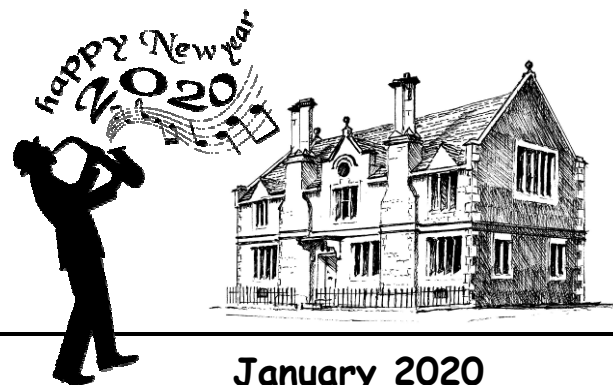


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DIARY DATES

January

- 3rd Friday Club Over 60s, **BCH**, 2.30pm, 810233.
- 3rd & every Friday, Moore Lunch Club, 10am-1.30pm, **GMCC**, transport provided. 824338.
- 3rd PrettySimpleSongs, local live music, 8pm, Bourton Vale Cricket Club Pavilion, Free entry, Details from Silvi 07504 068262.
- 8th Gardening Club, **BCH**, 7.30pm, Mike Robinson – National Trust Sherborne Ranger. Comp. Winter Flowering Shrubs. Visitors welcome. See page 6.
- 8th & 22nd North Cotswolds Memory Club, 10.30-2.30, **MC**, Support & activities. To discuss free Carer Respite call 07971 929258.
- 8th Irene's Knitting Circle, Coffee Morning, **GMCC**, 10-Noon, 798718.
- 9th Parish Council Meeting, **GMCC**, 7pm, all residents welcome.
- 14th WI, **VH**, 7pm, Social Evening. Visitors welcome. See page 3.
- 15th History Society, **BCH**, 7.30pm.
- 18th Tayler & Fletcher, Auction Sale, **NCS**, 10am. View Fri. 8am-6pm. 821666. www.taylerandfletcher.co.uk
- 20th Rural Cinema, "YESTERDAY" Lily James, Ed Sheeran, **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on the door.
- 22nd U3A, **BLH**, 10am-12Noon, Social meeting. Visitors welcome. See page 5.
- 26th Farmers Market, **BLH** car park, GL54 2AR. Morning.

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Parish Council Notes

Parish Council Notes

Council Meeting 4th December 2019

Metal Railings for the village green: The metal railings around a section of the village green are now in place on a temporary measure solely to protect the village green and will be removed in March/April 2020. By protecting this area it will save the Parish Council approximately £2,000.00 per annum in putting the village green back into a good condition for the Spring/Summer period which in the long term will save the Parish Council money.

Youth Sessions at the Cricket Club: The youth sessions on a Monday evening at the Cricket Club were still going well with attendance numbers picking up.

County Cllr. P. Hodgkinson had provided grant funding of £1250.00 to go towards the hire cost of the Cricket Club for the Youth Club sessions.

Police Officer: A new PC would be starting his new position on 24th February 2020. He would be covering Bourton-on-the-Water and PC Jason Page would be covering the other 41 parishes within the area.

Xmas Tree: The Christmas tree was positioned in the river as planned. An official light turn on had taken place on Sunday 1st December, with children from Bourton Primary School singing Christmas carols around the tree and a visit from Santa. The event had all been arranged by 'Team Rudolph'. The Parish Council thank 'Team Rudolph' for all the good work they had put into arranging various events throughout the month of December.

Melville and The Naight recreation grounds: The Parish Council had now obtained three quotations for additional recreation equipment for the older children in the village. A consultation on the new recreation equipment had been arranged for Thursday 16th January 2020 from 3 pm – 5 pm at the George Moore Community Centre for children, parents and members of the public to provide feedback before the Parish Council make a final decision. Grant funding was being sought.

January Parish Council Meeting: The January Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 9th January 2020.

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Baptist Church Hall = **BCH**

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George Moore Community Centre = **GMCC**

Jubilee Lodge = **JL** Market Close = **MC**

North Cotswold Sale Room = **NCS**

St Lawrence Church = **StLC**

Victoria Hall = **VH**

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28th Windrush Carers Support Group,
7pm, **MC**, Barbara Newstead
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29th-1st Feb. Bourton Panto Group pre-
sent "Mother Goose", VH, 7.30pm
and Saturday matinee 2.30pm,
tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk
www.bourtonpantogroup.com See
page 14.

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

Contact: team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk
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From
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Stow Youth Club

Tue 14th January at 19.15 - 21.30

Guest speaker: Jacqueline Wright
Cotswold District Council's Community Wellbeing Project
Naunton Down Golf Club GL54 3AE
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Book in advance via website or email ncr3rs@gmail.com

North Cotswolds Rotary wishes all our supporters and Charities Happy New Year.

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Bourton-on-the-Water WI

Tuesday 10th December

Bourton-on-the-water, Christmas WI Party was a lively event despite the wet and windy evening outside. The tables were beautifully decorated with gorgeous homemade Christmas crackers bulging with indulgent chocolates, there was warm punch, wine and a hearty selection of home cooked food which all helped to create a very festive and friendly, fun evening.

We meet in the Victoria Hall at 7pm on the second Tuesday of the month. We would be very pleased to welcome new members. Our next Social evening is on Tuesday 14th January 2020, why not come and join us?

Vanessa Yamin

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Until 12th Jan, Cinderella at The Everyman Theatre, Regent Street, Cheltenham, GL50 1HQ. £5 - £33, Box office: 01242 572573. www.everymantheatre.org.uk

1st New Year's day Racing at Cheltenham, Prestbury Park, Cheltenham, GL50 4SH. Family Fun. 01242 513014 cheltenham.thejockeyclub.co.uk/events

12th A nice winter walk, Moderate. Start: 10am Winchcombe Back Lane car park (£1 all day). OS Map ref: SP 024 285. Returning to Winchcombe in time for lunch. 3 hours: 6 miles. www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or 01451 862000.

17th Rissington's Local History Society, 2.30pm. "The Duttons of Sherborne", a talk by Mike Marshall. Great Rissington Club GL54 2LP. Visitors Welcome £3.50 to include refreshments. 01451 820233 / spsb@hotmail.co.uk

18th Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper, in aid of Kate's Home Nursing, 6.30pm for 7pm. St Edwards Hall, Stow-on-the-Wold, £25pp, teams of 8. 01451 831330. See opposite.

18th-19th Wild Winter Weekend, be amazed by the winter spectacle of wildlife at Slimbridge with a two-day event packed with conservation talks, workshops & demonstrations. WWT Slimbridge, GL2 7BT. 01453 891223.

25th-26th Snowdrop Weekend 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.

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We would like to remind everybody of the new commercial advertising rates from this month. See chart. Bourton community groups and small Bourton based registered charities will be charged 50% of the monthly rate.

We would like to receive the speaker programmes for 2020 from any community groups who would like regular entries in our Diary Dates Section. We would also welcome any 2020 entries for our on-line village diary, available via our website. Please email to team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk You can read extra articles and see more photographs on our website, www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk as well as checking the diary page for information about Bourton events in the coming months.

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Happy New Year to you all.

I am delighted to say that we have had a number of volunteers come forward to fill vacancies on the committee. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Rosemary Quinn who will be taking over from Sandra Gavin as Business Secretary from 1st January. Our grateful thanks go to Sandra for all her hard work over the past three years, we will miss her at the committee meetings. We also extend a very warm welcome to Christine Gorton who is taking over the role of Newsletter Editor from Mary Bryant. I'm delighted to say that Mary will be remaining on the committee and taking on the newly created post of New Members Liaison. This role will be about making contact with newly joined members and helping them to get involved and get the best out of their U3A membership.

We are now looking for a volunteer to learn the role of Membership Secretary ready to take over from the current post holder, Phil Johnson, who is looking to move away from the area during the year. It would be nice if the new person were able to shadow Phil for sometime before he leaves. Anyone interested please contact me. We will have a much more up to date database system this year which should make the job easier. The volunteer will basic IT skills e.g. emails / word.

We are also still looking for more volunteers to support the committee. If you could help out now and again why not join our "RUM lot", the Really Useful Members list. These members will provide different sorts of help occasionally including admin, refreshments, publicity, special projects etc. Get in touch if you can help.

If you are retired or semi retired why not visit our website www.u3asites.org.uk or contact me to see how the U3A can brighten the winter days? We have approx 35 different Interest Groups, including Indoor Kurling, Creative Writing, Archaeology, and Country Dancing. We welcome men and women, couples and singles. We cover Moreton-in-Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold, Bourton-on-the-Water and all the smaller villages in between. 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,
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Christmas Lunch.

The Christmas lunch takes place on 11th December at The Wychwood Golf Club.

Next Speaker Meetings at Broadwell Village Hall

16th January **Oswyn Murray** 'Love in the Blitz' a collection of love letters from WW2. Oswyn is mentioned in these letters and has written an introduction to the book. He is also a volunteer at Chastleton House (NT).

20th February **Mike Bottomley** 'Gloucestershire's Queen, Katherine Parr', - the last and least known of Henry VIII Queens. A fascinating insight into this extraordinary lady, who actually survived Henry's reign.

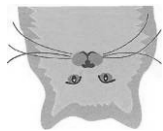
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Bourton Roadrunners Club

Croome Capability Canter 10k

This was the 10th anniversary of this event being held at the National Trust property of Croome Park, Worcestershire. The conditions were the worst in the 10 year-history of this multi-terrain course and were testing, very wet, muddy and slippery. It was also the last run in Bourton Roadrunners' racing calendar.

Margaret Hollamby finished off her great season, being the first Roadrunner to finish in 55:50 and also LV65/1. Susan Hunt had a fine run in 57:45 and Giles Canning in 59:11. Close behind Nick Harper had a steady run in 60:16, followed by Liz Hulcup (LV65/3) and John Gibson in 60:53. Running in her first race for the club Jane Briggs ran with Donna Harper to finish in 77:43.

Eynsham 10K

This ever popular road race is part of the Oxfordshire road race series. Nine Bourton Roadrunners took part with Andy Peaston being the first home in 44:53. Steph and Gary Holton, racing again after the Chicago Marathon, finished with Steph collecting the prize for LV55/1 in 49:01 and Gary in 53:13. Claire Carroll was next home in a PB of 57:51. Tom Hill paced Allie Quinn to a new PB in 58:29 and 58:30 respectively. Shirley Creed achieved 61:21, with the third PB for the group going to Janice Townsend in 61:24, closely followed by Lynn Hudson 61:34.



Silverstone 10k

This 10k held on the famous Silverstone race course, and was Michela Sartori's first 10k competition for the club and she finished in 52:36. Also competing was Rob Williams, who achieved a new PB of 53:54.

Ilmington 10k

Annie Oliver, unable to secure a place at the Eynsham 10k took on the demanding Ilmington 10k; race two of the five-race winter series. Annie worked hard to conquer the Campden Hill one kilometre from the end, finishing in a respectable 65:47. All finishers were rewarded with a pack of locally made sausages!

John Gibson

Bourton Vale Gardening Club

"A garden is a friend you can visit anytime"

We are delighted to welcome Mike Robinson to our January 8th Gardening Club event this month. Mike has one of those dream jobs as the Area Ranger for the National Trust and is based on the lovely Sherborne Park Estate, chosen by the BBC to film four years of the Spring and Autumn watch series. We are fortunate in our part of the world to have so much wild-life on our doorstep. And to have Mike come along to give us an insight into the Trust's work encouraging the wildlife and biodiversity on the estate.

Our garden wildlife will be hunkering down, sheltering from the cold and rain; hibernating or foraging for food and birds may even begin to look for potential nesting sites. Long tailed tits can take up to 3 weeks to build their complex and beautiful nests and will need as much extra food as we can give them to be in peak physical condition. If ponds freeze up, a small hole will help wildlife too as water creatures could be starved of oxygen.

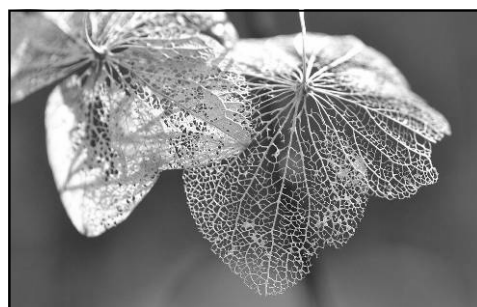
January is a good time to take a fresh look at your garden, planning new ideas or plants not grown before, maybe even an eye on the Annual Show and potential entries this year. If it's mild, there is still time to plant bare root shrubs and trees.

Winter flowering shrubs should be coming into their own now, including the deliciously scented *Sarcococca confusa*. Enjoy the scent by a front door where early awakening pollinators may gather nectar or bring a couple of stems indoors to fill a whole room with its gorgeous perfume.

Marie Russell won December's competition.

January's competition is winter flowering shrubs.

Happy Gardening
and Wildlife
Watching!
Julie Huckle



For The Younger Generation



Hello Young Bourtonians,
Happy New Year to You All! Another January and another start.. Even a new decade. I wonder what this one will bring?

I hope you all had a good Christmas and I wish you a Happy, Healthy, Successful 2020!

Christine Sub Editor

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The PTA's Christmas Wreath Workshop was a huge success!



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Message from Mr Will Morgan, Principal

I hope you had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas.

As a new decade begins, we look forward to continued success at The Cotswold School. Success is measured in the difference we can make academically through our teaching; enrichment activities; and creating eager learners with high aspirations.

We had a busy pre-Christmas schedule and, as ever, I'm proud of what we achieved. Our Year 11 students sat their GCSE mock examinations, supported by staff and families through a very challenging time. We had three smashing Sister Act performances; hosted a fun party for local senior citizens; and sang carols with our communities in Bourton and Stow. We gave generously to charities and welcomed potential future students on our Sixth Form Open Evening.

One of the many ways that parents of children at The Cotswold School make a difference is by being an active member of the Parents and Teachers' Association, the PTA, whose fundraising benefits our students' learning and facilities.

In 2019, the team raised over £20,000. Perhaps you saw our PTA serving tea and cakes throughout the summer at Chastleton House, or came along to make a Christmas wreath for your front door?

Raffles and events rely on donations made by local businesses and individuals and if you have contributed cakes, bottles, gifts, vouchers or services to our fundraising efforts, I thank you wholeheartedly on behalf of the school, its staff and students.

The PTA is always delighted to welcome new members so, if you are part of our parent community, why not make a New Year's resolution to join?

You can follow The Cotswold School PTA on facebook or email PTA@thecotswoldschool.co.uk. The first meeting of the year is on Wednesday 29th January at 7 pm in our school library.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Will Morgan

New Year

New Year's Eve has always been seen as a perfect opportunity to look back over the year that is about to end, make resolutions for the year to come, and try to ensure as much good luck for it as possible.

Some unusual customs that used to be followed to try and encourage good luck are as follows :

No sweeping or dusting in case you sweep your good fortune away! Also no laundry in case you wash a loved one away.

In times gone by the departing year would be let out of the house by opening all the doors and windows just before midnight, then shutting them on the stroke of 12. luck for the coming year would then be determined by the 'First Footer' i.e. the next person to enter the house. Preferably someone with dark hair and carrying a piece of coal. This would mean that your fire would never go out symbolizing warmth and good fortune.

The custom of wassailing involved a group of people walking round the village on New Year's Eve with a wassail bowl. The word wassail comes from the Anglo-Saxon word 'was hael' which meant good health. The bowl was filled with a drink of hot ale, sugar, spices and apples so people could drink from it and enjoy good health for the rest of the year.

However you celebrate the coming of a new year, all of us here on the Browser Team hope it will be happy, healthy and successful for all of you and your families.

Christine Gorton

Sub Editor



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Plastic Fantastic this Christmas?

This month our youth clubs across the Cotswold's have been making Christmas decorations from single use plastic for our entry in the Stow Christmas Tree Fair. Our tree, named 'Plastic Fantastic?' was decorated entirely with single use plastics. Below the tree there were gifts with tags that had suggestions of ways to reduce plastic usage. These include things like remembering to bring a reusable bag when you go shopping, bringing reusable cutlery and straws or even dining in instead of getting take out.



We were very impressed with the imaginative ways the young people turned single use plastics into Christmas decorations.

Sadly, the tree didn't win any prizes but we have received lots of compliments and hopefully got lots of people thinking about their plastic usage this Christmas.

Gemma Hall

Youth Work Manager

Word Search

Can you find the following words in our grid below?

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Wild Winter

As we welcome in the New Year, put the Xmas decorations away and get back to school or work after the holidays, we also enter into the hardest and coldest months of our calendar. Times when the nights are still long and the chances of waking up to a hard frost or snow are high.



For us humans tucked up in our homes, this can be hard enough but for our wildlife, January, February and March are among the toughest of all.

The greater abundance of food from autumn berries and seeds – where these have been left on uncut hedges, is now gone. And with the ground often frozen solid, or covered in snow, it can

be very hard indeed for many creatures to find enough sustenance to keep them going through until spring.

This is a time when the bit of help we can offer, by putting out supplementary food in bird feeders or scattering seeds etc on the ground, can really be a life-line for many species, especially our birds.

For those not sure which food to choose from the many on offer at our garden centres, one of the best all round foods is sunflower hearts or sunflower chips. A seed high in oils and nutrient value, many species – such as goldfinches, greenfinches, great tits, blue tits etc enjoy these. Ground feeding birds such as thrush and blackbirds will also eat them if you spread a handful in a cat-safe area on the ground.

Another helpful food to put out in feeders is high quality suet fat balls (without nets is best so that no beaks or legs get caught in them). As the name suggests, the 'fat' in the fat balls provide an important source of 'quick' energy for birds in the colder months. Plus, they are loved by many species such as great tit, blue tit and, if you're lucky you may also get nuthatches and woodpecker.

In really hard weather, farmland birds will also come closer to our gardens. Redwing (looks like a small Thrush) and Fieldfare (about the size of a wood pigeon) both love apple chopped into small rings – and in conditions like last year's snows, putting out food like this really can be the difference between a bird making it through the night or succumbing to the elements.

For more information on best supplementary foods for birds or wildlife friendly

hedgerows, try the RSPB links below:

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For bird seed where a percentage of sale going to the Wildlife Trust, the award-winning team Vine House Farm has some great suggestions:

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Sometime last summer two villagers provided us with the following poem from 1896 and the update written, (and last published in the Bourton Browser), in 2000. The poets name was not given for the 2000 update. This is the first edition in which we have had sufficient free space to publish these poems. We hope you find it interesting.

The Editors.

Sherborne Street

A Poem by J Lock (March 1896)

This Street has now become quite grand,
For business thrive on every hand
Here thirst and hunger, none need fear
Supplies with milk, bread and beer.

We take a stroll towards the top
And view the fancy printers shop
There numerous specimens you may see
Of Serman's new photography.

In an adjacent yard lives butcher Hill
Ready at all times pigs to kill
And lower in small ravine
Leave your linen to get it clean.

Then just across the way we steer
To get pure milk and homemade beer.
Next barber Winfield you should see
From superfluous hair he'll set you free.

A tailor next of high repute
Is ready to make your Sunday suit.
The Wellington at which hotel
They spare no pains to treat you well.

Then Gilbert's bakery comes to view.
Providing bread both stale and new.
And lower still in grand relief
Is Boulter's show of mutton and beef.

Orchard is near to mend a tin
To cook the meat you've purchased, in.
Next comes the Bell with Banbury stout.
And Tichborne sold indoors and out.

And if the "Free Press" your require
Go to J Lock, the village crier
Who will, if you require a treat
Supply fresh oranges fit to eat.

When strangers, as they often do
Our pretty village come to view
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Sherborne Street in 2000

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But this has become cottages to Harrington House,
The old Brewery.

The Tailor, the Baker, the Butcher and the Tinker,
Have all had the chop,
To be replaced with an empty Tea Shop.

Across the Street is the Wellington Inn,
Still the same as it has always been.

Next, North's bakery comes into sight,
The bell Inn in a former life.

Finally, J Lock Town Crier
And Green Grocer with oranges to eat,
Who lived where Stepping Stones is in Sherborne Street.

Many changes have happened as you can see,
Over the last century.

Would anyone like to write a poem to update the story of Sherborne Street for 2020?

If anyone, adult or child, would like to write us a poem about either Sherborne Street or Bourton in general, please email them to team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk by 15th January and we will try to include the best ones in the February issue and will publish all entries on our website.

Clearly there has been much change in Bourton in the last 20 years, so there is plenty of material.

The Editors

New Year Quiz. Answers on page 15.

Published courtesy of www.kensquiz.co.uk

1. In which year did New Year's Day become an official Bank holiday in England?
2. Which fruit do Spaniards traditionally eat as the clock strikes twelve on New Year's Eve?
3. Who became acting President of Russia after Boris Yeltsin's unexpected resignation on December 31st 1999?
4. Betsy Ross was born in Philadelphia on New Year's Day in 1752, what is she credited for making?
5. The U2 single "New Year's Day" was inspired by which political movement?
6. On January 1st 2015 Lithuania became the 19th country to adopt the Euro, which currency did it replace?
7. Which board game was patented by George Darrow on New Year's Eve in 1935?
8. The first director of the FBI was born on New Year's Day in 1895, what was his name?
9. In which discipline did Marie Curie receive her second Nobel Prize on January 1st 1911?
10. In the 1960 movie, "Ocean's 11" concerning a robbery of a Las Vegas casino on New Year's Eve, who played the role of Danny Ocean?
11. Who broke the World water speed record on 31st December 1964 to become the first man to break the World land and water speed records in a single year?
12. Born on 1st January 1956, which position did Christine Lagarde become the first woman to hold?
13. Known as "The Granddaddy of them all", which college football game has been played on New Year's Day since 1923 in Pasadena?
14. Nominated 19 times for the Nobel Prize in literature, who was the author of "A Passage to India" who was born on New Year's Day in 1879?
15. Often sang at New Year's Eve what does "Auld Lang Syne" literally mean?
16. Born on New Year's Eve in 1937 for which movie did Anthony Hopkins receive his Best Actor Oscar?

17. Who on New Year's Day 1949 became the first cricketer to receive a knighthood?
18. Famous for singing "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" in the movie "Gigi", which French singer passed away on New Year's Day 1972?
19. Which Saint's day is celebrated on New Year's Eve?
20. Winning the Best Actor Oscar in 1982 for his portrayal of Gandhi, which actor was born in Yorkshire on New Year's Eve in 1943?

Used Christmas cards for Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust (GAT)

Residents have been very supportive over the years donating their used cards to GAT for remaking into greeting cards to sell in aid of this charity. The remade greeting cards are sold at the reception desks at local hospitals and last year their sale raised over £8000!

Any sort of used cards are welcome be they Christmas, Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy etc. We can't use cards with glitter on them as this is plastic. Due to the fact volunteers to remake the cards have diminished we will only be accepting Christmas cards until the end of March. Cards can be donated by placing them in the black boxes in the front gardens of 19 Moore Road (opposite the community Centre) or Alice's Cottage in Victoria Street (opposite Clapton Row), or by bringing them to Rural Cinema.

The money raised this year will be used to fund walking aids in the orthopaedic wards, Alstone and Dixon, at Cheltenham Hospital. These new "walkers" keep a patient in a more upright position after knee or hip surgery, leading to a faster transition to sticks or crutches. £2460 would buy four such "walkers".

If you wish to keep your fingers busy over the next few months GAT need Easter bunnies and chicks knitted! These knitted covers will be filled with Cadburys Cream Eggs, which have been already donated by Cadburys Trust, and then sold in aid of GAT. Knitting patterns are available from Alice's Cottage. We will need the finished chicks and bunnies by the end of February please.

Thank you for all your support. **Mollie Wise, 822365**



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Cotswolds Fosseway Lions Club

Thanks to the Fosseway Garden Centre in Moreton-in-Marsh, we held a collection at the store during Nov for which we offered to split the proceeds between the Lions charity fund and a charity of the Gardens Centre's choice. Their preferred charity was Kate's Home Nursing and although we only raised £186 that day, as it is such a worthwhile cause the club decided to donate £150.

Members from the club may also have been seen on the day of the Moreton Christmas Market and Lights switch on, helping set up the stage or ensuring that those attending were kept safe from the traffic.

Congratulations to those who won one of our Christmas Hampers during December that were situated within five local establishments. As mentioned last month, we are grateful to those local companies that donated, either in goods or cash, to cover the cost of filling these hampers. Other contributors, other than those mentioned last month, include The Moreton Beer Cellar and Robert Light Howards.

Lions Clubs motto is "We Serve" and we do more than just raise money and make donations by serving the Community in which we live, whether that be by helping with Litter Picks or acting as Marshalls for the Scouts St Georges Parade. We have recently been asked to help with a couple of small decorating jobs within Northleach. One of these is an upstairs room in the Black Cat. I would not say we are great decorators nor are we able to do this all on our own, so if you think that this is something that you could help with, come and join us on Tue 14th Jan 2020 at the Black Cat at 7.15pm where Rob will show the willing volunteers what is needed.

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, on the second Tuesday in the month from 7.40pm., or telephone 01283 831601 for information. You will receive a warm welcome.

Corina Sherman

Remember

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We will be having our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, 8th January, and look forward to continuing to provide as much help as we can for all those needy and distressed families both locally and in Syria. We will continue to provide items of clothing, blankets, toys and also twiddlemuffs to give some comfort to those with the greatest needs.

Do come and join us on the second Wednesday morning of each month at the Community Centre Cafe in Moore Road, 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.



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That's 2019 done and dusted, bring on 2020! But first an apology, we put the wrong details of the box office opening times in the Browser last month. The correct dates are as follows: 3rd January 2pm-4pm, 10th January 10am-12noon and 17th January 2pm-4pm. You can still buy tickets on the internet by going to www.bourtonpantogroup.com you'll find all the details you need there together with a link to ticket sales. Alternatively, if you need to walk off some mince pies tickets will be on sale at George Moore's Community Centre during the opening times above. There is no better way to start the year than with a trip to the pantomime, so what are you waiting for? Get your tickets now – they're going fast!

We ended the year's entertainment with our annual Fun Christmas Quiz and what fun we had! We learned that the Swedish like to watch Donald Duck on Christmas Eve – Who'd have thought it? Many thanks to all the people who came along and a special thank you to the members who helped out on the night, especially Angela whose home-made mince pies and mulled cider were delicious!

If you would like to be part of our group and help to organise or take part in our shows please contact Jan Close for more information on 01451 831911. If you would like to become a Patron please contact Angela Layton on 01451 821344 she will be happy to tell you about the benefits of supporting the Bourton Panto Group.

We would like to wish you all a happy new year and thank you for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you at the pantomime. Well, what are you waiting for? Mother Goose is putting on her best dress ready to greet you – oh! yes she is!!

Jackie Denham



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Answers to the New Year Quiz

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1. 1974
2. Grapes (one per strike).
3. Vladimir Putin.
4. The first American flag.
5. Solidarity (Polish trade union).
6. Litas.
7. Monopoly.
8. J Edgar Hoover.
9. Chemistry (Discovery of Radium and Polonium).
10. Frank Sinatra.
11. Donald Campbell.
12. Head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
13. The Rose Bowl.
14. E M Forster.
15. Times gone by.
16. Silence of the Lambs.
17. Sir Don Bradman.
18. Maurice Chevalier.
19. Saint Sylvester.
20. Ben Kingsley.

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