

THE Bourton BUGLE

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

SPRING 2019



'Bridle path, top of Keytes Lane', Val & Dave Walsh

- Open Gardens 2019 – date for the diary
- Parish Council Elections
- Art at Bourton House
- Police alerts direct to you
- A chance to be on TV
- And more!



Welcome to the Spring edition. You may be familiar with the Chinese curse ‘May you live in interesting times’ and don’t we just? That said, I am pleased to say that there is lots of good news inside and the only ‘B’ word featuring is ‘Bugle’. Derek’s daffs are out at the top of the village and spring (albeit windy) is with us. Enjoy!

Ailsa Vigrass

Sunday 19th May, 5th Sunday of Easter
9.30am Benefice Holy Communion (CW) at **Blockley**, Doreen Robinson is being presented with her British Empire Medal by the Lord Lieutenant.

Sunday 26th May, 6th Sunday of Easter
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Philip Gee

ST LAWRENCE’S CHURCH

We would be delighted to welcome you



Sunday 24th March, 3rd Sunday in Lent
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 31st March, Mothering Sunday
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 7th April, 5th Sunday in Lent
6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 14th April, Palm Sunday
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Friday 19th April, Good Friday
2pm Last Hour by the Cross

Sunday 21st April, Easter Day
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 28th April, 2nd Sunday of Easter
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

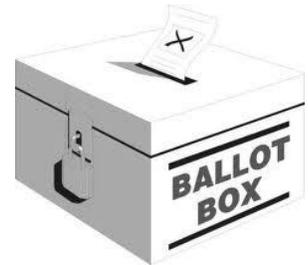
Sunday 5th May, 3rd Sunday of Easter
6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 12th May, 4th Sunday of Easter
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

PARISH COUNCIL

Elections

Elections to CDC and every Town and Parish Council in the Cotswolds will take place on **Thursday 2nd May**. All our parish



councillors have agreed to stand again for a further four years, namely: Andrew Vigrass (Chair), Liz Bowden (Vice Chair), Louise Davis, Mark Norton, Tom Martin, Peter Herbert and Angela Hay.

If anyone else is interested in standing for the Parish Council, a nomination form is available from Cotswold District Council Electoral Services team

Defibrillator for Fenhill

Following a successful application to the National Lottery, the Parish Council are delighted to announce that they received the full amount of £2,250 towards a new defibrillator which will be fixed to the bus stop at Fenhill Close. One very important aspect of the application process was to show community involvement, so we are very grateful to everyone who signed



the petition in favour of the new defibrillator. As it has to be specially built because the bus shelter does not have a power supply, delivery is expected in June. It is



planned to organise a training session in Fenhill Close once the defibrillator has been delivered and installed.

New Bench at Fenhill



Also for Fenhill Close, the Parish Council has purchased a new bench for the bus stop for passengers heading towards Moreton. It should be delivered in the next few weeks and ready for the Spring.

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 6pm on Monday 13th May.

Alexia Monroe
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CAROL SINGING

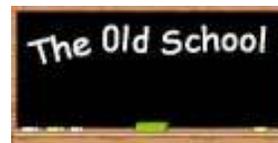
On Friday 21st December 14 people went carol singing around the village and the Horse and Groom pub. We were blessed with a fine, mild evening and everyone was in good voice. Thanks to the generosity of all visited we raised £169 for the Food Bank.



Photo courtesy of Kathryn Ramos

Anne Robertson

THE OLD SCHOOL



The Old School continues to thrive with regular bookings with the popular North Cotswold Bridge club, Toddler group and U3A Scottish dancing.

The Christmas party on 8th December saw 35 people enjoying turkey casserole or a very classy nut roast while singing festive songs and carols, listening to recitals and taking part in a Christmas themed quiz.

Rural Cinema continues to be well attended with 30 to 40 people each time. In November we enjoyed 'The Greatest Showman'. The January film was 'Mamma Mia, here we go again' and in February we watched Emma Thompson in 'The Children Act'. On the 23rd March will be showing 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and the on 27th April we will be showing 'Mary Queen of Scots'.



For all films in the Old School Hall the doors open at 6.30pm, hot dogs, wine and soft drinks are available and the film starts at 7.15 pm. Tickets cost £3.50 on the door.

Any queries contact Sandra Gee on 01386 701385 or Anne Robertson on 01386 701564.

Due to a change in arrangements we now have to purchase the film for each showing so plan to build up a village film library. Anyone who wants to borrow a film can do so by contacting me. There is no charge for this, but as always, a small donation to the Old School hall would be welcome. So far, under the new system, we have 3 films, 'The Greatest Showman',



‘Mamma Mia here we go again’ and ‘The Children Act’ but the library will obviously build up as time goes on.

Finally I am delighted to report that work is about to start on the long-awaited disabled ramp and handrail to the front door of the hall. We have been fundraising for this for a couple of years now and following a very generous donation are able to proceed. While work is in progress there will obviously be some disruption at the front of the building and we would ask all hall users other than the key holder to use the back door.

Anne Robertson

OPEN GARDENS DAY 2019

This year Bourton on the Hill Village Open Gardens will take place on **Sunday 18th August from 1pm to 5pm.**

The award-winning Bourton House Garden will be open along with a variety of other gardens in the village.



Teas will be available in the Old School Hall from 1.30pm. Tickets £6.00 on the day from the Old School or Bourton House car park. If you would be willing to open your garden for the afternoon please contact Anne Robertson 01386 701564. Many thanks to those who regularly open their gardens but it would be good to have some new and different gardens. You do not need to be an expert or particularly knowledgeable about plants. In 2017 we had glorious weather and 280 visitors from as far afield as Belgium, the US and Australia, many of whom were more interested in the views than the plants!

Anne Robertson

EDUCATIONAL TRUST



The Educational Trust was again delighted to be able to award every child in the village (under 18) a small Christmas gift to help them with their education. This could have been used to buy books, sports kit, games or as a contribution towards a school trip.

The Trust holds investment funds that generate an income that we try to give away each year, either to individuals or to local schools. We award grants for anyone aged up to 25 for help with a broad range of educational activities and would encourage anyone to apply to one of the Trustees, either via email or in writing. We do not need to know anything about your income.

The Trustees are: Dr. Louise Davis & Carlin Anderson (Fenhill), Rupert Crawshaw (main street), Rev. Canon Dana Delap (Vicarage, Blockley), and me.

Catherine Firth
Porch House (catherinefirth54@gmail.com)

BRIDGE CLUB



Alan's continuing improvement means he is restoring the play of bridge in the Old School from three to four, and later five sessions per week. These are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and afternoons, but not evenings. Any enquiries about playing, coached sessions or classes are best made by email, contacting the host through the website:

www.bridgewebs.com/northcotswolds

Alan Lamb
700583 (not after 8pm, please).



BOURTON HOUSE GARDEN

The gardeners have been working incredibly hard throughout the winter, ensuring the tender plants were protected by taking them into the polytunnels, or wrapping them in fleece.



Jobs such as mulching and pruning have been done and the hardy gardeners even planted in the snow.



The gardens open on Tuesday April 2nd and entrance is just £5 in April. In May the Tithe Barn café will be opening too. Why not become a Friend of Bourton House Garden? You can enjoy the gardens as often as you like for just £20 during the season.

The gardens will be open on Sunday 11th August for the National Garden Scheme and on Sunday 18th August for the Village Open Gardens event.



Blossom on the apricot, Bourton House

‘Just Four plus One’, Art Exhibition in the Tithe Barn, 11th-15th June 2019

‘Just Four’ contemporary artists are a group of four female artists who thrive on painting and working together. They are Jenny Hill Norton, Anthea Stilwell, Sophie Bartlett and Jo Ellis. Jenny says, ‘Our work is all about experiencing a place or object, not about representing it.’ Craig Narramore joins them and his unusual sculptural pieces add a unique 3D dynamic to the work on show.



We hope that you will come and visit us often and make the most of the truly beautiful garden on your doorstep!

Kate Allen



POLICE MESSAGING SERVICE

Gloucestershire Constabulary want to encourage local residents to sign up for their community alerts. This free messaging service helps keep residents and businesses up to date with incidents that may affect them.



You can also reply to any of the messages you receive so that they can hear from you. Messages can be by email, text or voicemail – whichever you prefer.

Alexia Monroe

MILLENIUM WOOD

The snowdrops and



cyclamen in the wood have been beautiful and now the primroses are coming out, mainly at the entrance.



The high winds that we have experienced lately have caused an owl box, a bat box and an insect box to fall to the woodland floor. We have repaired them and reinstated them to their original positions. We might need to consider woodcrete boxes in the future when the current wooden ones need replacing. They are more

expensive initially but are much tougher and so longer lasting. They also keep their inhabitants warmer and drier.

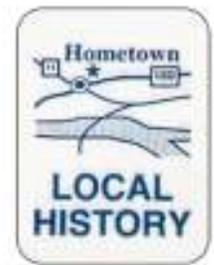
The high winds also caused a large branch from one of the beech trees along the bridle path from Keytes Lane to the Millennium Wood to fall. This has formed an archway across the path. A picture is on the front cover of this issue of the Bugle. It is high enough for us to walk under but if you are rather tall or on horseback, you may need to duck or dismount!

Dave and Val (April Cottage)

LOCAL LEGENDS

You may have seen the excavations going on at the top of the village, on the corner by the turn into a Sezincote Lane. You may remember there was a cave there which was the entrance to a tunnel that emerged in another cave at the top of Sezincote garden. When my father bought the estate in 1943, the tunnel had fallen in near the Bourton-on-the-Hill entrance, but was accessible from Sezincote, so he, mindful of his three daughters love of adventure, had it blocked off at the Sezincote end. The story was that a highway man used to terrorise the main road above Bourton-on-the-Hill, but was never caught as he disappeared, (emerging in Sezincote garden)!

Susanna Peake



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION?

The casting producer for a television production company called 'Wall to Wall Media' has contacted us via the Parish Council. They produce a variety of programmes, including 'Who Do You Think You Are?' (BBC) and 'Long Lost Family' (ITV)



They also make BBC2's living history strand 'Back in Time'; recent series of this include 'Back in Time for Tea' and 'Back in Time for School'.

For their new 'Back in Time' series, they are looking for a family (with at least 2 children, ideally aged 8+) to immerse themselves in the past world of rural village life. They're filming the series over the school summer holidays 2019 and are looking for a new family to take part and go back in time. They are very keen to contact families in Gloucestershire, particularly those with memories of, or connections to, the countryside and village life.

Would you be interested in applying, or know a local family who might be? Go to walltowall.co.uk and click on "Take Part".

THE NEXT ISSUE

.. is due out in July. We've been delighted to receive feedback from readers such as 'It just gets fuller and fuller with news' so please do let us have any pieces that you think would be of interest to your neighbours.



Items for inclusion should be submitted by early July to: -

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