

THE Bourton BUGLE

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

WINTER 2018



Village Fete, 29 September 2018

- Fete results
- Vicar's invitation for Remembrance Sunday 2018
- Christmas party & carol singing
- Farewell to an old friend
- And more!



Welcome to the Winter Edition. The cover photograph shows the Shipston Town Band in fine fettle performing at the Fete which many agree was the best in a few years being blessed both with glorious weather, music and contributions from those who helped and attended (more on page 5).

This Sunday is a particularly significant anniversary, marking the 100th anniversary of the end of conflict in WW1. The Reverend Dana Delap explains below what this means to her.

Ailsa Vigrass

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

SERVICES AT ST. LAWRENCE TO THE END OF DECEMBER 2018

We would be delighted to welcome you



Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Sunday

10.50am (Please note time)

Remembrance Service followed by laying of a poppy wreath at the war memorial

Sunday 18th November

Second Sunday before Advent

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 25th November

Christ the King

11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 2nd December

Advent Sunday

6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 9th December

Second Sunday in Advent

11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 16th December

Third Sunday in Advent

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Saturday 22nd December

7:00pm **Carol Service**

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Sunday 23rd December

Fourth Sunday in Advent

11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Monday 24th December

11:30pm **Midnight Mass**

Philip Gee

NOTE FROM THE VICAR



On 11 November 2018, we commemorate the centenary of the armistice, when fighting stopped in the First World War. In churches and at war memorials across the country, we will gather together to remember those who died as a result of conflict.

For me, the most moving moment of our service is when the Roll of Honour is read. For those who have lost family and friends in conflicts over the last 107 years, each name, each poppy reminds us of a life lost, the life of someone who is missing from our lives and our communities leaving a space that can never be filled. In Bourton on the Hill Church, a 'There but Not There' person sits like a ghost in the pew, reminding us of those whose children or grandchildren might have been part of our community today, but are not present because of their death.



I invite you to join us in Bourton on the Hill Church at 10:50am. Together as a community we recognise those who are not among us. We remember the dead; we commemorate the sacrifice; we pray for hope; we long for peace.

If you didn't look at the fete, the initial plans for re-ordering the church and putting in a toilet and servery are in the church, and the building is open from 9am to dusk (thanks to the kindness of volunteers who lock and unlock). Have a look and give us your comments. We hope to formalise the plans over the winter, and having got permission, do the work in the summer of 2019.

Rev. Canon Dana Delap

PARISH COUNCIL

It's been quiet on the PC front since August. Our latest news is:

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 working on getting approval from Highways to install a bench for people waiting at the bus stop opposite the bus shelter at Fenhill Close for passengers heading towards Moreton.



Damaged bollards

Another bollard has been damaged outside Porch House and Highways have been approached to replace it. The bollards by the Arboretum entrance have also been damaged and need to be cemented back into the ground.

Bus Timetables

New bus timetables have been posted in the bus shelter in the middle of the village. Smaller laminated ones are expected shortly by Johnson's for the little noticeboard as well.

Councillors

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.

To report any issues concerning the fabric of the village, please contact:

 **07594-169499**

 **clerk@bourtononthehill.co.uk**

Some useful information updates from CDC are given at the end of the newsletter

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*

CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION



The collection schedule will return to normal on the week beginning Monday 21 January 2019. See the table on the next page for the Christmas recycling collection dates.

Note that Christmas trees can be taken Batsford Garden Centre after Christmas for recycling up until 13 January. (Once collected they are turned into peat-free compost).



Cllr Sue Coakley, CDC’s Cabinet Member for Environment, said: “We anticipate that households will accumulate larger amounts of waste during Christmas and New Year. I would urge everyone to recycle as much as possible and to make the most of our kerbside recycling services, and recycling facilities across the district. Many large gifts use cardboard packaging and it is worth emphasising that the Ubico crews will only collect folded cardboard at the kerbside.

waste at such a busy time. For this reason, we will be allowing a ‘**side waste amnesty**’ for every household’s first full collection after Christmas Day; residents will be able to leave out additional amounts of non-recyclable waste in bin liners next to their grey wheeled bin/beige refuse bags.”

For further information please log on to www.cotswold.gov.uk or contact the CDC Waste Hotline on 01285 623123.

For those who like to clear things away very quickly, please note that Household Recycling Centres will be open on most days during the holiday period. North Cotswold district residents should note that we have an agreement permitting the use of the Shipston on Stour recycling centre in Warwickshire. “

*Bob McNally
Press and Media Liaison Officer,
Cotswold District Council*

“Additionally don’t forget that there are many excellent recipes for leftovers on the ‘Love Food Hate Waste’ website. It’s also encouraging to hear about the growing popularity of recyclable wrapping paper rather than the metallic – and expensive – option which is not recyclable.”

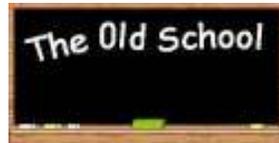
“While we hope to see a big upturn in recycling figures during this period, we realise that there is still going to be a build-up of non-recyclable

Christmas Recycling Collection Dates

Normal collection day	New revised collection day
Monday 17 Dec 2018	No change
Tuesday 18 Dec	No change
Wednesday 19 Dec	No change
Thursday 20 Dec	No change
Friday 21 Dec	No change
Monday 24 Dec	Will move to Thursday 27 Dec
Tuesday 25 Dec	Will move to Friday 28 Dec
Wednesday 26 Dec	Will move to Saturday 29 Dec
Thursday 27 Dec	Will move to Monday 31 Dec
Friday 28 Dec	Will move to Wednesday 2 Jan 2019
Monday 31 Dec	Will move to Thursday 3 Jan
Tuesday 1 Jan	Will move to Friday 4 Jan
Wednesday 2 Jan	Will move to Saturday 5 Jan
Thursday 3 Jan	Will move to Monday 7 Jan
Friday 4 Jan	Will move to Tues 8 Jan
Monday 7 Jan	Will move to Wednesday 9 Jan
Tuesday 8 Jan	Will move to Thursday 10 Jan
Wednesday 9 Jan	Will move to Friday 11 Jan
Thursday 10 Jan	Will move to Saturday 12 Jan
Friday 11 Jan	Will move to Monday 14 Jan
Monday 14 Jan	Will move to Tuesday 15 Jan
Tuesday 15 Jan	Will move to Wednesday 16 Jan
Wednesday 16 Jan	Will move to Thursday 17 Jan
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THE OLD SCHOOL



Regular bookings continue with the North Cotswold Bridge club several times a week. The Toddler group is growing in both popularity and numbers and is looking to increase to two sessions on Monday morning and afternoon. The knitting group and U3A Scottish dancing remain popular twice a month.

Rural Cinema continues to draw folk from the surrounding villages as well as our own. On 29th September we showed the popular film "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" to 48 people. If you have not seen it already, I would certainly recommend it, a heart-warming story about life in post-war Guernsey and the effect of the German Occupation on the local residents.

On Saturday 27th October we showed "Goodbye Christopher Robin" on the stories A.A Milne spun for his son after their move from London to the countryside. **The November film, on Saturday 24th November, will be "The Greatest Showman"**, a musical featuring Hugh Jackman.

As usual, there will be no film at the end of December, but Rural Cinema will resume at the end of January 2019. (Date and film yet to be announced).

Harvest Supper Saturday 13th October.

A group of 19 sat down to a delicious supper of lasagne or butternut squash lasagne with salad and homemade bread rolls, followed by apple and blackberry crumble, custard or cream and a glass of wine. This was followed by musical entertainment from John Robertson and Sheila Rosenthal, including the

now traditional rendition of the Combine Harvester song. Thank you to all who contributed to the cooking, serving or clearing of the meal. It was hugely enjoyed by those present.

Future dates include:

Village Christmas Party - Saturday 8th December.

Carol Singing around the village - Friday 21st December. Proceeds to the Food Bank. Meet at Tawnies at 6pm. Contact Anne or John Robertson on 701564.

Anne Robertson



AUTUMN FETE AND CRAFT FAIR **SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**

Our village fete this year held at Bourton House was a huge success. We had a glorious sunny day and 290 visitors enjoyed the sunshine listening to the Shipston Brass band, walking in the gardens, eating Ploughman's lunches or tea and cake and visiting the many stalls.



For the first time, we included craft stalls and the five stall holders exhibited a variety of crafts including knitting, felting, crochet, cards, fabric cushions and bags and wood turning. All seemed very happy with the turnout and the wonderful exhibition area in the Tithe Barn.



The tea room did a roaring trade and almost sold out of cake. The Ploughman's lunches proved very popular. Once again we are very grateful for the cheeses donated by Simon Weaver.

The band, part of Shipston Brass band, sat in the middle of the lawn in sunshine and played magnificently. Someone commented that they were the best ever! They certainly had the stall holders and visitors jigging along to the music. The regular stalls, including cakes and produce, bottle stall, tombola, bric-a-brac, books and lucky dip kept everyone occupied and the Grand Draw was as popular as ever. We raised the tremendous sum of £2,300 which will be split between the Old School Hall and St Lawrence's Church. A big thank you to all who came and supported the event, and also to the many who helped, whether on the gate, stalls, in the tearoom, supervising parking or helping with the clearing up.

A special thank you to Roelof and Cheryl Quintus for allowing us to use the Garden and Tithe Barn at Bourton House and to Jacky, their Head Gardener, who came in early to open up for us.

Anne Robertson

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

EDUCATIONAL TRUST



The Educational Trust gives grants to help anyone living in the parish aged under the age of 25 with their education or learning - whether a new skill, school activities, uniform or equipment. If you, or someone you care for, would like some help then please contact either myself or one of the Trustees. All applications are treated in absolute confidence. We will be holding our autumn meeting shortly, so please apply soon.

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

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

BRIDGE CLUB



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



RAY COCKING (1931-2018)

Ray sadly left us on 3rd October 2018 after an amazing and varied life.

He was born in Nottingham where his father was the local carterer, delivering animal feeds round the villages in his pony cart. As a boy, Ray helped with the pony, so being asked what he wanted to do when he left school at 14, he answered that he wanted to work with animals. But his father said there was no money in this and sent him down the coal mine where he worked on the coal face. Eventually, one of the pit ponies became difficult, and remembering Ray's background, the manager sent for him. Ray sorted the pony out, and very soon was put in charge of all the pit ponies - working above ground, a much more enjoyable job!

He had a variety of other jobs with horses; as a farrier, hunt servant and groom - ending up in 1987 when he and Jane came to join us at Sezincote to look after our horses for hunting. As old age caught up with all of us, he used to take David for drives round the lanes with Midnight, David's labrador in the back of the pony trap and we drove to pubs for lunch or a picnic.

He was unfailingly cheerful, even as his own legs failed, driving down to Moreton in his buggy recently. A great raconteur, he enjoyed a party and the only sadness at the reception Jane organised in The Old School Hall, was that he wasn't there! Never has a cremation been so full, or so many stories shared about his exploits and Tim sounded the 'Going away' call on his hunting horn before we all dispersed, remembering all the happy times with Ray.

He is survived by Jane, to whom he has been married for 45 years and his 5 children from his previous marriage.

Susanna Peake

BOURTON HOUSE GARDEN



The end of another garden season - one that has presented several challenges, including the exceptionally hot summer. Jacky and her team have coped magnificently, keeping the garden flourishing and looking its best for the many visitors who have enjoyed not only the garden but Carolyn's delicious refreshments in the Tithe Barn.

We have had more visitors than usual this autumn due to the lovely weather and we are pleased to say that the garden continued to defy the time of year with masses of flowers as well as autumn colour. Jacky, Gareth and new gardener Tom will now be lifting tender plants, wrapping some in fleece and bringing all the succulents into the safety of the glasshouses.

Our new Administrator Kate Allen is raising our social media profile on Facebook and Instagram and we would love any of you who are social media gurus to 'like' her posts or forward to friends. In this technology-led world, we have lagged behind a bit, but we are attempting to catch up!

We've had two exciting visits this season. The first, from Visit Britain, was to film the garden both on the ground and by drone, for a feature on the Romantic Cotswolds. This will go out worldwide. The second visit, on the very last day of the season, was by a group from Visit Britain China, looking for beautiful and interesting places for Chinese groups to visit in the UK. Fortunately the weather was fine and they loved both the Garden and the Tithe Barn - hopefully this will lead to us welcoming some Chinese groups next year.



We hope the weather is kind this winter and wish everyone in the village the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Roelof and Cheryl Quintus
www.bourtonhouse.com

CDC INFORMATION UPDATES

‘Safe & Well’ Checks

Did you know that Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GRFS) conduct ‘safe and well’ checks at the homes of vulnerable people or in fact anyone concerned of fire risks?

If you know of a person who you think could be at risk from a house fire you can refer them directly to GRFS (with their informed consent) via this link:

<http://www.glosfire.gov.uk/forms/Newhomesafety.asp> You will need the name, address, contact number and the person’s consent.

Fighting cyber crime

Cyber-criminals use weaknesses in software and apps to attack your devices and steal your identity. Software updates are designed to fix these weaknesses and installing them as soon as possible will keep your devices & data secure.

Software updates don’t have to get in the way of what you’re doing. You can choose to

install them at night, when your device is plugged in and connected to wi-fi. You can also configure most devices to automatically install software and app updates.

For more information on how to stay secure online, visit www.cyberaware.gov.uk or follow [@Cyberprotectuk](https://twitter.com/Cyberprotectuk) on Twitter.

Scam Alerts

The Police are receiving reports that there are several scams doing the rounds: fraudsters ringing up unsolicited pretending to be a bank, the Police or an internet agency all with the intention of obtaining valuable personal information. They recommend that if approached do not divulge any private or financial information and end the call as quickly as possible.

If someone comes to the door selling items, however well intended, please ring 101 and report them to Stow Police Station as soon as possible. They are usually scouting for information which is then passed on to criminals and a spate of burglaries using occur soon afterwards.

If someone offers to repair/tarmac a drive or pathway, refuse your permission as strongly as possible and ask them to leave your property. It has often been reported that companies have started work despite the owner refusing permission. Please ring 101 if need be.

Cardboard Recycling Limits

Deliveries of large items purchased on-line, such as televisions, washing machines and furniture, can result in residents having to dispose of large amounts of cardboard packaging. Many people put out all of their cardboard on their scheduled recycling day even when they have an extra-large amount, and this can cause problems for crews working hard to complete their rounds.



To make sure everyone has the opportunity to have a reasonable amount of cardboard collected each fortnight, Cotswold District Council has instructed crews from its environmental services provider Ubico Ltd. that they should only collect the equivalent of four blue recycling bags of cardboard from each household. In future, when larger amounts of cardboard are left at the kerbside for collection, the crews will affix a blue sticker to show that the limit has been exceeded. Please flatten boxes and cut up large sheets into pieces no larger than 1 metre square, so that the material can fit through the slot on the vehicles.

If people have a larger amount of cardboard to dispose of, it is recommended taking it to a local Household Recycling Centre (HRC). The HRCs have cardboard skips that can cope with bigger sheets, larger boxes and greater amounts (provided the material is flattened). For those who cannot access an HRC easily, please try to lessen the load by storing any excess cardboard and putting it out for kerbside collection over a number of weeks.

The District Council would also recommend re-use whenever possible. As an example, allotment users or keen gardeners, are often very grateful for large sheets of cardboard, which they can use as a weed suppressing mat. Sturdy boxes and packaging are also in demand by those moving house. You can advertise the materials on your local Freecycle or 'Freegle' internet group, community noticeboard or an equivalent group on Facebook.

Tree works permissions

Cotswold District Council is urging people to make sure they get appropriate permission before pruning or felling protected trees after a man was ordered by Cheltenham Magistrates Court to pay a total of £650 for pruning trees without permission.

“If you plan to prune or fell a tree protected by a TPO you need to obtain the appropriate permission before you carry out the works. The penalties for not getting the appropriate permission or giving appropriate Conservation Area Notice can be a criminal conviction and a fine of up to £20,000.”

The prosecution was undertaken by Officers in the Heritage and Enforcement Teams at CDC, assisted by the Council's Counter Fraud Unit (CFU).

The CFU was set up to investigate and prosecute crimes committed against Local Government and Social Housing Providers with the aim of minimizing abuse of public funds. Members of the public can make anonymous referrals to the CFU about any suspected fraudulent activity across all Gloucestershire Authorities - and West Oxfordshire District - by telephoning 01285 623400 or 01242 264215, by email at fraud.referrals@cotswold.gov.uk or via the Counter Fraud Unit webpage on each of the individual Council websites.

Grit Bins

Highways will be filling the grit bins shortly and this is for use on the public roads only. Residents are encouraged to buy their own supply for paths and steps early and be prepared for whatever the weather does this winter. Highways also want to reiterate that only a light sprinkling of grit is needed to melt ice and snow and to use the grit very sparingly.

THE NEXT ISSUE

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



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