



The Breeze

Upper Rissington's Newsletter

Autumn 2020

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First of all, many apologies for the strange timing of the edition of 'The Breeze'. I wasn't sure what to call it, but have stuck with 'Autumn' (trying to put off any hint of cold and wet weather for as long as possible!), although we are unlikely to put another issue together now until the Spring. I haven't put a closing date this time, so look out for details on social media regarding when we'll be asking for contributions.

Despite the continuing restrictions the Covid-19 pandemic is placing on all of us, life in Upper Rissington certainly continues - as the articles in this issue clearly demonstrate. Having given an hour to help with some of the bulb-planting (see page 6), I know how much hard work it involved, but I'm sure we'll all really appreciate it come Spring. I'm also looking forward to hearing the results of the Halloween competition (page 2) although sadly, as I don't live in the village, you can't vote for me! I wonder what innovative ideas the Social Committee will come up with for the rest of the year?

As always, many thanks to our contributors and advertisers. Don't forget, if you are part of a local group and would like to have something in 'The Breeze', we are always happy to hear from you - or even if you just fancy writing an article of local interest, where better to have it published? Do get in touch with us at URNEWS@btinternet.com with any contributions or comments.

Best wishes

Sue Handy

Village News

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Social Committee

For those new to the village, the Social Committee is a group established to run events for the community. For some years now we've been running a Village Fete, Fireworks Display, Christmas Show and Easter Egg Hunt. We've dipped our toes into quiz nights and Barn Dances as well and generally the events have been superbly supported in the village. Some of our events have become popular in wider circles as well, particularly the Fireworks Display, which attracts crowds of well over 500. The Committee is made up of local volunteers and has been constituted for over eight years. We welcome new committee members, we welcome volunteers to help run events on the day. For the moment we're being pretty quiet but when normality returns we're making sure we're still about to organise events that make the most of it.

New Normal?

Well this has been a bit of a different year. We would face £10,000 fines for doing what we're established to do so we'd better not do things that bring the community together. That said, we are about helping the community have a bit of fun and building relationships so we will try to be inventive in finding ways to help us remember that this is a great place to live.

We've met as a Social Committee this last quarter (under proper guidelines with appropriate safeguards) in the hope that we could organise some events in a way that would allow the community to come together without risking one another's health.

We discussed Bonfire Night. It's become a bit of a signature event for the Social Committee. We wondered whether we could have the fireworks display and invite people to watch from their own homes or from the fields around. There are very strong rules that advise against running events which can spiral into community gatherings so we had to forget that. We discussed whether we could run the pantomime in January but it is highly unlikely to be allowed, so our Panto group has agreed to defer their performance to January 2022. So no solid plans going forward but we will look for innovative ways to lighten the gloom of the next few months.

The Trick of still having Halloween Treats

The first innovative idea we've had relates to Halloween. Most years we get a knock at the door from mini Draculas, Frankensteins, Harry Potters, Mummies and even Ballerinas. It's fun and we're a pretty safe area for children's Trick or Treating.

This year, sadly, we can't hand out sweets. This is such a shame for those less-thoughtful of us who derive great mirth from the sure knowledge of what the sugar does to kiddies energy levels.



We can't think of a way in which we can safely offer Treats this year. However, we do think that we can safely have a bit of fun on the evening. If we make a special effort this year to dress our homes up for Halloween then perhaps we could make this year's Trick or Treat walk around the village extra-special for the children. Frankly, we could all do with a bit of extra-special so it might be fun for all of us to go on the walk. In fact, it will probably be fun throwing ourselves into preparing our garden or street displays. It's something that we can safely do and it's something with a real spirit of community this year.

So we invite you to dress the children up as usual, as it's such fun to see the inventiveness and it does give them an occasion to look forward to. So many of you would be doing this anyway, getting the children involved in setting the decorations up. It would help the atmosphere if you even just put out a lit pumpkin or an illuminated poster.



We're asking the children to mark their favourite house decorations and we're not giving them any rules so it might just be one small item that makes them laugh or tickles them. It might be the house of someone they just like and want to see win. The prizes are; first place £30; second place £20; third place £10. The children will be asked to either email their votes to urnews@btinternet.com or fill in the voting slip that will have come through the door a few days

ago or be included with this edition of *The Breeze*. They will then post the voting slip in the box at the front of the Village Hall. We'll announce the winners on social media and in the next edition of *The Breeze*.



Rumour has it that Bob the Bear, Swiss Moo and Winston are getting into the spirit. We also have the feeling that those potty lot The Pots Family might have a ghost of a chance of appearing and they may have picked up on the scary themes of the evening. Remember to take torches or lanterns as you walk round the village and of course keep a safe distance from each other.



Next Events

We hope that we'll be able to run the Easter Egg Hunt next year. Likewise we are hopeful that there might be some return to normality allowing us to run the Summer Fete on its now customary first Saturday in July. We'll keep you posted.

Committee News

We've a great team of people on the Social Committee, drawn together by their desire to support the development of our community. We run regular events for the community and we always welcome new committee members or on the day support. If you'd like to help the committee in the organisation, management or support of events, please get in touch at urasc@btinternet.com.

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Management Update

We're certainly living in difficult times. Businesses are suffering awfully as the pandemic is having effects across our communities. The Village Hall doesn't have the same issues as most businesses. It's not a great employer, it's not a commercial hub and its community hub value is questionable. Should we use a facility designed to build and develop the community at a time when encouraging the meeting of large groups is punishable by a £10,000 fine? Should we encourage any gatherings that could result in the transmission of the virus into our community?

We've worked with advisory bodies to keep abreast of the latest advice and guidance, which has resulted in us reopening the Hall for some users. We think we understand the needs of all of the users of our Hall and we know that there is a desire for us to be more liberal in how we allow the Hall to be used. However, in balancing the risks we have firmly opted to balance on the side of prudence. We live in a lower-risk area than many and we expect that this will only remain so if we work to play our part in minimising risks.

So, despite our overwhelming desire to continue to make our Village Hall a vibrant hub of our community, we have to park our ambition temporarily. Now it's less about vibrant hub, it's more about what can we do working with the Hall hirers to bring some of life's normalities back.

We've reopened the Hall with some strict rules around its use. Firstly, Hall users are limited both in numbers and risk profile. We have to, as far as is possible, ensure the Hall is kept as a safe environment. The strongest of the advice points to the Hall not being available to children under 16. So we can't accept bookings from some of the children's groups that we're so proud to have in our village. We can't accept family bookings because it is effectively illegal at the moment. The advice points to distancing and sanitisation so we've installed automatic hand sanitisers. We've put in a few stations with disinfecting cleaning materials so that touched surfaces can be cleaned down after every use. We've marked out one-way systems, we've marked out two metre distances in the Main Hall. We've limited the number of people that the Hall will accommodate and we've closed the Community Room so that there is no risk of two groups occupying the building at the same time. Like so many buildings we've put signage up to prompt the use of sanitisers, masks and distancing and we've limited the amount and type of furniture available.

The Hall is a potential environment for the spread of the virus so we have to walk the most prudent line. We look forward to the time we can reopen and start promoting the Hall for the tremendous community asset it is. Until then we'll remain cautious but look for opportunities where we can hire the Hall without introducing new levels of risk into our community.



Activities over the Last Quarter

With the Hall working at a limited capacity it still needs managing, We still have to keep on top of maintenance and inspection issues. We have taken the opportunity of improving several areas of the business.

The first of these is the relationship with the Parish Council (PC). While we have a positive and forward looking PC we want to be closer to it and look for ways in which we can support one another's aims. We've held meetings with the PC to establish a new way forward and we will share our plans more openly in future with the PC. We have agreed with the PC that the work of the Village Hall Management Committee will be updated at Council meetings and we have a Councillor, Vaughan Taylor, who has kindly agreed to work as a liaison with the Committee to encourage more sharing of timely information for the future.

The second of these is our work on the Improvement Programme. For those of you who are unaware, this was developed with the input of the Hall users as a plan for the development of the future use of the Hall. This quarter's most major improvement is in the Community Room. This area is the first in the Hall to be equipped with a comprehensive audio/video system. A two metre screen will be electronically controlled with speakers either side and a projector will be mounted in the ceiling. Connectors to the projector and the audio system will be on the wall. The speaker system will be linked to a hearing loop so that audio presentations can be picked up by those wearing appropriate hearing aids. This work is planned for 22nd October so will be in place by the time The Breeze goes out. The suppliers have offered us an extended warranty that will start as soon as the Community Room comes back into service, but now is a good time to get jobs done without impacting hirers.

The Trust and The Management Team

In the last quarter we shored up the Trust. We knew we were losing Dean Beard following his move to Bourton. We are so very grateful to Dean for the work he's done in establishing the Trust and supporting us to this stage. We welcome as new Trustees Richard Knight, David Oliver and David Harrison, who join Zoe Branch, Andrew Mitchell and Wayne Fisher as Trustees. This means that our Trust has six members who are the same six people as the Management Team. Our focus over the next few quarters will be in developing the Management Team and to that end we are looking to recruit new members. If you think you have the time, the skill and the attitude to support the development of this fantastic community facility please get in touch. In the first instance drop an email to Andrew Mitchell, our secretary, to have a chat and see if it's for you. Andrew's email address is secretary@urvh.org.

Thanks This Quarter

Thank you to our departing Chairman Dean Beard. His work as Chairman of the Trust has been a fundamental support to the way in which we've developed. We offer our wholehearted thanks for his good humour and intelligent approach to problem solving and relationship building. Dean has been a terrific friend to our community and continued to support us despite having moved some time ago to Bourton. Thank you.

Please visit URVH.org regularly to check out the Hall calendar.

Parish Council Report

Well it's now truly autumn here in Upper Rissington and what can the Chairman of the Parish Council (PC) have to say? Well as I like talking (a lot) I can think of a few things to mention ...

Bulb planting

This has been an objective of mine since September 2019. However back then it was going to have to be a last-minute rushed affair which I thought wouldn't be good enough. Instead I decided to postpone it a year and do it right! So this year in plenty of time I brought the motion forward to the PC who enthusiastically embraced the idea and we agreed to put £1,000 into this initiative. So the planning started and the call-out for volunteers was raised. Within a week or two there were 70 enlisted. So I decided to map the entire village to quantify the areas of planting. After doing this I realised that my ambition far exceeded our volunteers and the money allocated (but I don't like being held back by either ...).



Anyhow, Saturday 3rd October was the allocated day for the planting. It wasn't the very best weather

-wise but it was PHENOMENAL to see the village work as a team together. In the end more than 200 people took part and it actually continued for the entire week. After mapping all the areas which I wanted planted I upped the order for the bulbs and in the end we had over 26,000 bulbs to plant and overspent ever so slightly! Luckily this was done because people kept coming back looking for more sacks of bulbs and were so energised to do new areas. What started as a PC-led initiative soon became a village priority, a complete village focus. I have to say, what started as a pretty dirty job on a cold wet Saturday morning soon became the emblem that represented the **SPiRiT** of this great Village. I am, as every single villager should be, so proud of everyone, so amazed at the determination and motivation to improve the village for all to live in

and to make it a better place. We have shown our true colours as a 'Community United', a community together, and all I can say is a **HUGE THANKS** to all who added to this great achievement. Especially touching was the involvement of so many kids with their parents and so many young people. What a result. When we work together we achieve greatness. ROLL ON SPRING.

Litter Picking

As we can't stop in the PC World we need to harness the energy and motivation of the villagers into our next project. So I'd like to propose that all of us who took part in the bulb planting and indeed all who were unable to, join forces together for a village-wide litter pick. All the motivation behind such projects is not only to improve the village, but also to develop that sense of pride that changes everything. I want everyone in the village to be proud of where we live, which should automatically eliminate litter and dog-fouling. It will develop that inner sense within us all that will make us simply pick up litter when we see it and not just walk past. I will advise details of when and how we will organise soon.



Exciting developments in Upper Rissington

Now here is the topic that matters so much to so many. What's happening in our village? Well I'm so happy to report that an awful lot is happening. Vistry Homes (previously Bovis) left the site back in March and things were looking pretty bleak for a number of months. BUT they have returned and not only that



but they have returned with an energy that we have not seen before. We've got the temporary 'heras' fencing coming down everywhere; the footpaths are finished in almost all areas; the formal footpaths on front of the Officers Mess are nearing completion; even the Officers Mess front lawns have been seeded; we've got the footpath all tarmacked and opened along the airfield; we've got a new park being installed in this area overlooking the airfield (I can just imagine the kids who swing here, rising high over the airfield, and how their imaginations will be stimulated – the phrase 'I'm on Top of the World' springs to mind!); also finally we have a destination for many of our youth – **The SKATEPARK**. This is almost complete at time of writing. What a super addition it will be to the village. Finally we will have a place



where our young, energetic members can go and have fun.



Co-option onto the PC

The bulb planting has shown me the urge within the village to act and to work towards a better village. We currently have a PC who are very focused on the improvement of our village and very focused on **ACTION**. By being a member you can help in directing this focus and assist in co-ordinating the efforts of future events. **WE DO NEED YOUR HELP.**

However sometimes people think that joining the PC means showing up once a month to vote on different issues. Well I can say that this is the absolute last thing we need. We **ONLY** need **people who are passionate, motivated and energised** to improve our village. We need people who will commit **at least 2 hours a week**, every week as a minimum towards the betterment of the village. There are no other requirements other than the will to help and focus to improve the village. If this is you please can you advise the Parish Clerk before 17th November, when we will be co-opting new members onto the PC. Together we can make this PC the best the village has ever seen and continue to make the village a brilliant, beautiful and dynamic place to live and bring up our families. Email: clerk@upperrissington-pc.gov.uk

PC Website

Lastly if you want all the latest, up-to-date information on what's happening in Upper Rissington then you should visit the PC Website. In my opinion it has been quite a bit 'dreary' and lacking over the past few years but it has recently had a makeover and it is looking really good. Most importantly it is being updated every day with everything that is of interest to all. So if you want to be kept updated please visit www.upperrissington-pc.gov.uk and sign up for the PC Newsletter <http://tinyletter.com/upperrissington>

Declan Torris (Chair of Upper Rissington PC)

Parish Council-led Covid-19 Response

We have to be proud of our village and the amazing response to the Lockdown. We've been fortunate to live in a lower risk area for the pandemic, but that is partly due to the community response that was both individually responsible and community spirited.

When the lockdown took affect we were well aware of the risks and problems that would bring for many in the community. Some were being advised to self-isolate to help manage the burden on the NHS. This meant no opportunity to socialise, meet with family, hug grandchildren or even visit the shop for essential supplies. Many neighbours and friends were already looking after one another and looking to support the more vulnerable, but it was important that no-one got overlooked so a co-ordinated response was also needed. We put out flyers looking for volunteers and asking those who wanted or needed support to let us know who and where they were and the support that would be helpful. We hoped we could find volunteers to match up with needs or even just pick up the phone and be a friendly voice at what was inevitably going to become a very lonely time.

The response was heart-warming, with volunteers more than double the numbers of those needing support. In addition our village Co-op has provided much needed support by offering a system where the Co-op would take an order over the phone, then pick and cold-store groceries, ready for our volunteers to collect and distribute. There have been well over 200 deliveries made by our volunteers. We know we can continue this until the end of October. It is being reviewed at the moment and may remain in place beyond that but just keep your eyes out for updated information.

Here's a little reminder of how it works:

If you are isolating and cannot shop safely, you can email Store.479@midcounties.coop (preferred option) or phone the Co-op (01451 824421) to place your shopping order. Please keep your list generic (eg orange juice rather than Tropicana). The store will call you to discuss any substitutions and to take payment over the phone. The store will email the Covid-19 village co-ordinator who will arrange delivery to your house. If possible, please place orders before midday and volunteers will aim to deliver by 5pm.

We have also had wonderful support from Cotswold Friends who do a monthly prescription drop from Bourton Surgery to households who are unable to get to the Surgery. It can be arranged through the Surgery. (This isn't currently available from other surgeries but our village volunteers can help.) If you think you could spare some time to volunteer for Cotswold Friends, in particular to help with hospital runs (they pay 50p per mile to cover your costs) please contact Julie Mitchell on 01608 697002 or email Julie@cotswoldfriends.org.

If you need help with anything else while you are shielding or self-isolating, please don't let pride stop you from picking up the phone to your street representative. You should have their number on the card that was put through your door a few months ago. If you don't have a number to call, please email Covid-help@upperrissington-pc.gov.uk or ring the Parish Clerk's office on 01451 810839 and she'll have Kath Finch get details to you (but please remember the Clerk's office is not regularly manned so it might take a few days for us to get back to you).

Finally, please remember as we approach winter with increasing limitations it is important that we keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours. Some neighbours may go many days without seeing anyone. Perhaps if you have 10 minutes you could take a cuppa and just chat on their doorstep. It could make a huge difference to their day. **Keep Safe.**

BARNADO'S news

Wow! What an amazing welcome back to the village we have had. We were so pleased to be able to reopen in July. Thank you so much to the Upper Rissington community for your continued support of the store, we genuinely missed catching up with our regulars and have enjoyed seeing lots of new faces pop in too.

We have been very fortunate with the number of generous donations people have made over the last few months. We understand that it can be frustrating when you have something ready to bring in and we are at capacity, so we really appreciate your patience during these unprecedented times. As a rule of thumb, we can take two bags or boxes per household per day, until the cage at the front of the shop is full, at which point we can't take any more until the following morning.

While we are very grateful for all donations, we politely ask that you don't leave anything outside the shop when we are not open. Not only can it be a health and safety hazard but in bad weather your donations can get damaged. When making a donation, we would love it if you Gift Aid it. This is a very simple process by which we can claim an extra 25% from the government, making your donations go even further and it won't cost you a penny! We can take all clothing, bric a brac, books and children's toys. Unfortunately we are unable to take anything that has a plug.



With Christmas just around the corner, don't forget you can pop in to the store for all your Christmas needs and avoid the crowds of town. We have Christmas cards, wrapping paper and brand new items that have been donated by both companies and individuals. Save time this year by getting all your Christmas shopping done without leaving the village!

One of our favourite parts of reopening has been being reunited with our volunteers. It has been so wonderful to see you all back in store. If you find you have some extra time on your hands and would like to join our friendly team please visit our website www.barnardos.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer. Whether you can spare an hour or half a day, we are always grateful for your help. We welcome volunteers of all ages, starting from the age of 14 upwards.

Thank you again for all your support, we could not make the store the success it is without you! We look forward to seeing you again soon!

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children
Barnardo's



Gardening On a Hill

Hi Everyone, I hope you are all still enjoying your gardens. The weather is changing now but we have had a very good summer as far as the sun goes. I am trying to keep off the 'V' subject, but while doing my gardening work I have noticed a lot of my clients are getting more involved in the garden and its wildlife. More and more of them are getting outside and planting, weeding and generally getting involved.

One particular client (mentioning no names) keeps telling me of his horticulture degree and how much he knows about plants. He has really impressed me with his skills in creating a small area of interest in the garden. something I would never have believed he could do before. I am sure his wife had a lot of influence in the design but the important thing is that more and more people are getting great satisfaction out of being creative in their outdoor spaces and that can only be a good thing.

I have had conversations with people about the activity of the local hedgehogs, of which we have a growing population. We are all noticing the types of birds visiting our gardens, not just the number. I don't think people would have noticed the wildlife so much if not for the extra time we have all spent in our gardens. So in all the upset and worry this 'V' word has brought to, we can take from it this positive thing. Taking time to see what is around us and appreciate the simple things in life can only be a long term positive step.

The RHS-commissioned survey by OnePoll has revealed that 7 out of 10 of us consider that having a garden has helped our mental health during lockdown, with everyday activities such as weeding, mowing and watering cited as having a positive impact. In addition, 60% of respondents felt that their physical health benefited from the opportunity to garden. In total, 59% of people with 10m² or less felt a garden/outdoor space helped their mental health, compared to 72% of people with 11–50m² and 79% with 301m² and more. Regardless of area, just over half of respondents said they will value their garden more in the future and 57% value their gardens more now than prior to lockdown.

In response to the survey results, gardening expert Monty Don said: "We garden to nurture our little corner of nature but just as importantly, to nourish our souls and more and more people are tapping into [gardening's] healing power. Gardens are fun and beautiful and rewarding – but much more than that, gardens are desperately important and we need them now more than ever for our physical and mental wellbeing. Following lockdown one of the biggest concerns in the UK is going to be people's mental health. People feel their gardens have helped their mental health during this time; the RHS is urging developers, local planners and the Government to value gardens as much as the public do.

We are very lucky to live in a village in the middle of the countryside with so much open space around it. I am sure we have all valued our open spaces during this time. Many of our residents have been volunteering in order to keep our village looking at its best. We have just had a community bulb-planting activity to spruce up the village for the spring, which the Parish Council organized and supplied bulbs for. Volunteers came out on a very wet Saturday to start the planting. I for one look forward to seeing those bright yellow drifts of daffs in the spring.



The autumn and then the winter will be upon us sooner than most of us would like, but we should not be put off getting outside and doing something in the garden or just going for a walk around the village. It will improve mood and provide some vital Vitamin D in order to fight winter illnesses.

Autumn and winter gardening

In terms of the garden, I will start with my passion: 'composting'! Improving your soil should be the beginning and end of gardening. If you have been composting then now is the time to empty those composting bins and either mulch the borders or dig into the beds. Veg beds in particular will benefit from digging in compost. This will maintain moisture and increase the nutrients in the soil.

The arrival of frosts will come all too quickly now. So better hurry if you want to get those last minute spring bulbs planted. If you haven't already, lift any remaining tender plants and bring them in under cover or protect them with cloches. If you are over-wintering plants in a greenhouse, take the opportunity to clean it out first. Sweep up and wash everything down with a diluted mild disinfectant. The greenhouse can become stagnant in winter and cold air can quickly lead to a build-up of fungal diseases, so it is better to ventilate as the weather permits so that plants have some fresh air over the long winter months.

Winter pruning can help control next season's growth and increases limb strength. Fruit trees like apples and grapevines need strong limbs to hold fruit better. Pruning in the dormant season also thins the branches, allowing more sunlight into all areas.

Pruning grape vines

Grapevines are exuberant climbers, so if you plant one for its fruit you will need to keep it under control. Training methods are based around one or more permanent stems from which fruiting side shoots arise annually. In mid-winter, prune some side shoots back to one bud and others to two. Cut back developing main stems by half their new growth and established ones to a single, new bud. In summer, shorten non-flowering laterals to four or five leaves and side shoots growing from these to one leaf. Prune laterals carrying flowers to two leaves beyond the first truss and remove any extra trusses.



Allotments

The developers have been actively working on the completion of the allotments, with pathways going in. Vehicular access and mains water have been provided on site. The paths are in place but there is still a lot to do before the Parish Council can take ownership on our behalf. As far as I am aware the actual growing ground has still to be cultivated.

The allotment land needs to be officially handed over to the Parish Council before we can lease an allotment plot. I don't know if this will be done for this coming spring, but fingers crossed! Bear in mind that when legal stuff needs sorting out things can take a long time to get done. We have been waiting nearly ten years so what's another season ...?





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

We never imagined when we closed back in March that the pandemic would have such a lasting effect on us and the impact it would have on all our community events. It has been sad to reflect on all the activities that couldn't be delivered to the families who join us including celebration crafts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day, Easter and Halloween. Our regular musical sessions with Monkey Music and Songtime Sally have been missed. Services including the NHS Clinic, Relax Kids, The Pottery Place and Alastair Currill's Summer and Xmas photoshoots will all be absent this year. Our end of summer term picnic, summer events and Xmas party have all been lost from our calendar.

Our main purpose is to bring new parents together to provide support, some light relief and a place for friendships to be made and flourish for adults and children. It is concerning that whilst we are unable to operate, new mothers, already isolated by the pandemic, are unable to build these relationships and their babies may have missed some of the early development opportunities that meeting new people can bring. We have considered how we can help our community to overcome this issue but under the current government and Village Hall guidelines it is very hard to find a practical solution that allows people to meet safely and which our volunteers can manage easily.



However, we would like to help new parents make these contacts and put mums in touch with each other. One of our committee members; Lizzie, welcomed a new daughter during lockdown and would like to help new parents get to know each other and share their experiences during this strange time. If you'd like to meet other new mums and dads in the area, please get in touch via our email address above or send a message on our Facebook page.



Whilst the Health Visitors cannot attend our village for clinics with us at the moment, please remember that Kayleigh or Sarah are still available on the phone and will make home visits if required. Should you have any worries please call them on 0300 421 6952.

We therefore have to wait until we are given clear direction that the threat of the pandemic has passed and our normal facilities can resume. Indications are this may keep us closed for at least the remainder of this year.

We look forward to the day when we can welcome back old faces, get to meet some new ones and Little Hurricanes can be revived again for the next generation of our community.

Claire B, Claire H, Claire M, Donna, Kathryn, Lizzie, Molly & Vicky
Little Hurricanes Committee

Rissingtons Local History Society

We have no report on visits since the last magazine due to Covid. Our AGM had to be postponed, but we held it via email in **October**. Our **September** planned visit and **October** talk also had to be cancelled due to restrictions.

Forthcoming events:

Friday 20th November 2020 @ 2.30pm “Prehistory of the Cotswolds”

– a talk by James Harris on North Cotswolds Ancient Burials and significant Archaeology.
We hope to run this event electronically, please look out for posters or contact us nearer the time, ongoing discussions with the speaker are in progress.

Friday 15th January 2021 @2.30pm “Gloucestershire’s Queen Katherine Parr”

– a talk by Mike Bottomley on her journey from obscurity to the heart of English History.
Venue: Great Rissington Club GL54 2LP

Friday 19th February 2021 @2.30pm “Cheltenham Racecourse Hospital 1914-1919”

– a talk by Geoff North on the funding of voluntary aid hospitals, their development and their legacy.
Venue: Great Rissington Club GL54 2LP

Friday 12th March 2021 @7.30pm. “Child Labour in 19th C Oxfordshire”

– a talk by Liz Woolley highlighting the experiences of children working from the age of 6yrs.
Venue: Upper Rissington School GL54 2PL

COVID – please contact us or watch out for posters advertising the talks if they will be running live!! We will inform members if they will be presented electronically; if you are not a member do contact us if you are interested in the talk.

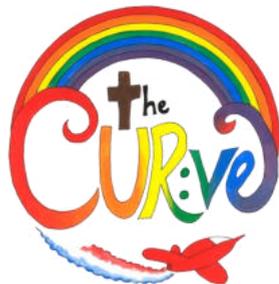
Visitors Welcome £3.50 to include refreshments.

For enquiries, please contact Sue Brown on 01451 820233/spsb@hotmail.co.uk
Sue Lee on 01451 822692/sueleeoffice@gmail.com.

The Church in Upper Rissington:

valuing everyone

We had a great time on the first Sunday in September when we met in small groups to do a family friendly treasure trail of Bible animals. We met at the Village Hall and followed one of the village footpaths. We enjoyed it so much, we plan to do something similar, in small groups, on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like details contact sendtocurve@gmail.com or check out the latest information on the CUR:ve Facebook page.



AIR CADETS

For anyone who has lived in the village for some time or just walked the new footpaths along the airfield boundary, you cannot fail to have noticed the gliders and their winches.

These are all in place to support Air Cadets, a national youth organisation with links to the Royal Air Force, whose primary aim is to give young people aged 12 (and year 8 at school) to 20 the chance to experience flying and gliding and learn about aircraft and engineering.

But the Air Cadets also offer an awful lot more to members, including adventurous training, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, first aid, and leadership and communication skills, with the opportunity to receive recognition for their achievements, including BTECs in aviation studies.

There are a number of groups local to Upper Rissington, each offering a core training programme but with its own elements to enjoy that give those groups their own personality. The Air Cadets have been classified as essential services for the mental health and wellbeing of its members, and so they continue to operate during the restricted days arising from Covid-19, but every group has gone to great lengths to do this in a safe and secure manner. At around £10 per month, membership is great value for money and is open to everyone, not just those who are interested in aviation!

All instructors are volunteers, so this isn't just a hobby for teenagers but adults as well.

If you or your younger household members would like to learn more, please contact Mike Caffrey by emailing oc.2120@rafac.mod.gov.uk.





Rotary in the Rissingtons

The Brian Honess Community Award

Community organisations, groups and individual volunteers make a huge contribution to lives in the Rissingtons, particularly whilst we are all coping with COVID and how it affects each one of us. The Community Award, organised by **Rotary in the Rissingtons**, recognises and celebrates this great wealth of voluntary work undertaken by people in order to make their neighbourhoods better places to live.

This Award, being made for the second year, is in memory of Brian Honess, a long-time resident in the area who had a passion for life which was exemplified in his involvement with Rotary, with local people and organisations and his love of music

All nominations are judged on how the organisation, group or individual has tackled issues that affect people living in their local area, have made a difference to their community, helped get people involved and inspired others. The Award is launched in October each year; nominations close on 31 December and the Award is made in the following January on the anniversary of the founding of **Rotary in the Rissingtons**.

Please see the poster in this issue of 'The Breeze' to find out how you can say "Thank You" to someone who has made a difference to your life.

Let your local hero win this Award

Cotswold Halloween Charity Auction

North Cotswolds Rotary with the support of local business in The Cotswolds are organising an on-line auction to raise money for North Cotswolds Community Awareness (www.cotswoldca.co.uk) and other Rotary charities.

We have over 40 prizes worth many thousands of pounds. The star prize is a day at Silverstone for two people sponsored by McLaren including, lunch, a 'hot' lap with a McLaren driver. This event is private and usually only open to McLaren owners. There are also many other prizes to suit every budget.

All you need to do to be able to bid for a prize is register at app.galabid.com/halloween. Bidding starts at 8:00 am on Saturday October 17th and finishes at midnight on Halloween. If you make a bid and are then outbid you will receive a message so that you can bid again if you wish.

So, please bid for a prize and help support North Cotswold Community Awareness – a great local charity that is making a real difference to the lives of low-income families.



Who is your local hero in The Rissingtons?



Who in YOUR Community has
really made a difference
to you in 2020?

Who has helped you cope with Covid?

Now is the time to say "thank you" by nominating
them for the prestigious
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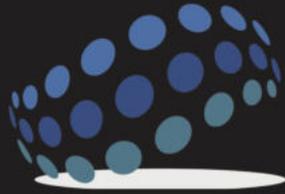


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Other useful sources of information about the village include the facebook page and the independent website www.upperrissington.org. Please note that any opinions expressed on these sites are personal to the contributors and are not promoted by 'The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

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Little Hurricanes	Baby and Toddler Group	littlehurricanes@hotmail.com	
Social Committee	Community Events	URSC@btinternet.com	07592 533596
Village Hall		bookings@urvh.org	01451 821820
The Breeze	Newsletter	URNEWS@btinternet.com	07592 533596
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