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DIARY DATES

- 4th Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm via Zoom. See opposite.
- 8th Remembrance Sunday. See Parish Council notes opposite.
- 22nd Farmers Market, British Legion Hall Car Park, Lansdowne, GL54 2AR 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599. See page 13.
- 25th U3A Zoom meeting, "The Furness Peninsular" by Tom Constant, 10.30am. See page 6 for details.

Bourton Browser Team News

Welcome to the November Browser.

It will be a strange build up to Christmas this year as Halloween celebrations, Firework Displays and most Christmas markets and fairs will not be able to take place due to covid. Even Remembrance Day events will have to be scaled back, although we can all still remember those who gave their lives in our own ways. This includes those who gave their lives in the current fight against covid.

At the time of writing, infection rates are rising again. Although Bourton has been lucky so far, even here figures have increased so we must all be vigilant and follow the rules.

Let's hope the weather is kind and allows us all to take some nice walks to enjoy the last of the wonderful autumnal colours.

Later in the month a number of local venues are putting on outdoor illuminated trails. These offer a magical escape for adults and children alike, something we probably all need this year! See page 4 for details. All will require pre booking as numbers will be strictly limited to allow social distancing. Our Best Wishes

The Bourton Browser Team

Parish Council Notes

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Council Meeting 7th October 2020

Remembrance Day: The Royal British Legion, the Churches and the Parish Council have made a decision to keep this year's Remembrance Day service on the Village Green low key due to Government guidelines on Covid-19 restrictions. A small number of people will meet at the War Memorial by 10.50 am on 8th November 2020, where there will be a minimum service, a bugle at 11.00 am as a mark of respect and minimum laying of wreaths. Groups and organisations will be encouraged to lay their wreaths throughout the day to avoid large gatherings.

We don't encourage residents to attend the service but if anyone does they must adhere to the Government guidelines of social distancing and groups of no more than six. It is hoped the service can be live streamed via facebook and youtube.

Co-option of a Parish Councillor: Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. To meet the qualifying criteria you need to be an elector over the age of 18 and have lived or had your primary place of work in the village for the past 12 months. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk on 01451 820712 or email clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk. Completed applications must be returned to the Council Offices by Monday 16th November 2020.

Christmas Tree: The Christmas tree is planned to be installed in the river this year on Saturday 14th November 2020 at 9.00 am. If anyone is willing to help please contact the Parish Clerk on the details below.

Street Name Plates: Any damaged, missing or illegible street name plates, please notify the Parish Clerk who would report this to CDC for replacement.

Street Signs: If a street sign is covered by vegetation could we please urge you to report this to Gloucestershire County Council via there on-line reporting system.

Meeting with the Director of Public Health: The Parish Council have met with Sarah Scott, the Director of Public Health to discuss health related issues in the village. CDC are looking into providing additional toilets in the village as there aren't enough to cope with the volume of visitors the village has on a daily basis. Other issues discussed were – over tourism, volume of litter, car parking, traffic regulations orders and Civil Enforcement Officers covering the village over a longer period and how to manage tourism. A short term and longer term strategy was to be worked on to try and resolve the above problems.

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Remembrance Sunday

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through the passing years,
young boys who gave their lives,
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Meeting with Sally Graff and Chris Jackson, Tourism Officers, CDC:

The Parish Council have met with Sally Graff and Chris Jackson, Tourism Officers, CDC to discuss the problems we have with over tourism in the village and trying to work out a way of managing this issue. CDC notified the Parish Council how they market the Cotswolds, and were working on trying to spread the visitors around the Cotswolds and not just in the main hot spot tourist areas. Car and coach park charges were being looked at and a coach booking system for the future was being investigated.

The Parish Council Office:

The Parish Council office remains closed to the public for the meantime. If anyone needs to contact the staff please either email or phone on the details below and if a visit to the Parish Council office is required an appointment can be made.

Next Parish Council Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday

7th October 2020 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

Tel: 01451 820712

clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

Audrey Barham

Audrey Barham passed away peacefully at home on Monday 12th October 2020.

She and her late husband John (d. 2012) enjoyed a long and happy retirement in Bourton-on-the-Water, making many friends along the way. She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.

There will be a private cremation for close family and a memorial service when circumstances permit.

Donations are most welcome to: The Macular Society -

www.macularsociety.org

Nigel Barham

Editor's Note:

Audrey, and her late husband John, were Bourton Browser deliverers for many years. They were also members of many local groups including the Panto Group, Gardening Club, Knitting Circle and U3A. Audrey will be much missed by all her friends and neighbours. We offer our sincere condolences to her family.

Planning a covid secure event in Bourton?

Don't forget to check the **Village Diary** to see what is already scheduled before setting your date.

Visit:

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Send us the dates of your Bourton community events for autumn 2020 and for 2021 and we will add them to the **Village Diary** so others will be aware of what you are planning.

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The Virtual Virgin London Marathon 4th October 2020

Never in living memory have our sporting and everyday lives been so affected by a world-wide event as that experienced by millions these past few months. Despite this the world has learned to adapt somewhat, enabling us to continue with certain things that are important to us and to society at large.

In parallel with forty-six thousand other runners world-wide, four of Bourton Roadrunners' members took on the challenge of the Virtual London Marathon (VVLN). Jenni Glass took on a route that was far from flat. After a few months overcoming niggling injuries, she had a fantastic run completing the 26.2 miles in a new personal best time of 3:47:30.

Susan Hunt decided to tackle two events in a single run: the VVLN plus the Black Country Ultra. The 33 mile ultra was run on a canal towpath, through tunnels and on a disused railway line. She was accompanied by Linda Edwards (a 2nd claim member). Susan finished in 6:15:59, but would have been quicker if 'nature' hadn't called. Linda in her first ultra race finished in 6:49:24. This was also a great achievement for Linda, who only last week ran the Goodwood Marathon in 4:26, comprising 11-laps around the race track with only the wind for company.

Kate Price, another 2nd claim member, set off in the rain on Sunday morning with her husband and fellow BRR members for company. Kate was raising money for Cancer Research UK, a charity close to her heart as she is undergoing treatment herself. Again, another hilly route with Kate being overjoyed to complete the distance in 7:21:05 and celebrating with a bottle of bubbly.

John Gibson
Bourton Roadrunners Club



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Christmas Cards Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust (GAT)

We will be collecting used Christmas Cards for our charity as usual, but please, deliver them to us no later than the end of January. These cards are then "remade" into new cards which are sold to raise money for GAT. Sorry but we can't re use cards with glitter. Please leave the card backs on as these are recycled by the Woodland Trust and GAT receives money for them.

Cards should be placed in the black boxes beside the front doors of either Alice's Cottage in Victoria Street (opposite Clapton Row), or 19 Moore Road (opposite the community centre).

Due to covid, many locations that used to sell the cards are unable to do so but the remade cards will still be available from Hospital Reception Desks. The number of helpers to re make the cards has also fallen.

We still collect used Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well Cards etc throughout the year, these all sell very well. Used stamps are also most welcome and raise much needed funds.

Due to covid takings from card sales are down. Last year we made £9207, so far this year we have only taken £4417.

I am very happy to report that Dixon and Alstone wards at Cheltenham Hospital are very busy catching up with long awaited operations.

Thank you for all your support over the many years. This is my way of saying THANK YOU to Cheltenham Hospital for keeping me walking after so many mishaps! **Mollie Wise**

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OUT AND ABOUT in November

The following events were correct at the time of going to print but please check websites prior to travel and be aware changes may occur if the covid situation alters.

20th-3rd January, Christmas at Blenheim Palace, Illuminated Light Trail and see the Palace dressed for Christmas. Pre booking of tickets and parking essential. Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1PP
www.blenheimpalace.com 01993 810530.

26th-3rd January Enchanted Light Trail, Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power GL54 5FL, 01451 850307, Book tickets in advance—<https://cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk>

28th Moreton Christmas Market, from 9am in High St. Outside stalls only, no timed light switch on our grotto due to covid restrictions. More info 07984484550.

28th-20th December, Enchanted Christmas, Westonbirt, Tetbury, GL8 8QS. Light displays, talking trees & elves making toys. Pre booking essential. <https://www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt/events>.

28th-30th December Spectacle of Light, Music & Lights with a Nutcracker theme. Pre booking essential. Sudeley Castle & Gardens, Winchcombe, GL54 5JD. 01242 604 244. www.sudeleycastle.co.uk

Most local attractions are open (with restrictions). It is essential to check prior to travelling for precise details.

Batsford Arboretum & Garden Centre, nr. Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9AD, www.batsarb.co.uk Tel: 01386 701441. Non members must book tickets in advance via website. See page 14.

Birdland Park & Gardens, Bourton-on-the-Water, 01451 820480. www.birdland.co.uk. Pre booked tickets required.

Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1PP
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Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5FL. 01451 850307. www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk

Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens, Bradwell Grove, Burford, OX18 4JP, 01993 823 006, www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk

Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Steam Railway, 01242 621405. www.gwsr.com Pre booking essential, limited service.

National Trusts—Some now open / partially open, including Hidcote Gardens and Snowhill. Advance booking of tickets is essential. Go to www.nationaltrust.org/southwest

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Bourton on the Water WI had a trial meeting of members using Zoom in October and we were pleasantly surprised with the attendance, and how well it went, making it worthwhile to continue in this mode from now on.

We always welcomed new members when we met on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Victoria Hall and we look forward to doing so again in the future.

Unfortunately we cannot foresee our meetings taking place there for quite a few months. In the meantime we hope that current members will enjoy future meetings via Zoom.

Vanessa Pound

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Bourton Vale Gardening Club

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In the spirit of seasonal gardening and fingers crossed, we are tentatively hoping to re start our monthly get togethers in April next year. Meanwhile, as autumn unfolds, there are autumnal trees to enjoy and our garden wildlife to care for.

Wildlife populations have fallen by more than two thirds in the past 50 years, and as gardeners we can all do something to help make the spaces we care for wildlife friendly. By only gentle tidying in a garden, leaving piles of leaves for hibernating hedgehogs, frogs and insects, we can all do a little to collectively help our beleaguered wildlife. Keeping bird feeders topped up and water available for thirsty visitors, benefits our visitors and us, as taking time out in our day to nurture nature is good for our own mental health too. Our soil is vastly improved by letting leaves lay in borders, allowing worms to naturally recycle and a great reason to take it all a little slower.

Autumn is the time to plant your own wildlife friendly hedge, creating a place of shelter and forage, and a nesting place for the birds, insects and creatures that bring a garden alive. Planting bare root hedges from November to March, the dormant season, is the cheapest way to create any hedge. Even a tiny hedge with edible berries and spring blossom, could bring beautiful pollinators and, later, birds to feast on the berries.



If there isn't room for a hedge, creating smaller spaces with bird boxes, and insect hotels all help, putting these up in the autumn gives our wildlife somewhere to shelter in the coming winter months. Instead of pruning perennials to the ground, waiting until spring, protects the plant from late frosts and could make a cosy home for overwintering ladybirds who are masters at eating pesky aphids.

Take care of yourselves and others too, stay safe. **Julie Huckle**

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Bourton Men in Sheds

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By the time you get to read this edition of the Bourton Browser it will be about 8 weeks until Christmas, so don't delay and buy something from our collection at the sheds for a friend or relation.

You can also view on-line at "Bourton Men in Sheds" where you will find a wide range of the things we make, from boot removers, milk bottle carriers for 2,4 or 6 bottles to large planters made to your requirements. Also at www.bourtonmeninsheds.weebly.com

Our latest addition is a Wishing Well which can display plants or bulbs. This has become a very popular item.

So what does 2021 have in store for the shedders? Well we have a number of ideas for creating different things. All are being discussed and are at planning stages. We will share our ideas with you once we have decided the way forward.

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I am delighted to report that 208 members have now renewed their subscriptions. I'd like to thank them for their loyalty, this means that we have a thriving organisation despite covid. I'd like to remind any members who have not renewed that their memberships will lapse from 26th November. You can renew or join through our website www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton. Go to the membership page. Here you can either renew on-line and pay by PayPal, credit or debit card, or download and print a membership form and send it, with a cheque, to the membership secretary.

We will be holding our November meeting via Zoom on Wednesday 25th, when Tom Constant, one of our Group Organisers, will be talking about the "Furness Peninsular". All members (with email addresses) will receive an invitation nearer the time. Those without wifi access could consider visiting a u3a friend who is able to get on-line to allow them to join us too. If you are thinking about joining u3a and would like to sample this meeting, please contact me and I will arrange for an invitation to be sent.

Although covid is limiting our activities

some interest groups are managing to meet. Some, such as Poetry and Play Reading, are meeting in sub groups of 6 maximum, others such as Bridge, German conversation and the Quiz Group have moved their meetings on-line whilst the Nature Group are taking nature walks in small numbers.

If you are retired or semi retired you are very 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.

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Though Winter should be seen

For paring trees crisp and clean.

So branch and stem may rest,

Before they return looking at their best.

When Spring and Summer come along,

Bright with bud and birdsong;

Encouraging us to enjoy the day,

Whatever else might come our way.

Hugh O'Connell

Message from the Church

Try Praying

When will it end? Will it ever end? Will we ever get back to normal? It seemed fun for a while, the empty car parks, the village green all to ourselves. But now the novelty has worn off. Cases are rising, businesses are on the edge of collapse; lives and livelihoods are at stake.

Worry. We all do it. Jesus talked about worry. He said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened." Try it. Come to Jesus. No fanfare, no ritual; you don't even have to kneel (but you can if you like). Come to Jesus, simply. Tell him how it is. Tell him your worries. You can't surprise him, he knows anyway. He says, "Take my yoke upon you, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light". He doesn't say that there are no burdens, but he does promise to share.

This is just the latest in a long line of disasters threatening to derail our lives, but we don't have to let it; we have a choice. We already know we can't manage our own future, or even our present, but we can stop and look up. To the one who made the stars, the one who knit us together in our mother's womb, we can say,

"Father in heaven, you are above it all. Have it your way, here in my life on earth, just as you do in heaven. Give me what I need each day and forgive me for thinking I can solve my own problems.

Help me to forgive others too; they're just as lost as I am. Help me not to drown in worry, but to acknowledge you as the only one who can fix me, fix this world around me, because it's your world Father. Let me be yours too. Amen."

Ian and Justine Fowler

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Every Sunday

11am – **Holy Communion** at St Lawrence (also live streamed on Facebook)

6pm – **Evening prayer** – on Zoom (contact us for joining details)

Every Monday 9am – **Morning Prayer** – a short space of quiet and prayer to start the week

Every Wednesday 10:30 am – service of **Holy Communion**

All Soul's service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

1st November at 3:30pm – please email to book a space

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER BAPTIST CHURCH

We have a daily **Bourton Baptist Church** live broadcast, every day at 11am, a 10 minute local information and chat, joke, thought for the day, and prayer. Rev Ian Fowler is joined by Justine for a song on Sunday so it's a slightly longer time broadcasting. All are very welcome, it's very easy to find and can run on any internet device - your computer, your mobile phone.. and its recorded so available later too.

You can find it at – [twitch.tv/bourtonbaptist](https://www.twitch.tv/bourtonbaptist)



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.

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Parish website: stow-bourtoncatholic.net

All Masses at the Catholic Churches in Stow and Bourton are taking place at the usual times and in the usual places, as set out below. Social distancing is preserved at all times. Stewards will seat you. After every Mass the Churches are cleaned in compliance with Government and Bishops' Conference hygiene requirements.

All worshippers are required to wear face masks.

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are all able to take place, subject to the latest requirements, and visits to the housebound to take Holy Communion are being made. Email or phone me if this is required.

WEEK END MASSES:

Sat. evenings: **Vigil Mass 6 pm—Bourton**

Sunday morning: **9 am Mass - Stow.**

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Mon, Wed, Fri, **9 am Stow.**

Tue, Thur, **10 am Bourton.**

NOTICES

Sun. 1st Nov. 9 am (Stow) All Saints' Day Mass

Mon 2nd Nov. 9 am. (Stow) All Souls' Day Requiem Mass

Sun 8th Nov. 9 am (Stow) Requiem Mass for those who died in War (Remembrance Sunday)

Sat 28th Nov. 6 pm (Bourton) Vigil Mass of Advent Sunday

Sun 29th Nov. 9 am (Stow) Advent Sunday

Adult Baptisms, Confirmation and First Communion candidates for 2021 Please contact Fr. Stephen if you wish to enrol you or your child. Christmas Masses will be advertised soon, on our website: stow-bourtoncatholic.net There will be 4 Masses and a booking system will be necessary. Details will be published on website and locally. **Fr. Stephen.**

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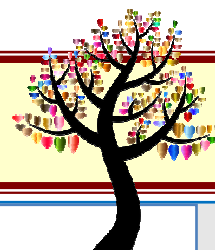
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For The Younger Generation



Hello Young Bourtonians,
Wow! What happened to 2020? It has been a very strange and unusual year but seems to have passed surprisingly quickly. How have you all felt this year? Do you think Covid has brought people together or caused them to drift apart? If any of you would like to share your thoughts or opinions please email me at : team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk
Have a natty November!

Christine
Sub Editor



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

Join the outstanding Sixth Form at The Cotswold School

At this stage in the Autumn, Year 11 students begin planning their next steps, beyond GCSEs. We have many activities coming up to help students choose and apply for courses and find out more about the Sixth Form.

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We will shortly be launching our 'Welcome to the Sixth Form' campaign, including a new video from students and teachers in Years 12 and 13; an introductory assembly for Year 11 students, hosted by members of the Sixth Form team; one-to-one virtual meetings for Year 11 families with senior school leaders; and taster lessons to showcase new subjects to study in the Sixth Form.

If you have any questions about joining our outstanding Sixth Form, please email sixthform@thecotswoldschool.co.uk or visit our website www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Phil White,
Deputy Principal and
Head of Sixth Form



Bourton Vale Tennis Club

It was the turn of the adults on Sep 27th for the Tennis Club finals day. We were fortunate to have some very fine weather, albeit a little windy. Lots of great tennis was played in a very

enjoyable socially distanced and fully sanitized event! Tim Hull, Club Chairman, outplayed Wasya Awori in the Men's Singles final presenting the trophy to himself, and winning for the second consecutive year! The Ladies' Singles was won again by Yoko Peyton in a repeat of last year's final against Suzanne van Heyningen. Men's Doubles was won by A-team pairing Wasya Awori and Bill Fagg, with Vicky Palos and Ann Whitney taking the Ladies' Doubles. The final match was the Mixed Doubles which saw Ann Whitney and Bill Fagg come out on top to claim two victories in one day! Check out the winners' photos on our Facebook page and while you're there don't forget to give us a thumbs up! Even better, why don't you come along to the club to give tennis a go? Lots more information on our website at www.bourtontennisclub.org

See you on court!

Alex Peyton



Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

Army Cadets	IJ Haines	850758 after 6.30pm
Beavers	bourton beavers@gmail.com	
Bell Ringers, BoW	Anne Clark	820759
Bourton Gymnastic Club	Martin Collett	820015 /07870624180
Bourton Road Runners Juniors	Richard Buffton	831733 / 824379
B'n Out of School Club (OSC)		07950 048066
Bourton Vale Cricket Club	Lucy Gillespie	
	craiglucygillespie@yahoo.com	
B'n Vale Equestrian Centre	Leanne Launchbury	821101
Bourton Vale Tennis Club	James Hilltout	07946 397186
	www.bourtontennisclub.org	
Brownies	Kathleen Punchard	824459
Bumblebeez babies & pre-school tots	Rowena King	821282
Canoe Club	Oliver Robbins	07890318079
Guides		07843282262

Cubs	Nick Hawke	01451 822786
Hockey	Tracy Dixon	07813187933
Noah's Ark Toddlers Group	Ian Fowler	07906518316
Pre-School	Julie Cooper	07950 048066
Pre-School Jujitsu	Andy or Hayley	07951587398
Pre-School Gymnastics	Caroline Ardron	07793949198
Pre-School Friday Club	Gina Davis	07515866358
Pre School Music Class	Sian Ferris	01242 890200
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Rainbows		07941502222
4Shires Swimming	Jo Shaw	membership@4ssc.co.uk
Scouts/Explorer Scouts	Scott & Lynn Dartnell	810332
	Bourton-scouts@talktalk.net	
Taekwon-do	Lee Chapman	01285 640500
Wiggle	Maria Blundell-Palethorpe	07732754431
Youth Club	Pip Duckmanton	07796346781

4 Shires Swimming Club – latest news

After much hard work and perseverance from members of the committee, the club is now able to offer training sessions in three pools – Bourton-on-the-Water Leisure Centre, Kingham School and Sibford School. This is great news when many other clubs are still struggling to get pool time. This will allow our various squads (Pre-Competition, Competition, County and Regional) to maintain their fitness levels and continue their training.

Senior Swimmer of September went to Jasper Schofield-Linnell for his hard work throughout lockdown, which is evident in his strength and ability in all pool sessions.

Junior Swimmer of September went to James Price who has developed into a very good swimmer and is training hard.

The club has recently started to organise virtual information sessions for members, including talks by British Olympic Swimmer Amy Wilmott, and Optimising Recovery by a Loughborough University student with a Masters in Sport & Exercise Nutrition.

There are still spaces for the Comp, County and Regional sessions for next term.

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Autumn Sausage Casserole with garlic breadcrumbs

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp [olive oil](#), plus an extra drizzle (optional)
- 8 large pork sausages
- 1 [onion](#), finely sliced
- sprinkle of [golden caster sugar](#)
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp tomato purée
- ½ tsp [smoked paprika](#)
- 400g can [chopped tomatoes](#)
- 100ml red wine
- 2 bay leaves
- 400g can butter beans, drained but not rinsed
- For the crumb topping (optional)
- 50g fresh breadcrumbs
- 2 [garlic cloves](#), finely grated
- handful of [parsley leaves](#), roughly chopped

Method

1. Heat the oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Heat 1 tbsp of the oil in a shallow oven-proof [casserole](#) over a medium heat and gently fry the sausages for 5-8 mins, or until brown on all sides. Transfer to a plate using tongs. Tip the onions into the pan and fry for 5-8 mins until beginning to turn golden. Drizzle in a little more oil if the onions start to stick. Sprinkle in the sugar and cook for a minute before stirring in the vinegar, tomato purée and paprika to form a paste. Tip in the tomatoes, then pour the wine into the tomato can, swish it round, and add to the pan. Stir in the

bay leaves and beans, then arrange the sausages on top so they're half-submerged in the sauce but still a little exposed.

2. Bring the mixture to a simmer, then bake in the oven for 20 mins. Meanwhile, make the topping. Mix the breadcrumbs with the garlic and parsley, then season and stir in 1 tbsp oil. Scatter the topping over the casserole, then drizzle with the remaining 1 tbsp oil and bake for 10 mins more until the breadcrumbs are golden and crisp. Leave to stand for a few minutes, then take to the table and serve from the dish.

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BOURTON STREET VOLUNTEERS

As rates of Covid infection are increasing in many parts of England, we in the Cotswolds remain blessed with comparatively low infections. This will be in large part due to the careful adhering to Social Distancing, washing of hands, measures like wearing masks, and general sensibleness of village residents and their families. Businesses too have done their part to keep us safe, despite the huge number of daily visitors we see in the village over our peak season. So the theme of our message this month begins: **THANK YOU!**

The government and the Public Health specialists have a clear message in this regard at least, while we have been comparatively fortunate not to be as restricted as some parts of England so far, **we cannot afford to be complacent.**

And we must be prepared for a long season through the autumn, winter and into the spring. So with this in mind, throughout October, Bourton Street Volunteers have been asked by email to reconfirm their commitment and readiness to offer help to their neighbours.

Have you seen your email? Have you replied? If not, please email us at bourtoncovid19help@gmail.com

Thank you to the vast majority who continue to volunteer, over 95%, with some new volunteers. And to the handful who have moved away, or have new significant family or business commitments, we thank you and wish you well. You are always welcome to ask us for support and to volunteer again at any time.

We ask of our volunteers:

1. Please reconnect with anyone you have previously helped in any way.
2. Call on the person to remind them you are still available. Don't enter their house (unless there is a very good reason, in which case please contact Amanda or Lynda, or your area link person, to protect both parties as a safeguarding measure). Check the person still has your contact details.
3. Ask them how they are getting on. Ask if they have arrangements in place for shopping or prescription deliveries, as it will soon start to get darker and colder. Many more people now have their



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own arrangements. Remind them of our BSV deliveries from the co-op store on Mon, Wed, Fri. If they can do the Phone and Collect instead, there is 10% discount. Again a huge THANK YOU to our team of BSV driver volunteers, as well as Midcounties Co-op staff.

4. In subtle ways, please encourage gentle exercise. Perhaps for companionship and for mobility, ask if the person would like to go for a gentle stroll. Even to the end of the street and back while you chat could be helpful for both physical and psychological wellbeing. Respect the person's wishes, but just a little encouragement may be helpful.
5. Please consider the range of services offered by Cotswold Friends (befriending phone calls, activities newsletter delivered, transport services, carer respite, Men in Sheds and others). Could this be of interest to your neighbours or anyone you know? For more information, their website is www.cotswoldfriends.org Amanda is the link for our Village, and can be contacted via our email address bourtoncovid19help@gmail.com
6. Keep in touch with Lynda and Amanda, so we keep an overview of the amount and type of support required. Otherwise, please respect the usual degree of confidentiality anyone should be able to expect. Typically, you are their neighbours, so this is an informal relationship. Please don't try to provide a professional service, but seek professional support if you think it may be needed. We can support and advise in this respect.
7. Training and a range of further support is available to BSV volunteers and we will be contacting you all by email with details.

Amanda is pleased to say that her surgery finally went ahead in October and she no longer has to shield.

Lynda is working currently, however both are fully available to support BSVs as the nights draw in and the autumn leaves are falling so beautifully.

We are so blessed to live in Bourton-on-the-Water with so much kindness, and an abundance of supportive volunteers.

Amanda Davis

Lynda Hicks

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Re. My Village by Natalie Lane
September edition of Bourton Browser

This beautiful poem cleverly sums up the sentiments of Bourton residents over their frustrations as to how their village is exploited and spoiled by the ever increasing daily visitors. They show scarce regard at this time over social distancing, disposal of refuse, parking restrictions etc. Well written Natalie, you speak for so many of us and it is hoped that members of the Parish Council have read your poem and taken note.

The letter from Three Concerned Residents in the same issue typically states that

"we realise something has to be done to control the number of visitors to Bourton".

How many times have we heard such sentiments from Councilors but which turn out to be hollow platitudes? It's action that's needed and the sooner the better. Residents shouldn't need to feel they can only enjoy their own village early in the morning before it is taken over by the masses during the day. A happy medium must be found that acknowledges the views of residents which are not subordinated to the views of businesses and tourists.

Christine Mitchell

I have just read the poem in the browser by Natalie Lane and thought you might like to print this one. It was found in a drawer when we cleared my mother's bungalow. Written by Bernard Phillips, who was the farrier and had his forge at the bottom of Moore Road, where the drinks company is now. Nothing changes, as you will see that tourists have always been a problem all be it that it is so much worse now. I grew up in Bourton in the 50s and there were always tourists around.

Christine Brain, Great Rissington

Bourton 1961

A charming Village in the spring -
 But wait! What does summer bring?
 A milling crowd from far and wide
 The village green with litter hides.

While I can only stand and gaze,
 And long for peaceful autumn days.
 Then—I can walk with ease at leisure,
 And look upon the street with pleasure.
 At grey stone bridges, low and neat
 Clear Windrush flowing 'neath my feet.

Victoria Hall, from days long past
 Is taking on new life at last.
 Domed Church, floodlit at night -
 A stately and inspiring sight.
 The Cotswold houses, old and new,
 More pleasant scenes, there are but few.

In winter, when the nights are long
 It's time to join the friendly throng
 At W.I., Youth Centre and the Cheery club -
 And then, of course, that "modern hub"!
 The school, for both the young and old
 Who care to venture in the cold.
 Perhaps, all told, I should be proud
 To share "BOURTON" with the crowd.

By B. E. Phillips



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IRENE'S CHARITY KNITTING CIRCLE

November is upon us bringing chilly mornings and shorter days now. However, we are gathering together a large number of items from our Members and also Willersey Ladies who provide many items. In the last few weeks we have collected a fantastic amount of knitting/crochet

from members which will be distributed to those in need in the Gloucestershire area and also in Syria through our contacts in Birmingham. We are also very grateful for, and appreciate, individual contributions from local people who also provide items for us. All these items aid many people of all ages in our community and the elderly in our local Care Homes.

We continue to supply the Great Western Hospital with Beanie Hats and Matinee Jackets for newborn and premature babies. We realise the present Corona Virus Pandemic has changed our lives for the time being and we must try to help each other to overcome the stresses it brings with it. Peter and I hope that you are all able to live as normal a life as possible in these difficult times. We very much hope you are all getting some pleasure from your knitting and crochet in the knowledge that you are still able to help those living in distressing situations and, also, the fact that you are providing some comfort for these people/families.

As always, Peter and I wish you good health and keep smiling through. Thank you so much for all you do to help those less fortunate to have some comfort in their lives.

Take care.

Irene and Peter

For further information
contact:

Irene Summers

Tel: 01451 798718

Peter Boxall Tel: 01451
820099

Drawing by Irene



Bourton-on-the-Water Probud

Due to ongoing pandemic regulations we have been unable to recommence meetings at the Community Centre in Moore Road. The committee has been meeting on Zoom and we hope to extend this to all Probud members soon.

If any readers are interested in joining us when we are fully re-opened please contact our secretary, David Tebbutt on 01451 821098. He can give you more details of our activities and invite you to a Zoom meeting when they start. We are normally quite an active group and enjoy socialising. We meet on alternate Monday mornings. If you are retired, or semi-retired, and would like to embark on a new interest please do not hesitate to join us. **Bill Furrer**

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Co-Option of Parish Councillor

A casual vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Barbara Rogers.

We invite residents interested in joining the Council to complete an application form which is available from the Parish Council Office, The George Moore Community Centre, Moore Rd, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos GL54 2AZ.

You must meet the qualifying criteria, namely be an elector over the age of 18 and have lived or had your primary place of work in the village for the past 12 months.

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

The Parish Council looks after three recreation grounds and three allotment sites in the village, the cemetery, the village green, the George Moore Community Centre, the War Memorial on the village green and the Jubilee Orchard by the public car park at Station Road.

If you would like further information about the role of Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Clerk on 01451 820712 or by email at clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

Completed applications should be returned to the Council Offices by **Monday 16th November 2020**. Applicants will be invited to meet with Councillors via Zoom late November and we hope that an appointment will be confirmed at the Council meeting on 2nd December 2020.

Bob Hadley

Chairman of Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council
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Bourton Panto Group

As the nights are getting darker we will all need something to keep us occupied. Why do you need to go out anywhere when you can have a night in with the Panto Group?

The BPG Christmas Quiz has always taken place on the first Friday in December so why change it? The Panto Group will be holding a quiz on Friday 4th December and your quiz master, Emma, will be presiding, her usual rules will apply - Emma's word is final.

So what's going to be different? You may see some familiar faces even Mother Goose said she may be there. I also hear Carrots is trotting this way on the night. Why don't you join in, no need to go out in the cold because the venue will be your own living room. The quiz is going to take place via Zoom. You can get the family together and make yourself comfortable with nibbles, mince pies, wine or tea and join in the fun.



How much are the tickets? Well that's up to you, we've started a Just Giving page and if you want to join in the quiz you can donate as much or as little as you want to. All through these difficult times the Panto Group have bills to pay just like other organisations and businesses so any donations will be welcomed. Full details of how to access the quiz will be in next month's Browser, also on Bourton Panto Group website and our Facebook page.

We have received the sad news that Audrey Barham recently died. Together with her husband John, she spent many years supporting the Panto Group, not only performing on stage but also costume making and greeting audiences whilst working front of house. In latter years she came to the shows and supported from the auditorium, she will be greatly missed.

Jackie Denham



LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

For amendments call 822431.

Numbers without an area code are 01451

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