

# THE Bourton BUGLE

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

## WINTER 2019



*Gardener's World filming, Bourton House*

- National acclaim for Bourton House Gardens
- Fund raising results
- The date for our **Christmas party**
- Christmas at St Lawrence
- Parish email alerts!
- New waste services from March 2020
- And more!



Welcome to the Winter edition. As ever there's a lot to report, a particular highlight being Bourton House Garden's recent appearance on the BBC's 'Gardener's World'. I'd recommend watching the episode on YouTube (see details below) - the effort put in by the team is astonishing.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.  
*Ailsa Vigrass*

**ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH**  
**Services to the end of December**  
**2019.** *We would be delighted to welcome you*



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
**All Saints Day**  
6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
**Remembrance Sunday**  
10.50am - Service including the laying of a Poppy Wreath at the War Memorial

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
**Second Sunday before Advent**  
11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
**Christ the King**  
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
**Advent 1**  
6pm Advent Service

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
**Advent 2**  
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
**Advent 3**  
11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Saturday 21st December

**7pm Carol Service**

Mulled wine and mince pies after the service

Sunday 22nd December  
**Advent 4**  
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Tuesday 24th December  
**Midnight Mass**  
11.30pm Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 29th December  
**First Sunday of Christmas**  
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)  
*Philip Gee*

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Parish Alerts – Sign Up Now**

We have now started an email service – to keep people up to date with village news and to give us a way to contact many people quickly should the need arise.



We are using Mailchimp for this service, which caters for the GDPR regulations, allows users to subscribe and importantly unsubscribe.

To sign up for these alerts go to the village website ([bourtononthehill.co.uk](http://bourtononthehill.co.uk)) and use the sign-up link on the home page.

**Fenhill Defibrillator**

Thanks to the Big National Lottery Fund, the defibrillator has now been installed at the bus shelter by Fenhill Close. Thank you to Helen Blight for offering to carry out the regular checks on it. We will be looking to arrange a training session with Community Heartbeat Trust to familiarise everyone with how it works and to be confident to help if someone is suffering a heart attack.





### **New Bench**

A new bench has been bought and installed in the Millennium Wood, to replace the one that was vandalised last year.



### **New Councillor**

In our meeting on the 9th September we co-opted Anna Stanley of Church House onto the Parish Council. We are very grateful for her joining the council and look forward to working with her.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Old School hall at 6:30pm on Monday 9th December.

### **Councillors**

The Parish Councillors are Andy Vigrass (Chairman), Liz Bowden (Vice Chairman), Louise Davis, Angela Hay, Anna Stanley, Tom Martin & Mark Norton. The Clerk to the Parish Council is Alexia Monroe.

### **Phone & Email**



The phone number for contacting the clerk: **07594-169499**



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

*Alexia Monroe / Andy Vigrass*

## **THE OLD SCHOOL**

### **Open Gardens**

On Sunday 18th August we held a very successful Open Gardens afternoon. Bourton House and eight village gardens opened their doors to 360 visitors. Despite a brief shower earlier in the day, the weather stayed fine and visitors were able to enjoy the splendid gardens of Bourton House and a variety of private gardens before eating a delicious tea in the Old School.



Business was brisk throughout the whole afternoon and nearly £3,000 was raised for the Old School, including £800 taken in the tearoom. Our grateful thanks to all those who opened their gardens, to all the helpers, not forgetting all those who kindly visited the gardens and ate lots of cake!

### **Grant for the Disabled Ramp**

We are pleased to report that we have now received a grant of £500 from the Gloucestershire County Council's Growing Our Communities Fund towards the cost of the recently completed disabled ramp. There will be an official Opening of the Ramp on Saturday 2nd November at 10.30am with coffee, tea and cake in the hall afterwards.

### **Harvest Supper and Quiz**

On Friday 11th October we held a Harvest Supper and Quiz in the Old School Hall. This proved so popular that we were unable to give tickets to all who requested them. In the end, 58 people sat down to enjoy the evening and take part in the challenging quiz set by Quizmaster Peter Mansion.

There were 9 rounds of 10 questions on such varied topics as history, food and drink, wildlife, politics and art and literature. A favourite pictorial round of Seaside Towns provoked much discussion and brightened a dull October evening. The quiz was eventually convincingly won by the Village People team.

The two course supper of lasagne (meat and vegetarian) and cottage pie with a variety of salads and poached pears, apple and blackberry crumble for dessert was enthusiastically consumed.

The raffle prize of a Harvest Hamper with donated produce was won by Anna Stanley. It was a wonderful evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all.



### Rural Cinema

The monthly films continue to be well attended. In September we enjoyed the feel good film of a Cornish fishing village, Fisherman's Friends. The film on 26th October was Rocketman.

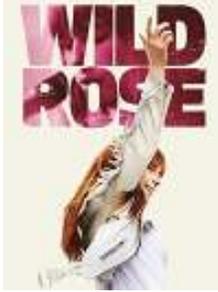


politely ask that cars be parked considerately, at the bottom of the car park and not obstructing the way through for other vehicles. Thank you.

*Anne Robertson*

On the 30th November we will be showing

**Wild Rose.** An entertaining & sentimental tale,, starring **Jessie Buckley** and co-starring **Julie Walters** about a young Glaswegian woman's dreams of becoming a star in Nashville.



### EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Have you recently moved to the village, and have children?



The Bourton-on-the-Hill Educational Trust helps anyone under the age of 25 with modest grants towards educational activities, including school uniform, sports kit, field trips and equipment.

### Film Library



As we now have to buy the films shown monthly we are building up a collection of films available to borrow (for a small donation).

We currently have the following films, The Greatest Showman, Mamma Mia, here we go again, Bohemian Rhapsody, A Star is Born, First Man, The Favourite, The Children Act, Stan and Ollie, Fisherman's Friends and Rocketman. If anyone wishes to borrow one please contact Anne Robertson 01386 701564.

If you have moved here recently please let us know so that we can give you more information. You can also find more about the Trust on the village website ([bourtononthehill.co.uk](http://bourtononthehill.co.uk)) or please email me Catherine Firth (Chair of Trustees)

*Catherine Firth, Porch House*  
[\*\(catherinefirth54@gmail.com\)\*](mailto:catherinefirth54@gmail.com)

### Village Christmas Party

The Christmas Party in the Old School Hall will take place on **Saturday 7th December**, 6.30 for 7.00pm. Tickets £10.00 from Anne Robertson 01386 701564.



### NEW BOOK COMING SOON



Currently with the publisher for final editing, *Jane Austen's Regency Dashwoods – Sense and Sensibility, India & the Cotswolds'* incorporates considerable Bourton-on-the-Hill and other local interest.

An update on details of publication will be posted on the village website and noticeboards, hopefully by year end.

### Parking

The Old School car park is a private car park for the use of those hiring the hall. At times when the hall is not in use, residents of the village are allowed to park there but we would

*Allen Firth*



## **BOURTON HOUSE GARDEN**

As we draw to the end of another season at Bourton House Garden, the



Garden continues to bloom as we have been lucky with the frosts this year. And we have had the most amazing last few months where we saw visitor numbers rocket thanks to the Garden being featured on BBC2's Gardeners World at the end of August.

The news that they were coming to film came in slightly last minute, so it was all hands on deck to ensure the Garden looked as good as always! We were so lucky to have a beautiful day for filming and the garden really was at its best; the borders almost shimmered with intense colour in the sunshine.

Adam Frost's relaxed manner made everyone feel at ease and Jacky Rae, our Head Gardener, enjoyed talking to him about the imaginative planting that she, Gareth Griffiths and Tom Benisfield, carry out.



The Gardener's World team were so impressed by each area of the garden that they found it difficult to choose what to film. Filming began in the elegant White Garden and ended at the unusual Shade House. Adam was so taken with this structure, that he talked about creating one in his own garden.

Jacky and Adam had a long conversation, standing next to the exotic warm border. They discussed how the garden stays vibrant throughout the year due to the constant planting out of half hardy perennials. Adam particularly liked the fact that there are so many pots to be found around the garden, with a wide variety of unusual plants growing in them.



Bourton House Garden is sometimes referred to as 'The Secret Garden' but it seems like it is no longer a secret! If you missed the episode you can watch it via YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSs7KAeyc\\_U&t=417s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSs7KAeyc_U&t=417s) We are from 5.45 mins to 12.20 mins.

(Ed. Go to Youtube and search for "Gardeners World 2019 Episode 25").

And finally, as we look towards the end of the year and, dare I say, Christmas... if you are stuck for a gift for a garden lover why not buy them a 'Friend of Bourton House Garden' membership? For the 2020 season this will be £24 but you can visit as many times as you wish from the 1st April to the 30th October; with the Garden open Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 5pm.

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and wish you a very Merry Christmas!

*Claire Douglas-Hughes*



## SEZINCOTE GOES ORGANIC

As you walk over the Sezincote Estate (most of the fields to the south of the village),



you may be aware of more nettles and thistles in the fields - but also more wildflowers. The reason is that we are going organic!

Our 2-year conversion period started in July, and we will gradually be introducing 750 Lley sheep, who with the cattle will represent a more holistic method of farming. When grazing, cattle ‘pull’ the grass, whereas sheep just nibble, which is better for the turf. This increase in livestock will involve a lot more wire fencing - an unbelievable 35 kilometres!

Our arable fields, mostly above the main Stow to Broadway Road, will look different, with no Oil Seed Rape, but instead clover leys, and oats as well as barley and wheat. With no chemicals in fertiliser, or sprays to curtail weeds and aphids, we hope our low input/ low output system will benefit the environment, and hopefully, we will see more birds and butterflies as well as poppies!

*Suki Peake*

## NEW LAUNCH DATE FOR IMPROVED WASTE SERVICE

A new date has been announced for the launch of Cotswold District Council’s increased waste collection service. The new service will include:

- Separate food and garden waste collection
- Weekly food waste collection
- Fortnightly garden waste service
- Fortnightly dry recycling collection



- Fortnightly refuse collection
- More materials recycled at the kerbside (small electricals, textiles, batteries)
- New recycling sacks for cardboard and additional larger food waste caddies

Councillors have now decided that the new service will begin at the end of **March 2020**.

Councillor Andrew Doherty said: “Recycling and waste collection is a service that touches every resident. It’s vitally important that it is delivered well and that changes are planned and communicated properly. The original November launch dates meant that no-deal Brexit uncertainty added risks to the shipment of parts and equipment and to the timely onward transfer of our recycling. While the new service is delayed it does have the benefit to residents that the weekly garden waste service will continue, in line with our manifesto commitment. The new service will bring some big improvements to our waste collection and recycling. It will be more environmentally friendly and allow residents to recycle more than ever before.”

## POLICE ALERTS

In the last few months the police have alerted us to the following:

### **Saga Insurance Scam**

Some care home residents have been targeted by bogus leaflets sent to try and get them to buy insurance policies for vehicles. This is using SAGA insurance logos. SAGA insurance have been contacted and they have confirmed the leaflets are not from them. This is a scam to try and obtain money from elderly residents. Be aware in case the same scam is sent to domestic residences.

### **Door-to-Door Callers**

Police have received a number of calls regarding door to door sellers in the Chipping



Campden, Willersey and Mickleton areas in mid-October. As burglaries have been known to occur after these door to door sellers have visited, the Police advise not to buy anything or give them local information. Anyone with any concerns about callers is asked to call the Police on 101 or if you feel intimidated or threatened by such sales persons to call 999.

### **Car Thefts Prevention**

The Police have asked for the public's help to tackle serious criminals stealing high end cars and using them to get away from burglaries in the Cotswolds. These gangs have been stealing from homes and businesses in rural communities. They often explore places looking for the next potential home, business or vehicle to target, so if you see gangs of lads in expensive cars driving fast or erratically, driving slowly past premises / cars, parked up on private land or just seeming out of place don't roll your eyes – report it to the Police on 101.

*Andy Vigrass*

### **FOOD BANK REPORT**

Since the Foodbank opened in the Baptist Church in Naunton 2011 it has grown to have outlets in Moreton, Chipping Campden, Bourton on the Water, Bishops Cleeve and Winchcombe. The Moreton outlet is in the Congregational Church in Oxford Street and is open on Tuesdays from 10am-12 noon to co-ordinate with the market buses. Last year between all five outlets they distributed 1,670 emergency food parcels.

Also last year the Moreton outlet had 147 vouchers redeemed for emergency food parcels which fed 210 adults and 167 children giving a total of 377 altogether. Nationwide, the Trussell Trust distributed 1.6 million food parcels. The school holidays are always busy as families having free school meals are left to provide lunches which strains the household budgets.

We are so grateful for the generous donations from schools, churches and other local organisations at this time of year as part of their harvest collections. We have also been able to give out fresh eggs which have been generously donated by a local producer, these are a very valuable source of protein, not always found in tinned food. Washing powder, toiletries, nappies and sanitary products are also very much appreciated. Special Christmas hampers will be given out to add some extra treats to people who will find Christmas difficult on a tight budget.

If anyone would be interested in volunteering there are vacancies at Chipping Campden (more details at [www.northcotswold.foodbank.co.uk](http://www.northcotswold.foodbank.co.uk)).

If you would like to make a food donation, there are collection boxes in the CDC Moreton Area Centre, St Lawrence Church, St David's Centre and Tesco's in Stow. **Please no cereals, dried pasta or baked beans.** All donated items should have a shelf life of 3 months or more. Suggested items to help with current shortages at the depot can be found on the website and are listed below:

Tins of fish (tuna/salmon), tins of rice pudding, long life milk, long life fruit juice, crumble mix, biscuits, rice (microwavable pouches), ketchup & mayonnaise, chocolate snacks, packets cheese/white sauce, ladies' shampoo, conditioner, deodorant.

*Alexia Monroe*

### **THE NEXT ISSUE**

.. is due out in **March**.

Items for inclusion should be submitted by late February to: -



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