



The Breeze

Upper Rissington's Newsletter

Summer 2016

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Welcome to another packed edition of 'The Breeze' - you may notice we've grown again! It's great to have so many different articles being contributed from people in the Village, so thank you to everyone who has been involved.

Special features this time include an article by the Upper Rissington Stargazers and a report from the Men's Shed in Bourton. We've also got all the regular articles, plus news from the Social Committee, the Rissington School, and Little Hurricanes.

It's great to see so much going on in the Village and we would love to include more details in 'The Breeze' so please contact us at URNEWS@btinternet.com or call 07592 533596 if you would like to contribute articles or news items. The deadline for contributions is Friday 19th August 2016.

Finally I would like to apologise for a number of mistakes that crept into the last edition of 'The Breeze' and also for the poor quality of some of the print. I think the editor's brain must have gone on holiday and the gremlins took over for a day or two! Hopefully they have now been chased out again and production will have returned to the high standard we always aim for. I would particularly like to apologise for the incorrect logo used in the article about the new Scout group and for any confusion and distress this caused.

Sue Handy

Village News

UPPER RISSINGTON SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The ChurchFitters concert on 3rd March was hailed a great success by those who attended. It was a lively fun-filled evening with music that was enjoyed by an audience which included some who, previously, may not have classed themselves as Folk Music lovers. When we arranged the event we anticipated the new Village Hall as the venue. We're terrifically grateful to the School for stepping in and allowing us to hire the school hall at the last moment. When we are sure that we have the use of the new Village Hall we hope to bring a number of similar acts and attractions throughout the year. Look out for the next one.

Hopefully all the chocolate is eaten and your children are now settled after the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Again a really well-supported event with participants spilling out of the old Village Hall in a frantic search for the Egg-earning tokens that were scattered over the village fields. Nearly 400 Easter Eggs were awarded followed by an Easter Bonnet Parade, Colouring Competition and snacks. It was then left to parents to settle down the sugar-rushed children.

The assets of the Committee are gradually increasing. To add to our prized Barbecue we're shortly adding a portable Public Address system. Look out for its first airing at this year's Annual Fete. We will be using it to keep people informed so that this year we should all get to the right place at the right time to witness the different attractions, competitions and prize-givings.

We're proud of the work that our Committee members do to organise community events and we're particularly enthused by the breadth of support across the village. We are one village and one geographic community so it's great to have a Committee that fully represents all ages and locations.

Annual Village Fete

The next event is the Upper Rissington Village Fete. This year we will again have the famed Fun Dog Show, Skills Demonstrations, Sporting Competitions, Stalls, Refreshments, Bouncy Castle and Games. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the company of our friends and neighbours, meet new friends and neighbours and generally just have a good time. There will be cake, tea and coffee, and a regular and a PIMMS bar. We will be pushing flyers through everyone's door a few weeks before the Fete so that you can see how you might get involved. If you've any questions or comments in advance please contact us using the contact details on the inset poster. If you've any prizes you'd like to donate for the Tombola or Raffle, please let us know, again, through the above contact details.



2016

UPPER RISSINGTON
**SUMMER
FETE**

**SATURDAY 9TH JULY
12:00 TO 4:00 PM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL: 07592 533596
EMAIL: URSC@BTINTERNET.COM

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

“In this world, nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes”. Another certainty is that Benjamin Franklyn was not thinking specifically of a future Upper Rissington Village Hall when he made this famous observation. However, taxes seem to be at the heart of this quarter’s apology for a still non-functioning Village Hall. After the issues around stamp duty that the Parish Council very effectively resolved, we now have an issue with VAT which is causing further delay.

The situation, we understand, is that there is a VAT bill associated with the new Village Hall. The Parish Council is taking advice from VAT specialists on the matter. The cost of this advice is being borne by the developers Linden/Bovis. Depending upon the advice it receives the Parish Council may adopt changes to its tax and financial standing in order to legally avoid the VAT burden. It may also feel that it is not prudent to act on the advice and to maintain its current tax and financial standing and leave any solution to the issue in the hands of the developers.

The Village Hall Trust has done all it can in preparation for the opening. We have a website ready to go live, an on-line booking system, processes, procedures, terms and conditions, pricing, accounting system and a marketing plan. The things we cannot do are those associated with the physical relocation to the new hall or any more physical tests on the facility as it is not yet in our hands. The Trust and the Parish Council have had constructive discussions based on the initial lease drawn up by the Parish Council. As yet the Trust has not had sight of the amended lease but is hopeful that the Parish Council will engineer a situation where it is possible to hand over the Village Hall to the Trust immediately the VAT issue is resolved. To do otherwise might incur further delay.



Neighbourhood Policing News

Unfortunately there has been a recent spike in burglaries across the North Cotswolds. This having been said, I do not wish our communities to be become unnecessarily alarmed as the number of such offences remains far lower than the national average and we are currently working on apprehending the offenders.

Nevertheless, I am writing to all the communities across the North Cotswolds to request that everyone becomes more vigilant. Should you see any suspicious activity such as young men in high powered vehicles, strangers knocking on doors asking for such things as directions, a dog, offering things for sale, etc., I would encourage you to note down the location, time/date, descriptions, including clothing, and vehicle registration numbers and then phone 101 with this information.

I would also stress the importance of ensuring your property is properly secured and that all doors and windows are locked when leaving it unattended. For further advice about security, please visit: <http://www.safergloucester.co.uk/Default.aspx?page=1776>

Finally, I must stress that, in an emergency, you should always contact 999.

Sgt 743 Richard Payne, Neighbourhood Policing Team, Stow on the Wold Police Station

THE SCHOOL REPORT

At The Rissington School we are all so happy to welcome the sun at last; the children are always so relieved to ditch the winter uniform and don tee-shirts and gingham dresses!

I am going to seize this opportunity to celebrate the sporting achievement of the school, as we have had an incredible year so far and we still have the finals of rounders (in which we have been county champions for the last two years) and cricket competitions to go! This year our children have won through stages of competition to become County Champions in Hi 5 Netball, Tag Rugby and Indoor Athletics. To put the school's achievement into perspective, the teams were in competition against 150 other schools of a comparable size throughout Gloucestershire. As a competitive school, our children have to work hard to make it to the school team, but coach, Jacqueline Gabriel, makes sure that all of the children are included in inter-school competition, by seeking new sporting opportunities such as archery and mountain biking. This year we are proud of the fact that all of our Year 5 and 6 children have had the opportunity to represent the school in at least one sport.

It's not often that I feel the need to praise a government initiative, but funding given to every school in the country, under the banner of Sports' Premium, which was allocated with the brief to "improve sports within schools", has certainly benefited our children and those in other primary schools. The standard of school sport within Gloucestershire is higher than it has ever been, but our youngsters have the enthusiasm and commitment to keep on winning!

The children have just emerged from the "testing times" that have become the norm for May. The process was made even more challenging this year for our 7- and 11-year olds, by changes in the system, which not only made some of the papers so challenging that the schools' minister for education couldn't answer a grammar question on a paper designed for 11-year olds, but also by papers being leaked prior to test dates. A somewhat shambolic year for the Department for Education, but our school adopted the attitude that we are all in it together and, more importantly, the children emerged from the process still smiling!

We are looking forward to ending this half term by celebrating Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday with a whole-school picnic on the Upper Rissington site. The children have decided that eating hot dogs and chips are the way to celebrate a royal birthday, with singing and dancing to add to the occasion. The celebration on May 27th, will coincide with the end of our Take One Picture week and the school will have an exhibition of the children's work on display. I hope that some of you will have managed to see it.

Now that tests are over, the Year 6 children are all relieved to now be entering those final weeks of primary-school life and, as part of their preparation for the responsibilities they will face in the future, are co-ordinating an enterprise project, which involves planning and running a fund-raising event at Victoria Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water on Tuesday 14th June.





Our other fund-raising event will be the school fete, which will be held on the Upper Rissington site, straight after school on Friday 1st July. We are hoping to raise money to improve the play apparatus on both sites. Let's hope for sunny days for both of these events; please come along and support them.

With best wishes to you all
Liz Bannister headteacher

LITTLE HURRICANES

Little Hurricanes has just turned one! We have learnt a lot in our first year but always welcome feedback, which is why we have recently sent out questionnaires to our regular families so we can continue to grow and provide a group that everyone wants to use and feel they have an input in to. We are looking forward to reading the replies and trying to implement as many ideas as we can.



Once we have moved in to the new hall we will be able to purchase some of the new toys that we have had on our wish list for a while. We have also just bought 2 messy-play tables which, we are sure, will provide hours of fun! In the next few months we will hold a belated 1st birthday fund-raising celebration which we would like to invite the whole village to, whether you have a toddler or not! Details will be announced soon.



We are currently coming up with some fund-raising ideas for the Village Summer Fete which we all thoroughly enjoyed last year, so

we are hoping the weather is as good this time round!

The local Health Visitor is continuing to come to us on the 1st Thursday of every month to run a mini clinic, which always proves popular and is so helpful to the Mums of the village who find it harder to get to Bourton for baby clinic. We are very grateful to CUR:ve for recently hosting a coffee morning to help raise money for us and also to the Parish Council and the other community groups in the village for their ongoing support of us.

Here's to the next 12 months!



Behind the Road Names in Upper Rissington – part 5 (cont)

Snipe Road

The Sopwith 7F.1 Snipe was a British single-seat biplane fighter of the RAF. It was designed and built during the First World War and came into squadron service a few weeks before the end of the conflict, in late 1918.

The Snipe's structure was heavier but much stronger than earlier Sopwith fighters. Although not a fast aircraft for 1918, it was very manoeuvrable and much easier to handle than the Camel, with a superior view from the cockpit - especially forwards and upwards. The Snipe also had a superior rate of climb and much better high-altitude performance compared to its predecessor, allowing it to fight Germany's newer fighters on more equal terms. Further modifications were made to the Snipe during the war and post-war.

The Snipe began production in 1918, with more than 4,500 being ordered. Production ended in 1919, with just under 500 being built, the rest being cancelled due to the end of the war.

There was only one variant, the Snipe I, which was manufactured by several companies.



William George Barker's Snipe

It was selected as the standard post-war single-seat RAF fighter and the last examples were not retired until 1926.

Sopwith Road

The Sopwith Aviation Company (based at Brooklands) was created in June 1912 by Thomas Octave Murdoch (Tommy, later Sir Thomas) Sopwith, a well-to-do gentleman sportsman interested in aviation, yachting and motor-racing, when he was only 24 years old.

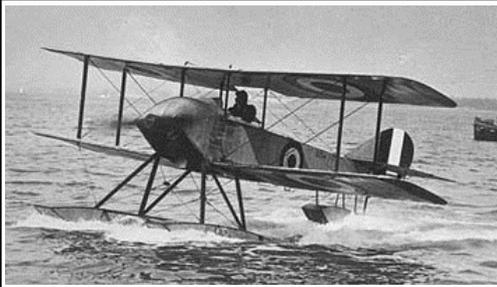
Sopwith Aviation was a British aircraft company that designed and manufactured aeroplanes mainly for the Royal Naval Air Service, Royal Flying Corps and later Royal Air Force in the First World War, most famously the Sopwith Camel. Sopwith aircraft were also used in varying numbers by the French, Belgian and American air services during the War.

Initially, Tom Sopwith himself, assisted by his former personal mechanic Fred Sigrist, led the design of the company's planes. Sopwith's first major success was the fast and compact (hence the name) Tabloid plane, a design which first showed the influence of the company's test pilot, the Australian Harry Hawker. float-equipped version of this aircraft won the Schneider Trophy in 1914.



Thomas Sopwith, circa 1910

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Sopwith "Schneider" (a float-equipped Sopwith Tabloid) at the 1914 Schneider Trophy in Monaco



Royal Flying Corps Sopwith Camel in 1914-1916

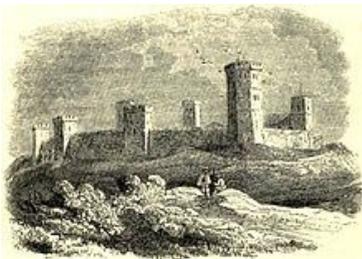
In the early summer of 1917 the twin-gun Camel fighter was introduced. This aircraft was highly manoeuvrable and well-armed, and over 5,000 were produced up until the end of the War. It destroyed more enemy aircraft than any other British type but its difficult flying qualities also killed very many novice pilots in accidents.

After the war, the company attempted to produce aircraft for the civil market based on their wartime types, such as the Dove derivative of the Pup and the Swallow, a single-winged Camel but the wide availability of war-surplus aircraft at knock-down prices meant this was never economic. In 1919 the company worked with ABC motorcycles and produced 400cc flat twin motorcycles under licence.

The business failed in 1920 and was liquidated. Tom Sopwith, together with Harry Hawker, Fred Sigrist and Bill Eyre, immediately formed H.G. Hawker Engineering, forerunner of the Hawker Aircraft and Hawker Siddeley lineage.

Rissingtons local history club

We had 2 successful talks in March and April entitled "Lost Railway Journeys of Gloucestershire" and "Oxford Castle", both of which were well-attended and have attracted new members to our Society. May will see us visiting "Croome Court" for a guided tour of the house and grounds to celebrate the tercentenary of Capability Brown's birth.



Friday 17th June 2016 - visit to Oxford Castle at 10.30am.

A tour of this 1,000-year-old castle will be led by a costumed guide to include climbing the Saxon Tower, with wonderful panoramic views, and visiting the 900-year-old crypt, 18th century Debtors' Tower and Prison Wing. Finally we will scale the mound of the 11th century motte-and bailey castle.

Cost £7.95 per person. Contact Hugh Collins for more details hughacollins@gmail.com or 01451 822286.

There will be no events in July and August but a visit to Milton Manor near Didcot is planned for Friday 16th September at 2.15pm. More information in the next issue of "The Breeze".

i.Scout Do You?

1st Bourton-on-the-Water Scout Group has spaces for boys and girls to come and join in the Adventure that is Scouting.

The Scout Association is the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation, with around 450,000 young people spread across five sections: Beaver Scouts; Cub Scouts; Scouts; Explorer Scouts; and the Scout Network. Each section has its own balanced programme of activities, badges and awards.

1st Bourton-on-the-Water Scout Group has around 40 young members, both boys and girls, with 5 adult leaders and a strong support committee. We meet during school term-time at the Baden Powell Hall, Lansdowne, Bourton-on-the-Water and there are 3 different groups:

- Beaver Scouts is for boys and girls aged 6 to 8 years old and meets on Tuesdays from 6.00 to 7.15 pm.
- Cub Scouts is for boys and girls aged 8 to 10 years old and meets on Mondays from 6.15 to 7.45 pm.
- Scouts is for boys and girls aged 10 to 14 years old and meets on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9.15 pm.

We offer 6 to 14-year-olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventures and the chance to help others so that we can make a positive impact in our local communities.

Activities included in our varied and balanced weekly Scout programme during March and April 2016 included: the Air Activities Badge; Dementia Friends – Planning our letter of support and writing to our Local Councillors and MP's; How to stay safe online – the do's and don'ts; a refresher on the First Aid Badge; Pioneering – building bridges, fire lighting and cooking on open fires; and our annual St George's Day celebration. Other activities planned include night hikes and camps for the summer.

If you would like to be part of the adventure, experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach your full potential then drop into any of our meetings and see what we do. Or for more information contact bourton-scouts@talktalk.net or visit

<http://www.northcotswoldscouts.org.uk/scout-groups-in-north-cotswolds-district/bourton-on-the-water-scout-group/>

1st Bourton-on-the-Water Scout Group is a member of the Scout Association, the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation.

<http://scouts.org.uk/home/>

<https://www.facebook.com/scoutassociation>





THE RISSINGTON SINGERS EST.2015

The Rissington Singers formed one year ago as a way to bring members of our village together to experience the joy of community music making. We are a friendly group of varying ages and walks of life with one thing in common...we love singing!

We asked some choir members to let us know why they come along each week. Here's what they said...

'Massage for the heart, mind and soul'

'Uplifting - makes me forget all the stresses of the day'

'GREAT FUN AND LOTS OF LAUGHTER!'

'An asset to this growing village.'

We are always looking for new members and would love you to join us!
No audition necessary, just turn up!
Please e-mail rissington.singers@btinternet.com for further details.

**Tuesday evenings in term time; 7-9pm
The Rissington School, Mitchell Way
£3 per person**



As the summer rolls in we say Hi and welcome back to our Football Academy members YR 2-3. I'm sure between Kami, Hans and Gary we will be able to encourage and teach new skills over the summer months to these budding footballers.



Over the May Bank Holiday an impromptu Dads n Lads football match was held....An excuse to try out the new line-markings from the line-marking machine!

On Saturday 14th May Upper Rissington Junior team had their first football tournament. We played 3 games against the Prestbury Phantoms. 13 kids from the village took part, winning one game 2-1 and losing the other two 3-0 and 2-0. Scorers were Ryan (the twin) and Oscar Hemingway. Man of the tournament for us was Hugh in goal. All the kids

tried hard, played for each other and, given it was their first outing, played very well.

Remember we also have the Running Club which meets every Saturday morning at 10am on the playing field, led by Emma Hen.

If you would like to take part in Saturday sports just turn up and prepare to have some fun! For more info just chat to Gary Black, Rob Eccles, Dan Beard, Hans Ziebeck or Kami Kalsi.



Boxing Community Gym is officially up and running. Held at the Runner Bean studio on Friday @ 6.30pm – 7.30pm. For the last month it has been hugely successful with an average of 20 people per class. Designed for community fitness and not the fitness elite, Kami helps and encourages a “fun whilst getting fit with family” fitness programme.

Buggy Run is holding its own on Fridays at 10am and continues to see new mums joining in and really benefitting:

“Thank you so much for starting it here, I have not put a pair of running shoes on since 5 years ago and had got in such a rut with my fitness and by coming to Buggy-fit you have really given me the confidence to start running again and reminded me how good exercise feels! I don't think I would have ever put my running gear on again if it had not been for the group and now I am going out 3-4 times a week in the evening with the dog so I am so grateful to you for that!” - Heather Triggs

For more information on any of the sporting activities please contact Kami_curve@outlook.com



PEOPLE OF UPPER RISSINGTON GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR SPORT RELIEF– THANK YOU!

Over 75 local people turned out in force on Sunday 20th March at the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile on the Upper Rissington playing fields. Milers of all ages were sponsored to walk or run themselves proud across the village of Upper Rissington, walking and/or running 1, 3, or 6 miles!

The day was a massive success with friends and families joining together to go the extra mile for Sport Relief 2016.

Sports and Community Outreach worker Kami Kalsi said, "It was a fantastic day! Watching the community come together to support such a great cause was brilliant! We feel very proud knowing that the money raised here today will help people living unimaginably tough lives right here in the county of Gloucestershire, as well as across the rest of the UK and in some of the world's poorest countries."

Sport Relief would like to say a huge thank you to each and every person who has donated money or given their time to go the extra mile.

Youth Club

Upper Rissington Youth Club continues to grow with an average attendance of a mix of 20 boys and girls. Since the weather has decided to warm up it saw us having a successful camp fire with marshmallows and hot dogs, and over the last few sessions we have been doing outdoor games of rounders, football, kwik cricket and basketball!

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) and meets at the Village Hall from 7.00pm-8.30pm on Wednesdays.

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)



Gardening On a Hill

Summer is here in Rissy –or is it?

Isn't it lovely to finally see the sun in Upper Rissington after such a long and wet winter and cold spring?

If you planted spring bulbs like daffodil and crocus in the autumn then they will be coming to an end now. Don't cut off their leaves, just let them die back naturally as this is how they get and store their energy in the bulbs for next year.

The summer bulbs and tubers planted in the early spring, like the lilies, gladioli and dahlias, are ready to start growing now, just popping their heads out of the soil.

Like many of us waiting for the long summer days to arrive summer bulbs like lilies wait for the ground to warm up enough for them to come out of hibernation. A little blowsy for some, but still you have to appreciate the flowers – so perfectly formed for the job of getting the insects to enter in and taste the nectar. The scent can fill the garden and bring in all kinds of wildlife from the surrounding area. I plant my lilies in big pots and then you can bring them on in the greenhouse before moving them to a warm spot in the garden when the weather is right. I put mine next to my favourite seat and always try and find at least five minutes to sit and enjoy the scent. Not more than five minutes though as there is always another job to do in the garden!



Dahlias on the other hand don't have a scent but give us a much appreciated extension to the summer and autumn. They have a variety of colours from pinks to the darkest of purples and many different flower types and sizes. There will be one for you, whatever your taste. When planting, try and put in three or five tubers as it makes a better display. You can put them in a pot or straight in the ground if you prefer but do keep in mind that they don't like the long cold damp winters so you may need to lift them after the first frost or just put your pot in a dry frost-proof shed.



Vegetables

If you are lucky enough to have some space to grow vegetables in the garden or have an allotment then for the last few months you have been busy planning, preparing the ground and sowing seeds for the oncoming months of food production. Even if you just have a small space for a few pots then you can still grow things like runner beans and French beans, courgettes, tomatoes and many different salads. Give it a go and get the children involved. Vegetables you grow yourself always taste better than anything you can buy in the shops and the kids will be more likely to try something they have grown themselves. Plus the bonus is they are much cheaper, fresher and have travelled less miles to your plate.

Our local school in Upper Rissington has started a new project which included the children growing some fruit and vegetables for themselves. With funding for the materials coming from Linden homes, Martin Ross (a local handyman) and I were able to make up four raised beds for vegetables and one for fruit.

I am really pleased to be part of something that encourages children to get actively involved with growing and learning more about food. Gardening in schools can achieve significant learning skills, health and well-being outcomes for children and young people. Food-growing in schools has a positive impact on the schools and the community. I am looking forward to seeing this project grow and see what the children achieve.

I would like to thank Linden Homes for the funding they made available for materials in order to get this garden project started at the school. I would also like to thank the site manager at Linden Homes for arranging the delivery of top soil to the school so we could fill the beds ready for planting at the start of the new term.

I also hope to get the school on board with some composting, another one of my passions. This will improve the soil and in turn make it easier to work year after year.

Last week was compost awareness week and those of you I talked to about composting were keen to learn more. So I have included some useful information to get you started.

Making compost

Once you have chosen a compost bin and site for it there are a few simple rules to follow. Ideally, start your compost bin in spring and for best results combine a mixture of soft, green, nitrogen-rich material and dry, brown, carbon-rich material in roughly even quantities. The main rule is not to let one material dominate the heap. A glut of autumn leaves will decompose very slowly and would be better used making leaf mould.

Place the more woody material at the bottom to help with air circulation and layers of different materials at least 30cm deep. Shred larger items so they decompose more easily and if the waste is very dry, spray with water to moisten the pile, but do not soak it.

Keep adding to this initial pile at regular intervals. When the heap or bin is full, it will start to heat up as the decomposition process gets underway. After a couple of weeks when it begins to cool down, turn the heap with a fork, mixing up the contents thoroughly and adding water if it is drying out. If turned regularly and in warm conditions your compost will be ready in about 2-4 months.

A heap left unattended and using bulkier, un-shredded material may take over a year to fully decompose. When the compost is finished, the pile will be about half its original size and have an earthy smell to it.

What to compost

Green, nitrogen rich material
Grass cuttings
Soft prunings
Annual plant and weed remains
before they have set seed
Fruit and vegetable scraps
Old cut flowers
Tea bags and coffee grounds
Brown, carbon-rich material
Cardboard (torn up)
Newspaper
Paper bags and scrunched up
paper
Straw



Rissington Stargazers - Things to see in the night sky, June - August

June 3rd – **Saturn At Opposition.** The ringed planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and fully illuminated by the Sun. This is the best time of year to see it and it'll be visible all night. A



medium or large telescope will show its rings and a few of its brightest moons too.

June 5th – **Mercury At Greatest Western Elongation.** This means Mercury will be at its most favourable angle from the Sun making this difficult object a little less hard to spot with the naked eye. Look for it low in the eastern sky before sunrise.

June 20th – **June Solstice.** At 23:34 BST the north pole of Earth will be furthest tilted toward the Sun, meaning the Sun will be at its highest in the northern hemisphere. It marks the beginning of summer in the northern hemisphere and the beginning of winter in the southern hemisphere.



July 28th & 29th – **Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower.** A reasonable meteor shower, expected to produce around 20 meteors per hour at its peak over the two nights. No need for any specialist knowledge or equipment, just look up and see how many you spot!

August 11th & 12th – **Perseids Meteor Shower.** One of the year's best showers with the chance of around 60 meteors per hour at its peak. As with all meteor showers, there will be increased meteor activity for at least a week either side of the peak.

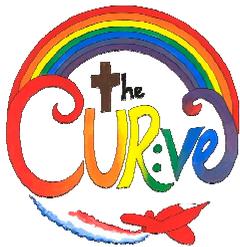
August 27th – **Conjunction of Venus & Jupiter.** This will be a spectacular sight with the two brightest night sky objects (other than the Moon of course) being only 0.06 degrees apart in the sky. Look for them in the western sky after sunset.

(Information courtesy of seasky.org)

Join our Facebook group 'Rissington Stargazers' for the latest news and local observing sessions.

The Church in Upper Rissington:

valuing everyone



In the last edition of 'The Breeze' we were looking forward to our village Sport Relief Mile, what a great turn out we had! Thanks to all the volunteers and marshals who helped run and keep our milers safe. We will be getting a final sum total of the donations raised later this summer. Since then we've

been busy with all the usual activities. The Buggy Runners continue to brave the elements on Friday mornings, and the Community Boxing Gym is proving a hit (pun intended!) on Friday evenings. To balance out the fitness though, we continue to find as many opportunities to share coffee and cake as we can. The Village Coffee mornings are now running on every second Saturday of the month. Our next Coffee Morning event is on the 12th of June and will promote a plant swap as well as great cakes and treats.

Coffee@CUR:ve on Wednesday mornings is another good place to meet for a chat and more cake! Just drop in at Kami and Liz's from 10am.

Looking ahead we can look forward to our annual Village Fete on the July 9th, as usual we will be out in force with games and activities so please don't be surprised when we ask for volunteers!

Holiday Club will return over the Summer holidays and after the positive feedback from the February Half-term it looks like it will be a big one!

To find out more about CUR:ve and our activities, contact kami_curve@outlook.com or have a look at our new website www.curve-rissington.org

What's on?

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

alternated Tuesdays 2pm

@ 6 De Havilland Road

Coffee@CUR:ve

10-12 every Wednesday

@ 7 Hawker Square

Buggy Workout

every Friday 10am

@ The Village Hall

Saturday sports

every Saturday am

on the playing fields

CUR:ve meets for Sunday mornings at the Rissington School and continues with our relaxed style. It is great to see and welcome new families coming along and getting to know the Curve Community, it is especially amazing to see the number of children getting involved (sometimes outnumbering the adults!). The first Sunday in the month is always Sunday Café, an opportunity to meet over coffee and bacon butties, read the Sunday papers, or enjoy a few family board-games. On all the other Sundays we offer refreshments, activities for the children, and a short time of informal worship together, with different members of the CUR:ve team leading the music or sharing a few thoughts. There are also opportunities to ask questions or pray together informally. Everyone welcome



BOURTON MEN IN SHEDS

We are twelve weeks old and have about twelve shedders meeting on Fridays from 10.00 am till lunchtime. We belong to the national association UK Men in Sheds and heard this week that about twelve new sheds open every month, so we are part of a lively community.

We have been very fortunate to inherit all the tools and benches from the Naight Club, a Bourton workshop for disabled folk which sadly closed this year, and we are sponsored by Cotswold Friends Voluntary Agency with our rent paid by Moore Friends, the support association for the former Cottage Hospital.

Our home is the old mortuary of the hospital, now the George Moore Community Centre.

We would welcome any men who enjoy workshop life in congenial company and perhaps miss the fellowship of work now they are retired. You can pursue your own project or join in making something requested by neighbours. We have already supplied two planters to the Primary School and some marker crosses for the parish cemetery (a fitting product for mortuary workers?)



And we have had a fascinating outing to the Cotswold Shedders to see how others get on.

At the moment we are thinking about making a model water wheel or a wooden clock to test our imaginative skills....

Every shed follows its own path and decides its own programme and your idea might be just the next thing we need! And of course we have a tea urn and a toaster so we are ever ready to pause for a cuppa and some natter. Why not drop in and see if you would like to join us? Enquiries are welcome to 01451 810447

Howard Crook and Mark Weir.

Bourton Men's Shed. George Moore Community Centre, Moore Road, Bourton on the Water.

NEW BNA BRANCH LAUNCHED

A brand new branch of the British Naturalists Association (BNA) has been launched in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. The BNA was founded 110 years ago with the sole aim of promoting the study of Natural History. The organisation is the national body for amateur and professional naturalists alike and is now promoting member engagement and learning within local branches across the UK.

Our local branch has a small group of committed members all keen to develop an interest in Natural History. As membership increases we will be planning events, activities and trips, exploring various aspects of natural history. We will also be welcoming experienced amateur naturalists to give talks and help run short courses for members.

We live in a remarkable world full of natural wonders. Here in the Cotswolds we are blessed with a truly beautiful home and nearly infinite opportunities to explore and learn more about it. So if you would like to learn more about the amazing wildlife we share our countryside with please get in touch by emailing Kara Majerus on k.majerus@hotmail.co.uk.

Recipe Breeze

Vegetarian Mexican Lasagne (serves 8)

Ingredients:

For the Sauce

- 1 tablespoon garlic infused olive oil
- 1 onion (peeled and chopped)
- 1 red pepper (deseeded and chopped)
- 2 green bird's eye chillies (chopped with seeds)
- 1 tsp sea salt flakes (or 1/2 tsp pouring salt)
- 2 tablespoons fresh coriander stalks (finely chopped)
- 800 grams chopped tomatoes (2 cans)
- 400 millilitres water (swilled in empty cans)
- 1 tablespoon tomato ketchup

For the Filling

- 800 grams black beans (2 cans) drained and rinsed
- 500 grams canned sweetcorn kernels (2 cans) drained
- 250 grams grated mature goat's cheddar (or cheese of your choice)
- 8 soft flour tortilla wrap

Method:

You will need an ovenproof dish, approx. 26cm diameter x 6cm deep

To make the sauce, heat the oil in a pan on the stove and fry the onion, pepper and chilli. Add the salt and cook gently for 15 minutes and, once soft, add the chopped coriander stalks.

Add the canned tomatoes, then swill the cans out with water and add this too. Spoon in the ketchup and let things come to a simmer, leaving the sauce (or salsa, in keeping with the Mexican mojo) to cook while you get on with preparing the filling – about 10 minutes.

To make the filling, mix the drained beans and sweetcorn in a bowl. Add most of the grated cheese, reserving some to sprinkle on the top at the end, and mix together.

Start to assemble the lasagne by spooning about a third of the salsa into the bottom of your ovenproof dish and smearing it about, then layer on 2 tortillas so that they cover the sauce overlapping slightly, like a Venn diagram.

Add a third of the beans and cheese mixture, covering the tortillas, and then about a quarter of the remaining salsa and another 2 tortillas.

Repeat with another third of beans and cheese, and some more salsa before layering on another 2 tortillas.

Finally, add the last layer of beans and cheese, nearly all of the remaining salsa and cover with the last 2 tortillas. Spread the very last bit of salsa over the tortillas and sprinkle with the remaining cheese.

Bake in the oven for 30 minutes, and let it rest for a good 10–15 minutes before slicing like a pizza.

Council urges residents to take up free central heating offer

Do you know anyone who owns or privately rents a house without central heating? We are currently promoting a free central heating installation offer - worth up to £4,500 - for eligible households. The Council, along with the other six local authorities in the county and South Gloucestershire, was awarded a share of £25 million of government grant to help households in fuel poverty to keep their houses warm and lower their energy bills. We first publicised this offer in February and we have been surprised by the lack of take-up so far, especially as these are grants rather than loans and do not have to be paid back. Please help to promote this scheme by advising those who might be eligible to contact the Warm and Well advice line – telephone 0800 500 3076, email warm&well@severnwyve.org.uk or text 'WARM' to 83010.

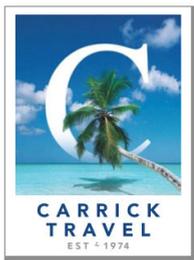
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These are legal speed limits rather than advisory speeds and will be enforced by the local police. All the residents, especially our older and younger members of the community and the race horses, would really appreciate all drivers slowing down. We have had a lot of accidents especially on the bends. If you are not stopping in Little Rissington you may find it quicker and easier to go around via the A424/A429 to avoid all these hazards!