



Allez, allez mes villageois! Welcome to the Summer edition of the Bugle – which at the risk of ‘blowing our own bugle’, is a cracking edition. There’s news of a great national sporting event, literally on our doorsteps, a technological breakthrough, a bumper fundraising from Open Gardens and a fascinating voice from the past. Enjoy!

Ailsa Vigrass

Sunday 15th October
 18th Sunday after Trinity
 11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Sunday 22nd October
 19th Sunday after Trinity
 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 Sunday 29th October Bible Sunday
 9.30am Benefice Holy Communion (CW) **at Blockley**

ST LAWRENCE’S CHURCH

Services to the end of October.

We would be delighted to welcome you:



Sunday 13th August
 9th Sunday after Trinity
 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 Sunday 20th August
 10th Sunday after Trinity
 11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Sunday 27th August
 11th Sunday after Trinity
 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 Sunday 3rd September
 12th Sunday after Trinity
 6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
 Sunday 10th September
 13th Sunday after Trinity
 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 Sunday 17th September
 14th Sunday after Trinity
 11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Sunday 24th September
 Harvest Festival
 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 Sunday 1st October
 16th Sunday after Trinity
 6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
 Sunday 8th October
 17th Sunday after Trinity
 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)



Philip Gee

PARISH COUNCIL

The major news from the last few months is the positive announcement on broadband. Please see the following article for full details.

Councillors

At the Parish Council AGM on the 15th May Andy Vigrass was re-elected as Chairman and Liz Bowden was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.



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 (01386 700277).

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held in the Old School hall at 6.00pm on Monday 25th September. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Alexia Monroe / Andy Vigrass

BROADBAND



Fastershire is a partnership between Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Councils, which uses funding from central government and local authorities to deliver broadband across the two counties.

As a publicly funded project there are State Aid Approved rules:

- Must be proven failure of market provision
- Only valid to improve about 2Mbps or 30Mbps (odd rule but has to be followed)
- Cannot fund incremental improvements
- Must be able to have multiple ISPs available (so therefore cannot use Virgin for example as they use their own technology)

Fastershire had problems in phase 1 with the contractor stating they would provide to various areas then changing this at the last minute (this explains our frustrations with the apparent continual changing of deadlines). They are confident that the new contractor will not do this.

Phase 1 used BT contract for the rollout, which covered 63% of Gloucestershire. This delivered superfast fibre. Phase 1 is now finished.

Phase 2 is contracted with Gigaclear, this is better for Fastershire as they are open with data (most other companies are opaque). Also, they offer FTTP not FTTC (fibre to the premises, not just fibre to cabinets), though long drives may incur extra cost for some consumers. This is ULTRAFast fibre.

So for our village! – **YES, WE ARE IN PHASE 2** (most of the village). This will happen before the end of 2018.

Each household needs to check if they're included on this rollout (most should be) – look at the Fastershire website and put in your postcode. Their site is www.fastershire.com.

This is amazing news – the new fibre will have capacity for up to 1000Mbps if you want the most expensive option. It will not use a land line and so is not tied to BT and won't need any landline for broadband so households can use other methods (e.g. mobile phones or internet) for phone calls.

There will be the need for Gigaclear to dig the small trenches to lay the fibre but should not be for too long and will be worth it!! This system also has the capacity to be increased in the future as data needs change so is a great way of future proofing the village.

Louise Davis



THE TOUR OF BRITAIN



The Tour of Britain is coming through Bourton on the Hill on **Saturday 9th September**.

The Tour of Britain is a race of eight stages over eight days. On the penultimate day of the race it will come through Moreton-in-Marsh and turn left up Bourton on the Hill. In Moreton-in-Marsh there is a sprint prize and in Bourton on the Hill there will be a points prize for the 'King of the Mountains' (KoM).

By way of explanation, there are separate classifications which happen in parallel with the race to be the overall leader. For the King of the Mountains points prize, several hills along the course are nominated for points and the riders race to win the points. The points leader from the previous days wears the 'King of the Mountains' jersey. Similarly, there are intermediate sprints to win points for the Sprints jersey. The cyclists do not pause when they pass these intermediate finish lines but continue racing to the stage finish. Usually there is a relaxation of the pace, although occasionally an opportunist seizes the chance, as the pace slows, to launch an attack and break clear of the main group of cyclists.

This stage, being the penultimate day, could also be a strategically significant in the overall race: geographically speaking, it is the most central stage of the Tour in the country; it is the stage where the start the following day is closest to the finish and it is a Saturday. All these suggest that it could gain a good

following of cycling aficionados and it is possible we could have large crowds in Bourton on the Hill.

The race will be live on television for the last three hours of the stage. The sprint and the 'King of the Mountain' finish are likely to be shown on the one hour highlights' programme shown in the evening.

The Horse and Groom will be selling a commemorative beer and are planning to have a full-size screen so that people can continue to watch the race on television after the cyclists have passed. The Old School Hall and Bourton House Tithe Barn are planning refreshments and we are hoping to decorate the village. We are also hoping to organise some events at the start of the hill climb near the entrance to Batsford Arboretum.

If you have any ideas how to celebrate then please let us know. Bring your friends and let's see if we can make this a great party for the village. Contact Alexia Monroe (01386 700277).

Charles Monroe

FREESTYLE 360 BLOCKLEY 10K RUN



This race will be on Sunday 17th September. The route will follow a circuit starting in the centre of Blockley out past the cemetery and Northwick Park to Broad Campden back past the business centre and into Blockley. Please bear in mind that the roads in those areas could therefore be busier than usual on Sunday (although there will be road marshals). The organisers expect to have 50-100 entrants.

www.freestyle360.co.uk



THE OLD SCHOOL



The Rural Cinema continues to attract many people, including a number from outside the village. The film in June was "Lion" and July's film is "Ethel and Ernest." Hot dogs and a donation bar remain very popular. There will be no film in August and we await confirmation of the September film. Please watch out for posters and local information for the details.

We held a successful Wine Tasting with Majestic Wine on Friday 28th August followed by a Cheese and Wine supper. Our thanks to Cath Weaver who kindly donated a number of Simon Weaver cheeses which were thoroughly enjoyed by the 30 people attending. Also, many thanks to Beth from Majestic Wine for conducting the tasting.

Open Gardens on 2nd July exceeded our expectations with the numbers attending, (see separate report). Before Open Gardens we had a working party clearing and weeding the area around the hall and car park and the trough at the front has been planted with white and yellow flowers in anticipation of the Tour of Britain cycle event on Saturday 9th September.

Our plans for improvements to the Old School Hall continue. We now have the Jubilee gate and widened gate posts and want to build a ramp and handrail to the front entrance for wheelchair access. The sensor light at the front of the building has been adjusted to light access from the gate but not the road!

Our Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 7th October in the Old School Hall. Please note the date and watch out for further details nearer the time. We would be delighted to

see more people attending the various events. They are intended for the whole village and a great chance to get to know others.

We would also love to have one or two more on the Committee to help organise events through the year and help with maintenance of the village hall. If you are interested, please contact Anne Robertson (Chairman) on 701564 or Sandra Gee (Secretary) on 701385.

Enjoy your summer and we hope to see you at the events in autumn

Anne Robertson

GARDENS OPEN DAY



We are delighted to report that Open Gardens day on Sunday 2nd July was a huge success. We had a beautiful day which brought lots of visitors, 281 in total. The tearoom in the Old School Hall was inundated and had to send for reinforcements of cake after selling out! Eight village gardens opened in addition to Bourton House Gardens and visitors came from far and wide, including Cheltenham, London, USA and Poland. We even had a coach tour from Belgium visiting Cotswold gardens. After Hidcote and Kiftsgate Gardens they came to see Bourton on the Hill.

We had lots of appreciative comments on the well cared for gardens and beautiful views and even an email from a gentleman in London thanking us and saying how much he had enjoyed the day! So a very big thank you to all who opened their gardens and also to those who helped in the tearoom and with car parking. Our thanks also to Bourton House for opening their



garden and allowing us to use their car park. We are thrilled to have made almost £2,000 which will enable us to proceed with our plans to improve disabled access to the Old School.. Once again a big thank you to all who helped make this day such a success,

Anne Robertson

BOURTON HOUSE GARDENS

We are pleased to say that visitor numbers are up again and we are hopeful that we will at least equal our record season last year, if not exceed it. We are delighted to have once again been awarded the Trip Advisor 'Certificate of Excellence', for consistently receiving good reviews over the past year. We have some lovely comments both online and in our visitor's book complimenting the work of our wonderful gardeners Paul, Jacky and Gareth as well as fulsome praise for Carolyn's team in the Tithe Barn and their delicious food and great customer service.



As just about everyone knows by now, Stage Seven of the 'Tour of Britain Cycle Race' is due to pass through Bourton-on-the-Hill on Saturday 9th September en-route from Hemel Hempstead to the finish in Cheltenham. Bourton-on-the-Hill will see an intermediate King of the Mountains Climb taking place up the hill through the village. All very exciting! We have decided to open up the Bourton House Garden car park for the convenience of spectators visiting the village as we realise there is probably insufficient car parking to cope with the potential number of visitors. Let's hope it's a fine day!

Very best wishes

Roelof and Cheryl Quintus

AT BOURTON HOUSE DURING WORLD WAR II

The following is an account written by a Mrs Thelma Loughridge, aged 92, of her time spent at Welgarth Nursery Training College in the 1940s when the college was evacuated to Bourton House. Mrs Loughridge is an only child and was born and brought up at Worthyvale Manor (mentioned in the Domesday Book), a working farm near Camelford, North Cornwall. For her to leave home and travel all the way to the Cotswolds must have been a big adventure. Mrs Loughridge still has the samples of needlework that she had to do as part of her course.

"In 1943 at the age of nineteen years I decided to follow a career in nursery nursing. At that time, there were two or three colleges to choose from, I decided to go to Wellgarth Nursery Training College. This had been evacuated from London to Bourton House then owned by Lady Kendall Butler, and the course condensed from two years to one year. How I had traveled from Cornwall, I don't remember, probably by train as there no coaches in those days. I have memories of going along a large tree lined drive to this large house. The rooms were very large and suitable to accommodate the many children of different ages – from infants to 3-4-year olds – private evacuees. The warden at that time was Rachel Talbot – quite a severe lady!

Our duties which we had to record weekly, included kitchen work and preparation of food. We had one and half to two hours off duty daily and numerous classes. The latter included child study, needlework, housewifery, nutrition, nursery craft and numerous others. All of this amongst looking after the children and having to care for one child particularly. The youngest ones were



taken out on long walks in big ‘Marmet’ prams which we had to help clean.



It must have been a very hot summer as two or three of us decided to cycle to Lechlade – my bike as an old Rudge Whitworth second hand costing about 17 shillings. The roads had been freshly tarmacked and on our return our legs were speckled with tar – a lesson learnt! During the year at some stage I developed a very sore throat and was put in a small attic room in complete isolation (I never knew what exactly I had!). However, an elderly Doctor MacNamara was brought to see me and I was put on M&B693 which I presume was a type of penicillin. The M&B no doubt stood for ‘May & Baker’ a well-known pharmaceutical company at that time. It must have been quite a severe infection as I was allowed to convalesce in the grounds away from the others before eventually going home for the holidays. However, my year at Wellgarth was educational, interesting and full-on and of which I have many happy memories, ending in February 1944.

In March of that year I joined Doverhay Place Nursery as a staff nurse, based at Porlock Wear. This was one of many financed by the Anglo-American Relief Fund for evacuee children. My salary according to the new Rushcliffe report was set at £85 per annum plus a uniform allowance of £6 per annum!”

*Thelma Loughbridge (nee Baker),
Worthyvale Manor, Cornwall*

BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club meets in the Old School most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Also Fridays at Broadwell and Halford. All welcome including learners. For special events, classes, closures and general enquiries please refer to website at:



www.bridgewebs.com/northcotswolds

*Alan Lamb
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**VOLUNTEER WANTED
FOR CITIZENS ADVICE**

Citizens Advice are currently working to increase the number of volunteer advisers on our team from the north Cotswolds.



Potential advisers will be able to undertake much of the training from the comfort of their own homes through online modules that form a self-guided learning programme. Once qualified they will be able to advise in our Moreton Office which is open every Thursday, as well as from other community venues across the district if needed.

More information about the self-guided learning programme and on how to apply can be found at www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/stroud-cab-volunteering.php

**NORTH COTSWOLDS
FOOD BANK**



UK foodbank use continues to rise. In the last financial year (1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017), the Trussell Trust’s Foodbank Network provided 1,182,954 three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis, up from 1,109,309 in 2015-16. Low



income has risen as a referral cause from 23 percent to 26 percent.

At North Cotswold Foodbank, we gave out 1,312 parcels in 2016-2017, up from 1,206 in the previous financial year. We continue to be busy during the school holidays, and so the additional donations received from the June Tesco collection will help us over the summer school holidays when families struggle to feed children who would normally receive a free school meal.

Judith Rubenstein is a benefits researcher and art & design coordinator for the Women's Center for Education and Career Advancement in New York. Whilst visiting the Cotswolds last year she visited several of the North Cotswold Foodbank's outlets. With their permission, she talked to some clients. One person told her: "I have £11 in my purse to last me for a week. I need food for my children, but I live out in the countryside and need to put petrol in my car to get to the shops to buy food...but I can't do both. I am so grateful to the Foodbank for being there". Judith has now published a book of sketches and quotes from her experience in the Cotswolds and other Trussell Trust Foodbanks in the south-west of England, entitled "How we got here: Street corners and Foodbanks, UK & US".

Having a large quantity of tins of pulses, we decided to explore how we could encourage people to use them more. So, we set one of our volunteers who is a former food technology teacher, the challenge of coming up with recipes using the Foodbank ingredients. We now have more than a dozen recipes which we print out and place in a clear bag alongside the ingredients for a meal.

A big "thank you" to everyone who donated food and money at the Tesco Collection in Stow on-the-Wold last month. It was a very successful day with over £400 in financial

donations and 350kg of food collected in just the one day. Tesco top up the food donations by an equivalent 20% in cash.

In addition to food, financial donations are always welcome as these support our ongoing work at the Foodbank. Details of how to donate can be found on our website here: <https://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>

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THE NEXT ISSUE

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



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