



The Breeze

Upper Rissington's Newsletter

Autumn 2023

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Welcome to the Autumn edition of the *Breeze*! Like me, you may be wondering what happened to summer (was there one day last week ...??) but at least those of us who are gardeners (or allotmenters!) haven't had too much watering to do this year! Looking around the world, where so many of our favourite holiday destinations seem to have been devastated by fire and other disasters, perhaps we have more to be thankful for than we sometimes realise.

Certainly, reading through the articles and adverts in the *Breeze*, there is much to be thankful for in our community here in Upper Rissington. In a village that is still growing and developing, there are, of course, the inevitable tensions, but there are also so many good things to offset them, and the *Breeze* has always existed primarily to highlight the positives and encourage everyone to enjoy them. So have a look and see if there is something you might like to get involved in, either in the village or a little further afield. And let's all say a big 'thank you' to those who faithfully organise, support, and promote the various events and organisations that help make Upper Rissington the community that it is.

As always, many thanks also to all who have contributed to this edition of the *Breeze* - don't forget, if you'd like to have a go at helping to put the newsletter together, then do get in touch (no experience required!). Please email applications, contributions and comments to us at the usual address (URNEWS@btinternet.com).

Have a great Autumn

Sue Handy

Village News

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Annual Village Fete

This year's Village Fete was the best yet by pretty well all standards. It was the best supported fete yet, with so many stalls and attractions. It was also the best supported from the community, generating healthy reserves for a number of the village charities and voluntary organisations. It was the best weather, warm and dry with some of that big yellow thing in the sky (so rare through July and August). It was probably the best atmosphere, generated as teams fought out the Tug of War and our local athletes (of all standards) took on The Plank Challenge.



At these events we get to see the best of our community. That includes our amazing volunteers who set up the event, run the stalls, manage the activities and then clean up and dismantle afterwards. It includes the wonderfully polite children throwing themselves into the fun of the day and it includes the whole family-feel, supported by the involvement of the school and so many local groups.

The fete is a great opportunity for a growing village. It's an opportunity to get to know new neighbours and reacquaint with old. This was made clear to us from the great feedback provided on the day with many complimenting the organisation and hard work of the volunteers and commenting on the event's value in supporting the development of our community. Feedback from the community really helps so to all the many people who took the time to comment, thank you.

It's going to be hard to live up to this year's fete but our planning for next year is already in place. We've already looked at the areas we could improve based on our experiences this year (and of course all of our previous fetes).

The Social Committee reserves had a healthy boost with some £3,000 being added. This is terrific as we know we need to invest in a few costly items that are needed to maintain the quality of our events. We need another large Gazebo and these cost around £800; we need to think about our hard working and aging barbecues that will need replacing in the near future, and these cost over £500 each, as will the new hotbox. So the financial health of the fete helps us maintain and develop our capability as we strive to bring great and affordable community-centred events to our village.

We have so many companies and organisations to thank for the success of this year's village fete that we have written a specific thank you page. Please take a moment to read the page and, as a thank you for their generosity, please support those who've supported us.

Fireworks Display

Remember, remember the 11th of November. That's the date for the Upper Rissington Fireworks Display. At the risk of boring everyone I'll re-state the two reasons that we're always a little late with our fireworks display. The first is that many in our community have family and friends in other villages with fireworks displays a week earlier, so by having ours later it enables them to participate with family at both events. Possibly the more compelling argument is that we get our display at a significantly lower price than would be the case for running it a week earlier.

It's always a great night and our fireworks display has been a highlight in our calendar since the set up of the Social Committee over a decade ago.

The event will open doors at 5pm and the display itself will take place at 6.30pm. To keep everyone entertained we will have live music from the talented and entertaining Paige and The Red Shift, a bar, and our now famous barbecue which will be serving up great butchers' burgers and sausages along with tasty vegetarian options.

There will also be a selection of sweets and glow sticks meaning all that we need for a perfect Autumnal night's magical atmosphere is you.



Committee News

Our events couldn't succeed without our volunteers. Not just the team who serve on the organising committee, but those selfless souls who turn up on the day to help prepare the day with the erection of marquees and stalls, the helpers who then work in the background on the day to keep bins emptied, stalls stocked, cakes and coffees dispensed and then, when everybody is at that point of pleasant exhaustion, those angels who come and dismantle and store everything away for the next event.

We're always on the lookout for volunteers, whether on the day or help with specifics or serving on the committee. Please contact us if you would like to know more or you have any thoughts or ideas for the future good of this vibrant community group. Our email is ursc@btinternet.com.

The Rissingtons Local History Society

Our **May** talk on the history of the Verney family of Compton Verney was both fascinating and informative. Christine Cluley was an excellent speaker and very knowledgeable.

Our members visit to Rodmarton Manor in **June** was enjoyed by all. We had a guided tour of the house which was built in the Arts & Crafts style around 100 years ago and is still occupied by descendants of the original owner.

For the forthcoming year we have another full calendar of talks and visits, starting with:

Friday September 22nd – members visit to **Sudeley Castle**

Friday October 13th (19.30hrs) – a talk entitled ***Most Secret – Defford Airfield***
Airborne radar in WW2 and the Cold War based at Croome Court.

Please note – all talks will now be at Upper Rissington Village Hall.

We are now able to take payments by debit and credit cards.

Annual subscriptions are due from 1st July - £15pp

Visitors welcome £3.50, to include refreshments.

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

Upper Rissington Parish Council News

At a recent Parish Council (PC) meeting, we were asked why there is such a high turnover of people on the PC. The honest answer is that I do not know. However, what I do know is that every member of the PC, past and present, as well as those who work for other volunteer organisations, are doing their best with the time they can spare. Being a volunteer is not easy and I strongly believe that people do not join an organisation to do a bad job.

The PC is no different from any other organisation, but I would liken the conduct of Parish business to swimming with one arm tied behind your back. The PC is obliged to follow the Local Government Act as well as decisions made by previous Councils. The Local Government Act slows down the conduct of business to a frustrating pace but it is done for good reason to ensure all decisions are taken and recorded correctly. None of the decisions made by previous Councils were wrong at the time – however some of the unintended consequences have identified the need for more work and administration than was perhaps expected at the time. The simple fact is that your current PC is doing its best but there will be times when we could do things better or we get things wrong. Please bear with us. Please also note some things that you may think are the PC's responsibility are actually the charge of the District and County Councils; there is clarification of this on the PC website.

The Summer has seen a large number of successes for our community. The allotments are fully functioning with an increasing waiting list and an active and diverse community. The Tennis Courts have now opened, offering another activity within the Parish for residents to make use of, and the Village Hall is being increasingly used by Businesses, Residents and Charitable Groups. The PC has supported a number of Social and Community events within the Parish through the provision of grants and we remind you that this option remains accessible to all to make use of – details can be found on the website or by contacting the Parish Clerk. To manage the increasing number of facilities and usage rates, we are looking at increasing the automation behind the booking processes to ensure the workload matches the availability of our resource. Equally, whilst we will put in place appropriate guiding Terms & Conditions for the use of Parish facilities, we must rely on the Parish Community Spirit to ensure they are used fairly and within the set constraints – the PC has very minimal enforcing functions to guarantee that T&Cs are followed.



The next facility that needs to be opened is the Village Bowling Green. This is another asset, requested by the community in previous years, which will add to the social fabric of our Parish. The Harris fencing will soon be removed to be replaced by low metal fencing and benches surrounding the Green. Whilst the facility is currently owned by Vistry, there is the option to ask for it to be released to us early under licence. However, to do this, there is a need to establish a Community of Interest who could run the facility, potentially as a committee of the PC. Of course, there is no reason this approach could not be followed for other facilities in the Parish, should there be a desire from a group of people to help.



It is no secret that, once the POS is handed back to the Parish, the workload will increase, but be assured that members of the PC are working with appropriate contractors to ensure that the needs of the Parish are met. The transfer fee that Vistry are obliged to offer, as well as existing PC funds, will cover any issues related to the transfer.

I know there is concern in some areas of the village about the impact on the precept following transfer. The PC sees no demand for an increase and it is expected that all requirements can be met within current precept levels. In short, the PC will run its business within the means that it has available to it. I personally am more concerned about potential increases in the County Council or District Council rates.

From a wider community perspective, there will soon be a second Defibrillator fitted to the Dragon Vets building (the old Co-Op). We are grateful to them and also to a local business, Collett & Brooks Electricals, who have agreed to absorb the costs of fitting to support our community.



On the subject of vandalism, there have been a number of unfortunate incidents over recent months. All of these incidents have been reported to the Police and I would ask all residents to highlight any issues to the Police as soon as they can. It would also be useful if the details and Crime Number could be passed to the Parish Clerk. Members of the PC engage regularly with Vistry and details of these engagements are available through the Parish Clerk on request. Recent walk-rounds of the site have identified potential areas of concern and positive action will be taken, including the physical removal of derelict buildings if needed.

Finally, I would like to return to our community. The PC is here to help the residents. It was great to see such a large turnout at the most recent PC meeting and all views and suggestions are welcome. The more we know about what is going right or wrong, the quicker we can take action. Please keep engaging with us and, if you really want to have an input to your community, then please join us – you will be made to feel very welcome and you will be making a difference.

I hope you have a great end of Summer and Autumn period.

Nick Maxey
(On behalf of the Parish Council)

PIONEERS

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 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.

Dates of our next meetings:

September 13th & 27th

October 11th & 25th

November 8th & 22nd

For more information, about our meetings or outings, email:
urpioneers@gmail.com



LOTS GOING ON

Rotary
The Rissingtons



Apart from welcoming the sun in the past few weeks, we have welcomed four new members. This welcome increase in our workforce enables us to continue doing the "things" I spoke about in the last edition of the 'Breeze'.

Whilst we all know Upper Rissington has many wonderful green spaces, maintaining them is always a challenge. With the blessing of the Parish Council, we are assembling a group of volunteers we are calling the **Rissington Rangers**. They will tackle the smaller, but equally important jobs that are outside the regular contractor's responsibilities. If this *floats your boat* it is a great opportunity to take an interest in our environment, get some light exercise and make new friends. We know from building the Rissington School's allotment that working as a team, with like-minded people, is great fun and good for your wellbeing.



Our next initiative is the **Community Allotment**. We have taken onboard a plot for Upper Rissington residents to enjoy. Have you thought about growing your own produce but a whole allotment is just too big a challenge? Perhaps you are new to horticulture and need some advice? Maybe you would just like to have somewhere to go and be in nature for a while? Our **Community Allotment** (*we will think of a better name*) will have several small, manageable areas available for residents to cultivate. There will also be a seating and relaxation area.

We have chosen **Home-Start** as our charity for this year, and you can read about some elsewhere in 'the Breeze'. We look forward to contributing towards supporting families with children under 5. Funds from our **Car Treasure Hunt on Saturday 14th October** will be directed to Home-Start, watch out for the advert very soon on social media. On the international front we shall be having our highly successful annual collection of **Tools for Africa** in October.



Come and join the gang who meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Roll your sleeves up, come and have a drink, you are very welcome. Alternately, contact us at: ritrinfo@gmail.com

Soup and Roll

Following many positive comments, we are delighted to continue to offer a warm welcome, good food and good company at the Soup and Roll lunches on alternate Wednesdays in the Village Hall, 12-2pm. All of the soup is homemade, and there is usually homemade cake, tea or coffee to follow. Soup is available until 1pm, and then people are welcome to stay on and chat. There is no charge, donations only. This is a joint venture between the Church in Upper Rissington and Pioneers, ensuring that there is an opportunity to meet up with other people every Wednesday. Absolutely everyone is welcome.

Dates for the Autumn are: 20th September; 4th & 18th October; 1st, 15th & 29th November; 13th December.





Village Fete Thanks

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Every year we get tremendous support from organisations around the area. They donate their products and services free of charge to help support our events. We are so immensely grateful to them for their support and we feel that the community needs to be aware of their participation. If you have a chance to support these businesses and organisations as a thank you for their support that would be a wonderful gesture. In addition there were many donations from the community for the barrow of booze prize so a big thank you to you.

The gifts we were able to raffle were from the kindness of the following organisations (in alphabetical order):

Bence	Just Jacks
BerryBank Amphitheatre	Katherine Kent
Bourton Florists	Lisa Moore Tropics
Bourton Kebab Van	Lunar Tribe TeePee
Bourton Vale Equestrian	Maxey Images
Bubble TeaRoom	Mobility Shop
Chester House Hotel	Moore Golf
Cotswold Candle Maker	Scentsational by Susan Barnes
Cotswold China and Cookware	Screwfix
Cotswold Pilates	Sheila Price
Demi Christofi Pranac Healing	Simon Plater Music Lessons
Fox Inn Great Barrington	The Mouse Trap
Harrison Hardie	The Wychwood Golf Club

In addition to raffle prizes we were grateful recipients of gifted support from these organisations;

NicFit our Plank Challenge organiser
Bourton Rovers Football Club for organising the Tug of War and general help
North Cotswold Air Cadets for their superb help and support around the event
Kate Hunter our cake judge
Rissington School for their incredible and talented performances
Sheila Price Dance School for the wonderful exhibition dances
Flora Kenning for keeping us entertained with her singing
Budget Skips for free skip hire
Phipps Farm for supplying, delivering and collecting the hay bales
Kathy Gibbons and Lisa Lane for running our signature Fun Dog Show and Stuart Jackson for judging in the spirit of the show with true impartiality.

The community support for the event was heartwarming, so many selfless volunteers manning cafe, stalls and general help. The community owes you a debt of thanks and the Committee acknowledge and praise the fact that, without your help, we couldn't hope to run these events for the community.

The danger of these pieces is that we sometimes miss the names of those who truly deserve a mention. It's a horrid fact of life that mistakes can be made and well deserving names are omitted. If this has happened then you have double the thanks and a full apology and a promise that if you jog us on ursc@btinternet.com we will make amends in the next edition.

The Church in Upper Rissington

Those of you who found us at the Village Fete back at the beginning of July may have been asked by me to fill in a simple questionnaire as we, the Church in this village, seek to discover what *you*, the residents in Upper Rissington would like us to provide. We are genuinely here for everyone, whether or not you feel you are especially “religious” (whatever is meant by that!) and we genuinely care deeply for this community. Therefore we would like to listen to you *all* – so I thought the Breeze is an ideal chance to put my questions out there again!

So here they are – and if you would like to do so, please respond to me via email revd.nina@gmail.com or drop a note through my door at The Vicarage, 6 De Havilland Road. I always delight to tell people that we are the house next to the Loch Ness Monster! And please feel free to remain anonymous or add your name as you wish:

As the Church in Upper Rissington we are here for *everyone*....so what we would like to ask is:

- **What** activities or events would be helpful/interesting?
- **When** would work for you for events/activities?
- **Where** would be the best place for us to hold activities/events?
- Is **hospitality** (food and drink) a good thing to offer?
- If you have children – would they like to be in a **Junior “Open the Book”** team helping to lead family services in The Rissington Churches?
- **What one thing** does our village need to make it an *even better* place to live?

So as I write we are just over half way through the summer holidays which I hope has been a wonderful time for you all. Soon we will be returning to the routine of school, celebrating harvest and then moving into the time of Remembrance in November and the start of Advent.

We plan to hold **Sunday cafes** in the Community room area of the Village Hall on Sundays 17th September, 15th October and 19th November.

These will begin with a breakfast of croissants, juice, tea and coffee at 9.30am (note later start time), followed by a short informal service with songs, prayers and activities for all ages.

Looking ahead: Saturday 23rd December, Carols by candlelight for the whole community at 4pm.

Please do look out on facebook and on posters around the village for what we will be offering as we would be delighted to see you.

And always remember – never hesitate to get in touch. I am your Parish Priest, here to serve you all.

Blessings

Revd Nina

Great Rissington Christmas Tree Festival

This will take place from the evening of Friday, 8th Dec, Saturday, 9th and Sunday 10th December. Posters will be distributed a little nearer the time but you might like to get the date in your diary now. They will also be asking for 'decorators' of trees. If you hear of anyone who would like to be involved, please contact Janne Bishop on 01451 821216 or email bishopdjk@aol.com for more information.



Digital inclusion project provides support for older and vulnerable residents



A project that aims to bridge the digital divide in the Cotswolds is making progress, thanks to the dedication of volunteers from charity Cotswold Friends and a crowdfunding campaign that received fantastic support from individuals, organisations, local businesses, Cotswold District Council and Gloucestershire County Council.

In a world where technology is constantly evolving, the need for digital inclusion is more important than ever before. Many everyday activities have shifted to online platforms. However, for some, this has caused significant challenges in completing daily tasks, which many of us take for granted. These include shopping for groceries, paying bills, and even making doctors appointments, which have all become heavily reliant on technology.

Recognising the gap in support, Cotswold Friends launched a Digital Inclusion project. Part of the charity's Independence Support Service, it aims to bridge the digital divide by providing IT assistance from knowledgeable and trained 'Digital Champion' volunteers.

The Cotswold Friends 'Champions' understand that learning to use IT equipment can be a daunting experience and offer support, step-by-step guidance, and assistance to help the charity's older and vulnerable clients feel comfortable and confident in their abilities.

The funds raised by the charity's Crowdfund Cotswold crowdfunding campaign in autumn 2022 have been pivotal to the success of the Digital Inclusion project. Dedicated volunteers have been trained and are equipped to provide valuable digital assistance to older and vulnerable people in the Cotswolds.

In the future, Cotswold Friends aims to train up even more Digital Champions and provide interactive training sessions for people looking to improve their digital literacy, such as understanding internet routers in the home and their wireless set up. If you are interested in becoming a Digital Champion volunteer, please don't hesitate to contact Cotswold Friends' Volunteer Manager, Sheryl Murray, tel: 01608 697007 or email sheryl@cotswoldfriends.org.

Case Study

Miss G is a full-time carer for her mother who is currently living with Alzheimer's. There are many challenges that come with being a carer, so when out of the blue, her mobile phone stopped receiving calls and refused to make outgoing calls, this left her feeling anxious and disconnected from the world.

Thanks to our Digital Inclusion Project, one of our volunteers stepped up to the task and decided to visit Miss G and investigate the issue. The volunteer quickly realised that the phone was not registering its Pay as You Go phone number. Contacting the mobile phone provider, it was revealed that the number had not been used for quite some time so had been recycled.

Our volunteer headed straight to the nearest shop to purchase a new SIM card for Miss G. The volunteer topped up the SIM card and, upon returning to Miss G's home, proceeded to set up her new mobile phone. They took the initiative and ensured that all her existing contacts were still available and accessible. They also helped Miss G to make a "favourites" list, consisting of the most frequently dialled numbers, making her communication with friends and family even easier.

The u3a is a Nationwide charitable organisation with branches throughout the UK. Your local branch of the u3a is centred on Bourton on the Water but serves the wider communities of the Rissingtons, the Barringtons, the Slaughters, Stow and Moreton etc. It is open to all retired and semi-retired people and we currently have about 260 members. If you would like to fill some time with like-minded people on a regular basis, just come along to our next get-together in the British Legion Hall in Bourton on the Water between 10 o'clock and midday on Wednesday 27th September to see what is available. This is our annual membership renewal meeting and is an ideal opportunity to see what is on offer and to talk to the leaders of our many discussion and activity groups. You will also be able to view the talks/activities we have scheduled for our monthly meetings over the next year.

New members are particularly welcome so if you are looking for something stimulating amongst friendly people, give us a try. We currently have 25 different interest groups ranging from Archaeology through Film, Indoor Games and Quizzes to Writing (with much in between) and many of their wares will be on display at the meeting. We would also welcome suggestions for new groups on topics of particular interest to you.

If you are unable to visit us in person, check out our website www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton where you will find details of all our activities and how to contact us. We look forward to seeing you.

Neil Cox

BOURTON VALE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Your Friendly Gardening Club

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Do you have a garden, large or small, a courtyard or just a large flowerpot? Or is your patch fresh from the builders? Are you experienced or new to gardening?

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR GARDEN CLUB

Our aim is to promote gardening at all levels, to help, encourage, learn and enjoy ourselves while doing so.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Baptist Church Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water at 7.30 pm. Forthcoming speakers include:

11th October – Jonathan King – **“15 years in China – A Journey of Landscape and Learning”**

8th November – Dr Michael Jones – **“Mistletoe: Fact, Myth and Legend”**

13 December – Kelvin Alviti – **“Preserving the harvest – Far beyond Jams and Chutneys”**

followed by a raffle and refreshments!



Annual membership is just £15 (or £3 a visit) and if you would like to a copy of our full programme of speakers and events for this year, please contact Secretary Sandra Mitchell on 07840 898472 or email sandra@rissington.uk or check the website www.gfgs.org.uk/members/bourton

1st Bourton Cubs



We've been at it again - attracting attention with our exciting activities! Since Easter almost all our meetings have been outdoors, the best environment for a Cub and a relief after the dark winter and wet spring months indoors.

In May we put our new pioneering skills to the test by building a transporter bridge across the Windrush. Kevin's badges and necker were sent across, staying dry, which allowed him to be invested, under the Bourton-on-the-Water sign, as Assistant Section Leader. We entertained many a passer-by that evening, as well as having great fun ourselves seeing the practical side of our new skills.



We followed that up with golfing on the Naight, it's fair to say everyone had a swinging time. Whether or not the next Nick Faldo, Rory McIlroy or Annika Sörenstam was in our midst remains to be seen. From new skills to nature next, we took part in the 'Love Your Burial Ground' annual survey, spending an interesting time at St. Lawrence Church. Many different species were identified to report to the nationwide data collecting activity, tracking the species in undisturbed corners of our community.

The following week we explored Greystones Farm, for some orienteering, putting into practice some map reading and navigation skills with an orienteering activity. Somehow, we dodged the thunderstorms, but enjoyed the feeling of being out in the open and being excited to see many newts in the pond.

It's been delightful to welcome and invest our first Beavers from our reformed colony. Eleanor and Stanley have completed their first badge in only a few weeks and Nikolas is not far behind. You don't need to have been a Beaver to join cubs though, please drop Akela a mail at 1stbourtoncubs@gmail.com to enquire about joining – and that goes for leaders too, we're recruiting to restart a scout troupe. Get in touch, don't delay.

Scottish Country Dancing

Adlestrop Village Hall (GL56 0YR)

Mondays 7pm - 9pm

(except first Mondays of the month)

*Dancing is great exercise for your physical and mental health but most of all.
.....it's fun!*

Beginners and experienced dancers very welcome.

Classes start September 11th 2023

£4 per class (taster class f.o.c.)

For more information, please contact Christine Bucknall

bucknallce@gmail.com



Behind the Road Names in Upper Rissington– part 19

Imjin Court

Imjin Barracks: 1976 to 1979

The Royal Irish Rangers moved from Warminster to RAF Little Rissington (the former RAF Central Flying School) during September 1976 and the camp was renamed Imjin Barracks. The handover was preceded by a fly past of Jet Provost aircraft from RAF Kemble following which the RAF Ensign was lowered. Lt Col W J Hiles then exchanged a regimental flag for a symbolic key to the Cotswolds, presented by the outgoing RAF Wing Commander. The regimental flag was raised, and the band played 'The Royal Air Force March Past' as the final RAF guard marched out. The Rangers then marched in as the band played 'Killaloe'. Lt M F Freeman, accompanied by CSgt Ivory and Sgt Barr, also marched into Imjin Barracks, having marched the 59 miles from Warminster.



Handover of Demonstration Battalion at the School of Infantry

The Royal Irish Rangers came into being on 1 July 1968 through the amalgamation of the three regiments of the North Irish Brigade: the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the Royal Ulster Rifles and the Royal Irish Fusiliers. The 1st Battalion spent the first two years of its existence in England, while the 2nd Battalion was sent to Gibraltar and Bahrain.

Both battalions spent much of the 1970s and 1980s serving with the British Army of the Rhine in West Germany and on garrison duties in England. There were also deployments to the Falkland Islands (1983) and to Cyprus with United Nations peacekeeping forces (1976, 1977 and 1991).

The Rangers also served as fire-fighters in 1977 during the national strike by firemen. Tours of Northern Ireland during 'the Troubles' followed for both battalions in 1988 and 1990.

From all accounts, RAF Little Rissington was too quiet for the Irish Rangers and they didn't stay long at the base, leaving in 1979. In 1992, the Royal Irish Rangers (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th) and the Ulster Defence Regiment were amalgamated, and the Royal Irish Regiment was formed.

Former Road Names

A number of the old roads that were used on the airbase have now gone with the development of Upper Rissington but some of their names are still in use, and the final part of this series (which will conclude in the next issue), covers some of these.

Dodd Drive

This is now the path behind Bristol Road and Hawker Square and the name comes from Air Vice Marshal Frank Leslie Dodd CBE, DSO, DFC, AFC**, Ae (05 Mar 1919 - 30 Apr 1993).

He joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve in 1938. He attended a Central Flying School (CFS) course and became a flying instructor. In 1944 he became Flight Commander with No. 544 Squadron and by Sept 1945, Officer Commanding the squadron.

In March 1946 he was appointed to a Permanent Commission in the rank of Flight Lieutenant. In 1948 he became Squadron Commander at the CFS, shortly thereafter joined the Staff at HQ Flying Training Command. In 1953 he returned to CFS as Chief Flying Instructor.

After he attended RAF Staff College in 1955, he took command of No. 230 Operational Conversion Unit (OCU), a newly formed Vulcan OCU at Waddington. In 1959 and promoted to Group Captain, he became responsible for Training at HQ Bomber Command.

In November 1965 he became Commandant of the CFS until 1968. He then became Director of Organisation (Establishments). He retired in 1974.



© National Portrait Gallery,
London - circa 1960s

Baby and Me

Postnatal support for new parents

We run weekly postnatal groups for parents with babies aged 0 - 6 months. Covering a different topic each week, this is a great opportunity for you to build your confidence as a parent, share experiences and learn more about your baby's development.

Topics include:

- Feeding
- Baby Massage
- Play & Communication
- Sleep
- First Aid



AUTUMN START DATES:
Bourton-on-the-Water
Thursday 28th September 2023
1pm - 2.30pm
8 weekly sessions at
George Moore Centre, GL54 2AZ

HOME
START
Cotswolds

To book your place,...

groups@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk

01285 885391

If you know someone with a new baby aged 0-6 months, our free postnatal group, **'Baby and Me'**, returns to Bourton in September! Run by family support charity, Home-Start Cotswolds, the group is a great opportunity to build your confidence as a parent, share experiences and learn more about your baby's development. Each week we cover a different topic (such as feeding, play and communication, baby massage and sleep), in a friendly and supportive environment.

Starting Thursday 28th September for 8 weeks (not 2nd Nov), we are at the George Moore Centre, GL54 2AZ from 1pm to 2.30pm. To reserve your place, please email groups@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk or call us on 01285 885391 and we look forward to hearing from you!



HOME
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Cotswolds



SEPTEMBER 24TH 2023

**BOURTON VALE CRICKET GROUND
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

Spitfire Flypast

Vintage | Classic | Sports Cars | Super Cars | TV/Film Cars

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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'.

Name	Service	Web/email	Phone
Police	Non-Emergency Number		101
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)
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