



The Breeze

Upper Rissington's Newsletter

Spring 2023

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Welcome to the Spring issue of *The Breeze*, I hope all the daffodils in Upper Rissington are looking as bright and sunny as the ones in my garden up here in Northumberland (they're in a very sheltered corner!). Sometimes the world can look rather grey and gloomy, but the Spring flowers remind us that there is light and colour, if we open our eyes and look.

There's certainly plenty going on in Upper Rissington to add light and colour, if the articles in this edition are anything to go by. For a small village, the range of activities taking place is really impressive, and I know there are many more things going on that we don't mention. So if you're involved with one of them, why not write an article for the next edition? If you don't know quite where to start, just email us some ideas (URNEWS@btinternet.com) and we'll be happy to help you put something together.

As always, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved, both as a volunteer and as a participant. So much of what takes place relies on people willing to help with organising and running activities, but also on people coming along and joining in. One new venture is the fortnightly 'Soup and Roll lunch' (see p8) in the warmth of the Village Hall, so why not pop along and see what's on the menu? Everyone is very welcome.

Finally, as usual, please do let us know if you have any comments or suggestions about *The Breeze* or if you would like to be involved in its production or distribution in any way, but especially if you have desktop publishing skills (or would like to learn some!) and might be interested in the role of editor.

Stay warm and enjoy the signs of Spring,

Sue Handy (editor)

Village News

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE



Goldilocks Panto Perfect Performance

Our last event of 2022 (or perhaps first of 2023) was a performance by the touring group that has brought Panto to Upper Rissington for three years now. An energetic young group of entertainers from around the country got together in Upper Rissington and kept the children (and many of us well past the last flushes of youth) enthusiastically and noisily making the young heroine aware of what was behind her along with all of the wonderful nonsense that is Pantomime.



The Panto was sold out in advance and our ticket price of £7.50 included a drink and a snack for children so a great value and high energy entertainment for that quiet time between Christmas and New Year. We are limited in the numbers we can comfortably and safely house in the Village Hall and we always strive to keep the costs of our events affordable to the whole

community. To help us do that this year we applied for a grant from the Parish Council and were enormously grateful and encouraged to have been granted £500 towards our first two events, which inevitably cost more to produce than we could ever expect to recover from the events themselves. Often we will dip into reserves accumulated from the Village Fete to fund these, but that has the detrimental effect of reducing funds available for future events and for our growing list of assets that enable us to make our events more professional and better organised. So a big thanks to the Parish Council for the support and thanks to all those that came and added to the atmosphere of the day - Oh yes you did!



Great Rissington Christmas Tree Festival

The Social Committee sponsored an entry in the Great Rissington Church Annual Christmas Tree Festival. The amazing effort freely donated by David and Jill Harrison was impressive, and the detail of their submission celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Harry Potter was equally impressive. The winners were The Rissington School, with the 'Pristine Parish Tree'



taking second place. Our entry came joint third with the Craft Club. The fourth position was taken by Kate Bishop. After the competition closed, the URSC tree was moved to the Upper Rissington Village Hall entrance lobby, where it could be viewed by all, and was on show the day of the Pantomime.



Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Saturday 8th April, at 11am. This is always a really busy event with hundreds of children seeking around 800 Easter eggs – from the humble cream egg to the gold token which wins the top prize egg. We establish the hunt in two areas of the field behind the Village Hall, with the smaller of the two areas being exclusively for the youngest entrants. The way the event works is that when you arrive you buy each child an 'eggschange' card. The child then runs round the field looking for tokens. Each time they find a token they should immediately take the token to be exchanged at the official "Eggschange", which will be pretty evident on the day (it's the tables with all the Easter eggs). One token will be exchanged per trip and a maximum of



four eggs per child. There is strictly only one 'eggschange' card per child and the cost of the card is £1, which also includes refreshments for the children. The event is limited to a maximum of 250 children and we hope that will be enough places, but please arrive early to be sure of a place as when we sell out of our 'eggschange cards' we won't be able to accommodate any more entrants.

There are also prizes for the best Easter Bonnet, which is open to all, and a colouring competition for the children. Please bring entries to the judges' desk and judging will take place at midday. The children can create their own colouring in or use one of our two templates. You can view these on the Upper Rissington Social Committee Facebook Page or

you can email us at ursc@btinternet.com and we will email you a copy. If you have no access to a printer, no problem. Drop us an email to the same email address and ask for a paper copy, give us your address and within a few days we'll pop a copy or two through your letter box. Please add name and age to the back of the colouring competition entry and please add name, age and contact details (telephone or email) on the inside of the Easter bonnet.

Summer Fete

This year's Summer Fete will be on the 1st July, when the sun will shine and the temperatures will facilitate all of the things that will make it a perfect village fete. Regardless of the weather we'll still have fun with games, competitions, fitness challenges, cake competition, plant stalls, and children's dancing. There'll be the regular fun dog show, the inflatable obstacle course, live music, stalls selling a variety of goods, and of course we'll have our amazing Barbecue team as well as a well-stocked bar. The fete costs nothing to attend and is always a great family event, a terrific opportunity for us all to catch up with friends and neighbours. More details will be included in the next edition of the *Breeze* but for the moment just make sure you save the date and if you'd like a stall at the event email us at ursc@btinternet.com.



Committee News

We are a growing village and our events provide an opportunity for new neighbours to meet and perhaps develop friendships or inspire new community enterprises. The Social Committee is focused on running four key events every year: a children's event towards the end of the Christmas break; the Easter Egg Hunt at Easter; the Summer Fete; and the Fireworks Display. We rely so much on the unstinting support of our volunteers. If you'd like to get involved as an 'on-the-day helper' or you'd like to be considered for the Committee, please email us at ursc@btinternet.com. You will be sure of a warm welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

I would like to thank our previous Chairman, Andy Cairns, for all his hard work on the Parish Council (PC) for our community. The change in the atmosphere, collaboration and achievement over recent months has been down to his individual efforts, and I hope you will all join me in thanking him for his efforts and wish him well for the future as he moves out of our Parish for the next few years due to work reasons. I hope that we will see him and his family back in our Parish in the future.

"The future has a way of arriving unannounced!" and in Upper Rissington there is a genuine feeling of anticipation as we approach the point at which our Parish will finally belong to us again. The allotments are open and many allotmenters are in the process of preparing their land for the growing season. We should see the Tennis Courts and Bowling Green available for use soon and Vistry are working hard to complete all other Public Open Space (POS) areas in a collaborative and progressive way. Can I promise everything will be perfect at POS handover? No – I cannot, and perfection is unachievable! However, I can promise that the PC are working as hard as they can, within their available time, to ensure all the significant areas of concern are completed. The timetable for handover should be available by the next edition of the *Breeze* and I hope much sooner.

Looking further forward, what I can promise is that the PC will have a 100% failure rate on resolving the things that we do not know about! The adoption process has been and continues to be all-consuming. However, once we have control of our Parish, the PC and the Clerk will have some more capacity and at this point we will work towards resolving all the other issues that have endured for so long. Please tell us what needs doing and where focus is needed either by engaging with the Council Website and Facebook Page or by coming to Council Meetings.

This year sees elections for the PC; the election day takes place on 4 May. Whilst most of the existing PC will be offering themselves for re-election, there remain several empty seats. This is your village and your opinion matters; without your support, developing the village into the community you want is more difficult. No experience is needed and the strength of our community can be best shaped through the diversity of thought that is created by a cross-section of our residents on the PC. Please consider whether you can spare the time to be part of the PC, to enable the building of our community. If you want a coffee or chat about the role and the amount of work that is needed then please reach out to me through my email nick.maxey@upperrissington-pc.gov.uk. I promise that you will be up to the challenge and that it is a rewarding way of helping your community.

I look forward to chatting to you all over the coming months and wish you a happy Spring period.

*Nick Maxey
Chairman – Upper
Rissington Parish
Council*



Have you visited the new Parish Council website?

www.upperrissington-pc.gov.uk



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UPPER RISSINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL

Suggestions for additional
information to be added can be
sent to:
Clerk@upperrissington-pc.gov.uk

The Church in Upper Rissington

It was good to welcome so many of you to services here in Upper Rissington, and in the Rissington churches over the Christmas period. Over the coming year we are planning services or events in Upper Rissington most months, and there are regular services each week in each of the Rissington Churches. We also have a group from various churches meeting in someone's home each week in Upper Rissington.

Food seems to be a feature of our gatherings in Upper Rissington this year. On both **Mothering Sunday, 19th March**, and **Father's Day, 18th June** we will be offering breakfast at our Sunday Cafes at the Village Hall at 9am, followed by a relaxed service for all the family at 9.30am. This will also be the pattern for our services throughout the year.

We are also offering a warm welcome, good food and good company at the Soup and Roll lunches on alternate Wednesdays in the Village Hall, 12-2pm. There is no charge – donations only. This is a joint venture between the Parish Council, Pioneers and the Church in Upper Rissington. Absolutely everyone is welcome on March 8th & 22nd, April 5th & 19th.

Please also look out for us over the Easter weekend and we will also be having a stall at Upper Rissington Fete.

If you would like to receive a weekly email update about what is going on in all of the Rissington churches or more information, please contact revd.nina@gmail.com or phone 810309.

The Rissingtons Local History Society

In **December**, Tim Healey returned with a humorous look at “**A Victorian Christmas**”. This was well attended by members, with seasonal refreshments after the talk. We had an excellent turnout at our **January** talk by Mike Bottomley “**Gloucestershire's Queen – Katherine Parr**”. She journeyed from obscurity to the heart of English History. We are looking forward to our **February** talk on “**Road Travel in Georgian Gloucestershire**” **Part 2** by Nicholas Herbert on Inns and Traffic in the Coaching Age.

Forthcoming events:

Friday 24th March 2023 @ 7.30pm. “*Australian Flying Corps in the Cotswolds in WW1*”
– a talk by Bill King.

Their training was based in the Cotswolds, many young lives were lost during training accidents.

Venue: Rissington School, Upper Rissington GL54 2PL

Friday 21st April 2023. VISIT “*Science walk round Oxford*”
– a light hearted walk with a science theme round Oxford with guide Elizabeth Hudson-Evans.
Depending on the interest, this visit may be restricted to members only.

Friday 17th May 2023 @ 7.30pm. “*History of Compton Verney*”
– a talk by Christine Cluley.

A brief introduction to the occupants before the arrival of the Verney Family,
and then description of the subsequent 7 occupants.

Venue: Rissingtons School, Upper Rissington GL54 2PL

Visitors Welcome £3.50 to include refreshments.

For enquiries, contact information.RLHS@gmail.com or Kate O'Brien 07815 606770.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2023



It hardly seems possible that it is **four years since Rotary in the Rissingtons was officially inaugurated** and held its first meeting in the Upper Rissington Village Hall. Since then the Club has planned and implemented so many events, and helped so many people in the Community, I can scarce recall them all. What I can clearly recall

sitting here writing this script is the unwavering enthusiasm and dedication displayed by the members of the Club who give tirelessly of their time in helping the community of the Rissingtons. We may not be high visibility ... indeed I meet old and new residents in the villages who do not know we exist. Through our connection with the Rissington School, and last year at Bourton Primary, we are probably better known by the children!! We aim to do something about this in 2023 so watch out for us out and about in your Community.



Just a quick word about the **Pizza and Quiz Night** held on 21 January. I should like to thank the 70 people who packed out the UR Village Hall and made it such a success. Also thanks to our friends at Dough Wood Fired Pizza whose produce helped to soak up the alcohol! A sum of £500 was donated to our chosen charity, **Headspace** in Bourton who exist to help young people to cope with the struggles of daily life, to empower them to understand their mental health and, with coping strategies, go on to lead enriched lives.

So, as I said at the outset we are celebrating our fourth birthday. Part of this is the annual presentation of the **Brian Honess Community Award**. Since November, residents in the Rissingtons have been nominating the person in the Community who has made a difference to their lives in 2022. I can announce the winner is Kath Finch.

If you like what you read, come and find the gang in the UR Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 2nd. and 4th. Thursday of each month. Come and have a drink, you are very welcome.

PIONEERS

would like to meet others, then do come along. We ask for a £2 donation to cover our costs, although your first visit is always free. We look forward to meeting you (urpioneers@gmail.com)

Dates of our next meetings: March 1st, 15th & 29th; April 12th, 26th; May 10th & 24th; June 7th & 21st

Pioneers meet in the Village Hall on alternate Wednesdays, 11.00am–1.00pm. We have coffee, tea, cake & chats. There is also a book swap table. If you are new to the village (or have been here for a long time) and



Soup and Roll Lunch

Enjoy good food and good company.

Upper Rissington Village Hall

12.00-2.00pm,

alternate Wednesdays

Open to everyone! No age limits!



Feb 22nd

March 8th & 22nd

April 5th & 19th

No Charge, Donations Only

Soup and Roll Lunch is a joint venture between the Parish Council, Pioneers and the Church in Upper Rissington. We would love to meet you!

Bourton Cubs



Cubs don't stop moving, literally and figuratively! We've got off to a busy start this year, putting the fun into the fundamentals of scouting. The Cubs have had their say at a pack forum and it's now time for the leaders to make the Cubs' activity suggestions happen, to help them learn new skills and experience new adventures whilst earning badges to mark their achievements.

We started the year with the much anticipated treasure hunt. On a cold, starry night, two groups exchanged coded messages with secret agents hidden in the darkness and scoured the village for clues to unlock the treasures of the arc of the lost condiment.

In amongst the usual mix of games, one of which was described as 'maybe the best Cub evening ever' – think stealing the crown jewels and you're not far off – we've enjoyed some traditional scouting in preparation for the better weather. We've learnt a new knot to use for climbing and worked our way towards an emergency aid badge. Several cubs completed the teamwork challenge and fire safety activity badges and many have been learning to read maps, which will be crucial for our summer activities.

There are exciting times ahead too: Akela has been training to lead climbing sessions, keep an eye out for a temporary new bridge or two in Bourton, and there will be a return to the incredibly successful Camp Evolution in June.

With all that's planned, we look forward to welcoming Kevin to the leaders team as Assistant Leader, he can't wait to get involved. We would also like to restart our Scout section, there are several willing supporters, however we need at least one person to step forward and shape the team. Could it be you? Please contact us for more information:

Beavers: 1stbourtonbeavers@gmail.com (Steph)

Cubs: 1stbourtoncubs@gmail.com or 07788 406728 (Nick)

ARCHERY BEGINNERS COURSE 2023

Booking has now opened for our first course of 2023.

The course will start on 10th May (Wednesdays, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm) and will run for 5 weeks. Applicants will need to commit to attending for all the relevant weeks.

The course is available to both Adults and Juniors (minimum age 11 years and height 4'6").

Cost £65 per person.

This Archery GB recognised Course will take place on our range at the end of the Great Rissington Sports Field and will be run by a qualified coach assisted by a small team of experienced archers.

For more information please email pat.holroyd@btopenword.com.



Time for a Spring Sort-Out?



Turn your unwanted clothing into cash for The Rissington School!

Friends of The Rissington School (FORS) is a supportive, caring PTA group that brings people together to share ideas, raise money and have fun. The money we raise goes directly towards benefiting the education, enjoyment and wellbeing of all pupils at The Rissington School, and strengthening our fantastic school community across both the Upper and Great Rissington sites.

We're on a mission to spread the word about what we do and reach out to the local community to help us raise as much money as possible for our wonderful school.

How you can help ...

Three times a year, we do a Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools clothing collection, and we'd like to invite the local community to take part. Rags 2 Riches collects unwanted reusable clothing and accessories, and we receive 40p for every kilo.

Our next collection is Friday 17th March, so if you're having a sort-out over the next few weeks and would like to donate, we'd be so grateful.

How it works ...

1. Fill up as many bin bags as you like with clean, dry and good quality unwanted clothing and accessories. A list of what is and isn't accepted is shown in the poster. Visit www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/ for a more comprehensive list.
2. Tie the bags tightly and bring them to The Rissington School (Upper site) between 8.30am and 9am on Friday 17th March. Someone will be there to take the bags from you.
3. The bags are collected and weighed by Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools.
4. FORS gets 40p for every kilo of reusable items collected.
5. Donated clothes and accessories are sent around the world to be sold as affordable items for those in real need of clothing.

For further information, please email friendsoftherissingtonschool@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for your help and support.

The FORS Team



Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



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www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

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BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags

STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

Friday 17th March - 8.30-9am - Rissington School (Upper site)

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



Behind the Road Names in Upper Rissington – part 18

Lutyens Court

Lutyens was a British architect known for imaginatively adapting traditional architectural styles to the requirements of his era. The architectural historian Gavin Stamp described him as "the greatest British architect of the twentieth (or of any other) century" and English Heritage identify him as "one of the greatest architects the country has ever produced". More than 500 of his creations have been placed on the National Heritage List for England and there is a long list of buildings – public and private – war memorials and bridges he designed round the UK, as well as many others in India, Ireland, France, Italy, South Africa and the United States.

Edwin was born in Kensington, London and went by the name Ned, the tenth of thirteen children of Mary Theresa Gallwey (1832/33–1906) from Killarney, Ireland, and Captain Charles Augustus Henry Lutyens (1829–1915), a soldier and painter.

Lutyens studied architecture at South Kensington School of Art, London, from 1885 to 1887. After college he joined the Ernest George and Harold Peto architectural practice. He began his own practice in 1888, his first commission being a private house at Crooksbury, Farnham, Surrey. In 1897 he married Emily Lytton, daughter of a Viceroy of India, whose father had died five years earlier. They had five children.

Lutyens' fame grew largely through the popularity of the new lifestyle magazine *Country Life* created by Edward Hudson, which featured many of his house designs. After about 1900 his Arts and Crafts style gave way to a more conventional Classicism, a change of direction which had a profound influence on wider British architectural practice.



*Sir Edwin Landseer
Lutyens OM KCIE PRA
FRIBA
(29 March 1869 –
1 January 1944).*



Cenotaph in Whitehall

Before the end of the First World War, he was appointed one of three principal architects for the Imperial War Graves Commission (now Commonwealth War Graves Commission) and was involved with the creation of many monuments to commemorate the dead. Larger cemeteries have a Stone of Remembrance, designed by him. The best known of these monuments are the Cenotaph in Whitehall, Westminster and the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, Thiepval.

He was knighted in 1918 and elected a Royal Academician in March 1920. In 1924, he was appointed a member of the newly created Royal Fine Art Commission, a position he held until his death. Although it has been suggested that Lutyens designed RAF buildings such as the Officers' Mess, this was not the case. But, while a member of the Royal Fine Art Commission, Lutyens had a considerable influence on the look and layout of airfields in the 1930's during the RAF's critical expansion period; Archibald Bulloch and others designed the actual buildings.

In the early 1940s Lutyens was diagnosed with cancer and died on 1 January 1944. His ashes were buried in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, beneath a memorial designed by his friend and fellow architect William Curtis Green.

Valiant House

The Vickers Valiant was a British high-altitude jet bomber designed to carry nuclear weapons and in the 1950s and 1960s was part of the Royal Air Force's "V-bomber" strategic deterrent force.

The Valiant was the first of the V-bombers to become operational and was followed by the Handley-Page Victor and the Avro Vulcan. The Valiant was the only V-bomber to have dropped live nuclear weapons (for test purposes) and was the first of the V-bombers to see combat.



Vickers Valiant B.1 1962

In 1946 the RAF issued requirements for a turbojet heavy bomber to carry nuclear weapons at high altitude and speed, with specifications issued in January 1947. Three companies worked on designs: Vickers, Handley-Page and Avro. The Handley-Page "Victor" and Avro "Vulcan" were of a more advanced design and initially the Vickers "Valiant" was rejected, but Vickers' chief designer, George Edwards, lobbied the Air Ministry on the basis that it would be available much sooner than the competition. Each company was awarded a contract, as a form of insurance in case one of these designs failed. The submissions became known as the V-bombers or V-class.



*Britain's "V-Bomber" trio in flight 1957 –
Vulcan, Valiant & Victor*

On 18 May 1951, the first prototype, serial number WB210, took to the air for its maiden flight, within the deadline that George Edwards had promised, only 27 months since the contract had been issued. The name Valiant had been selected by a survey of Vickers employees, reusing the name given to the Vickers Type 131 general-purpose biplane of 1931, of which only one was ever built.

On 21 December 1953, the Valiant B.1 production aircraft conducted its first flight; this had again occurred within the schedule that Edwards had promised.

On 8 February 1955, this first production Valiant was delivered to the RAF and formally entered operational service on that day. A total of 108 Valiants were manufactured, including the sole B.2

(low-level variant) prototype; the final Valiant was delivered in September 1957.

The roles of the Valiant were: nuclear deterrent; conventional warfare; tanker operations; and countermeasures & reconnaissance.

In 1962 the Valiant bomber squadrons were switched to a low-level flight profile in order to avoid enemy Surface-to-Air (SAM) defence systems. In 1964 fatigue was discovered due to the increased air turbulence in low-level flying and led to the Valiant B.1's premature retirement. The irony is, that the low-level B.2 variant had been rejected by the RAF as not required.

In January 1965, the Wilson government, with Denis Healey as Secretary of State for Defence, decided that the expense of the repairs could not be justified, given the short operational life left to the Valiant and the fleet was permanently grounded as of 26 January 1965.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday 8th April 2023

Event starts at 11 am at Upper Rissington Village Hall
Please arrive promptly to guarantee a place.

Buy your child an 'Eggschange card' for £1 on arrival.
'Eggschange card' includes refreshments.

Easter poster and Easter Bonnet Competition
Please bring your completed posters and bonnets to
the Village Hall by 11.30 to be judged by midday.

Primary school age and under.
One Eggschange card per child.

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Upper Rissington
Social Committee

Tea, coffee and cakes for sale

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UPPER RISSINGTON

PARISH COUNCIL

**Do you want to make a positive
difference to your village?**

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You can influence decisions that affect
Upper Rissington by putting yourself forward
to become a Parish Councillor

Parish elections will take place on
Thursday 4 May 2023

If you're interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, email
the Parish Clerk at clerk@upperrissington-pc.gov.uk

Applications must be made between 20 March and 4 April
direct to Cotswold District Council



Charity Cotswold Friends urgently needs more volunteers to help older and vulnerable people to live independently by providing help with community activities, carer support, volunteer driving, befriending, and marketing. It's launching a '100 Volunteers' campaign to increase volunteer numbers.

The charity needs support volunteers for all 10 monthly Lunch Clubs that it runs, in Aldsworth, Andoversford, Bourton, Broad Campden, Kineton, Longborough, Mickleton, Moreton (two lunch clubs), and Willersey. Cotswold Friends needs a support volunteer for each club to help to run them for 3 - 4 hours, once a month. The role would include welcoming guests, keeping lists of attendances, helping clients socialise, etc.

Cotswold Friends also have other Community Activity volunteer support opportunities available including office support, Knit and Natter, support for their new Pop Up Charity Shop coming soon and for their new Connecting Community IT project.

If you know someone that could provide regular breaks for carers by befriending the people they care for, they could volunteer with the charity's Carer Support Service, which has individuals waiting for help in the Mickleton, Chipping Campden, Blockley and Northleach areas.

Community Transport volunteer drivers to help older and vulnerable people, or those without access to transport, are also urgently needed, particularly in the Chipping Campden, Moreton, Bourton and Cirencester areas. Volunteer Befrienders, to pay weekly visits to people who are stuck at home, are also needed in the local area by individuals that would love company and conversation. Cotswold Friends currently need volunteers for waiting clients in Stow, Bourton, Chipping Campden and Moreton.

The charity also needs volunteers to support their marketing with newsletter and leaflet distribution, volunteer recruitment and events.

To see a full list of all the charity's current volunteering opportunities, visit their website at www.cotswoldfriends.org, get in touch on 01608 697007, or email volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org.

Are you free in 2023?

Join our 100 Volunteers campaign!

Visit www.cotswoldfriends.org to view our latest volunteering opportunities or phone 01608 697007

The Barringtons – worth slowing down for?

Great and Little Barrington are two of our smaller Cotswold villages, both delightful in their own way, if you take time to look. But their charm is being increasingly threatened by the traffic that passes through and Barrington Parish Council (BPC) is now calling on the residents of local villages for help.

Since September 2018, BPC has supported, coordinated and part-funded the flow- and speed-monitoring of HGV, commercial and private vehicles transiting through the two villages. This has included an active Community Speed-Watch (CSW) programme, in close collaboration with Gloucestershire Constabulary, made possible by the continued, generous, voluntary support of village residents.

It is now apparent that the minor road that runs through both Great and Little Barrington is the increasingly-preferred route for the largely local population commuting between Lechlade and Stow, who wish to avoid the bottle-neck of Burford, and many residents of the Rissingtons also, understandably, access the A40 via the Barringtons.



The road through Little Barrington - not quite the A40!

Traffic volumes have reached an average of 148/hour, with a record sped of 56mph in the 30mph limit. Sadly, the CSW teams also report the deliberate ignorance of their monitoring, and even intentional speeding-up by the more frequent offenders. The situation has now reached a point where there is an increasing risk to pedestrians, as well as damage to road edges and property.

Over the last 24 months, BPC has been working with Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways Dept, Cotswold District Council (CDC), and the Police to investigate all traffic management options, while retaining the rural nature and character of the villages. Options considered have included chicanes, speed humps, 'smiley signs', and village gateways. However, most of these would require power and street lighting, levels of 'urbanisation' which, as a rural community, the Barringtons are keen to avoid, and they would also limit essential access for large farm machinery.

BPC would therefore be extremely grateful for the support and understanding of residents of the Rissingtons in keeping to, or ideally below, the prescribed speed limit (20 is Plenty) through both villages, to help ensure the safety of residents, their property, and indeed the fragile rural environment.

Great and Little Barrington really are too special to speed through!

Thank you.

Barrington Parish Council
barringtonpc@hotmail.co.uk



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- on event days support stall holders, help with social committee stalls and services
- to help clear up after events, taking down stalls and gazebos and clearing village hall

Or, if you have time to participate as a committee member helping us plan our 4 annual events at monthly meetings, we would welcome you getting in touch to find out more

Contact us via Facebook or email us at
ursc@btinternet.com

PUZZLE BREEZE

A Spring-time challenge! How many words of 3 or more letters can you make from the grid? You may use each letter only once and must track from letter to letter, moving vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Can you find the 9-letter word? it appears somewhere in one of the articles in this edition of the Breeze

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(PS I got 28 words ... but I'm sure you can do better! - ed)

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Our meetings for March are:

13th March: "Fakes and Fortunes"
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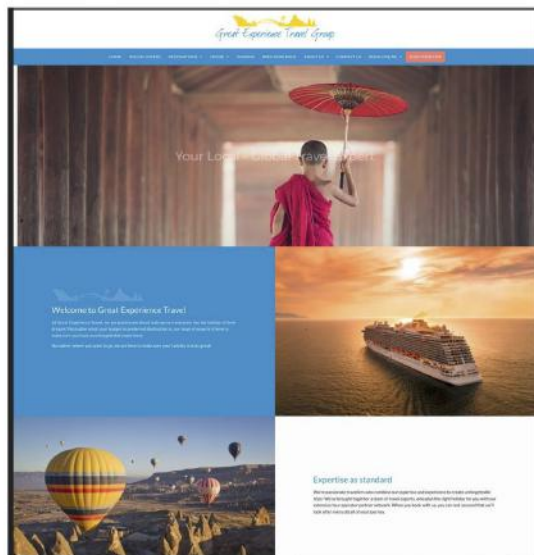
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Useful Contacts In Upper Rissington

This is a list of people and organisations in Upper Rissington who provide goods or services in the village. Inclusion in this list is not a recommendation. If you would like your business included the cost will be £5 towards the printing costs of 'The Breeze'. Contact URNEWS@btinternet.com or call 07592 533596 for more details.

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

Name	Service	Web/email	Phone
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Albion Water	Water Service Emergency		0800 917 5819 03300 242020
Parish Council	Clerk	clerk@upperrissington-pc.gov.uk	01451 810839
Little Hurricanes	Baby and Toddler Group	littlehurricanes@hotmail.com	
Social Committee	Community Events	URSC@btinternet.com	
Village Hall		Parish Clerk (as above) or PC website www.upperrissington-pc.gov.uk/village-hall	Parish Clerk (as above)
The Breeze	Newsletter	URNEWS@btinternet.com	
Pioneers		urpioneers@gmail.com	
Revd Nina Summerfield	Church in Upper Rissington	revd.nina@gmail.com	01451 810309
John Surch	Great Rissington Cricket Club - Seniors	surch@gotadsl.co.uk	01451 820567 07808 307364
Pete Garrett	Great Rissington Cricket Club - Juniors	Petegarratt117@gmail.com	07788 896496

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