

THE Bourton BUGLE

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

SPRING 2018



- It's a date for the Fete – **see inside**
- Exhibition at Bourton House
- Owl's well in the woods
- Volunteering & support
- And more!



Welcome to the Spring Edition. One of the surest signs of the new season is the arrival of the daffodils in the verges above the Horse and Groom. These bulbs were painstakingly planted by Derek Buck, late of the village, husband to Marjorie and a Lincolnshire native. Derek planted them both as a reminder of his home county, where the daffodil is widely grown and celebrated, and for the enjoyment of villagers. This tradition of neighbourly generosity continues in the efforts of those planning good things for us this year, details of which follow. Enjoy!

Ailsa Vigrass

Sunday 6th May, Easter 6
6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 13th May, Easter 7
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 20th May, Pentecost
11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 27th May, Trinity Sunday
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Philip Gee

**ST LAWRENCE'S
CHURCH**

**SERVICES AT ST.
LAWRENCE TO THE END
OF MAY 2018**

*We would be delighted to
welcome you*



Sunday 25th March, Palm Sunday
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Friday 30th March, **Good Friday**
2.00pm Last Hour Before the Cross

Sunday 1st April, **Easter Day**
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 8th April, Easter 2
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 15th April, Easter 3
11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 22nd April, Easter 4
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 29th April, Easter 5
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's Office

Alexia has kindly been using her own home computer for Parish work up until now. Thankfully we have just gained a grant for 100% of the cost of obtaining a PC, printer and security software for a dedicated Parish Council PC for her to use.

Millennium Wood

An owl box has been bought – see later in the newsletter. That's owl for now.

Defibrillator

There have been problems with the battery and power supply for the one at the Old School. These are being fixed. We are looking to obtain an additional defibrillator with 100% grant funding for Fenhill Close.

Broadband

As we all know, works are progressing throughout the village.



If you choose to sign up with Gigaclear there will be a standard connection charge and 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.

Responsibilities

In case you have ever wondered about the responsibilities of the different tiers of government, here they are:

Parish Council:

- Allotments
- Public clocks
- Bus shelters and notice boards
- Public spaces (eg Millennium Wood)
- Consultee on planning applications
- Representing residents' requests to District and County Councils

Cotswold District Council:

- Waste collection and recycling
- Council tax collection
- Housing
- Planning
- Community transport
- Community buildings – swimming pools, sports centres
- Town centre car parks
- Bus passes

Gloucestershire County Council:

- Education
- Transport
- Planning including transport, minerals and waste
- Fire and public safety
- Social care
- Libraries
- Waste management
- Trading Standards
- Archives
- Public Rights of Way
- Road maintenance

Councillors

The Parish Council were delighted to co-opt Angela Hay at our February meeting. She has lived in the village for 14 years, living at the

top near the Blockley turning running her own business from home.

The Parish Councillors are Andy Vigrass (Chairman), Liz Bowden (Vice Chairman), Louise Davis, Angela Hay, Sir Peter Herbert, Tom Martin & Mark Norton.

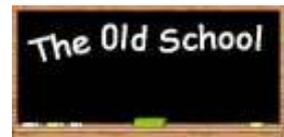
The Clerk to the Parish Council is Alexia Monroe.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held in the Old School hall at 6.00pm on Monday 9th April. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Alexia Monroe / Andy Vigrass

THE OLD SCHOOL



The Old School acts as a focal point for various social activities and events in the village. Regular sessions are held by the Bridge Club, Toddlers' group, Knitting group and Scottish dancing group.

The hall is available for hire for family events, christenings, children's parties, funeral teas etc. There is a special reduced rate for village residents. For further details please contact Sandra Gee on 701385.

Rural cinema remains very popular with films monthly, usually on the last Saturday in the month. All houses in the village get a leaflet detailing that month's film. Non-residents can sign up to an email list for regular updates. There is an entrance charge of £3.50. The doors open at 6.30pm for those wishing to purchase refreshments and the film starts at 7.15pm.

So far this year we have seen "Dunkirk" in January and February's film was "Victoria and Abdul".



On 24th March we will be showing “Manchester by the Sea” and are delighted to hear that our film on 28th April will be Paddington 2. We plan to serve marmalade sandwiches, plus the usual hot dogs and wine.



My thanks to the members of the Old School committee, Catherine Firth, Philip and Sandra Gee, Pat Freeman and Frances Stone who work so hard to make all our events possible. We were very sorry to lose Roger Rippin who moved from the village last month and are delighted to welcome Sheila Rosenthal who will be a great asset to the committee.

Anne Robertson

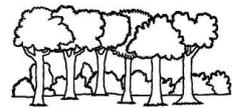
The Christmas party on 9th December seems a long time ago now. It was very successful with the usual festive food, musical entertainment, amusing recitals and a Christmas themed quiz. Our thanks to all who helped make it special.

The “Quiz and Curry” evening on Friday 9th March was a great success with 45 people enjoying an excellent quiz set by Peter Mansion, assisted by his wife Betty. There were 8 rounds of questions with supper halfway through. The chicken korma curry provided by the Blockley cafe was delicious and there was also a non-curry, vegetarian option of squash and bean casserole. Choc ices proved a popular dessert. There were 8 teams in all and the team called “Rough and Ready” were the eventual winners and rewarded with chocolate Easter bunnies.

The **Village Fete** will take place on Saturday 29th September in the grounds of Bourton House. Please keep the date free. We welcome all offers of help with stalls, teas etc. for this event which now takes place every two years. As always we are very grateful to Roelof and Cheryl Quintus for allowing us to use the garden and Tithe Barn.

There are no plans for a Gardens Open day this year; it will be back next year.

MILLENIUM WOOD



The Parish Council recently delivered an owl



box to our door. Once the snow cleared we donned our wellies and walked up the bridle path carrying the said box together with ladders, screws and drill driver. The box is now securely fixed to a tree and hopefully will entice a resident soon. We will keep you posted.

Another owl box with an old bird’s nest in it (not an owl’s) and a bat box, both of which were on the floor of the wood, are now reinstated.

The squirrels have been busy again and have enjoyed the bark on a few of the trees but the trees are fine.

The wood is looking really pretty at the moment with snowdrops, cyclamens and the start of primroses. It also looked beautiful in the snow.

*Dave and Val (April Cottage)
700583*



BOURTON HOUSE GARDENS

After almost twenty years as Head Gardener at Bourton House Garden, Paul Nicholls is retiring at the end of March after a lifetime dedicated to giving joy to garden lovers from all over the world; first as Head Gardener at Hidcote and then here at Bourton House. We will all miss his passion and expertise as well as his dry sense of humour. His dedication, professionalism and sheer hard work will be remembered by all the Bourton House team for many years to come. Paul's unique planting schemes and extensive horticultural knowledge have been an inspiration to many visitors over the years. For someone who often said (with a twinkle in his eye) that he hated gardening, all we can say is - it didn't show!!! We wish him much happiness in his retirement and hope he enjoys some well-earned rest and relaxation with his wife Carol.



We are fortunate that Paul's long-standing assistant Jacky Rae will be taking over as Head Gardener. She has a passion for the garden to match Paul's, knows it intimately after so many years working alongside Paul and we are sure she will take care of Paul's legacy as well as bringing her own unique talents to the garden in the future.

The heavy snows and low temperatures this winter have left their mark on Bourton House Garden in several ways, with damage to trees and plants as well as burst pipes. The biggest loss in the garden was a beautiful Parrotia (Persian Iron Tree), one of a pair on the main lawn of the house. The weight of the snow split the tree down the middle and sadly it could not survive the damage. However, a new Parrotia has been sourced and will soon replace the damaged one, ensuring the symmetry of the garden is maintained in the

years to come. For the rest, we expect in 2018 that the garden will be as beautiful as ever.

After a slow start, the group bookings for the garden are looking good; we have a considerable number of Scandinavian groups this year as well as many Japanese, Australian, French and Dutch. And we are glad to say that many UK garden clubs, horticultural societies, U3A groups and coach holiday bookings are being received.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome local artist Ann Blockley back to the Tithe Barn with a major exhibition to accompany the publication of her latest book 'Ann Blockley's Watercolour Workshop', Ann's exhibition will run from Saturday 5th May to Saturday 12th May (closed Bank Holiday Monday 7th May) from 10am to 5pm daily. The Tea Room will be open for refreshments throughout the week of Ann's exhibition. There is no charge to view the exhibition and we hope many of you will take the opportunity to enjoy Ann's work. Please visit www.annblockley.com for more information on this major solo exhibition.

We both look forward to the garden waking up after the long cold winter and Spring finally arriving in the Cotswolds!

Very best wishes.

Roelof and Cheryl Quintus

GARAGE WANTED



Garage wanted for rent to be used for car storage in Bourton-on-the-Hill. Please contact David Buck on info@db-land.com

Please let me know how to arrange / pay for this, and I hope to get my car then out of the school car park and into better storage.

David Buck



VOLUNTEERING

North Cotswold Foodbank

Our foodbank is a project founded by local churches and community groups. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Our foodbank is run by local people for local people – we rely on the community's support to ensure we can continue to stop people going hungry. We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. This could be because of benefit changes, low income, debt, unemployment, to replace school meals during the holidays or fleeing domestic abuse.

Big or small, every gift you give helps transform lives. Financial donations can be made via the website but if you would prefer to make donations of food and toiletries (shortages now include mash, long life juice, sponge puddings, tomato & brown sauce and longlife milk.) We have sufficient supplies of baked beans and pasta and please check that there is a minimum of three months on any 'best before' date). These can be left in the collection boxes in St Lawrence's Church in Bourton and Moreton Area Centre Council Offices.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at the Moreton outlet (in the Congregational Church, Tuesdays 10-12 noon on a three-week rota), please contact Alexia Monroe for an application form.

Main location: Unit 2, Glebe Farm Buildings, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 5TZ

07879 375562

<http://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk>

*Alexia Monroe, Volunteer & Trustee of the
North Cotswold Foodbank
700277*

Community Wellbeing Service in Gloucestershire

The Community Wellbeing Service works in each district of Gloucestershire, and within GP practices. Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) covers the Cotswold District area.

Anyone over the age of 16 living in Gloucestershire, or registered with a Gloucestershire GP, can access the service. Referrals can be made by a health or social care professional, a Voluntary and Community Sector Group, members of the community, as well as by self-referral.

The service offers one-to-one support for individuals and may also signpost or refer people to activities and groups available in their area.

The service may be suitable for people in times of change, for example after redundancy, health issues or retirement; in times of emotional hardship, such as after a bereavement; who are worried about debt or financial issues; who don't know where to turn for support; who would like to volunteer in their community.

For info, please contact info@grcc.org.uk or call 01452 528491.

THE NEXT ISSUE

.. is due out in early July. Items for inclusion should be submitted by **mid-June** to:-



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