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DIARY DATES

- 3rd Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm via Zoom. See opposite.
- 14th Mother's Day
- 24th u3a "Human Rights Monitoring in Palestine and Israel" a Zoom talk by Paul Clark. See page 14.
- 28th Farmers Market, British Legion Hall Car Park, GL54 2AR 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599. Page 4.
- 28th British Summertime begins, clocks go forward one hour.

Bourton Browser Team News

The Bourton Browser Team

At the time of going to print we were still in lockdown and, whilst March might see the schools starting to re-open, we expect most restrictions will still be in place.

At least the news is looking brighter, with falling infection rates and rising numbers of vaccinations delivered. With bulbs starting to bloom, clocks going forward and, perhaps, more spring like weather, it should start to feel like the end of winter is in sight.

We have a lovely article this month about two newish residents who are proving very popular on their daily walks, Jess and Bonnie! See page 6 for the full story.

This got the team thinking that a "Pets Corner" might be a nice addition to the BB? We'd welcome any stories about your pets, preferably with 'photos!

We'd also like to receive any spring photos taken in or around the village on your daily walks. If you are artistic do send in photos of your drawings or craft projects and update us on what you have been doing to fill your time during lockdown? Can you share any hints and tips with other readers? We

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Parish Council Notes

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Budget-Precept Statement 2021-22: At its meeting on 6th January 2021, the Parish Council approved its budget and precept for the year 2021-22, the precept being the share of money each household pays to the Parish Council to help fund services and amenities provided (eg the local Cemeteries, play areas, allotment sites, Community Centre etc). In 2021-22 the Council approved a precept of £167,724. This money will be collected from the 1,778.5 contributing local households. This means that the amount of money a Band D household will pay in 2021-22 to the Parish Council to maintain its assets will be £94.31 pa. This year's precept therefore represents an increase of £0.32 per month.

This money will be collected by CDC for onward forwarding to the Parish Council, and the sum will be shown within the breakdown of taxes on each household's annual Council Tax bill.

The Council's budget for 2021-22 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 the other routine contract work etc, over the financial year.

Sand Bags: The Parish Council prompt businesses and residents to purchase sand bags for their own use if they are aware of being in a known flood area. The Parish Council have enough sand bags in stock to cover the fords in the village with a few spare.

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.

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

Mental Health First Aid Training: The Parish Council are 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, in person. (Date to be arranged)

TRO: The new traffic regulations orders are due to be implemented by the end of March 2021.

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

Volunteer Litter Pickers: If anyone is interested in being a volunteer litter picker in the village please contact the Parish Council office on 01451 820712 or

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

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have a few regular contributions of local poetry but more are always welcome. We'd love to hear from both adults and children. Pages 8 and 9 are always reserved for our younger readers.

We are very grateful to all our advertisers for their loyalty, staying with us and making the Browser financially viable.

If you are starting to, (tentatively), plan any events in, or around, Bourton for later in the year, do let us know so we can add them to the online village diary. We will also happily advertise any Zoom on-line activities.

The Bourton Browser Team

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The Parish Council will supply the litter picking equipment to the volunteers.

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.

Next Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

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The High Street is in Crisis?



There is a lot of concern about the fate of the High Street – both before and since the onset of Covid-19. Media and policy attention focuses on city high streets, but little attention is given to smaller rural settlements.

My name is Thomas Seale and I am a postgraduate researcher at the University of Gloucestershire and a Bourton-on-the-Water resident.

I would like to interview residents and local business owners about Bourton-on-the-Water for my University research project focusing on the role the high streets within rural communities.

The interview would last approximately 45minutes and be organised via an online platform, such as Microsoft Teams. All participants will be anonymised.

If you could spare a little time to talk about the high street and sense of community in Bourton-on-the-Water, then simply email to take part, or just for more information, thomasseale@connect.glos.ac.uk.

Thomas Seale

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Chemist Stow	01451 830623
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Samaritans for a chat from any phone	116 123
Community Wellbeing Service	07738106384
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You can contact Bourton Street Volunteers locally by email at bourtoncovidhelp19@gmail.com for any help or information you may need. If you don't use email, please phone 07867 121122.

Lynda Hicks

LOCAL FLOOD PLAN UPDATE

Information Wanted.

The heavy rain just before Christmas caused some localised flooding in the village.

It was fortunate the river didn't cause a major problem, however, did surface water around your property cause you concern? Was there a problem with road drains or the sewer system near you? Did you have to put out sandbags or other flood defences and were they actually needed?

Can you help provide information so we can get a better idea of problem areas around the village and update our Local Flood Plan? If you can, please drop a note to the Parish Office or email admin@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk. Say where you live, what the problem was, what you did about it (if anything) and what you think could be done to reduce the problem in future.

Thank you.

BPC Flood Plan Working Group

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OUT AND ABOUT in MARCH

At the time of going to print we were still in national lockdown. If any restrictions are eased during March we would advise checking what attractions are open prior to travelling and be aware that pre-booking time slots / tickets may be necessary.

12th Rissington's Local History Society present "Child Labour in 19C Oxfordshire", a talk by Liz Woolley who will tell us about children as young as 6 working in Victorian England. 7.30pm. *This talk will take place on Zoom.*
Contact 01451 820233 / information.RLHS@gmail.com for further details if you would like to join in. Visitors welcome, suggested donation £2.50

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A very entertaining and informative evening was provided for the members of Bourton WI by Ian Caskie at our February meeting on Zoom. He is a volunteer for the SS Great Britain Museum at Bristol and his enthusiasm for the subject is evident in his presentation. He has inspired us to plan a visit to see it for ourselves once we are allowed freedom of movement.

The evening was enjoyed by current members and a visitor who we hope will become a more permanent member when our new membership year commences in April.

Although we have missed meeting at Victoria Hall once a month, we have kept our friendships going via technology and learnt skills we would never have considered without Lock-down.

We are always happy to welcome new members, young and old, so please do not hesitate to contact Carol on 01451 810305 or Jean on 01451 810740 if you are interested in joining us. In the meantime, everyone please take care and stay safe.

Jean Furner

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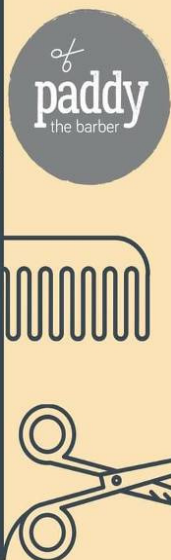
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March brings brighter and longer days, hopefully the weather is on our side and delivers some much needed blue skies and spring sunshine too. Meteorological spring begins on March 1st with the astronomical equinox on March 20th, marking a day of equal night and daylight, although the ground outside may still be too cold for most seeds, there are lots of gardening jobs at this time of year.



Over grown clump forming perennials can be divided now, reinvigorating the original plant and providing new ones to help fill your own borders or given away as gardener's gifts, for others to enjoy. This works best with summer flowering plants, any due to flower in spring, it is best to wait until autumn. By creating extra pollinator favourites for our gardens, Sedums, Geraniums, Verbena, Asters and Eryngium (Sea Holly) you will almost certainly be rewarded with butterflies and bees. And by using homemade compost or peat free, we can help as individuals to protect our planet too.

Early spring, nectar rich plants, hellebores, primroses, heather, Bowles Mauve wallflowers and the humble dandelion provide vital food for insects encouraged to emerge from hibernation by warming sunshine and the first sightings can lift our hearts too. Bird song is beginning to ramp up and the RSPB website has a wealth of recordings if you would like to fine-tune your bird song knowledge.

Last year's perennials can be cut back now, a mindful and restful activity particularly if accompanied by hedgerow or tree top bird song, with robins, blackbirds or thrushes, waiting to collect any morsels turned over in the soil. Be careful to avoid new emerging shoots and hibernating ladybirds. It's even bet-

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ter on a dry day with warm spring sunshine and a cup of tea! Evergreen Penstemons, another pollinator favourite should be left until the risks of frosts have passed, possibly April or May, as the top growth gives protection to the crowns below.

Cutting back ornamental willows and cornus (dogwood) in March, encourages new colourful stems. The cuttings can be cut into lengths, just below the leaf joint and planted in a quiet spot and left to develop roots and another free plant, or whole stems can be twisted together to create plant supports or tied into circular hoops and used as the base for cheerful spring and summer door decorations.

Take care of yourselves and others too, stay safe.

Julie Huckle

Beautylicious

Things are still very busy behind the scenes at Beautylicious, Tyla and her boyfriend Finn, are repainting throughout both areas to freshen them up.

We are creating a new room where the spray tan room was, for lashes, brows, waxing and for clients with mobility issues to access treatments easily.

A New REBRAND is underway, with local company Culpepper and Company; they are updating our salon logo, branding and website to go with our new image!

Next week we are expecting the order of our new Delilah Cosmetics range! We are very excited, please look out for the launch of it in our social media. We shall upload the products to buy online in our shop, with opportunities for gift with purchase very soon!

In the meantime we still have a lot of clearance items; makeup, brushes, skin and body care for as little as £5.00 each, with free local delivery! Also Mother's Day pamper hampers, which can be totally tailored to your requirements, these can be as little as £25.00 and filled with Decléor, Make up, lycon body or HD brows products. Please email verity@beautylicious-bourton.com or call 07368 992772 (New landline coming soon) for enquiries.

The Training academy is also coming along well and we look forward to launching this when we're open. We miss all of our clients so much and we hope to be reunited with you all again soon. Stay Safe.

Verity, Emily, Tyla, Rachel and Tiffany x

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Pet's Corner

A TALE OF TWO DOGS



Hello. I am writing this piece in an effort to explain the story of the frequent sighting of the two rather large black dogs which my wife, Margaret, and myself, Tony, twice daily walk through the village. Apparently they are thought by some folk to be bears!

We moved into our bungalow in Bourton on 31st January 2020 accompanied by our gorgeous Newfoundland bitch, "Shadow". Tragically we lost Shadow in May 2020. Having owned Newfoundlands for 35 years and during this period breeding them for some years. We were devastated and renewed our contact with the Newfoundland Club. To our great joy in August we were allowed to rescue two gorgeous 6 year old black Newfoundland "Littermate sisters" called "Jess" and "Bonnie" who had never been separated. Having downsized to a bungalow we were a little dubious about having two such large dogs but within days we knew we had made the right decision.

We are frequently stopped by various people in the village with a thirst for knowledge about the "girls". We are delighted to quench their thirst for such information and a wonderful outcome is that we have made so many new friends and acquaintances. Please stop us and say hello to Jess and Bonnie. They love being fussed over.

Newfoundlands are one of the "Giant" breeds which include St Bernards, Irish Wolfhounds and others. Our girls weigh in at 10 stones (Bonnie) and 9.5 stones (Jess). Yes they do eat a lot but are not greedy. They are brilliant with children but, although loving them, they can only manage one a day! Known worldwide as "Gentle Giants" they are very laid back and do not have an aggressive bone in their bodies.

Newfoundlands, who have webbed feet, are famous all over the world for their aptitude for water rescue. Lifeguards on many of The U.K.'s beaches use them to rescue swimmers in trouble.

All four of us look forward to meeting you to say "hello" and to answer any questions you might have.

Tony Backer-Holst

Some of my Friends have Tails!

I can't imagine life with out pets; I've grown up with them, cats, dogs, budgies, gold fish and, many years ago, a tortoise called "George"! They were my childhood companions, vital for an only child whose parents moved house a lot! My corgi, "Jenny", was my first dog when I was five and we shared many games together. Later, my West Highland Terriers, "Ruffles" and Rosie" shared my teens and twenties.

After I left home, my first flat was made bearable by a long haired, short sighted, Persian cat called "Garfield" (we had both of the aforementioned attributes in common!).

When I married my husband Ray, our adored cat "Tabitha" featured in our wedding vows, we were "owned" by her for 19 years until her death in 2016, and we miss her greatly.

Two rescued cats, Humbug and Moonlight live with us now. Humbug often draped round my husband's neck!

I'm sure many readers have wonderful pet stories to share, so why not send them in along with 'photos where possible for our "Pets Corner"?

Susan Dodd



Ray & Humbug

Message from the Church

Living 'in between' feels like something we are getting a lot of practice with at the moment. Life is no longer what it was, and we don't know what the new is, which we are moving towards, or indeed when that 'new' will be.

If you are anything like me, you are long-ing to be out of the 'in-between'. We are done with watching and waiting and being present to uncertainty and facing all the things we can usually distract ourselves from. Looking after ourselves in body, mind and spirit is really important at the moment, but if we are honest, it can also be tough and courageous work. If this speaks to where you are, then you might also appreciate this poem by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin :

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something
unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through
some stages of instability—
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

Rev. Rowena King



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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 house-bound 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 SERVICES IN MARCH:



Every Friday 6 pm – 7 pm Stow **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** and time for private prayer. Come and go as you wish.

Friday 19th March: **Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** 9 am Mass at Stow.

Thursday 25th March: **Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord.** 10 am Mass at Bourton.

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Fr. Stephen.

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For The Younger Generations

Hello Young Bourtonians,
According to an old proverb 'March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb!' After the cold weather we experienced during February I think the 'lion' might be winning. ☺
Have a Marvellous March! Some warm sunshine would help to lift everyone's spirits after what feels like a very long winter!

Christine Gorton

Sub Editor



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

A year of support from our community

By Will Morgan, Principal

Although we have not been able to hold events for the last year, which bring people together and raise funds for our school, I have often been reminded of the generous and considerate nature of our local community.

Before Christmas, over £600 was raised by our PTA and Cotswold Radio during a quiz, which has helped to fund a new canopy for a social and dining space at our school. Students will see this when they return after the lockdown. People also donated laptops to ensure that every child has had the technology to access home learning.

In January, we asked parents and carers if they would like to contribute to a fund to support NHS workers. Within a fortnight, donations from our school parents and carers reached an incredible £1,240.



The idea came from one of our school families, who wanted to give NHS staff a treat to show that people appreciate them, during some of the most critical weeks of the pandemic. The money provided bags of treats (as displayed by Cotswold School student Poppy, pictured) and lots of

healthy ready-meals, made by The Long Table, a social-enterprise in Stroud.

Our latest fund-raising project is an Easter Marathon Challenge. This is an optional goal to help staff and students focus on their wellbeing by getting exercise and fresh air. Participants are aiming to clock up the 26.2 miles of a marathon by walking or running over the Easter fortnight. One way to support us is to visit our website – www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk – and click on the 'donate' button on our homepage. Money raised helps to support the positive mental health of our students, working closely with local youth charity Headspace.



You may have seen some recent social media posts from Headspace and wondered what it's all about. I'd like to introduce you to this new, local charity myself and a team of lovely people have set up to support local young people who are struggling with their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

What is Headspace? Headspace offers counselling to local young people as well as therapeutic activities which promote emotional wellbeing. We're seeking to TRIPLE this provision in 2021 and we have ambitious targets for the next 5 years. 75% of mental health issues begin in adolescence. Every year over 200 school aged children die by suicide.

There is an overwhelming need for the services we offer in this local area and this has been increased by the pandemic. Youth mental health services in Gloucestershire simply can't cope with the demand and young people are waiting up to a year to get the help they need. Even then, to be referred they will have reached a crisis point - attempting or thinking about taking their own life or self-harming. We're here to work pro-actively to support young people to access the help they need before then giving them the tools they need to cope with what life throws at them. We need your support to raise money to triple our provision, but we also need volunteer youth workers, fundraisers and help with the awareness of our brand. You can find out more or get involved by contacting me directly at admin@myheadspace.org.uk. Your support is very much appreciated.

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Bourton Vale Cricket Club	Lucy Gillespie	
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B'n Vale Equestrian Centre	Leanne Launchbury	821101
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Wiggle	Maria Blundell-Paethorpe	07732754431
Youth Club	Pip Duckmanton	07796346781

4 Shires Swimming Club

The club remains on dry land whilst we wait to hear from the Government on how they will begin to ease the national lockdown. There will be a lot of activity in the media over the coming weeks as Swim England, Sports teams and athletes converse with Government departments to lobby for the re-opening of swimming pools across England. Swim England believes pools are a safe and controlled environment allowing millions of people who can't exercise on land to be active. We remain hopeful that we can resume swim training soon and be back in the pools before Easter.

To maintain fitness levels our members have continued to join our virtual land training Zoom sessions four times a week, which combine a mix of stamina, strength and stretch exercises. Our Land trainer for January was Katie Blundell.

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

Lucy Warner

Bourton Vale Tennis Club

Well, not a lot to report since the tennis courts have been closed just like everywhere else, however, we do have our fingers crossed that March will see a return to outdoor activities. Fortunately, tennis being a naturally "social distanced" sport, means that it should be one of the earliest sports to be able to fully open again.

Our official season starts from April, however, if you are interested in joining the wonderful tennis club we have here in Bourton then please do feel free to sign up right away. After such a long winter doing very close to little at all, tennis will be a great way to get outside, get active and meet new people.

Coach James Hilltout will be doing weekly lessons for children and for adults too. If you are keen to start playing, or get back to playing again, then please check out our website www.boutontennisclub.org for more details and for next season's membership form. Updates also on our Facebook page so check that out too.

Really, really hope we can see you on court this Spring!

Alex Peyton



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It started on 24th March 2020 with the Covid-19 lockdown when my Grandfather could no longer go to the Gym for physical exercise. He started walking around his garden with a target of 100 days non-stop and after achieving this decided to go on to do 365 days to maintain his physical and mental well being by regular exercise.



On 13th October he had to stop as the garden was getting boggy from walking around it and the pavements were icy with the winter weather and had become a hazardous. Everyone was concerned that he might fall over.

As I am a Personal Trainer I managed to source a static exercise bike for him that was safe and sturdy with supports on the sides and handlebars with a pulse metre. He could now carry on inside a warm and safe environment.



At 86, he has had two knee replacements, screws in his left foot, a dislocated 90 degree right leg before his knee joints were replaced and was in the Army Physical Training Corps for 21 years, the Territorial Army for 25 years and still has not stopped. As the saying goes 'Do not stop otherwise you will lose it'

At the end of March 2021 he will have achieved 100 days on the bike in addition to the 100 laps of his garden and also he's doing additional chair exercises and so will have undertaken a 'Triple Lockdown Exercise Regime'. He has been doing this for his own well being but to motivate other OAP's to get out of their chairs and do some active exercise to maintain their well being both mentally and physical.

If you would like to give a donation to Bourton's local charities via his JustGiving page, to promote the well being of the elderly please visit:

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Charlie Griffin





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Thank you so much for all the beautiful items you have been making over a difficult time during the Corona Virus Epidemic.

We hope you are all keeping in good health and coping with all the restrictions in place. When we take our walk to the Post Office and then walk through the village to the Bakery it is good to see some of our members on a fine sunny day.

Peter and I hope you all stay in good health and spirits and we are only a 'phone call away if you need to contact us. We are collecting and receiving items as and when we are notified. Or, for information, if you wish to contact us our telephone numbers are set out in the next column. Stay safe! **Irene and Peter**

For further information
contact:

Irene Summers:
01451 798718

Peter Boxall
01451 820099



Bourton-on-the-Water PROBUS



During Lockdown we have decided to cut our full meetings down to one every four weeks, on the 4th Monday of the month via Zoom, rather than two a month. The next one taking place on Monday, 22nd February, at 10 am. If any non-members, considering joining, wish to attend please telephone our Secretary, David on 01451 821098 for more details.

Some of our members, having joined the Virtual Probud Club, are enjoying a zoom presentation every Wednesday morning until the end of May, when future plans will be reviewed.

We hope we might have a clearer view of how things are progressing by then. In the meantime, please take care and stay safe.
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Bourton Panto Group



At last we can perhaps hope to see some light at the end of the long tunnel. Bourton Panto Group members are beginning to brush off their reading glasses ready for a new script. But in the meantime while we're slowly coming back to normal living here's another quiz for you. We thought you would like something to refresh your memory about Panto. This is where you are thinking you should have kept your programme but if you didn't keep it just try using your memory. Don't forget to let us know how you've done on our Facebook page.

See if you can name the characters and, if possible, the name of the show? We've given you the year of the show if you need a clue.

Jackie Denham

Answers on page 15



Mother's Day Quiz

Courtesy of www.kensquiz.co.uk

1. When does "Mothering Sunday" take place in the UK?
2. Mother's Day is celebrated around the world at different times. When does it occur in the USA?
3. Who was the guitarist and leader of the 60's group "The Mothers of Invention"?
4. According to the saying, what is the mother of invention?
5. In which Indian city did Mother Theresa found her missionary?
6. Which 1930's radio star had the catchphrase "Can you hear me, mother"?
7. What is the proper name for Mother of Pearl?
8. Which groups 4th studio album was entitled "Atom Heart Mother"?
9. What name was shared by Spock's mother and an 80s' pop group?
10. Who were the writers of the sit-com, "It Ain't Half Hot Mum"?
11. What drink is known as Mothers Ruin?
12. Who had a number 2 hit in June 1977 with "Ma Baker"?
13. Who was the famous mother of Liza Minelli?
14. In the bible who was the mother of John the Baptist?
15. What is meant by a Mother Lode?
16. Who was the mother of Queen Elizabeth I?
17. What did Old Mother Hubbard find in her cupboard?
18. What was the name of the Greek King of Thebes who fell in love with his mother?
19. Who painted the picture entitled "Arrangement in Grey and Black: The Artist's Mother"?
20. Who played the music hall character Old Mother Riley?

Answers on page 15

1. 2014



2. 2018



3. 2020



4. 2010



Can you solve this?

Some years ago I sent this rhyme in and it was published in the Browser. Only one person sent in the correct answer on that occasion. Can you work out the answer?

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Answer on page 15.

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They're keen to erupt night or day.
Their purpose to be open on full display.

Here's the basic, wonderful thing -
The energy and drive given by Spring,
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Hugh O'Connell




Captain Tom

Let us not forget captain Tom,
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Closing date for applications: 24th March 2021

Interviews will be held via Zoom on: 8th April 2021



u3a

Bourton & District u3a

We have two really good pieces of news! The first is that Margaret Bainbridge, our current Groups Co-ordinator, has agreed to stand as the next Chairperson. The second is that Dawn White has agreed to join the committee to become our new Webmaster.

There is still the opportunity for a couple more members to join the committee. We particularly need a new Groups Co-ordinator, to replace Margaret. This is an interesting and rewarding role, liaising between the Group Organisers and the committee and helping new groups start up. Please do get in touch if you would like to help us make the u3a even stronger.

We have decided to delay our AGM until our September 22nd. This is to give us a better chance of running a "live meeting", (rather than a Zoom one), and also to allow more time for me to hand over to Margaret. That meeting will mark our 10th Birthday, so we would love to hear from members as to how we should mark the occasion, (covid restrictions permitting of course).

We have agreed a reciprocal arrangement with the North Cotswold Rotary Group allowing members from both groups to attend the other's monthly Zoom talks. The number of our Interest Groups meeting on-line continues to grow and now includes, the Family History, Knitting and Crochet, Play Reading, Poetry, Nature, Quiz, German Conversation and Bridge groups.

March's main meeting, via Zoom, will be on Wednesday 24th, when Paul Clark will be talking to us about "Human Rights Monitoring in Palestine and Israel". 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. 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.

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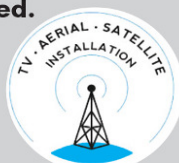
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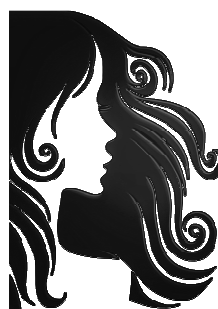
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Answers to the Mother's Day, Quiz from page 12

1. Arthur, Cone & Oil from Sheerluck Holmes
2. Fetch & Carry from Jack & the Beanstalk
3. Baron & Gonk from Mother Goose
4. Fool & Hardy from Red Riding Hood

Answers to the Panto Quiz, from page 12

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

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Answer to "Can you solve this?"
from page 12.

The answer is that the rhyme is a mnemonic used to memorise "pi" (mathematical formula regarding circles). The number of letters in each word of the rhyme is equal to the digit it represents. The comma after "Sir" represents the decimal point. "Sir" = 3, "I" = 1, "have" = 4, that gives us 3.14, the short formula for pi. The rest of the rhyme gives us the formula to more decimal places.

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Appointments / enquiries	01242 215025
Mr Speechley	01451 820306
Mr Dannhauser	01451 821268
Moore Friends Sandra Morgan	01452 821212
George Moore O/P Clinic	0300 421 6940
Moreton-in-Marsh Hosp	03004 218770
Cheltenham Gen Hosp	03004 222222
Cirencester Hospital	0300 421 6200
Minor Injuries (Ciren. Hosp)	01285 884553
Police (emergency)	999
Police (all non emergency calls)	101
Police Station	01452 907200
Action Fraud	0300 123 2040
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)	0808 800 0511
Thursdays, by appointment only, at Moreton Area Centre, High St, Moreton,-in-Marsh.	
Samaritans	01242 515777
Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council	
9am-3pm Monday-Friday	01451 820712
Cotswold Dist Council	01285 623000
Dog Warden	01285 623000
Glos County Council	01452 425000
Bourton Village District Councillor	
Nick Maunder	07866 885468
Bourton Vale District Councillor	
Richard Keeling	01451 821146
County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson	07785 263759
Emergency Calls & Hotlines	
Electricity SSE	0800 0727282
Power Cuts	105
Gas Emergency	0800 111999
Thames Water	08000093964
Environment Agency	0800 807060
Pulhams Coaches (local)	01451 820369
Volunteer Help Centre	01608 651115
Stow Veterinary Surgeons	01451 830620
Dragon Vets, Upper Rissington	01451 600891
Funeral Directors	
WJ Wright	01451 810700
Solicitors	
Kendall & Davies	01451 820277

Taxi Services

Limozena	01451 820972
Genny Stallabrass	01451 822665
Tony Knight	07887 714047
Private Hire	01451 822190

McTimoney Chiropractor 01451 509125

Tina Hamer 07884 312559

Chiropodist Derek Brookes 01451 822540

Chiropodist Catherine Smyth 01451 821840

Foot Health Practitioners

David Brookes 01451 509345

Paul Brookes 01451 810981

Ramona Gogolos 07884 318091

Acupuncture

Sue Britton 01451 821927

Andrea Bailey 07702 928139

Cotswold Osteopaths 01451 810086

Reflexology Adrienne Halliday 07885 730495

Annabel Drury 01451 828118

Physiotherapy & Acupuncture

Lucy Walmsley 01451 822660

Menopause Solutions Barbara-Ann 07788 743738

Church of England

Rev Rowena King revrowena@gmail.com

Baptist Church

Ian Fowler Church Office 01451 824225

Catholic Church

Father Stephen Lambert 01608 674354

Newsagent (Stow) 01451 830406

Community Wellbeing Service 01452 528491.

Bourton Post Office 01451 820220

Bourton Library 01451 820964

Bourton Primary School 01451 820458

Cotswold School 01451 820554

Tourist Information 01451 820211

Bourton Leisure Centre 01451 824024

Runnerbean Health & Fitness 01451 822541

Chemist Rowlands Pharmacy 01451 820849

Mobility store 01451 810088

National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950

Jubilee Lodge 01451 823100

Lloyds Bank mobile visits to GMCC

Alternate Mondays

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