

THE Bourton BUGLE

LOCAL NEWS, VIEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BOURTON-ON-THE-HILL

WINTER 2015



*West Border
Bourton House*



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- **Christmas Party & Carol Singing**
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Welcome to the Winter edition of the Bourton Bugle - we have a lot of news including details of our Christmas services and the Christmas party.

It was with great sadness that we heard of David Peake's passing. With the very kind permission of Suki Peake we have included an extract from an appreciation given at his recent thanksgiving service in Longborough..

Wishing everyone a happy & healthy Christmas

Ailsa Vigrass

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

The Services

8th November , 10.50am

Remembrance Service

Please note the time

15th November, 11.15am

Matins (BCP)

22nd November, 11.15am

Holy Communion (CW)

29th November, 11.15am

Holy Communion (CW)

6th December, 6.00pm

Evening prayer (BCP)

13th December, 11.15am

Holy Communion (CW)

20th December, 11.15am

Carol Service (Wine & mince pies)

Christmas Eve, 11.30pm

Midnight Mass (taken by our Vicar this year)

27th December, 11.15am



Holy Communion (CW)

Other events

Village Christmas party in the Old School on 12th December.

Carol singing in the village on Friday 18th December . If you would like to join the singers please come along to Tawnies at 6.00pm.

Peter Herbert

PARISH COUNCIL

Highways

Since the new white gates were installed at the entrances to the village, several villagers have reported that they think that the gates have had a positive effect - that vehicles coming from Moreton are now slowing down more as they enter the village.

Various broken bollards on the main road between the church and the Horse & Groom have been replaced. If you know of any other broken / missing bollards, please let us know.

We are conducting an audit of redundant signs in our Parish for Highways to remove redundant or inaccurate signs and for them to replace any missing signs.

Funds Available

There are between £300 and £500 available for a youth activity - for youths aged between 11 and 19 in the village. We have passed this on the Old School to see if they can use for any of their events.

Broadband

Our broadband speeds should improve within the next six months, as BT are installing fibre from the exchange to the cabinet at the top of the village.

Allotments

All the allotments are now taken.



Councillors

The Parish Councillors are Andy Vigrass (Chairman), Liz Bowden (Vice Chairman), Louise Davis, Jacqueline Jobs, Sir Peter Herbert, Tom Martin & Mark Norton. The Clerk to the Parish Council is Alexia Monroe.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held in the Old School hall at 6.30pm on Monday 7th December.

Alexia Monroe /Andy Vigrass

THE OLD SCHOOL



Films

Since I last wrote, we have had three great films at the Rural Cinema.



In September it was **To Kill a Mocking Bird**, in October it was **The Lady in Gold** and in November it will be **Far From The Madding Crowd**.

The next film will then be in January. Please look out for posters and flyers. We hope to see you there. This is a very social event, you can arrive at 6.30 p.m. where you can purchase a Hot Dog and a glass of wine or fruit juice and sit chatting until the film starts at 7.15 p.m.

Harvest Supper

The Old School and the PCC Committee jointly held a Harvest Supper in October, this again was a really sociable event. If you have never been to one of these events before please give them a try.

New Facilities

We now have our own film equipment in the hall, so if you are planning an event such as a

children's party, please bear this in mind. We have had two generous donations, which have enabled us to buy the final piece we needed - the projector.

The hall makes a great party venue with two kitchens.

Christmas Party

Note for your diary: Saturday the 12th December. Our annual **Village Christmas Party**, a great event with music and Christmas readings.



All of the things put on at the hall are aimed at children as well as the adults, so why not bring them along too?

For the Christmas Party we would love people to get involved and maybe do a Christmas reading, it does not have to be religious, but must have a Christmas theme. It would also be good to get some of the children involved in either the readings, or if they play a musical instrument and would be interested in entertaining us, either solo or in a group, we would love to hear from you. We aim to have a real family type Christmas Party, involving everyone.

Please contact me regarding either doing a reading or if your child is interested in playing.

Happy Christmas to you all from the Old School Committee. (Pat & Jerry Freeman. Sandra & Philip Gee, Anne Robertson, Catherine Firth, John Weston & Roger Rippin).

*Pat Freeman
Tel. 701396*



THE OLD SCHOOL AND PARKING PROBLEMS

Would everyone please be aware that people renting the Old School for functions have total use of the car park during their hire period?

We do not mind villagers parking there at any other time, but could everyone please be aware that if you park in the car park that you please try to park at the far end, or against the far wall, so that others can get in and out easily.

There is no ideal solution to this problem but we have had discussions with the Bridge Club. It is also our intention to have new signs put in the car park. It is hoped that Gloucestershire County Council will be able to replace the white lines marking parking spaces outside the main wall.

Could we please all be aware of the problem and give a little more thought to other people when parking.

*Pat Freeman
(Chair of the Old School Committee)
Tel. 701396*

CAROL SINGING

Carol singing around the village will take place on Friday 18th December, this year in aid of Kate's Home Nursing.



We will meet at Tawnies at 6pm for light refreshments and a warm up. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

If you would like to sing or be visited by the singers please contact Anne or John Robertson on 01386 701564

Anne Robertson

BOURTON HOUSE GARDENS



As Bourton House Garden approaches the end of the season, the garden is, as usual, a hive of activity as the gardeners prepare for winter and the cold weather ahead. The aconiums and other succulents will soon all be back in the glasshouse, tender plants are being lifted or wrapped, bulbs planted and cuttings taken for next year. We are used to our gardeners doing an excellent job but this year they have excelled themselves and we really think the garden has looked the most beautiful ever! Our Visitor's Book is full of superlatives.

We were pleased the garden featured in a new book 'Secret Gardens of The Cotswolds - a Personal Tour of 20 Private Gardens' by award-winning journalist Victoria Summerley, with photographs by Hugo Ritson-Thomas. We have been delighted to host many groups from overseas and nearer to home in 2015; already the bookings are flooding in for 2016. These include a visit by Karl Ploberger, an Austrian TV gardener, who will not only be guiding one hundred keen gardeners around the garden but also filming it for his TV programme and a visit from the Royal Danish Horticultural Society.

Carolyn Coleman and her team have proved a big hit in the Tithe Barn, with Carolyn's carrot cake being a much requested recipe. We are delighted that they have decided to join us again next year.

We would like to thank everyone in the village who has supported us during the past year and wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

Roelof and Cheryl Quintus



BOURTON ON THE HILL EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Dear Young Villagers,

Do you ever wish.....

- You could go on a school trip with your friends?
- You could learn something new (eg play a musical instrument, learn to dance, learn a language, do computer or photography course, learn how to sew or knit)
- You could join a sports club or learn a new sport,
(There are so many to chose from: football, swimming, trampolining, floorball, hockey, gymnastics, running, horse riding, kayaking, martial arts, rugby, cricket and more.....)

You could join an after school club?

Do you need.....

- Equipment for Duke of Edinburgh or a school camping trip?
- School uniform to start secondary school?
- Kit for sports or club?
- Equipment or books for a college or university course?
- Extra tutoring?

ARE YOU TOLD....





BOURTON ON THE HILL EDUCATIONAL TRUST



Educational
Trust comes to
the Rescue!

Help for all young people (under 25) residing in Bourton on the Hill.

There is money for the children resident in the village saved up for a long time. The Trustees can give out this money to help with all of these things and more.

Every young person who lives in our village can ask for some money towards educational or learning activities, and it does not depend on how much your parents earn.

All you have to do is fill in this form or email us or phone us or write us a letter (or you could ask your mum or dad to do it for you!).

After you've used the money, we would like a short thank you note to tell us how the money has helped you.

The Trustees are:

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A LIFE OF SERVICE - DAVID PEAKE



David did his National Service as an officer in the Royal Scots Greys. After it he went up to Oxford and read History . His command of history gave him a much clearer view of events and of the future than most people can muster.

He led a full life at Christ Church apart from the academic work. The recreation he most enjoyed was beagling. He became a leading figure in this field, and was Joint Master of the Christ Church and New College Beagles, later the Christ Church and Farley Hill Beagles. David considered Beagling was a fruitful and healthy part of university life.

After Oxford he began his career in the City of London. Following a spell at Schroders, he joined Kleinwort Benson. Sir Cyril Kleinwort, Suki's father, who went out of his way to persuade David to join the firm because he admired David's integrity, intelligence and strength of character.

His career in the City was marked not just by success in the usual sense, but by the fact that he was universally regarded as a person with total integrity, whom one could always trust.

In due course he became a director and then chairman of the Group in 1989. He led the firm with a sense of trusteeship bearing in mind that he was part of the Kleinwort family.. He was a shrewd banker.

He had other appointments. Among these, he was for some years chairman of the Yorkshire trading company Hargreaves, and he was chairman of the UK subsidiary of the Banque National de Paris and was also on the main board of that important French bank. He spoke perfect French and this was obviously a big advantage.

He did a great deal outside his main job particularly in the field of education but also with other charities. He was for some time on the board of the British Library. And nearer here he was instrumental in the revival of the Chipping Norton Theatre, becoming its chairman for several years. Generosity was always a keynote in all his charitable work.

One of the aspects of his City of London life which brought him enormous pleasure and great credit was the Goldsmiths' Company. This Company still, 700 years after its foundation , does its job in the gold and silver workers community. David became a member of the Court of Assistants in 1992 and Prime Warden , i.e. the boss , in 2003. He gave great service to Company. When the Queen came to visit the Company, before David was elevated to the Court of Assistants, the liverymen were gathered in the Hall into groups of ten or eleven. When the Queen came to his group David held back in his unselfish way to let others enjoy her presence. However it was impossible to conceal his tall and erect stature and Her Majesty went through the group and asked him "What do you do ?" David replied: "Not very much ma'am" She responded with a knowing smile "And why not?". She, with



her ready sense of humour, knew what the score was.

By far the most important part of his life was Suki, Suki and their family: his children Katharine and Edward, and of course Andrew and Camilla , and especially the grandchildren, whom he dearly loved . His family was the centre of his life . Suki was his abiding companion and strength. David well recognised how valuable her love and constant support were. He loved Sezincote and he and Suki were wonderful stewards of its beauty.

He greatly enjoyed hunting and gave the hunt, of which he became chairman, a great deal of generous support. As you all know, hunting involves courage, determination and a talent for comradeship, all qualities which David certainly had. The Heythrope was a part of his life he loved.

And then there was the shoot. David, with Michael as his keeper, made Sezincote into a very good shoot indeed.

A memorable occasion at Sezincote was the lunch party Edward and Camilla hosted for David's 80th birthday. David stood tall and erect to welcome us all, and never gave the slightest hint of how he must have been feeling, although severe illness was already upon him. It was a demonstration of unselfishness and generosity.

Always present was his dog Midnight. David dearly loved him and it was reciprocated until poor Midnight died. More recently there was Twilight, another beautiful black Labrador.

A few days ago I was with Suki and Twilight at Home Farmhouse. I could see the piles of the hundreds of letters which Suki has received from the countless friends who

loved and respected David. Twilight lay at my feet.

We shall forever miss David.

(extract taken from an appreciation delivered at David's Memorial Service)

Sir Martin Jacomb

THE NEXT ISSUE

is due out in early February. Items for inclusion should be submitted by mid January to:-



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