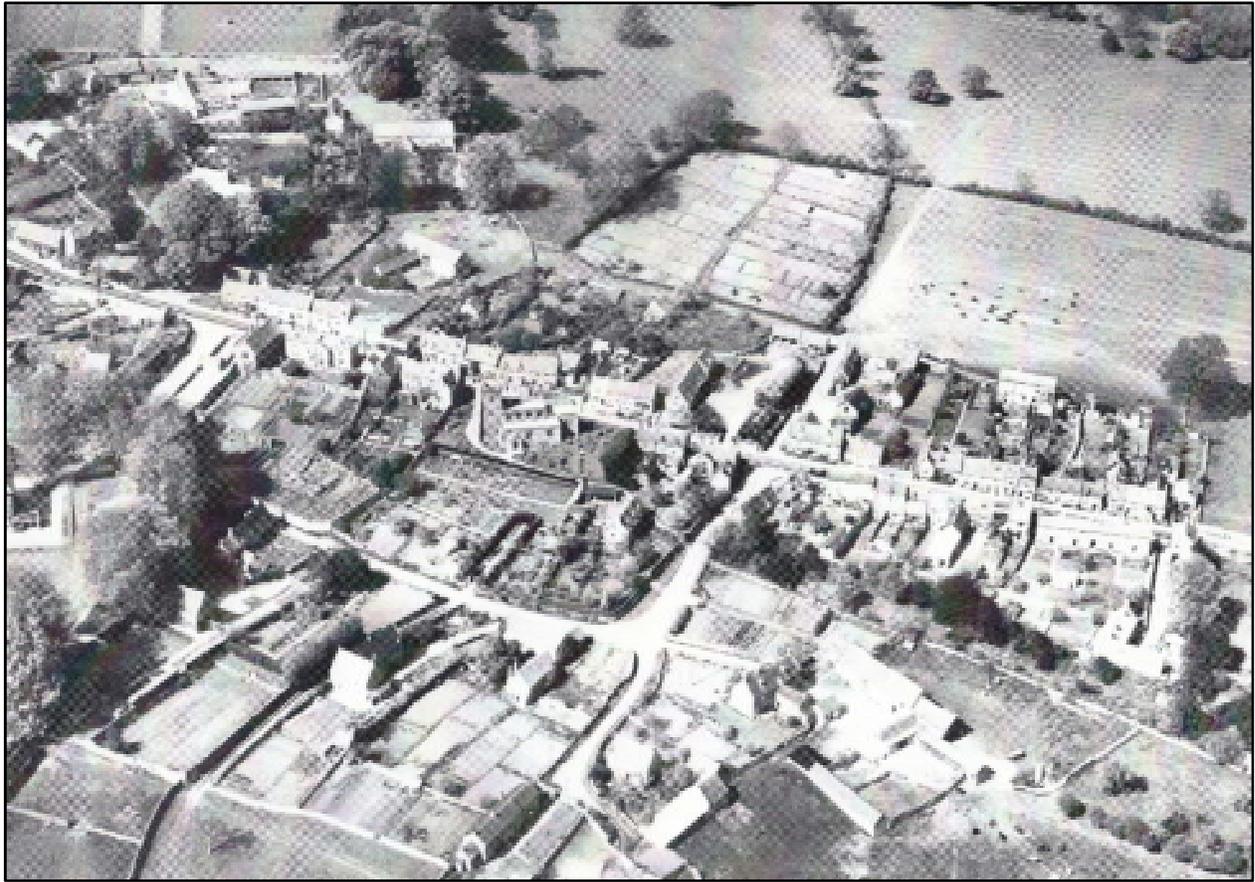


THE **Bourton** **BUGLE**

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

SUMMER 2018



Bourton, 1950

- Fete update
- Police report
- A prickly customer
- News from Sri Lanka
- And more!



Welcome to the Summer Edition. On the cover is a photo of the village from 1950, looking almost as scorched as it does now but good for playing “spot the difference”.

In addition to our usual updates we have more details about the fete and how to either contribute to or just enjoy attending the event. The dates for the ever-popular Old School gatherings for Harvest Supper and Christmas are confirmed. There’s also some encouraging wildlife reportage from Back Lane and a great example of the kind of activity funded by the Educational Trust.

Ailsa Vigrass

ST LAWRENCE’S CHURCH



We would be delighted to welcome you

Sunday 26th August, Trinity 13
11.15am Holy Communion
(CW)

Sunday 2nd September, Trinity 14
6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 9th September, Trinity 15
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 16th September, Trinity 16
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 23rd September, Trinity 17
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 30th September, Trinity 18
9.30am Benefice Service (CW)
at Blockley

Philip Gee

PARISH COUNCIL

Phone & Email



There is a new phone number for contacting the clerk: **07594-169499**



The clerk’s email address is **clerk@bourtononthehill.co.uk**

Defibrillator for Fenhill

We are looking into securing funding for a second defibrillator for the village – this one to be located at the Fenhill Close bus shelter.



New Bench at Fenhill

We are going to install a bench for people waiting at the bus stop on the opposite side of the road to the bus shelter at Fenhill Close, for passengers heading towards Moreton. This will be helpful both for people waiting for buses and those walking up/down the pavement on that side of the road.



Highways

Highways have painted white “H” lines at the junction adjoining the A44 next to the Old School and also below the Church. These are to deter cars being parked too close to the junctions which limits the visibility for those turning onto the main road. It is also hoped to keep the entrance to the Old School Hall clear for disabled users.



New Equipment

We have now received a grant from the County Council for the purchase of a new dedicated Parish Council computer, printer/scanner and mobile telephone. This is to enable the Parish Council to comply with legislation requiring all minutes and agendas to be published on the internet and for a dedicated telephone line for parish business.



Councillors

At the Parish Council AGM on the 21st 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, 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 6.30pm on **Monday 10th December**. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

*Alexia Monroe /
Andy Vigrass*

THE OLD SCHOOL



Recent months have been quiet in the Old School Hall. Regular bookings continue with the North Cotswold Bridge Club meeting several times a week, a Toddler group on Mondays and twice monthly groups for knitting and U3A Scottish dancing. A local Art group held a couple of sessions in the hall and a Cycling group booked it for a refreshment stop on a tour of the Cotswolds.

Rural cinema remains popular showing excellent films with 30 to 40 attendees. The May film was 'Murder on the Orient Express'. In June we watched 'The Post' and in July 'Darkest Hour'; all highly acclaimed and popular. There will be no film in August. The dates for the remainder of the year are, Saturday 29th September Saturday 27th October and Saturday 24th November. As yet we do not know which films will be showing but please look out for flyers and local notices nearer the time.

Dates for the future;

- **Autumn Fete and Craft Fair** - Saturday 29th September (see below).
- **Harvest Supper** - Saturday 13th October
- **Village Christmas Party** - Saturday 8th December
- **Carol Singing** around the village - Friday 21st December. Proceeds to the Food Bank. Meet at Tawnies at 6pm.

Further information on all these events will be published later or please contact Anne Robertson on 701564, Sandra Gee on 701385 or Catherine Firth on 700939.

Autumn Fete and Craft Fair. Saturday 29th September 12.30 to 3.30 pm:

Bourton on the Hill
AUTUMN FETE
 and
CRAFT FAIR
 at
Bourton House
Saturday 29th September 2018
12.30—3.30 p.m.

Craft Stalls : Tombola : Teas
 Cake Stall : Bric a Brac
 Shipston Brass Band
 Cakes and Produce : Books

Entrance: £2.00
 (Children under 16 free)

We are very grateful to Roelof and Cheryl Quintus for allowing us to use the Garden and Tithe Barn at Bourton House for this biennial event. There will be all the usual



stalls including cakes and produce, bric-a-brac, tombola, lucky dip, paperback books, bottle stall and the Grand Draw. Ploughman's lunches, tea and cakes will be served and the Shipston Brass Band have kindly agreed to play for us.

This year we are keen to introduce more craft stalls so if you or any friends or family have craft skills and would like the opportunity to sell items please contact us. We would be most grateful for help on the day with setting up in the morning and help in the tearoom, with parking and manning the stalls.

We do need donations for the various stalls and will be opening the Old School Hall from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 22nd September to receive any non-perishable items, (free coffee or tea). Donations of cake and produce on the day please. This is an event for the whole village and I hope many will come and support it. Please contact Anne Robertson 701564, Sandra Gee 701385 or Catherine Firth 700939 for further information.

I think that is all for now. There will be flyers about the fete distributed in September along with information on the September film. Good luck with everything!
Best wishes,

Anne Robertson

TODDLER GROUP



We are open term time on Mondays 10-12, downstairs in the Old School. We provide tea, coffee, snacks and a friendly, supportive environment. There is a wide selection of equipment including a soft play area. All are welcome. If anybody needs more information, please phone:

Carlin Anderson
07769 646996 / 01386 700307

KNIT ONE, CRAFT ONE



Our fortnightly knitting /craft group meets every other Wednesday from 8-10 pm downstairs in the Old School. We can give support to anyone learning to knit, crochet, sew or needlefelt. Experienced crafters also welcome. Tea and coffee available. Same phone numbers as the Toddler Group for further information.

Carlin Anderson

BRIDGE CLUB



The Club's host and teacher has been running a reduced programme in the Old School Hall, whilst recovering from major illness last year. Sessions are still held Tuesday to Friday each week, but may be revised again this Autumn. Details can be found on, and enquiries made through, the website.

Alan 700583
www.bridgewebs.com/northcotswolds

EDUCATIONAL TRUST



Are you off to a new school, uni or college in September?

If so, then the Educational Trust would love to be able to help you. We have money to help young people from the village with their studies, so if you need new uniform, sports kit, a laptop, books or anything else, then please get in touch. We do not need to know anything about your family finances.

The trustees are: Dr Catherine Firth (Porch House, email catherinefirth54@gmail.com), Dr Louise Davis & Carlin Anderson (both Fenhill), Rupert Crawshaw (Harmony Cottage) or Rev. Canon Dana Delap.

Catherine Firth
(see also the report on page 6 – Ed)



WILDLIFE IN THE VILLAGE (in ten minutes!)



When turning into our drive on Sunday, I saw a small dark brown animal scurrying along in front of me. At first I thought it was a rat, but having stopped the car, I realised it was a young and very active... hedgehog! At this point, my black cat Daisy, came out to greet me so first I took her inside and then got equipped with a stout box and gloves to take the hedgehog into the field, by which time, luckily, he had disappeared in the garden. Although part of me was sad, on reflection it is best not to interfere with wildlife and I didn't want to leave food or water out for him as my cats would have found it, and maybe him, first.

About ten minutes later my other cat, Minnie, brought a curled up, but very much alive snake, into the house! She put it down on the floor, and then tried to make it play having pulled myself together, I got hold of a spatula and scooped it up onto a plate. I then set out for the ponds, calling in at Richard on the way to confirm identification as a grass snake, and managed to stop it pouring itself off the plate by lifting it back with the spatula, until I reached a pool where I released it in the undergrowth and it happily wriggled away!

I wonder where the hedgehog came from - we must all be careful driving down the Back Street!

Susanna Peake

BOURTON HOUSE GARDEN



After the heavy snows and low temperatures of the winter, the garden has faced a second challenge with the long, hot summer we have currently experiencing. Jacky, in her first season as Head

Gardener, and Gareth have had their work cut out, carrying out extensive planting in high temperatures and much extra watering. Anyone who visits the garden will see they have risen to the challenges of the summer and it looks as beautiful as ever - and at least the grass has not needed cutting quite so often! We are looking forward to a new gardener, Tom Benfield, joining our small team in September.

We are delighted to once again have been awarded the Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence for consistently receiving excellent reviews from our visitors. This year, we have received more local visitors than ever and our Friends scheme has proved very popular, with many taking full advantage of being able to visit the garden regularly throughout the season. Carolyn's delicious refreshments continue to prove a real draw to visitors and she receives many compliments on both her culinary skills and the warmth of her welcome to visitors.

The garden opened on Sunday 12th August in aid of the National Garden Scheme and we look forward to hosting the Village Fete on Saturday 29th September.

Finally, we are sad to be saying another goodbye: Christine Walford, who has carried out all the administration for the garden for a number of years, has decided to retire at the end of this season. We will miss her efficiency, her way with words and the photos she has regularly taken for our website. We wish her happy times ahead with her family. Our new administrator will be Kate Allen. She is full of enthusiasm for the garden and has some exciting ideas for future projects - watch this space!

Enjoy your summer!

Roelof and Cheryl Quintus
www.bourtonhouse.com



EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO SRI LANKA

At the beginning of April, I flew 13 hours out to Colombo, Sri Lanka to begin a 4-week long placement in Anuradhapura General Teaching Hospital as part of my second year of training to be a paediatric nurse. This was made possible with a very kind and generous donation from the Educational Trust.

A group of student nurses from all over the UK were working in the hospital and living in a house provided by the charity Work the World who facilitate these placements. We rotated around wards and worked Monday to Friday. I was very fortunate to spend a lot of time in the labour ward and maternity services of the hospital and assist where possible. The Sri Lankan healthcare service is universal but almost unrecognisable compared to the NHS I am used to!



Other wards I spent time on were Paediatric Intensive Care, Oncology and Male General Medical. Over the 4 weeks I learnt a lot about conditions I doubt I will see here in the UK (snake bites, elephant trampling related injuries and dengue fever to name a few) but it has been an invaluable placement which has definitely added a new dimension and global health consideration to my training.

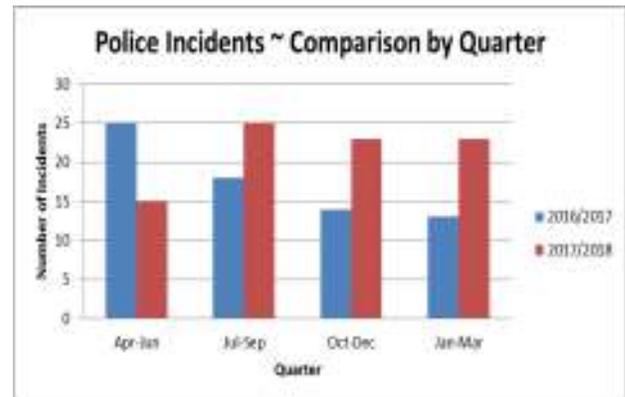
Our weekends off allowed us to pack in travelling around Sri Lanka as much as possible, we had almost as much fun out of the hospital as well as in it. Our activities varied from trekking up mountains, sampling local foods, visiting temples and even a US naval hospital ship.

Many thanks to the Educational Trust for making a generous contribution, it was an amazing experience!

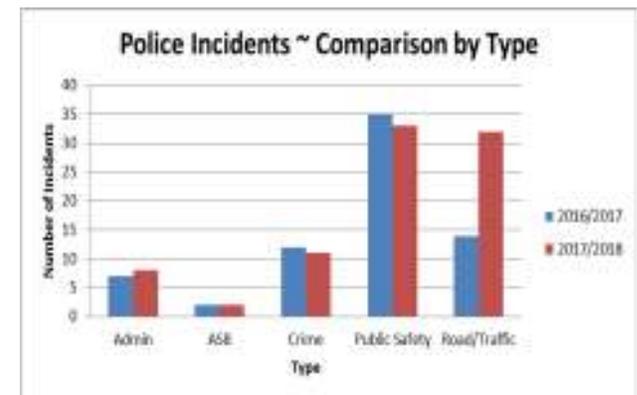
Phyllida Monroe

LOCAL POLICE REPORT April 2018 ~ Bourton on the Hill

Number of incidents reported over a 24 month period:



Breakdown of incidents by type reported to police over a twenty-four-month period:



Type of Crime	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018
Burglary dwelling	2	4
Burglary non-dwelling	1	0
Crime - other	1	1
Criminal damage	1	0
Fraud/forgery/deception	2	1
Theft - other	5	5
Total	12	11



Admin	Public Safety	Road /Traffic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaint against police • Lost or found Property or animals • Messages inc. press release • Police generated resource activity • Pre-planned event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alarms ~ Personal, etc. • Animals/Wildlife • AWOL/abscond from HM Prison • Civil dispute-not btw neighbours • Concern for safety • Domestic incident - non crime • Missing Person • Suspicious. Circs /Insecure vehicle./ premises. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway disruption • Road related offence • RTC Death / Injury • RTC_ damage only (inc. animal RTCs)

NB. Each ‘Incident’ represents a contact report made to the Police via email, 101, 999, <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/contact-us/report-a-crime-or-incident/>, face to face with an officer, or at Stow on the Wold Police Station Reception. This being the case, it may be that a single event generates a number of incidents. An example of this could be a single vehicle losing control and damaging a number of properties which could result in a number of ‘Criminal Damage’ incidents.

For precise details of recorded ‘Crimes’, please visit: <https://www.police.uk/gloucestershire>

Crime:

Over the past two years, there has been no statistically significant change in the number or type of crime incidents reported for Bourton on the Hill.

NB. Please be aware that during April 2017, Central Government changed the way burglaries are to be categorised; consequently, direct comparisons with last year are problematic.

Anti-Social Behaviour:

Over the past two years, there has been no statistically significant change in the number of such incidents reported for Bourton on the Hill.

Road Traffic:

The rise in this type of incident is primarily due to a threefold increase in “Highway disruption” incidents caused by road works, etc. This having been said, the number of “minor damage only RTC’s” has risen slightly from 0.019 per day in 2016/2017 to 0.038 per day in 2017/2018; this increase appears to be weather related. Nevertheless, your Neighbourhood Policing Team in the North Cotswolds continues to take the concerns of the community, together with those of every victim seriously, and endeavours to provide the best service possible; however this must be within the resourcing constraints under which they have to operate.

PC 2201 Nick Westmacott
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GLOUCESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY NURSES FUND – HERE TO HELP

We are a small volunteer-run charity that seeks to provide financial aid to people who are facing hardship as a result of poor health, and to support community nurses at a personal and professional level. For example, recent grants have funded specialist medical and surgical treatments, domestic appliances, holidays for disabled people and their carers and equipment for community nurses.



The charity serves the county of Gloucestershire but currently we receive few applications from the more rural areas which is why we are asking for your help in raising awareness among the residents in your area.

*Jackie Smith, Trustee, Gloucestershire
Community Nurses Fund*

Tel 07760 178063

THE NEXT ISSUE

.. is due out in the first week of November. Items for inclusion, *especially photographs for the front cover*, should be submitted by **Monday 23rd October to: -**



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