

Great Rissington Club Newsletter

March/April 2013

Chairman's Report

I am pleased to say that the veranda is on the way to completion and we shall soon be able to put it to use. We have had some matches played on the football pitch this year – see report further on. Fundraising goes on – please look at the notice boards because it isn't always possible to put all dates in the newsletter! Membership is – and always will be – very important to the Club's survival and your continued support is appreciated. If you know anyone who you think would like to join, please let us know and we will supply the necessary joining form.

The cricket season is almost here....and the village markets are starting again....soon – both are a good opportunity to call in for a chat with friends and a nice drink from the bar!

In the past twelve months the Club – and indeed the Village – have lost some very dear friends. I would like to take this opportunity to send our thoughts and condolences to all the families concerned.

Richard

Great Rissington Cricket



A lot has been going on through the winter period. Great Rissington has gained Clubmark status and therefore has been invited by the Gloucestershire cricket board (GCB) to become a Focus club. This shows that we have passed all the accreditations needed by the GCB in respect of the way the youth section and Club as a whole is now run.

The junior cricket nets start on Saturday March 2nd, 2-4pm for the under 11's and 4-6pm for the under 13's and will continue on the 9th, 16th and 23rd.

The senior nets start on Saturday 2nd March 6-8pm and will continue on the 9th 16th and 23rd and 30th.

If anyone would like more details please contact Pete Garratt (07788896496) or John Surch (07808307364)

This year we have entered the under 11's, under 13's and under 15's in the CDCA league and cup competitions and the under 9's will be playing friendlies from Sunday 28th April every week until Sunday 25th August. All outdoor training will start in April with a date to be confirmed later. **PG**

I haven't yet received a fixture list – keep a look out on the notice board and come and support the cricketers. **SJ**

Rissi Ramblers

Walks on last Sunday of the month. Full details from Peter Brown browngti@hotmail.com

50 Club winners - February

Mrs J Sanders and Mr C Westall £10 each

Regular events at the Club

Monday - Pilates

1st Tuesday – Parish Council

Friday - Fat fighters

Great Rissington Archers



Interest in archery, and Great Rissington Archers in particular grew astonishingly during 2012. The Olympics without doubt influenced this upsurge, but the major factor for us was the archery club's 'open day' (held alongside the Village Produce Show) on August Bank Holiday. We were almost overwhelmed by the turnout to try archery and the genuine interest to learn more. This 'open day' success led to our running an extra beginner's course in September. This course was our largest to date and the archery club gained some very talented new members.

The increased interest in archery has continued through the winter months with many positive

enquiries about our beginner's courses to be run in 2013. Our April course was almost fully subscribed as early as January and more surprisingly the planned course for June/July also has attracted a lot of positive interest and advanced bookings. Altogether, very encouraging for the growth of Great Rissington Archers.

There are a few places available for our April course, starting on Saturday 20th (running for 5 weeks). Similarly there are some places still available for second course which will be run on Wednesday evenings in June/July.

So, why not join one of these 'official' training courses, quickly before all the places are filled and learn to shoot confidently. Visit our website where you can find out more and contact us via the email link

(<http://www.grarchers.org.uk/>), or contact Michael Ebelthite tel 01451 824161.

Village Market



Market time is here again. The first one takes place on **Saturday 20th April 10am till noon.**

Do come and join us and meet friends and enjoy coffee, tea and bacon baps which are delicious. We also have a Book Stall, Raffle, Home-made cakes and goodies, Bric-a-brac and beautiful Hand-made greetings cards. Last year the markets raised just over £2,600. This goes into the smooth running of the Club and is an important part of the general finances.

We look forward to seeing you on 20th April.

Future Market Dates:

18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th August, 21st September, 16th November (Christmas market)

Great Rissington Football



Football at Great Rissington is going very well. We have played 12 league games winning 10, drawing 1 and losing 1. We are 3rd in the league with several games in hand. If we win them we shall be top. We have also made it into the semi-final of the Gloucestershire

County Cup. We've been drawn away to play a team called the The Village FC who are from Bisley. We must also say thanks to Mr Surch who has been out in all sorts of weather marking the pitch lately, only for the games to be postponed due to the weather! MW



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GARDENING CLUB

Hopefully, Spring is just around the corner, so time to start thinking about the garden again!

On **Wednesday, 13th March** we welcome Bourton Horticultural Society to join us for a talk by Roddy Llewellyn '**Exciting Plants, Exciting Gardens**'. This is a ticket only event as numbers are limited.

On **Wednesday, 10th April** Reg Moule from Radio Gloucestershire will comper 'Gardeners' Question Time'. Questions for the panel should be sent in to us before this date please. Tickets for this are £5pp to include a ploughman's supper. This event starts at 7.30pm. The AGM will be held after the main event. Tickets from 820395 or 821979 or sheila.jesson@gmail.com

Future event – We are holding a **Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on Saturday, 1st June** (10 – 12 Noon) at The Fold, Cotswold Meadows, Great Rissington. We would be grateful to anyone who is dividing plants and sowing seeds to think about donating spare plants, seedlings etc to this plant sale. Thank you.

Children The Club operates under the general licensing laws. Children under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult in the Club Room.

BAR OPENING

FRIDAY 6.30pm – 11.00pm

SUNDAY 12 Noon – 2.00pm

(Saturdays & Sundays when cricket is at home)

POLITE REMINDER

During opening times of the Club, we would ask that all members and guests respect the 'Parking for Disabled people' spot and leave it clear at all times for those that need it.