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DIARY DATES

- 2nd Friday Club Over 60s, **BCH**, 2.30pm, 810233.
 2nd & every Friday, Moore Lunch Club, 10am-1.30pm, **GMCC**, transport provided. 824338.
 7th Parish Council Meeting, **GMCC**, 7pm, all residents welcome.
 8th Beautylicious Brow & Make Up Tutorial Event, 7-9pm, **GMCC**, £5 includes refreshments. See page 5
 11th Mother's Day
 13th WI, **VH**, 6.45pm. "Introduction to Fused Glass" by Liz Spurway.
 14th Irene's Knitting Circle, Coffee Morning, **GMCC**, 10-Noon, 798718.
 14th Horticultural Society, **BCH**, 7.30pm, "What's in Store" by Jim Teague.
 14th & 28th Young at Heart Club, 10.30-2.30, **MC**, Supportive Social Club, lunch £3.50. FREE Carer Respite. Bookings 07707 787580.
 19th Rural Cinema, LA LA LAND, 12a musical comedy drama, Emma Stone & Ryan Gosling 128 mins. **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on the door.
 21st History Society, **BCH**, 7.30pm, "Catherine Parr—The Gloucestershire Queen", by Mike Botley. Visitors welcome.
 24th Tayler & Fletcher, Auction Sale, **NCS**, 10am. View Fri. 8am-6pm www.taylerandfletcher.co.uk. 821666.
 25th Farmers Market Countrywide Forecourt, morning.
 25th Clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am. British Summer Time begins.



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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 7th February 2018

Riverside Walk: At the time of writing works are virtually complete, bar minor snagging, and feedback has generally been very good. Memorial benches are being installed on new plinths as these are funded and "adopted" – if residents are interested in adopting a bench in memory of a family member please contact the Council for more details. We hope residents will find the area has been significantly tidied up and made more accessible and resistant to wear and tear. Works to protect the grass surrounding the Jubilee sign bench are also nearly complete, and again wear and tear on the grassed surface should reduce as a result.

Around the Village: A new litter bin is being installed by the north-bound bus stop by The Furrows to address reported littering at this spot. A number of new grit bins have also been placed around the village to cover additional areas. However, the number of new bins that can be funded and maintained is limited to what can be achieved with Council's resources. We'd therefore ask residents to check the web-site for the map showing the location of their nearest bin for use as and when necessary. The Council is liaising with the local schools to ascertain whether all parties can get together to clear The Avenue in times of heavy snow, and will provide an update when discussions have progressed. Signage is being installed at each end of the Community Centre boundary verge on Station Rd to prevent pedestrian access along this route, which is extremely unsafe for both pedestrians and drivers. There is now a cut-through from the Community Centre to the new Co-Op and we'd encourage residents to use this safe route whenever possible. A ramp is being constructed in the Cemetery car park to increase accessibility to the Jubilee Garden of Remembrance.

Silver Jubilee DVD showing: A number of residents enjoyed the January showing of the film taken during the Silver Jubilee in 1977. It's been agreed there will be another showing one evening in April for those who weren't able to attend the day-time event - the date will be published in the next Browser. For anyone who was at the '77 event, or had family in the village then, it should be an interesting trip down Memory Lane. Sincere and grateful thanks to Joan Minchin who took the original film, for recording this fascinating slice of local history.

Youth: The Police team is aware of the recent rise in the number anti-social behaviour incidents and is responding pro-actively to ensure this problem is tackled swiftly. The outreach sessions commissioned by the Parish Council last Summer did appear to help reduce this type of behaviour; during the weeks when sessions took place; accordingly, the Council has agreed to fund additional sessions in 2018 and these will now run between mid-April and the end of August. Grants will be sought to offset the extra

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Baptist Church Hall = **BCH**
 British Legion Hall = **BLH**
 George Moore Community Centre = **GMCC**
 Jubilee Lodge = **JL** Market Close = **MC**
 North Cotswold Sale Room = **NCS**
 St Lawrence Church = **StLC**
 Victoria Hall = **VH**

The *Bourton Browser* is run by volunteers & delivered monthly FREE to every household in the Village.

Go to the "Get in Touch" tab and then complete the contact form to send questions, articles (max.300 words), adverts & event details to the team.

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- 28th U3A, BLH, 10-10.30am coffee, 10.45
"My Story in Poems", Ruth Dawson.
Visitors welcome, see page 13.
- 28th Annual Parish Meeting, GMCC, 7pm.
All residents encouraged to attend.
- 30th Good Friday.

MOORE LUNCH CLUB
Community Centre

We currently have vacancies for 2 people at this club. We meet weekly from 10am until 1.30pm, every Friday. Lunch is provided at a small cost. Tea/coffee, biscuits and transport are provided free of charge. Come and try the club, meet new friends and have a relaxing morning. And a laugh!!

Contact Jenny Stanfield
01451 824338

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costs for this very beneficial service. Youth Club numbers are gradually rising and we hope more members will join as the year goes on - details of the weekly activities can be found on the web-site.

Councillor appointment: Unfortunately, Cllr Will Spiers has moved out of the area and is no longer eligible; we therefore now have another vacancy. Please see page 13 for details if you are interested in joining our team. Thanks are offered to Will for his help during his time with the Council.

Traffic, Highways and Footpaths: The Committee are intending to meet with Councillor Paul Hodgkinson and the newly appointed Gloucestershire Highways Manager Danny Taylor, in March 2018. Highways matters related to road speed signage, car park signage, traffic flows, village parking and village congestion in general will be discussed with the aim of identifying options for improvement. The Committee aims to provide residents with a brief update at the Annual Parish Meeting on 28th March 2018 and will subsequently organise a public meeting to provide further information and gather residents' views.

Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 7th March
at 7pm in the Community Centre.

Sue Cretney, Clerk.
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clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk
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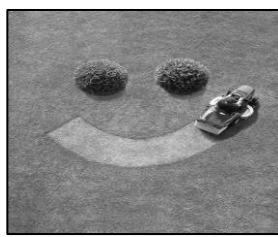
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Poppy Appeal



A number of ladies are knitting poppies for the Royal British legion Appeal, for which I thank you.

If you are knitting poppies but have trouble with sewing them up or finishing them, please could I have them as soon as possible? I will then

get the ladies of the Bourton WI craft group to finish the poppies and attach brooch pins. This will make sure they are ready to sell to the public in August (a high tourist month).

In 2014 1300 poppies were made, can we do better this year?

Should you wish to obtain a pattern please apply to Alice's Cottage, Victoria St., opposite Clapton Row, call 822365, or you can download a copy from www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk

I look forward to receiving your poppies as soon as possible.
Many thanks.

Mollie Wise



North Cotswold Branch of RNLI

Thank you to all our supporters. 2017 was another successful year fundraising for the North Cotswold Branch of the RNLI.

We will be holding our AGM on Monday 16th April at Evenlode Village Hall, 10.30 for coffee before our 11am meeting. If you would like more information about our plans for 2018 and how we hope to build on our previous successes then do join us. All welcome.

We have been allocated Easter Monday, 2nd April, to raise money car parking at the Cotswold School. We always welcome new volunteers and are grateful to all who continue to support the work of the RNLI.

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01608 654356 if you would like any more information or are able to help.

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Until 16th April Victorian Passions & Pursuits Exhibition. Blenheim Palace Woodstock Oxfordshire OX20 1PP www.blenheimpalace.com 01993 810530.

1st Walk -Battles & Brewing in Stow, Start: 10am Stow-on-the-Wold village green. Moderate. 3 hours: 5.5 miles. 01451 862000. In collaboration with Stow Civic Society.

3rd Silver Jewellery workshop, 10.30am-2.30pm, Chedworth Roman Villa, NT, Yarnworth GL54 3LJ. Booking essential 03442491895 www.nationaltrust.org.uk

6th Stow on the Wold Embroiderers' Guild, Broadwell Village Hall, 2pm, "Appliqué Work, Birds and Animals" by Kate Findlay. Visitors very welcome. Contact 01608 651006.

8th Country Music Night at Notgrove Village Hall. 7:30-11:30pm live music, licensed bar. £5 pp entrance fee. Tonight's act is Chris Rainbow. Contact Ken on 07870795560 or 01451 850502 for further details.

9th-24th Chipping Norton Music Festival Various venues <https://www.cnmf.org.uk/>

10th Great Rissington Village Market, Village Hall, 10am-12Noon. 822285.

10th-11th Mother's day Prosecco Afternoon Tea, 2pm-3.30pm & 4-5pm, Upton House, NT, Nr Banbury, Warwickshire, OX15 6HT. Adults £17.50. To book call 01295 670266 or www.nationaltrust.org.uk

10th-18th Heirloom trail for Mother's day, 12Noon-4pm. Snowshill Manor, NT, Snowshill, near Broadway, WR12 7JU www.nationaltrust.org.uk 01386 852410 .

11th Mum's get free entry to Batsford Arboretum on Mother's Day (when accompanied by a paying child!). For details visit www.batsarb.co.uk or call 01386 701441.

13th-16th Cheltenham Gold Cup Festival, Cheltenham Race Course. www.thefestival.co.uk

22nd Country Music Night at Notgrove Village Hall. 7:30- 11:30 pm- live music, licensed bar. £5 pp entrance fee. Tonight's act is Tumblin' Dice. Contact Ken on 07870795560 or 01451 850502 for further details

23rd Rissington Local History Society. 7.30pm. The History of the Forest of Dean by Pete Ralph. Upper Rissington Village Hall GL54 2QW Visitors Welcome, £3.50 to include refreshments. Contact Sue Brown 01451 820233 spsb@hotmail.co.uk .

23rd Sherborne Park Ranger Walks, see sights featured in Springwatch & Autumn Watch. 10am-12Noon. Aldsworth, GL54 3PP. Booking essential 01451 844257, £3 adults, children free. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

30th - 15th April. Join The Big Batsford Bunny Hunt at Batsford Arboretum this Easter! £2.50 per child, plus Arboretum admission fee (children must be accompanied by an adult). No need to book, just turn up and enjoy! Visit www.batsarb.co.uk for details.

30th-2nd April Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Steam Railway, first public trains to run from Toddington to Broadway since 1960. Details - 01242 621405 or www.gwsr.com

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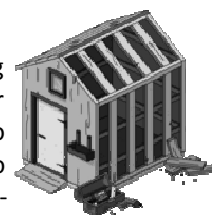
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Bourton Men in Sheds.

Two years old last month and flourishing with new workshops connected to power and all equipment tested. It is thanks to so many people that we have come so far so fast and we continue to welcome new Shedders and new jobs to do.



The chief project at the moment is helping Greystones with the erection of a green roofed shelter and display planters in their new visitor centre garden. Our first contribution to Greystones life was the never to be forgotten trebuchet two years ago which delighted visitors to the Fun Day ... this time we are on safer ground with less lethal potential.

When the spring arrives we shall spruce up the British Legion garden which will enhance our working area and provide a visitor spot of our own when the sun shines. You might even enjoy a cup of tea while watching the workers!

And we are hoping to launch into nautical life with the building of a coracle later in the summer, (the Windrush is too shallow for anything else and attempts to make an oval craft go in a straight line should afford visitors to the Green some fun). We are not the first Shed to make a coracle - Frome Sheddars entered theirs for a national race in Wales

We are always happy to help you with your small furniture or other repair jobs as long as they can be carried out at our workshops as we shall not usually be able to work off site in private property for insurance reasons.

Thanks again for all your support and goodwill

Greetings from the gang.

Bourton Sheddars. (01451 810447)

Bourton Browser Team News

Website

Exciting News! Our website has just launched, visit:

www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk

In the ethos of the Browser we have purposely kept it easy to read and simple to navigate.

Our site contains:

- Details of how the Browser works and a short history
- PDF copies of the last 12 month's Browsers
- Extra articles and colour photographs
- Details of how to advertise with us
- Bourton Dairy Dates for the forthcoming year
- A contact form
- Links to other Bourton websites

There are several ways in which individuals and groups can benefit from this:

- Access to the Browser even if you live outside of the delivery area or are away from home.
- Another way to read the Browser if you have lost your copy or want information from a previous month's copy.
- Bourton based charities or community groups' websites can be added to our links page.
- Articles over the 300 word limit can go on the website with a short version in the Browser. Also extra / colour photos can go on the website.
- Village events, e.g. the Village Show, Panto etc, can have as much detail as they want on the website e.g. show schedules, posters in colour etc
- Forthcoming Bourton events for the **whole of 2018** can go on our website Diary Dates page. We hope this feature will become a really useful resource. Residents can look further ahead to plan activities. Groups can check what is planned before arranging their own events. However this will only work if enough people contribute!

Publishing the Browser on our website means your articles and adverts will reach a wider audience, such as residents of other local villages. This is good news for those selling products and services, advertising groups, asking for help, looking for new members, increased attendance at events etc.

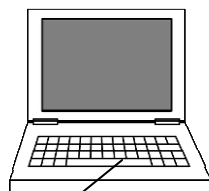
NB—if your contact details are in the Browser they will be on our website copy. These details are probably already available through other websites like Google and Yell.com, however if anyone is concerned about this please contact us. Unless we hear from you we will assume consent.

We look forward to hearing what you all think of the website, if you have any ideas of how else we could use it to the Village's advantage please let us know. Rest assured the website will not be a replacement for the Browser, simply a supplement to it!

Website Competition

To get you all looking at the website and becoming familiar with how it works we are running a competition.

Answer the following questions by searching our website and use the contact form to email us your answers by **12 Noon on 15th March**. All correct entries will be put into a draw.



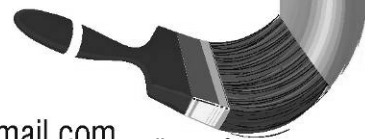
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1. Who is credited with having come up with the name "Bourton Browser"?
2. In what year did the Bourton Browser start ?
3. In the November 2017 issue we showcased 5 pieces of primary children's handwriting, give the first names of the 5 children.
4. How many photos of the Christmas Jumper Bunting Competition have been published on the articles page?
5. According to the Poppy knitting pattern, how many stitches do you need to cast on to make a petal?
6. How much does it cost to book a 12cm x 9cm advert for 6 months?
7. On what date is Greystones Farm running their Archaeology Day in 2018?
8. On what date will the Village Show take place in 2018?

In other Browser News

Calendars

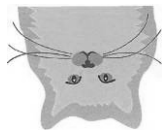
We have received 3 queries about us not producing the Browser Calendars this year. There were several reasons for this, firstly the majority of Browser calendars were unused as most people have their own paper calendars or just use the one on their 'phones. Secondly as we no longer carry flyers, we couldn't really break our own rule and insert them and finally we knew our website was launching with its own calendar. We are sorry a few of you were disappointed but for both environmental and financial reasons we believe it was the correct decision.

Deliverer Needed

We need another volunteer street deliverer for the "Birds Estate", (the new housing Estate behind Roman Way) as the number of houses completed and occupied is now too great for one round. The job entails delivering Bourton Browsers door to door in a set area usually during the last week of the month. If you are new to Bourton it is a great way to get involved with the community and meet your neighbours. If you think you can help please contact Rob and Christine (see page 1 for details).

The Bourton Browser Team

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MORETON BOWLS CLUB

It is with sadness that we report the recent death of one of our senior members, Ray Biddlecombe. A keen bowler for many years, Ray was a familiar figure on the green and his enthusiasm for the game was always evident. All of us at Moreton Bowls Club extend our sincere condolences to Ray's widow, Noreen, and her family at this time.

During this month, our bowlers will be signing up to teams for the coming season and entering for club and County competitions. There are leagues of all kinds with opportunities for everyone to take part, whatever their skill level, be it beginner or more seasoned player. Perhaps the recent televised matches have given you the idea to try the sport of bowls? There have been some exciting games of the highest quality, showing such skill, it is inspiring! We have members who are pleased to introduce newcomers to the game and qualified coaches willing to guide beginners through their first attempts on the green. Come along and have a go!

There seems to have been rather a lot of illness of varying sorts amongst us this winter, so we will all be glad that the longer days are gradually making an appearance and warmer times are coming. Prepare the kit everyone, our Monday social evenings will soon include practise on grass again!

For more information about bowling at Moreton, please contact our Club Captain, B. Dix on 01451 821020

Ann Chapman

Bourton-on-the-Water Women's Institute

At our meeting on 13th February we had a very interesting talk by author and artist Jan Harvey. Having been an editor and designer of business magazines as well as a tutor in creative writing, drawing and painting, Jan began a new career as an author and published her first novel in 2017. 'The Seven Letters' is set both during the 2nd World War and the present day, and the action takes place in Oxfordshire and Paris.

We learnt about how much research needs to be done, especially to ensure the historical facts are correct even in a work of fiction, and it was eighteen months before Jan could start the actual writing of the novel.

Following the success of 'The Seven Letters', Jan is now in the process of having her second book published which we look forward to seeing in due course.

Our next meeting is in the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 13th March when the speaker will be Liz Spurway on 'An Introduction to Fused Glass'.

Janet Randall

If you write short poems and would like to have one printed send a copy to team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk Contributions welcome from adults & children.

Spring's Scouts

Spring's Scouts soon start to shoot,
Rising fast with bud, leaf and on wing,
For March summons every kind of root:
From Primroses, the heralds of Spring,
To welcoming the weaving wheatear,
Reeling round reams of rampant rabbits.
Spring's mission appears crystal-clear -
To seed every one of her bare carpets.
Though, as ever, Spring never reflects:
Early bees suck honey from butterburs;
Ladybirds, beetles spearhead insects;
Grey wagtails skim across the rivers;
And there's held only one Spring crime:
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By Hugh O'Connell

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Message from the Church

It only seems a few weeks ago I was writing Christmas cards and now Lent is upon us. Lent can be a time to blow away the cobwebs, to 'spring clean' either our bodies or our lives. We might decide to 'give something up' so we can fit into that favourite pair of jeans or 'take something up' like an online payment to sponsor a child.

We have had quite a spring clean at St Lawrence's in the last year. We've had to think about what we need to give up and as we look to the future, what we might like to take up. Lent is far more than just an opportunity to 'spring clean.' The Church sees it as an opportunity to get off the treadmill and not only think about the beginning of Jesus' ministry, when he was tested in the desert, but also to reflect on the meaning of his life.

Jesus encountered many challenges and temptations on his journey that could have led him off course. And as we are reminded of what happened on Good Friday we could be forgiven for thinking that it didn't go quite to plan, but God had other ideas.

As we journey through life, we too encounter challenges and temptations and sometimes it is hard to stay on course. We could be forgiven for wondering how we fit into God's plan. God didn't abandon Jesus and he hasn't abandoned us.

So this Lent, whatever you decide to 'give up' or 'take up', I pray that you find the opportunity to get off the treadmill, perhaps come and sit in our 'spring cleaned' Church and stop for a moment to think about the meaning of Jesus in your life.

With Blessings Rev. Michelle Porter-Babbage



Celebrate Easter with St Lawrence Church

Please feel able to join us for our Easter celebrations!



Churches Together Lent Lunches - 12.30-2pm in St Lawrence:

19th & 26th Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March

2nd March - Women's World Day of Prayer at 10.30am

4th March - 6pm *Meeting at the Cross* with Bishop Rachel

7th March - Holy Communion at 10am

10th March - Breakfast Church 9-10am

Family friendly church with breakfast!

17th March - Easter Children's Party 3-5pm

21st March - Holy Communion at 10am

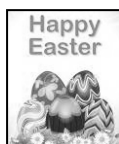
25th March - **Palm Sunday** 8.00am & 11.00am Communion Services

27th March - *Celebrate New Life* Children's Party 3.30-5pm

29th March - **Maundy Thursday** 7.00pm Communion Service

30th March - **Good Friday** Walk of Witness from St Lawrence at 10.45am to Box Bush Green and then onto Baptist Church for refreshments

2.00pm - Last Hour at the Cross - Reflective Service with music



Easter Communion Services

1st April - 9.30am St James, Clapton

- 11.00am St Lawrence, Bourton

Dates for Diary : March

Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th 12.30-2.30, St Lawrence's. **Ladies Who Lunch: living with loss.** An opportunity to chat and share with other women who are living with the pain of loss.

Friday 4th 10.30am 'Women's World Day of Prayer' St. Lawrence. A service to celebrate the role of women in the world wide church.

All Enquiries, **Rev Michelle Porter-Babbage 01451821635,**

Michellep-b@hotmail.com

Every **Thursday** 'Bumblebeez' meet every week in St. Lawrence's 9.00—11.00 am, for babies and toddlers, chat & coffee for carers—all welcome.

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Women's Meeting Weds 2:45 pm (2nd & 4th of month)

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'J' Team—Fridays (term time) for Primary age children 6pm

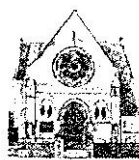
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Back Walls, Stow-on-the-Wold

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CHURCH WATCH

St.Lawrence's Parish Church .

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Do you have a spare morning or afternoon once a month from March to November? We need more people to join the Church Watch team.

This is not a security task! We aim to have someone in the church, each day, to say to the many visitors "Hello, do come in . You are welcome to look around."

Watchers do not have to be regular churchgoers, or history experts. We have leaflets that cover all that information. Some visitors are chatty, others just look around and leave, but making people welcome and at ease is a valuable service to the church, the village and the visitors to Bourton.

If you think that this is something you would enjoy doing, or want more information about please contact me on :

01451 820866.

Mike Marshall

For The Younger Generation

Hello Young Bourtonians,
Spring is in the air and the Easter Holidays start at the end of the month. Hooray! The Browser Team wish all of those of you taking oral and/or mock exams the best of luck.

Have a Magnificent March!

Christine Sub Editor



News from the Cotswold School

By Principal, Will Morgan

For such a short term, we've managed to fit in quite a lot! Highlights include: -

We celebrate the news that Ellen Walkingshaw has been offered a place to study Theology at Mansfield College, Oxford; Rebecca Hoadley to study Medicine at UCL; Rosanna Mutsaers to study Classics at Cambridge and Jake Skelton to study Natural Sciences at Clare College, Cambridge. Well done!



Year 8 was invited to attend a Poetry Slam workshop led by the inspirational Spoz.

Lucinda Jarratt of Dream a Difference is running a series of poetry workshops to Year 8 English classes. This year's theme is *'How can we help each other through loss?'* For more information please visit www.dreamadifference.art.

The Creative Writing Workshop invited 60 Year 11 students to work with historical novelist Fiona Mountain. Fiona led our students through her top tips for writing compelling and engaging narratives, and shared her advice when looking at work produced by Year 11 in the sessions themselves.



The recent FameLab Academy allowed Year 9 students to study an area of science, technology, engineering or maths that interests them, research it, and present a three minute talk on it. The winner was Megan McMorris with an amazing talk on telomeres. She won £50 in cash, and will be competing in the

Gloucestershire final on 22nd March 2018 in EDF Gloucester. Good luck!

The Year 9 Rugby Team won their quarter final match in the EDF Energy Cup in association with Gloucester Rugby. The EDF Energy U14s Schools Cup is an annual competition open to all schools across Gloucestershire. It is a straight knockout competition with the final held at Kingsholm Stadium. The best of luck to the team!

Year 11 Catering students created some mouth-watering menus! Please see images!



To catch up on all the news please visit

<https://cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/newsletter/>

THE SHARON LAWS SPORTIVE AT THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL AS THE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

It is with great pleasure The Cotswold School announces **The Sharon Laws Sportive** in association with British Cycling.

Born in 1974, Sharon Laws, a former pupil of The Cotswold School, was a British professional cyclist who only turned professional at the age of 33, having previously competed in adventure racing and endurance-mountain biking. She began riding on the road to train and it was at this time she was noticed and her ability confirmed. She quickly became part of the 2008 Summer Olympics cycling team in Beijing and also in 2008 she won the British National Time Trial Championships.

Other accreditations included:

Winning the Women's 2012 Momentum 94.7 Cycle Challenge

Winning the 2012 British National Road Race Championships

Part of the Podium Ambition Pro Cycling's squad for the 2016 season

Part of the ITV4 commentary team for the channel's coverage of the 2017 Women's Tour

Holding a MSc in Conservation and working as an environmental consultant to organisations including the British Government, the United Nations and for mining company Rio Tinto in Australia.

In late 2016, Sharon was diagnosed with cervical cancer and from there underwent a year-long battle with the disease. She died on 16th December 2017.

In the run up to the Tour of Britain that ran through Bourton-on-the-Water last September, Sharon kindly took time out from her treatment to inspire students at The Cotswold School with talks about a life in the professional cycling world.

Will Morgan, Principal comments, *"Sharon was a lovely lady, a fantastic cyclist and good friend of the School. She even took the time out to speak to our children before heading into Cheltenham for radiotherapy a couple of hours later. Amazing support and dedication. We are delighted to be holding this event, in our 30th year, but we hope to hold as an annual event, as a long-lasting tribute to Sharon."*

The Sharon Laws Sportive

When: Saturday 7th July 2018, (Sharon's birthday)

What: A 43 mile road cycle event to mark every year of her young life. We are hoping to include a short loop for children and families and a longer route for those who want a bigger challenge

Where: From The Cotswold School in Bourton-on-the-Water, to the Rissingtons, Bledington, Milton-under-Wychwood, Burford, Windrush, Sherborne and back into Bourton-on-the-Water

Why: To raise funds for Cancer Research and for The Cotswold School – new community pavilion

How: For more details and to sign up, please go to www.britishcycling.org.uk. The event should go live on this site shortly.

The Cotswold School will celebrate 30 years in autumn 2018. The School has an Ofsted Outstanding reputation and is a highly popular, happy and successful 11-18 non selective comprehensive. To celebrate these 30 years we are aiming to build a new sports and events pavilion to not only benefit the children at the School, but also the whole community. Monies raised from this Sportive will be divided 50/50 between Cancer Research and The Cotswold School. The event has the full support of her Mother Joy Laws who is a Bourton-on-the-Water resident.

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Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

Army Cadets	IJ Haines	850758 after 6.30pm
Beavers	Tim Hemming	810996
Bell Ringers, BoW	Anne Clark	820759
Bourton Gymnastic Club	Martin Collett	820015 /07870624180
Bourton Road Runners Juniors	Richard Buffton	831733 / 824379
B'n Out of School Club (OSC)		07950 048066
B'n Rovers Youth	Deb Hunt	810966
Bourton Vale Cricket Club	Matt Walton	831954
B'n Vale Equestrian Centre	Leanne Lainchbury	821101
Bourton Vale Tennis Club	James Hilltout	07946 397186
Brownies	Kathleen Punchard	824459
Bumblebeez babies & pre-school tots	Linda Powell	822206
Canoe Club	Oliver Robbins	07890318079
Cubs	Paul Davies	01993 201059

Guides	Angie Iredale	822810
Hockey	Tracy Dixon	07813187933
'J' Team	Philippa Duckmanton	820754
Noah's Ark Toddlers Group	Ian Fowler	07906518316
Pre-School	Julie Cooper	07950 048066
Pre-School Jujitsu	Andy or Hayley	07951587398
Pre-School Gymnastics	Caroline Ardron	07793949198
Pre-School Friday Club	Gina Davis	07515866358
Pre School Music Class	Sian Ferris	01242 890200
Rainbows	Angie Iredale	822810
Rascals, Babies & Toddlers	Veronika Boshier	824257
Scouts/Explorer Scouts	Scott & Lynn Dartnell	810332
Taekwon-do	Lee Chapman	01285 640500
Wiggle	Maria Blundell-Paethorpe	07732754431

News from the Primary School

It's been a very successful couple of months at the Primary School. It was great to be recognised in the top ten schools in Gloucestershire by the 'The Real Schools Guide 2018' and to be awarded a five star rating. With The Cotswold School already recognised, the families of Bourton on the Water should be very reassured of the quality of education in the area.

On the Sports Field, our Hockey Team have made it to the County Finals, our Gymnastics Team picked up gold medals in the Local finals and our Indoor Athletics team picked up bronze medals in Area finals. All in all a good month.

It was wonderful to have a number of teachers join us for writing moderation sessions and for the Early Years moderation meeting. We will be hosting a cluster Special Needs session shortly. These opportunities to share good practice and talk together, strengthen the quality of teaching across our schools.

Earlier this month over 60 parents joined their children in a lesson - to see what it is really like. I would like to thank them for attending, especially those who spoke up at the Internet safety session beforehand. Modern technology is wonderful but it is vital that we train children to use it safely and until they do, we as parents, closely its use.

John ap R Jones - Head Teacher

Mr Morgan concludes, "We really want to create something very special here. Please do save the date and do consider rising to the challenge to cycle 43 miles...to mark each year of Sharon's short life. Alternatively, we are also calling out for volunteers to help on the day. With many thanks."

For more information, please contact
marketing@thecotswoldschool.co.uk.



Sharon Laws, (centre), Will Morgan, Principle (right) with children from The Cotswold School, Rob Partridge and James Lowsley-Williams from the Bike Channel Canyon taken in the run up to the Tour of Britain last September.

ROTARY CLUB of the North Cotswolds

YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION:

Congratulations to Alexa Butterfield from The Cotswold School, seen here receiving her award as winner of the District 1100 Final of the Young Writer Competition, (Intermediate age group). Prizes were presented by District Governor Alan. We wish Alexa good luck for the National Final to be held in the summer.



Go-Ride Cycle Training

Welcome back to a new season of the NCCC's Go-Ride cycle training at Far Peak and Moreton Fire College.

Go-Ride is British Cycling's development programme for young people. The programme provides a fun and safe way to introduce young riders, (children from 5 upwards), to the world of cycle sport and provides a platform to improve bike handling skills.

Getting involved is easy, simply come along to the North Cotswold Cycling Club's Go-Ride events, where young people will be able to sample the various cycle sport disciplines and start enjoying one of the fastest growing sports in the UK today under the instruction of our resident coaches John Michelbacher and Lesley Bray.

NCCC Go-Ride Spring 2018 Programme:

10th March

24th March

28th April

The location of these events will be decided once we have feedback on the Far Peak venue. Please check website for details. Each session will consist of Go-Ride coaching from 09:30 to 10:30 (when we at the Far Peak site it will be from 10 to 11am), but please arrive 15 minutes prior to this to complete registration and bike checks. Timings are approximate and will vary slightly with weather, track conditions and the structure of the training. We reserve the right to cancel events due to adverse weather etc. For more details see website or call.

<http://groupspaces.com/NorthCotswoldCC/pages/go-ride-club>

John Michelbacher 01451 810192 07788282755

Greystones Farm and Nature Reserve

Signs of spring are everywhere at Greystones Farm and Nature Reserve. Green shoots are popping up in the woods, celandines are glinting yellow in the hedgerows and birds are beginning to get busy building their nests.

We have welcomed lots more school groups onto the reserve this term, including all of the Junior pupils at Bourton Primary Academy for a 'Survival Taster Day'. We learnt how to make bread from scratch, foraged for food and firewood and then lit warming fires. Did you know that dry birch bark is one of the best natural tinders, as it is so full of oil? Or that nettles can make a tasty soup?

We've also had a lovely group of Infant children come along to a series of Forest School sessions in the woods, and really get to know the site, noticing the changes over the season and making friends with robins.

Soon we will have visitors from further afield, coming for Iron Age experience days – so if you see a group of cloak-clad children in the fields, that'll be why!

On that note, could we kindly ask all dog-walkers to be aware of education sessions taking place on the reserve, and to give us a wide berth when these are going on. Adding a furry pupil to the group can be distracting or even worrying for some. Thanks very much!

With Easter not far around the corner, on the 3rd and 10th of April we will be running some egg-citing Easter events for children – please see our website for more details (www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk).

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Cat Parker-Standley,

Education and Events Assistant,
Greystones Farm and Nature Reserve.



Northleach and Fosse Lions Club

Lions Fund 'School in a Box'

At their February meeting Northleach & Fosse Lions club members voted to fund a 'School-in-a-Box' as one of three charity contributions this month.

The £155 School-in-a-Box has become part of the UNICEF standard response in emergencies. The kit contains supplies and materials for a teacher and up to 40 students. The purpose of the kit is to ensure the continuation of children's education by the first 72 hours of an emergency.

Club members also voted to make a £150 donation to the Great Western Air Ambulance charity. Since 2008 the service has been providing emergency care to people who are in a state so critical that they require specialist medical skills at the scene of an accident. Although the GAA is part of the 999 response service and works closely with the NHS, it is a charity entirely funded by local people.

A third donation of £200 will be made to the Helen & Douglas House charity. Based in Oxford but supporting families from surrounding counties, the charity cares for terminally ill children and young adults in two special hospices and through an outreach service. At Helen House, the world's first children's hospice, babies and children up to the age of 18 are cared for. At Douglas House they look after young adults aged 16 to 35.

In fundraising plans for 2018, the Lions club has agreed to run a further four 'Lions Famous Coffee & Cakes' days at Victoria Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water on 1st May, 9th June, 31st July and 1st September. At these events all proceeds will go to community and charity causes.

Monthly car boot sales will also continue to be run in the car park outside the Countrywide store in Bourton on Sunday mornings. Proceeds from the car boot sales will go towards supporting the club's own funds to cover administration and future promotional activity. The first two dates agreed are 8th April and 13th May.

Local residents of the North Cotswolds area are encouraged to put forward ideas for community projects which might be supported by their Lions club, whether it be through community service or fundraising activity.

All are welcome to attend monthly business meetings, which are now being held at the Cotswold Hall in West End, Northleach. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th March at 8pm.

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BOURTON PANTO GROUP

The actors and crew are now enjoying their after show break, resting and recuperating after their astounding success in Jack and the Beanstalk. The rafters shook with laughter and the stage was alive with colourful costumes, traditional jokes and songs. The idiom 'break a leg' used to wish the performers good luck could easily have become reality the way that Granny Bean was throwing herself around the stage. And I think I saw an unusually tall plant growing next to the River Windrush, I knew we should have closed that window when Granny Bean threw the beans away. The feedback from the people who came to see the show has been great and it seems that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show, both audience and cast alike.

So what's next? We will begin rehearsals on the 1st March for the next show which will be taking place early in July. If you want to know what show it will be then watch out for the big announcement coming shortly.

If you'd like to be a part of the next production then come along to the Victoria Hall at 7.30pm on the 1st March, we'd love to see you there. It doesn't matter what age you are from 10 years to 110 years (or more) there will be a place for you either on stage or supporting the cast and crew, everyone's welcome. Rehearsals take place every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Victoria Hall. You can find out more by speaking to Jan Close on 01451 831911

You can also support the Bourton Panto Group by being a Patron. If you would like to find out the benefits of being a Patron please ring Jackie Denham on 01451 810617 for details.

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Pantomime Group

What a wonderful evening we had at Bourton's Panto last night. Such a talent from all of the performers. Many thanks to everyone concerned. A night of fun and laughter. Just what was needed to forget about the weather outside. Looking forward to the next show.

Kath and Les Cain, Bill Wragg and Milly Thomas
Bourton Residents

An Old Fashioned Pantomime

"Hiss, Boo, Shout, Sing-a-long and Clap!", these sounds make up the fun of a good old fashioned pantomime.

Bourton Panto Group certainly excelled with "Jack and the Beanstalk". Saucy dame, mean squire, Laurel and Hardy comedians, very tall giant, lots of crowd scenes and children, maybe the star of the show was Daisy, the cow.

Four scenery changes were superb, very colourful costumes, and I am sure the cast and crew had great fun getting this pantomime off the ground.

I, and others around me on the Thursday evening, had a most enjoyable happy time. Well done. Looking forward to next year's.

Mollie Wise

20 mph ???

Can someone enlighten me please? Are the 20mph road speed signs displayed in the village legal? So many people question the legality of these road signs and so very few abide by the stipulated figure that I am left with the impression that perhaps all the Christmas decorations have not been taken down?

JOAN M. MANCHIP



ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH COTSWOLDS
One of North Cotswolds Rotary Club's chosen charities for
2018 - CANINE PARTNERS:

The club hosted an inspirational talk given by Colette Kilmister, accompanied by her Assistance Dog Jennie - a ten-year-old Labradoodle. Colette told members and guests how Jennie "gave me a life", by enabling her to enjoy a degree of independence and thereby grow in confidence and self-esteem. She has had Jennie for eight and a half years, and it was clear for all to see what a strong bond there was between the two.



With Jennie by her side Colette is able to go shopping in her motorised wheelchair, with Jennie fetching items from the shelves and putting them in a basket. Jennie also helps with opening and closing doors, and she even operates the washing machine! She can open the fridge, and opens drawers or fetches the telephone when asked to do so by Colette. And of course, she is a wonderful companion.

The life cost of an Assistant Dog from puppy to retirement is about £20,000.00. Currently there are around 300 Assistance Dogs in Britain, but the demand is much greater than this. After the talk, club president Peter Boxall handed Colette an initial cheque for Canine Partners for £200.00, and the charity will also benefit as one of the principal charities from our Annual Golf Day in June.

Keith Jacob

PS Save the Day!

Forthcoming event....Rotary Charity Open Gardens Day at Mill Dene Gardens, Blockley, **23rd June 2018.**

Peter Boxall

Bourton on the Water Parish Council
Play Area Inspector

The Parish Council is seeking a conscientious and responsible local resident to undertake informal weekly inspections of its 3 play areas at the Naight, Melville and Rye Crescent.

The role will entail a weekly safety inspection of the equipment and play area surfaces (and submission of a basic report) to ensure these remain in a satisfactory condition for all users. Appropriate training for the inspections will be provided, and these inspections can be carried out at times to suit the successful applicant, within each weekly period. We are looking to engage a resident to start inspections at the beginning of April.

The remuneration will be £11 per hour for 2 hours work per week, with payments made monthly in arrears on presentation of reports.

I would be grateful if any residents who are interested in this work would confirm their interest in writing either by e-mail (clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk) or by post to Bourton on the Water Parish Council at The George Moore Community Centre, Moore Rd, Bourton on the Water, Glos GL54 2AZ. We'd be grateful to receive expressions of interest by 14th March, so applicants can be interviewed and an appointment made in early April. Any queries, do give me a call.

Sue Cretney,
Clerk to the Parish Council
Tel: 01451 820712

Police Point Openings in March
at George Moore Community Centre

Day / Date	Times	Officer
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Wednesday 14 th	2-3pm	PC Page
Wednesday 21 st	2-3pm	PCSO Charlie Symes
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Bourton on the Water Parish Council Co-Option of Parish Councillor

A casual vacancy has arisen following a recent resignation by Will Spiers. This vacancy has been advertised by CDC to give residents the opportunity to call a bye-election. If a bye-election is not called then Council will be given the authority to co-opt a resident onto the Council.

As we do not have this information to hand at the time of going to press, and in order not to lose time in recruiting a replacement, we would therefore ask residents interested in joining the Council to confirm this interest in writing.

Residents who meet the qualifying criteria, namely those who are an elector over the age of 18 and who have lived, or had their primary place of work, in the village for the past 12 months, are asked to register their interest in writing to the Clerk, Parish Council Office, The George Moore Community Centre, Moore Rd, Bourton on the Water, Glos GL54 2AZ by **Nonon on Friday 16th March**. If an election is not called, applicants will then be invited to meet with Councillors later in March, with the aim of confirming an appointment at the Council meeting on 4th April 2018. Applicants are asked to provide brief details of their background and give reasons why they would like to be considered. If you have any questions about the role or its responsibilities, either the Clerk, Sue, or I will be happy to try to answer them.

It's hoped there will be a good response to this appeal for an additional councillor as we do need to be at full strength in order to take forward the many projects and issues being progressed.

**Bryan Sumner, Chairman -
Bourton on the Water Parish Council
Contact 01451 820869**

Reaching Great Heights For Sue Ryder - Leckhampton Court Hospice.

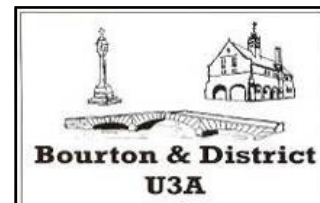
The early morning walks, aching limbs and blisters won't stop the husband and wife couple from Bourton taking on the challenge of climbing the three highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales in 72 hours to raise money for Sue Ryder - Leckhampton Court Hospice. With the challenge taking place in August and having raised almost half of the money so far, the couple are aiming to raise an incredible £1,500.

Abby said, "We decided to raise money for Sue Ryder after my mum who had lived in Bourton all of her life sadly passed away in February last year after a long battle with Cancer. She had several stays at Leckhampton Court and I can honestly say that the care that was given in her last few days of life was incredible, she had always said that she was happy at Leckhampton Court and I can see why.

Leckhampton Court did so much for my mum and looked after her with every ounce of care that she deserved. We feel we need to give something back so that other families can benefit as I did; to think that I can give another daughter the chance to say their last goodbyes in such a caring and special place is one of the reasons I have taken on this challenge.

Leckhampton Court relies on the generosity of people like you and I to help raise over £2 million each year to ensure that they can continue to provide specialist palliative and end of life care to the people of Gloucestershire."

Read more about Abby's challenge or donate and help them to raise money for Sue Ryder by visiting www.justgiving.com/fundraising/three-peaks-2018, you can also donate by texting TPKS52 £5 to 70070.



There is plenty for the linguists amongst our members this month with a new German Group (all levels welcome) and Beginners and Advanced French Groups all in the early stages of forming. Anyone interested contact me and I will pass your details on.

The Spring Newsletter will soon be in production and should reach all members by about 15th March. It will contain a nomination form for Committee Membership for the 2018/19 year. Under our constitution our Chairperson, Anne Jones, will have completed her term in office in May this year. In addition some other Committee members would like to stand down now having given many years of service. This means we will urgently need new Committee Members. Please read your Newsletter carefully when it arrives and if at all possible put your name forward. The U3A is all about self help and to make it the best it can be all members need to take their turn at being actively involved in some capacity.

University of the Third Age (U3A) is a group for retired and semi retired people of all ages that enables members to meet and share many educational, creative & leisure activities. We welcome men and women, couples and singles. Visitors are welcome at the monthly meeting so why not come along and meet us? Alternately see our website or contact me for more details.

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Irene's Charity Knitting Circle



We visited the Telford Distribution Centre in January and delivered a large number of knitted and crocheted items

that had been produced over the last few months. You will see from the photographs taken that there is a huge organisation responsible for delivering these items to the many desperate people in countries devastated by the ravages of war and hunger.



Everything you make is a fantastic help towards giving some comfort to the poorest people living in horrendous poverty and very difficult situations. The need is ongoing and those fortunate enough to receive help are able to enjoy a little more comfort in their lives.

In the UK we supply small beanie hats for newborns and premature babies at

The Great Western Hospital in Swindon. Also we provide Twiddlemuffs for dementia sufferers in local care homes and some clothing and blankets for families in distress. We cannot emphasise enough the value of providing these items and are always looking for new members to help us with this important work.

So, if you enjoy knitting and crochet and can help us in our endeavour to provide for the poor and needy both at home and abroad, please come along to our monthly 'Knit and Natter' meetings which are held on the second Wednesday morning of each month from 10:00 - 12:00 noon. Coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided. These meetings are always enjoyable get-togethers. Or, alternatively, telephone us if you are unable to attend these meetings but wish to join our knitting/crochet charity knitting group.

For further information about our activities contact:

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Bourton Vale Horticultural Society - your friendly garden club

14th February 2018:

Pete Ralph: *Wildlife and Plants in the Forest of Dean*

Next month: 14th March: Jim Teague - *What's in Store*

Competition: Flowers in my Garden

Will this horrible weather ever end?! So good to have so many hardy souls at this meeting.

Chairman Mike briefly reminded members that subscriptions should now be paid for the year. He then pointed out that the subjects for the photo section of the Village Show were on those handy bits of paper left on your seat - they are

1. Reflections:
2. New Life:
3. Snow: and
4. Birds.



I hope the snow bit has not passed you by. Details of the outings later in the year will be announced next month.

The speaker this month ,Pete Ralph, has lived in the Forest for about fifty years and worked there for the Forestry Commission as a Forester. So who better to talk about this really beautiful and diverse area, with photos to prove it. When is the best time to visit? In spring time with the new leaves showing, in autumn with the fabulous colours, or perhaps in winter when the structure of the trees can be truly appreciated. Or go at all times. It is an area with a great industrial past - old mines and quarries abound, but now is cared for as a nature reserve of trees, heathland and water with attendant wildlife (mandarin ducks that nest in trees and bark, not quack).



The prize for the vase of snowdrops was won by Gill Wilkie. Goodness knows what flowers the gardens will manage for next month, but here's hoping.

Antoinette Green

The Village Show

NB the Village show on **25th August** at the British Legion Hall is **open for everyone** in the Village to enter; not just Horticultural Club members. So put the date in your diaries and watch out for the show schedule which will be published on the Browser website www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk when available. There are classes for adults and children in art, crafts, cooking, photography and growing fruit, flowers and vegetables. Now we know the categories start taking and saving your photographs!

Ernie & Guy Joynes

The family of the late Ernie & Guy Joynes would like to take this opportunity to convey sincere thanks to family, friends & neighbours for all their cards, kind messages of condolence, sympathy, emotional & practical support during a very difficult & sad time. Donations of £642.75 were collected in aid of Sue Ryder at Leckhampton Court & £361.94 for Bristol Children's Hospital.

A special word of thanks must go to the staff at Sue Ryder in Leckhampton Court & Gloucester Royal Hospital for their kindness, care & respect. Also to WJ Wright Funeral Directors for their support & professional, efficient service and Michelle for her care, support & comforting words at both services.

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