

THE Bourton BUGLE

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

AUTUMN 2016

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- **Autumn Fair – this Saturday, 1st October**
- Village website
- Hillcrest decision
- Horse & Groom - under new management
- And more!



Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Bugle which is full of useful information – from the fund raising event of the year (and it's this weekend folks!) to how to help improve our broadband service and our new village website. I am particularly pleased that we can share with you a snippet on the usually unseen heroics that support our community life – none more so than Mike Bunston and John Weston (see below) who both deserve Blue Peter badges in my book.

Ailsa Vigrass

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

The Parochial Church Council is now The Rev Dana Delap, the Churchwardens, Sandra Gee, Frances Stone, Tom Martin and Henry Betts.



The Services

Sunday 2nd October, 6.00pm
Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 9th October, 11.15am
Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 16th October, 11.15am
Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 23rd October, 11.15am
Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 30th October
**No service at Bourton on the Hill.
Blockley @ 9.30am**

Sunday 6th November, 6.00pm
Evensong (BCP)

**Sunday 13th November, 10.50am
Remembrance Service
Please note the time of this service.
Taken by Rev David Quin**

Sunday 20th November, 11.15am
Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 27th November, 11.15am
Holy Communion (CW)

**Wednesday 21st December, 7.00pm
Carol Service.** This will be a wonderful service, this time chosen to be in candlelight. There will also be mince pies with mulled wine. A service you can't miss!

Also please note there be **Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm** and a **New Year Holy Communion on Sunday 1st January at 11.15am.**

Other news

We have a new flagpole.



Thanks to the gallant duo (Mike Bunston and John Weston) who erected it.

We fly the St George flag on ordinary days and a special St Lawrence flag on high days and holidays

Peter Herbert



PARISH COUNCIL

Bourton Website Goes Live

www.bourtononthehill.co.uk

We are now on-line ! The first version of our village website has now gone live. Please do



go and have a look.

The major sections right now are:

- Parish Council
- The Old School
- St Lawrence's Church
- The Help in Need Trust
- The Educational Trust
- The Bourton Bugle
- Local Attractions
- Faster Broadband Petition

The site will naturally evolve over the coming months and years.

Please pass any ideas you may have for improving and using the website to us at info@bourtononthehill.co.uk.

Broadband

Broadband speed (or the lack of it) has been a concern for many of us recently. To help address this, BT Community Broadband requires communities to collect a petition of



interested residents. We have set up a petition page on the village website for parishioners to register their support. **Please help and join the petition.**

The petition will also help our cause with other routes to obtain fast broadband, including Gigaclear/Fastershire.

Highways

We have asked Highways to repair the pot holes in the back lane, to clear the drains in the main road above the Horse & Groom and to clear the vegetation from the pathway between Fenhill Close and the Arboretum entrance.



Millennium Wood

A professional survey of the trees has been conducted by TreeCreepers Arborists Ltd who have identified 10 trees that need removing due to disease, overcrowding and/or are not thriving. We have decided to proceed with this work and will ensure that any memorial plaques do not get damaged and are preserved in the wood.



Hillcrest - Approved



On the 14th September the Cotswold District Council's (CDC's) planning committee voted by 8 votes to 5 in favour of the Hillcrest plans.

The CDC Heritage Officer expounded on the merits of modern design and convinced the members that they should embrace this in traditional settings. One committee member did say they should listen to the objections, but this message was ignored. Most notable of those in favour of the design was Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington (Conservative



member for The Rissingtons) who has recently appointed by CDC as its Heritage and Design champion.

One councillor said how the glass buildings in Milton Keynes were quite beautiful and so the Hillcrest design should be supported. With the stance taken by the Heritage Officer and Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington there was no chance of the objections winning the day.

Clearly this was a disappointing result for us and one that could have significant implications for similar developments in the Cotswolds. That being said, the Parish Council would like to thank all those villagers who took the time and trouble to contact the CDC to express their views. Given this decision it will be even more important that we continue our efforts to ensure that local voices are put forward.

Bourton Woods

The Batsford Estate Office (01608 650722) has advised us of changes recently introduced for walkers using Bourton Woods. They have introduced a permit scheme costing £20 each. The reason behind this has been the withdrawal of government grants so this charge will replace some of the funds needed to maintain the woodland. The old permit scheme has been withdrawn and the new one is valid for a year from the time of purchase. Application forms are available in the Batsford office porch (9-5pm) and cheques are made payable to ‘Bourton Woodlands’.

Councillors

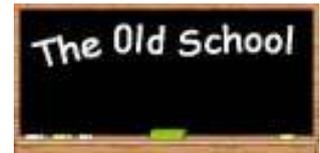
The Parish Councillors are Andy Vigrass (Chairman), Liz Bowden (Vice Chairman), Louise Davis, Jacqueline Job, Sir Peter Herbert, Tom Martin & Mark Norton. The Clerk to the Parish Council is Alexia Monroe.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held in the Old School hall at 6.30pm on Monday 14th November. All members of the public are very welcome to attend.

*Alexia Monroe /
Andy Vigrass*

THE OLD SCHOOL



On Sunday the 24th September the Harvest Supper was held at the Old School. Twenty -two people sat down to a hot two course harvest supper, beautifully cooked by the Committee. John Robertson played the piano, and we sang a few harvest songs, one being "Combined Harvester". Every-one enjoyed the evening and all for £6 a head – an absolute bargain.

This year’s Christmas Party will be held at the Old School on Saturday the 10th December, so please put the date in your diary and come along and support us. We would love to see even more villagers at these events.

As with all Committees we volunteer our time and enjoy organising these events, with the idea of providing a service to the village. Please let me know if there is an event you would like us to try and organize.

The regular monthly film night is still running so do look out for posters and flyers.

Autumn Fair



This Saturday, the 1st October, the biannual village Autumn Fair will be held in the grounds of Bourton House from 11:00am to 3:00pm. There will be a brass band, refreshments, a raffle with super prizes,



tombola, books, toys, bric-a-brac and home produce amongst other attractions.

If you still have anything for the Fair, it can be brought to Bourton House any time after 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Please do come along and support the Old School and the Church, as all proceeds from the day will be divided equally between them. This is a major fund raising day for both the Old School and the Church. There will be lots to enjoy and we hope to see you there.

*Pat Freeman
Tel. 701396*

HORSE & GROOM

After 11 years at the top of the hill, in late August Will & Tom Greenstock sold the Horse & Groom. In an update to the Parish Council they said:



“We have loved every minute of our time here but our personal lives have changed significantly and we feel now is the right time to look to new ventures.

The timeframe is short; we hand over the keys Thursday morning so I am not sure we will have the chance to say goodbye in person but I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your unwavering support over the years.

You welcomed us with open arms and jubilation, supported us with your custom as we built the business, provided your offspring to fill our staffing needs, jived on jazz nights, joined in with the Jubilee, braved the rain on HM birthday and made us feel proud to be publicans of a village with such an amazing community spirit! You’ve provided us with some great memories that we will cherish and hopefully we’ve done the same for you.

The new owners are Cirrus Inns, successful and award-winning operators and whilst we are sure there will be a few changes, we are confident that the pub is in great hands and will continue to maintain high standards and friendly service. All of the team are continuing (unless they choose not to) so there will be some friendly faces and a warm welcome still.

It has been an emotional few days telling the team and we’re sure the next few will be similar but we are both looking forward to lie in on Friday. And Saturday. And Sunday...”

We are very sad to see them go as they have been great partners and friends with the village, making a huge success of the pub we fought so hard to save from closure. We wish them all the very best for their future plans and are sure they will go onto even greater success.

Andy Vigrass

Bridge Club

The Bridge Club meets in the Old School most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All welcome. Please see further details at: www.bridgewebs.com/northcotswolds



Alan Lamb

EDUCATIONAL TRUST

New for this year; any children who are about to start Primary or Secondary school are eligible for a grant to help with uniform and other kit, and the Trustees will continue to give a grant to those starting college or university. We do need you to tell us who they are though, please!





We consider grants for any additional educational activities, for anyone in the village aged 25 or under. Please do email, write, or phone us about any requests or, if you prefer, we can give you an application form. The application form is also available on the Bourton on the Hill website.

The Trustees are: -

- Catherine Firth, Porch House, allen.firth@btinternet.com, 700939
- Louise Davis, 8 Fenhill Close, peteloudavis@gmail.com, 700033
- Dana Delap (Vicar), dana@delap.org.uk, 700676
- Carlin Anderson
- Rupert Crawshaw

Catherine Firth

BOURTON HOUSE GARDENS

We are pleased to report that Bourton House Garden has had a very successful season, with visitor numbers up every month to date.



Our gardeners Paul, Jacky and Gareth have once again done a fantastic job and the garden seems to look better every year. Our Visitors Book is full of compliments and we are consistently getting four and five star reviews on Trip Advisor. Carolyn, who runs the Tea Room, regularly gets asked for her cake recipes by visitors from all over the world!

We have greeted many groups, including several new groups from Scandinavia, as well as many gardening clubs and other groups closer to home. We had a fantastic open day for the NGS in August and were able to donate a substantial sum to support their various charities.

In October, we are expecting a visit from Terry Mitchell from McMinnville, Tennessee, who is a direct descendant of Sir Nicholas Overbury who rebuilt Bourton House in 1598. Terry is very keen to receive any information on Sir Nicholas Overbury - if anyone can help him, please contact Christine on admin@bourtonhouse.com and she will put you in touch.

Finally, we are looking forward to hosting and enjoying all the fun of the Bourton-on-the-Hill Autumn Fair.

Very best wishes

Roelof and Cheryl Quintus

THE NEXT ISSUE

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



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