# BOURTON BROWSER



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Bourton Browser Team News

Thank You All

Covid19 may have successfully bought the world to a standstill but clearly it was no match for this village's



determination to keep the Browser in print! So take that, you wretched, miserable virus!?\*?!!

Last month we put an appeal in the Browser for donations to help with printing costs whist revenue from commercial advertising was reduced due to the dreaded virus! We would like to offer our grateful thanks to everyone who responded:

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## And our grateful thanks also go to quite a number of donors who asked to remain anonymous

These donations will be used to make up any shortfall in advertising revenue over the next few months and should

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Parish Council Notes

## Parish Council Notes

Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Notice of a Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:** A position has become available for one Parish Councillor at Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council. If anyone is interested please contact the clerk for further information via email: <u>clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk</u>

A Vision of Bourton-on-the-Water Post Covid-19: The Parish Council is working with GCC and CDC on a vision of Bourton-on-the-Water Post Covid-19 times. GCC have asked the Parish Council for its thoughts to put plans quickly in place before the village is flooded with tourists again. These plans would be put in place as a temporary measure for 12/18 months and would not require the usual time restraints due to Covid-19. An initial meeting has been held where residents and businesses put forward their views for the future of the village. This was to start gathering information to assist the Council in making decisions on this matter. The Parish Council have arranged two further dates for meetings to include as many people's views as possible on the vision of Bourton-on-the-Water Post Covid-19. Dates set for the meetings are Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 both at 7.00 pm via Zoom. Anyone wishing partake the meeting must contact Jo via to in email: admin@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

**Covid-19 Bourton Street Volunteer System:** The Parish Council thank Donna Holland, Cllr. Lynda Hicks, Cllr. Amanda Davis, Bourton Street Volunteers and others who have all pulled together in these extreme times to help people in need in the village.

Scottish Southern Electricity Network grant funding: SSEN has awarded  $\pounds 2,500.00$  resilience grant funding to Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council to help support Covid-19 needs in the village.

**Recreation Equipment:** CDC had awarded the Parish Council £10,000.00 and Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association had awarded the Parish Council £2,000.00 towards providing new recreation equipment for the village. Further grant funding was being sought.

Growing Community Awareness & Support in Mental Health & Wellbeing: The Mid-Counties Co-op have awarded Bourton-on-the-

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

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be sufficient to keep us going until we are back to "normal". If there is any money over once we return to "normal" we will donate it back to the village. Along with the donations we received some wonderful messages and it is heart warming to know how much you all value this publication. Thank you all so much.

We have also been delighted to welcome back many of our regular advertisers who have now reinstated their adverts and welcome a few new ones. We urge all our readers to support these local businesses.

In such surreal and challenging times it is amazing to see how Bourton has pulled together.

Many of our regular deliverers will be delivering their own rounds this month but we are again very grateful to the Bourton Street Volunteers for filling in where needed.

Now we are back to normal production do keep sending in your articles, photographs, poems, stories, thank you messages, quizzes and local news. The deadline for the July issue will be Noon on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Email all contributions to: team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk Visit our website www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk for up to date information, extra articles and, the village Show Schedule.

Keep well and safe and hopefully it will not be too many months before our "Diary Date" section will have some entries again!

> Our Very Best Wishes, The *Bourton Browser* Team.



Water Parish Council a grant of £295.13 to assist in Growing Community Awareness & Support in Mental Health & Wellbeing.

**Traffic Regulations Orders:** Due to Covid-19 the new TRO's will not be put in place until at least the end of 2020 early 2021.

Fosse Cross Re-Cycling Centre: On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, the re-cycling centre at Fosse Cross near Cirencester re-opened. Social distancing measures have been put in place to help keep visitors and staff safe. To limit the number of people on site pre-booking is required and vehicles should only have drivers wherever possible - a maximum of one passenger is permitted if help is required to unload the waste and recycling. The booking system has a limited number of timed slots available each day for visitors to select and only a 7 day window is available to book at any one time. Bookings can only be made online. The re-use shop is closed and some re-cycling bins may be unavailable. For an up to date list of materials which can be accepted at the site please refer online to Gloucestershire Recycles.

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday  $3^{rd}$  June 2020 at 7.00 pm via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join the meeting please contact Jo v i a e m a i l : admin@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

Tel: 01451 820712 <u>clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk</u>. www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk



## PROBUS

## **BOURTON-ON-THE WATER**

Little did we anticipate at the beginning of March that we would still be in lockdown come mid-May and for it to be likely to continue.

With the benefit of technology we are not completely cut off from family and friends and even those of more mature years are coming to terms with Zoom. There has even been talk at Probus of future committee meetings taking place on Zoom and the more adventurous considering future visiting speakers addressing our club by that media.

Will we ever return to normal? I do hope so. I am sure you all know by now that Probus is a club for the retired or semiretired to join together, in our case on alternate Monday mornings, to be entertained by visiting speakers. We also have a healthy social life when our partners are able to join us for meals out or coach outings to a variety of venues.

We, unfortunately, are not currently able to meet but as soon as we are up and running again our usual venue is the Community Centre on Moore Road. Perhaps when this happens you may wish to join us. Our Secretary, David, I am sure would give you more information on 01451 821098.

Take care and stay safe everyone.

**Bill Furner** 

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

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

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

## Vanessa Oliveri, Clerk to the Parish Council Tel: 01451 820712

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## **Bourton-on-the-Water WI**

The morning of VE Day was an unusual

one for the Bourton-on-the-Water WI Committee as we had arranged to hold our very first online meeting using the Zoom app. With much back slapping, metaphorically speaking of course, and to whoops of delight and laughter we navigated our way round the app with eight little beaming faces eventually all appearing on the screen. No mean achievement given our average age is.....uh-hum well it's never polite to divulge a lady's age. Anyway, swiftly moving on, half way through the meeting the pre-set timer rang to inform us that the VE Day 2 minutes silence at 11am had begun, we fell silent. We became immersed in our thoughts, .....moments into our silence a cuckoo clock, running slightly behind time, decided to bounce into action with 11 rip roaring cuckoos reverberating very loudly into our silence. I am not at liberty to reveal whose clock it was but am however happy to report that despite the bird's best efforts our silence was not broken .

The meeting was a great success and we had lots of constructive ideas with the hope that the WI meetings at the Victoria Hall could re-commence in September, unfortunately the only unresolved question being, was the Cuckoo really waving a Union-Jack??

Vanessa Yamin





Those who live there are in hiding, visitors are often cursed, 'til they have at last dispersed.

Then the charming little village staggers to its feet once more, flotsam, jetsam by the river, Garbage in the street galore. Fag ends thrown upon the floor.

Las Tavita

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## **BOURTON STREET VOLUNTEERS**

#### PPE

A number of super residents, to name a few Rachel, Gail and Emma, have been busy sewing scrub bags, hair bands and soft face masks. These have been delivered to many local carers and also to Sue Ryder, Cheltenham hospital and other NHS places of work.

#### **Toiletry Hampers**

Over twenty toiletry hampers have been delivered to NHS staff including Cheltenham Hospital, North Cotswold hospital, Jubilee Lodge, Doctors surgeries, Pharmacies, Carers, Kate's Home Nursing and people in need. A massive thank you to Carol Groom who came up with this great idea and also to everybody who has donated hand creams, shampoos and other much appreciated goodies.

The collection point is in the Co-op and will be there for the next few weeks.

#### **Animal Care Group**

Quietly behind the scenes, a group of fabulous volunteers have helped with a few animals in need, a poorly pigeon, request to provide water, offers of dog walking, emergency animal transport and many queries on what best to do. Thank you our animal care heroes!

## **Co-op Shopping**

All the deliveries from Midcounties Co-op in the village are being made by Randal, James and Rory, three young men very happy to help. There has been an amazing total of 435 deliveries, made between 30/03/20 and 11/05/20, so by the time you are reading this Browser it will be over 500 deliveries!

Of the deliveries to date, 388 have been to addresses in Bourton-on-the-Water and 47 to neighbouring Parishes who have followed our lead and now have shopping picked up and delivered. A massive thanks to Adam and all the staff at the Co-op for their hard work helping this to be a very successful service.

#### **Street Volunteers**

The village is being covered by 145 street volunteers who are doing shopping, collecting prescriptions, calling in just to check that all is ok or making a friendly phone call. If you need any of the above and can't find your volunteers phone number which would have been delivered to you at the end of March, please email **bourtoncovid19help@gmail.com** 

#### **Bourton Street Volunteers – the Future**

We would like to reassure all residents, and our Street Volunteers, that as the country comes out of "lockdown" in phases, Bourton Street Volunteers will remain in place and available to help for the months to come.



On Street Volunteer cards placed through your letterbox in March, there were contact details for up to 3 people. If one of your volunteers has to return to work, or child care arrangements change, there are others to take their place. If you would like to volunteer with us, you can see there is still a role for more people to come forward and work to do.

Have you noticed the abundance of kindness we have experienced in the Village? If you have found it as wonderful as we have, and would like to continue to offer your time to support local neighbours, please give some thought to volunteering with Cotswold Friends. They will continue to support local residents in Bourton-on-the-Water and throughout the North Cotswolds, in the years to come. Maybe some time chatting on the phone, join their befriending service. Become a Volunteer driver especially if you are under 70, as they are needed currently to make up the numbers for those volunteers having to isolate. They offer so much more! Contact Sheryl Murray, Vol-01608 unteer Manager, on 697007 or email Sheryl@cotswoldfriends.org For more information, see their website www.cotswoldfriends.org







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## **Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club News**

The club wishes to thank all those in Northleach that have continued to provide donations for the North Cotswold Food Bank. In the past the club had delivered donations to the distribution point every fortnight, but we have recently increased to a run every week. Over the last 6 weeks we have delivered 270.88 Kgs of supplies. Additional thanks must also go to the National Trust, Lodge Park, who provided 3 large boxes of Easter Eggs which were delivered last week.

The majority of the items donated to the Food Bank are long-life items as they have very little storage for fresh items, but, if a monetary donation is made, they are then able to buy fresh meat, veg etc. so the club have approved a cheque donation to the North Cotswold Food Bank during our zoom meeting this week. Another donation approved was to Headway in Gloucester, who provides specialist services for the survivors of acquired brain injury, their partners, families, friends and Carers, taking into account an individual's specific needs, interests, and abilities.

As with many other charities during the current pandemic the club are unable to raise funds through fundraising events, so the club are very thankful for the kind donation from the Trustees of the Cotswold Hall. We will ensure that this donation is used to benefit local charities and good causes to ensure that they can continue with the good work that they do for our community. Many are encountering greater demands on their service in addition to suffering from their own funding difficulties.

We will still be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month on Zoom, but once we can socialise again our meetings will be held in the Black Cat Café. You can follow us on Facebook, Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club, or telephone 01283 831601 for information, including how to visit us in a zoom meeting, should you wish to know more about what we do. **Corina Sherman** 

## 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 <u>before 12 noon on the</u> <u>15<sup>th</sup> of the month.</u> No commercial adverts accepted for this section.

## **Carer** by Hugh O'Connell

I'm a Carer and due to you I love the job that I do. I'm a Carer and travel many a mile To see the sunshine of your smile. I'm a Carer neighbours catch a sight, Early in the morning or late at night.



I'm a Carer who you can ask, Whatever the need or the task. I'm a Carer who makes you laugh And prepares your food and your bath. I'm a Carer who'll always stay, Whatever storm is on the way.

> I'm a Carer and try to be strong, So life for you won't go wrong. I'm a Carer who understands, Sometimes you need to hold my hands. I'm one of those who give their time To serve and stay on the Front Line.

Background to the poem—Very early every morning a Carer drives into Broadwell Court near Clapton Row to help a resident who needs special support. This happens frequently at Broadwell Court and the other retirement areas in Bourton, where residents reach the point where they need support from Carers.

I am a part time carer at Jubilee Lodge in Bourton-on-the-Water and know how dedicated the Carers are to help the residents in the Dementia and Nursing households.

There is also a very elderly gentlemen living nearby who is the carer for his wife. He has support with shopping from neighbours and friends but he prepares all her meals and personal care.

These are all people helping those who need care and support in Bourton-on-the-Water.

This poem is a tribute to all community carers, care home carers and private family carers which is a 'front line' job which they perform selflessly.

The last verse of the poem includes all other 'front line staff' in shops, supermarkets, post offices, postmen and garages.

## Message from the Church

In my conversations with people over the last month and a half, the recurring theme has been one of how fortunate we are in living here, where there is space to be outside for our daily walk, and we can be outdoors knowing that we can remain safely distanced. Our fields and footpaths, allotments and gardens have been a healing and calming place for many as we undertake the challenging task of adjusting our lives and society.

At this time of year, the Church celebrates Rogation - a festival of prayers for our land, our farmers and producers and for the growing season to come. Traditionally this is marked by a 'beating of the bounds', which is a procession or pilgrimage around the edges of the parish with prayers along the way. While this year we have not been able to gather and walk our parishes together we did invite members of our churches to turn their daily exercise walks into a mini, and socially distanced prayer walk around a part of our parish. A good number of us walked and prayed for our communities, farmers and small-scale producers along with prayers for our natural world and all creation - giving thanks for all we have and remembering all those struggling at this time.

Maybe you would also like to take time to pray as you walk – to offer a hope or intention for our world and creation or perhaps for those who live in the houses you pass or the landscape you walk through. Take time to think about how we can care for the land that supports us, and to give thanks for all those people who work to provide us with our daily food.

Alternatively, here is a prayer you may like to use:



## A Prayer for Our Earth

(from Laudato Si)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe

and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live

as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united

with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen

Rev. Rowena King



## HOME FOOD DELIVERY IN THE COTSWOLDS

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Priest: Fr. Stephen Lambert 07836 384932 Email: <u>sulharcomb@aol.com</u>

Parish website: stow-bourtoncatholic.net Full Corona Virus precautions are in place as laid down by the Government and The Bishops' Conference.

During lockdown I am saying Mass alone at Stow at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays; and at Bourton on the Water at 8 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays.

A recording of the Sunday Mass is broadcast on Youtube each week and is available around 8.30 a.m. every Sunday. This is the link to our channel: <u>https:// w w w.youtube.com/channel/ UCNYuFv64FESbch0 18G-lyg</u> (Copy and paste the link when you are connected to the internet).

Anyone, Catholic or not, is most welcome to join our Mass via the internet. Email me at the address above if you wish to be added to the weekly parish email circulation or if you have problems with the link.

I am available to speak to anyone on the telephone for any reason; leave a message if you do not reach me when you phone, or email me.

The parishioners are organised to help – as are all the local Churches – anyone who needs shopping or other errands done. Again please email me if you know of people who would appreciate some help.

I am also very happy to say Mass for any special Intention by request, including the Sick, the Departed, or for any other need.

All of us in the Catholic Community send our very best wishes to all local residents and we hope and pray for an end to these testing times.

Fr. Stephen. June 2020

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

## For The Younger Generation

Hello Young Bourtonians,

I hope you have all managed to stay healthy during lock down and kept both mind and body active. I know that a lot of you have been helping out in various ways for the Community and Well Done to all of you. This crisis has brought about a wonderful sense of camaraderie which I hope will continue into the future.

## **Christine Sub Editor**





## THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

## Outstanding learning for current and future pupils

## By Will Morgan, Principal

When you receive this magazine at the beginning of June, we will be entering the final half term of this academic year.

At The Cotswold School, dates and milestones have passed but we have been unable to mark them in the usual way. Not least of these significant events are the public examinations. Our Year 11 students, for example, would now be taking their GCSEs. Our Year 13s would have completed their A Levels.

At this point in the school calendar, a variety of trips and excursions, sports matches and open days would normally be under way.

Year 6 children, who are taking up a place at The Cotswold School in September as our new Year 7s, are very much in our minds. Their last months of primary school have been subject to much upheaval and they have spent many weeks separated from their friends.

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our school and will be in touch with their families over the coming weeks.

In these unusual times, there are currently a few spaces available at The Cotswold School for Year 7 entry. We have been rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in our last four inspections, so if any family is still considering school places, I would be delighted to have a conversation with them.

Please get in touch by emailing:

admin@thecotswoldschool.co.uk or visit our website

https://cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/ for more information.



## 4SSC Newsletter June 2020

It now looks like we will not be back in the pool until July at the earliest, so the club has introduced three weekly land training sessions via Zoom. We also have a WhatsApp group with fitness tips, puzzles, and updates.

A few hardy swimmers have been swimming in unheated pools in wetsuits wearing swim belts (Attached photo of Liberty and Poppy Bennett, see top of page 9) but most are trying to stay fit on dry land and longing to get back in the pool.

Heidi Portlock





## **Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust**

We have been releasing weekly episodes of Billy's Camera Trap Tuesdays with local wildlife enthusiast Billy Heaney. You can find all of the episodes here on our webpage

https://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/camera-trap-

tuesdays and on our digital channels. Billy has captured some amazing footage of Gloucestershire's wildlife in and around his garden on his camera traps - including foxes and baby badgers! Pine martens also feature from the Forest of Dean.

We've been creating our first podcast series, all about a nature reserve we care for in Bourton-on-the-Water: Greystones Farm. You can catch the first episode here:

https://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/podcasts it is a fascinating insight into the wildlife, farming and history elements of Greystones' past, including interviews with GWT staff and farm staff who care for the herd of organic dairy cows there. We'll be posting more episodes over the next few weeks

We held a live event on Facebook for International Dawn Chorus Day on Sunday 3 May - recording some brilliant birdsong from around Gloucestershire. We were sent some great clips of the dawn chorus people had recorded in their own gardens and have also posted them here for others to listen to - take a quiet moment for yourself and turn the volume up

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We've had more entries than ever before to our annual wildlife photo competition, entries must be in by 31 July.



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https://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/wildlifeactivities including 10 downloadable packs filled with recommended children's books, nature-themed game ideas and wildlife crafts.

We're encouraging everyone to sign up for 30 Days Wild - a challenge to do one wild thing every day throughout June. More information here https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/57739/ petition/1 to download a free activity pack!

Our CEO has written a blog about the impact coronavirus is having on Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and what the future might hold for our small organisation. You can read the blog here: https://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/blog/rogermortlock-chief-executive/life-lockdown Tessa Hirst

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#### Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION



## **Robert Kreisler**

To all the lovely kind and generous humans in Bourton-on-thewater and Marshmouth Lane. We would like to express our gratitude to you all.

My father, Robert Kreisler, passed away on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. Dad lived in the beautiful cottage 'The Lantern' at the start of Marshmouth Lane. He was well known to the people who live on the lane and the locals. Often seen in town with his Black Newfoundland 'Rosie'.

Both myself and Naithan would like to express our thanks to all the special people who have welcomed us, supported us, brought meals and flowers and helped us clear dad's house. Without you all, this job would have been very hard and extremely overwhelming. Mike Muller's multiple visits each day to check on us, made us smile and kept us going.

The turn out for dad's farewell and drive down the lane for one last time 'blew our minds', I looked up and could not believe the turn out. You guys all made that what it was for dad, to give him the send off he deserved. He would have LOVED it! The music was amazing Richard. In the summer when the Covid lockdown has gone there will be a proper celebration of dad's life. All will be invited.

On Sunday we return to our home in NZ. Rosie, dad's dog, will follow on once her requirements to meet export have been reached. She will love NZ and the beach we live on.

Thank you everyone including our special friends on Marshmouth Lane.

W.J Wright's funeral services were outstanding and I would highly recommend these lovely, kind professional ladies. Nothing was too much trouble. Natasha and Rachael, thank you so much.

Kind Regards, Claire (Robs daughter) and Naithan. X



## **IRENE'S CHARITY KNITTING CIRCLE**

A welcome "Hello" to all our members and we hope you are all taking care and obeying the latest self-isolation instructions.

Keeping fit and getting regular exercise is very important but being able to be in touch with family and friends is too.

We are so fortunate to live in a beautiful part of the Cotswolds with reasonably easy access to the surrounding countryside. For those of us who are able to enjoy walks through the fields and by the rivers and lakes which surround Bourton-on-the-Water it has been good weather for photography. If you are housebound we hope you can at least enjoy time sitting or working in your gardens.

Peter and I have been eating both lunch and supper in the garden whenever possible and watching and feeding the varied birdlife and our hedgehogs which come every evening to feed.

We are very grateful to those of you continuing to knit/crochet items during this difficult time. Do keep in touch with us during this period and we can use telephone, email, WhatsApp whichever is easiest for you all. We will return calls later if we are not at home.





## Bourton Vale Gardening Club

## "A garden is a friend you can visit anytime"

Another month closer to the 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Village Show and we are still hoping to host this very special village event on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The Browser kindly agreed to publish the whole schedule online this year, and you will see lots of categories for anyone to take part in. Hopefully you will find one, which inspires you to have a go at entering or maybe something different to try at home during these uncertain times.

There are horticultural categories of course – vegetables, fruit, flowers, flower arranging, but also, crafts, baking, cookery, photography, art, sewing, knitting, patchwork, crochet and lots more, including a couple of light hearted ones – the vegetable creature is a good one to enter for anyone not so focused on how perfect their veg is. Plus the children's section with lots of categories too.

Gardens and garden wildlife have been so important this year, helping to keep us occupied and absorbed. Last year the Wildlife Trusts, Branching Out Children's group, made bird boxes, which were sold at our November monthly meeting, we were delighted when members reported that blue tits were nesting in their handmade bird boxes this spring. A huge thank you to all of the children that worked on the boxes, who have made quite a few people and birds very happy.



Blue tits lay between 8-12 eggs and after they hatch, the adults need to collect around 1000 tiny caterpillars and insects every single day, to feed their young. The babies cannot digest bird food at such an early stage, so it's vital for the parents to be able to collect these insects.



By being mindful at this time of year, avoiding chemicals and allowing hedges and shrubs to thicken up and grow taller you will be helping protect our birds with places to shelter from predators and to forage. Providing a small dish of water, topped up every day or a small pond, really helps too. Let nature care for your garden rather than be over tidy you could also be rewarded with nesting blue tits, which bring so much joy to a garden.

Take care of yourselves and others too, stay safe. We hope you keep gardening and enjoying your garden wildlife.

Julie Huckle

## RNLI

We will not be fundraising in Bourton for the RNLI this summer in our usual way either at the Co op or Duck Racing. We are grateful to



all our volunteers and supporters but under current circumstances want to keep everyone safe. If you are able and would like to continue to donate during this difficult time please look at the RNLI website (rnli.org) for more information on the work that is going on and ways to donate and fundraise. There is even a quiz that you can download to share on Zoom with friends and family! Lifeboat crews are still on call 24/7. When lockdown is over our coast is likely to be busier than ever. Your support is crucial. Thank you to all our key workers and to the Browser 'crew'.

## Julia Stevenson



## **Corona Virus**

Don't come back, You're not welcome at our door, Give us back Our land, our friends and kin, Our freedom for one and all.

NHS

Thank you to the NHS For all the work you do Always there in a time of need A hug and a smile for you.

**Milly Thomas** 



## **Bourton & District U3A**



Whilst in lockdown both our own website and the national U3A website have become incredibly useful for keeping in touch. Our own website www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton has a "Latest News" page. This is being used to share a weekly quiz, short stories, poems and member's reflections on living through these strange times. Some of our groups are continuing their activities remotely. For example the Bridge group are playing on-line, the Nature Group is taking virtual tours of places of interest whilst the Quiz, Creative Writing and Poetry Groups are producing contributions for the website.

The National U3A's website www.u3a.org.uk has an amazing selection of activities . There are learning sessions on a wide variety of subjects, craft projects, photographic forums, workouts, quizzes, a short story competition and a gardening blog. The U3A are also running a series of on-line workshops on everything from "Using Zoom Meetings" to "Avoiding Scams" and "Robotics". Members can book these though the website. I'd urge any members who have not yet signed up for the monthly National electronic newsletter to do so as this keeps you up to date with all the latest activities available.

The committee met by "Zoom" for the first time on 13<sup>th</sup> May, whilst not without some technical difficulties, we are found it a very worthwhile method of keeping in touch and progressing U3A business. We plan to continue to meet via Zoom until we can resume "real" meetings.

It was agreed that as we have little to report from the Interest Groups, instead of the usual summer newsletter, we will just send an "all member email" for those with email addresses and do a mail shot for those without.

The National U3A day originally planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> June has been rescheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> October. However we will wait until nearer the date to decide how to mark the day. Obviously it will depend partly on what restrictions are still in place..

Our AGM has been rescheduled for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 10.30am at the British Legion Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water. This may of course still be subject to further change depending on the situation at that time. The spring newsletter con-

tained a committee nomination form. The deadline for nominations is now  $1^{st}$  July. We urge members to put their names forward. We are particularly looking for a new Group's Coordinator. This is an interesting role forming the link between the Interest Groups and the Committee. If any member is interested please contact me.

If you are retired or semi retired you are still welcome to join us, please contact me or see our website for details www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton. 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, (all be it by 'phone and email

at present!).

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



## THE FRIDAY CLUB

Owing to the current lockdown the Committee has decided that, subject to the lockdown being lifted, the Friday Club. will not meet again until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. It will be good to get together again after such a long break. Take care and hopefully we will meet again on Friday 4th September.

#### M.M.Johnston

## Appeal for Hard Wood for Turning

Sometime ago I advertised in the Browser for anyone who might have any hard wood they wanted to give away. The response was very good. One gentleman in particular who constructs oak timber buildings donated his redundant

7" square off cuts to me. If this gentleman is still in a position to donate his off cuts, or anyone else would like to depose of suitable turning timber, I would love to hear from them.

Ray Dodd 01451 822431



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## **Radio Northleach**

Being in the right place at the right time has never been more appropriate than at the introduction of the lockdown and the birth of Radio Northleach.



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Some months ago, I saw an advert for volunteer presenters on Cotswold Hospital Radio and was accepted as a trainee!

On air the following Friday evening! Daunting but I was hooked. After a while, a colleague and I decided to stretch our broadcasting wings by joining Radio Winchcombe, a community radio station, to present daytime music shows.

Subsequently, my son Richard and I were offered Saturday Sports Desk, that appealed to Richard's communication skills and passion for sport. We chatted about football, cricket, rugby, and other sporting issues.

The bonding experience was amazing, three dedicated hours together, often followed by lunch with my daughter-in-law, Laura, and granddaughter Lottie. Total pleasure.

Then the lockdown and no more trips to Winchcombe.

Previously, Richard and I had casually discussed the idea of a community radio station in Northleach. With the lock down, we realised the potential benefits to the community with news updates, encouragement, and entertainment.

After some research, we found an organisation to help us create and manage an internet radio station. They offered to provide a full set of tools to ensure that live broadcasting could be achieved within a couple of days!

Richard made contact and with a good deal of patience, he was actually able to broadcast on <u>www.radionorthleach.com</u>

His first breakfast show on 27<sup>th</sup> March had just nine log ins; now they reach up to a hundred. Over the past weeks, there have been regular afternoon shows, including playlist selections from Susan and Ray Dodd and Christine and Rob Gorton. There is a popular quiz night each Thursday; a food and drinks show; poetry and book readings; jazz nights and a Saturday party night for the youngsters. Two informal services from Northleach Church have also been aired.

Radio Northleach has been registered as a not for profit company and we are planning to open a dedicated studio after the lockdown, with broadcasting and recording facilities.

Far from concentrating on Northleach, we believe that Radio Northleach can cover the Bourton-on-the-Water community, including surrounding villages.

We share our surgery, our County Councillor; our children are

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pupils at the Cotswold School, several organisations including the Lions are active in Bourton and many from Northleach shop in Bourton, particularly at the Co-Op.

From our new studio, members of the Cotswold communities of all ages, will be able to receive guidance on preparing and broadcasting live and recorded programmes to regularly communicate news and entertainment from the radio station across the communities.

We are particularly keen to encourage pupils from our local schools to add further skills and experience to their educational portfolio.

On a practical point, we have found that those who could benefit most from access to the internet, including Radio Northleach, are often those who find funding a problem and may also have a fear of modern technology.

Given the support of the excellent street volunteers and youngsters in the communities in and around Bourton and Northleach, we believe that such potential beneficiaries can be identified, helped and supported.

They can be given access to news and entertainment but also enhanced communication. This can especially apply with medical wellbeing.

Dr. Paul Johnson from the Cotswold Medical Practice recently said, "there is absolutely no doubt that as things move on from this coronavirus crisis, technology will become much more in use across the entire national health service. In particular, with primary care. Going forward we will be using telephone, video, and E-consulting in a much more widespread way then we have ever done in the past. In a strange way this pandemic has brought forward the use of technology that was being considered way before all of this ever happened".

Expanding access to the internet can become a permanent legacy of the lockdown, as well as bringing our communities even closer together.

Radio Northleach is currently being considered for a substantial grant. Our plan is to use a significant amount of any funding that we receive, to offer to provide for the installation of internet access for those residents who would welcome this facility. The grant will require matched funding. We hope that both Bourton and Northleach residents will join our cause.

Further news updates will be included in future issues of the Bourton Browser and on Radio Northleach. Follow our website and listen in to <u>www.radionorthleach.com</u>.

Keith Blundell. Station Manager Radio Northleach.







#### Letters

The letters on the right represent the initials of well known sayings, songs, facts etc represented by the numbers on the left e.g. 1666 GF of L = 1666 Great Fire of London, or 60 M in an H = 60 Minutes in an Hour.

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5.	3	S to H	
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23.	5	P for the L K in S	
24.	18	H on a GC.	
25.	10	GBH on the W	

## Creatures

Complete the story below by inserting into each blank space the name of a creature which fits by its spelling. No creatures are repeated. Punctuation occurring in a blank <u>is</u> shown, and the figures show the total number of letters in each missing word.

Three jockeys, Bill, Jack and Roger, were getting ready to ride out one morning. Roger warned his friend, "Watch out \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_(6)ot of the time your horse can be an un\_\_\_\_\_(4) ably tricky ride. I've fallen off him a I\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_ (5)rible injuries have resulted". "\_\_\_\_\_" (3,3) , said Jack, thanks for the warning, I'll try to be carefu \_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ (5) that a complete waste of time"?

They c \_\_\_\_\_ (4)ered aboard their mounts and agreed to go cross country, and as it was blowing a gale Jack put on his scar \_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ (4) er didn't bother, he was a \_\_\_\_\_\_ (4)ype of jockey, typi \_\_\_\_\_\_ (4)or him to be det \_\_\_\_\_\_ (6)d not to be put off by a bit of bad weather. They headed off into the country and rode along the edge of a field, alongside a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_(7)-stander called out to them "Guys, go slo \_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (6)eft a bit, there's a hazard up ahead where someone's left a barr \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(5) a pile of rubbish on the path. "Thanks", said Ro \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_(6)I would never have seen that, his helmet is far too big and keeps falling down over his eyes. Also, his horse is completely \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_(7)ching him once he's bolted is nearly impossible. You can't teac \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(4)ckless horse to be careful, it's almost impossible; it's not like teaching a hu \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_(7)nager or a child who all learn eventually. Yesterday he lost a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(9, 3)tering his way through a large hedge too big to jump over. \_\_\_\_\_\_(6)y good boy now", he said, "and behave yourself today".

They eventually made their way back to the stables although Bill's horse had a bad I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_(6)rge cut on his hind leg and a sore foot, most of which was due to his reckless nature. Roger fixed Bill with a firm ga \_\_\_\_\_, "\_\_\_\_\_(5)vo, Bill, we're a \_\_\_\_\_\_(5)zed you made it back today". \_\_\_, \_\_\_\_(5)ind to yesterday and it was you in trouble", replied Bill, so there's no need to \_\_\_\_\_\_(4)."

Roger scratched his sc\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_(6)reful study of tomorrow's route before leaving should eliminate any trouble, so many problems are not condu \_\_\_\_\_ (5)o a pleasant ride."



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## Underground

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- 1. His letter to the Corinthians...
- 2. A place where hops can be found
- 3. Ashes of a Tree
- 4. Arms Stash
- 5. ... Up the Wrong Tree
- 6. H2O for aromatic leaves
- 7. Cockneys find it above their eyes...
- 8. Absolutely enormous
- 9. Clerical Envy
- 10. Sirs cross here
- 11. A Channel crossing does this to many people!
- 12. Oriental Bacon
- 13. Sea Defence
- 14. And again please, Mr Laurel....
- 15. Coe & Ovett crossed the line here
- 16. Where you go with your passport?
- 17. The Americans have the real thing
- 18. Your grandad might have smoked the old version...
- 19. Where Phil goes to play cricket?
- 20. I keep my money here

Answers to all three quizzes on pages 14 and 15 will be in July's Bourton Browser and available on our website www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

## **BOURTON BROWSER**

## **BUSINESS COMMUNITY UPDATE**

We are all living in exceptional times, I think we'd all agree, and as I write this we have just experienced the first weekend following the government's very clear guidance to the whole population that we can all start to move with a little more freedom. As a representative of the business community here in the village, we have been working with the Parish Council and Cotswold District Council to devise a plan where we can both welcome visitors, and as businesses are able to gradually do so. allow those that can, to operate in a safe and secure manner.

One would think, looking at social media recently, that those very business owners and the newly returned visitors are complete pariahs, and the negativity directed at both this weekend has been quite frankly shameful.

Those few businesses that are able to open should have our full support. They have been without any income for over two months, and while many of the keyboard warriors sat on their sofas are benefitting from being furloughed and have nothing better to do than aim barbed comments at small business owners fighting for their financial survival, we should all just recognize the extreme difficulties the business community is having to endure.

We have all chosen to live in the most beautiful part of the country for a reason, some for the affordability of property, some because this is their family roots, some because of the business opportunities, some because hospitality is in our blood and operating businesses centred on that in a busy tourist area makes complete sense.

The upshot is that incoming visitors are part of our everyday life. We would all do well to respect each other's reasons for being here, and support each other in these very difficult times.

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