

THE **Bourton** **BUGLE**

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

WINTER 2017



- Broadband – it's coming!
- The Tour of Britain
- September Musical Evening
- Christmas Party
- And more!



Welcome to the Winter edition of the Bugle. There's been a lot 'occurring' and more about to happen. Bourton even appeared on national TV with the coverage of the Tour of Britain. There was a particularly fine performance of yodelling and cow bell ringing at the top of the hill that day – the village suddenly felt quite alpine.

Wishing everyone a healthy & happy rest of 2017.

Ailsa Vigrass

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

SERVICES AT ST. LAWRENCE TO THE END OF DECEMBER 2017

We would be delighted to welcome you



Sunday 5th November
4th Sunday before Advent
6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 12th November
Remembrance Sunday
10.50am (Please note time)

Sunday 19th November
2nd Sunday before Advent
11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 26th November
Christ the King
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 3rd December
Advent Sunday
6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 10th December
2nd Sunday in Advent
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 17th December
3rd Sunday in Advent
11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
Weds. 20th December
7.00pm Carol Service by candle light
Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)
4th Sunday in Advent
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)
11.30pm Midnight Mass (CW)

Sunday 31st December
2nd Sunday of Christmas
No service at St. Lawrence
9.30am Benefice Service at Blockley

Philip Gee

PARISH COUNCIL

Broadband

On the 25th September the Council had a meeting with Fastershire, Gigaclear and Complete Utilities Ltd to discuss their plans for broadband provision in Bourton on the Hill. Fastershire are the overall managers and are jointly owned/funded by Gloucestershire and Herefordshire County Councils. Fastershire has awarded the contract to Gigaclear to design and manage the service and Gigaclear have employed Complete Utilities Ltd to build the infrastructure bringing the network to our doors.



Fastershire's 'Phase 2' targets *fastershire* villages which were omitted from 'Phase 1' plus those villages for whom BT has no plans to upgrade broadband. Bourton is therefore being included in 'Phase 2'.

The plans are to provide ultrafast broadband using fibre optic cables to all premises,



delivering speeds of up to 1,000Mbps. The work is scheduled to be finished by early in the 2nd quarter of 2018, by when we should all be able to sign up to the new service.

Complete Utilities' initial surveys in Bourton have been completed and the designs are awaiting verification by Gigaclear, which they hope will happen by early November. This means Complete Utilities are on course to start excavation work by December. These works will include bringing the fibreoptic cabling to us from the nearest network 'backbone point' in Lower Swell. Trenches in the road and pavement will need to be dug to bury the cable, with the cables terminating outside each property at a small manhole cover (approx. 6 inches square) in the road/pavement outside.

If you choose to sign up with Gigaclear there is a standard connection charge (to extend the cable from the road into your house), an activation fee, plus their monthly fee for the level of service you select. Details of their charges are on their website (www.gigaclear.com) and it is recommended that you take the time to look at these.

If you are interested in signing Gigaclear's ultrafast broadband, please **bear this in mind if you are renewing the contract with your current broadband provider** – pay careful attention to how long a contract you commit to. Only a very few providers currently have agreements with Gigaclear to provide services over Gigaclear's cables, so it is currently unlikely your current provider would be able to offer the new services. Please do check.

Thank you

A sincere vote of thanks goes to Jacqueline Job who we regret to announce has recently resigned from the Parish Council. All the council members are very grateful for Jacqueline's work in support over the last couple of years and will miss her practical and good humoured contributions.

Councillor Vacancy

As a result there is now a vacant position on



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE OF VACANCY

in the office of Councillor

Bourton-on-the-Hill Parish Council

NOTICE is given that a vacancy has arisen for a Councillor for the Parish Council.

The vacancy will be filled by election if a request from 10 local government electors for the Parish is received within 14 days of the date of this notice. The request must be received by 10 November 2017.

Requests should include each electors' name, address and signature and should be sent to the Returning Officer at the address below.

If 10 signatures are not received by the date given, the Parish Council may fill the vacancy by co-option.

If an election is called, it will take place not later than 17 January 2018.

Dated 23 October 2017

Nigel Adams
Returning Officer
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the Parish Council. This is an opportunity to learn more about what goes on in Bourton and represent local government in action within our community. It involves attending approximately 6 meetings per year. Training courses will be available. For more



information. please contact Alexia Monroe or Andy Vigrass

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Millennium Wood

A bench in the Millennium Wood was vandalised in early September (more details later in this newsletter). We're very grateful to Dave Walsh and Val Hayes for spotting it and tidying up the mess. We plan to replace the bench in the spring of 2018.

Tour of Britain

This event was enjoyed by hundreds of people lining the road up through Bourton on Saturday 9th September. A big thank you to Charles Monroe for coordinating the efforts in Bourton and to everyone who helped on the day.

Blockley Youth Club

We have passed on a grant from Gloucestershire County Council to Blockley Youth Club to buy a pool table. All from Bourton are welcome to join in. The Junior Youth Club for 9-13 year olds takes place on Thursdays during term time only, 6.00pm - 7.30pm. The Senior Youth Club is for 13+ year olds and also takes place on Thursdays during term time only, 6.30-8.30pm.

The venue is: Blockley Sports and Social Club, Sparmoor, Station Road, Blockley, GL56 9TS. For more details please contact Gemma Hall on 07831799221.

Christmas Waste Collection

Cotswold District Council's waste and recycling collection service provider, Ubico Ltd, will be making normal collections up to and including Friday



22 December. The following week, the crews will not be working on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 December and will also be on holiday on Monday 1 January 2018. As a consequence, there will be changes in collection days until the normal schedule resumes on Monday 15 January 2018. Crews will be working on three Saturdays - 30 December, 6 January and 13 January – to catch up.

The collection days will change as follows:

Normal collection day	New revised collection day
Mon 18 Dec	No change
Mon 25 Dec	Will move to Wed 27 Dec
Mon 1 Jan	Will move to Wed 3 Jan
Mon 8 Jan	Will move to Tue 9 Jan

The collection schedule will return to normal on the week beginning Monday 15 January 2018.

Councillors

The Parish Councillors are Andy Vigrass (Chairman), Liz Bowden (Vice Chairman), Louise Davis, 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 6.00pm on Monday 11th December. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Alexia Monroe / Andy Vigrass



THE OLD SCHOOL

On Saturday 9th September the Tour of Britain Cycle Race came through the village with many spectators and media coverage. There were helicopters filming the event and a photographer on top of the church tower. The atmosphere was fantastic as the pavements were packed with people to watch the cyclists compete for the Bourton on the Hill King of the Mountain stage. The main road was decorated with bunting and a magnificent floral decorated bicycle stood outside the Old School.



Refreshments were served all day in the Old School Hall. Many spectators arrived hours before the event to get a place lining the road. We sold countless teas and coffees and 90 hot dogs before the race eventually reached us and were excited to watch the police motorcycles and support vehicles before the cyclists came through, pedaling furiously up the hill. Once they were past it started to rain and more customers came into the hall for tea and cake. A very big thank you to all who provided cakes and helped serve and wash up. It was a great community effort and much appreciated by all our customers. I would like to think that they remember Bourton on the Hill as much for the friendly welcome as the excitement of the cycle race.

We raised £467 on the day - with that and the money raised by Open Gardens we are now obtaining quotes for the disabled ramp to the front door of the Old School Hall.



harvest supper



The village Harvest Supper on Saturday 7th October was much enjoyed by 23 people. A two-course dinner with a glass of wine or a soft drink for £7.50 was amazing value. It was accompanied by musical entertainment and a sing song which was great fun. Visitors from as far as the Netherlands and Glasgow loved the evening. There was a raffle and at the end of the evening and bags of apples and jars of plum jam were "sold" for a donation to the Air Ambulance.

The film in September was 'Hidden Figures', an inspirational and thought provoking true story of three African American women working at NASA at the height of the space race. On 28th October the film will be 'The Viceroy's House'.



The film for November on 25th is 'My Cousin Rachel' (excellent film choice, Ed) and there is no film in December.

Our Christmas party will be on Saturday 9th December and we hope you can join us. A leaflet with more information will be distributed shortly.

Anne Robertson

FRENCH LESSONS

Lessons are held every Thursday afternoon in the Old School with a fun and friendly environment. All levels most welcome. Interested? Do get in touch.



Liz Bowden
Tel. 700659



MUSIC FOR A SEPTEMBER EVENING

A concert was held on 29th September in St Lawrence Church. We were delighted to showcase such local musical talent.



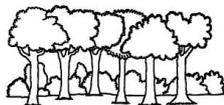
Yuko Inoue opened the evening with 3 delightful pieces on the violin: by Mozart, Bartok & Vitorio Monti. This was followed by Lottie Davis, playing the flute with pieces by Mozart & Faure. They were accompanied by Jessica May. Finally we heard Henry Betts playing organ pieces by Bach, Darke & Boelmann.

It was a most joyous occasion, with over 50 people present and was a most memorable evening.

Mike Bunston

MILLENIUM WOOD

The wood is looking good and some of the trees have been removed to give a little more light.



The Parish Council have suggested that an owl box be hung in the wood and we have let them know that in our opinion that this is a good idea.

Unfortunately, we have had a very disturbing event which happened a few weeks ago. Whilst we were exercising a dog that we were looking

after we visited the wood and found that one of the benches had been pulled out of the ground whilst still attached to the long fence posts which we had attached to the bench for security. As the bench was sitting up in the air we felt happy that the security arrangement had worked as it had not been taken. However, on our next visit the next morning we found the bench had been vandalised and was in so many pieces that it was unrepairable. Fortunately to date the other bench is still intact.

On a positive note recently, there were some beautiful Autumn cyclamen in flower in the wood.

Many thanks,

Dave and Val (April Cottage)

EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Educational Trust holds money on behalf of the village, and gives grants to anyone under the age of 25 who needs help with their education or training – typically for school uniform or sports kit, field trips, music or other extra activities. We also give money to those going off to university or college. In addition, we support the counselling service at Chipping Campden School, which benefits all students either directly or indirectly.



If there's something you (or a child you care for) would like help with, then please ask one of the team, either in person or via email. We don't ask questions about your income, and there are no forms to complete.

The trustees are: Dr Louise Davis and Carlin Anderson (Fenhill), Rupert Crawshaw (Main street), Rev. Canon Dana Delap and Dr. Catherine Firth (Porch House - next to the church)

Catherine Firth
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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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Then apply in writing with appropriate experience & qualifications to bikeability@glosfire.gov.uk

Don Muir
Cycling Co-ordinator
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VOLUNTEERING



Gloucestershire Road Safety Team need 'BIKEABILITY' Cycle Instructors

The training is a valuable step for young people in Gloucestershire to being safe road users. Cycling brings many benefits - health, independence and more.

Bikeability training is funded nationally and is in demand from schools, pupils and parents. Can you help us to deliver it?

If you are (or know anyone who is)

- A good communicator
- A confident cyclist
- Free to work during school hours

Then we would like to hear from you.

Four days training will be provided for suitable people, we pay £73.50 for a 6-hour course with admin and there is typically work for between 12 to 30 hours a week during term time. For more information go to: www.dft.gov.uk/bikeability.

THE NEXT ISSUE

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



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