



February 2021

DIARY DATES

- 3rd Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm via Zoom. See opposite.
- 14th Valentine's Day.
- 16th Pancake day.
- 28th Farmers Market, British Legion Hall Car Park, GL54 2AR 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599. Page X.
- 24th u3a "The Amazing Mr Dickens!" a Zoom talk by David Allen. See page 11.

Bourton Browser Team News

Well here we are back in lockdown yet again! Hopefully, by the time you read this, a combination of the lockdown and the vaccination roll out, will be starting to get the spread of covid back under control.

In the meantime we urge everybody to follow the rules and keep the village as safe as we can.

Remember those who live alone and maybe feeling particularly isolated. Giving someone a call, exchanging an email, or just giving a wave and a socially distanced "hello" can help.

"Diary and Dates" and "Out and Abouts" are mostly virtual again this month. However, many of us are finding these on-line "get togethers" very helpful, lifting spirits and keeping us connected. We are very happy to include any "Zoom" meetings if organisers inform us prior to print deadlines (usually 15th of the previous month).

We are very grateful to everyone involved with producing and delivering the Browsers around the village. We hope you enjoy reading about local news stories and that the BB provides a little, much needed, entertainment!

Stay sane and safe! Take good care of

The Bourton Browser Team

yourselves.

Parish Council Notes

Parish Council Notes - January 2021

Co-option to fill a vacancy of a Parish Councillor: The Parish Council will be following the procedures of co-option to fill one vacancy of a Parish Councillor. If anyone is interested please apply by either accessing the form via the Parish Council website or by contacting the Parish Council offices between 9.00am – 3.00pm Monday to Friday. The closing date to receive application has been set for Monday 15th February 2021 by 12 noon.

Budget for 2021/22: The Parish Council has now set their budget for 2021/22 which will enable the Council to pay for additional hours for a Civil Enforcement Officer (traffic warden) in the village, to purchase additional recreation equipment in the village, to complete the final stage of the George Moore Community Centre roof works and to hire a burial consultant to assist the Council in finding additional burial ground within the village along with all of the other routine contract work etc over the financial year.

Projects/Jobs completed by the Parish Council over 2020/21: Over the financial year 2020/21 the Parish Council has achieved: completing phase 2 of the roofing project at the George Moore Community Centre, paid for the new Traffic Regulation Order, which is due to be implemented by March 2021, is in the process of arranging the installation of a further Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera in the village, has ear marked some money towards installing new recreation equipment at Melville recreation ground and The Naight recreation ground, is renovating the village sign on the village green and installation of the new Byelaw sign, along with the routine maintenance undertaken within the village.

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

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

New Recreation Equipment: New designs to provide new recreation equipment in the village are awaited.

Mental Health First Aid Training: The Parish Council is taking details of people who are interested in taking part in a Mental Health First Aid Course by a qualified person either via Zoom or, when government guidelines allow it, in person. (Date to be arranged)

Lap-tops/computers plea from Bourton Primary School: An urgent request has been received from Bourton Primary School asking if anyone has an unwanted lap-top or computer. 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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The DEADLINE for Adverts & Articles for the March 2021 edition, is Midday 15th February



Nativity Display at Rose Cottage, Sherborne Street.

A big thank you to who gave money in response to our Nativity Display this year.



A total of £791.82

was collected for The Royal British Legion, which is amazing considering the low amount of visitors who passed by. The locals were very appreciative, especially the children, it put a smile on many faces. We really enjoy doing it and it's wonderful to bring a bit of happiness at such a difficult time.

We pray this New Year will be a much better one.

Alan & Carol Pountney

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primary school children working from home require the use of a lap-top/ computer to be able to carry out their school work. Please contact Cheryl Agg at Bourton Primary School if you can assist on 01451 820458.

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

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: Parish Council office remains closed to the public for the time being. 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 3rd February 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

Tel: 01451 820712

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Well done Kate's Home Nursing **Carol Concert**

What a truly magical evening last night. A professional virtual Christmas Concert provided by 'Stars', namely Poppy singing two numbers accompanied by her dad, Dr Johnson. Pru Leith did an excellent reading from the Bible and the Northleach choir brought back happy memories. Emily Campbell with "Hot Fingers Jazz" gave lively numbers and violinist Imogen Cox and Richard Coxon, UK Tenor, were excellent. When I signed off £2,950.00 had been raised for Kate's Home Nursing.

Well done to all involved and thank you for a lovely evening from

Di Everest

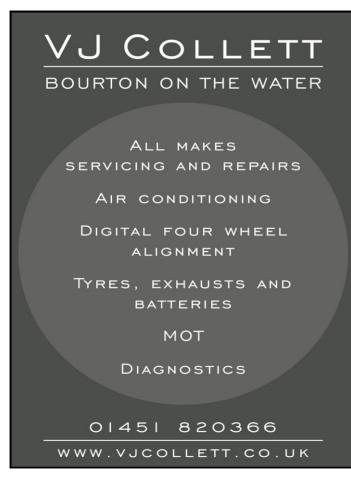
The Wychwood Players

West Oxfordshire drama group, The Wychwood Players, have gone down a new route in order to entertain their loyal audience.

Despite being hamstrung by the COVID-19 pandemic, which prevented them from performing in front of the public, they decided to overcome these difficulties by recording their first radio play.

'Resting' is written and produced by Anthony Gofton and directed by Mandyrae Jessey. Recorded under socially distanced lockdown conditions, 'Resting' is a forty minute thriller set in 1940's London. It is available on the Wychwood Players YouTube channel and also in the video section of their website www.wychwoodplayers.com

Ralph Wears



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Bourton Poppy Appeal 2020.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this last Poppy Appeal. It has been a difficult and different year, and COVID 19 had a considerable affect on the Appeal, as it has done on all the charities. We were not allowed to have house-to-house collections, and the restrictions on street collecting made it impossible in Bourton. However, we gave out a smaller number of boxes to various shops etc., only to collect half of them in again within a few days. This was due to "non essential" shops and hotels having to close because of Lockdown 2!

However, despite all these setbacks the grand total for the Bourton area was £5,600.

A very pleasing result under the circumstances, and a great credit to our community and all who contributed. Thank you Bourton.

Mike Marshall,

Poppy Appeal Organiser for Bourton



the WI

Bourton-on-the-Water WI

The Bourton-on-the-Water WI ladies joined together on Tuesday the 12th of January at 7pm for their monthly Zoom meeting, which is becoming the new normal. The ladies voted on the annual WI resolutions then enjoyed an excellent quiz provided by Jean Furner who is the current WI Chairman. The quiz was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



With the vaccines being rolled out it is hoped that, in the not too distant future, meetings may be able to resume at the Victoria Hall in Bourton, new members will be very warmly welcomed. Vanessa Yamin

PROBUS

Bourton-on-the-Water

Our plans for meeting in person have been thwarted once again, so we resorted to Zoom for the first Members' Meeting in ten months. This meeting, on 11th January, included the 48th Annual General Meeting of Probus.

Officers serving on the 2020 Committee were re-elected for 2021.

Annual subscriptions for the year were waived and the 2020 programme was re-instated for 2021 if Covid Regulations allow. This will include fortnightly meetings and several social events.

In the meantime, meetings in the fore-seeable future will be on Zoom due to the closure of our usual venue, GMCC. Anyone wishing to be included in these meetings should send their e-mail address to our Secretary at david.tebbutt1@gmail.com or telephone 01451 821098.

It is hoped that the new vaccines will soon enable us to return to something like normal.

Bill Furner



OUT AND ABOUT in February

At the time of going to print the national lockdown required people to "stay local" and "avoid unnecessary journeys". If restrictions are eased during February we would advise checking what attractions are open prior to travelling and be aware that pre-booking time slots / tickets may be necessary.

19th Rissington's Local History Society - at 2.30pm **ON ZOOM**"Regency Cheltenham" - a virtual Tour by Phil Collins in period dress! *Visitors welcome to join us - contact*01451 820233 / information.RLHS@gmail.com

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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 15th of the month</u>. No commercial adverts accepted for this section.

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So here we are again in our third lockdown. We are here to help, with shopping and getting the help you may need.

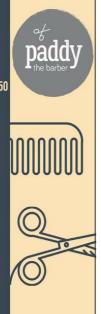
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Cotswold Friends	01608 651415	
Samaritans for a chat from any phone	116 123	
Community Wellbeing Service	07738106384	
Alzheimers Society Glos	01452 525222	
Age UK Glos	01452 422660	

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Bourton Panto Group



At the time of writing this article the Bourton Panto Group would normally be doing last minute preparations for the Panto, we would now be 10 days away from the first performance and wondering if it will ever come together. Christmas excesses would be showing around the waists of the costumes and the final touches would be being added to the scenery. The songs would be getting there and we'd be beginning to hit the right notes, most of the time.

At the time you're reading this article you will usually have time to get a ticket for the last show. By then the performance would perfect, or would it? It's the last show, anything can happen and usually does. The dame would be working from her own script and the audience would be adding the punch line.

But where are we now? At home wondering what we've missed. So, to remind you of what you're missing and to see how good your memory is, we have a quiz for you. How many pantomimes have you seen? How well do you remember them? You'll find the answers on page 15, there are no prizes it's just for fun...and to remind you of what you're missing!

There are questions for both panto goers and non panto goers, so I hope you enjoy it. Please let us know on our Facebook page what you scored and what you thought of the quiz.

- 1. Who was Ali and Aggie's mother in the Panto groups' 2019 version of Ali Baba?
- 2. What could Mother Goose (2020) do that no other goose could do?
- 3. What did Jack trade in to get a bag of beans in BPG's 2018 version of Jack and the Beanstalk?
- 4. What's the name of the young boy who learns the ways of the jungle in BPG's 2018 version of The Jungle Book?
- 5. Which pantomime included trolls, Snowmen and a moose in it's cast?
- 6. Who wrote the original story of Cinderella?
- 7. BPG did the story of Sheerluck Holmes in 2014, but in what street in London did Sherlock Holmes live in the original story by Arthur Conan Doyle?
- 8. What was the name of Cinderella's father in BPG's 2017 production of the same name?
- 9. In Ali Baba (2019) what was the name of the shop Ali's mother ran?
- 10. What was the first pantomime performed by Bourton Panto Group in 1981?

Jackie Denham



Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Co-Option of a Parish Councillor

A casual vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Kathleen Cronin

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. Projects at the moment include provision of new recreation equipment, finding a further burial ground in the village, installation of a ANPR camera, Highways matters, looking at the Health & Wellbeing within the village and to assist the Parish Council in making decisions to create a better place for the residents and visitors of the village.

The Parish Council look after three recreation grounds 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 15th February 2021**. Applicants will be invited to meet with Councillors in late February and we hope that an appointment will be confirmed at the Council meeting on 3rd March 2021.

Bob Hadley

Chairman of Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council 14th January 2021

<u>Planning an event, (real or virtual), in Bourton</u> or "Out and About" in 2021?

Don't forget to let us know so it can go in the Browser!!

Check the Village Diary to see what is already scheduled before setting your date. www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk

Send us the dates of your Bourton community events for

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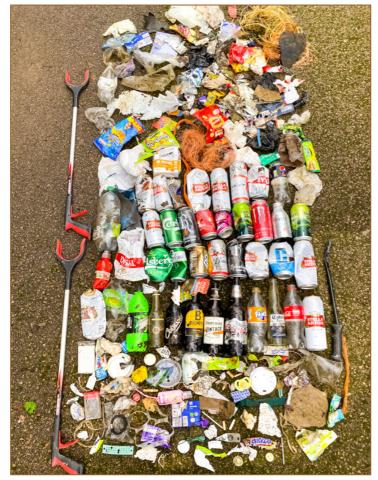


North Cotswolds Rotary

Litter - a problem for us all

It is hard to reconcile the fact that we live in a designated (AONB) Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with the amount of litter to be seen everywhere. Litter is not only an eyesore and a blight on our villages and the wider countryside, it is also a potential hazard to wildlife. Most of us deplore littering — it's something done by others — but how many of us pick up litter when we see it?

Members of North Cotswolds Rotary (NCR) are leading by example by picking up litter when out walking (as part of daily exer-



cise permitted under lockdown rules!). A number of members have bought litter pickers, and as part of Rotary's focus on the environment, are helping to clean up our local country-side.

Leading this initiative is Mike Boyes, NCR Environment Officer. He and his wife Maggie regularly collect litter from the local area - the Rissingtons, Newbridge Lane, and parts of Bourton and Greystones. When they go for their daily walk they take reusable plastic bags in their pockets and wearing protective gloves, pick up any litter they can reach with their litter pickers. Since early November 2020 they have filled more than 16 large black bin liners (CDC collect these) with well over 100 glass bottles, thrown into hedges by passers-by, over 100 beer and other soft drinks cans, numerous plastic bottles, sandwich and snack bar wrappers, crisp packets and much, much more. None of this was fly tipped, it was all thrown away by passers-by, one or two pieces at a time.

Early in January, on a walk from Little Rissington to Greystones via Cemetery Lane and the lakes, they collected all that you see in the picture – a shocking amount of discarded litter.

More litter will accumulate quickly unless others litter pick on a **regular** basis. For example, a scheme set up by Gray Elkington in Little Rissington ensures that all 4.5 miles of public roads within the parish are litter picked twice a week by volunteers on a rota basis.

Can you help by picking up litter when you go for a walk? All you need is a pair of protective gloves and reusable plastic bags to collect litter to make a real difference to our local environment.

Steve Smith

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Message from the Church

All Change

Firstly, may I begin by wishing you a happy and peaceful New Year. This last year has been one of challenge and change, not only with Covid-19 but also things like Brexit and the American elections. No matter what you think of these events, what is clear is that things have changed and will continue to change in the future.

Change is a "Marmite" thing: some people really look forward to change; others face it with much more trepidation, however, as the old adage goes, "the only thing constant in life is change".

On a personal level there is a very big change looming. After more than 12 years at the Baptist Church it is time for us as a family to move on. The next step is not certain, but I am in the process of Army Selection to become a Padre, and there are quite a few hoops to jump through along the way.

I am trusting God for the future; I know that He is always with each one of us and leads us in the best path if we are open to what He is saying. I would encourage you all as we face the "new normal" to seek the One who is able to see the beginning from the end, whose ways are faultless, whose plans are perfect, and who is love. This world is full of challenge, but also opportunity, as we

seek God and His leading. Psalm 23 says He is more than able to "guide me along right paths."

It has been a pleasure to be part of the community here in Bourton and rest assured I will continue to pray for you to know the leading of God into a bright and hopeful future.

Rev Ian Fowler

The Lord bless you,

May He fill your feet with dance and your arms with strength.
May He fill your hearts with tenderness and your eyes with laughter.
May He fill your ears with music and your nose with pleasant smells.
May He fill your mouth with jubilation and your heart with joy.
May He give us ever anew the desert graces:
silence, fresh water and renewed hope.
May He give us all ever anew the strength to give hope a new face.
May the Lord bless you.
Amen.

Written by **Hermann Shaluck**, Franciscan friar Sent in by Jennie Heming from Shalom, the Rainbow Shop



The Rev'd Rowena King revrowena@gmail.com 01451 821282 www.bourtonparishchurch.co.uk

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The church is open every day as a space of quiet and prayer.

We worship every Sunday at 11am – currently on Zoom but do check our website for up-to-date details.

If gathered worship is allowed we will advertise this on our website.

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 inter-

net device - your computer, your mobile phone.. and it's recorded so available later too.

You can find it at – twitch.tv/bourtonbaptist



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All week-end and weekday 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. The Churches are organised to ensure that social distancing is preserved at all times. Stewards will seat you. 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 Fr. Stephen 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 FEBRUARY:



Tue. 2nd. Feast of The Presentation of The Lord (Candlemas) with Blessing of candles. 6 pm Stow

Wed. 17th. Ash Wednesday (start of Lent), with Blessing and distribution of Ashes. 6 pm Stow.

Fr. Stephen.

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For The Younger Generation

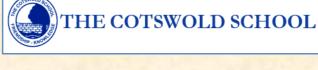
Hello Young Bourtonians,

Welcome to February. The promise of spring is just round the corner with, hopefully, better weather to come. The vaccine programme is well under way so the rest of the year is starting to look more hopeful for a return to some form

of normal life. If we all pull together we **will** beat this virus.

Whatever you do have a Fun Filled February.

Christine Gorton - Sub Editor



Working and learning together as a community

At the time of writing, we are continuing to teach and learn, despite the restrictions of the national lockdown, which has meant that schools and many businesses are currently closed.

In fact, lockdown has never meant that school is closed — so much work continues to go on here, operating under tight health and safety guidelines. The situation also goes to show that a school is so much more than a collection of buildings: our high expectations and caring, generous community define how The Cotswold School responds to a challenge such as this.

I have been absolutely overwhelmed by the response of staff, who have created fantastic lessons and materials to stimulate learning. Students are producing great pieces of work and the children who come into school are responding magnificently to the style of teaching and the expectations that we maintain for learning behaviour, health and safety on the site. Support staff, who are further developing safe procedures for our eventual return, are working as hard as ever.

Parents and carers have sent us thoughtful messages of support and appreciation and are doing all they can to help their children at home with their learning. Over 150 also volunteered to help us with Covid testing: another sign that our community cares deeply both about the children in our care and the people that work here to support and teach them.

All of this means that I could not be prouder to be Headteacher of this school. Together, if we all continue to observe the key rules and guidance to suppress the virus, we can get children back to school to learn, which is where we all want them to be.

Will Morgan, Principal



Some Poems for You

Belief

You have to believe in happiness Or happiness never comes.

I know that a bird chirps none the less

When all he finds is crumbs.

You have to believe the buds will blow,

Believe in the grass in days of snow;

Ah, that's the reason a bird can sing On his darkest day he believes in Spring

D. Malloch



<u>YOU</u>

Whatever you are, be that, Whatever you say be true, Be honest in fact
Straightforwardly act
Be nobody else but you.

Anon

4 Shires Swimming Club

Unfortunately, due to the announcement of a third lockdown, once again 4SSC have had to suspend training sessions until at least February half-term.

We have been continuing to run four land training Zoom sessions a week to allow members to maintain their fitness levels out of the pool.

Land trainers for November were Aaron Hamilton (senior) and Imogen Lawrence (junior).

Junior swimmer of the month was Ayan Varia and Senior swimmer of the month was Hannah Rowley.

We are fortunate to have been able to organise a series of virtual information sessions for members, with talks by a Loughborough University student with a Masters in Sport & Exercise Nutrition.

For all membership enquiries please contact Jo Shaw at membership@4ssc.co.uk or visit us at www.4ssc.co.uk

Lucy Warner

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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<u>Idioms</u>

An idiom is a word or phrase that is used in everyday English, that has a meaning we all understand, but seems to have no actual connection to the subject being talked about. Below are some examples and where they came from



Pot Luck. We all know that this means to take something randomly given. This comes from the Middle ages when a pot containing random ingredients was always kept on the

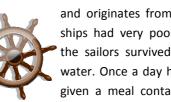
fire and anyone given something to eat from it, never knew exactly what to expect!

Red Herring, which is understood to be something that distracts or leads the wrong way. During the 17th and 18th Centu-

ries, Herring was a very common and popular fish. They would be smoked to preserve them which turned the fish a deep reddish brown colour. They were also very smelly! On hunting days fox lovers would often drag a strongly smelling smoked herring through the countryside so the hounds would follow this trail keeping them away from the foxes.



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Square Meal. This means a good satisfying healthy meal and originates from the Navy. Old battleships had very poor living conditions and the sailors survived mainly on bread and water. Once a day however they would be given a meal containing some meat. This would be served on a square wooden tray

which could be stored easily and so the saying came into use.

Blighty is an affectionate old fashioned term for Britain. It developed during the British Empire campaign in India and is thought to be from the Hindi word 'bilayati' which means foreigner. During the First World War soldiers adopted the term to refer to their homeland.



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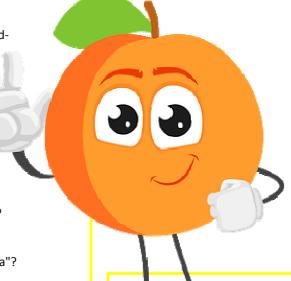
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Animated TV Quiz

- 1. What was the name of the rabbit that featured in "The Magic Roundabout"?
- 2. To which land did Jamie 's magic torch take him?
- 3. Which 1980/90 's TV series was set in Mr Grimes ' toy factory?
- 4. What is the name of Peppa Pig 's younger brother?
- 5. In the TV series "Top Cat" who was TC 's right hand man?
- 6. What song did Huckleberry Hound sing badly in most episodes?
- 7. Which animated TV series of the 1960 's featured the Soup Dragon?
- 8. What are the names of Marge 's twin sisters in "The Simpsons"?
- 9. What is the name of the robot who is Fry 's room mate in "Futurama"?
- 10. In the TV series where is home to "Shaun the Sheep"?
- 11. In TV 's "Popeye" what was the name of Popeye 's bearded enemy?
- 12. What was the name of the baker in "Camberwick Green"?
- 13. Who was the handyman and inventor in "Postman Pat"?
- 14. Who was the original narrator of "Thomas and Friends"?
- 15. Who originally provided the voice of "Bob the Builder"?
- 16. What was the name of the French cook in "The Wombles"?
- 17. Which cat was Tweety Pies 's adversary?
- 18. What is the name of the giraffe in the children 's series "Raa Raa the Noisy Lion"?
- 19. At which fast food outlet do Beavis and Butt-Head work?
- 20. In which animated series would you see the Sword of Omens?

Courtesy of 'kensquiz.co.uk



20. Thundercats. 19. Burger World.

18. Topsy.

17. Sylvester. 16. Madame Cholet.

15. Neil Morrissey.

14. Ringo Starr.

13. Ted Glenn. 12. Μίςκεγ Μυґρήγ.

11. Bluto (or Brutus).

10. Mossy Bottom Farm.

8. Patty and Selma Bouvier.

7. The Clangers.

6. "Oh my Darling Clementine".

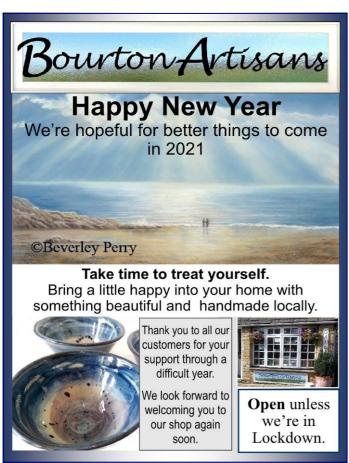
5. Benny the Ball.

4. George. 3. The Raggy Dolls.

2. Cuckoo Land.

1. Dylan.

Answers



Bourton & District u3a



We are looking for some new faces to join our committee. We have various different roles available and would love to hear from anyone who is interested. Why not fill a bit of your time with rewarding and worthwhile activity, learning new skills and "meeting" (via zoom), some new friends.

We would like to thank the North Cotswold Rotary Group for inviting our members to share their monthly zoom talk. This is excellent collaboration between community groups and a bright spot amongst all the current difficulties.

Many members have improved their IT skills considerably during lockdown and our on-line Interest Group Meetings and Monthly Speaker Meetings are becoming very popular. February's is on Wednesday 24th when David Allen will be talking to us about "The Amazing Mr Dickens!". 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. As well as listening to the talk and asking questions, it is also a chance to "see" other members and catch up with u3a news. There is 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.

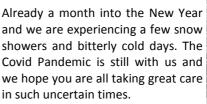
If you are retired or semi retired you are very welcome to join us, please contact me or see our website for details www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton. We welcome men and women, couples and singles. We are non-political and non-religious. If you are new to the area, newly retired or newly alone it is a great way to make friends.

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





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However, Peter and I do see some members from time to time if we are in the village and are pleased to know that you are coping well despite the conditions we are having to live with. Loneliness is a big factor if you live alone and are unable to see family because of the restrictions on meeting, travelling and not being able to invite people into your homes. We hope you will continue to cope well and that you are able to keep in touch by telephone or other means with friends and family.

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During this period we are still receiving some fantastic items of knitting from you all and appreciate so much your efforts. We hope you are getting some comfort from your knitting/crochet and the knowledge that you are helping the less fortunate among us who are experiencing even more problems because of the Corona Pandemic.

Peter and I have a large collection of items which we hope to be able to distribute locally to needy families, hospitals and care homes in Gloucestershire and also for distribution to Syria through HIHFAD - Hand in Hand for Aid and Development based in Birmingham.

As always, we send our very best wishes to you all. Take care. Stay safe. **Irene and Peter**

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A Quiz for St Valentine's Day

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- 1. Who had a UK top ten hit in 1966 with "Lovers of the World Unite"?
- 2. Who in the novel by D H Lawrence was Lady Chatterley's Lover?
- 3. In which movie did Tom Conti play Pauline Collins' Greek lover?
- 4. Which British Queen was David Rizzio supposedly the lover?
- 5. Who were described by Shakespeare as "A pair of star-cross'd lovers"?
- 6. According to the song by Paul Simon, how many ways are there to leave your lover?
- 7. In the movie "A Close Shave", which wool shop owner does Wallace fall in love with?
- 8. Who took "Dream Lover" to the UK number one spot in 1959?
- 9. Which of Mozart's opera was sub-titled "The School for Lovers"?
- 10. Who starred opposite Richard Beckinsale in the 1970s sitcom "The Lovers"?
- 11. Which opera singer famously had an affair with Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis?
- 12. Which of King Arthur's knights did Queen Guinevere take as a lover?
- 13. Which 18th century Italian adventurer and author was famed for the number of lovers he had?
- 14. According to mythology, who did Narcissus fall in love with?
- 15. Which Empress of Russia was reputed to have taken many lovers?
- 16. The 1970 Ken Russell movie "The Music Lovers" told the story of which composer's life?
- 17. Where did Little Jimmy Osmond's long haired lover come from?
- 18. Which surrealist artist painted the 1928 work entitled "The Lovers"?
- 19. Of which English King was Nell Gwyn the lover?
- 20. Mimi and Rudolfo were lovers in which of Puccini's operas?

Answers on page 15

Bourton Vale Gardening Club

A garden is a friend you can visit anytime

It is almost a whole year since our last garden club get together and there have been so many changes to our lives, but in amongst these strange times, finding cheery comfort in our gardens, garden wildlife, allotments and local walks can be really helpful.

The first hopeful signs of a new year are already here, with bird song, early buff tailed bumblebees foraging for nectar and pollen, snowdrops, winter aconites, primroses, violets, crocuses and cherry-plum blossom, and if you cut a few stems, the warmth indoors will bring cherry-plum blossom into flower even earlier.

In the garden, there are only a few jobs to tackle, it is still too early to sow cultivated seeds outdoors but a good time to order and choose new varieties. If you would like to create a mini wild meadow and did not sow wildflower seeds in autumn, there is still some time to sow in February, as most wildflowers have a survival technique and need a period of very cold weather to germinate. Whereas cultivated garden flowers are not as tough and need warmer temperatures. February is the time to cut back deciduous grasses, avoiding any new emerging growth and watching for small creatures, especially hibernating ladybirds that have set up shelter.



Despite January's icy weather, birds may begin to look for potential nesting sites as they prepare for spring. Long tailed tits can take up to 3 weeks to build their complex and beautiful nests and like all our garden birds will need as much extra food we can give them to be in peak physical condition, ready for the spring nesting season.

Garden bird feeders may need another scrub, a hot bucket of water, an old washing up brush and gloves will all help keep them clean and disease free and it's not too early to put up a new bird box, as the box is a shelter on very cold nights as well as a nesting place.



Julie Huckle

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Batsford Arboretum and Garden Centre, naturally beautiful all year round

Spring is in the air at Batsford! Meander through swathes of Snowdrops, Aconites, Crocuses and Hellebores in the arboretum this February.

The arboretum is open daily from 10am-3pm for LOCAL exercise - pre-booking is essential for non-members via www.batsarb.co.uk. The Garden Centre is CLOSED until mid-February (subject to restrictions).

Batsford Arboretum & Garden Centre, nr. Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9AT. Tel: 01386 701441

Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Gloucestershire will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

"A successful census will ensure everyone, from local government to charities, can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed," lain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

"This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport

routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them."

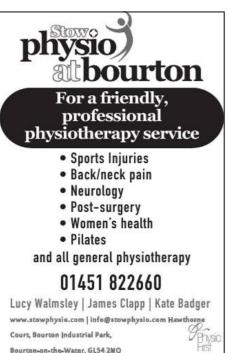
Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit census.gov.uk.







Tourism Action Group

An update on the group which I set up in to look at how the volume of visitors in the village can be handled more effectively.

The group has 16 volunteers from various parts of Bourton, mostly residents but with businesses represented too. So far we have:

- · Consulted with a range residents and businesses on what they want and looked at good practice in tourist hotspots elsewhere
- · Started looking at the Bourton business and shops 'offer' - what it should and could be, including having a vision for the village which we will work with residents and businesses.

Also, good news:

- Cotswold District Council has decided to levy a 50p tourist charge for it's Rissington Road car park - all proceeds will come back to the village and residents will be asked about how they feel the money should be spent.
- Rissington Road verges Highways plan to stop vehicles parking illegally there by inserting wooden posts.

The village-wide Traffic Regulation Order will be implemented in March - with new double yellow lines to help stop visitor parking in residential areas. Thanks to the Parish Council for their work on this.

Much more to come on this. Do get in touch with any ideas you have.

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson (Bourton and Northleach)

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Midwinter Robin

Who else would leave the shade To perch on the rim of a spade?

His beady eyes dart and scout At clods of earth he'll soon rout.

Picks and probes, applying pressure, In pursuit of wriggling treasure.

Despite the surprise of snow, He's still the star of the show:



This fiesty fist of feathers, Whose red breast nothing tethers.

His songs warm wintry displays And brighten the greyest of days.

Our wild, winged, roving friend, Whose fanbase knows no end.

Hugh O'Connell



As the gardens all bloom, It can't come too soon.

It's only when we have lost We realise what we have gained, True friendships.

Millie Thomas

Parking Ticket

I live in Bourton and usually visit the Coop each day for some shopping. I drive there and normally spend about fifteen to twenty minutes in the shop and carpark. On Christmas Eve I received a parking ticket that alleged that I'd entered the Co-op car park on the evening on Dec 8th and left about twenty-four hours later on the evening of Dec 9th. On the ticket were photographs of my car entering and leaving on those dates. Yet they had missed me leaving on the 8th and returning on the 9th. A member of the Co-op staff sent an email to Euro Car Parks who control the car park and the ticket was cancelled. I also appealed against the ticket on the internet. But it ruined my Christmas and it was an incorrect ticket.

I spoke quite sternly to a Co-op manager about this, as these days any breach, leak, or mishandling of "data" is deemed a serious misdemeanour.

I did by luck manage to contact a member of staff at Euro Car Parks (who do not show their phone number on their website) and she confirmed that the ticket had been cancelled, but showed no sympathy at all for the worry that it had caused me over Christmas, it's inaccuracy, or that sending out incorrect "data" would be viewed dimly by the Information Commissioner's Office (I. C. O.) who oversee such companies. She only suggested that another vehicle must have been close behind me as I left and arrived. The chances of this happening twice must be very slim indeed. Clearly there had been a computer error.

I'm concerned if others get a ticket.

It is nearly impossible to defend yourself against incorrect photographic evidence.

I have reported the Euro Car Parks to the Information Commissioner's Office for failing to handle "data" i.e. the photographs correctly.

Be careful folks. Phil Paine

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гэ вореше. King Charles II. Rene Magritte. Liverpool. Tchaikovsky. Catherine II (The Great). His reflection. Giacomo Casanova. Sir Lancelot. Maria Callas. Paula Wilcox. Cosi Fan Tutte. Bopby Darin. Wendolene Ramsbottom. Romeo and Juliet. Mary, Queen of Scots. Shirley Valentine.

Oliver Mellors (the gamekeeper).

David and Jonathan.

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Community Wellbeing Service	01452	528491.		
Bourton Post Office	01451	820220		
Bourton Library	01451	820964		
Bourton Primary School	-	820458		
Cotswold School		820554		
Tourist Information		820211		
Bourton Leisure Centre	-	824024		
Runnerbean Health & Fitness				
Chemist Rowlands Pharmacy		820849		
Mobility store		810088		
National Rail Enquiries		484950		
Jubilee Lodge	01451	823100		

Lloyds Bank mobile visits to GMCC
Alternate Mondays

10.30am-12noon & 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

