

# THE Bourton BUGLE

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

## WINTER 2022



*The Community Orchard*

- Christmas services
- Top Gun Maverick showing
- **Christmas party**
- And more!



Welcome to the winter edition of The Bugle. I'm delighted to include on page 4 details of the ever-popular Old School Christmas party – tickets sell like hot mince pies so make sure you get yours soon to avoid disappointment.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2023.

*Ailsa Vigrass*

**ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH**

**Forthcoming Services at St. Lawrence**



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Christ the King.  
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Advent Sunday.  
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Second Sunday in Advent.  
6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Third Sunday in Advent.  
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Fourth Sunday in Advent.  
11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December. **Christmas Eve.**  
6pm **Carol Service** followed by mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies

11.00pm Midnight Mass at **Blockley**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December. **Christmas Day.**  
9:30am Holy Communion at **Blockley**

It would be wonderful if you could join us for any of the above services. We very much look forward to welcoming you.

*Philip Gee*

**PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Highways**



We are grateful to Highways for resurfacing the road outside the Old School. Unfortunately, due to a shortage of funds Highways chose not to resurface Keytes Lane on this occasion. Keytes Lane is of course still in a terrible state, so we will continue to ask for that also to be resurfaced.

Highways have repainted some of the road markings in the village and will soon be painting extra white line markings at the pinch point in the middle of the village. This will involve new white lines at either side of the road near the kerbs to emphasise the narrowness of the road.

We have also had on-going discussions with Gloucestershire Council about a new type of community speedwatch camera. We now have funding approved for two cameras and are waiting whilst the scheme is progressed by Highways. We are still seeking more funding for the on-going costs.



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 Hall is getting busier with regular bookings. In addition to the Toddler group, two Bridge groups, Scottish dancing and Tai Chi and Yoga classes, we now have Lilyblossoms, a childminding group in the hall several days a week. There have also been a number of private parties at weekends. 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.

### **Village Fete and Craft Fair**

On Saturday 1st October we held a successful Village Fete and Craft Fair in the Tithe Barn and garden at Bourton House. The weather was kind and we were able to have most of the stalls outside with tombola, books, toys and bottle stalls as well as a "Made in Bourton" stall selling local produce, cakes, preserves and crafts. The face painting proved very popular with children and adults alike. There were three craft stalls, selling jewellery, textiles, cards and prints. Delicious Ploughman's lunches, teas and cakes were served in the Tithe Barn. Visits to the beautiful gardens at Bourton House were enjoyed by many.

A total of £1,395 was raised which will be divided between the Old School Hall and St. Lawrence Church. Our thanks to Roelof and Cheryl Quintus for allowing us to use the

Tithe Barn and garden and also to the gardener Sandra Morris, who opened up for us on the day. We are especially grateful to all who contributed to the stalls and helped on the day in the tearoom, car park and running the stalls.

### **Rural Cinema**

Attendance has recovered from the post pandemic drop. On 24th September we showed "Downton Abbey - A New Era" to an audience of 35 while the October film, "The Duke", with Helen Mirren and Jim Broadbent was watched by 37 people. We are benefiting from the absence of film nights in Blockley and Moreton, as the majority of our audiences come from outside the village.



**Film Library.** If anyone is disappointed at having missed these films, you can borrow the DVD from me, Anne Robertson at Tawnies, 01386 701564. I also have DVDs for all the films shown over the past few years.



The next film date is Saturday 26th November, when the film will be "Top Gun Maverick".





At the time of writing, we are preparing for “Meet the Neighbours 3 - Wine and Cheese” on Friday 11th November.

### **Village Christmas Party**

The party will be held on Friday 9th December. Tickets are £12, to include a welcome drink of mulled wine and supper. There will be a raffle plus the usual entertainment, carols, songs etc. We hope as many as possible will come. It is always great fun and an opportunity to get to know your neighbours better.



On behalf of the Old School Hall Committee I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

*Anne Robertson*

### **THE EDUCATIONAL TRUST**



**Started a new school, college or university?** We can help with a grant for uniform, sports kit or other equipment - or anything else that might be needed for your education

**Platinum Jubilee Mugs**- free for anyone under 18 in the village. Please contact us before 12th December if you would like one.

Please contact me on [catherinefirth54@gmail.com](mailto:catherinefirth54@gmail.com), or see our page on the village website [bourtononthehill.co.uk](http://bourtononthehill.co.uk)

*Dr. Catherine Firth  
Chair of Trustees*

### **BRIDGE CLUB**



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

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

*Alan Lamb*

### **WARM PLACE PROJECT**

In response to the cost-of-living crisis and high fuel bills, St David's Church would welcome anyone who would value somewhere warm to sit, a hot soup lunch, someone to chat to or gather to meet friends. Starting Tuesday November 22nd and every subsequent Tuesday from 12 noon to 2pm in St David's Centre. All free and no need to book in advance.

*Alexia Monroe*

### **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 has been supporting people living in the parish of Bourton on the Hill 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 over the last few years

- 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, if 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 Cotswold food bank if needed.
- Anything you tell us is handled in strict confidence.

You can contact us via

- Rachel Hudson at 6 Fenhill Close  
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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*

## THE COTSWOLD LISTENER

Established in 1978, The Cotswold Listener has been helping to keep visually impaired (VIP) or blind listeners abreast of local news, events, community activities and interesting magazine articles they can no longer read for themselves in newspapers or magazines due to their disability. By offering a weekly Talking Newspaper and magazine service, completely free of charge, they give their listeners a link with the outside world; many are elderly, some live alone and loneliness is something many cope with daily. The charity also keeps listeners informed of developments within the VIP world and any meetings/interest groups that they may like to attend. The Cotswold Listener is available to people living in the North Cotswolds, Tewkesbury, and Cheltenham areas.

Each week their volunteers, who work on a rota system, produce a 90-to-120-minute recording. This is available to listeners on a memory stick, posted in yellow pouches, or via a password protected link on the charity's website. Where listeners use the memory sticks, the Listener provides them with Sovereign King Players, free of charge. More recently, the recordings have become available via an App with the British Wireless for the Blind, Alexa, and Google.

To ensure that their listeners receive news local to them, each week's recording comprises 35 to 40 minutes local news selected from the Gloucestershire Echo and Cotswold Journal websites, together with 40 minutes of our Magazine. The Magazine is an eclectic mix of articles from a wide range of sources designed to entertain, inform, and amuse. The Listener also incorporates 20 to 40 minutes of TNF Soundings, TCL Xtra and interviews with interesting people from around the area.





The Listener operates from a large office in Rodney Road where they have a specially facilitated recording studio. Over the past year, they have updated their recording equipment to improve the quality of our talking newspapers and magazines and to enable them to offer a wider range of information.

The charity is run entirely with the help of volunteers who get involved in assisting with administration, editing articles, reading and recording. Whilst a number of our Listeners are elderly, the service they offer is equally valuable for young people to help everyone with visual impairment be part of their local community.

For further information about The Cotswold Listener, please visit:

[www.cotswoldlistener.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldlistener.co.uk).

*Catherine Firth*

## PHOTO ARCHIVE

There are some new photos in the photo archive on the village website. Do take a look at: [www.bourtononthehill.co.uk](http://www.bourtononthehill.co.uk)



Here's an interesting one of the middle of the village just below the bus shelter.

*Andy Vigrass*

## FOODBANK

For more information please visit our website [www.northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk](http://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

*Alexia Monroe*

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## THE NEXT ISSUE



.. is due out in March. Items for inclusion should be submitted to me by Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Please either email me at the email address below or post items using the link on The Bugle page on [bourtononthehill.co.uk](http://bourtononthehill.co.uk).

*Ailsa Vigrass*

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