

# THE Bourton BUGLE

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

## SUMMER 2022



- Church Services
- Community Speedwatch Camera
- Bourton's Throne Room
- Autumn Fete & Craft Fair
- La Serenissima concert
- And more!



Welcome to the summer edition of The Bugle. Considering everything that is going on both in the UK and abroad, the return to community life has been especially welcome. A highlight for me was the wonderful Jubilee party put on for us by The Old School Committee; congratulations to the slam dunk winner of the cake decorating contest Jo Davies whose winning entry graces the cover and thanks to the committee for all their hard work. Enjoy!

*Ailsa Vigrass*

**ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH**

**Forthcoming Services at St. Lawrence**



We would very much like to invite everyone to join us for all or some of the following services:

- Sunday 4th September - **Trinity 12**  
6pm Evening Prayer
- Sunday 11th September - **Trinity 13**  
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 18th September - **Trinity 14**  
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 25th September - **Trinity 15**  
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 2nd October - **Harvest Festival**  
6pm Holy Communion (BCP)
- Sunday 9th October - **Trinity 17**  
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 16th October - **Trinity 18**  
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 23rd October -  
**Last Sunday after Trinity**  
11:15am Holy Communion
- Sunday 30th October –  
**4th Sunday before Advent**  
9:30am Benefice Service in **Blockley**  
Holy Communion
- Sunday 6th November -  
**3rd Sunday before Advent**  
6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 13th November –

**Remembrance Sunday**

10:50am – Service including the laying of a Poppy Wreath on the War Memorial

Sunday 20th November –

**Sunday before Advent**

11:15am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th November –

**Advent**

11:15am Holy Communion

We very much look forward to welcoming you.

*Philip Gee*

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Highways**

We met with Highways in April to discuss safety in the village. As a result Highways promised to clear away the land slippage from the footpath between the Horse & Groom and the Longborough turning. This work was carried out in late July and the footpath is now wider and more useable.



Highways also promised to repaint all the white lines in the village and add some new white lines at the pinch point in the middle of the village. This work has yet to be done.

We have been discussing with Lynden Stowe, our County Councillor, a new type of community speedwatch camera, provided by a firm called AutoSpeedWatch,.



A new scheme was launched this spring jointly by Glos Police and Glos Highways for this automated camera that will take photos of vehicles exceeding the speed limit by a nominated margin. These photos can then be sent automatically to the police who will issue letters to the vehicle owners with the aim of encouraging a change in behaviour. This



would be complimentary to the current SpeedWatch cameras and campaigns, it is not a replacement for that activity.

We have applied for funding for the camera itself and are now looking for funding for the annual running costs and the charge for letters sent out. Based on the photos taken by the camera the percentage of these that get sent letters will be controlled by the Parish Council as we will have to pay the police a fee of 50p per letter sent – so we will effectively need to budget a set spend per month. We are currently in discussion with Lynden Stowe about funding for all these costs.

Ideally, we would like a camera at both the top of the village (for vehicles entering from the direction of Evesham) and one for the bottom (for vehicles entering from Moreton). The initial funding application allows for one camera and as the survey last year showed the speeding to be a bigger problem near Fenhill Close, that is the one we have requested in the initial round of funding.

### Councillors

At the AGM on the 13th June Andy Vigrass was re-elected Chairman and Liz Bowden re-elected as Vice-Chair. Following the recent vacancy on the Parish Council we are delighted to welcome Michael Neil of The Bank who has volunteered and been co-opted on to the Council.

The Parish Councillors are Andy Vigrass (Chairman), Liz Bowden (Vice Chairman), Tom Dixon, Tom Martin, Michael Neil, Mark Norton & Anna Stanley. 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](mailto:clerk@bourtononthehill.co.uk)  
*Kevin O'Donoghue & Andy Vigrass*

## THE OLD SCHOOL



The Old School has had a quieter time over the summer months following the Jubilee celebrations and Open Gardens. Regular bookings have continued with the Toddler Group, North Cotswold Bridge Club, U3A Bridge group, Scottish dancing and Tai Chi and Yoga group.

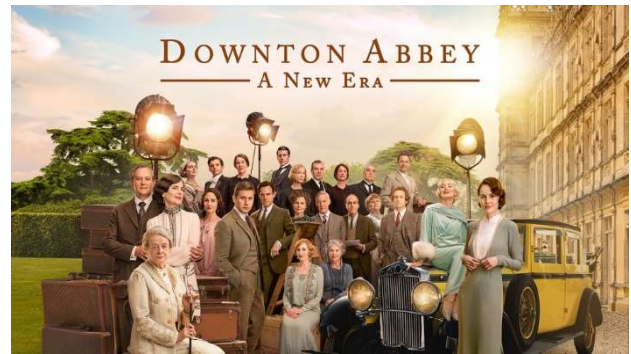
The hall is available for hire for private parties, rehearsals and other events at a charge of £10 per hour for non residents and £8 per hour for village residents. Contact Sandra Gee 01386 701385.



### Rural cinema



Rural Cinema films are shown on the last Saturday of the month in the Old School Hall. In April we watched West Side Story, then showed Belfast in May and Death on the Nile in June.



After a summer break Rural Cinema starts again on Saturday 24th September when we will be showing **Downton Abbey - A New Era**. Doors open at 6.30pm, the film starts at 7.15pm. Entrance is £4. Hot dogs and a donation bar are available. There is no longer any need to pre-book.

Future film dates are;

- Saturday 29th October
- Saturday 26th November



There is no film in December.

### Open Gardens Saturday 2nd July

Bourton House Garden and 9 village gardens including the Community Garden opened on the 2nd July. Numbers attending were down due to the disappointing drizzly weather but those who came were enthusiastic and complimentary. As usual, the tearoom did a roaring trade. 106 people attended and we made a profit of just over £1000 for the Old School Hall.

### Autumn Fete and Craft Fair

On Saturday 1st October we will be holding the Village Autumn Fete and Craft Fair at Bourton House Gardens. 12.30 to 3.30 pm. Entrance is £2. Children under 16 free. All proceeds are shared between The Old School and St. Lawrence's Church.

We are very grateful to Roelof and Cheryl Quintus for allowing us to use the Garden and Tithe Barn at Bourton House for this event. The stalls will include tombola, bottle stall, bric a brac, paperback fiction, children's toys and books and face painting. There will be a Made-in-Bourton stall for cakes, produce, jams and handicrafts made in the village. In addition, Ploughman's lunches with local cheeses and tea and cakes will be on sale.

We are keen to have a number of craft stalls so if you know of anyone wishing to sell jewellery, pottery, art or craft items please ask for further details.

We would be grateful for help on the day, setting up in the morning as well as help in the tearoom, car park and manning the various stalls.

We need donations for all the stalls and will be opening the Old School Hall from 2.30 to 4.30pm on Saturday 24th September to receive any non-perishable items. If this is not convenient, please contact Anne Robertson

701564, Sandra Gee 701385 or Catherine Firth 700939 to arrange alternative drop offs. Donations of cake and produce on the day

**Bourton on the Hill**  
**Village Fete and Craft Fair**  
**SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER**  
**2022**  
 at  
**Bourton House**  
**12.30—3.30 p.m.**

*Tombola*      *Bottle*      *Toys*  
*'Made in Bourton'*      *Paperback Books*  
*Craft Stalls*      *Bric-a-Brac*  
*Ploughman's Lunches and Teas*

**Entrances £2.00**  
**Children under 16 free**

**Proceeds to**  
**The Old School and St Lawrence Church**

itself please.  
 Future events planned. You may want to put these dates in your diary.

- Friday 11th November. Meet the Neighbours, Cheese and Wine in the hall.
- Friday 9th December Christmas party.

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



## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE VILLAGE STREET PARTY

Bourton on the Hill celebrated The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a street Tea Party on Sunday 5th June. The original plan was to hold it in the car park and adjoining road which was closed for the occasion. Sadly, the weather was not kind and a sumptuous tea of sandwiches, scones and cakes was held in hall instead which was suitably decorated in red, white and blue with helium balloons. There was also a bar under a gazebo in the carpark. A 'Throne Room' was installed enabling adults and children to be photographed on a throne wearing a cloak and crown and carrying an orb and sceptre. The Throne Room was, of course, guarded by a Royal Corgi – and The Queen herself was present in evening dress and tiara!



with tradition, every child under 18 received a commemorative Platinum Jubilee mug.



Throughout the afternoon, Naomi and Roger Morris and John Robertson provided music on keyboard, guitar, violin, and trombone adding to the party atmosphere. Over eighty people attended, and it was lovely for people to celebrate together. It was clear that everyone was thoroughly enjoying themselves.

*Sandra Gee*



There was face painting – primarily for the children but a lot of adults were also seen sporting red, white and blue faces! In keeping

## 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*  
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## **BOURTON HOUSE GARDEN**



Well, what a scorcher that was. July was the hottest ever recorded so far – as well as the driest and Jacky, Sandra and Glen worked amazingly hard to keep up with the watering on top of their other jobs. The Garden is still looking fabulous and full of late summer colour – the perfect time for a visit.

In the last edition of the Bugle, we wrote about the process of removing the box topiary from the parterre and the knot garden at Bourton House. By March we had planted up the permanent design for the knot. Here it is, this month. Over time we will shape the yew and laurel so that topiary continues as a theme in this formal area of the garden. The grasses will continue to provide year-round interest.



Visitors have liked the little pink flower, *Dianthus carthusianorum*, which gives points of vivid colour among the greens. The parterre has been sown with Pictorial Meadows' classic annual seed mixture: here it is throughout the seasons. By the way, the sunflower seeded itself and we didn't have the heart to dig it out! In the coming year we'll decide what permanent planting we want in the space.

We welcomed over 100 visitors to the garden on Sunday 14th August for our annual NGS day. The scorching temperatures meant that visitor numbers were down on last year, but we



had an enjoyable day raising money for charities including the Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie.

The garden is open Tuesday – Friday 10am until 5pm through until the end of October. The Tithe Barn café and gift shop will close at the end of September, but there is still plenty of time to pop in and enjoy some of Carolyn and her team's delicious homemade treats.

Best wishes from all at Bourton House Garden. We will look forward to seeing you in the Garden soon.

From all at Bourton House Garden

*Julie, Bourton House Gardens*

## **BRIDGE CLUB**



Sessions are held on Wednesday afternoons for a Gentle Duplicate, at 1.30 pm in summer, earlier in winter. Please check website for details:

[www.bridgewebs.com/northcotswoldsw](http://www.bridgewebs.com/northcotswoldsw)  
[www.bridgewebs.com](http://www.bridgewebs.com)

*Alan Lamb*



## **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](mailto:rachelhudson@hotmail.com), 07885 708288
- Allen Firth at Porch House (just uphill from the Church),
- [allen.firth@btinternet.com](mailto:allen.firth@btinternet.com), 01386 700939
- Alexia Monroe at Redesdale House (just below the Horse and Groom)
- [alexia@monroerothers.co.uk](mailto: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*

## **LA SERENISSIMA CONCERT**

La Serenissima is a baroque music group bringing life-affirming music of 18th-century Venice, Northern Italy and related composers to a global audience. Its Artistic Director and violinist, Adrian Chandler, and his wife Camilla Scarlett, its General Manager and violinist, live in Bourton on the Hill with their two children. La Serenissima will be giving a concert at St James's Church, Chipping Campden, on Friday 30th September at 7.30 p.m. Please see the poster below for details of the programme and how to obtain tickets. It promises to be an excellent concert and we hope that many of you will be able to be there.

*(see poster on next page)*

*Sandra Gee*



LA SERENISSIMA



AN ENGLISHMAN ABROAD

A new programme of works exploring the little-known music of Anglo-Italian composer Nicola Matteis The Younger (c1678-1737) alongside works by Brescianello, Caldara, Purcell, Telemann and Vivaldi.

**St James' Church, Chipping Campden**  
**Friday 30th September at 7.30 p.m.**

Tickets (unreserved)  
Centre Aisle £30.00 Side Aisle £20.00  
Available on the Door or from  
[WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/LASERENISSIMAUK](http://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/LASERENISSIMAUK)

This concert is generously sponsored by John Osborn CBE.  
Part of a tour that was made possible by a grant from [Continuo Foundation](#).

## THE NEXT ISSUE

.. is due out in early November. Items for inclusion should be submitted to me by the end of October. Please either email me at the email address below or post items using the link on The Bugle's page on [www.bourtononthehill.co.uk](http://www.bourtononthehill.co.uk).



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