

The summer seems to have lingered on and we have enjoyed a lovely September; a shame for the children as August was rather miserable. However there was no shortage of events and activities in the village and if the weather was bad enough to keep one indoors, there was always the **Village Website and Blog**. More of that further on in the News.



The **Clubhouse** is looking good and a number of people have been working really hard to raise funds for it. You can read about past events and put the dates of the future ones in your diaries. **'Wine, Women and Song'** in November looks as though it will be an evening to remember (page 8).

Sadly another date in the village calendar will not be celebrated this year. The Club committee has organised an excellent fire-work show and bonfire on 5th November for more years than I can remember. Last year was a good show but insufficient numbers attended and obviously the Club is not in a position to lose money on an event. There is no celebration at Upper Rissington either this year.

On October 31st Halloween will be celebrated with a quiz at the Lamb Inn; a good way to mark it.

The next issue (copy in by **19th November** please) will be the Christmas one and a **special cover is needed**. Please see page 3.

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Horse Hill, Sherborne Lane

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Congratulations and best wishes to **Julie Ogley** and **Ken Wood** on their recent marriage.

Andy and **Julie Davies** and their family have moved from 8 Manor Cottages to Mill Barn, Cotswold Meadows, **Tim** and **Jane Clarke** and their family having moved to Norfolk: **John** and **Judy Smith** are now at No.8

Mr. Chalmers' family have sold **Westholm** and left Rissington

Marjorie Hicks has left the **Shelf** after a lifetime in the village. Very good wishes go to her at her new home in Bourton-on-the Water. **Nicholas White** of 31 Great Rissington has become the new owner of the Shelf.

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Tue	3	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Clubhouse
Wed	4	11.30am	Mobile Police Station Visit
Mon	16	8.00pm	Reading Group
Wed	18		Darts League starts, Lamb Inn
Wed	25		Quiz Night, Clubhouse
Thurs	26		Curry Special, Lamb Inn
Tue	31	7.45pm	Charity Halloween Quiz, Lamb Inn



NOVEMBER

Wed	1	11.30am	Mobile Police Station Visit
Tue	7	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Clubhouse
Mon	20	8.00pm	Reading Group
Wed	22		Quiz Night, Clubhouse
Sat	25		'Wine, Women & Song', Great Barrington Village Hall
Tue	31	7.45pm	Halloween Quiz, Lamb Inn



WHAT'S ON

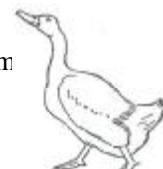
OCTOBER

Sun	1	11.00am	Deerhound Racing, Lodge Park, Sherborne
Fri	6-8		Ideal Home Show, Sudeley Castle
Fri	6-15		Cheltenham Literature Festival
	7	10.00am	Conservation Tour Behind the Scenes, Chastleton House
Thur	12	9.00am	Farmers' Market, Stow-on-the-Wold
Fri	13	1.00pm	Sale of Nursery Stock, Royal British Legion, Bourton-on-the-Water
Sat	14	10.00am	Sale of Antique and Household Furniture, R.B.L., Bourton
Mon	16	7.00pm	'The White Countess', Rural Cinema, Victoria Hall, Bourton
Sat	21	2.00pm	'A Beautiful Village Street', audio visual at the Church Rooms, followed by guided tour of Chipping Campden



NOVEMBER

Sun	5		Last Night of the Proms, Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham
Wed	8-11		'Comic Potential', Alan Ayckbourn, Playhouse, Cheltenham
Mon	13-18		'Rebecca', Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham
Thur	16- 6th Jan		'Mother Goose', Chipping Norton Theatre



WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Refuse collections

Recycling collections, inc. garden refuse (Oct 2nd ,16th& 30th:
Nov 13th & 27th)

7.30pm Bell ringing practice



THURS- DAYS

Recycling—part of village (as above)

CHRISTMAS COVER

Once again I am looking for someone to design a special cover for the Christmas/New Year issue of the Great Rissington News. It is customary for this issue to have a 'one off' cover and for it to have a seasonal theme. So please someone, think up a design, which should be in black and white, on A4 paper and must contain the words:



GREAT RISSINGTON NEWS. CHRISTMAS 2006.


Please send it to me, Philippa Mitchell, by 30th October, at Horse Hill, Sherborne Lane.
tel. .



RECENT RAINFALL in mm.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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04	89.5	44	42	87.5	34.5	55.5	57	126	38.5	166	39.5	44
03	83.5	27	34	48.5	68.5	34	83.5	15	23.5	44.5	97	91.5
02	62	102.5	35	36	92.5	23	28.5	58.5	20	138.5	121	65.5
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GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on July 4th 2006 at 7.00 pm at the Village Club.

Present: Elizabeth Meyrick (Chairman); Sue Kemeys; Richard Cleverly; Colin Surch; Richard Turner; the Clerk.

LGE 5.

Apologies: Helen Spooner .

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on June 6th 2006. The Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising from previous meeting(s)

a) Smithy Green footpath. Colin Surch pointed out that briars had been allowed to grow at the edge of this Green nearest to the boundary hedge. He asked the Council to approve cutting them back, including trimming a small tree, and stated that a resident had agreed to undertake the work. The Council approved.

b) Parking on the main road to the Church.

The Chairman stated that the Clerk had been in contact with all relevant parties at Gloucestershire Highways and had been told that no white-lining work had been carried out in the district since the change in organisational structure, but that the requirements of the Parish Council had been noted and that the work would be scheduled. It was agreed to review the matter again at the next meeting.

c) Electing/co-opting new councillor.

The Chairman reported that no applications had been received but that, in discussion, Christine Brain had expressed a willingness to be co-opted. Richard Turner proposed that Christine Brain be co-opted onto the Council, and Sue Kemeys seconded this. The vote was unanimous. The Clerk was asked to arrange for Christine Brain to complete the required paperwork before the next meeting.

d) Trees on village green.

The Chairman thanked Richard Turner for carrying out the tree work on the Green as agreed at the previous meeting. He said that he would also like to clear the bottoms of the two firs (Wellingtonia and Juniper) which, apart from improving their appearance, would make mowing easier. He said that he would need to gain permission from CDC for this work and asked for Council's approval. Sue Kemeys said that the Wellingtonia would grow to be enormous and that she would prefer for it to be cut down. Richard Turner said that CDC would not give permission for this, and it was agreed that he should instead seek permission to prune the two firs as above. It was further agreed that a bench should be re-installed on the flat area of the Green, and Elizabeth Meyrick said that she would contact the resident that was storing the bench that was previously there and report back at the next meeting. Sue Kemeys asked if the parking restriction signs on the Green could be removed, and it was agreed that the Clerk would check on the legal situation regarding these signs before the next meeting.

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e) Roads and verges in the village.

The Chairman read from a letter from Gloucestershire Highways received by the Clerk in reply to his query regarding the lack of requested repairs to roads and verges in the village. The Area Representative based in Bourton pointed out that, under the new organisation, he was not in control of labour or scheduling. He said that the corner of Sherborne Lane is listed to be done but he is unable to say when, and that that the potholes will be repaired as soon as possible. Sue Kemeys said that a central office in Worcester now controls all Gloucestershire Highways work and that the Bourton depot has little influence on events. In the same letter the Area Representative agreed that refuse vehicles cause most of the damage to verges, and that many villages have a similar problem. He suggested that the Parish contact SITA regarding the matter but, after discussion, it was agreed that such contact would be pointless.

Matters entered by Councillors.

Elizabeth Meyrick: Footpath from Greens Close to The Lamb. Elizabeth Meyrick reported that she had received a complaint about the pavement by Orchard Close being obstructed by bushes and shrubs overhanging from adjoining gardens. Sue Kemeys mentioned similar problems at other places in the village, and the Clerk was asked to write to the owners/residents of the respective properties to politely request that the shrubs/bushes be cut back.

Richard Cleverly: Travel coaches using village as a short cut. Richard Cleverly reported that several tour coaches had been seen using the village as a short cut to Bourton-on-the-Water, one coinciding with the school pick-up time, and he asked if the Council could do anything to stop this. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the tour companies concerned to seek their co-operation in avoiding the village, but it was noted that the only effective solution would be a prohibition order issued by GCC.

Accounts

a) Monthly accounts. The Chairman asked that she be authorised to sign the Statement of Accounts. The accounts were duly signed.

b) The Chairman noted that Brian Agg had completed the work on the bus shelter, and that his account would be due in the near future.

Planning

CD.5741/G - Field View. Demolition of garage and erection of replacement garage (resubmission). Objection by GRPC.

CD.CONTR 2862 - The Old Bakehouse. Yew - lop and remove to main trunk some of the lower branches. No objection by GRPC. Application subsequently withdrawn.

CD.CONTR 2867 – The Old Cottage. Fell split conifer under Dead Dying and Dangerous legislation. Approved by CDC.

CD.6659/F – Little Court. Erection of two storey extension. External alterations. No objection by GRPC.

CD.8951/B - Upper Orchard Cottage. Change to door in east elevation, addition of ground floor window in east and west elevations. No objection by GRPC. Approved by CDC.

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In connection with the circulated documentation relating to proposed changes in mental health services in the county, the Chairman commented that all the changes had long been decided and that the consultation process was effectively a sham. The same could be said, she noted, about the current consultation process regarding proposed NHS changes in the county.

Questions.

It was reported that residents of Rectory Lane had been approached and/or telephoned by an applicant for planning permission/s in that area of the village concerning their objections to the planning applications. The Council agreed to minute the reports but feels that such matters are better dealt with by the police, particularly if they are found to be upsetting or harassing. Phil Jesson drew attention to further overhanging shrubs on the road to the church.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Date of Next Meeting. 5th September at the village club.
(N.B. There was no meeting in August)

GREAT RISSINGTON CHURCH BELLS



On the 2nd September, which was a wet and very windy day, we rang for the wedding of Sophie Mackenzie Charrington and Henry Bickerton. It was a beautiful wedding with a large congregation. The bell ringers sat with the choir and had prime seats.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers has a leaflet where the the question 'What Is Bell Ringing?' is asked. The answer is this:

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Elizabeth Meyrick

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What a lovely part of the country this is, each time I drive from one Rissington village to another I see another beautiful view of the Cotswolds which I hadn't noticed before. Friends and neighbours from my last parish have warned me that I will find it 10 degrees colder up here, my first winter in the Cotswolds will prove or disprove this prophecy, the summer months have certainly been glorious. Autumnal changes, bright red and orange berries of the Rowan, and hedges full of blackberries, amazing sunsets, I continue to enjoy my new surroundings and would like to say 'Thank you' to the many folk who have made me welcome.

I felt privileged to be asked to help with the judging of your children's entries to the art and produce show held in the Sport's club, and was sorry not to have been free to stay all day and meet the children who produced such creative biscuits, jam tarts, and pictures. It is evident that village life in Great Rissington is busy and active; although I do not live in the village as did Sue Moth, I do hope that I will be able to get to know as many villagers as possible. Baptisms and Weddings are easily arranged but also I can offer a listening ear to anyone just wanting a chat, or who maybe wants to know more about what the church is for.

I do know that getting to know the parish priest and going to church is not a priority for everyone, but you do have a lovely church here in the village; historically, the pub, the school and the church were integral to the social development of any village community. We recognise that 21st century life is different and the church is felt to be irrelevant to many of the political, economical and moral issues which we wrestle with as families and citizens, it is not of course!

However, the doors of the church are open every day, a mixture of old and new services are offered each Sunday, and it would be exciting to have a lively parish, a children's club, a choir etc., but for now please know that it is your church and you and your families will always be welcome whenever you come.

Love and prayer and 'good wishes to all.

Jill Carman, Associate Priest for the 'Rissingtons'

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Church Services

October

Sunday 1st	11.00am.	All-Age Service
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)
	6.00pm	Evensong at Bourton
Sunday 15th	11.00am	All-Age Communion and Christening
Sunday 22nd	6.00pm	Evensong
Sunday 29th	11.00am	Benefice Service at Bourton (<u>no service at Rissington</u>)

November

Sunday 5th	11.00am	All-Age Service
Sunday 12th	3.00pm	Remembrance service
Sunday 19th	11.00am	All-Age Communion
Sunday 26th	6.00pm	Evensong

Wine, women and song!

On Saturday 25th November there will be a fund-raising evening in aid of the new village clubhouse. The evening will include performances from professional opera and jazz singers, as well as a reception and dinner.



Tickets are £50 - please contact Helen Spooner on 01451 820 469.

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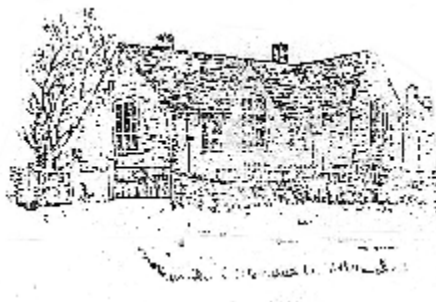
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GREAT RISSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



We all enjoyed a very happy summer holiday and everyone returned to school relaxed and refreshed. On our return we found our builders making good progress with our toilet refurbishment and our extension over the toilet block. As the weather has been good, very good progress has been made and the completion of the roof means that we are dry before the winter weather sets in. The completion of this project will mean that every area of our school has been refurbished and extended to a high standard and we are all very proud of this achievement. Completion is due just after half term so we are

looking forward to a good year ahead and to enjoying our new facilities.

We welcomed 12 new Reception children into Class 1 and 3 pupils in other year groups. We hope they will all be very happy with us and enjoy life at Great Rissington.

New topics are being explored in each class. In class 1 “Old McDonald’s Farm” sounds like good fun while in Class 2 children have started work on the Rainforests and in Class 3 children are getting to grips with Britain since 1930. In the summer term we hope that our “Now and Then Week” will draw together aspects of our historical and geographical studies.

Soon our thoughts will be turning to Harvest Festival. Our garden has been productive again but at the moment we have no access to it so we will have to have a big clear up after the building work. We are offering an even greater range of club activities this year with something for everyone. Clubs start this week and we have lots of enthusiastic children! I’m really pleased that we have so many parents willing to help with clubs and we are very grateful for this support.

The end of last term was extremely busy for us as we set ourselves the challenge of achieving 2 National Quality Marks for our curriculum provision. The first, the ICT Mark is the new quality mark awarded by Becta (the Government’s key partner in the strategic development and delivery of its ICT and e- learning strategy for schools,) designed to recognize those schools who can successfully embed ICT and can demonstrate the improvements this has enabled. To achieve the award we had to complete a large amount of paperwork in a self- review framework, which was followed by a visit from 2 assessors. They spent the day in school scrutinizing our School Improvement Plans and our curriculum planning and provision. The day culminated in the children demonstrating their skills and abilities in each age group with a wide variety of ICT equipment. We were all thrilled to be told that we had met the exacting standards required and that we are one of the first schools in the UK to receive this prestigious award. There are only 2 other Gloucestershire schools that have gained this recognition. Areas of outstanding practice included, planning for the delivery of the ICT curriculum, use of space in the school, attitude of all staff, the PSLN initiative which involved problem solving and animations and the schools self evaluation processes. I think we can all be justifiably proud of this achievement. Look out for the press release that will be coming soon.

In the same week we were assessed for the National Healthy School Award. The government has said that all schools need to have gained this status by 2009. Again we needed to demonstrate the effectiveness of our CPSHE policies and the way in which our school ethos enables our children to become responsible and independent. The children did extremely well, as they were able to describe all our practice and demonstrate a variety of our activities including gardening club, School Council and Year 6 Senior Students. Again, we were very proud to be accredited with this award. There will be an opportunity for the school to celebrate in November at a special ceremony at Hatherley Manor where we are invited to take 4 children and 2 teachers to receive our award.

I hope we can all enjoy a very happy term.

E Franklin, Head teacher.

GREAT RISSINGTON CLUB



As the fundraising continues we have held some wonderful events.

I would like to say a big thank you to **Colin and Annabell Campbell** who opened their beautiful garden on a Sunday afternoon and raised in excess of £700.00, a wonderful effort.

Carolyn Coleman once again pulled out all the stops to give us all a successful Produce Show. Thanks go to all her band of helpers and of course Ricky Ross with his gun dog display, and also the visit from the Dummer Beagles, all contributed to making the day a great success, and again over **£700** was raised towards the new clubhouse.

The **Cheese and Wine Progress Evening** was very successful, and the atmosphere in the new building was great. My special thanks to our generous wine sponsors, **Colin Campbell, Richard Turner and Kate Cleverly**. My thanks also to **Rupert, Elizabeth, Michael, Phil and Bridget** for all their help with this event, and yes once again the magic figure of over **£700** was raised and judging by comments made, we anticipate many new Club members.

At this point I would like to thank **Mr John Spooner** for his kindness in donating us a half a beast which has benefited fundraising events so much.

The kindness and support that we are receiving is I think wonderful and I can only congratulate all concerned for their ongoing support.

Finally as I said at the Progress Evening, you can still help by giving a donation, however small. I do have envelopes if anyone would like one. Remember for every pound given we can claim another 28p.

Richard Cleverly

50 CLUB WINNERS

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Mrs. J. Hemming	Mrs. J. Brain
Mr & Mrs. J Bennett	Mr. J. Scrivens

They all won £10.

Forthcoming events.

We will be holding a series of Quiz Nights again this year starting on the **25th October**, next one on the **22nd November**. Teams of 4.

An early reminder that we will be holding a Christmas Fayre on the **9th December** from 10 am-12noon.

Fete Tombola

I would like to thank all the people who gave me items for the Tombola held at Bourton in August; we took £336.50 on the day which was down on last year, but the weather on the day was fine, which was an improvement on last year

Bridget Cullimore

CRI CKET REPORT FROM ROBIN EELES

2006 was a moderate season. With the same nucleus of players as last year we finished 3rd in Division 1 of the CDCA League.

Sat league won 8 lost 5 Average points 13.0

We were slow out of the blocks and early games were greatly influenced by the weather preventing us gaining early momentum.

The Sunday side started poorly but with a stronger side towards the end of the season results improved. A couple of the more senior players became available and the youngsters gained confidence and experience. Two games were lost in the last over: those at Cheltenham Civil Service and at home to the Chairman's XI

Sunday: won 6 drew 1 lost 10 cancelled 6

While **John Surch** scored the only century, mention should be made to good all round performances by **Simon Scarrott** and **Brian Brain**. Simon average 49.5 scoring 792 runs and took 45 wickets at 14.5. Brian average 30.4 and took 24 wickets at 18.9. **Tom** Coleman did well often opening the bowling for the Sunday side in his first full season.



Thanks as always to those who contributed to the smooth running of the season. Especially for all the onerous off field chores that have to be done week in and week out.

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The Rissingtons Local History Society



Following a break for August, members met to hear Little Rissington resident and author, Mike Boyes, talk on 'The Adventurous Lives of Five Le Marchant Brothers'.

Mike had obviously researched the lives of these sons of the rector of Little Rissington very thoroughly and with his enormous enthusiasm for his subject, got his audience as engrossed in their lives as himself. Their exploits and travels while serving in the army and navy covered a large part of the globe. He reminded us that during Queen Victoria's 60 year reign, there were 64 wars, so, with much of the world 'pink', there were many opportunities to travel. (What's new ? 'globalisation'?)

The talk was illustrated with fascinating slides of life in far flung places in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

On Friday 20th October Nicholas Kingsley will speak on 'Country Houses of Gloucestershire up to 1850' at Wyck Reading Room at 8.00pm and on Friday 10th November there will be a seasonal talk at Great Rissington School at 8.00pm by Patrick Furley ; A Victorian Christmas Magic Lantern Show'.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

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We are sorry that we have been unable to contribute to the Great Rissington News for the last couple of issues. Firstly we have been so busy with activities at The Lamb and secondly time just ran out to meet the copy deadlines. However we were able to keep up with all the news through the news letter and by our customers calling in for a pint or two and a chat. Did you see Kate Winslet when she and a few of her friends called in for Sunday lunch last month? She had been recommended to visit us by some friends and they said they will be back. Keep your eyes open for the stars who visit us at The Lamb.



All participating golfers enjoyed **The Landlord's Golf** day held on the 11th September at The Players Club in Bristol. Congratulations to **LOUIS GODDARD** who won the tournament with 34 points. All the golfers are looking forward to the next Lamb Inn Golf Day, the date to be advised soon.

Winter must be getting closer as the Darts League starts again on the 18th October. Do you fancy your hand at throwing darts and having a good night out at the same time? Please contact **Bill Williams** the Darts Captain via The Lamb for further information about the league, venues & dates.

By popular demand we are again holding our **Thursday Night Curry Special on 26th October.**

It will be advisable to book your table as these 'special' evenings are very popular. Vegetarian curry can be arranged.



Our **6th Annual Charity Halloween Quiz** will take place on **Tuesday 31st October at 7.45pm.**

The usual format of £5 per team of 4 players and a no '**phone a friend**' policy will be in place!

Christmas cards and gifts will also be on sale with donations on the night going towards our chosen charity

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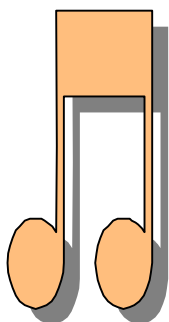
Wicked Witch Patsy will be flying in on her broomstick and setting the questions. Please register your team **NOW.**

We were all delighted with the news of **CHARLIE** being born to proud parents Mark & Emma Ayres. A little brother for Ellie to play with in the not too distant future. How proud Granddad Charlie must be to have a child named after him?

We expect you may have seen our recent advertisements in the local press about our food offers with cut out vouchers. These offers have been very popular and we have decided to carry on with these incentives for a little while longer. These offers include 2 for 1 menu at lunchtime weekdays and a 2 course weekend lunch for £10. Please book to avoid disappointment and help us with organising our staffing levels.



Throughout December will be offering our 4 or 6 course Christmas menu. Our reputation for good food and excellent service means that our Xmas party nights get booked up very quickly. Please call in for a copy of our menu if you are planning a family or company get together this year. We are very happy to discuss special dietary requests for any of your guests.



Advance information for December.
We are very lucky in being able to provide live music on 4 evenings in December.
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A1 Banana on 1st August

It is fascinating to note how people can encapsulate in a few words the things in life which thrill them or give them a deep sense of satisfaction. One entry in the Visitors Book in the Church says it all. Clearly overwhelmed by what he saw and felt, a young man had scrawled in large letters: **A1 BANANA!**

I can think of no better words to express my delight at villagers` response to the Fete on 1st August. The weather was good, if not quite Caribbean. And, although we lacked the engaging metallic beat of a steel band, there was a jolly, carnival feeling among sellers and buyers; all enjoying the atmosphere of one of the most beautiful villages in England. It was a day which we all enjoyed. It was simply: A1 Banana!



Sadly, we could not quite match last year`s record profit; but we were not far short of it. The total available for distribution to village charities was a very respectable £1602; although £23 of that was received after the cheques had been distributed and has been put in the kitty for next year.



The Church of St John the Baptist, the Great Rissington Club and the Parents` Association of the Great Rissington School each received £483. Village Care was given £100; and our splendid village magazine, the GRN, £30.

But let`s not forget. You don`t get A1 bananas without a lot of hard work. So, sincere thanks are due to all those who helped to bring our Fete to fruition: to those villagers who generously responded to the various calls for items for sale; to those who gave donations; to those who cheerfully served behind the stalls for long periods throughout the day; to those who came early and stayed late moving tables and tidying up; to the team in the kitchen who made and sold refreshments, and did the washing up. Finally, thanks to all who came to Bourton and supported us on the day.

Our charities received a much-needed boost. Villagers got together in a wonderful co operative enterprise. And there was an upsurge of frequently expressed goodwill among the many who understand the needs of a village community.

Well, if that`s not **A1 Banana**, I don`t know what is! Do you?

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RISSINGTON READING GROUP



The riverside picnic in August was a great success even though a retreat to a member's home was called for by the final course and the readings, as the threatened rain got too close for comfort.

In September, still in light summery mood, **Mary Wesley's** novel **'The Camomile Lawn'** was discussed. Everyone had enjoyed it as a light read, which was found to be both sad and amusing. One member had researched Mary Wesley's varied, interesting and racy life and her own experiences seemed to have enabled her to portray the feelings of both late teenagers and their parents' generation at the outbreak of the Second World War. Whilst some of the relationships seemed a little far-fetched, the story portrayed the changes that came over people when the future became so uncertain and they lived for today. Its setting and characters reminded members of Iris Murdoch's **'The Great and the Good'** which had been a recent choice.

The book for **October** will be **'The Number 1 Ladies' Detective Agency'** by **Alexander McCall Smith** and for **November Elizabeth Taylor's** (no, not the one of the diamonds and Richard Burton etc) **'Mrs.Palfrey at the Claremont'**.

The Christmas visit to the theatre will take place in the New Year on **10th January 2007: 'The Merry Wives of Windsor—the Musical'**.

Anyone who would like to join the group, (you do not have to attend every meeting or hold a degree in English!) should contact **Betty Hodges (821262**

Police arrested two kids the other day. One was drinking battery acid and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.

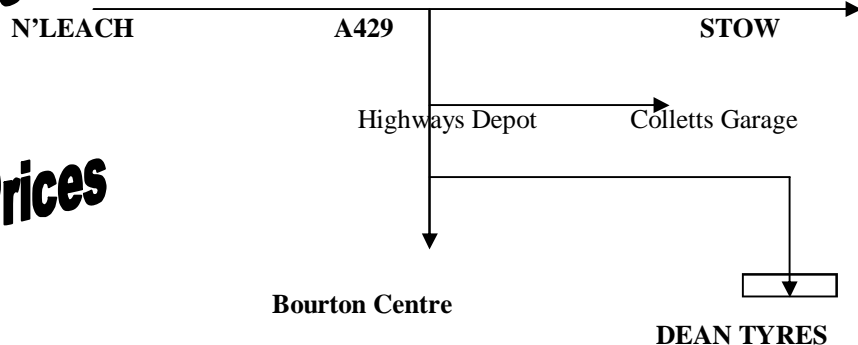
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MARKETS

The monthly Village Markets at the Clubhouse have been an enormous success. Not only do they raise money for the new Clubhouse but they make a focal point for residents to meet each other and welcome newcomers.



The August market made £372 and the total raised over the last five months is **£1,891.**



Congratulations and thanks to Betty Duester and her band of helpers for all their hard work.

If you failed to go and find out what was going on during the summer, then there will be one more opportunity this year — **the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December.** Put the date in your diary now.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH -

latest 'alarm'; the hard sell...

This message is being sent from the North Cotswolds Watch Office at Stow.



Please alert residents to renewed activity by an alarms company who tends to use hard sell tactics to secure a sale. Police have received reports of telephone calls offering free alarm systems from a company called **St John Security** or **St John's Secure Homes**. Although the alarm itself is free, what they do not mention to the customer until they have agreed is that the monitoring for 5 years **costs £3,000**. Most local companies charge between £75 and £100 per year.

Please advise residents to get several quotes from locally based companies before entering into an agreement, ask what the monitoring costs will be, **do not be intimidated by the hard sell approach and to report any calls from this company to the police on 0845 090 1234.**

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PRODUCE SHOW RESULTS



Thank you to everyone who supported our 6th Annual Produce Show - it was great to see so many new participants as well as our regular exhibitors. We hope you all enjoyed the day as much as we did - and what fantastic weather too!

Our congratulations to everyone, but particularly to Elizabeth Meyrick who achieved a total of 29 points to take the cup. In second place was Jackie Lloyd; third place was tied between Betty Duester and Carolyn Coleman.

First place in the over 7's was Ben Darwent and Alice Poole was First in the under 7's. We would particularly like to thank all the parents who encouraged their children to take part - for us, the children's classes are the best!

The dog show was great fun, with the 'Best in Show' going to Maisie - a very well-deserved winner.



I'm sorry I don't have the results of the Fun Run, but our thanks go to everyone who ran, and particularly to Dennis for his organisation. (I'm sure Carolyn will supply these in due course).

Thanks also to all our judges without whom there wouldn't be a produce show, to everyone who made refreshments, sold books, bric-a-brac, raffle tickets, tombola tickets, organised the skittles, etc etc; and a special thanks to all the sponsors of prizes; to Ricky for his Willowyck Gun dog Demonstration and to Steve Duckmanton for bringing the Dummer Beagles; (sorry if I've missed anyone!)

Look out for details of next years event - suggestions welcome.

Red Cross Collection



I have now received a letter thanking the villagers for their response to the recent Red Cross Week collection.

We raised £3184:36p. The regional organiser described this as, "A truly magnificent total". So thanks to all who gave so generously to such a worthwhile cause.

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Congratulation to Clive Billing on getting the site up and running and to all those who have posted news and comments. It was particularly good to see that past residents, looking for news of the village, have found it and participated. If you are on the internet and have not looked yet, — then it's high time you did ! *Editor.*

www.greatrissie.com

I am delighted to report that the village website and blog IS HAPPENING.

TESTIMONIAL: Here is a recent posting from Gerry & Sharon Seaton:

'Can we congratulate Great Rissington on the introduction of their village web site. Having lived in the village for over twelve years, until we moved to France in 2003, our only source of information has been through our friends in the village via phone and visits when in the UK. We had been regularly checking the internet to see if a site would appear and to our delight we found your site on Sunday. You can be sure that we will now keep fully up to date with happenings in and around Great Rissington. We would also like to pass on our best wishes to all our friends and acquaintances in Great Rissington'.

The site is about the village, its community, news and events. It's a news-letter, a reference point, a 'what's-on', a contact resource, a community service and with all your contributions, a jolly good read. It's open to all residents, past residents, would-be residents and visitors alike. The site is a live and proactive site and that means that the content is provided by you, the user! [Or that's the theory].

Content is added in two formats:

A Posting: That's a head-line article, which can contain photo's, scanned drawings, sound, even video and postings appear on the main BLOG, in order of time and date of posting. After a while postings are neatly archived by the software and always available using the powerful search.

A Comment: That's a narrative linked to and about a specific posting. Add your own comment, air your views, start a discussion! Simply click the 'comment' link under each posting

HOW TO MAKE A POSTING

To make an instant text only posting to the blog, at any time, simply email rissieblogger.news@blogger.com (as listed on the home page)

The SUBJECT of the email becomes the SUBJECT of the posting, the content of the email becomes the content of your posting - Simple eh? HOWEVER if you want to be free to add images, run a section, or generally use the system fully then you need to subscribe [no charge] simply go to <http://www.greatrissie.com/form.html> and complete the form. We do hope that ALL villagers who use a computer will subscribe and indeed contribution to the site.

BENEFITS OF BLOGGING

Increased contributors, increased rhetoric, increased communication, increased interest, increased use, increased value to the village, more powerful reference point, **richer community spirit.**

HAVE YOU BLOGGED TODAY? Reference Points:

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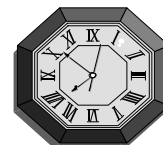
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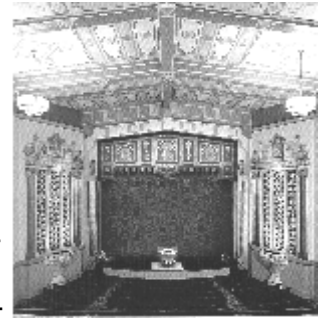
There must be plenty of people in the village who enjoy trips to the theatre. It has been suggested that there could be benefits from forming a Theatre Group. I would be glad to hear from anybody interested in such a scheme.

Oxford, Cheltenham and Stratford are in easy reach: Bristol, Malvern, Birmingham and Newbury are possible; even London could come in to the picture occasionally. Possible advantages in being a group include significant discounts on tickets usually available. Also car parking is often such a problem that a minibus sounds attractive if numbers justify.

Would anybody with even the faintest wish to explore the idea please contact me. If the level of interest warrants it I will arrange a meeting to discuss the next step.

Jeremy Meyrick

Old Swan House. (01451 820497



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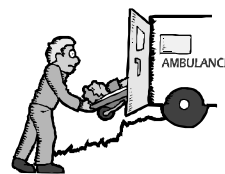
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THE MOORE COTTAGE HOSPITAL - THE FUTURE

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Update from the Chairman of the Friends

I'm sorry to have taken so long to write with details of our progress in resisting the proposed reduction in services provided by The Moore Cottage Hospital. There have been so many developments from day to day that I felt it would be misleading to give information which could change within 24 hours.

I thought you would appreciate a summary of recent events, so here it is.

Mr David Acland, Cllr Sheila Jeffery, Dr Tim Carter and I visited Watlington Hospital recently to see how they managed to set up and manage a replacement hospital when their Primary Care Trust closed the old one in 2000. There was huge local support, and they now have a purpose built facility which provides 10 intermediate care beds, 20 care beds for the elderly and frail and 30 mental care beds. The new hospital was built by Sanctuary Care, a registered charity who run it on a non profit making basis, and they could only make it work financially if there were a minimum 60 beds. Intermediate care beds are paid for by the NHS and income from non NHS beds is from Social Services or paid privately (35%).

We met the Programme Director of our Primary Care Trust to obtain agreement for us to commission a feasibility study, stating that we also wish the hospital to provide other services. He advised us that the PCT is already commissioning a study to review local needs, and we agreed to let him know the services the community wants at Bourton-on-the-Water.

Since that meeting Gloucestershire CC has announced plans to create a new 'care campus' here, incorporating Salmonsbury House, and will make a decision about commissioning a feasibility study next week. The plans comprise:

- 40 nursing beds
- 20 dementia care beds
- 15 extra care/sheltered housing
- 10 intermediate care beds

Ashton House, Stow, a care home with 43 beds would be transformed into a 30 bed sheltered housing unit.

We have told our PCT that any feasibility study should include the community's need for:

- A Minor Injuries Unit
- Replacement facilities for day hospital
- An RGN on duty at all times
- Physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy
- A full range of out patient clinics
- Operating theatre and MRI scanner (minor operations already provided at Moore Cottage Hospital)

I believe that all the local pressure must have had an effect on the original plans, and that there is hope for a better future than we had feared. We do not know how the plans for a new Moreton Hospital are progressing, if at all, but in the meantime we wish to ensure that Bourton will be able to provide first class services for our growing community, and for its ageing population.

We await the decision of Gloucestershire CC, following which we plan a meeting to decide our next course of action.

I do not know whether 'people power' will bring about changes over the county. There is still huge concern about loss of maternity services, centralisation and specialisation in Gloucester or Cheltenham, 'Care in the Community' and transport. We must continue to press for local services.

Further articles in the Echo indicate that Gloucestershire CC plan to close 9 care homes, replacing them with short term care (perhaps The Moore Cottage Hospital is intended to be one provider?) and warden assisted housing. This seems to be causing much distress, and I foresee another campaign by local people to keep the care homes as they are.

Philip Winter

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1 cooked chicken 1.35 kg (3lb) or chicken pieces
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75ml (3fl oz) double cream or yoghurt, small **carton**
110g (4 oz) green grapes halved and de-pipped
Salt and pepper

3 spring onions
2 teaspoons fresh tarragon
1 small lettuce
a few sprigs of watercress

Method

Remove the skin from the chicken and slice the flesh into longish pieces.

Remove all the chicken from the bones and place in a bowl, with the salt and pepper.

In a separate bowl mix the mayonnaise thoroughly with the cream or yoghurt, adding the chopped tarragon and finely chopped spring onions. Now put the sauce over the chicken, mix it well so that all the chicken pieces get a good coating, then arrange it on a plate of lettuce leaves and garnish with the grapes and a few sprigs of watercress.

Serves 4-6

J.J.

BOOK REVIEWS by COTSWOLD BOOKSTORE



Rift by Beverley Birch

Paperback at £5.99

A tense mystery set in Africa. A group of children are there to join an archaeological dig and to help build a school. Three of them disappear with their African friend and a young journalist and soon a hunt is in place. Into the turmoil comes the journalist's younger sister who finds fear in the group. There is bullying from both pupils and teachers and both she and the police suspect that this has some bearing on the children's disappearance. This is told from two points of view and the voice the author uses seems perfect in each case - the bewilderment of the journalist's sister, the observation and humour of the African police inspector. This gripped me throughout.

Be-bop, Alula and Bo by Bryony Holden

Paperback at £5.99

This delightful story for young children takes the life of a Barn Owl, Be-bop, from his first emergence from the egg to the hatching of his own brood. His adventures, from his first flight and leaving the nest to the setting up of his own home, will captivate and amuse youngsters, whether being read to or reading for themselves. However, though Be-bop speaks fluent crow and hedgehog, this is not merely another story like the Redwall series where animals act out human dramas - this tale has another purpose. The author is an owl conservationist and is well known for her expertise with the birds and her book reflects this. The adventures of Be-bop are those that could take place in the real life of an owl in the wild. The author has set out to produce a dual purpose story that educates as well as it entertains and she has succeeded perfectly. The splendid illustrations by Anita Saunders flawlessly match the text and both this local (Bourton-on-the-Water) author and her illustrator should find success with this, their first, venture.

(Bryony will be signing her book on Saturday 7th October from 10.30 am and Be-bop the barn owl will be with her)

