



The Breeze

Upper Rissington's Newsletter

Winter 2015

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Now we've had our first sprinkle of snow, I guess it's time for the winter edition of 'The Breeze' to make its appearance! We've got the usual range of reports and articles this quarter and it's great to see just how many things are going on in the village - from sports to crafts to social events, and so much more! Thanks again to all our contributors, and especially to George Whitley for our seasonal wordsearch (see page 7).

If you'd like to write an article or are involved in a group in the village and would like something included in 'The Breeze', we'd love to hear from you (URNEWS@btinternet.com). We really want this to be the village's newsletter, where everyone can have a voice, so please don't be shy! Closing date for articles or advertising for the next edition (due out March 2016) is Friday 19th February 2016.

Donations towards the cost of publication are also very welcome! It currently costs about 50p per copy to have 'The Breeze' printed in full colour. If you would like to contribute towards the cost, have ideas for fundraising, or would like to support us by advertising in the next edition, please contact us.

Sue Handy (editor)

Village News

Upper Rissington Social Committee

Fireworks are no damp squibs

Despite the weather trying to dampen the spirits, our Annual Firework Display was another terrific success. A great attendance saw another professional display that had to meet the challenges of setting off fireworks in the wet. The Social Committee set up the bonfire, which burnt down at record speed assisted by a howling wind. The stoicism of those who came was well rewarded with yet another great community event.

This year we had the support of the children of the Rissington School in the design of the poster. This superb artwork came from Jack and Ria Tomlinson who won the competition for our poster design.



All hands on a wet deck to build the bonfire!



The crowds keep growing

Village Hall

Well, not long to go now (fingers crossed). Just a few technicalities on the legal and safety front and the Hall should be ready to hand over to the community. When we're ready to go, look out for the new website

at www.urvh.org where you'll get all the details for the Hall. It will include a 'what's on' for the Hall and all that you need to be able to book the Hall on-line or by phone.



Pantomime Challenge

We know what and when, but are having a bit of trouble letting the community know where ...! Beauty and The Beast is this year's Pantomime. It's from the same fun and energetic troupe that we've used for the past few years, Fame Factory Spotlight. We also know when we'll be holding this year's Pantomime, Sunday January 3rd 2016 at 5pm (doors and bar open at 4.30pm). The challenge is, where? If the new Village Hall is up and running we'll be there. This will enable us to offer more tickets for sale as the past two years have been sell-outs in the smaller old Village Hall. We may be able to use the school hall if the new hall isn't available but we won't be able to make the final decision before 'The Breeze' goes for printing. The posters will go up in the next few weeks and tickets will go on sale, but for the moment put the date in the diary for a great evening's family entertainment.

Look out for the poster telling you where we'll be holding this year's Pantomime



JUBILEE GARDEN

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has become Britain's longest reigning monarch, passing the previous record held by her great-great grandmother Queen Victoria, who reigned for 63 years, 7 months and 2 days.

We created the Jubilee Garden for her Jubilee in 2012 and thought it now fitting to do something to celebrate her being the longest reigning monarch in Britain. The garden was always meant to be added to as time went on and it seems appropriate to do so now. However cost is always an issue.

I have applied to the Parish Council for permission to do some groundwork ready for planting up a rose border. We have two roses donated by residents of the village but further donations of roses or anything else needed to complete the job (eg ground matting, bark or just time to help) would be gratefully received. I have also asked if the Parish Council will provide funds for a bench which would be nice to have in between the two small rose beds.

I am waiting to hear back from the Parish Council but remain optimistic that they will be able to stretch the funds for this celebration.

Polly



The View from Here: who's Kami?

In his final act as roving reporter for 'The Breeze', Rob recently caught up with CUR:ve's new Community, Sport and Outreach Worker, Kami Kalsi. Kami took over from Rob at the start of October and we thought we should send Rob along to find out a bit more about him.



Where have you moved from and why have you come to this random village in the Cotswolds?

We have moved from a village called Milton of Campsie which is in Scotland on the east side of Glasgow. Basically we owned a gym in a town called Kirkintilloch and decided to sell after 7 years of being there. The gym sold in February and from that point I started looking at a different role I could potentially work into. After a few knockbacks and one interview my wife and I saw this job available as a sports and community outreach worker which we thought was perfect for me. Bit of a bonus that it happens to be such a beautiful area around here!

How would your friends and family describe you?

Radical, bonkers and daft! There is a hardworking, loving element somewhere as well.

What did you care most about when you were 12 years old?

Wrestling and basketball.

What are you passionate about?

My family and engaging with people.

What are some people's misconceptions about you?

That I might be related to – or know – Mr Singh from such-and-such a church (probably not – none of my family are Christian). I was brought up in a Sikh family so I probably don't fit the mould of your stereotypical Christian guy.

How do you relax/what do you like to do in your free time?

I like to play guitar, go to the gym, goof around with my daughter, read (and pray).

Who is your hero and why?

Tough question ... I had a load of heroes when I was growing up, which were fictional and real-life role models ... (or so I thought). But such is life that all have fallen from grace, so I guess I don't have one.

What is something that no-one knows about you?

C'mon! I can't tell you that ... because then everyone will know!

If you were stranded on a desert island what 3 objects would you want?

A bow (like the one out of Rambo III) so I can hunt and eat; a case of beer, because I don't mind my own company; and a boat because it's not good to drink and drive!



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The end of summer has started off with a pace that even Usain Bolt couldn't match. The football training sessions have really taken a keen interest with boys and girls of all ages! It's also great to see plenty of volunteers (dads) taking a leading role to get involved in some of the coaching.

The Sports Committee of Upper Rissington has had its review meeting and many points were discussed. Sports development in the community definitely has a positive future!

We also welcome Emma to help, volunteering to lead the running club which will start at 10am on Saturday mornings, to coincide with parents dropping their kids off for football. So now there is no excuse not to get your running shorts on!

Buggy Workout is also here! A newly formed fitness group for parents with young children has now been established. So if you're struggling to get to the gym or find the motivation to get fit come along every Friday morning at 10am, meeting at the Village Hall. Please contact Kami Kalsi for details.



Unfortunately there is still no news of when the new Village Hall will be open for use, so it looks like we're sticking with all-weather sports for now. So come along every Saturday morning for a bit of football training and game playing, any age, all are welcome. Also Sunday afternoons at 3pm there's touch rugby for years 9 and above.

As always, if you have any questions about any of the sport or would like to get involved just chat to Gary Black, Rob Eccles, Dan Beard, Hans Ziebeck or Kami Kalsi.

Coming Soon! Community Boxfit ... Please contact Kami Kalsi for details.

Who's Kami ... (continued)

What's your favourite quote?

One of my all-time favourites is, "It ain't how hard you hit. It's how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. It's about how much you can take and keep moving forward!" – Rocky Balboa

Thanks a lot Kami, that's been very enlightening. For the record, my favourite quote at the minute is: "Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit, wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad". That just about concludes my final interview for 'The Breeze'. It's been a pleasure doing them, looking forward to reading what's going on in the future. Over and out.

FAREWELL TO ROB

As most of you know we had a leaving do for Rob French on Saturday 21st November. Rob had been part of our community for three years and has made huge contributions to the village. His main role was with the Youth Club as youth leader, but he contributed hugely to many of the other groups and committees in the village as well as being on the board of governors at the school. Where he got the time from I don't know!



We all thought very highly of Rob and wanted to say a big thank you to him for all his hard work and commitment. We got together and had a big party to give him a good send off. There was plenty of food and drink, music and lots of happy banter. It was a great night and people had so many good things to say about him.

Rob found it all a bit emotional at times but managed to hold it together. However, his mum couldn't and gave in to tears of joy as her son was talked about with great fondness. His family are rightly very proud of him, as we all are in Upper Rissington.

We had a collection and were able to raise enough money to send him off with a memorable present, and I guarantee he is sure to be thinking of Upper Rissington when flying high in the sky above. Along with the Sports Committee we raised enough money to get him something we knew Rob would enjoy, being the sporty kind of guy he is: one present was a sky-diving jump and the other a Triathlon! He was very pleased with both presents. I think he is a little mad but there you go.

May I take this opportunity to thank all who helped out with food, fund-raising and behind the scenes activities, not to mention all of you that donated to the presents. Thank you to the Co-op for letting us put a collection box in the shop and lastly to the Sports Committee for sorting out the much-appreciated present.

Polly



The Rissingtons Local History Society

The Society has enjoyed a visit to Compton Verney to view the William Morris exhibition, a talk on Highwaymen in Gloucestershire - Stand and Deliver - which was extremely entertaining, and in November a talk on William Morris and the pre-Raphaelites.

There are no meetings in December or January so the next event is:

Friday 19th February 2.30pm at Great Rissington Club

Canals and Barges

- an illustrated talk by Tony Conder about the great variety of barges still afloat today. These barges used to carry cargo when inland waterways were primarily used for trade.

Oh No, Oh No!

Santa and his reindeers have got lost in this word search. We have to find them soon before

Christmas, can you help me find them? The words can go any direction.

R	V	I	X	E	N	A	R	T	X	P	T
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D	I	E	I	R	O	B	I	X	P	Z	R
S	N	P	R	A	N	C	E	R	M	I	D
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These are the names you need to find:

Santa
Comet
Rudolph
Prancer
Donner
Dancer
Blitzen
Dasher
Cupid
Vixen

Many thanks to George for sharing this with us!

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THE SCHOOL REPORT



Where did that year go? It seems scarcely possible that we are almost at the end of another year!

The Upper Rissington site has been happy to welcome new community groups such as the successful Tuesday evening choir, Gym club, Yoga and, of course, Curve on Sundays. We also have coffee mornings 9am – 9.30 ish on the UR site, organised by our kitchen staff, Jane and Kate Powis.

As ever, the children have all been busily engaged in their exciting topics. During this term the 4 to 6 year olds in Wellington, on the Great Rissington site (GR) and Hawk, on the Upper Rissington site (UR) have been studying food and farming and were treated to a tractor ride by Mark Phipps just last week. Instead of having to drive the GR children back to school on the mini bus myself, they went all the way to Great Rissington on the tractor. What a treat! The children in Vulcan (GR) and Spitfire (UR) have been studying an environmental topic "Animal Worlds" and are about to organise a cake sale to raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund. Our oldest children in Hercules (UR), Phantom (GR), and Tornado (GR) have all been studying another science-based/environmental topic – "Water Water Everywhere", the highlight for them being a trip to the sewage works! The information that the children gleaned from that trip was quite stomach-churning, but they loved it, as you can imagine!

We have just welcomed Y6 back from their residential trip to Wales. The 22 children, along with their teacher Lisa Loxton and teaching assistant Kate Lazenbury, stayed at an Oxfordshire residential centre for schools (the Gloucestershire equivalent having recently closed down) and, with the support of expert trainers, were able to take part in activities that really introduced them to new experiences. On their return the children presented an assembly to their parents which showed the 10 and 11 year-olds caving, climbing and on high ropes. Experiences that will stay with the children for ever.

The children faced and met each challenge and had enough energy, on return, to compete in Bikeability (you may remember it as Cycling Proficiency). Every single pupil passed at the first attempt and the assessor praised the group for skill and enthusiasm. We are lucky to have such a hard-working group of children in Year 6. We are also proud of the children in our hockey teams, who recently came 1st and 2nd in the local tournament, which means that we will represent the North Cotswolds in the county finals later in the year. Our footballers came second to Northleach in a wet and windy tournament last week. The school supported the Children in Need Appeal, by coming to school dressed either a super-heroes or in spots, raising £180 for the charity.

School often is great fun, but we always focus on our academic results and, despite the many changes in the National Curriculum, together with the continuing rise in the numbers of pupils joining our school and settling into their new classes, our children still do well in their end of year assessments. Well done children and teachers!

With the end of November quickly approaching, our thoughts are turning towards the happiest of times in school – Christmas! The Friends Association of The Rissington School has made a large donation, which will enable the children to go to see 'Cinderella' at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham.

Youth News

September saw the end of the summer holidays and the start of another school year. Also Youth Club started back up after taking a break for the holidays. It's been great to welcome back the children and also great to see new members being invited along too.

It's also great to welcome Kami Kalsi on board to help lead with the Youth Club. Kami has a background in sports and primary school P.E. as well as being a gym personal trainer. Wow, these kids might not know what is in store for them!

We are currently planning our winter social, and a vote was put to the Youth Club. Out of a number of fun activities Go Karting won hands down (or thumbs up). So look forward to burning rubber on a Scalextric Set.....ahem....Go Karting centre this winter!



As always please continue to spread the word about Youth Club to people who may be interested. It's for any young person who is high-school age (11-16) at the Village Hall 7.00pm-8.30pm every Wednesday during term-time.

We are also on the lookout for more volunteers to help out. So if you have a passion for helping out or getting alongside the young people in our area, we would love to hear from you.

For more info please contact: Kami Kalsi (kami_curve@outlook.com) or Zoe Branch: (zhbranch@gmail.com)

Back at school, Wellington and Hawk will perform a traditional Christmas Nativity for all parents and the rest of the school will perform their own pantomime; a version of Cinderella called "Cinders", with the main parts performed by Year 6. The children in Vulcan, Spitfire, Tornado and Hercules will take the supporting roles. At this stage the staff are all probably thinking, in true pantomime tradition, "Oh no we won't.....", as we have yet to cast the show and organise costumes, but the show will go on! Our Christmas Bazaar and school party will be held on Friday 11th December. Term will end with a traditional service in church on 18th December for the children in Years 3 to 6, as we don't all fit in now!

At Christmas time the children who are in our choir always enjoy singing Christmas carols and songs and are pleased to have been invited to sing to residents at Jubilee Lodge as well as to people in Wyck Rissington during their Christmas lunch.

With our best wishes to you all for a happy, peaceful Christmas season.

Liz Bannister, Headteacher

Little Hurricanes



Little Hurricanes meet every Thursday during term time at the Village Hall 9.30-11.30. We welcome all children from newborn to 5 years old, along with their parents, grandparents and carers. This term has been very exciting for us as we have been able to purchase some great new toys and create our very own 'home corner' which has gone down a storm with all the little ones! Leading up to Christmas we will be doing a different Christmas craft each week and rounding off the year with a Christmas party on 17th December, so even if you haven't made it to a session in the past please do join us for a little celebration!

In the New Year we will continue to have the Health Visitor come to us on the first Thursday of every month to do weighing and offer advice. We are also hoping to run a Paediatric First Aid course one evening after Christmas, so if this is something you are interested in or you know someone who would benefit from this, please do get in touch for more details.

2015 has been a big year for us as it was our first year in operation! We would like to thank everyone from the wider community who has supported us and offered advice; all the Mums, Dads and Childminders who have come to the group this year; and most of all a big thank you to all the tots who make us smile, sing beautifully at the end of each session and brighten up our Thursdays without fail! We will return for more fun and games on 7th January so look forward to seeing you all then and meeting some new faces!

Contact us at Littlehurricanes@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook on 'Upper Rissington Little Hurricanes'.

Bus Times: The Kingham Connection

Just a reminder that the 802 bus service runs from Bourton to Kingham Station via Upper Rissington to connect with all the main trains to and from Oxford and London. Obviously the viability of the service will depend on how many people make use of it, so if you're a regular commuter or just planning a trip to Oxford or London, why not give it a go?

Times for weekdays:

Depart UR	5:20	5:45	6:45	7:45	9:30	10:28	12:20
Train to London	5:55	6:18	7:18	8:20	9:58	10:57	12:58
Train from London	7:18	8:30	9:48	10:51	11:46	12:45	13:47
Arrive UR	7:45	9:00	10:20	11:20	11:50	13:20	14:20
Depart UR	13:20	14:50	16:30	17:45	19:00		
Train to London	13:56	15:28	16:53	18:15	19:34		
Train from London	15:45	17:16	18:09	18:44	19:17	19:51	
Arrive UR	16:30	17:45	18:36	19:20	19:52	20:25	

CUR:ve Creative

CUR:ve Creative was born out of a conversation a few of us had at a CUR:ve coffee morning about the different crafts we were involved with and like all good ideas it started as a joking remark that we all should meet up and bring our crafts with us. And so CUR:ve Creative started ...

We meet on alternate Tuesdays at Diane Etherton's house (6 De Havilland Road, Upper Rissington, 01451 798651) between 2 and 4pm. People drop in with their craft project and we sit and chat. Activities include crochet, quilling, sewing, sketching, and drawing, but this may well move on to painting, patchwork, bunting-construction ... the list goes on!

If you just want to pop along and watch other people doing their crafts, learn something new, or just have a chat over a cuppa, do join us.

Dates: The final session for 2015 is Tuesday 8th December, restarting for 2016 on Tuesday 5th January and then alternate Tuesdays after that.

We are hoping to support www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.co.uk, a project to make simple dresses, shorts and other items to send to children who are living in poverty around the world. We have some patterns and material and hope that even if people can't be at the meetings they may be able to make up some of the items for us. Further details will be available later.



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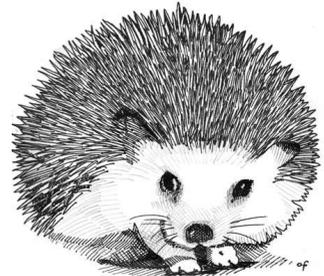
I cannot quite believe the temperature outside for this time of year. Summer bedding, pot plants and some herbaceous plants are still flowering and we are still benefiting from the increased temperature for the time of year. The wind and rain are on the increase and leaves are falling rapidly, the whole village is covered in a wonder of colours from oranges, yellows and a range of reds. Autumn is a wonderful season for colour and we in Upper Rissington are lucky to get the benefit of that from our great range of trees.

We can also all benefit from brushing up our leaves as they do tend to get very slippery under foot when wet. They can also block our road drains, which causes some of my neighbours great problems as their front door is lower than the road. So picking them up is better than blowing them into the road. As I have said in the past (and will no doubt say again in the future!) leaves can be gathered up and composted down to make a mulch, or even added to your compost and over time dug into the garden soil to improve texture and drainage. For us in Upper Rissington this is of great benefit because we naturally have little depth to our soil.



Every year the seasons seem to be blending together. The winter months seem to be warmer and wetter and our spring seems to come a little sooner. For we humans that may be OK to deal with – we can all cope with the changes in our weather conditions – but nature and our wildlife need defined seasons in order to survive. It must be very difficult for our wildlife to deal with these changes, especially those that hibernate for winter.

Small, round, brown and famously covered in spines, the hedgehog is one of the most familiar of Britain's wild mammals. While I was walking the dog on Wellington Road early in November I spotted a young hedgehog trying his very best to get back into the safety of the fenced area. The development land that up till now has remained wild and overgrown has been a haven for wildlife. I helped him achieve his goal in getting back to safety but couldn't help wondering what he was going to do once he got back into the protection of the fenced area. Hedgehogs normally hibernate between November and March. He is already working towards a late nap because of the mild weather we are having and when he does finally get bedded down for winter everything else is against him. I had saved him from the road traffic but how long would it be before the building machines moved him on again?



Hedgehogs are most commonly spotted in parks and gardens, where bushes and hedges provide the perfect day-time getaway, and insect-rich lawns and flowerbeds make excellent feeding grounds at dusk. Hedgehogs eat all kinds of invertebrates, as well as amphibians, bird eggs and anything else they can catch; they particularly like big, crunchy beetles, earthworms and slugs, making them a gardener's best friend.

The once common hedgehog is now under threat from development and habitat loss caused by the reduction of hedgerows and an increase in intensification of our agricultural landscapes. In just the last 10 years, hedgehog numbers have fallen by 30%, and there are now thought to be fewer than one million left in the UK. Hedgehogs are disappearing from our countryside as fast as tigers are worldwide. The Wildlife Trusts are working hard across the UK to restore habitat for wildlife and campaign for better protection for all nature. We in Upper Rissington could do our bit to help by remembering winter can be a tough time for wildlife without the added dangers of new developments. If you can make a small hole in your garden fence to allow hedgehogs a free run in and out they will find a quiet corner to bed down for winter.

By the time this article goes out the weather will be getting more wintry, so tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots in situ. Clear up fallen leaves, especially from lawns, ponds and beds. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden: as well as hedgehogs our birds find it difficult to cope in terms of water and food, so please keep supplies well topped up. Now is the last chance to plant out winter bedding. You could try wallflowers, forget-me-nots, *Bellis*, *Primula*, *Viola* (winter pansies) and other spring bedding plants, planting them into well-prepared ground, or pots of suitable compost. Ornamental grasses and bamboos can be cut back and tidied up at this time of year.

Hellebores rarely flower naturally by Christmas, despite their common name of Christmas rose. They can be encouraged to flower a little earlier, if you want, by covering them with cloches, potting them up and bringing them into a warm greenhouse, or placing them on a windowsill inside the house.



In December, frost, rain and winds are increasingly common, sunshine hours are much reduced, and it can be bitter with a risk of snow. You may not want to be working outside at this time of year, but luckily there's not a lot to do. Keep an eye on winter protection, and if you have a greenhouse, make sure the heater works. It's time to think about pruning apples and pears too.

In January, check stakes, ties, fleeces and other supports for damage and consider moving plants to sunnier positions to maximise light. You can also start planning next year's vegetable plot.

February will bring signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as *Wisteria* as well as evergreen hedges.

Happy gardening!

If you find a sick, injured or baby hedgehog and need help or advice, or for more information about hedgehog rescue, check out www.brockworthhedgehogrescue.co.uk

Cullen skink is one of Britain's best soups: full-flavoured, hearty, and comfortingly creamy, it's just the thing to warm your cockles after a hard day's work.

Serves 6

500g undyed smoked haddock, skin on
A bay leaf
Knob of butter
1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
1 leek, washed and cut into chunks
2 medium potatoes, unpeeled, cut into chunks
500ml whole milk
Chives, chopped, to serve

1. Put the fish into a pan large enough to hold it comfortably, and cover with about 300ml cold water. Add the bay leaf, and bring gently to the boil. By the time it comes to the boil, the fish should be just cooked – if it's not, then give it another minute or so. Remove from the pan, and set aside to cool. Take the pan off the heat.
2. Melt the butter in another pan on a medium-low heat, and add the onion and leek. Cover and allow to sweat, without colouring, for about 10 minutes until softened. Season with black pepper.
3. Add the potato and stir to coat with butter. Pour in the haddock cooking-liquor and bay leaf, and bring to a simmer. Cook until the potato is tender.
4. Meanwhile, remove the skin and any bones from the haddock, and break into flakes.
5. Lift out a generous slotted-spoonful of potatoes and leeks, and set aside. Discard the bay leaf. Add the milk and half the haddock to the pan, and either mash roughly or blend until smooth.
6. Season to taste, and serve with a generous spoonful of the potato, leek and haddock mixture in each bowl, and a sprinkling of chives.

Don't forget Brian, our local fishmonger, comes to the village on Monday afternoons. He is taking Christmas orders now for delivery on the 21st December.

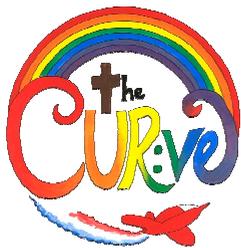
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The Rissington Singers

The Rissington Singers have been busy practising for the festive season and are holding a concert at The Rissington School, Upper Rissington on **Tuesday 8th December** at 7.30pm, followed by light refreshments.

email rissington.singers@btinternet.com for more details, or just turn up!



The Church in Upper Rissington:

valuing everyone

The last few months have certainly been busy with a new worker and a new venue to report! Depending on whether you start 'The Breeze' at the front, back, or in the middle (that might be an interesting survey!), you may already have read the interview with Kami Kalsi, our new Sport, Community and Outreach Worker, who joined us at the beginning of October. It's been great to welcome

Kami to the village, and also his wife Liz and daughter Anjali, and it already seems like they've been here for ever! You can find them at 7 Hawker Square (Rob's old house) so do come along to Coffee@CUR:ve one Wednesday morning to meet them .

The other big change has been on a Sunday morning. After 8 years at the Village Hall, Sunday Café and Sunday Café Plus have moved ... to the Atrium at the Rissington School on Mitchell Way. We're really excited about our new venue and very grateful to the School for inviting us to meet there. Why not come and check us out one Sunday morning – drop in any time between 10.30 and 12noon for activities and refreshments (11am for the 'worship bit').

One of the highlights before we moved, though, was our Harvest Thanksgiving at the end of September, when we had a great time singing some of the traditional harvest hymns and thinking about the wonders of creation and God's provision for us. We had a great display of harvest produce and flowers, as well as collecting items for the North Cotswold Foodbank, which they were very happy to receive.

Finally, many thanks to everyone in the village who contributed to Rob's leaving do and gave him a fantastic send-off. He's now moved to Cheltenham for his new job but I'm sure will pop back and see everyone when he can!

Looking ahead ... Kami has already launched one new initiative with the Friday morning 'Buggy Workout'. Everyone is welcome (you just need a pair of trainers and a baby/child in a buggy), but it's ideally suited to mums with new babies who are trying to get back into shape! Meet at the Village Hall at 10am, whatever the weather! But if that isn't for you, what about the Community Boxing Gym that Kami is planning to start very soon? Look out for posters and flyers giving the details.

We also have plans for Christmas, including carol singing around the village and the annual Carol Service on Sunday 20th December at the Rissington School, starting at 4pm, and promises to be a great occasion. Coffee and mince pies to follow, of course! There will also be an informal service on Christmas Morning, again at the School. Refreshments available from 10.30am with the 'worship bit' starting at 11am.

Sunday Cafe

drop in 10.30-12 first Sunday
every month
@ the Rissington School

Sunday Cafe Plus

10.30-12 all other Sundays
@ the Rissington School
(worship 11-11.30)

CUR:ve Creative

alternate Tuesdays 2-4pm
@ 6 De Havilland Road

Coffee@CUR:ve

10-12 every Wednesday
@ 7 Hawker Square

Buggy Workout

every Friday 10am
@ The Rissington School

Saturday sports

every Saturday am
on the playing fields

Useful Contacts In Upper Rissington

This is a list of people and organisations in Upper Rissington who provide goods or services in the village. Inclusion in this list is not a recommendation. To add names and details or to correct inaccuracies please email URNEWS@btinternet.com or call 07592 533596.

Name	Service	Web/email	Phone
Police	Non-Emergency Number		101
Albion Water	Water Service Emergency Customer Services		0800 917 5819 03300 242020
Parish Council	Clerk	clerk@upperrissington-pc.gov.uk	01451 810839
UR Social	Community Events	URSC@btinternet.com	07592 533596
The Breeze	Newsletter	URNEWS@btinternet.com	07592 533596
Parish Plan Steering Group	Copies of or information on The Parish Plan	clerk@upperrissington-pc.gov.uk	01451 810839 07592 533596
UR Sports	Kami Kalsi	kami_curve@outlook.com	07737 020832
CUR:ve	Kami Kalsi	kami_curve@outlook.com	07737 020832
John Surch	Great Rissington Cricket Club - Seniors	surch@gotadsl.co.uk	01451 820567 07808 307364
Pete Garrett	Great Rissington Cricket Club - Juniors	Petegarratt117@gmail.com	07788 896496

Celebrating the Christmas Season in Church

CUR:ve has lots going on for Christmas, including a Carol Service at 4pm on Sunday 20th December and an informal celebration on Christmas morning at 10.30am. But there are also special services in the surrounding churches you might be interested in.

In particular, on Christmas Eve there is a Crib Service at Great Rissington at 4.30pm, featuring a full-size nativity scene (so do come dressed up as wise men, shepherds, angels, stars, or donkeys ...), plus Midnight Communion services at either Wyck Rissington (traditional) or St Lawrence Bourton (contemporary), both at 11.15pm.

Leading up to Christmas, there is a special **service of thanksgiving and remembrance** for those who have lost loved ones, recently or in the past. This is at St Lawrence Bourton on Sunday 13th December at 4pm.

