and Marley, have also produced their first chick together (pictured left during a recent health check). Now three months old, the as-yet-unsexed chick recently ventured out of the nest to explore the Penguin enclosure with mum and dad. This year has been a bumper year for our Straw-coloured Fruit Bats too. We have had eight births so far within our

colony, with some of the baby bats already being parked independently as they are getting quite big for mum to carry around. We are one of only three zoological collections in Europe to hold this species and the only one to have bred them in the last 12 months. Straw-coloured Fruit Bats are Africa's second largest Bat and get their name from their beautiful straw-coloured fur".

Elsewhere in the Park, keepers welcomed the arrival of a male Bactrian Camel. He is the third calf sired by Louis – named after Prince Louis of Wales as they were both born on the same day – and is the first male calf that Louis and experienced mother Cleo have produced together. He has been named Kaleb by Mammal Keeper Willemijn in honour of local celebrity Kaleb Cooper, not only because he's a regular visitor to the Park with his family, but also because he's her favourite on the Prime Video hit series Clarkson's Farm

(Kaleb pictured (centre) with Head Keeper Mark Godwin (left) and Curator Jamie Craig (right) on a recent visit to the Park). Willemijn added "I also thought it was a great name as they both have the same hairdo, especially when Kaleb was experimenting with different styles in Season One!".

The wild Bactrian Camel (Camelus ferus) is classified as "Critically Endangered" by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and is thought to be one of the rarest large mammals on earth. Camels have one of the longest gestation periods for a land mammal. Elephants boast the longest of nearly two years, but Camels aren't too far behind with a gestation period of approximately 360 to 440 days.



It was also another remarkable breeding year for the Reptile Team. For the first time in the Park's fifty-four year history, it has successfully bred Beaded Lizards (Heloderma horridum). Births of this prehistoric-looking reptile are incredibly rare in captivity. The hatchling (pictured left) is the only one to have been born in any UK zoological collection in the last twelve months. In fact, only two other collections worldwide have achieved breeding success with this species in the last year. Out of approximately 3,000 species of lizards, only two are known to be poisonous - the Gila Monster and the Beaded Lizard. Their salivary glands are modified and contain venom. Unusually, the venom in these lizards appears to be for defence rather than for the apprehension of prey. This sets it apart from snake and spider venoms, which are primarily designed for the immobilisation and predigestion of prey. Beaded Lizards are immune to the venom of other poisonous lizards and rattlesnakes.

Due to its unique ring-like tail markings, keepers have named the as-yet-unsexed hatchling Ringo. At this stage of its development the hatchling will remain off-show in the Park's specialised breeding facility. Visitors can see the adult Beaded Lizards, including Ringo's parents Betty and Trovan, in their exhibit inside Reptile House (which contains one of the most interesting collections in the country).

Other breeding successes so far this year include: A Potoroo baby (part of the Rat Kangaroo family), Green Aracari chicks, European Spoonbill chicks, Ring-tailed Lemur twins, Prairie Dog pups and the birth of two tiny Kirk's Dik-dik calves (a dwarf Antelope species on show in the Park's Little Africa exhibit). These births are testament to the dedication and hard work of the keepers at Cotswold Wildlife Park and the Park's commitment to its ever-growing number of conservation programmes. For more information, please visit: <https://www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk/conservation/>
Debbie Ryan - Photos by courtesy of Cotswold Wildlife Park



Tom Barry provided this photo for our competition corner. Can you identify this bridge and the river flowing under it?

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- Watercolour Exhibition
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We look forward to seeing you!

Susan Brown

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Following a number of readers' comments, we are pleased to include some more of Mike Russell's exceptional avian photos



DIARY OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Sat 31 Aug	Charity Sale Quality Bric-a-Brac	Under Tolsey Burford	10-3pm
Mon 2 Sept	Scottish Country Dancing - see within	Adlestrop Village Hall	7-9pm
Tues 3 Sept	First of Poetry Series	Friends Meeting House Pytts Lane, Burford	10.30-12.15
Fri 6 Sept	Monet in Northleach - see within	Northleach Church	6.30pm
Sat 7 Sept	Clear Up Morning at Water Close	Asthall Leigh	10-1
Tue 10 Sept	FABW1 Talk on Crime Scene Investigation	Baptist Church	7.30pm
Wed 11 Sept	TASC - Talk on the Sculpture of Antony Gormley - see within	Warwick Hall	10.50am
Tue 17 Sept	Burford & District Society Talk - Travels with my Art	Warwick Hall	7pm
Sat 21 Sept	Craft in Action Sale	Warwick Hall	10-4-30
Wed 25 Sept	The Water Gypsy - www.burfordtolsey.org/shop	Baptist Church	
Thur 26 Sept	Horticultural Assoc Talk - New Plants from Old	Bowls Club	2.15pm
27-29 Sept	Burford Literary Festival	Various	Various
Fri 27 Sept	Jazz Dynamos in Concert	Northleach Church	7pm
Wed 9 Oct	TASC - Talk on Whistler	Warwick Hall	10.50am
Sat 5 Oct	Charity Fashion Show	Warwick Hall	7pm
Tue 15 Oct	FABW1 Harvest Festival	Baptist Church	7.30pm
Wed 16 Oct	Lenthall Concert - Brahms and Beethoven	Burford School	TBA
Sat 19 Oct	Windrush Christmas Fair	Windrush Village Hall OX18 4TT	11-3
Fri 25 Oct	Plonk & Pudding Party	Baptist Church Burford	TBA
Thu 7 Nov	Tolsey Museum Book Launch Event	TBA	TBA
Tue 12 Nov	FABW1 Talk - Pre-Raphaelite Sisterhood	Baptist Church	7.30pm

PLEASE remember to give us **DAY, DATE and TIME** when providing information about forthcoming events to ensure the full and correct details are published. Thank you.
Editors

Sometimes this information is changed without notification to us, so please do check before turning up to an event.

USEFUL CONTACTS + INFORMATION

Please check hours of opening which are subject to change

REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Aerobics	Monday and two on Thursday	Warwick Hall Monday 6.15pm, Thursday 11.45 and 6.15pm	Gill Hames 822971 gillianhames46@gmail.com
Astally Arms	Last Friday of the month	Memorial Hall Asthall Leigh	From 7.00 pm
Badminton Group	Monday nights	Burford School 8-10pm. Friendly, all abilities	Kevin 704655 scareyradar@yahoo.co.uk
BEAGles aka Burford Environment Action Group	Third Monday of the month	The Prince of Burford	7.30pm
Burford Bridge Club	Every Tuesday Joining Fee £30 Monthly Session Fee £12.00	Warwick Hall Contact 07831 301886 bbc/office@mail.com	5-7pm
Burford Badminton Club	Tuesday nights 8-10pm	Burford School - fun, social, all abilities	Vijay 891043 vijaysmobile@gmail.com
Burford Crafters	3rd Wednesday of the month	Burford Library 2.30-3.30	Judith Butcher 01993 824194
Burford & District Society	Meet 7 times a year	Warwick Hall at 7.00pm	Bert Clough, Secretary 07943 720668
Burford Town Bowls Club	Friendly Roll-up all Mondays	Bowls Club from 6.30 pm	Pat Walker 01993 822330 patr47@btinternet.com
Burford Trees care/planting	4th Sunday of the month	Community Allotment - Tanners Lane	lucy.staveley@gmail.com
Coffee and Company	Every Wednesday	St John the Baptist Church 10.30 - 12 midday	Diana Peters 01993 822785
Cub Scouts	Mondays (term time)	Scout Hut 6 - 7.30 pm	Mandy Bielby 07941 470465
Fencing	Tuesdays	Bradwell Village 7-9pm	Keith Money 01982 448295
Fulbrook & Burford WI (FaBWI)	Second Tuesday of every month	Burford Baptist Church Hall	Jennie Craven 07710 103015 thefabwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk
Fulbrook Coffee am	Every 3rd Thursday	Fulbrook Meeting Place 10.30 - 12	Lyn Bibbings 823640
Fulbrook Fitness Group	Thursday (wef Sept 2021)	Fulbrook Meeting Place 9am	Pat Ferrett 822892
Horticultural Association	Fourth Thursday	Bowls Club - times vary	Janet Copley 01451 844210
North Cotswold Arts Assoc.	Every 2nd Wednesday	Warwick Hall	2-4pm
Pickleball - fun, social sport	Mon 11-1pm, Thu 10-12pm, Fri 8-10pm	Charlbury Community Centre	Vijay 01993 891 043 or vijaysmobile@gmail.com
Pilates Class	Wednesdays 10.00am	Burford Baptist Church	Elizabeth Jarvis cotswoldpilates123@gmail.com
Pilates Class	Thursdays 9.30am. Suitable for men and women	Warwick Hall	Elizabeth www.wellnessity.co.uk 07932 981023
Power Pilates	Tuesdays 6.45	Warwick Hall	Elizabeth www.wellnessity.co.uk 07932 981023
Rhyme Time	Friday 9.15-10.00 am Term Times	Burford Library (for under 5's)	Carol-Amy Holdcroft 823377
Rock-a-Tots	Tuesday during Term Time	Warwick Hall	9.45 - 11.15 www.burfordchurch.org/rockatots
Rotary Burford & Kingham	Monday	The Burford Golf Club	John Smith 07717 883182
Signpost - Coffee and Help	Every Wednesday in term time.	The Warwick Hall, Burford 10.00 - 12 midday	Opportunity to raise worries confidentially
Scouts	Thursday (term time)	Scout Hut 6 - 8pm	Alex Gill 07762161769 burfordscouts@gmail.com
Scrabble	1st Tuesday of each month	Burford Library (free soft drinks)	7pm
The Arts Society Cotswolds	2nd Wed (not July/Aug)	Warwick Hall 11.00	publicity@theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk
The Wychwood Lodge of Freemasons	3rd Thursday Sept-April	The Masonic Hall 31 Sheep Street	Mike 868302 / Allan 822240 wychwood988@outlook.com
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CHURCH SERVICES

BURFORD BENEFICE

St John the Baptist, Burford

01 September	
Benefice Holy Communion (CW)	9.30am
Morning Service	11.00am
08 September	
Matins with Choir (BCP)	9.30am
Holy Communion (CW)	11.00am
Evening Meeting in the Warwick Hall	7.00pm
15 September	
Holy Communion (CW)	9.30am
Morning Service	11.00am
Evening Meeting in the Warwick Hall	7.00pm
22 September	
Morning Prayer (CW)	9.30am
Morning Service (CW)	11.00am
Evening Meeting in the Warwick Hall	7.00pm
29 September	
Morning Service (CW)	11.00am
Evening Meeting in the Warwick Hall	7.00pm

Every Wednesday at 10.30am we have Holy Communion Service followed by Coffee & Company.

St James the Great, Fulbrook

08 September	
Matins (BCP)	9.30am
15 September	
Matins (BCP)	9.30am
22 September	
Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am
29 September	
Benefice Holy Communion (CW)	9.30am

St John the Evangelist, Taynton

15 September	
Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm

St Mary, Swinbrook

01 September	
Holy Communion (CW)	11.00am
08 September	
Morning Service	11.00am
15 September	
Morning Service	11.00am
22 September	
Morning Service	11.00am
22 September	
Morning Service	11.00am
Evening Prayer	6.00pm

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22 September	
Evening Prayer (BCP)	6.00pm

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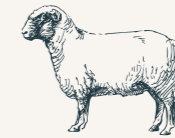
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