

THE **Bourton** **BUGLE**

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

SPRING 2022



- Easter Services at St Lawrence's
- Platinum Jubilee street party
- Date for Open Gardens
- Bourton House Garden re-opens
- Planting of trees for Queen's Canopy
- And more!



Welcome to the spring edition of The Bugle. Now more than ever we all need some good news and there is plenty to be found here.

The Old School Committee will be especially busy over the next few months with various events, including plans to help us to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. If you feel you could contribute a cake or play some music on the day, please do get in touch with the team.

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Easter!
Ailsa Vigrass

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Services at St. Lawrence for Easter and Beyond.



This edition of the Bugle is likely to be published just after we welcome back Dana from her well-deserved sabbatical. Everyone at St. Lawrence is very grateful to Dana's clergy colleagues in the Vale & Cotswold Edge Team for taking services while she has been away. Dana's first Sunday back with us was Palm Sunday and our services from then until the end of June will be:

We hope to return to a normal pattern of services as soon as circumstances allow, but in the meantime our planned services to the end of May are:

- Sunday 18th April - **Easter 3**
11:15am Holy Communion (CW)
Please wear a mask
- Sunday 10th April **Palm Sunday**
11:15am Holy Communion
- Friday 15th April **Good Friday**
2:00pm Last Hour at the Cross
- Sunday 17th April **Easter Day**
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 24th April **Easter 2**

- Sunday 1st May 11:15am Holy Communion
Easter 3
6pm Evening Prayer
- Sunday 8th May **Easter 4**
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 15th May **Easter 5**
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 22nd May **Easter 6**
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 29th May **Easter 7**
9:30am Service in Blockley
Holy Communion
- Sunday 5th June **Pentecost**
6pm Evening Prayer
- Sunday 12th June **Trinity Sunday**
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 19th June **Trinity 1**
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 26th June **Trinity 2**
11:15am Holy Communion

We very much look forward to welcoming you.

Philip Gee

PARISH COUNCIL

Highways

The signage has finally been restored at the Blockley turning. Hopefully fewer cars will overshoot the junction now.



Following on from last year's traffic survey we have been promised a meeting with Highways to discuss any potential traffic calming measures in the village. It is a case of watch this space.

Platinum Jubilee Oak Trees

The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire have offered each parish two oak trees to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. Roelof Quintus has kindly agreed to the placing of the two trees in the field opposite Bourton House. They are tiny saplings right now (see page 5 for a photo). If



you want to see them, they are in the field just beside the main Bourton House car park.

Great British Spring Clean

On Saturday 10th March we took part in the



Great British Spring Clean, organized by the CPRE. Thankfully it was a sunny morning and a good group of volunteers turned up. The volunteers gathered 14 bags of litter from around the village, contributing to the 400,000 bags that were collected nationally.

Councillors

The Parish Councillors are Andy Vigrass (Chairman), Liz Bowden (Vice Chairman), Angela Hay, Anna Stanley, Tom Dixon, Tom Martin & Mark Norton. The Clerk to the Parish Council is Kevin O'Donoghue.

Phone & Email



The phone number for contacting the clerk: 01386 854830



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

Kevin O'Donoghue & Andy Vigrass

THE OLD SCHOOL



The Old School is being used on a regular basis by a number of groups including the Toddler group on Monday mornings, Vivid Performing, a children's drama group on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings,

the North Cotswold Bridge group all day Wednesdays, a U3A Bridge group on Thursday mornings, Scottish dancing on Friday mornings and a Tai Chi and Yoga group on Saturday mornings.

The hall is available for hire for private parties, rehearsals and other events at a charge of £8 per hour for village residents and £10 per hour for non residents. Contact Sandra Gee 01386-701385.



Rural Cinema



We are continuing to show films on the last Saturday of the month under the Rural Cinema scheme. In January we showed **The Courier**, in February the latest Bond film, **No Time to Die**, and in March, **Little Women**. Numbers attending are lower than pre pandemic, perhaps reflecting continuing anxieties over Covid but we hope they will pick up over the summer months. The film on 30th April will be **West Side Story**. Entrance is £4 and a donations bar and hot dogs are available.



Village Christmas Party

The Christmas party on 10th December saw 31 people enjoying a festive supper with mulled wine, musical entertainment, a raffle and a Call my Bluff game which proved hugely entertaining.

Quiz Night

The Quiz night on Friday 18th March was another enjoyable and popular evening. The quiz, set and run by Peter and Betty Mansion, was their last ever as they have announced



their retirement after many years of providing excellent quizzes in the area. Six teams took part. A Ploughman's and pud supper was served with cheeses generously donated by Simon Weaver and Peter Kindel from Daylesford.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Street Party

On **Sunday 5th June** we plan to hold a Village Street Party in the car park of the Old School Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 5th June to celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne. We have applied for a grant to fund this and submitted an application to close the road by the Old School from the A44 to the Chantry for the afternoon.



There will be sandwiches, cakes and teas and a donation bar as well as games, musical entertainment and Bourton Bake Off, a competition for the best cake.

We would be grateful for any help and ideas to make the day a success. In particular, if anyone can provide a sound system, music or similar expertise, please let us know.

Village Open Gardens

On **Saturday 2nd July** a number of village gardens and Bourton House Garden will be open to the public. Teas will be served in the Old School Hall. It is great to have a variety of gardens, big and small and new gardens are especially welcome. If you are willing to open your garden, please contact Anne Robertson 01386-701564



or anne.robertson1304@gmail.com. If you

can help with teas please contact Catherine Firth 01386-700939.

Autumn Fete and Craft Fair at Bourton House Garden

Book the date: Saturday 1st October. If you know anyone who would like to run a stall please let us know.



*Anne Robertson
(on behalf of the Old School Hall Committee)*

BRIDGE CLUB



Although Alan has left the village, he's only a few fields away! The bridge programme currently sees just Wednesday afternoon Gentle Duplicate games in the Old School Hall. A qualified teacher is also holding improvers classes here (for U3A) on Thursday mornings. Players are urged to always check the website for details, developments or interruptions.

www.bridgewebs.com / *northcotswolds*

Alan Lamb

THE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Are you under 25 and have you moved here recently? If so then the Trust may not know who you are. Please email us as we may be able to help with small grants towards uniforms, sports kit, field trips or extra lessons - anything connected with education.



*Dr. Catherine Firth
Chair of Trustees
(catherinefirth54@gmail.com)*



BOURTON HOUSE **GARDEN**

At last the tell-tale signs are here. From sunshine and longer days, to birdsong and daffodils, nature is letting us know that it's once again time for Spring.



And with Spring comes Bourton House Garden throwing open our gates once again. We are now open every Tuesday to Friday 10am until 5pm, excluding bank holidays through until the end of October. Our café and shop will open from May onwards.

Don't forget that during the month of April, entrance is just £5 per person and the tulips create such a welcome splash of colour. We plant around 3,000 tulips of many different varieties so there is something for everyone.



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

As you can see, the BotH village two English oaks (*Quercus robur*) were planted at the start of the year at the entrance to our Field Walk.



Our 2022 Friends' cards are now on sale!

Being local, you might want to consider purchasing our 'Friends of Bourton House Garden' season tickets to experience the garden evolving through the months. They cost £24 per person and offer you unlimited entry to the garden from April through until October. Come as often as you like! Please email Rachel at info@bourtonhouse.com for more details or pop in to buy one from our reception desk.

You may have noticed the changes to the Parterre at the front of Bourton House. In 2021, the garden team decided to remove the thirty-year-old box hedging in both the Knot Garden and Parterre, which had been suffering from box blight. Blight spreads as tiny spores and is extremely difficult to control in an open garden. While it is sad to lose the box in these



areas, it has given Jackie and her team an opportunity to create new designs...for the next thirty years!

Phase 1 (formerly known as the Knot Garden) is being planted now and consists of topiarised English yew and laurel, interspersed with perennial plantings (tulips may follow next year).



We have renamed this area the Basket Pond garden.

Phase 2 (the Parterre) will use the established yew and laurel topiary and an annual wild flower design for this year.



Next year will see the Parterre planted up in its final form.

We're looking forward to hearing visitors' comments!

Here's to all garden lovers, hoping for a wonderful summer. See you in the garden soon.

Best wishes from all at Bourton House Garden.

Rachel, Bourton Gardens

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

You may have spotted Adrian and team busy carrying out checks during the last 2 weeks. As usual, we're really grateful to everyone who has volunteered. A summary of recent activity:



- Several motorists have been caught multiple times during the checks, including twice during the same session.
- On Saturday 2 April, over 50% of vehicles were recorded as speeding, with two overtaking vehicles witnessed in the middle of the village.
- On Friday 1 April, the group witnessed and reported a collision by the pub where the offending driver drove off from the scene of the accident; a car descended Quarry hill at high speed, losing control on the corner of the bend and hitting an oncoming vehicle.
- Gloucestershire Police have sent out letters daily to speeding drivers.

We understand that carrying out CSW checks increases the police commitment to enforcement in the village.

Adrian purchased a Bushnell speed gun last week because the Stow Police kit provided was heavy and unresponsive. We plan to buy a second gun shortly to enable dual checks to begin. This gives us the opportunity to catch



the same speeders twice in a session to illustrate the need for a comprehensive enforcement plan for the village as a whole. We are keen to enlarge the volunteer base to help deliver this goal.

We continue to gather footage of HGVs and other unsuitable vehicles battling with the pinch point to highlight the danger to pedestrians.

Do send over any pictures or footage that might be relevant to this if you can.



If you are able to join in, please get in touch with camillachandler2018@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

Adrian & Camilla Chandler

BOURTON ON THE HILL HELP IN NEED TRUST

We want to make sure that everyone in Bourton on the Hill knows about the Help in Need Trust. Since the 1800s we've had been supporting people living in the parish at times of hardship and extra expense. Today, with the cost of living increasing rapidly, it's important you know that we are here to help if you need it.

Here are some examples of the kinds of thing the Trust has been able to help people with:

- Specialist equipment for someone with a disability;
- Course fees and books for someone studying for a professional qualification leading to new employment;

- Help towards the costs of fixing a boiler
- Helping with extra costs following a house move
- Travel costs to hospital and hospital parking
- Helping with heating costs
- Replacement and repair of essential home equipment such as cookers or fridges
- Unexpected one-off financial pressures.

These are examples, to give you an idea of the kinds of things we can fund. These funds are for the residents of the parish, so we do encourage you to get in touch if you feel we can help you, or someone you know, as long as they live in Bourton on the Hill.

- We can help with one off grants if things are difficult.
- We won't ask you to fill in any complicated forms.
- We can help you access the North Cotswolds food bank if needed.
- Anything you tell us is handled in strict confidence.

You can contact us via

- Rachel Hudson at 6 Fenhill Close,
- rachelhudson@hotmail.com, [07885 708288](tel:07885708288)
- Allen Firth at Porch House (just uphill from the Church),
- allen.firth@btinternet.com, [01386 700939](tel:01386700939)
- Alexia Monroe at Redesdale House (just below the Horse and Groom)
- alexia@monroerothers.co.uk, 01386 700277

The Trustees are:-Rachel Hudson, Dana Delap, Lord Dulverton, Anne Martin and Alexia Monroe. The Clerk to the Trustees is Allen Firth.

Rachel Hudson



MEMORIES OF DAVID BOUCHER, 1933-2022



David who passed away in January aged 89, lived in Bourton and the locality all of his life and therefore qualifies as one of our longest standing residents. Born at Batsford Lodge where he was one of seven siblings, his early arrival resulted in his being Christened at home. David attended Bourton School and recalled watching whistling Italian POWs being marched up the hill to the local camp. The US Army's 'Super Sixth' Armoured Brigade was stationed nearby, and the GIs were popular with all the village children as suppliers of sweets, then under ration.

David's innate skill with animals became evident early on. David saw out his National Service with the Royal Artillery as a staff car driver; when his service ended David was offered a permanent post working with horses, but he declined knowing that he couldn't be happy away from the Cotswolds. After leaving the army David began his career working for Lord Dulverton at Batsford where his reputation grew not only as a skilled stockman with cattle and sheep but also as a dog trainer. Later, David worked freelance and local farmers called on his expertise to help with their sheep or cows.

Jean and David met at the Moreton branch of the Royal British Legion. At the time, Jean recently widowed, was learning to drive and David offered to help by providing extra lessons. It's a testament to both their temperaments that despite this potentially trying beginning, their relationship blossomed. David and Jean's association with the Moreton Legion lasted many more years with Jean as Stewardess and David as Branch Chairman. After their marriage in 1989, David

and Jean moved to their home in Fenhill Close where Jean lives today.

Over the years, both David and Jean have contributed their time and energies generously to village life. David served as a Parish Councillor for many years and along with Jean, helped to organise the catering at various events both at the Old School and at our fetes. David made good use of his allotment and was often to be found there, working to produce a variety of vegetables. In addition, and at a time of life when most of us would have welcomed slowing down, David worked with Robin Dale and the late Mike Gaden as a relief milker and shepherd respectively. I witnessed David's skills watching him move a flock from Rectory Lane to the upper field, his calm and efficient handling of the sheep making it short work. Those of us fortunate enough to have known David remember a gentle, modest man with a ready sense of humour. Devoted to his family and a much-loved grandfather, David is survived by Jean, a son and daughter from his first marriage, and two grandchildren.

*With thanks to Jean for sharing her memories,
Ailsa Vigrass*

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE FOR NIC DICKER



There will be a service at St David's Church, Moreton-in-Marsh on Tuesday 19th April at 10.30 am to remember Nic who passed away from cancer in March 2021. Nic ran the Batsford Garden Centre for over twenty years from 1982 and lived in the village from 1993, first at Church View and latterly at The Retreat.

Nic was a well-known figure in the village, helping many friends and neighbours with their



gardens and trees. His daughter Juliette would love to see as many friends and neighbours as possible, as we gather to remember and give thanks for Nic's life.

Alexia Monroe

FOODBANK BULLETIN

It has been another very busy few months at the North Cotswold Foodbank and at the Moreton outlet in particular. With the increasing cost of living and rises in fuel prices we expect to be just as busy in the months if not years ahead. Thanks to grants from the Trussell Trust we have been able to extend the provision of fresh fruit and vegetables through the Cotswold Veg Box Company to all of our outlets. We have been able to guarantee salaries for dedicated Citizen Advice Bureau advisors for the next 2-3 years. Emily Marshall and Morwenna Salmon have made a very good start supporting our clients, helping with debt, benefits and housing issues; this service will also be extended to Moreton once a new advisor has been trained.

The Chipping Campden outlet had a trial with Gloucestershire Health & Care NHS Trust as they hosted a walk-in vaccination clinic alongside their normal foodbank duties. This proved to be very successful with 18 people vaccinated and the trial will be extended to the other outlets if and when the need arises. The very profitable collaboration with Tesco continues as they have offered a van to help us with deliveries and collections, this will make a considerable difference to the running of the warehouse and donation collections. It should be around the roads of the north Cotswolds very soon and is recognisable for the large green logo on the side and back.

The Cotswold School have kindly offered us a slot to fund raise using their car park on Sunday May 22nd. All the proceeds from

visitors parking for the day on the school fields will be donated to NCFB. If anyone is interested in making a donation, a list of suggested items can be found on our website www.northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk

If anyone you know is in food poverty and needs emergency help, please don't hesitate to contact the Help In Need Charity or me at the Foodbank directly

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THE NEXT ISSUE

.. is due out in July. Items for inclusion should be submitted to me by early July. Please either email



me at the email address below or post items using the link on The Bugle page on bourtononthehill.co.uk.

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'Slava Ukraini !'