

BOURTON BROWSER



ISSUE NO 250

www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk

February 2020

DIARY DATES

- 1st Bourton Panto Group present "Mother Goose", VH, 7.30pm and matinee 2.30pm, tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk www.bourtonpantogroup.com
- 5th Parish Council Meeting, **GMCC**, 7pm, all residents welcome.
- 7th Friday Club Over 60s, **BCH**, 2.30pm, 810233.
- 7th & every Friday, Moore Lunch Club, 10am-1.30pm, **GMCC**, transport provided. 824338.
- 10th Bingo, Wellington Pub, eyes down 7.30pm. 07758 003339.
- 11th WI, **VH**, 7pm, "Hitting the Headlines as a Newspaper Editor", John Butterworth. Visitors welcome.
- 12th Gardening Club, **BCH**, 7.30pm, "Wings in the Garden", Catherine Williams. Comp. Snowdrops. Visitors welcome. See page 6.
- 12th Irene's Knitting Circle, Coffee Morning, **GMCC**, 10-Noon, 798718.
- 12th & 26th North Cotswolds Memory Club, 10.30-2.30, **MC**, Support & activities. To discuss free Carer Respite call 07971 929258.
- 15th-23rd "Pandemonium of Parrots" display, Birdland, Rissington Rd. Quiz trail during February Half Term, 10am-4pm
- 17th Rural Cinema, DOWNTON ABBEY Drama. PG. 2hours Hugh Bonneville Maggie Smith. **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on the door.
- 19th History Society, **BCH**, 7.30pm.
- 20th Tayler & Fletcher, Fine Art Sale,

Continued on page 2 column 1

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**

Parish Council Notes

Parish Council Notes

Council Meeting 9th January 2020

Precept: The Parish Council unanimously agreed a precept of £162,261 for 2020/21 at the January Parish Council meeting. This would equate to a Band D property for the village of £90.44 per year which is an increase of £7.37 per year. A full statement on the Council's budget making process for 2020/21 is available on the Parish Council web site, or the information can be obtained from the Parish Council's office at the George Moore Community Centre.

Xmas tree / Planters / Hanging Baskets: Bourton Parish Council would like to thank the businesses who have already contributed towards the xmas tree / planters and hanging baskets in the village.

Anyone else who would like to contribute please contact Bourton Parish Council on the details below.

Metal Railings for the village green: The metal railings around a section of the village green are a temporary measure solely to protect the village green and will be removed in March/April 2020. Protecting this portion of the green will save the Parish Council approximately £2,000.00 per annum in putting the village green back into a good condition for the Spring.

Melville and The Naight recreation grounds: The Parish Council have now undertaken a public consultation on the new recreation equipment and are now collating the information received before making a final decision on which recreation equipment to have installed and which site. Grant funding is being sought.

Village Maintenance Contract: Bourton Parish Council invite companies to tender for the contract to maintain the village green, footpaths, verges, cemetery, allotments, playing fields and other areas for 2020-2023. For further details phone 01451 820712 or email clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

An advert for the contract has been placed with the Evesham Journal and Cotswold Journal.

Village Green Hire: Applications received for village green hire will be taken to the February Parish Council meeting for approval. Anyone wishing to apply to hire the village green the application form can be found on the Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council web site.

Windrush Against Sewage Pollution: Bourton Parish Council had a meeting arranged with WASP (Windrush Against Sewage Pollution) and County Cllr. Paul Hodgkinson to discuss sewage problems.

Continued on page 2 column 2

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.

Copyright © Bourton Browser 2020

The **DEADLINE** for Adverts & Articles for the **March 2020** edition, is **Midday 12th February**

K R ELECTRICAL LTD
- ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS -
Based in the heart of the Cotswolds

All Electrical Work Undertaken Established Over 30 Years

Small & Large Jobs
Including:
Security Lighting • New Sockets • Rewires
Landlord Certificates • Periodic Tests • PAT Testing
Downlights • Fault Finding • New Installations
Alarms • CCTV • Electric Gates • Access Control

Commercial & Domestic Work

Contact us for a free quotation:
Office: 01451 821236
(7.30pm - 5pm)
Mobile: 07860 438591

www.kr-electrical-products.co.uk
Unit 12b Bourton Business Park, Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2HQ

APPROVED CONTRACTOR DOMESTIC INSTALLER TRUST MARK

Michelbacher Cycles

Bike Servicing
EBike's built for you.



Before and After
Custom built ebike use your existing cycle

- Free health check for your bicycle
- First class servicing at affordable rates
- Servicing built around the needs of your bike
- Free expert aftercare advice

Free Delivery & Collection
To Bourton and surrounding Villages

- Chain wear
- Brake operation and pad wear
- Bearing operation of wheels and Bottom bracket
- Condition of tyres

6 The Paddocks
Bourton on the Water
GL54 2LS
01451 810192 07788282755
Email: john@michelbachercycles.com
www.michelbachercycles.com

EST. CHELTENHAM 1940

BADHAM PHARMACY

NEW PHARMACY IN UPPER RISSINGTON!

Badham Pharmacy
Unit 2, The Village Square
Upper Rissington
GL54 2FL
TEL: 01451 828226

A new community pharmacy open six days a week

Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm
Saturday 9am - 12:30pm

ASK ABOUT FREE DELIVERY

Badham Pharmacy
11 The Square
Stow on the Wold
GL54 1BQ
TEL: 01451 830623

Stow Pharmacy, also open six days a week

Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm

ASK ABOUT MINOR AILMENTS

www.badhampharmacy.co.uk

continued from Page 1, column 1

NCS, 10am. View Tuesday and Wednesday. 8am-8pm. 821666.
www.taylerandfletcher.co.uk

23rd Farmers Market, **BLH** car park, GL54 2AR. Morning.

23rd Kate's home Nursing Table Top / Craft Sale, **BLH**, 9am-1pm. Free entry. Table bookings 07867121122
Lynda.Hicks58@gmail.com

23rd Bourton 10K Road Race, some road closures 9.30am-12Noon. See page 15

25th Windrush Carers Support Group, 7pm, **MC**, Barbara Newstead 821523.

26th U3A, **BLH**, 10am for coffee. Speaker 10.45am, "Remembering the Swinging 60s" by Ray Sturdy. Visitors welcome. See page 5.

Visit: www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk to see events throughout 2020.

continued from Page 1, column 2

Annual Parish Meeting:

The Annual Parish Meeting has been arranged for 19th March 2020 at the George Moore Community Centre at 7.00 pm where residents can ask the Parish Councillors questions on village matters. Nibbles and drinks will be served after the meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 7.00 pm at the George Moore Community Centre.

Tel: 01451 820712

clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

Planning an event in

Bourton during 2020?

Check the **Village Diary** to see what is already scheduled

before setting your date.

Visit:

www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk

Send us the dates of your Bourton community events for 2020 and we will add them to the **Village Diary** so others will be aware of what you are planning.

Email:

team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk

EXERCISE CLASSES FOR OVER 50s
BOURTON and STOW ON WOLD

PARACISE

LOW IMPACT, LOW INTENSITY
GENTLE ON THE JOINTS
FUN EXERCISE TO MUSIC

Improve your fitness, strengthen and tone your body and improve your posture, balance and co-ordination
45 mins, no floorwork - see www.paracise.com





£5 per class
No need to book, just turn up

Specialising in exercise classes for over 50s
www.cotswoldsfitness.com
SEE WEBSITE FOR CLASS TIMETABLE

COLOUR YOUR HOME PAINTER AND DECORATOR

PROFESSIONAL FEMALE PAINTER & DECORATOR
PAINTING, DECORATING, SANDING, VARNISHING AND WALLPAPER STRIPPING & HANGING

info@ColourYourHome.co.uk
www.ColourYourHome.co.uk

FOR FREE QUOTES AND ESTIMATES PLEASE CALL
HAYLEY ANDREWS
07799 887 413

LISA ADSETT

MOBILE HAIRSTYLIST

30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

01451 821899
07747 534111

VJ COLLETT

BOURTON ON THE WATER

ALL MAKES
SERVICING AND REPAIRS

AIR CONDITIONING

DIGITAL FOUR WHEEL
ALIGNMENT

TYRES, EXHAUSTS AND
BATTERIES

MOT

DIAGNOSTICS

01451 820366

WWW.VJCOLLETT.CO.UK

Bourton Browser Team News

Now in its 21st year, the Bourton Browser is run entirely by volunteers. It provides a regular source of village news, low cost advertising and community information.

Could you join the Browser Team and give a little of your time to help us continue this much loved village magazine? We **urgently** need one or two volunteers to help with the distribution of the Browser. The distributors are the link between the printers and street deliverers. This is a once a month task probably taking about half a day in total

The distributors receive the Browsers from the printer, usually in the last week of the month, batch them up and deliver those batches to our street deliverers. In the short to medium term we need somebody to cover the Northern part of the village. In the longer term we need a relief for holidays etc.

If you think you could help please contact Rob and Christine Gorton on 01451 810724 for a chat about the role.

www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk *The Bourton Browser*

IN PAIN???

TRY 'THE BACK WOMAN' AT BOURTON!

- McTimoney Chiropractor - 1-19 Years Experience
- Medical Acupuncture / Scenar Pain Relief Therapy
- Equine / Animal Chiropractor
- Registered with The General Chiropractic Council

Tina Hamer, dc,mmca,amc,mbmas

Gentle and effective treatment for a variety of conditions

Bourton and Cheltenham Clinics

Tel: 01451 509125 / 07884 312559

E: tina.hamer@sky.com www.bourtonchiropractor.co.uk



High Bridge Jewellers



AMETHYST, February's Birthstone

One of the most popular coloured gemstones, Amethyst ranges in colour from light lilac to a deep intense royal purple. It is found in numerous countries including Brazil, Madagascar and Zambia. The Greeks wore Amethyst as an amulet against drunkenness.

Repairs Undertaken In Our On-Site Workshop

High Street, Bourton-on-the-Water,

Cheltenham. Glos GL54 2AQ

tel 01451 810928 - sales@bowgoldsmiths.co.uk

Opening Times: 9.30am-5.00pm, Mon - Sat

10.00am-5.00pm Sundays

Bourton-on-the-Water WI

Meeting on Tuesday 14th January.



Bourton on the Water WI were all "Eyes Down" for their January Bingo social evening, with a choice of "Cup of Tea - Number 3" or a chilled glass of Prosecco, there was music and prizes which ensured there was "Plenty of Fun - Number 41". Members had a relaxed fun evening which was enjoyed by all.

We are a sociable group who meet in the Victoria Hall at 7pm on the second Tuesday of the month. We would be really pleased to welcome new members to our next meeting which will be on Tuesday 11th February, come join us for some fun.

Vanessa Yamin

The Bourton Browser

is printed by Peter Dunford,

01608 658104, petedunf@aol.com

HILL-TOP JOINERY

Specialising in bespoke kitchens,
wardrobes, libraries and home offices



Quality built general joinery -
stairs, windows, doors

We can make your ideas a reality

Tel: Alan Minchin

01451 822295 or 07808 960803

Fax: 01451 810486

www.eckersleyandminchin.co.uk/

(Trade enquiries also welcome)

OUT AND ABOUT in February

1st-2nd, 8th-9th, 15th-16th, 22nd-23rd, 29th-1st March, Snowdrop Weekends Colesbourne Park, Colesbourne, Cirencester GL53 9NP 01242 870264. Adults £8, Children Free. Dogs on leads welcome. Teas, Coffee and Cake provided by local charities. Ten acre garden, woodland & lakeside paths, new Spring Garden and formal garden, huge banks of snowdrops, hellebores etc.

15th—23rd Superheroes Week 2020, children's entertainment, Fairytale Farm, Southcombe, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 5QH. 10am-5pm. 01608 238014. www.fairytalefarm.co.uk

21st Rissington Local History Society, "The Building of Rengy, Cheltenham" by Dr Steven. 2.30pm, Great Rissington Club GL54 2LP. Visitors Welcome £3.50 including refreshments. 01451 820233 spsb@hotmail.co.uk

25th Head Gardener Tour with cream tea, Lords of the Manor, Upper Slaughter. 2-4pm, details & to book 01451 820243.

27th Walk, Stow to the Swells, Donnington, Longborough, Broadwell & back Bring snack or packed lunch. 4.5 hours: 8 miles, Moderate. Start 9.30am, Stow on the Wold, Stocks on village green. www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or Tel: 01451 862000.

29th WESTCOTE VILLAGE HALL, 7.30pm, SIMON MAYOR & HILARY JAMES present, 'Tears of Laughter', 'A witty and captivating mix of folk, swing, blues and classical show-stoppers' (The Guardian). Tickets £12.50. from Christine Walford 01993 831196 or westcote.bookings@gmail.com

Visitor Information Centre 01451 820211
info@visitbourton.com



Bella & Bryn

Beautifully Detailed Charcoal Pet Portraits by Emma Gorton

The perfect gift for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries etc.



07557795167 / emma@bellaandbryn.co.uk
www.bellaandbryn.co.uk / www.facebook.com/bellaandbryn

FOR SALE / WANTED ITEMS

To advertise items such as Household items, Toys, Garden Equipment etc, complete the contact form on the "Get in Touch" tab. The advert should be no more than 15 words. It must be received **before 12 noon on the 15th of the month.** No commercial adverts accepted for this section.

For Sale

Brand new, Liberex large Electric Hair Curling Tongs. Still boxed with instructions. £15, 822431.

For Sale

Bosch Cordless Rotak 430 LI LAWNMOWER. 2 batteries, charger & grass-box. Cost £449, almost new. £200. 820075 07702 045115

For Sale

Miele under worktop FREEZER, only 14 months old. House move forces sale. £225. 820075 07702 045115

For Sale

12 piece DINNER, TEA & COFFEE SERVICE, in pristine condition. 99 pieces in total. £50. 820075 07702 045115

For Sale NEW BRABANTIA 60 METRE ROTARY LIFT-O-MATIC 4 ARM WASHING LINE, ground spike, cover & peg bag. Still in box. £50. 820075 07702 045115

For Sale

JOHN LEWIS KITCHEN TABLE & 4 MATCHING CHAIRS. House move forces sale. £80. 820075 07702 045115

For Sale

Smart watch, suitable for use with Android OS & phones—40* 47mm black sport strap. Bluetooth, GPS & health Apps. As new, £25. 821391

For Sale

Anker Bluetooth portable speaker (cube) suitable for mobile phones & improving echo dot sound. Excellent condition. £15. 821391

For Sale

TEAC Hifi Mini Tower, twin 50w Amp, Radio, Cassette Player, CD player with remote. £150, 821391

Free

6 teak dining room chairs, red upholstered seats. Good condition 822476

For Sale

1 pair fully lined cream curtains, 90" drop, 51" wide. £20 ONO. 821799

For Sale

1 pair fully lined light green (subtle patterned) curtains. 72" drop, 51" wide. £20 ONO. 821799

For Sale Due to disability the following golf equipment: 1 professional bag, 1 calloway driver, 1 rescue club, 1 5 wood, 7 irons, 1 56 Lob Wedge, 1 Putter, Golf Balls, Golf Shoes size 9, Waterproof Trousers. £75 ONO, 821799

For Sale

1 pair of cream handmade, pleated, interlined curtains. Width 80", drop 84", plus 2 cushions. £40. 07759 496765

For Sale

Indesit tall freezer, 600 x 600 x 1.75. Condition as new. £75. 810759.

For Sale

Golf holiday travel bag, £25 810759

For Sale

Corby Cadet electric trouser press, £10, 821824

For Sale New Childs cot. With mattress. Unopened or assembled. 3 height positions. Pine wood. Compact. Conforms to British standards £55. 07909 626489

Beautylicious

George Moore Community Centre, Moore
Rd, Bourton-on-the-Water.
07963 332308
www.beautylicious-bourton.com
beautyliciousbourton@gmail.com



BEAUTYLICIOUS HAS EXPANDED!

- a Large Nail & Brow Bar with 2 luxury pedicure spas,
 - 2 Large treatment rooms (including a Double room).
 - A Spray tan room.
 - Now offering IPL Permanent Hair Reduction
- We offer a wide range of products and services to cater for all.

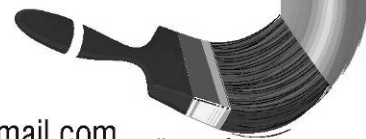
The *"Highly Recommended"* Lady Painters High Quality Decorators

01451 850267

07450 036 855

theladypainters@hotmail.com

Call Tracy for a FREE Quote



Bourton & District U3A

Learn, Laugh & Live!



"What is the U3A?" Despite having approx 450,000 members nationally and 1046 groups there is still a lack of awareness about who we are and what we do. To address this the national U3A is introducing the first ever "U3A Day". This will be on **Wednesday 3rd June**. U3As across the country are being asked to do something eye catching on that day that both publicises and celebrates the U3A. We want every retired / semi retired person to know that the U3A is there to enhance their retirement with a range of learning opportunities, activities, fun and companionship.

We have requested permission from the Parish Council to run duck racing and have an information stall on The Green in Bourton on 3rd June. We have also hired the Victoria Hall to do refreshments and have displays and performances showcasing what activities we can provide. We cover Moreton, Stow and the interlaying villages as well as Bourton but we felt this venue was the best place to get the message across to as many as possible. As we are highlighting the U3A as a national organisation we are happy that tourists and people of all ages will see our events. Hopefully it will inspire them to tell retired friends and family about the organisation and they can find their local groups.

This will be a huge undertaking and we want as many members as possible to volunteer to help on the day. We will need people to run the duck racing, man the information stall, serve refreshments and provide Interest Group Displays and performances. Please put the date in your diaries. You can volunteer to help by contacting me or signing up at the monthly meetings.

We are still looking for a volunteer with some basic IT skills (e.g. emails) to learn and take over the role of Membership Secretary.

If you are retired or semi retired why not visit our website www.u3asites.org.uk or contact me. We have approx 35 different Interest Groups. We welcome men and women, couples and singles. We are non-political and non-religious. If you are new to the area, newly retired or newly alone it is a great way to make friends and get involved with the community.

Susan Dodd, 01451 822431,
chairperson@banddu3a.org.uk
www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton



Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club

Congratulations to those who won one of our Christmas Hampers during December that were situated within five local establishments, the Farmers Arms at Guiting Power, Sherborne Arms, Aldsworth, The Bell Inn, Moreton, the Curious Wine Bar, Northleach and the Victoria Inn, Eastleach. Our thanks again to those local establishments for being willing to promote and sell the draw squares on behalf of the club and helping to raise around £600. Shares of the proceeds will go to a charity of the Proprietors choice, and so donations will shortly be on their way to Maggie's, Aldsworth Village Hall, Cotswold Friends, CALM and Noah's Ark Children's Venture.

As the New Year begins the club has already begun looking at future fundraising events or Community projects that we may help with. At present we have been asked to help with a couple of small decorating jobs within Northleach and planning another Quiz Night at the Cotswold Hall, Northleach for Friday 20th March. It is hoped that Darren will be able to act as the Quiz Master again after the success of the last two that he has done for us.

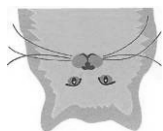
You are welcome to come and find out what our Lions Club is all about. Come and join us for coffee before our meetings at the Cotswold Hall, in Northleach, on the second Tuesday in the month from 7.40pm., or telephone 01283 831601 for information. You will receive a warm welcome.



Lion, Debbie Emm, presents Trevor Maunder from Fairford, as the winner of the Christmas Hamper Draw at the Victoria Inn, Eastleach.

Corina Sherman

Felines & Friends



Pet Sitters & Dog Walkers
Caring for your Pets
Since 1996

Phone : 07803016993
Or 01451 821421

Email :
felinesandfriends9@gmail.com

Daily Dog Walks
Cat & small pet home visiting service
Doggie Day Care
Small dog boarding
House sitting
References available



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Bourton Shuttle

**WE OFFER PRIVATE
TRANSFERS TO HEATHROW (&
OTHER AIRPORTS & CRUISE
TERMINALS) IN OUR CLEAN &
COMFORTABLE VEHICLES. WE
ARE PROFESSIONAL,
FRIENDLY, & EXTREMELY
RELIABLE.**

Please call or email us.

INFO@WITNEYSHUTTLE.COM
FREEPHONE: 0800 043 4633
or 01993 705993

**Stow
physio
at bourton**

**For a friendly,
professional
physiotherapy service**

- Sports Injuries
- Back/neck pain
- Neurology
- Post-surgery
- Women's health
- Pilates

and all general physiotherapy

01451 822660

Lucy Walmsley | James Clapp | Kate Badger

www.stowphysio.com | info@stowphysio.com Hawthorne

Court, Bourton Industrial Park,

Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2NQ



IRENE'S CHARITY KNITTING CIRCLE



On a cold and wet afternoon at this time of the year we can busy ourselves making articles of clothing and blankets for the less fortunate people in our society and abroad as there is always a need for providing help to those people less fortunate than ourselves. We can while away a few hours knitting and crocheting knowing that our efforts will be appreciated.

Also, we can help provide comfort for dementia sufferers locally by supplying twiddlemuffs which we distribute to local care homes. Beanie hats and clothing, plus small toys, are also provided for premature and newborn babies at the Great Western Hospital in Swindon and North Cotswold Hospital, Moreton in Marsh.

We had a good meeting in January and greeted two new members who were welcomed and introduced to our group.

Do come and join us on the second Wednesday morning of each month at the Community Centre Cafe in Moore Road, Bourton-on-the-Water, between 10:00 - 12:00 noon, where we hold our 'Knit and Natter' meetings and enjoy Coffee/Tea and biscuits. You will be given a warm welcome so do come along - bring your knitting with you - and spend a pleasant time together with us.

For further information contact:

Irene Summers 01451 798718 Peter Boxall 01451 820099

Bourton Vale Gardening Club

"A garden is a friend you can visit anytime"

Its Snowdrop time! That exciting little flower commanding huge prices for a rare bulb cultivar but viewed en masse more common snowdrops can be an uplifting, life affirming sight for anyone. Locally we are blessed with several wonderful snowdrop gardens to begin the garden visiting year.

Colesbourne Park, Painswick Rococo garden, Trench Hill, Cerney House gardens, Batsford Arboretum, Cotswold Farm garden and Rodmarton Manor are all open to the public. The Walled Garden in Stroud are introducing their first ever celebration of Snowdrops. Check each of the above websites for opening times and cake availability.

In gardens at home, as well as enjoying our own snowdrops up close and personal its now the time to cut back deciduous grasses, avoiding any new emerging growth and watching for small creatures that have set up shelter. The mild winter has already brought some early morning bird song. Plenty of extra food is still needed and garden bird feeders may need another scrub, a hot bucket of water, an old washing up brush and gloves will all help keep them clean and disease free and its not too late to put up a new bird box.

This month on Wednesday 12th we are delighted to welcome a very timely visit to our gardening club from Catherine Williams, a gardener, garden consultant, speaker and author, with 26 years plus of experience. Catherine is coming along to give some insight into the winged creatures in our gardens, birds, butterflies, and other creatures. With time to ask questions too, this is a great opportunity to ask for professional help with any thorny questions you may have.

Celia Higginbotham won January's floral competition.

February's competition is Snowdrops

Happy Gardening and Wildlife
Watching!

Julie Huckle



Message from the Church

The Wind Blows

As I sit and write, storm Brendan has just about passed through and the clean-up operation in various parts of the country is in full swing. The incredible power of the wind is both a marvel and a terror, especially for those people who have had property damaged or suffered injury in some way.

The cause of wind is fairly well understood, different parts of the globe heat up differently depending on whether it is land or water and how close to the equator the particular spot is. The warm air rises and is replaced by cooler air that is denser. When these differences are very marked, the wind speed (movement of air) increases.

As with most things, knowing how something works and coming to terms with the fact that it is your roof that has just been ripped off is a very different matter. Knowledge is not the same as experience,

knowing about something is not the same as having an encounter with it.

What is true of the wind is also true of a relationship with God. It is possible to know about God, to have read books on theology, to have studied at university etc. but to have never truly encountered Him.

That is why Jesus lived a normal life so that people could encounter God through Him. Jesus said of Himself, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me."

Relationship is the key of Christian faith, relationship with God through Jesus. The third member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, often appears as a wind, and it is that wind that blows in us to enable us to have that relationship with our loving heavenly Father.

Rev. Ian Fowler



St Lawrence's, Bourton on the Water – all welcome

contact Rev Rowena King, 821282, revrowena@gmail.com,
www.bourtonparishchurch.co.uk

Join us at 11am every Sunday.

(1st Sun All Age – family friendly, Communion 2nd and 4th, Morning worship 3rd)

Light Club – 2nd and 4th Sundays - for Primary School-aged children, term-time only.

Other Sunday Services

8am Communion (BCP) on Feb. 9th and 23rd

6pm Communion on Feb. 2nd and 16th

Wednesday Communion

10am 5th February

St James', Clapton on the Hill

9:30am 2nd Feb (Morning Worship) and 16th Feb
(BCP HC)

Breakfast Church 9am Saturday the 8th February

Food, craft, songs, prayers and stories for all ages

Bumblebeez every Thursday, 9.00 – 11.00am, fun for 0-4s, chat & coffee for carers.

Together on Tuesday 12-2pm Lunch (soup and bread) + company

Together on Tuesdays, St Lawrence's Church Bourton, every Tuesday 12 noon to 2pm, soup and bread lunch plus company. Feb 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER BAPTIST CHURCH

A warm welcome to all - we would love to see you at any of our activities!

Sunday Services 10:30 am and 6:00pm

Noah's Ark Toddlers Group Mon 9:30am – 11:30 in term time

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

Men's Meeting Thurs 8:00pm (2nd & 4th of month at Manse)

Open 4U social club for all ages Thurs 10 am—4pm (church hall)

Youth Club pizza, games and crafts Fri 5:00—6.30pm (age 8 to 12 in hall)

Coffee Morning Sat 10:00—12noon (2nd of month in hall)

Revd Ian Fowler Manse: 59 Roman Way, Bourton on the Water

Tel Church Office 01451 824225 or 07906 518316

www.bourtonbaptist.co.uk minister@bourtonbaptist.co.uk

[Www.facebook.com/groups/BourtonBaptistChurch/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/BourtonBaptistChurch/)

Pip Duckmanton (Youth Worker) Tel: 07796 346781



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM, STOW ON THE WOLD, GL54 1DR with OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GL54 2ER.

Priest: **Fr. Stephen Lambert** 07836 384932 Email: sulharcomb@aol.com

Parish website: stow-bourtoncatholic.net

Weekend Mass: Sat.: **Vigil Mass 6 pm**
Bourton-on-the-Water, with hymns.

Sun : **9 am Mass Stow on the Wold**, sung mass with music and hymns

Weekday Mass: Mon, Wed, Fri, **9 am Stow**. Tue, Thur, **10 am Bourton**. (Check web-site for changes)

Adult Baptisms, Confirmation and First Communion candidates for 2020. Contact Fr. Stephen if you wish to enrol you or your child. Final call!

Special Masses in February at Stow:

Sun 2nd : 9 am. **Feast of the Presentation of The Lord (Candlemass)**. Sung Mass with Procession and Blessing of Candles.

Sun 16th 9 am. Sung Mass with Blessing of Married couples and renewal of marriage vows.

Wed 26th : 6 pm. **Ash Wednesday**. (Lent starts). Blessing and Distribution of Ashes.

QUAKERS

The Religious Society of Friends
Every Sunday 11am

at The Friends Meeting House,
Pytt Lane, Burford

Enquiries welcome Howard Crook
01451 810447.

To request a free info pack,
email: outreach@quaker.org.uk

HIRE of HALLS

Baden Powell Hall

lettingsbph@gmail.com

Baptist Church Hall

Yvonne Finch 01451 820175

Bourton Cricket Clubhouse

Kirsten Morgan 07788 137838

British Legion Hall Branch Office

01451 824303 250 standing, 150 seated

Community Centre

Jo Herbert 01451820712

clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

Victoria Hall

Annette Lane 01451821039

Wyck Rissington Village Hall

Liz 07715 763414

wyckrissvh@gmail.com

Cotswold Hall, Northleach

Jacques Astic 01451 860366

Bourton Farmers Market

Jeremy Benson 01451 844134

For The Younger Generation

Hello Young Bourtonians,
As I write this, storm Brendan has just passed overhead and the village is looking windswept and soggy!
But bulbs can be seen poking through the soil and the days are getting longer so hopefully, spring is on the way.
Have a Fabulous February.

Christine
Sub Editor



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

Could your skills help our school?

All students at The Cotswold School benefit from the money raised by our PTA, which means there's a huge sense of achievement to be gained by being part of the team, as Anita Torris, PTA Chair, explains:

What's the best thing about being part of the PTA?

Above all, it's knowing you can add to the facilities and opportunities that all children at The Cotswold School can enjoy, such as by funding workshops, visits and PE equipment. On a personal level, we are also making friends and developing skills, as we raise sponsorship, project-manage events, sell tickets, make cakes and organise our popular bars!

What are the challenges?

Of course, we are all busy people, so the major challenges are time commitments and spreading the workload across the team. We're looking for some more volunteers to fill key roles: a PTA Secretary, to help with administration; and a Treasurer.

How much time is expected?

As much or as little as you can give! We hold four evening meetings a year, to plan activities. Then volunteers might focus on running a specific event, or with poster design, publicity, communications or contacting local sponsors – who, I have to say, are so approachable and generous.

How much money do you raise?

We have raised an amazing £20,000 per year in recent years. That includes almost £7,000 through our raffle and the wreath making workshop held before Christmas and over £5000 by serving teas and home-made cakes at Chastleton House throughout the summer.

Could you be our PTA Secretary or Treasurer? If you could volunteer two to three hours per month to support our school, email Anita on PTA@thecotswoldschool.co.uk. You can also follow The Cotswold School PTA on facebook and find out more on our website <https://cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/cotswold-school-pta/>.

Volunteers needed for Bourton Scout Group

Why Scouts?

We're Scouts and everyone's welcome here.

We give young people the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.



Scouts

We inspire positive futures and help young people find their place in the world by developing the character, employability and practical skills they need to succeed.

What do Scouts do?

Scouts take part in a wide range of activities as diverse as kayaking, abseiling, expeditions overseas, photography, climbing and zorbing. Scouts can learn survival skills, first aid and computer programming. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express creativity and experience the wider world.

What do volunteers do?

Helping young people develop skills for life is only possible thanks to our team of adult volunteers, who support Scouts in a wide range of roles from working directly with young people, to helping manage a local community-based Group, to being a charity Trustee. We help volunteers get the most out of their experiences at Scouts by providing opportunities for adventure, training, fun and friendship.

Our award-winning training scheme for volunteers means that adults get as much from Scouts as young people. Our approach focuses on what you want to get out of volunteering with Scouts, while respecting how much time you can offer. Over 90% of Scout volunteers say that their skills and experiences have been useful in their work or personal life.

Bourton has four well-established Scout groups with young people from 6-18 years. They meet on Monday and Tuesday evenings during term time.

The Scout group in Bourton is urgently in need of volunteers so contact us today for a no obligation chat at bourtonscoutsecretary@gmail.com



Helen Gainford

Group Chair

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Army Cadets | IJ Haines | 850758 after 6.30pm | Guides | | 07843282262 |
| Beavers | Tim Hemming | 810996 | Cubs | Nick Hawke | 01451 822786 |
| | bourtonbeavers@gmail.com | | Hockey | Tracy Dixon | 07813 187933 |
| Bell Ringers, BoW | Anne Clark | 820759 | Noah's Ark Toddlers Group | Ian Fowler | 07906518316 |
| Bourton Gymnastic Club | Martin Collett | 820015 /07870624180 | Pre-School | Julie Cooper | 07950 048066 |
| Bourton Road Runners Juniors | Richard Buffton | 831733 /824379 | Pre-School Jujitsu | Andy or Hayley | 07951587398 |
| B'n Out of School Club (OSC) | | 07950 048066 | Pre-School Gymnastics | Caroline Ardron | 07793949198 |
| B'n Rovers Youth | Deb Hunt | 810966 | Pre-School Friday Club | Gina Davis | 07515866358 |
| Bourton Vale Cricket Club | Lucy Gillespie | | Pre School Music Class | Sian Ferris | 01242 890200 |
| | craiglucygillespie@yahoo.com | | Rascals, Babies & Toddlers | Veronika Bosher | 01451 824257 |
| B'n Vale Equestrian Centre | Leanne Launchbury | 821101 | Rainbows | | 07941502222 |
| Bourton Vale Tennis Club | James Hilltout | 07946 397186 | Scouts/Explorer Scouts | Scott & Lynn Dartnell | 810332 |
| | www.bourtontennisclub.org | | | Bourton-scouts@talktalk.net | |
| Brownies | Kathleen Punchard | 824459 | Taekwon-do | Lee Chapman | 01285 640500 |
| Bumblebeez babies & pre-school tots | Rowena King | 821282 | Wiggle | Maria Blundell-Paethorpe | 07732754431 |
| Canoe Club | Oliver Robbins | 07890318079 | Youth Club | Pip Duckmanton | 07796346781 |

1st Bourton Cubs

The 1st Bourton Cubs finished 2019 with a night-time treasure hunt around the village, searching for clues to help unlock the treasure chest, which they discovered at the Baden Powell Hall. The pack split into two groups, each of which had to find 3 clues on a route around the dark, muddy paths and the brightly lit centre of Bourton.

The cubs had to use skills they'd learnt during the previous term's activities to navigate the 2 mile circuit using maps and directions, decipher the coded clues and send and receive Morse code from a secret agent hidden in the darkness.

The first group back to the hall were sure they'd won and cracked the codes before the second group returned. However, it soon became clear that clues from both groups were required to gain access to the treasure and excitement built to fever pitch as they got closer to opening the chest. Opening the lid revealed sweets to supplement the warming cocoa served to thaw out the chilly cubs on their return to headquarters.

As well as putting newly learnt skills to good use, the event saw many of the cubs complete their 'Teamwork Challenge' badge, which will be handed out on their return after the Christmas holidays. The whole evening was great fun, as all meetings are, and was well supported by parents making sure no-one got stuck in the mud or wandered off too far into the darkness, and was a great way to escape the hall, where the cubs have been cooped up during the dark winter nights and fits well with the scouting ethos of getting outside, being active and developing skills for life.

Nick Hawke

Cub Leader




Brewery Yard Dental Surgery

Stow on the Wold

Dr Matthew Peters
BDS MRACDS (GDP)
MSc MDP RSED

Dr Holly Finley BDS



6 Brewery Yard, Sheep Street, Stow-on-the-Wold GL54 1AA

01451 830885

info@breweryyarddentalurgery.co.uk
www.breweryyarddentalurgery.co.uk

Look After Your Smile

NOW TAKING ON
NEW PATIENTS

General and
Cosmetic Dentistry

Dental plans available

Ground-floor, accessible
surgery available

Whitening

Dentures

'Six-month-smiles' braces



CHORLEY'S

GLoucestershire's FINE ART AUCTIONEERS

Free auction valuations

Regular fine art & antiques sales

Insurance & probate valuations

01452 344499

enquiries@chorleys.com

www.chorleys.com

PRINKNASH ABBEY PARK
GLoucestershire GL4 8EU

STONES

**Traditional
handcarved
sandblasted
memorials**

carving commissions
undertaken

Peter Shaw BA HONS, DIP.LA

Mobile **07974 577924**

Workshop Tel/Fax **01451 821414**

Tel **01451 821671**

Email **petershaw1951@btconnect.com**

www.stonesmemorials.co.uk

Bourton on the Water

One of the Cotswolds Premier Building
Companies is also offering a

**PROFESSIONAL
HANDYMAN
SERVICE**

Experienced multi-skilled tradespeople
ensuring excellent value for money
and reliability...

01451 822 577

maintenance@clarkeandhumphries.co.uk

5 ways to helping wildlife through the winter

Shorter days and freezing nights make this time of year tough for many creatures. Whilst some hibernate through the worst of it, others face the daily challenge of finding food and water to get them through to spring. With many of our favourite species struggling due to intensive agriculture, habitat loss and other threats, there is a real need of our help.

Here are 5 simple ways we can all lend a hand to our fellow creatures:

Feed the Birds

Birds can use a huge amount of energy just staying warm during the night, this means that come the morning, finding food is top priority. Providing a consistent supply of energy-rich foods such as suet balls (without nets is best so no legs or beaks get stuck in them) or sunflower hearts, can make an enormous difference to survival rates. This is particularly the case with the smaller birds that have to almost eat their weight in food each day as they have very little body fat to draw on.

Provide Fresh, Clean Water

Although this past month or two has seen us inundated with rain and there currently feels like we've got no shortage of water, having a safely located (away from potential predators), shallow bowl or dish of fresh water can really help our birds and other small mammals. Birds need to bath in order to keep their plumage in tip top condition and all animals need access to fresh, clean water – especially the case if we get freezing temperatures.

Check for Hibernating Animals

Hedgehogs, frogs, toads, newts, bats and many insects spend the winter months hibernating. By leaving the odd pile of leaves or logs and smaller twigs in an area of your garden or land area, you are providing a safe and cosy space for them to

Bourton Podiatry

Kate Walker
Podiatrist, HCPC Registered

Mobile podiatry/chiropractic treatments in the comfort of your own home. We come to Bourton-on-the-Water, Stow-on-the-World, Sherborne, Northleach, Burford and surrounding villages.

To book an appointment, please call

07557 766651
www.bourtonpodiatry.co.uk

get through the winter. Please, please encourage anyone you see about to light a fire to check for creatures sleeping there. And, if possible ask them to leave the 'messy heap' alone! Nature does not like things as neat as we do – and for good reason!

Prepare for Spring

Use the late winter months, when things tend to be quieter in the garden and on the land, to prepare for spring. Clean out existing nest boxes and maybe consider putting some new ones up too!

Be a Nature Champion

As well as taking practical steps to help on our land and in our gardens, it's just as important to help spread the word among our friends, family and those we work with. Sharing the things you are doing helps encourage others to do their bit too!

And as the saying goes, 'ripples make waves' so as we all do our bit, the greater the impact we will collectively have as well!

For those wanting to join like-minded folk, perhaps consider joining a local wildlife charity such as Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT). GWT owns and cares for Greystones Farm Nature Reserve which is right here on our doorstep. They have a café and a visitor centre (winter hours apply) and do lots of fabulous work helping our local wildlife. They also hold regular events and talks on wildlife. GWT relies on membership income, donations and legacies to help fund their work.

<https://membership.wildlifetrusts.org/join/gloucestershire-2/>

With special thanks to the Scottish Wildlife Trust's for inspiring this article.

Di Wheatley



Bourton Panto Group

It's all over now, Mother Goose wins again, all has been saved and the Goose family have donned their skis and are having a well earned holiday in the mountains.



Did you watch the show? Did you enjoy the singing? Laugh at the jokes? Did you get caught up in the excitement? If you would like to be part of the team and enjoy the fun from beginning of rehearsals to final performance why not come and join us? You don't have to be a performer, although that would be great, if you're like me and have two left feet and a voice that makes water go back down the pipe, that's fine we still need you. There's plenty of out of sight activity that you could help with from modelling props out of papier mache to delivering leaflets, there's always a place for a new face.

After the final performance the players get together, along with the Panto groups' Patrons for an after show dinner to wind down before the activity starts again. Social events are organised throughout the year. We hold a summer fete, Christmas quiz, a group of dedicated singers go to local hotels and restaurants on Christmas Eve to entertain the guests.

If you would like more information get in touch with Jan Close on 01451 831911 she will be happy to tell you all about it.

If you're interested in becoming a Patron, Angela Layton can give you all the information. Please ring her on 01451 821344.

Jackie Denham

North Cotswolds Rotary

North Cotswolds Rotary is always keen to support Youth initiatives.

Practice Interviews

This month some of our members are taking part in a practise job interview programme at The Cotswolds School. The programme is designed to give every 15/16 year old student experience of an interview with a volunteer. Feedback and encouragement is given to the students to help prepare them for real life interviews.

Work Placements

Rotary are collaborating with Stow Youth Club **looking for businesses** that could host a student for one week of work experience – please contact NCR3RS@gmail.com

OPEN Tuesday's meetings

7pm

3rd March - Talking Therapeutic Massage
with Barbara Rogers

10th March - Wine tasting
with Majestic wine

Naunton Down Golf Club
GL54 3AE

With Dinner £14 : Without Dinner Free

Bookings must be made in advance via website:

www.northcotswoldrotary.org.uk

Email via Contact Us

Find us on facebook: RotaryClubOfTheNorthCotswolds



Cleaners Available!

Based in Bourton-on-the-Water. We're an established fully insured company, employing local staff with extensive experience and references.

Just give us a shout...

014 51 61 71 81

cleaning@clock-stoppers.com

Ruth Climbs the O2 for Sam's!

On October 30th, at the age of 83, Bourton-on-the-Water resident, Ruth Manning, added climbing over the O2 Arena to her long list of achievements. After donning her climbing gear and getting harnessed up, Ruth, accompanied by her granddaughter Kirsty, made the 365m journey to the summit, which sits 52m above ground level.



The achievement wasn't just that of a personal nature. Ruth proudly fundraised for the Sam Pilcher Trust for whom she volunteers. The Sam Pilcher Trust is a Gloucestershire based charity helping children with cancer and their families living in the local area.

Ruth's incredible achievement raised £1350 for the charity and she presented Chairman Colin Pilcher with a cheque outside the shop where she volunteers. These funds were gratefully received, especially in light of recent events which saw a porcelain Beswick tiger, a symbol of the charity, stolen from the charity shop just before Christmas.

Greatest thanks from Ruth and all at the Sam Pilcher Trust for the kind donations and sponsorship. The few people who may have forgotten to pay their sponsorship can hand it in at the shop or to Ruth. To keep updated on future events or for more details, please visit www.sampilchertrust.org.uk or find us on Facebook @sampilchertrust.



Poets Corner!

In January's issue we published two poems about Sherborne Street, the first written in 1896 and the second in 2000, asking if anyone would like to write a 2020 version or any other poems about Bourton. We had a considerable response and have published a mixture of them here. We hope you enjoy them and please keep sending in your poems about Bourton life. We will try to include them when space allows. The heat of summer seems a long way away at present but some of the poems remind us that winter in Bourton can have some redeeming features!!

The Editors

Bourton on the Water

This is Bourton on the Water,
Beloved by her sons and daughters,
Where the World comes and goes,
Over bridges where the Windrush flows.

This is Bourton, where every shop
Makes visitors want to stop:
To pause and ponder and peer
For that special gift or souvenir.

This is Bourton, the place to be,
Where there is so much to see:
As families stroll hand in hand,
From the Motor Museum to Birdland.

This is Bourton, every day,
Always on tip-top display,
With the most popular village green
The Cotswolds has ever seen.

This is Bourton, where country walks
Find sheep and cows, horses and hawks,
With a garland of rippling lakes
And ancient meadows Spring awakes.

This is Bourton, full of charms,
Which welcomes with open arms,
Those who stay for awhile
And always leave with a smile.

Hugh O'Connell

Sherborne Street 2020

Quite a mighty little street to seek
Harrington House, where every week,
Horse and carriage provided a perch
To services in St Lawrence Church.

Now, it's a week-end retreat for ramblers,
To explore the fields, woods and paths.
At the rear remain two towering, tulip trees
That rustle and hustle in the breeze.

Gone is the surgery, but there grows
A grand display of blooms and flowers,
That have seen the world's tourists pose,
In sunlight, snow and showers !

As the sun rises wafts an aroma
Of fresh bread from the Bakery on the Water;
While the Windrush rumbles under the bridge,
A mixture of vibrant and voluble laughter.

The Manse and 'Welly' offer fine menus,
Riverside patios and gardens that delight;
Where the Sue Ryder Shop is also found,
Among the last premises in the street.

But, best of all, at the break of dawn,
Where the four pollarded limes stand,
You can hear the birds from the Naight,
Sing their sweet chorus across the land.

Hugh O'Connell

The End

The takeaway has come to stay
producing rubbish every day.
Polluting life, and landscape too,
is there nothing we can do
to save the planet from this fate
or is it really just too late?

Sue Roberts



**Stoneways** For Kitchens, Bathrooms,
Carpentry and Plumbing

For all aspects of kitchen & bathroom installations

- Kitchen installations
- Bathroom refurbishments
- Full project management
- 3D Bathroom design
- Wall & floor tiling

- Water softener supply & installation
- Unvented systems
- Central heating power flushing
- Real wood flooring
- And much much more.....

Locally based & an independent company - Free written estimates - Fully insured

For bathrooms & plumbing
07518 138572

For kitchens & carpentry
07951 308672

Please visit our web site for: Testimonials, Gallery and much more information
www.StonewaysBathrooms.co.uk
contact@StonewaysBathrooms.co.uk
Stoneways Bathrooms & Plumbing Limited

**bourton
handyman**
for all those odd jobs
07515 519636 01451 821267

- Garden shed & fence repairs
- Decorating • Shelving
- Flat packed furniture
- Rotten wood repair system





MANUFACTURED IN THE UK BY CHEMFIX
APPROVED CONTRACTOR

f /bourtonhandyman
@BourtonHandyman
bourtonhandyman@gmail.com
www.bourtonhandyman.co.uk

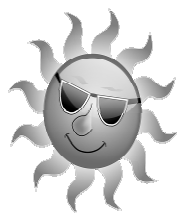
BOURTON BASKET

Knitting and Crochet Yarns
Cotton Fabrics for Patchwork and Quilting
Needlecrafts Kits Felt and Felting Kits
Mulberry Paper Flowers
and Craft and Haberdashery supplies

3 The Old Forge, Moore Road, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, GL54 2AZ
Tel: 01451 821091 Email: mail@bourtonbasket.com

Heatwave 2018

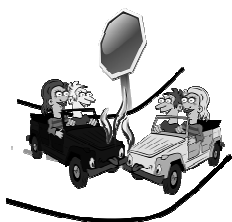
The village Green has now turned brown
and all because the sun beats down.
It's done so now for weeks and weeks
we've had no rain, not even leaks.
The Cotswold stone and paths reflect
the waves of heat and make us sweat.



The tourists hunt in packs for shade
along the riverbank they trade
their places, when at last refreshed,
with others who are more distressed.
(While those that come from foreign climes
are quite at home in these hot times.)

The gardeners creep around at dusk
to water wilted plants like husks.
The lawn is now a desert waste,
the veggies are too small to taste.
We fear the threat of hosepipe bans
and do our best with watering cans.

The night-time throbs with stored up heat,
just sleeping is a massive feat.
We toss and turn about all night,
the bedding's hot and damp, not light.
The window yawns into the dark,
it draws no breath to make its mark.



The sight of Bourton in the heat's
enough to drive you off the street.
But there isn't anywhere to go
to avoid the hordes and traffic flow.
Bring on the winter snow and dark
and find at last a place to park

Sue Roberts

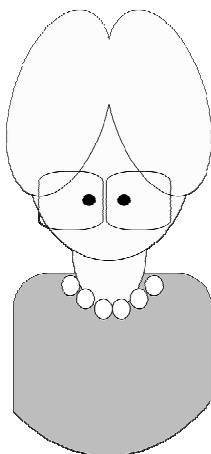
Growing Old

Oh, I do hate this growing old,
Systems failing, feeling the cold,
Hearing and Vision, failing fast,
I hope my knees and hips will last!

Fallen arches in my feet,
Another tooth is obsolete,
Another note in my memo pad,
Sometimes I think I'm going mad!

I wish I could have an M.O.T.,
And things would go back
Like they used to be!

Millie Thomas



Dave's Aerials & Satellites

Optical fibre, Networking & European Satellite Specialist

All types of aerial, satellite
& CCTV camera work
undertaken.



T. 01451 495014

M. 07928 203589

www.davesaerialsandsatellites.co.uk

A Free Quiz about Love, Lovers & St Valentine's Day Courtesy of www.kensquiz.co.uk

1. What was the title of Kylie Minogue's UK no3 hit from 2010?
2. Who wrote the line " 'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all"?
3. Which Beatles song was described by Frank Sinatra as "the greatest love song written in the last fifty years"?
4. In the movie "Sleepless in Seattle", where do Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan's characters meet up on St Valentine's Day?
5. Which fruit is associated with Venus, the Roman Goddess of Love?
6. Which US city is known as "The City of Brotherly Love"?
7. Who wrote and directed the 2003 movie "Love Actually"?
8. Which famous explorer was killed on St Valentine's Day in 1779?
9. Which three acts had hits in the 1980s with songs entitled "The Power of Love"?
10. In which of Shakespeare's plays is St Valentine's Day mentioned?
11. Who is the Welsh patron Saint of love, whose day is celebrated on January 25th each year?
12. Which son of Aphrodite would you associate with Valentine's Day?
13. Which LP by Frank Sinatra was the first number one on the UK Album Charts in 1956?
14. In the Jane Austen romantic novel "Pride and Prejudice", what is Mr Darcy's first name?
15. Which play by Oscar Wilde was first performed on February 14th 1895?
16. In which Italian city is "Romeo and Juliet" set?
17. "A Song for the Lovers" in 2000 gave which ex-Verve singer their first solo hit?
18. What do the letters SWALK on the back of an envelope indicate?
19. Which fence on the Grand National course comes immediately prior to Valentine's Brook?
20. Created by Jack Rosenthal, what was the title of the 1970's sit-com starring Richard Beckinsale and Paula Wilcox?

Answers on page 14.

Spring is in the air at Batsford! Meander through swathes of Snowdrops, Aconites, Crocuses and Hellebores in the Arboretum this February, followed by a home-baked lunch or afternoon tea in our café. A perfect day out for all the family - dog friendly too!

Batsford Arboretum & Garden Centre,
nr. Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9AD
www.batsarb.co.uk Tel: 01386 701441
Open 9am-5pm Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm on Sundays

Bourton Men in Sheds

A belated Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

Despite the cold and rain the shedders braved the elements and our stock of planters and bird boxes and bird feeders are building up.

Don't forget we have large bags of kindling at £5 per bag and also FREE bags of off cuts too, subject to availability.

Date for your diary, **SATURDAY March 21st** is our first Open Morning of the year, so come along to the sheds behind the British Legion and through the car park and see the things we make etc.

Our fully updated website can be found at

www.bourtonmeninsheds.weebly.com and includes lots more information about our work and projects. Bourton Men In Sheds is supported as a Community Activity by local charity Cotswold Friends and you can also find out more by contacting Sheryl Murray Tel: 01608 697007 or by emailing: sheryl@cotswoldfriends.org. We are always looking for new members so get in touch with us or by contacting Sheryl.

Dave Birch



YOUR LOCAL DOG GROOMING PARLOUR DESIGNER POOCH

C&G QUALIFIED GROOMER with over 12 years experience

JUST NAIL CLIPPING
from £5 - Just pop in!

t: 01451 822984
m: 07805 415474

1A VICTORIA STREET
BOURTON ON THE WATER GL54 2BU



Probus

Bourton-on-the-Water

Probus is a local, national, and international association of retired people coming together with others with similar interests.

The 2019 programme came to an end with the talk in December setting the right tone for the season's festivities, followed by an enjoyable Christmas lunch.

The 2020 programme: January started with a talk entitled 'The World of Metal Detecting' covering details of some of the more unusual finds.

Now we look forward into February 2020, with a fascinating talk on the "History and surrounding nature of the Dowdeswell Reservoir" on the 10th and on the 24th an interesting, important and informative talk on "Cyber Crime". Our wives and partners continue to develop their successful and enjoyable Ladies Luncheon Club.

We would love to have you come and join us as we continue to venture into the new year. Why not add your name to our list of members. You can call our secretary on 01451 820787 or come as a guest of one of our members. Hope to see you there!

To understand a little more about the Organization online visit -Probus Clubs UK.'

Tom Constant

Answer to the Valentine Days Quiz from page 13.
www.kensquiz.co.uk

1. All the Lovers.
2. Alfred, Lord Tennyson.
3. "Something".
4. Empire State Building.
5. Apple.
6. Philadelphia.
7. Richard Curtis.
8. Captain Cook.
9. Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Jenni-fer Rush & Huey Lewis and the News.
10. Hamlet
11. St Dwywen.
12. Eros.
13. Songs for Swinging Lovers".
14. Fitzwilliam.
15. The Importance of Being Earnest".
16. Verona.
17. Richard Ashcroft.
18. Sealed With A Kiss.
19. Canal Turn.
20. The Lovers.

Chimney Sweep Charlie

Please get in touch to book your log burner/stove/chimney in!

www.chimneysweepcharlie.co.uk
chimneysweepcharlie@outlook.com

07923 047682

- Fully insured
- CCTV inspection
- Log burners
- Stoves
- Inglenooks and



CHIMNEY SWEEP CHARLIE
COTSWOLDS

Paula's Hair Studio

Lansdowne, Bourton-on-the-Water

Styling Ladies &
Gentlemen's Hair

since 1977

For an appointment call

01451 821204



Servicing specialists covering all models of Land Rover ® and Range Rover ® vehicles. MOTs arranged & work carried out. Servicing, diagnostics, repairs brakes, parts & accessories.

BOURTON
LAND ROVER ® & RANGE ROVER ® VEHICLE SPECIALIST

www.bourtonlr.com
01451 810 364
Bourton-on-the-Water
Gloucestershire
GL54 2AR



* HAVING YOUR VEHICLE SERVICED WITH US WILL NOT INVALIDATE YOUR WARRANTY



Gents - £12
Over 65 - £10
Children (5-15) - £10

**The George Moore
Community Centre**

Appointment only book via
www.paddythebarber.co.uk
or 07775 444473

Bourton 10k Sunday 23rd February

Bourton Roadrunners hosts its annual 10k road race at 10am on Sunday 23rd February. We're always very grateful to Bourton residents for their patience and tolerance around the disruption this causes to village life.

This year, we're expecting around 700 runners and their supporters so we can expect increased traffic before and after the race. Thanks for Cotswold District Council and Bourton Vale Parking Ltd, we've arranged free parking for runners at both the main car parks in the village. We hope this will help us to manage traffic and encourage people not to find street parking or park at the leisure centre.

We have permission to close the roads in the inner village loop (Victoria Street, Letch Lane and Sherborne Street) from 9.30am to midday and the High Street will be closed from 10am to midday. The Rissington Road will be closed from 10.30am to 11am (eastbound) and from 10.30 until about 11.30am (westbound).

We'd be extremely grateful if people could avoid driving at these times especially the route from Landsdowne to the Rissington Road. If you do need to leave the village, please follow the instructions of one of the many marshals who'll do their best to help.

For those wanting to watch the race, and some of Gloucestershire's finest athletes in action, we'd recommend walking along the Rissington Road for a longer, uninterrupted view. The middle of the High Street, where the race starts and finishes, can get very congested and we need to keep the route clear for finishers from about 10.30am to 11.15am.

Once again our 10k is sponsored by Highbridge Jewellers and this year we're supporting the Parkinson's UK and the North Cotswold Foodbank. We're hoping to have representatives from both charities on the day so do please come along and find out a bit more about the work they do.

If you have any questions about this year's Bourton 10k, please email bourtonroadrunners@gmail.com or leave a message on our Facebook page.

Chris Dry Chairman, Bourton Roadrunners

LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

For amendments call 822431. Numbers without an area code are 01451

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Angling Club | Peter Pulham | 820044 |
| Archery Club | GRArcheryClub@gmail.com | |
| Badminton Club | cclcare@gmail.com | |
| Bell Ringers, BOW | Anne Clark, | 820759 |
| Bell Ringers, Gt Ris | Sheila Jesson, | 820395 |
| Bourton-on-the-Water WI | Marion Duffy | 820939 |
| Bourton Panto Group | Jan Close | 831911 |
| Bourton Probosc Club | Chris Fowler | 820787 |
| B'n Road Runners | Lynn Hudson | 01242 820920 |
| Bourton Rovers Football Club | Brian Hall | 07901106900 |
| Bourton Vale Cricket Club | Kirsty Morgan | 07788 137838 |
| Bourton Vale Tennis Club | Ann Whitney | 832215 |
| Brass & Silver Bands | John Finch | 820175 |
| Bridge Club | Tim Morris | 01285 750288 |
| Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club | | 0845 833 9825 |
| Embroiderers Guild | Julie Smith | 01608 651006 |
| Flower Club | Nadine Dickinson | 832199 |
| Friday Club (senior) | Marlene Johnston | 810233 |
| Heart Smart | Sarah Clifton-Gord | 01285 623450 |
| History Society | Sue Roberts | 822230 |
| Hockey | Tracy Dixon | 07813187933 |
| Horticultural Society | Antoinette Green | 824141 |
| Men in Sheds | Keith Barber | 831886 |
| Memory Cafe | Teri Walker | 525222 |
| Moore Lunch Club | Jenny Stanfield | 824338 |
| Moreton Bowls Club | Brenda Dix | 821020 |
| North Cotswold Memory Club | Lorna | 07971 929258 |
| Nth Cotswold National Trust | Olivia Anphlett | 01386 593085 |
| OPEN 4U | | 824225 |
| P3 Advice & Guidance Drop Ins | | 01608 653377 |
| Parkinson's Exercise Group | Cally Maxwell | 07957 546 067 |
| Pilates | Robert Cox | 07500 188445 |
| Read Easy North Cotswolds | Sue Brereton | 08444930686 |
| Respiratory | Sarah Clifton-Gord | 01285 623450 |
| Rotary Club Nth Cotswolds | Steve Whincup | 07488 365908 |
| Rural Cinema | Mollie Wise | 822365 |
| Scottish Dancing Group | Brenda Parsons | 831876 |
| Strength & Balance Class | Cally Maxwell | 07957 546 067 |
| Short Led Walks | Alan Robinson | 821067 |
| St John Ambulance | Head Office | 0877 104950 |
| T'ai Chi | Valerie Ward | 07779 746346 |
| The Fitness League | Kathy Kirk | 01993 882350 |
| U3A Bourton & District | Susan Dodd | 822431 |
| Wellness Group for women | Claire Furner | 07720 887205 |
| Windrush Carers Support Group | Barbara Newstead | 821523 |
| 4 Shires Swimming Club | Philippa Upton | 07757 246167 |

W. J. Wright Funeral Directors & Bereavement Care



Bourton-on-the-Water
Telephone: 01451 810700

Stow-on-the-Wold
Telephone: 01451 831829

info@wjwrightfunerals.co.uk

Personal Caring 24 Hour Service
Private Chapel of Rest
Prepaid Funeral Plans



Rachael Pickard - Funeral Manager

Bourton-on-the-Water Library

Bourton Community Centre, Moore Rd,
Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2 AZ. 01451 820964

Opening Hours Tuesdays 10:00—13:00
Wednesdays 14:00—17:00,
Fridays 10:00-13:00 & 14:00—17:00
Saturdays 10:00-13:00

Friendly staff & volunteers. Internet access.
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries
Info Nikki Winters 01451 830352

Rates and Dates for advertising in the *BOURTON BROWSER*

6 x 9 cm per mth £30, per 3 mths £65, per 6 mths £125, per 12 mths £235. 9 x 12 cm per mth £60, per 3 mths £130, per 6 mths £240, per 12 mths £470. See page 1 for deadline. For full details & to book email me at: team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk or go to www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk State size required & attach advert as a jpeg or pdf. I will confirm **if** space is available. Advertising spaces are very limited, **early booking & prompt payment is essential.** **Delivery**—We print 2300 copies & aim to deliver to every house in Bourton-on-the-Water & Clapton-on-the-Hill.

Ray Dodd, Advertising Manager

ABOUT THE *BOURTON BROWSER*

All articles received will be printed wherever possible in the magazine & on the website, however we reserve the right not to print anonymous letters or anything of a defamatory or controversial nature. We have a limit of 300 words per article. If your contact details appear in the Bourton Browser they will be on our website copy. If you do not want this to happen tell us. Unless we hear from you we will assume consent. The views of contributors to the Bourton Browser may not necessarily be those of the Editor, nor can the Bourton Browser accept any responsibilities in connection with any companies or organisations mentioned.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Doctors Surgery | 01451 820242 |
| Out of hours GP Services | 0300 421 0220 |
| NHS Dentist emergencies | 0300 421 6440 |
| Appointments / enquiries | 01242 215025 |
| Mr Speechley | 01451 820306 |
| Mr Dannhauser | 01451 821268 |
| Moore Friends Sandra Morgan | 01451 824316 |
| George Moore O/P Clinic | 0300 421 6940 |
| Moreton-in-Marsh Hosp | 03004 218770 |
| Cheltenham Gen Hosp | 03004 222222 |
| Cirencester Hospital | 0300 421 6200 |
| Minor Injuries (Ciren. Hosp) | 01285 884553 |
| Police (emergency) | 999 |
| Police (all non emergency calls) | 101 |
| Police Station | 01452 907200 |
| Action Fraud | 0300 123 2040 |
| Crimestoppers | 0800 555 111 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) | 0808 800 0511 |
| Thursdays, by appointment only, at Moreton Area Centre, High St, Moreton-in-Marsh. | |
| Samaritans | 01242 515777 |
| Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council | |
| 9am-3pm Monday-Friday | 01451 820712 |
| Cotswold Dist Council | 01285 623000 |
| Dog Warden | 01285 623000 |
| Glos County Council | 01452 425000 |
| Bourton Village District Councillor | |
| Nick Maunder | 07866 885468 |
| Bourton Vale District Councillor | |
| Richard Keeling | 01451 821146 |
| County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson | 07785 263759 |
| Emergency Calls & Hotlines | |
| Electricity SSE | 0800 0727282 |
| Power Cuts | 105 |
| Gas Emergency | 0800 111999 |
| Thames Water | 08000093964 |
| Environment Agency | 0800 807060 |
| Pulhams Coaches (local) | 01451 820369 |
| Volunteer Help Centre | |
| Moreton-in-Marsh | 01608 651115 |
| Stow Veterinary Surgeons | 01451 830620 |
| Dragon Vets, Upper Rissington | 01451 600891 |

Taxi Services

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Limozena | 01451 820972 |
| Genny Stallabrass | 01451 822665 |
| Tony Knight | 07887 714047 |
| Private Hire | 01451 822190 |

McTimoney Chiropractor 01451 509125
Tina Hamer 07884 312559

Chiropodist Derek Brookes 01451 822540
Chiropodist Catherine Smyth 01451 821840

Foot Health Practitioners
David Brookes 01451 509345
Paul Brookes 01451 810981
Ramona Gogolos 07884 318091

Acupuncture
Sue Britton 01451 821927
Andrea Bailey 07702 928139

Cotswold Osteopaths 01451 810086
Reflexology Adrienne Halliday 07885 730495
Annabel Drury 01451 828118

Physiotherapy & Acupuncture
Lucy Walmsley 01451 822660

Funeral Directors
WJ Wright 01451 810700

Church of England
Rev Rowena King revrowena@gmail.com

Baptist Church
Ian Fowler Church Office 01451 824225

Catholic Church
Father Stephen Lambert 01608 674354

Newsagent (Stow) 01451 830406

Community Wellbeing Service 01452 528491.

Bourton Post Office 01451 820220

Bourton Library 01451 820964

Bourton Primary School 01451 820458

Cotswold School 01451 820554

Tourist Information 01451 820211

Bourton Leisure Centre 01451 824024

Runnerbean Health & Fitness 01451 822541

Chemist Rowlands Pharmacy 01451 820849

National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950

Jubilee Lodge 01451 823100

Lloyds Bank mobile visits to GMCC

Monday 9.30-12, Wednesday 13.15-15.15,
Friday 9.30-11.45

Riviera Travel's award-winning river cruises include everything you need for an exceptional experience. Cruise Europe's most beautiful waterways aboard the finest ships, featuring spacious suites and cabins.

Fine dining will be a highlight of your experience, with the highest five-star levels of superb cuisine prepared by dedicated, professional chefs.

With 19 wonderful itineraries to choose from, a Riviera Cruise is simply a wonderfully relaxing and comfortable way to explore the beautiful waterways of Europe and beyond.



POP INTO YOUR LOCAL CARRICK BRANCH
AND BOOK YOUR NEXT RIVIERA TRAVEL GETAWAY...

RIVIERA TRAVEL

The world. Within reach.

CARRICK TRAVEL

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER
Moore Road, GL54 2AZ
T: 01451 822048
E: bourton@carricktravel.com

We have offices in: Bingham, Bourton-on-the-Water, Coventry, Evesham, Grantham, Kenilworth, Keyworth, Leamington Spa, Newark, Pershore, Solihull and Stratford-upon-Avon

YOUR WAY TO THE WORLD
WWW.CARRICKTRAVEL.COM

