



# The Breeze

## Upper Rissington's Newsletter

### Autumn 2015

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I think the 'summer' holidays must have got to 'The Breeze' - or at least to the editorial team - it seems to have taken a long time to get things together for this edition. But we seem to have made it at last and hopefully you will all agree it has been worth the wait. This issue contains updates on various village amenities, including the Village Hall, allotments, and the possibility of a chemist opening. There are also reports from all the usual organisations, including some great pictures from the Village Fete - see if you can spot yourself in any of them! We also have another culinary treat from Polly Sayers, along with her regular gardening advice, while David Harrison returns with the next instalment of 'Behind the Road Names', taking us from Kitty Hawk Walk to Mitchell Way. We are really grateful to all our contributors but are always on the lookout for new articles, so if there is something you are passionate about and think others would find interesting, we'd love to hear from you (email us at [URnews@btinternet.com](mailto:URnews@btinternet.com)).

Sadly this edition of 'The Breeze' sees us saying goodbye to one of the founder members of the editorial team, Rob French, as he heads off to pastures new (more details on p10). I know he will be very much missed around the village, especially by the Youth Club and Sports Committee, and I'm sure everyone would want to express their thanks for all the hard work he has done over the last 3 years. 'The Breeze' will particularly miss his skills as our 'roving reporter', so if there are any budding interviewers out there who fancy having a go, please let us know!

We're pleased to be able to produce 'The Breeze' in full colour again for this edition but would just remind everyone that this does have cost implications. If you can contribute in any way to the cost or would like to do some fundraising, please get in touch.

Enjoy the Autumn!

Sue Handy (editor)

# Village News

## Upper Rissington Social Committee Events Update

### Fabulous weather for a great Fete

The Village Fete just keeps improving. Great attendance, great weather and some pretty special moments. Bouncy castle, dog show, demonstrations, vintage penny arcade and an outing by the Rissington Singers all helped make this the best one yet. It helped us raise funds to finance a new barbecue and help fund events such as the Easter Egg Hunt and Fireworks display.

### Other Events

Some of you may have noticed that we didn't hold a barn dance on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. We're sorry, but our hope was that the new Village Hall would be available to us and until it is our planned events will continue to be affected.



A well attended fete raising funds and having fun



Rissington Singers sing to an admiring fan



Polly Sayers offered advice on composting and recycling



The Dog Show is a popular event at the fete

## AGM – New Members

We held the Annual General Meeting of the Social Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> August and reported on the past year. The new committee was elected and we now have a healthy 10-man (should that be 10-person? - *ed*) committee and a host of new ideas for events over the coming year. The committee now consists of Richard Arnell, Andrew Mitchell, Jerry Flint, Ann Jordan, Jessica Harris, David Harrison, Zoe Branch, Barbara Dutton, Cherrie Carr, Keelin McLeman and Wayne Fisher. If you've got ideas for community events or want to help out please chat with one of the members or email [ursec@btinternet.com](mailto:ursec@btinternet.com)

## Planned Events

More will be planned when the new village hall is opened, but for the moment, the fixed and planned events are:

14 <sup>th</sup> November	Fireworks Display
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2016	Sleeping Beauty Panto
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2016	The Churchfitters Folk Band

Keep your eyes peeled for all of the other good stuff that we'll be announcing shortly. Some of the ideas that we'll be exploring this year include: frog racing; barn dance; quiz nights; and a list of twelve other practical ideas for either raising funds or providing an opportunity for us to just have a good time.

## Village Hall Update

Not much to report this edition either. Sadly, the high levels of activity on the legal and organisational front haven't yet been rewarded with us using this new fantastic facility. We have a few building issues which we hope the developers will help us resolve and as soon as they do we should be in a position to open the Hall. Let's hope that it's open and contributing to the community soon.



## Behind the Road Names in Upper Rissington – part 4

### Kitty Hawk Walk

It was about four miles north of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina where the first successful heavier-than-air powered aircraft was flown four times. But our road names are more about people and aircraft.

The Curtiss P-40 Warhawk was an American single-engined, single-seat, all-metal fighter and ground-attack aircraft that first flew in 1938. The P-40 design was a modification of the previous Curtiss P-36 Hawk.

P-40 Warhawk was the name the United States Army Air Corps adopted for all models, making it the official name in the United States for all P-40s. The British Commonwealth and Soviet Air Forces used the name Tomahawk for models equivalent to the P-40B and P-40C, and the name Kittyhawk for models equivalent to the P-40D and all later variants.

P-40s first saw combat with the British Commonwealth squadrons of the Desert Air Force in the Middle East and North African campaigns, during June 1941.



*A Kittyhawk Mk III of No. 112 Squadron RAF, taxiing at Medenine, Tunisia, in 1943. A ground crewman on the wing is directing the pilot, whose view ahead is hindered by the aircraft's nose.*

### Lancaster Drive

The Avro Lancaster is a British four-engined Second World War heavy bomber designed and built by Avro for the RAF. It first saw active service with RAF Bomber Command in 1942.

The Lancaster, an evolution of the troublesome Avro Manchester, was designed by Roy Chadwick and was powered by four Rolls-Royce Merlins, or, in one version, Bristol Hercules engines. A long, unobstructed bomb bay meant that the Lancaster could take the largest bombs used by the RAF, including the 4,000 lb (1,800 kg), 8,000 lb (3,600 kg), and 12,000 lb (5,400 kg).



*RAF Avro Lancaster B I PA474 of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.*

It was modified Lancaster MkIIIs that were used for Operation Chastise, an attack on German dams carried out on 16–17 May 1943 by RAF No. 617 Squadron, subsequently publicised as the “Dam Busters”.

## Lincoln Close

The Avro Type 694, better known as the Avro Lincoln, was a British four-engined heavy bomber, which first flew on 9 June 1944. Developed from the Avro Lancaster, the first Lincoln variants were known initially as the Lancaster IV and V but were renamed Lincoln I and II. It was the last piston-engined bomber used by the RAF.

The Lincoln became operational in August 1945.

It had been assigned to units of Tiger Force, a Commonwealth heavy bomber force, intended to take part in the Second World War Allied operations against the

Japanese mainland but the

war ended before the Lincoln was used in combat. The Lincoln was used in action during the 1950s, by the RAF in the Mau Mau Uprising in Kenya and with the RAF and Royal Australian Air Force during the Malayan Emergency.



*The Avro Lincoln A73-20 being test flown with both starboard engines feathered*

## Mitchell Way

The North American B-25 Mitchell is an American twin-engine, medium bomber manufactured by North American Aviation. It was named in honour of Major General William "Billy" Mitchell, a pioneer of U.S. military aviation. Used by many Allied air forces, the B-25 served in every theatre of World War II and after the war ended many remained in service, operating across four decades.

The RAF was an early customer for the B-25 via Lend-Lease. The first Mitchells were given the service name Mitchell I by the RAF and were delivered in August 1941, to No. 111 Operational Training Unit based in the Bahamas!

By the end of 1942 the RAF had taken delivery of a total of 93 Mitchell Marks I and II, some used in the tactical medium bomber group, the squadrons of No. 2 Group RAF.

The Mitchell entered active RAF service on 22 January 1943. At first, it was used to bomb targets in occupied Europe. In all, the RAF received just over 700 Mitchells.



*Mitchell III, in RAF configuration with invasion stripes, of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum during the Brantford Air Show at Brantford, Ontario, Canada*

Over the last six weeks things have quietened down a little bit on the sport front within the village due to the summer holidays. The volunteer coaches have enjoyed a few well-earned weeks off and everyone has been enjoying the holidays. We have continued the football on Saturday mornings for youth and adults but the pace has been considerably slower, with everyone entering into holiday/summer mentality. However, just as the Premier League has now started again we are back into the swing of things from now onwards. Check out the list of weekly activities shown in the box.

Throughout the summer we have had the opportunity to do a few sessions of rounders for anyone who has fancied making the most of the light evenings. These have been loads of fun and something we'll definitely be looking to do more of in the future. The opening of the new Hall will give much greater scope for indoor activities in the future as well, particularly badminton and table tennis. If you are interested in helping to run any of these activities or have any other ideas for sport in Upper Rissington we would love to hear from you.

We are in the fortunate position that the Sports Committee has been successful with an application for a sizeable grant which will enable us to equip the new hall with lots of sports equipment. This will all be used for the benefit of the community. Lots of exciting possibilities and things to be getting involved with!

As always, any questions about any of the sport just chat to Gary Black, Rob Eccles, Dean Beard, Hans Ziebeck or Rob French.

## Weekly Activities:

### Saturday morning:

10-11, football for years 1+2 (providing there are enough coaches to run this extra session)

10-11:15, football for high-school age (and those who like to think they are still that age!)

10-11:45, football for years 3-6

11:45-12:30, multi-sport for primary age (touch rugby for the next few weeks)

### Sunday afternoon:

4- 5:30, touch rugby, year 9 and above

## The Rissington Singers



The Rissington Singers will be starting rehearsals for the new term on Tuesday 15th September. We are excited to be using the Rissington School for rehearsals! We meet from 7-9 pm, £3 per person. Please come and join us, we have a lovely time singing and a nice cup of tea in the middle so it's a great way to meet people in the community.

All are welcome, and we are especially keen to have some new men join us this term. E-mail [rissington.singers@btinternet.com](mailto:rissington.singers@btinternet.com) for more details, or just turn up!

Let's sing away these grey skies....

## Little Hurricanes

Little Hurricanes return from the summer break on the 10th September. Based in the village hall we are a baby and toddler group for newborn to 5 years old. The health visitor will continue to pay us a visit on the first Thursday of every month to do weighing and offer advice. Come and join us 9.30 - 11.30 for some playtime, crafts, song time, a healthy snack for the kids and a hot drink and a biscuit for the Mums, Dads and other Carers. The cost is £2 per family per session. This term we will be inviting local businesses to visit us so if you run a local business or service that you think our young families would be interested in please do get in touch. We are also always on the lookout for anyone who does not have preschool aged children who would like to get involved with helping us set up, pack away or make cups of tea. Contact us at [littlehurricanes@gmail.com](mailto:littlehurricanes@gmail.com) or find us on facebook 'Upper Rissington Little Hurricanes'.



## Allotment News

As you may have noticed work has started on and around the Officers' Mess and this means that all access is closed to residents. There is access to the allotment site through the tennis courts for walkers but there is no plan as yet to start work on the allotments.

I am afraid the reality is that we will just have to wait for our allotments. Peter Mason, our contact in Linden Homes, has moved on and all the progress that was made with the developers has gone with him. I have yet to make contact with the person that has taken over from him.

One positive thing is that we have a new and refreshed Parish Council that I hope will be on board with getting the allotments up and running for its residents as soon as possible.

As mentioned above the allotment field is accessible through the tennis courts. It is mainly being used by dog walkers and I know most dog walkers are responsible dog owners however I have seen lots of dog mess just left in the allotment field.

Can I remind people that this area is public space and very soon going to be used for growing food. Therefore, could you please pick up your dog mess and rubbish as you go and parents please pass this information on to your young dog walker. **Thank you!**

*Polly*

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# Recipe Breeze

## SEAFOOD RISOTTO

### Ingredients

- 2 small carrots, roughly chopped
- 3 tomatoes, squashed
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 small bunch fresh parsley, one sprig left whole, remaining leaves picked and finely chopped
- 1.5 kg mixed seafood, from sustainable sources, ask your fishmonger, scaled, cleaned, gutted, with heads and gills removed, mussels debearded
- 1½ bulb fennel, finely chopped, herby tops reserved
- 1 teaspoon fennel seeds
- 1 pinch crumbled dried chilli
- 1 pinch saffron strands
- extra virgin olive oil
- juice of 1 lemon

### Method

This risotto is something very special. You will need a mixture of seafood – try red mullet, monkfish, bream, John Dory, cod, mussels, clams, prawns and a little sliced squid. You can either use bought fish stock to make the risotto or you can have a go at making your own. (Ask your fishmonger for the fish heads to use in the stock). I would fillet the fish before adding the bones and fish-heads to the stock.

Put 1.5 litres of water into a large pan with the carrots, tomatoes, bay leaf and whole parsley sprig and bring to the boil, adding your whole fish but not your shellfish. Simmer for 10 minutes, then remove each fish from the pan and flake the flesh away from the bones. Pass the stock through a colander into another pan and throw away the vegetables and bones. Meanwhile start your basic risotto adding the fennel, fennel seeds, chilli and saffron to the pan. Add most of the fish stock to your risotto, keeping a little to finish the dish, and when the rice is nearly cooked, add your flaked fish and shellfish. After 3 or 4 minutes the shellfish will have opened (discard any that remain closed) then remove from the heat. Add the butter, check the seasoning, drizzle with a lug of extra virgin olive oil and squeeze over the lemon juice.

### To serve,

Divide the risotto between your plates, and spoon over the remaining stock. Drizzle with some more extra virgin olive oil and sprinkle with the remaining parsley and the reserved fennel tops.

*Just to remind you about our fish man Brian who comes to our village on a Monday at around 3pm. He is happy to come round to your house and can even leave an order. His number is 07811 254 325*



## Interested in Local History?

If so, then **'The Rissingtons Local History Society'** have a programme of talks and visits that you might enjoy. Meetings are held in the different Rissington Village Halls and this year will include one in Upper Rissington. The programme for Autumn 2015 includes:

**Friday 16th October** – 7.30pm @ Little Rissington Village Hall: *'Stand and Deliver'* – a talk on the rise and fall of highway robbery in Gloucestershire

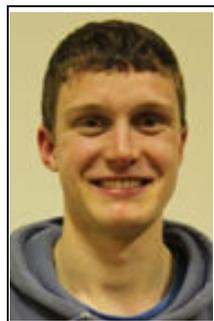
**Friday 20th November** – 2.30pm @ Great Rissington Club: *'William Morris and the Pre-Raphaelites'* – a talk about the founders of the Arts and Crafts Movement



Membership is just £10 a year, or individual meetings cost £3 (including refreshments). For more information or to obtain the programme for the whole year contact Sue Brown (tel: 01451 820233) or Tony Ellam (email: [anthonyellam@btinternet.com](mailto:anthonyellam@btinternet.com))

## A Message from Rob ...

Thought it would be a good idea just to give everyone a quick update on things with me at the minute. As many of you hopefully know by now after three years working for CUR:ve in Upper Rissington I have just finished my last official week of work. I just want to say a massive thankyou to everyone living in Upper Rissington and have loved being a part of the community for the last three years. It's going to be exciting to see how things continue to move on and develop in the future even if I won't be able to be actively involved in it. I will miss everyone here and only have good memories from my time here.



I'll still be around quite a bit until the end of October when I will be moving to Cheltenham. It's only 30 minutes away though so no doubt you'll still see my face around from time to time. I will be working for the Langley House Trust, which is a Christian charity who deal with crime prevention. I'll be working as a project worker in a big house they have in Cheltenham which aims to rehabilitate men back into society.

CUR:ve has appointed a new worker who is poised and ready to carry on some of the work I have been doing as well as developing new things. Keep an eye open for the next edition of 'The Breeze' where we will do an interview with Kami and get to know a bit more about him.

# Youth News

We had a great time during the last few weeks of the school summer term before the holidays. You may recall in the previous edition of 'The Breeze' I mentioned that we would be heading off to Aztec water sports for a summer social. This was great fun and we were treated to a fantastic time building rafts, paddling kayaks and trying paddle boarding. A lot of us had never done the paddle boarding before but most people picked it up fairly quickly, with differing degrees of success! I think everyone fell in at least once but generally we were having too much fun to really notice the cold. We also had our traditional end of year BBQ to celebrate the year and finished off with a night of team 'It's a Knock Out/Superstars' style competition.

For the last six weeks we have been on a break for the summer holidays but we're looking forward to starting up again in September. The first Youth Club Wednesday night back will be September 9<sup>th</sup> so get that one in the diary ready (*if 'The Breeze' is out before then! – ed*). Everyone is welcome at Youth Club – it's for 11-16 year olds (high-school years 7-11). Also if you live in Upper Rissington and have friends who may want to come along as well they are very welcome: 7:00-8:30 in the Village Hall. We are also always on the lookout for more volunteer leaders so if this is something you could help with we would love to hear from you.

For more info please contact: Rob French: [rob.french407@ntlworld.com](mailto:rob.french407@ntlworld.com) (07906301007) or Zoe Branch: [zhbranch@gmail.com](mailto:zhbranch@gmail.com)



## Local Chemist for Upper Rissington?

You may know that Badhams pharmacy applied for permission to open a fully functioning pharmacy with the whole range of chemist services, including home delivery and in-store advice. The application was refused by the NHS but that's not an end to it. Badhams are looking to appeal the decision, but if you want this service in Upper Rissington you will need to make your voice heard.

Over the next few weeks there will be activity intended to raise the volume on local opinion. You will have an opportunity to support a petition that will be brought around the village. This is being organised as 'The Breeze' is going to press, for more information please contact Hans Ziebeck at [hans@blubalou.com](mailto:hans@blubalou.com).

# Gardening On a Hill

## Prepare for winter

September and October are the perfect months for you to get outside while the weather is still mild and prepare your garden for the harsh winter months.

Shortening days trigger big changes for deciduous, woody plants as they begin to shut down for the winter by shedding their leaves and getting prepared for cold weather. Autumn colours transform the garden, changing almost daily as the foliage of deciduous trees and shrubs put on a final show before falling. Annuals die off with the first frost and herbaceous perennials appear dead as their tops die away.



But this is not the end in the garden. Parts of the plant that have died and been discarded still have a purpose. Fallen leaves, shredded prunings and other plant trimmings all have a future role in the garden as they are gathered up and recycled. Composted, they will provide part of the food system that will feed next year's plants.

I try not to overdo the tidying up as far as cutting back seed heads and removing all fallen leaves is concerned, as this can have a big effect on the wildlife in your garden.

My own garden is as easy-maintenance as you can get. It was designed to attract as much wildlife as possible. Although quite small, it has a pond and lots of plants and shrubs to help feed the bees and the butterflies. I hardly do any weeding as there is little room for them to get growing.

I left my garden untouched last winter; being a wildlife garden meant I could get away with the tidying-up for the winter. I don't mind leaving the seed heads on plants as I know in the meantime hungry birds will make short work of them and do a much better job of finding slugs' and snails' eggs than I ever could. Hibernating creatures like frogs and toads snuggle under a duvet of fallen leaves and rotting stems. None of my plants died or were ravaged by slugs and snails.



This year I'm even more determined to leave the garden alone, because I want to encourage bumblebees to nest in spring. As a general rule, bumblebees prefer to nest in messy gardens (although they will feed anywhere with suitable flowers), so I want to give nest-searching queens the illusion that I don't garden at all. Come spring, there will also be food in the form of primroses and hellebores. I'm hoping a bumblebee queen will stumble upon this winning combination of mess and nectar and set up home.

For those of you who need to keep a tidy garden for whatever reason, keep in mind the wildlife and leave a corner for them.

## Autumn jobs

### Expand your garden

If you are looking to expand your garden or have a complete overhaul, autumn is actually the best time of year to do this as new plants can make a strong start and 'bed in' before the cold weather takes hold and starts to make life difficult for them. The same is true if you wish to re-lay a lawn: the seed should be given a chance to take root and become strong before the cold weather takes over.



### Create compost

If you don't have a compost heap, it's time to start one. Autumn leaves, a fantastic source of nutrients and organic matter, will soon be in plentiful supply. Compost is the best product for your garden, and you can make it for free while reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.

Mulching between plants and shrubs before winter can help to protect the soil as well as keeping in vital nutrients and moisture which are needed for the soil to remain fertile and keep your garden looking good throughout the year.

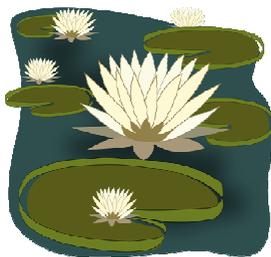
### Rearrange your space

Autumn is a great time to do some rearranging in the garden. The days might be cooler but the soil is still warm. Most evergreen shrubs and perennials, as well as clump-forming plants, will transplant readily, but leave deciduous plants until they are bare - in winter. Make sure you keep the top of the root ball level with the soil when you replant, and don't let the relocated plants dry out. Seaweed products are an excellent tonic for transplants.



### Divide and conquer

Clump-forming plants such as agapanthus, day lily, and iris can become congested, making them look messy and flower poorly. This is the best time to dig them up, and you don't have to be gentle about it. Put half the plant back to regrow and use the excess elsewhere or offer them to friends and neighbours.



### Protect your pond

Check and clean the pump and filter. Trim off dead foliage from plants in and around the pond. If floating plants are covering the pond surface too thickly after their summer growth, scoop some out and add these to the compost heap. For ponds under trees, stretch a net over the pond to catch falling leaves.

### Happy gardening!

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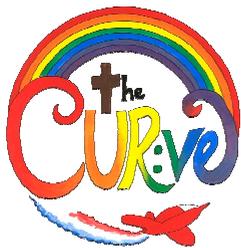
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## The Church in Upper Rissington:

*valuing everyone*

The last few months have seen a few changes within CUR:ve as we have said goodbye to some key people. In July we said goodbye to Peter van de Kastelee, one of our founder members. We enjoyed sending him off (with his new wife, Ann) with a meal at the Wychwood Golf Club, but miss his wisdom and support.

But, as most of you will know, we're also in the process of saying goodbye to Rob French, who has been our Community and Sport Worker for the last 3 years. Rob has done a fantastic job, both within CUR:ve and in initiating and supporting so many activities in the village, and it's hard to imagine life without him around all the time. The process of appointing a replacement is taking rather longer than we'd planned but hopefully will be sorted out soon. We're having a CUR:ve barbecue to say an official 'goodbye' but I think Rob is planning to organise a party for the whole village sometime soon.

CUR:ve really enjoyed being involved with the Village Fete again this year so a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped with the teas and games. We also had a great time with the Holiday Activity Clubs and it was good to see some new faces. Hopefully everyone who came along enjoyed it as much as the leaders did!

Sunday mornings seem to be getting busier too, but there is always room for more so do come and join us sometime if you can. It's always very relaxed and there are activities for children, plus time to worship through singing, prayer and Bible teaching. Oh, and excellent coffee and cake, of course! We're still in the old Village Hall at the moment but are hoping for a change of venue soon, so watch out for publicity. We're also hoping to arrange an Upper Rissington Harvest Festival at the end of September so keep your eyes open for posters and fliers with details of when and where that's going to be.

### **What's on?**

#### **Coffee@CUR:ve**

10-12 every Wednesday

7 Hawker Square

#### **Sunday Cafe**

drop in 10.30-12 first Sunday

every month

Village Hall

#### **Sunday Cafe Plus**

10.30-12 all other Sundays

Village Hall

(worship 11-11.30)

#### **Saturday sports**

every Saturday am

on the playing fields

#### **CUR:ve Creative**

alternate Tuesdays 2pm

The Vicarage (6 De Havilland)



## Useful Contacts In Upper Rissington

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In the next edition we will include a table of local services. If you would like your business included the cost will be £5 toward the printing costs of 'The Breeze'. Please contact [URNEWS@btinternet.com](mailto:URNEWS@btinternet.com) for more details.

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### 'The Breeze' contributions

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