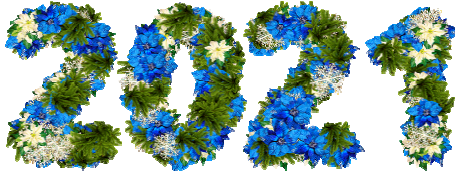




January 2021

DIARY DATES



- 6th Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm via Zoom. See opposite.
- 24th Farmers Market, British Legion Hall Car Park, GL54 2AR 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599. Page 14.
- 27th u3a "Windrush Wildlife", speaker Andy Lewis. See page 5.

Bourton Browser Team News

Happy New Year to all our readers.

We are all hoping this year will bring an end to restrictions (at some point) and see our "Diary Dates" and "Out and About" columns back to their normal very busy states!

Many community groups have taken their activities on-line for the time being. We are very happy to include any "Zoom" meetings if organisers inform us prior to print deadlines (usually 15th of the previous month). Do please send in all your planned activities for 2021, "virtual" or "real", so we can add them to our village diary and put them in the Browser.

Sadly, covid restrictions prevented us from holding our normal Bourton Browser Christmas Tea Party for all our deliverers, distributors, etc. We really missed seeing you all, and when conditions allow, we will look at trying to arrange something. In the meantime our grateful thanks go to every member of the team. Between them last year, they ensured that 27600 copies of the Browser got delivered to every letterbox in the parish and into shops etc. An amazing achievement which even covid failed to prevent!

The Bourton Browser Team

Parish Council Notes

Parish Council Notes

Council Meeting 2nd December 2020

Notice of Vacancy of a Parish Councillor: One seat has become available on the Parish Council for a Parish Councillor. A notice is on display on the Parish Council notice boards and website notifying residents of the vacancy. If CDC do not receive a request for an election then the Parish Council will be able to follow the co-option process to fill the vacancy. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and would like more detail please contact the Parish Clerk.

Traffic Regulation Order: The new traffic regulation order for the village is still planned and will be installed soon.

Additional Hours for a Civil Enforcement Officer: The Parish Council had obtained a quotation to provide additional hours for a Civil Enforcement Officer to be on patrol in the village as from April 2021, as this figure had been budgeted for in the next financial year.

Youth Service: The Parish Council is planning to re-launch the Youth Club at the Cricket Club as from April 2021, as long as government guidelines allow.

Play Gloucestershire: Play Gloucestershire is planning to re-instate their outdoor play activities at Melville recreation ground as from April 2021, as long as government guidelines allow.

New Recreation Equipment: A specification has now been drawn up detailing the recreation equipment planned for the village. The spec. had been sent out to four recreation providing companies who have provided designs to the Parish Council earlier in the year.

Street Name Plates: Any damaged, missing or illegible street name plates, please notify the Parish Clerk who will 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.

Winter weather: Residents are reminded of the availability of grit and equipment at the Council office (for use on public areas only), if needed. Community and trader assistance is also sought in helping to keep paths and pavements clear, particularly in respect of High Street pavements and areas of high resident footfall, and help for elderly or immobile neighbours.

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.

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

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

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Reverse Advent Calendar

We did a reverse advent calendar for the foodbank for Christmas.

A total of 52 Hampers were sent weighing 548.62kg.

I would like to thank you, each and everyone, who contributed. These have gone off to the foodbank hub in Guiting and will be given to families in need at Christmas. A big thank you to Naunton golf club for 14 Hampers.

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Carol Groom
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PS. We will be doing this again next year. Dates will be posted nearer the time.



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Next Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th January 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

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Bourton-on-the-Water PROBUS



By the time you read this it is hoped that the advent of the vaccines for Covid 19 will leave us optimistically looking forward to a more normal 2021.

Modern technology has enabled contact between members during the past year, but it cannot make up for the human contact that we hope to experience once again. Our best wishes are sent to all our members and any prospective members who may join us.

As soon as possible, with the Tier system behind us, we will meet on alternate Monday mornings at the Community Centre on Moore Road, Bourton-on-the-Water. Further details can be obtained from our Secretary David Terrell on telephone number 01451 821098.

These meetings are interspersed with many social and educational outings when partners can join us. In the meantime, our best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2021.

Bill Furner

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Christmas Cards for GAT

Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust

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 remake 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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Christmas Tree Thank You

I am sure you will all agree that the Christmas tree in the river looks fabulous and I hope this has brought some cheer to you all and lifted spirits at the end of, what has been, a very difficult year for all of us.

This annual spectacle wouldn't be possible without the generosity and involvement of local businesses and members of the local community. This year thanks must go to:

- **Bourton Vale Parking Ltd** who purchased the tree;
- Dale Hackling at **John Hackling Transport Ltd** who arranged collection of the tree from the supplier and delivery to the village free of charge;
- Dave Walker and Chris Temple at **Agrihire** for installing the tree with the assistance of Gareth Davies, Jamie Maxwell, Peter Scarrott and Malcolm Temple;
- Colin Baldwin and the team from **CN Baldwin Electrical Ltd** who for many years have installed the lighting on the tree and the Christmas lights on the lampposts.

The Parish Council now funds this project having taken it over from the Chamber of Commerce and would like to continue to do so as it has become a major part of the Christmas celebrations in our village.

**Best wishes to you all for a
Happy New Year!**

Cllr Bob Hadley

**Chairman, Bourton-on-the-
Water Parish Council**



Bourton Panto Group



On the 4th December the Bourton Panto Group held its first Zoom Quiz. The questions were presented by our resident quizmaster Emma who presided over a raucous rabble of Santa Clauses and a good time was had by all. We would like to thank the people who donated to our JustGiving page and we are pleased to say we raised £190. Many thanks to everyone who donated. You can still donate to the Panto group's page if you wish, to the link is below.

At this time of the year we would usually be trying to remember our words having them written on the back of props and up our arms, in fact anywhere that can't be seen by the audience. The player's would have been measured up for their costumes and the sewing machines would be getting hot. Everyone would have been warned to stay away from mince pies or suffer the indignity of the last minute safety pin fastening. Janet's usually mixing up a ton of paper-mâché to make props and I'm normally making the tea and testing the biscuits (well someone has to).

But where are we now? We're in the same place as you are, at home. But are we twiddling our thumbs? No! We're still planning and our plans have just rolled forward to next summer. The scripts we're looking at are for a summer show, and we'll keep looking, so when we can start again we're all ready to go. Roll on the summer!

If you would like to donate to our Just Giving page here's the link.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bourton-pantogroup>

Jackie Denham

OUT AND ABOUT in January

- 1st New Year's Day Horse Racing at Cheltenham, www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/cheltenham
- 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th, "An Evening with the Swans", Slimbridge Wetlands Centre, GL2 7BT, includes mulled cider & mince pie in heated Peng Observatory (socially distanced seating) watching the wild swans, geese & ducks as they are fed on floodlit lake. Followed by dinner, £29.95pp. 01453 891900 www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge..
- Until 3rd 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.
- Until 3rd Enchanted Light Trail, Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power GL54 5FL, 01451 850307, Book tickets in advance—<https://cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk>
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- Until 3rd, Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Steam Railway, Post Christmas Trains, 01242 621405. www.gwsr.com Pre booking essential, limited service.
- 6th–16th "The Importance of Being Ernest", Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, due to covid, seats must be booked in "pods" of 2,3, or 4. 7.30pm and 2.30pm matinees Sat. & Thurs. Tickets from £20. Box office: 01242 572573
- 15th Rissington's Local History Society present "Woodchester Mansion - an unfinished masterpiece", a talk by Liz Davenport who will explain why this neo-gothic mansion built in the Victorian era was never completed. 2.30pm. *This talk will take place electronically on Zoom.* Please contact Sue Brown on 01451 820233 / information.RLHS@gmail.com for further details if you would like to join in.

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

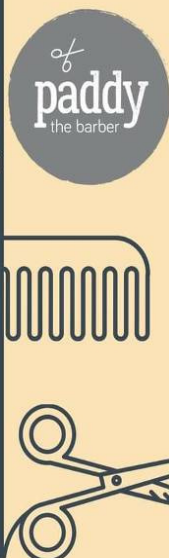
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Bourton & District u3a



A Happy and Healthy 2021 to all our members.

Our winter newsletter should reach all members early in January. We recently asked each member if they would prefer to have an emailed or printed version. Apart from those without email addresses, only a few members opted for printed versions, so most members should watch out for an email and open the attached newsletter. The newsletter contains our revised monthly meetings programme for 2021. The early months will run on "Zoom" but, as soon as restrictions and conditions permit, we will return to live meetings.

January's talk on Wednesday 27th is "Windrush Wildlife", and the speaker will be our Nature Group Organiser, Andy Lewis. All members, (with email addresses), will be sent a link a couple of days before the meeting. Log in will be from 10.15am and the talk will start at 10.30am. Please do join us, as well as listening to the talk, it is a chance to "see" other members and catch up with u3a news. There is also the opportunity to have a chat with friends privately at the end of the meeting as we can put each group into a separate "room".

If you are thinking about joining u3a and would like to sample a meeting, please contact me and I will arrange for an invitation to be sent.

More of our Interest Groups are starting to meet on-line, or via email, each month; these



include the Quiz, Poetry, Nature, German, Reading and Bridge Groups. As soon as it is safe and legal to do so, we expect many groups to restart their "real" meetings but this is likely to be some months away yet. In the meantime many members who were originally not keen on zoom meetings have been pleasantly surprised when they have given it a try!

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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Mental Health

In these difficult times the strains on mental health have increased hugely. I am one of the Cheltenham Street Pastors and in that role was pointed to a free on line course from Future-Learn called, Covid 19 Psychological First Aid, in which many helplines were highlighted. (Future Learn is backed by The British Council, Kings College and John Hopkins university)

Speaking to friends it seems that they are not aware of some of the organisations available or where to access them. The organisations on the list that follows are all noted on the NHS website but take some finding!

- nhs.uk - Increasing access to psychological therapy (IAPT) Where to get free therapy or counselling without going through your GP
- talk2gether.nhs.uk/email [letstalk@ghc.nhs.uk/write](mailto:letstalk@ghc.nhs.uk), Lets talk, Ambrose House, Meteor Court, Barnett Way, Barnwood, Glos. GL4 3GG/08000732200
- Samaritans - 24hrs Phone 116123 (free) or Glos 01452306333/Cheltenham 01242515777
- Youth suicide prevention - papyrus-uk.org. 08000684141. Mon-Fri 10-5, 7-10, W/e 2-5pm
- Help for men 24hr, txt/chat/email - menshealthforum.org.uk
- Help for men 15-35yrs (CALM Campaign against living miserably) 5pm-12mn. 0800585858/ thecalmzone.net
- Self harm - gloucestershireselfharm.org 08088010606. 07537410022. glosselfharm@rethink.org. web chat. Facebook. 5-10pm every day
- AnxietyUK.org.uk 03444775774 Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30
- Mental health foundation mentalhealth.org.uk
- MIND mind.org.uk 03001233393. Mon-Fri 9-6pm

I appreciate that this list is not exhaustive but if someone reads The Browser and subsequently feels so low and not knowing where to turn, they may remember that access to help can be found there.

Thank you for playing your part in knitting Bourton residents together.
Alma Walker

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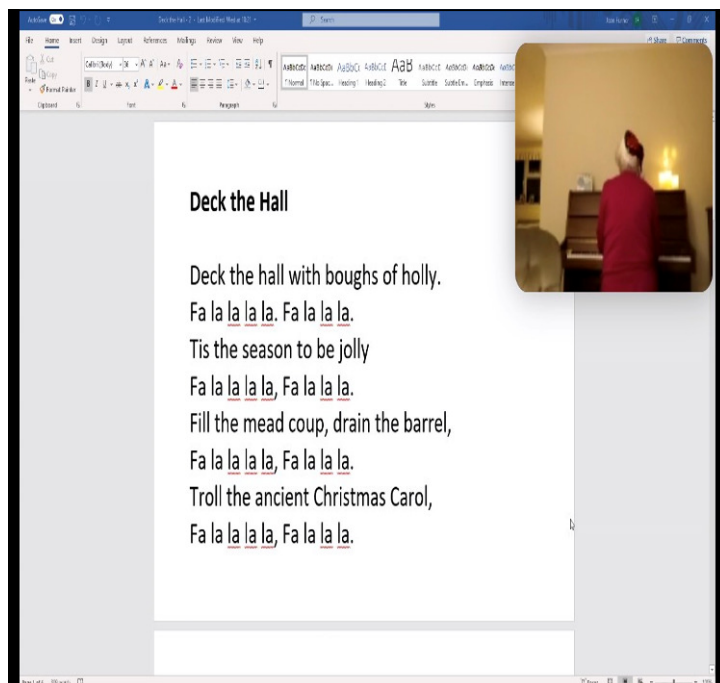
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Bourton WI



There really is "Snow place like home" and that's where the Bourton-on-the-Water Women's Institute members held their Christmas party this year, via Zoom.

Held on Tuesday the 8th December the meeting was very well supported with nearly 20 members joining together for some festive fun.



Christmas jumpers were in abundance and house decorations were looking tree-mendous. Glasses were raised to celebrate the most wine-derful time of the year. Poems were beautifully read by Janet Stenton and Shirley Sumner, whilst Marion Duffy lead a very enjoyable Christmas quiz. Hazel Russell playing on her piano was accompanied by the members singing carols, however it's fair to say the singing needed some serious work.



The finale was a Christmas raffle with over 15 prizes beautifully orchestrated by Janet Stenton.

It's greatly hoped that sometime in the New Year the WI will be able to resume their monthly meetings at the Victoria Hall, where new members are always very much welcomed, but until then, have your elf a very merry Christmas.

Vanessa Pound



Message from the Church

The poet T.S.Eliot, (died 1965), was a regular attender at the Anglican church of St. Stephen's, Gloucester Rd. in London. After getting home on the Feast of the Epiphany, he opened half a bottle of Booth's Gin and wrote a poem about the Three Kings. He commented later: 'By lunchtime both the poem and the bottle of gin were finished!'



It is a magnificent poem and it is entitled The Magi. (Greek for Magician). The first lines run as follows:

*'A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:*

It describes the pilgrimage these astrologists and followers of the ancient Iranian-Persian religion of Zoroaster made to find The Christ Child. The verses of the poem are spoken as if through the lips of one of the Wise Men/Kings.

They sought not just Jesus Christ, but also the key to life. At the end of the poem, comes the analysis of their journey.

*'Were we led all that way for birth or death? There was a Birth, certainly;
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different;
this Birth was*

*Hard and bitter agony for us, like
Death, our death.*

*We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,*

*With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.'*

Eliot was a deeply devout Christian and he understood that the values that endure, (and make us happy), are not wealth, power, influence and worldly success. The virtues of which St Paul speaks, 'Faith' (in God), 'Hope' (in immortality) and 'Love', are the keys to joy and happiness in this world.

Fr. Stephen.

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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:

Saturday evenings: **Vigil Mass 6 pm Bourton.**

Sunday morning: **9 am Mass Stow** (with recorded music).

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

10 am Bourton. (Check web-site for changes)

SPECIAL MASSES IN JANUARY:

Fri. 1st. **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.** 9 am Stow.

Wed. 6th. **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.** 9 am Stow.

Sun. 10th. **Baptism of the Lord. Vigil Mass** (Sat 9th) 6 pm Bourton; 9 am Stow.

Fr. Stephen.



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

Clapton on the Hill – BCP Holy Communion – 9:30 am 17th January

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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 it's recorded so available later too.

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For The Younger Generation

Hello Young Bourtonians,
May I take this opportunity to wish all our younger readers a Happy, Healthy and Successful 2021? One where we can spend time with our family and friends without worry, go to the park, go shopping or to the cinema and do all the things we enjoy.

Christine
Sub Editor



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

Looking forward with hope in 2021

I hope you have had a peaceful and safe Christmas.

Thank you for your support

First, a thank you to all the local businesses and organisations who gave Christmas raffle prizes and to everyone who bought tickets to support the work of our PTA, which in turn supports our students. As everyone knows, it has been a challenge to raise money for charities this year, so we appreciate your generosity.

In the last days of term we loaded our minibus with items sent in by many families to donate to the North Cotswold Food Bank. We were also delighted that so many children in the lower school designed Christmas cards for members of our Bourton community, who may have been spending Christmas alone. Over 140 were contributed from The Cotswold School students and distributed by the amazing street volunteers. We hope, if you received one, that it brought you some joy.

Could you sponsor us?

We are now campaigning for a cover to be built for our outside courts. These sports facilities are excellent resources for our students and a great benefit for our community. If you or your business are able to support this project, we would be delighted to hear from you.

A 'UK top 30' school

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I wish you a very Happy New Year and I look forward to what we can achieve in 2021.

Will Morgan,
Principal



Miss Henley from The Cotswold School co-ordinated 140 designs from our students.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

We would like to thank all the shops and businesses in the village who were so kind, helpful and enthusiastic in taking part in our Nativity Treasure Hunt. As we were unable to host our normal 'live' Crib Service in church on Christmas Eve, this seemed the next best thing!

Each of the shops and businesses involved placed a character from the Christmas story, - including several sheep, a donkey and a cow, - in a prominent place in their window, with a question about the nativity story for children to answer, together with a clue (some slightly cryptic, which might have needed a bit of help from the grown-ups and some quite tongue in cheek, such as 'Where might Mary go to buy a present for baby Jesus?').

Special thanks to The Model Railway Shop for providing a gift voucher and for members of our church family and the Bourton community, who also donated money and prizes.

Thanks too to all the children who took part. We hope you all enjoyed it.

Rachel Fisher



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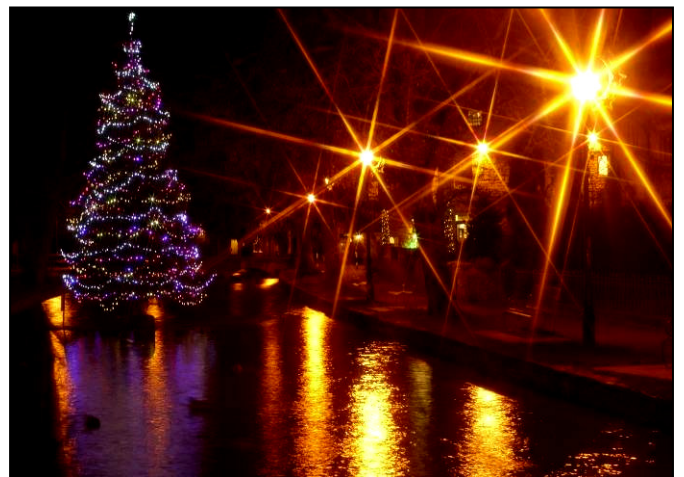


their shopping ring and collection to the spring.

Throughout the end of December 2020 over 350 lovely decorated Christmas cards were delivered around the village to, hopefully, bring a smile to someone who may be spending Christmas away from family or on their own.

The children of the village drew, painted or coloured in all the cards.

Lynda Hicks



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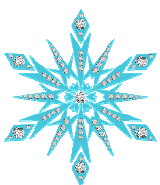
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Of white:
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Of crystals made,
All softly on
Your fingers laid,
I pause, that you
My beauty see:
Breathe, and I vanish
Instantly.

Walter de la Mare



Epiphany

Twelfth Night, or Epiphany as it is known in the Church, is on 6th January. The word means 'showing', in this case when the baby Jesus was shown to the three wise men so that they might spread the news of his birth.

It is thought that the three men were high officials or some kind of astrologers, hence the term 'wise men'.

We believe that they were: Melchior who brought gold, Caspar who brought frankincense, and Balthasar whose gift was myrrh.

A member of the Royal household still presents gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh at the Chapel Royal in remembrance of the event.

When Twelfth Night marked the end of the holiday it used to be celebrated almost as much as Christmas Day itself.

Now it is rather a sad day when all the decorations are taken down and packed away for another year.



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New Year's Day Quiz



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1. What is New Year's Eve known as in Scotland?
2. To what did the newspaper The Daily Universal Register change its name to on January 1st 1788?
3. Which black and white comedy sketch starring British comedian Freddy Frinton is an integral part of New Year's Eve viewing on German television?
4. Which song by Stevie Wonder opens with the line "No New Years Day to celebrate"?
5. Which cruise ship completely capsized on New Year's Eve in a 1972 disaster movie?
6. The Euro is the official currency of 19 of the member states of the EU, but how many countries adopted the currency when it was introduced on January 1st 1999?
7. The song "Auld Lang Syne" is forever associated with the New Year, who wrote the words to this classic?
8. Which "Queen of Disco" was born on New Year's Eve 1948?
9. The first entry in whose diary took place on January 1st 1660?
10. What statue was brought to life on New Year's Eve in the 1989 movie "Ghostbusters 2"?
11. On January 1st 1925 the name of Norway's capital was changed to Oslo, by what name had it previously been known?
12. The song "New Year's Day" gave which group their first UK top ten single in 1983?
13. Times Square in New York is famous for its New Year's celebrations but what was it named prior to 1904?
14. Which Caribbean country became the first black republic when it gained independence from France on January 1st 1804?
15. Which comedian made the UK's first mobile telephone call on January 1st 1985?
16. The actor Cesar Romero died on New Year's Day in 1994, what role was he famous for playing in the TV series "Batman"?
17. Which British playwright, responsible for such works as "Entertaining Mr Sloane" and "Loot" was born on January 1st 1933?
18. What was the name of the Cuban President overthrown by Fidel Castro on January 1st 1959?
19. Author J D Salinger was born on New Years Day in 1919, what is the title of his most famous novel?
20. Which country joined the EEC on January 1st 1981 becoming the tenth member state?

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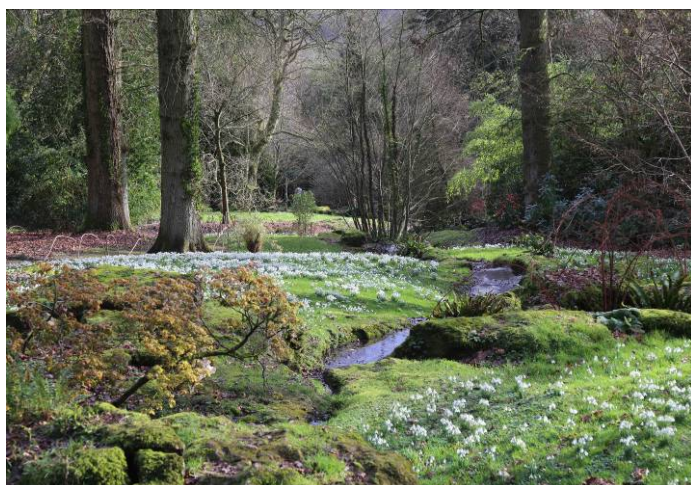
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Looking towards the end of January and snow drop time; we are blessed with some terrific gardens to visit in Gloucestershire and just over the border in Oxfordshire. Colesbourne Park with over 300 varieties of snowdrops, Batsford Arboretum, Cotswold Farm, Cerney House gardens, Painswick Rococco Gardens, Newark Park, Trench Hill (NGS) and Wychwood Wild Garden, are all wonderful to visit during snowdrop time. The National Garden Scheme has released details of 2021 open gardens, raising valuable funds for their chosen charities and giving visitors a super day out too.



If the weather is still chilly, January is a great time to take a fresh look at your own garden, planning new ideas or plants not grown before. Winter flowering shrubs should be coming into their own by the end of January including scented Sarco-cocca, bringing a couple of stems indoors can fill a whole room with its gorgeous perfume. Sweet Peas can be sown now, and repurposing loo roll tubes filled with peat free compost to sow early seeds in, work just as well as plastic root trainers and are environmentally a great deal friendlier.

Horticultural Peat products have come under a lot of fire lately, if you would like to know more, on why we should change to peat free products, the wild flower charity Plant-life, has an excellent website explaining the drastic impact peat extraction has on carbon storage and climate change, wildlife, wild plants and ultimately us too. The RHS report their gardens are now 97% peat free and give details of tried

and tested peat free alternative products on their website.

If the ground is not frozen, there is still time to plant bare root shrubs, roses, trees and hedges, which can create windbreaks and shelter for wildlife, encourage moths and butterflies to our gardens and in turn the caterpillars are food for our garden birds. Cleaning bird feeders regularly and topping up with fat rich food and providing fresh water for our wildlife, all help lift our spirits as well.

Take care of yourselves and others too, stay safe.

Julie Huckle

Rural Cinema

Since the first lockdown last March, there has been no change to thoughts on starting cinemas again. I have spoken to Cotswold District Council Leisure Services, who support the government guidelines, and to our own venue, Victoria Hall, which is still closed, so it's back to square one at present.

Rural Cinema started in Bourton in April 2004 to bring monthly films to the community. The Bourton team, which was made up of two people, is now down to just one, me!

John Gaden, our projectionist and treasurer, has stepped down after 16 years. A sterling and invaluable commitment. We respected each other's roles and it worked.

We will need "new blood" to help us start up again (when it is possible), as the equipment is heavy and large to get upstairs in Victoria Hall.

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Over the past three years I have asked for help several times. A couple did come forward but could not help with the carrying the equipment. They are keen for cinema to restart but with more help available. I have no trouble with finding volunteers to make and serve the tea!

If no new volunteers come forward to take over from John it will be GOOD BYE to Rural Cinema in Bourton.

May I wish everyone a better New Year, and hope that before long this virus will be behind us.

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Please take care and stay safe. Don't hesitate to contact us if you need any help or advice. We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Irene and Peter

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 18. Fulgencio Batista.
 17. Joe Orton.
 16. The Joker.
 15. Ernie Wise.
 14. Haiti.
 13. Longacre Square.
 12. U2.
 11. Kristiana (or Christiana).
 10. The Statue of Liberty.
 9. Samuel Pepys.
 8. Donna Summer.
 7. Robert Burns.
 6. & Spain).
 5. Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal
 4. France, Germany, Ireland, Italy,
 3. Eleven (Austria, Belgium, Finland,
 2. SS Poseidon (The Poseidon Adventure).
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"We can't say a big enough thank you to North Cotswolds Rotary and to all those who donated to the auction," said Imogen Joss, Chair of Trustees for NCCA. "This donation really will make a huge, direct difference to many local families. This has been a tough year for families who, up until now, have been entirely self-sufficient. The extraordinary and almost instant economic impact of the pandemic has affected them in an unprecedented way – this money will go straight to supporting them with the basics like food, warm clothes and a secure place to sleep."

North Cotswolds Rotary are always looking for new members. If you want to join a friendly active group that makes a difference in its local community please contact us via our new website (www.northcotswoldsrrotary.org). If you want to make a donation to North Cotswold Community Action please go to their website – www.cotswoldca.co.uk.



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Sincere thanks to Louise for all her care and unfailing kindness, to Bourton surgery and to Kate's Home Nursing...especially Maia.

Huge thanks to Norman Trotman and Hughes, and to Mike Selwood for arranging a very special and personal 'Covid' style' funeral, in which family members were able to pay their own creative tributes.

Tessa, Barbie and Garry.

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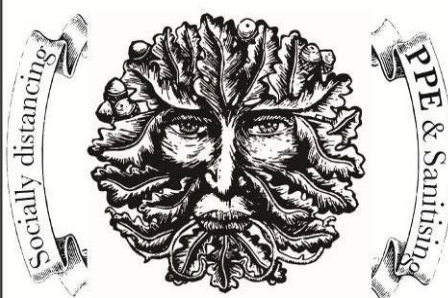
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We are also planning to offer a dedicated training session for young people, typically aged 14 to 19 years old, to cover eating disorders, depression and stress, looking after your own mental health and reducing the stigma around mental health. This also supports the valuable work of Headspace, the local community charity to help young people's mental health in Bourton-on-the-Water.

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council have received a grant from Cotswold District Council to run a one year Mental Health Project. This has included training in Suicide Awareness and Prevention, efforts in the Community to make Bourton a Dementia Friendly Village, and free training in Mental Health First Aid.

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Amanda Davies

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