

A Fortunate Man

...revisited, 50 years on.

Exhibition from 11 am

Dr John

John Berger & Jean Mohr

The book & its impact

Forest of Dean in the 1960s

Forest doctors in print

Who are the people in the pictures?

See Dr Eskell's cine films

See Moat Committee Film

Hear local memories of St Briavels

St Briavels History
bring along your
photos, documents,
memories...

St Briavels School photography & writing
project: documenting the village today.

2pm Guided Walk

St Briavels in the 60's & 70's
with Diana Standing of
FoDLHS,
& Robin Harris

11 am - 4 pm
free entry

Sunday 24th

St Briavels, Assembly Rooms

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Since its first publication the book *A Fortunate Man* (1967) has been seen as a remarkable insight into the relationship between doctor & patients, & recommended reading for trainee GPs

'a masterpiece of witness: a moving meditation on
humanity, society and the value of healing'
The Guardian

'If I could choose only one book on the planet, it
would be this book'
Dr Iona Heath, London GP

Written by renowned writer & critic John Berger, with
photographs by Jean Mohr, the book follows the work
of St Briavels Doctors John Eskell and the lives of his
patients. Now, for the first time, the book is being
explored in the place that made it.

Reading the Forest

Researching & raising the profile of
the Forest of Dean's literary heritage.



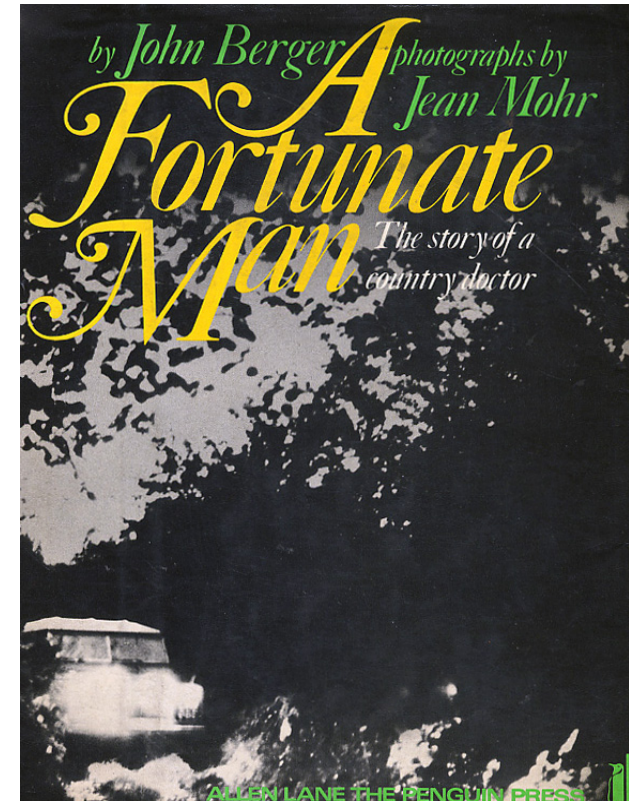
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Local History Society, and the people
of St Briavels.



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22nd - 24th June

Exhibition

Films

Talks

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Film Screening the 1972 BFI film

filmed in Soudley and Blakeney, with a local cast



Introduced by its
director

Jeff Perks

Do you remember it being made?
Do you recognize anyone?
Were you in it?

*Tell us about the people
& places in the film*

7.30 pm
free entry
refreshments

Friday 22nd

Soudley, Village Hall

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Talks & Films

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Reconsidering the book about a St Briavels doctor and his patients

- 1.00 Introducing the book & its authors
- 1.30 *A Fortunate Man* (1972), filmed on location in the Forest of Dean
- 2.10 Responding to the film
- 2.30 *New Release* (1967) BBC TV feature on the book, including local footage
- 3.00 Panel discussion of the book & its themes
- 4.00 Round up of the day

The Panel: Chaired by BBC Gloucestershire's Jo Durrant
Dr Julia Peck photographer & academic, Uni. Gloucestershire
Dr Chris Nancollas local retired GP & author
Dave Kent 1970's St Briavels resident & columnist on *The Citizen*
James Derounian academic Uni. Gloucestershire, rural campaigner, writer for *The Guardian*

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11-1
Chepstow Book Shop
books for sale

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Saturday 23rd

St Briavels, Assembly Rooms

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