

WINTER 2016



- Our Christmas services at St. Lawrence's
- Christmas gifts for the under 18's
- Christmas refuse collection
- And more!





Welcome to the Winter edition of the Bugle - we have a lot of news including details of our Christmas services. There's the amazing results from the Autumn Fair. Wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas and a great 2017.

Ailsa Vigrass

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

The Services

Sunday 18th December 11.15am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 21st December 7.00 pm

Candle lit Carol Service.

Please note the time. Time chosen so it is dark outside. The Church will look wonderful with only candles. Do come. Mince pies as well!

Saturday 24th December, Christmas Eve 11.30pm

Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December, Christmas Day 9.30am.

There is an All age communion at Blockley

Sunday 1st January 11.15 am

Holy Communion (BCP)



The Parochial Church Council:

The Rev. Dana Delap.

Philip Gee, Churchwarden

Mike Bunston, Churchwarden

Frances Stone

Tom Martin

Sandra Gee

Henry Betts

All of whom will be happy respond to any questions

Peter Herbert

PARISH COUNCIL

Christmas Refuse Collection

The Christmas collections are:-

- Green Bins - Wed 4th Jan (instead of Mon 2nd),
- Green & Black Bins - Wed 28th Dec (instead of Mon 26th), Tue 10th Jan (instead of Mon 9th).



Highways

The Parish Council asked the mowing contractor to trim around the white gates and bollards at the entrances to the village, starting in the spring. This will keep our traffic calming measures as visible as possible.



The 'no parking' signs along Back Lane, just along from the Old School Hall, have been repaired after damage by motorists. GCC Highways Department require that there should only be parking along the Old School Hall wall on this section of road to ensure emergency vehicles can pass.

Broadband

A petition is being circulated to help raise our profile with BT's 'FasterShire' requesting faster broadband. BT have asked for this as they say it helps them prioritise their work.



www.bourtononthehill.co.uk

Keep checking out the website for latest news on the home page.



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.

Alexia Monroe / Andy Vigrass



THE OLD SCHOOL



Despite a torrential downpour on the day, we raised a fantastic **£1,441.79** from the Autumn Fair – so many thanks to all those who ran stalls or came along and supported. The funds raised were split equally between St Lawrence and The Old School.

The new Jubilee gate is now installed at the Old School and I hope everyone agrees that it was well worth waiting for.

In partnership with the church we held a Harvest Supper, and the twenty-two attendees did great justice to the food and the singing.

By the time you read this we will have had our annual family Christmas Party at the Old School. We expect to be catering for over fifty people at this event. It is good to get together with friends and neighbours to celebrate this special time of year.

The film for January 2017 will be “**Absolutely Fabulous**”. It will of course be fabulous – come and watch Eddie and Patsy ooze glitz and glamour on the French Riviera.



The parking problem in the village will never go away as there is obviously a lack of space for parking, but we have had mostly positive reactions to our letter about the problem in the Old School Hall car park. This will need the villagers ongoing support to keep the car park clear for hall users. The hall users are also monitoring their parking to minimise their effect on the village. We would like to thank everyone for their understanding of this problem.

The Committee has been approached about sourcing a tennis table for the Old School, and we would like to gauge how many people would be interested in using it? Could any interested parties please let me know, and if anyone would be interested in running it?



We are still in need of one or two people to join the Hall Committee. We meet once a month for perhaps two hours to discuss and organise the various events. These meetings are enjoyable and include coffee and chat. If you would like to know more, please do not be too shy to approach me to discuss anything you would like to know.

May we Pat, Sandra, Catherine. Anne. Frances, Philip and Roger (The Committee) Wish Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Pat Freeman
Tel. 701396*

OPEN GARDENS 2017

Next summer Village Open Gardens will take place on Sunday 2nd July from 1pm to 5pm. The acclaimed Bourton House Garden will be open along with a number of other gardens in the village and teas will be available in the Old School Hall.



In the past, eight or nine village gardens have been open for people to visit. It does not matter however small or humble you feel your garden to be, it is the variety of size, style and planting that visitors appreciate.

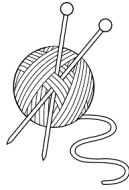
If you are willing to open your garden or want more information please contact me, on 01386 701564.

Anne Robertson



KNITTING & TODDLER GROUPS

The knitting/crafting group meet downstairs at the Old School every other Wednesday from 8-10 pm, tea and coffee provided. The next date is the 21st December and fortnightly thereafter. Cost is £1.50. If anyone is interested or needs more details, please phone 01386 700307.



Also, the Toddler group runs every Monday during term time 10-12 am with snack/drinks provided for children and tea/coffee for parents.



Carlin Anderson

BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club meets in the Old School most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All welcome. The next beginners course is starting in late February / early March. Please see further details at: www.bridgewebs.com/northcotswolds.



Alan Lamb

EDUCATIONAL TRUST

A Christmas Present for all young people in the village?



Yes it's true! The Educational Trust will again be giving all young people under the age of 18 a small gift of money to buy something to help with their education - books, stationery, a schoolbag or sports equipment, for example.

We think we know who you all are, but if you are new to the village, or suspect that we may

have missed you off our list, then please do contact one of us as soon as possible.

We at the Educational Trust are also here to help anyone under the age of 25 with their education or training, so if there's something you (or a child you care for) would like help with, then please ask one of the team. They are: Dr Louise Davis and Carlin Anderson (Fenhill), Rupert Crawshaw (Main street) and Dr. Catherine Firth (next to the church) - email allen.firth@btinternet.com or phone 700939.

Catherine Firth

GET READY FOR WINTER

The recent freezing temperatures across the District have reminded us all that we need to take extra care now that winter is here.



With this in mind, the CDC is promoting a 'Get ready for Winter' page on its website which provides help and advice about preparing for winter and bad weather including, driving, school closures, possible disruptions to waste collections, flooding and snow. See www.cotswold.gov.uk/residents/get-ready-for-winter/

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COTSWOLD CARE LINE



Cotswold Careline offers a 'Bogus Caller' service, which can be used in the event of a situation that causes worry and distress or an intimidating visitor.

With the simple press of a 'Bogus Caller' button a silent alarm is raised, which automatically connects to the professional team at the monitoring centre. The team are available 24/7, so help is always on hand and once the alarm is activated the team can



discreetly listen into the situation and assess whether there is a need to summon assistance.

The ‘Bogus Caller’ service is known to be particularly reassuring to the elderly or residents living alone, those with special needs or learning difficulties and victims of domestic violence.

The service works in conjunction with a Careline alarm box and provides extra security without intrusion, helping residents to feel safe in their own homes and provides peace of mind for their family and friends, particularly through the dark winter months.

A spokesperson for Cotswold Careline said: “When the clocks go back on 30 October, it can be an unnerving time for vulnerable members of the community, especially if they live alone. The ‘Bogus Caller’ service provides immediate reassurance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the more vulnerable members of the community.”

“The service is available to everyone and there is no qualifying pre-assessment. It can be tailored to individual requirements, ensuring support and help is always available to those who need it.”

To find out more about the ‘Bogus Caller’ service call the Cotswold Careline team on 01594 812505, or alternatively email cotswoldcareline@fdean.gov.uk or visit the Cotswold Careline website www.cotswoldcareline.co.uk The friendly staff will be able to answer any questions people may have and can offer a no obligation free home demonstration.

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BOURTON HOUSE GARDENS



Christmas Greetings from Bourton House Garden.

The garden is now 'put to bed' for the winter, with all the succulents safely in the glass house, tender shrubs wrapped in fleece and cuttings for next year potted up and growing well.

This year the garden extended its opening period to include Tuesdays. This has been a great success with Tuesdays generally being one of the busiest days of the week. We are delighted to tell you that the garden celebrated receiving over 9,500 paying visitors this year - a record number! We look forward to building on that success in 2017.

Group bookings from both home and abroad are already flooding in, with many requesting Carolyn's delicious home-made teas, which have proved immensely popular with visitors.

The topiary has already received its first highlighting with frost, with maybe snow to come later in the winter - and with the frost, another request from a top photographer to come and record the garden's winter glory. We are looking forward to seeing the photographs!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and much happiness in 2017.

Roelof and Cheryl Quintus

THE NEXT ISSUE

.. is due out in late March. Items for inclusion should be submitted by 9 March 2017 to: -



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