



# The Breeze

## Upper Rissington's Newsletter

### Summer 2018

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Has summer arrived? Has it been and gone? Who knows - but the summer edition of 'the Breeze' is definitely here, and full of news and information as usual. As Wayne mentions in his Social Committee report, there are now so many exciting things going on in the village, it's great to be able to update everyone.

This edition sees the return of 'Behind the Road Names', which I certainly find both interesting and informative - thank you David for putting this together. We also have our regular contributions from Polly, encouraging us all to get out in our gardens, and from the Rissington Stargazers, reminding us to look upwards at night. One of the real benefits of living in this area is the ability to see the stars (weather permitting!) and it's good to have some pointers as to what to look out for. Thank you as always to all our contributors.

Due to unforeseen circumstances (or too many people being on holiday in August!), the next edition of 'the Breeze' is going to be out a few weeks later than usual, so there's plenty of time to put together a news report or article if you have something you would like to share. The closing date for contributions is Friday September 7th, so hopefully everyone will be back from holiday by then! Also if you have any comments or suggestions do get in touch with us ([URNEWS@btinternet.com](mailto:URNEWS@btinternet.com)), it's always helpful to receive feedback.

Have a great summer

Sue Handy (editor)

# Village News

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

### Past Event Update

The Easter Egg Hunt was another terrific success with over 125 children running around collecting tokens which they then exchanged for eggs. The Easter Bonnet and Colouring competitions added to the fun. The weather made for a challenging few days cleaning the mud from the Village Hall.

Sadly, the heating issues at the Village Hall meant that the planned Curry Quiz in support of the British Legion had to be postponed.

### Upcoming Events

The first event will be the rearranged Curry Quiz, now planned for 9th June. Come along and show off your knowledge, win big and support the British Legion. The event starts at 7.30pm with food served in the interval. Ticket price is £10 per person and the ideal team size (the team size we've planned the prizes for) is 6. The ticket price includes food and there will be a pay bar available on the night. Previous Curry Quizzes have been a great night out .

July 7th is the date for this years **Annual Fete** so make sure you're around to enjoy the Fun Dog Show, Stalls, Food, Bar, Games and Competitions. This is always a great event for getting together with friends and neighbours. Lets hope we get some of the brilliant weather we had for last years Fete.

On May 24th the Social Committee will have held it's Annual General Meeting which is our annual opportunity to update the community on the past year and discuss our upcoming plans. We also hope to recruit new Committee Members at this event so we'll update in the next issue of The Breeze how we got on.

### Committee News

Family commitments have meant that two of our committee members have sadly had to resign from the group over the last few months. We are tremendously grateful to Kath Finch for the organisation and focus that she's brought to the position of Secretary. Cherrie Neal has been a stalwart of so many of the Social Committee events that she's also a great loss to the Committee. On behalf of the community and the Committee thank you.

Our finances are looking healthy with around £5,000 in the Bank. This is a key figure for us as it allows the Committee to take some risk with future events and support some other community activities. Last year after the Fete the committee donated to the Village Hall, the Scouts and the Youth Club. At the last meeting a further donation, covering the cost of four new tables, was agreed to the Village Hall.

When the Social Committee was established Upper Rissington was, socially, a very different place. In the last few years we've seen a ballooning in the number of organisations developing the community.



We now have a number of new groups including Scouts, The Pioneers, Rissington Singers, The Little Hurricanes and the School. We also have the Hangar and Runner Bean adding to the events and occasions available to the community. It seems a good time to relook at the events that the Social Committee specialises in. Consequently, at the last meeting of the Social Committee, it was agreed that we would focus on four major events a year: the Fete, Fireworks Display, Easter Egg Hunt and the Christmas Party. Other special events may come along that the Social Committee will take part in or organise but our declared focus will now be these four events and we will aim to make them the best we possibly can.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We always welcome new committee members and the AGM in May might find us a few more members. In addition we always welcome the help of those in the community who may not wish to sit on a committee but might be prepared to support events on the day. We particularly need helpers for the village fete across a range of areas, serving on stalls, supervising games and competitions, helping with the cleaning up and preparation. If you would like to help out, please get in touch at [URSC@btinternet.com](mailto:URSC@btinternet.com).

## **Rissingtons Local History Society**

Pete Ralph gave a fascinating talk on the Forest of Dean, where he is a volunteer guide, to a packed hall in **March**. We learnt about its history and the diversity of animals, trees and occupations it has supported over the years. A large group of members and friends visited the Bodleian Library in Oxford in **April**, and were guided round the old library by expert guides, followed by a short introduction to the new library – the number of books stored there and in their book depository in Swindon is staggering!

The History of RAF Little Rissington by David Brown is our topic for **May** and we are expecting a lot of interest as it is a topic so close to home.

### **Forthcoming events:**

#### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 10.15am A guided walking tour of Burford.**

Roger Bellamy will lead the walk around this beautiful historical town, taking us through 2,000yrs of Burford's history.

*Venue Meet at Warwick hall café, next to the church. £10pp to include coffee.*

*Optional lunch afterwards.*

**Limited places and open to members only –  
contact Sue Brown 01451 820233 to reserve a place.**

There will be no events in July and August, so enjoy the summer. Our first visit on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September** is a tour of the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum, Gloucester Docks, as it is the Centenary of the end of WW1.

**Visitors Welcome - £3.50 to include refreshments.**

For further information, please contact

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# VILLAGE HALL UPDATE



## **The Heat is on...**

After what seems like an age we finally got to grips with the Hall heating problems. We have a new heat exchanger in the boiler. The system's been flushed, dosed and balanced. It's been overhauled and serviced to within an inch of its life. It's almost a shame that we're having a warm spell of weather so we can't really stress test it. However, with the work that's been done and the initiation of a good annual service routine we feel pretty confident that we have a good, reliable system.

## **The Hub of the Community**

Our hope has always been to develop the Hall as a major hub of our community and it's certainly developing that way. Activities in the Hall include dance classes, fitness classes, Yoga classes, self-defence classes, coffee mornings, family parties, community events, meetings and talks. At the website ([URVH.org](http://URVH.org)) you can see the full diary of events and contact details for any sessions that you might want to join.

## **What's New**

Now that the heating situation is under control we can reinstate our planned program of investments. The main-hall furniture will be updated this coming quarter. The new furniture will partly be the same as the new furniture in the community room and partly be a new heavy-duty chair suitable for indoor or outdoor use. We will be able to dispose of the older more cumbersome furniture and organise the storeroom a little better. Also this quarter we will be putting an opaque covering on the windows in the community room. This will be the same material as we recently placed on the windows of the main hall and will provide the same level of privacy to users of the Hall. Two pieces of feedback we'll be responding to this quarter relate to the identification of the Hall. The first is signage pointing out where it is, the second is a sign on the Hall identifying it as the Village Hall. The first of these we are limited in what we can do, but we will push developers and GCC Highways to provide road signs to the Hall. The second of these is in our hands so expect to see a gently illuminated sign on the Hall soon.

Now that the new mast is in place and we are getting a mobile signal throughout the village we will this month invest in a mobile phone. This means that we can react to another piece of feedback effectively and we will have an emergency contact number which will be placed on the door of the Hall.

## **New Data Protection Legislation**

New UK legislation has come into being during May which means that we have had to review and update our processes with regard to the data we hold. As an absolute principle the data held by the Management Committee and Trust is not shared with other organisations. It is only used for the purposes of conducting the business of the Village Hall, invoicing, informing and general interaction with users of the Hall. We will be posting our updated policies on the website.

## **The Trust and The Management Team**

As a group of volunteers we are of course committed to maintaining and managing the Hall for the benefit of the community. As we are volunteers we work on a part-time basis managing the bookings and the maintenance. We check the Hall at the end of every day to ensure it's good for the next day. We make sure that our legal responsibilities are fulfilled by developing, managing and maintaining proper processes, records and proper licensing. We have had tremendous support from our friends and neighbours in the community who have shown genuine appreciation for our efforts. We do need a few more of us so that we can be sure that we are covering the range of interests in the community and so that we can share out the work a little more. So if you think you could help, please get in touch by emailing us at [URVH@btconnect.com](mailto:URVH@btconnect.com).

## **Thanks ...**

You may have noticed a regular figure working on the gardens at the Village Hall. Thank you Jackie, through your selfless and quiet volunteering you've really brought the borders back to life.

Sadly, in May, we experienced vandalism in the form of graffiti. Thank you to Bovis for helping us to minimise the long-term effects of this, your help is really appreciated.

Last but not least, thank you to the Social Committee. Their offer to fund another 4 tables means that we'll be pretty well set up for the Curry Quiz night on 9th May.

Thanks to you all and the many others who play a part in keeping our Hall an asset to our community.

Please visit [URVH.org](http://URVH.org) regularly to check out what the Hall is being used for.

# **PIONEERS**

Alternate Wednesday mornings in the Community Room at the Village Hall continue to provide a great opportunity to grab a coffee and a biscuit (or other refreshments!) and meet for a chat. Bring your friends, or come along to make new ones, everyone is welcome.

But Pioneers isn't just about chatting. We recently had a visit from Louise Evans of Willow Tree Art, who told us about the art and craft workshops she has launched locally to help people explore being creative and meet other people. Several of the Pioneers attended one of her workshops and thoroughly recommend them. Check out the Willow Tree Art facebook page for more information.

The monthly walks are another way to get together, enjoy the local countryside, and generally find a pub at the end for lunch! They usually take place on Fridays (and lunch is optional). Contact Pioneers for dates if you fancy coming along.

We're not quite sure yet what the plans are for August (traditionally a holiday month) but are looking at planning some trips out. Contact us for more information.

For more details see our facebook page or contact us via email (on [urpioneers@gmail.com](mailto:urpioneers@gmail.com)) or by phone (01451 824328).

***Drop in on alternate Wednesdays any time between 10.30 and 12.30  
for refreshments and a chat. (next dates: 6th and 20th June)***

# Behind the Road Names in Upper Rissington – part 8

## Fairey Close

The Fairey Aviation Company Ltd was a British aircraft manufacturer of the first half of the 20th century based in Hayes in Middlesex. It is notable for the design of a number of important military aircraft, including the: Fairey III, Swordfish, Firefly and Gannet.

After World War II, the company diversified into mechanical engineering and boat-building and the aircraft manufacturing arm was subsequently taken over by Westland Aircraft in 1960.

The Fairey Swordfish was a biplane torpedo bomber, originating in the early 1930s. Even though it was already considered obsolete at the outbreak of the conflict in 1939, the Swordfish achieved some spectacular successes during the war and by the end of the war, the Swordfish held the distinction of having caused the destruction of a greater tonnage of enemy shipping than any other Allied aircraft, having outlived multiple aircraft that had been intended to replace it in service. The Swordfish remained in front-line service until V-E Day.



*Swordfish number LS326 in flight in 2012*



*Operational FAA Fairey Firefly FR.1 wearing late World War II camouflage*

## Firefly Close

The Fairey Firefly was a British World War II-era carrier-borne fighter aircraft and anti-submarine aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm. It entered operational service only towards the end of the war when it was no longer competitive as a fighter, but it proved to be sturdy, long-ranged and docile in carrier operations.

The Fairey Firefly served in World World II as a fleet fighter, but in post-war service, although it was superseded by more modern jet aircraft, the Firefly was adapted for other roles, including strike operations and anti-submarine warfare, remaining a mainstay of the FAA until the mid-1950s.

## Gloster Court (where the shops are)

The Gloster Aircraft Company was a British aircraft manufacturer from 1917 to 1963.

Founded as The Gloucestershire Aircraft Company Limited in 1917, during the midst of World War I, it produced fighters during the war. It involved the aircraft construction activities of H H Martyn & Co Ltd of Cheltenham, as well as Hugh Burroughes and the aircraft manufacturer Airco.

The firm rented facilities at Sunningend in Cheltenham to serve as their works. By the spring of 1918, the company was producing 45 new Bristol Fighter aircraft per week.



*Gloster Gladiator in pre-war RAF markings*

In December 1926, it was decided that the name of the company should be switched to a simplified form — the Gloster Aircraft Company. This was reportedly because customers outside the United Kingdom found it easier to pronounce and to spell. It later became part of the Hawker Siddeley group and the Gloster name disappeared in 1963.

With the move to metal construction, the Sunningend factory was soon deemed to be no longer suitable; accordingly, in 1928, Gloster purchased the aerodrome at Brockworth. In 1934 Gloster was acquired by Hawker Aircraft but it continued to produce aircraft under its own brand name, producing in that year one of its most famous aircraft, the Gloster Gladiator biplane. With further mergers, Gloster became part of the Hawker Siddeley Aircraft in 1935.



*Meteor F.8 in flight at RAF Greenham Common, May 1986*

During World War II it continued to manufacture aircraft designed by its parent company Hawker. While not having much workload in its design department, Gloster received a contract in early 1940 – to design and build Britain's first jet aircraft, the Gloster E.28/39, with its first (official) flight taking place on 15 May 1941. From this success a fighter aircraft, the Gloster Meteor, was designed; it was the only jet to be used in combat by the Allied Forces during World War II.

**Godfrey Place** (*new road round Officers Mess*)

Rear Admiral Sir Godfrey Marshall Paine, KCB, MVO (21 November 1871 – 23 March 1932) was a senior officer in the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force in the early part of the 20th century. He played a leading role in joint and naval flying training before and during the World War I.

In 1912, Paine was appointed as the First Commandant of the Central Flying School at Upavon, so before taking up this post, he learned to fly, being awarded Pilot's Licence No. 217 on 15 May 1912 (at the age of 40).

Three years later in 1915, after the Royal Naval Air Service had formally separated from the Royal Flying Corps, the Royal Navy established the Central Depot and Training Establishment. The new unit was based at Cranwell and Paine was raised to the rank of Commodore, first class and sent there as its first Commander. Just over a year later, in early 1917, Paine was appointed Fifth Sea Lord, making him responsible for all naval aviation.

With the establishment of the RAF in 1918, the posts of Fifth Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Air Service were abolished and the Navy's aircraft and aviators were transferred to the RAF. Paine was promoted to Major General (a rank of the RAF at that time) and appointed to the Air Council as Master-General of Personnel. With the introduction of RAF-specific ranks in 1919, Paine was regraded to Air Vice Marshal. Paine retired from the RAF on 12 May 1920 and was granted the rank of retired Rear Admiral.



*Paine in the uniform of the Royal Navy*

# 1st Upper Rissington Scout Group



We are pleased to say the scout group is growing rapidly and with extensive support from our local Co-op we are able to provide some great activities for all sections.



Our Beaver section has experienced their first night of camping, with massive thanks to the Village Hall Trust for allowing us to hold the camp-in in the main hall. They had their tents set up in the hall and after a B-B-Q and marshmallow-toasting there was some fun and games. The first stones were also painted for the "Rissington Rocks", where various stones are hidden around the village and once residents find one they hide it somewhere else.



The Beavers have also received their first aid training, and we have had our first Beaver investiture evening, where the qualifying Beavers are formally

welcomed into the scouting family and receive their first badges.

Our Beaver section is nearly full but if you are interested in your child joining then please get in touch.



Our Junior Scout (Wolf Cub) section has had fun with model-making, knot-tying and starting to learn about tracking and leaving tracking signs for others to read and follow. They are getting ready for their first camp which will be at a purpose-built campsite with loads of activities on site for them to learn new skills. They have also had their first aid training. We will be looking at holding a 'bring a friend' night very soon.

Our Scout section has been having fun learning more advanced scouting subjects that includes looking after their knife and cooking round a camp fire, this has included many safety lessons as well as their first aid. A range of activities is planned for the next few months including climbing and joining junior scouts on camp; their 'bring a friend' night was very successful and we will be looking at holding another one soon.



We are extremely proud at how well all our groups have progressed and the future for scouting in Upper Rissington is looking very bright. We are receiving amazing support from parents, residents, businesses and councils helping us to keep this much needed and loved group going. If you are looking for an activity for your child to join and learn whilst having fun then why not give our traditional scouting group a try, we offer a four week free taster so the children can see if it is something they enjoy.

# The Church in Upper Rissington:

*valuing everyone*



## Website

CUR:ve has a new website, [www.curveweb.org](http://www.curveweb.org). So do check it out if you would like more information about our upcoming events. Or, if you want to know more about who we are and what we are about. We can also be easily contacted by email, [sendtocurve@gmail.com](mailto:sendtocurve@gmail.com)

## Community Café, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month

If you would like to get up to a bacon or sausage butty, good coffee and good company, then come along to the Community Café on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, in the Village Hall, 10-12.30

## Get Sported, Multi-Sports camp

Two sports coaches from PSALMS came and joined with CUR:ve to put on a one-day sports camp for children in school years, 3-6 in the Easter holiday. They met at the school, and the children learned basketball and football skills, as well as playing numerous team games. Although the number of youngsters attending was quite small, the energy and enthusiasm generated was huge. CUR:ve hopes to partner with PSALMS to put on another event in the future. Watch this space!

## Upcoming Events

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 11am, CUR:ve will be joining the members of St Lawrence Church, Bourton for their All Age service.

## **What's on**

### **Saturday Cafe**

drop in 10.00-12.30 first  
Saturday every month  
@ Upper Rissington Village Hall

### **Sunday Cafe Plus**

10.30-12 all other Sundays  
@ the Rissington School  
(worship 10.45)

# Cotswold Festival of Motoring

*12 August 2018*

The inaugural Cotswold Festival of Motoring will be on Sunday 12th August 2018 in the grounds of the Cotswold School. The Festival is attracting a wide selection of vintage, classic and sports vehicles and to date over 150 have registered to be on display. As well as cars, the Festival will provide fun for all the family with food and beverages served from classic vehicles, traditional stalls in a Village Fete area, a climbing wall, merchandise and music. This year we are featuring Motion Picture Motors with a special display of cars associated with Movies and Television. Come and see your favourite automotive stars in the metal. Organised by the Rotary Club of the North Cotswolds, proceeds will be going to charity and to The Cotswold School. If you have an interesting vehicle to display register on line at <http://cotswoldfestivalofmotoring.org/registering-a-vehicle>.

Save the date ..... **Sunday 12 August 2018**  
at the Cotswold School!



# Gardening on a Hill

Hi all you gardeners out there. The warm weather is here and we have had a little bit of a heat wave the past few weeks. Bit of a difference to last year. No wellies needed at the moment.

There are lots of things to keep you busy in the June garden but don't go overdoing it in this heat. Slap on the sunscreen and plenty of it and keep cool.

Watering plants as well as ourselves is essential as the temperature rises, so make it part of your daily routine. Borders, bedding, pots and containers, hanging baskets and even the lawn need to get a regular drink if there is no rain forecast.

Sowing and planting out bedding can begin, depending on the weather variations. We are over six hundred feet above sea level up here so we can have a small delay in planting things out. Even being just down the road in Bourton can give you a little head-start on the gardening year. I think we can presume we are over the risk of frost but keep an eye on the weather especially if you have a much-loved tender plant coming out for the first time this year.



## **Planting up pots and the borders**

I have found that the most cost-effective way to fill pots and flowerbeds with great looking plants is to buy perennials that you can divide. This may sound like advanced level gardening but really it isn't. It can work well with clump-forming perennials such as *Iris*, *Geums*, *Astrantia* and hardy *Geraniums*, to name but a few. Simply tip the plant out of its pot and pull it apart into two or three bits, each with some stalks and root. Dig a hole and plant each part into the soil. Next year when they've grown and spread, you can dig them up and pull them apart again to gain even more plants. In a couple of years you will have a border full of lovely plants for very little cash.

Herbaceous perennials can grow quickly and to a large size, so some need staking to provide support and avoid collapsing - this is particularly true of taller plants like delphiniums. Some hardy annuals sown earlier in the year may also need support now as well. Tie plants such as sunflowers (*Helianthus*) to garden canes before they grow too tall and bend or break.

## **Roses**

This month, keep on top of training climbing and rambling roses. Tie in new shoots as they grow to make sure they don't hang down. If you have any newly-planted climbing roses that you want to cover a wall or arch, choose strong, well-placed stems that are coming up from near the base of the plant. Spread them out and tie them firmly to their supports.

June is traditionally the month when roses are at their peak. Removing the flowers as they fade will keep your display looking good and encourage more blooms. Snap off just below the head - this is thought to make new blooms appear more quickly than the classic method of cutting just above a leaf.



## **Composting**

Now the garden is full of growth and the lawn is being cut regularly there will be plenty of material available for composting. Make sure that you fill your compost bin with an equal volume of nitrogen-rich material (grass clippings, manure, shrub prunings) and carbon-rich material (flower stalks, shredded paper, woody clippings). Keep your compost bin moist. If you want compost fast, the secret of success is to turn the contents of your bin once a week.

## **Soft Fruit**

You need to prune several soft fruits now to ensure you get bumper crops. For gooseberry plants grown as bushes, cut back the current season's growth to five leaves, except for branches needed to enlarge the plant. For plants grown as cordons, cut all side-shoots back to five leaves, and once your plant has reached the top of the support, cut back the tip to five leaves from last year's growth. Red and white currant plants can be cut back when they are at the desired height. Cut the growing tip and the shoots from the main stem to one bud of new growth.

## **Fruit Trees**

The natural June drop will see many small fruitlets fall from your trees, but for the best-size fruits it's worth checking to see if you need to thin more of them. Thin apples to one fruit per cluster: for dessert apple varieties, thin to 10-15cm between clusters; and for cooking varieties, thin to 15-23cm between clusters. Pears should be reduced to two fruits per cluster, with clusters 10-15cm apart. Plums should be thinned to 5-8cm apart.



## **Lawn care**

Lawns can look a bit untidy at the moment. Winter does no good for the lawn. Moss gets a hold if not treated in the autumn and if not cleared in the spring the grass struggles a bit to get started. The warmer weather should see grass growing strongly. Cut the grass once a week starting with the mower set on high. For a quick tidy up, just trim the lawn edges to get things looking crisp and neat.

## **Vegetables to sow and plant in June**

*Plant outdoors:* Artichokes, calabrese, celery, celeriac, courgettes, tomatoes, lettuce, marrows, pumpkins, runner beans, summer cauliflowers, sweet peppers, sweetcorn, and winter brassicas.

*Sow outdoors:* Beetroot, carrots, courgettes, French beans, lettuce, marrow, pak choi, peas, pumpkins, radish, runner beans, salad leaves, sweetcorn and turnips.

If you planted spring cabbage back in the autumn then you will have lots of sweet cabbage now. I use mine raw in coleslaw (recipe below).

### **Coleslaw recipe**

- ½ white cabbage, trimmed and shredded
- 1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 4 large carrots, peeled and coarsely grated
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper.
- 4tbsp mayonnaise.
- 2tbsp lemon juice.
- ½ tsp of celery salt

Add all ingredients to a bowl and mix well.

# Little Hurricanes

Baby & Toddler Group for the under 5's and their parents/grandparents/carers

Every Thursday during term time 9.30am to 11.30am @ Village Hall, Wellington Road, Upper Rissington GL54 2QW  
littlehurricanes@hotmail.com



It is always lovely to receive feedback about our group sessions and that so many adults and children advise that they are enjoying the activities and relaxing environment we aim to provide for our community to meet up in. Both Monkey Music and Songtime Sally are a monthly feature now, and we have aimed to add more craft items for parents to enjoy with their children. In recognition of Gardening Week, Flower Pots were decorated by the children and we are planning on making wind sails for the start of summer.

We held a 'street' party with bunting and flags in celebration of the Royal Wedding with extra party food including sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes for the children and adults.

We have booked Alastair Currill to visit us for a summer photoshoot on 5<sup>th</sup> July so pop that date in your diary if you'd like some special photos of your little one before we see the break for summer and our end of year party. This year we are planning on an Ugly Bug Ball theme.



Thinking of Summer, and as 6 weeks seems like such a long time to not meet up, we decided to arrange some special summer activities. These include:

- ◆ A Messy Play session run by Mess Around Oxfordshire, who are well established and practiced with their multi-sensory messy play experiences (Tuesday 31st July, 10.30am)
- ◆ Ride on Time, who are bringing a number of ride on toys, road signs, traffic lights and cones for the children to partake in some road safety. High Vis jackets and driving licenses included (Tuesday 21st August, 10am)
- ◆ Some Family group sessions to allow older siblings of our little ones, up to the age of 10, to join us too (Thursday 2nd and 16th August, 10.30am)
- ◆ We are consulting the Parish Council for a Picnic in the Park, where we are planning a toddler fun area and are also hoping to join with other community groups to make some fun in the sun (if the sun comes out). So, grab a picnic blanket, a hat, sun cream and a picnic and join with friends for an al fresco lunch (Monday 13th August, 11am)
- ◆ A Summer Show with Showtime Shane, a puppeteer with magical fun and games. A lunch bag will be included for the children (Thursday 23rd August, 11am).

We will post more details about these events on our Facebook page and look out for us at the Summer Fete where we will be raising funds towards these events with Face Painting & Glitter tattoos. If you want to help out, please get in touch, we are always in need of volunteers, the more the merrier!

[Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with arranged events](#)

Donation of £2 per family suggested

# Rissington Stargazers' Astronomy Diary

*June – August 2018.*

Hello and welcome to the Rissington Stargazers astronomy diary for June, July & August 2018.

The nights are shorter, but there are plenty of great sights to see – many of which are best viewed at this time of year, whether you have a telescope, binoculars or just your unaided eyes.

Summer's greatest astronomical gift is undoubtedly the Milky Way. As we know, the Milky Way is the name given to the Galaxy in which our star, the Sun, resides. If viewed from outside, the Milky Way would be a large spiral galaxy with two irregularly shaped smaller satellite galaxies, but as we're embedded within it we can't see the shape of the whole thing, we get to see the spiral arms 'edge on' and, depending upon where on the planet we are, a faint impression of the Galaxy's brighter centre is visible.

The term Milky Way is a translation of the Latin *via lactea*, from the Greek *galaxias kýklos*, meaning "milky circle". The name refers to the milky-white band we see arcing across the sky from our vantage point here on Earth. It has been observed and described since ancient times but only in 1610 did Galileo turn his telescope to it and find that the Milky Way is not a cloud but countless individual stars, too distant and faint to be resolved individually with the naked eye. Until the 1920s it was assumed that the Milky Way contained all the stars in the universe – now it's widely accepted that it's just one galaxy among countless billions, each containing up to 400 billion stars, many of which contain planets not dissimilar to Earth.

Observing the Milky Way is simple – all you need to do is face south and look towards the horizon. It helps if there is no Moon in the sky to 'wash out' the faint diagonal or vertical band you'll see. You'll notice it widens and brightens as it approaches the horizon – that's because from the UK, the Galaxy's brighter central bulge is just below the horizon.



If you have particularly favourable skies, you'll be able to follow the pale band up, away from the southern horizon and into the northern part of the sky where it is far less bright but still visible to dark-adjusted eyes. Generally speaking, and due to the daily rotation of the Earth, the Milky Way becomes vertical in our line of sight around 2-3am then fades away as the summer pre-dawn Sun starts to brighten the sky shortly afterwards.

Don't forget to join our Facebook group 'Rissington Stargazers' where you can learn more about our beautiful universe and join in with local observing sessions with other amateur astronomers and budding scientists.

Otherwise, see you here in the Autumn!

# GREAT RISSINGTON ARCHERS



Great Rissington Archers is a thriving archery club (founded in 2006) based at the Great Rissington Club. During the winter months we have been using the Upper Rissington Village Hall on a Tuesday evening.

You may have seen us last year at the Upper Rissington summer fete or at the Health and Wellbeing event at the North Cotswold Hospital, where we helped raise money for charity. We will be at the fete again this year on 7<sup>th</sup> July, and would like to invite you all to come along and have a go.

We will also have held an open day on bank holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May at the Great Rissington club, including lick 'n' stick arrows for any little ones not quite big enough to play with the pointy ones.

If you feel that archery may be of interest for you, we run several beginners courses throughout the year. Our first course this year started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May and a second course will be run starting 20<sup>th</sup> June. (There are, however, some age and height limitations for youngsters.) Participants undertake 12 hours of structured tuition when they learn how to shoot safely and with the correct technique. At the end of the course they receive a certificate showing they have attended an Archery GB approved beginner's course and are invited to join the club.

We are always ready to welcome new people in a friendly and relaxed manner. If you are interested in trying archery or have a valid Archery GB membership, please check out our website at [www.grarchers.org.uk](http://www.grarchers.org.uk) or pop down to the club for a chat.

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Other useful sources of information about the village include the facebook page and the independent website [www.upperrissington.org](http://www.upperrissington.org). Please note that any opinions expressed on these sites are personal to the contributors and are not promoted by 'The Breeze'.

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