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DIARY DATES

- 4th Easter Sunday.
- 7th Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm via Zoom. See opposite.
- 12th Earliest possible date for further relaxation of restrictions including non essential retail re-opening.
- 22nd Annual Parish Meeting, 7pm on Zoom. See opposite.
- 28th u3a "Floods of Gloucestershire in 2007", a Zoom talk by Timothy Brain. See page 6.
- 25th Farmers Market, British Legion Hall Car Park, GL54 2AR 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599. Page 4.

Bourton Browser Team News

A Happy Easter to all our readers!



If plans to ease some restrictions went ahead as expected, we may now be able to meet in groups of up to 6 people or, 2 households, outdoors only, of course.

If the weather is kind this might mean the chance for a walk with friends, or perhaps a picnic, or BBQ? Maybe the kids will be able to have an Easter Egg hunt and hopefully we will be able to at least share a cuppa in the garden, (even if we have to wrap up warm to do so!).

As the village gets busier with tourists returning to enjoy the shops, cafes and riverside, we urge everyone, visitors and residents, young and old, to observe social distancing. Please be kind and give other people space to pass safely. For some who have been shield-

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Parish Council Notes

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 3rd March 2021

Parish Clerk: The Parish Council said goodbye to Vanessa Oliveri at her final meeting for the Council. The Council thanked Vanessa for her contribution to the parish and wished her well in her new position as Parish Clerk at Upper Rissington.

Co-option: Martin Macklin has been co-opted onto the Parish Council and he will take his seat at the April Parish Council meeting. It is very pleasing that the Council is now back to its full complement of eleven councillors in order to address its many responsibilities as efficiently as possible.

Annual Parish Meeting: This meeting will be held remotely on Thursday 22nd April at 7.00pm via Zoom. The meeting enables the Parish Council to share what it has been doing over the last year and provides an opportunity for electors to have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the parish. All parishioners are invited to attend and should use the following Meeting ID: 820 7936 0289 to join the meeting or request to be sent a direct link by email from the Assistant Clerk.

Local Elections: Two elections are taking place in the village on Thursday 6th May 2021 - Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire Constabulary and Gloucestershire County Councillor for Bourton-on-the-Water & Northleach. For those who want to vote in person the Community Centre will once again be used as a polling station. Residents who are concerned about visiting a polling station are being encouraged to use a postal vote as an alternative to voting in person. To be able to vote by post voters must apply to Cotswold District Council by 20th April by visiting their website at cotswold.gov.uk/register tovot e or calling 01285 623002.

Bye-Laws: Signage has now been installed in three locations around the Village Green area to display the Parish Council's updated laws that came into force in 2019.

Litter Picking: The Parish Council has joined forces with the countryside charity CPRE Gloucestershire in recruiting volunteers to take part in The North Cotswolds Clean-up. Many residents have already signed up and if you would like to join this campaign too please contact our local group co-ordinator, Sue Roberts, on 01451 822230 or sueroberts7010@yahoo.com for more information.

Street Name Plates: Cotswold District Council has confirmed that any replacement street name plates that have been requested will be delayed due to a hold up with the design process. CDC is redesigning its crest, which will be included on street signs throughout the district, and is currently seeking full approval of its design proposals. No time frame for the works is available at present.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 7th April at 7pm via Zoom.

Joanna Herbert, Assistant Clerk. Tel: 01451 820712:

admin@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk; Website: www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

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ing, going out may be a little daunting at first. If we are all sensible and considerate, hopefully we can look forward to a more "normal" summer ahead.

We'd still like to receive any photos taken in or around the village and articles about subjects of local interest or concern. We'd love to hear from both adults and children.

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.

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Artlift - classes have continued in a different way thanks to Karen Hiliard supporting individuals.

Cotswold friends - a general grant helping them to organise **Bourton Men in sheds**, **Befriending and Carer Befriending** services and **transport in the Bourton Area**. We will also continue to fund the **Memory Club**. Much of their work and support has changed in innovative ways during the pandemic and the grant has been made as flexible as possible.

Bourton Primary School -continuing to give a grant for a part time mental health nurse.

Headscape- a new grant for a new charity helping with mental health issues in the Cotswold School.

Kate's Home Nursing - as a contribution to their wonderful palliative care for patients in our area.

Cotswold Medical Centre for dermatoscopes so lesions can be analysed earlier and a program for the very early detection of dementia.

We do hope to see you getting together - still sensibly - around in the village. There have been many positive results from the pandemic - Street Volunteers being just one.

Keep safe and smell the flowers!

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from Cotswolds Radio

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Keith Blundell

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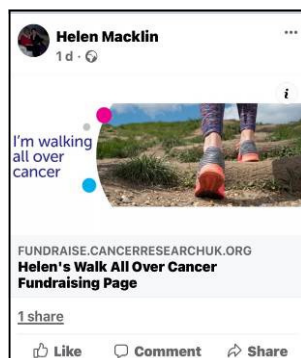
HELEN'S WALK ALL OVER CANCER

Helen has been walking at least 10,000 steps every day of March in aid of Cancer Research uk. Friends and family have been keeping her company and the odd four legging K9 as well.

If you would like to sponsor Helen you can by using this link [Fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org](https://www.fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org)

Or contact myself 07867121122

Lynda Hicks



Bourton Street Volunteers

Here are some contact numbers:

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Doctors Stow	01451 830625
Chemist Bourton	01451 820849
Chemist Upper Rissington	01451 828226
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Cotswold Hospital Moreton	0300 421 8770
Bourton Parish Council	01451 820712
Library Bourton	01451 820964
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Police	101 (999 emergency)
Gloucestershire Covid Help Hub	01452 583519
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
Glos Carers' Hub	0300 111 9000
Glos Domestic Abuse Helpline	01452 726570
Childline	0800 1111
The Mix (under 25s)	0800 808 4994

We are looking forward to seeing you all getting out and about as the lockdown is lifted.

A year is a very long time to have been shielding, so remember, if you would like some support to help you get back out there please contact us. We can take those first steps with you, a short walk or until you feel ok to go alone

Lynda Hicks

Tel 07867121122

OUT AND ABOUT in April

Some restrictions may be lifted from 12th April, allowing more outside attractions, such as animal parks, to re-open. We would advise checking prior to travelling and be aware that pre-booking time slots / tickets is often necessary.

Expected to be open throughout April

Batsford Arboretum & Garden Centre, open, pre booked tickets necessary, see advert on page 15. www.batsarb.co.uk 1386 701441.

Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1UL, grounds only open, pre booking timed entry tickets essential for everyone. www.blenheimpalace.com or 01993 810530 for details.

National Trust. Most NTs are open, outdoors only, including **Hidcote**, **Snowhill** and **Lodge Park/Sherborne Estate**. Booking of timed tickets required (for members and non members). For details and to book www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Open from specific dates and events on a specific dates

12th onwards, **Cotswold Farm Park**, Guiting Power, Cheltenham GL54 5FL. See website for details <https://cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk> / or call 01451 850307.

13th onwards, **Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway**, Toddington Railway Station, New Town, Toddington, GL54 5DT. Pre booking essential, contact www.gwsr.com or call 01242 621405.

16th **Rissington's Local History Society**. "Place-names in the Gloucestershire Landscape". Dr Simon Draper will explore the diversity of place names, connecting them to archaeological features mainly in the Roman and Anglo-Saxon periods. 7.30pm on ZOOM. Visitors welcome. 820233 or information.RLHS@gmail.com. Donations welcome, suggest, £2.50.

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Whilst hedgehogs are not be "pets", Peter Boxall and Irene Summers are very fond of their regular hedgehog visitors, providing them with food, water and help when needed. Here is their story.

BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE MAMMAL

- THE HEDGEHOG

Spring has finally arrived and now is the time to prepare our gardens for Britain's favourite mammal. The hedgehog will be coming out of hibernation and looking for habitat and food. In recent years the hedgehog numbers have dramatically declined from many millions in the 1950's to an estimated one million today, but there is hope that the numbers would appear to be rising.

We can all do our bit to help improve these statistics by looking at our gardens. Hedgehogs can roam around 2 Kms per night in search of food and to help them to do so a simple 13cm hole (size of a CD case) cut out at the bottom of your garden fence or gate will provide what is called a "Hedgehog Highway" connecting gardens, so seek co-operation and permission of neighbours to achieve this.

Leave an area of your garden to rewild; also, when using garden tools, i.e. strimmers and lawn mowers, always check first, as there may be a hedgehog in residence. Slug pellets and some weed killers are a **"No, No"**, as these can be fatal.

We use hedgehog pellets and meaty cat food, behind garden slabs against a wall as a feeding station, particularly in summer, as their normal source of food can be hard to find in dry conditions. Always leave water for drinking and if you have a garden pond a ramp or means of exit is essential.



DO NOT leave milk, as hedgehogs suffer from lactose intolerance and be careful about leaving bird food on the ground particularly dried mealworms which can cause deformity in their limbs.

If hedgehogs are sighted during the daytime, there could be cause for concern. A very helpful source of help and information is The Vale Wildlife Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre, an Animal Charity located at Beckford, Nr Tewkesbury, GL20 7AN. Tel: 01386 882288 between 7.00am and 5.00pm.

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Bourton & District u3a

I'm very pleased to report we now have a new Beacon database Lead, as Ken Lamacraft, our Equipment Officer, has agreed to combine these roles. There is still the opportunity for a couple more members to join the committee. We particularly need a new Groups Co-ordinator and a new Publicity Officer. Please get in touch if you would like to help us make the u3a even stronger.

The spring newsletter will be delivered to members during April, by email or hardcopy, as requested. It will include the updated Main Meeting programme. We have decided to carry on with Zoom Main Meetings up to and including June. In late July, if restrictions allow and conditions are right, we hope to hold a "real" coffee morning. During the autumn and winter we are hoping to hold live meetings but with the option of on-line screening. This could be needed if we have to restrict numbers due to social distancing, and maybe some members' preference.

Meanwhile eight of our Interest Groups are continuing to meet on-line and a couple of Groups are hoping to start their walks, (in groups of 6), again soon.

April's main meeting, on Wednesday 28th, will be "Floods of Gloucestershire in 2007" a Zoom talk by Timothy Brain. All members 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.

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,

07783 235320,
chairperson@banddu3a.org.uk
www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton



BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER PROBUS



Although there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel, until we see full daylight, we are continuing our monthly meetings on Zoom.

Our February meeting had an interesting talk by one of our colleagues on an adventure he had in Canada. An elderly lady, included in a group visit he made to a forest site, went missing. He was impressed by the Search Party that quickly arrived, made up of Forest Rangers, Police with dogs, Fire Engines, ambulances, and helicopters. The lady was not found until the following morning when she emerged unscathed from a forest inhabited by bears, wolves, and other wild animals. The talk was enjoyed by all and we hope for more similarly entertaining talks in forthcoming months.

New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact David, our secretary, on 01451 821098.

Bill Furner

Bourton-on-the-Water W.I.



Our March evening gave us an insight into the life of a BBC Script Editor with a Zoom Visit from Terry Barker who is a member of Wishaw W.I. She certainly had an interesting working life becoming friends with many tv actors we have all enjoyed watching.

For our meeting on 13th April, we now await a talk from Stephen Wells on The Magic Circle and The Great Magicians. This promises to be excellent so, if it is not too late when you read this, give me a call if you fancy trying out being a W.I. member.

Of necessity our meetings are currently via Zoom, but we understand that Victoria Hall hopes to open its doors to us by July. What joy to once again be able to meet in person!

Our new membership year starts on 1st April, but new members are always welcome so feel free to contact Carol on 01451 810305 or Jean on 01451 810740 should you want more information.

Jean Furner

Message from the Church

April 1st is the first day of what the Catholic Church calls 'The Sacred Paschal Triduum': referring to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, which leads to Easter Day.

Each day has its own very special liturgy. On Maundy Thursday we celebrate firstly, the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, which was established by Jesus at the Last Supper when He said the words over the bread and wine: 'This is my Body'; 'This is my Blood'. And secondly, the Institution of the priesthood, for henceforth the Apostles and their successors were commanded by the Lord to continue the celebration of the Eucharist throughout the rest of time. The liturgy includes a symbolic Feet Washing, for, following the example of the Lord, priests are to be servants of their flock.

The Good Friday liturgy usually takes place at 3 pm and the central part is the reading of The Passion from one of the

Gospels. In the bigger Churches, this is sung, and is very moving. Then follows The Solemn Intercessions, very ancient prayers dating to the earliest years of Christianity, in which we pray for The Church and its leadership, for those who are being instructed in the faith, for the unity of Christians, for those in public office and more besides.

After dark on Holy Saturday night comes the liturgy of the Easter Vigil: the lighting of a fire outside the Church from which is kindled the Easter candle; the unaccompanied singing of the Exsultet, which glories in the triumph of the Resurrection, followed by a series of bible readings, in which the rescue of humanity is recalled. Then we renew our baptism vows at the font together with any adult baptisms, and finally we move into the first Eucharist of Easter.

Fr. Stephen

We thought we would let you know! Rev Ian Fowler is leaving with his last day 4th April 2021.

From 5th April 2021, please join us—

On Sundays:

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- facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/cirencesterbaptist>

- youtube channel - <https://www.youtube.com> & search for 'cirencester baptist church'

They also have a Sunday 6.30pm service that is on zoom. All links to services can be reached via Bourton Baptist Church, or CBC websites: www.bourtonbaptist.co.uk or cirencester-baptist.org

On Weekdays:

Anyone who would like to join the WebNet community, there is a broadcast on <https://www.fuelcast.com/library>

To contact Bourton Baptist Church: for any support, chat, or help to access the online links:

email secretary@bourtonbaptist.co.uk phone Sally Lenihan 07447 886 882

With love and best wishes from us all at Bourton Baptist Church



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

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

We are planning to return to gathered services for our 11am service from Easter Day. Booking in is essential so we can ensure a COVID safe environment.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 7:00 – Remembering the Last Supper

Good Friday 2:00pm – The Last Hour

Easter Sunday 9:30am at St James', Clapton-on-the-Hill and

11:00am at St Lawrence, Bourton-on-the-Water

10:30 every Wednesday Holy Communion

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website: stow-bourtoncatholic.net

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, All worshippers are required to wear face masks.

Those attending the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, and the Easter Day Masses are required to book, either by emailing Fr. Stephen or texting him

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).

HOLY WEEK and EASTER MASSES



MAUNDY THURSDAY 1st April. Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper. 7.30 pm. Stow.

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April. Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Celebration of The Passion of The Lord. 3 pm Stow. Collection for Holy Places and Christians in the Holy Land.

HOLY SATURDAY. 3rd April. Easter Vigil, Blessing of New Fire, renewal of Baptismal Promises, First Mass of Easter 9 pm Stow.

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April. Mass at Bourton, 9 am. Mass at Stow 10.30 am.

Booking required

Fr. Stephen.

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For The Younger Generations



Hello Young Bourtonians,
Finally we can all start to enjoy the easing of lockdown restrictions and begin to put our lives back together by spending time with our friends and family. Hope is in the air that the hardships of this past year have been worth it and together we have come through the worst crisis of our lives.
Have an Amazing April.



Christine Gorton Sub Editor



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

Our Easter Marathon Challenge

By Will Morgan, Principal

When everyone came back to school after lockdown, one of the most brilliant things - apart from seeing our staff and students back in their classrooms - was the help we received from our community. Thank you again to the 75 amazing Covid-19 testing volunteers.

We hope you will have a good rest over Easter, including our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who are preparing for their upcoming assessments. Some children might like to create artwork for the prestigious Young Artists Summer Show: the deadline is 26 April.

Many of the school's staff are running or walking the distance of a marathon during the Easter fortnight. They've been training for this to support their own wellbeing and would be delighted if you wish to donate to the school to support them. There is no fixed route or time: individuals are planning their own marathon schedules to suit their personal goals and needs.

Some, like Mrs Mustoe, may never have tried running before but started using the couch-to-5k programme. She said,

"For me, it has been something to work towards. I have had my moments of feeling low during the pandemic. Before, we would all look forward to a holiday or a meal out. But now, I'm really looking forward to achieving something that, in all honesty, I wouldn't even have given a thought to had we not had this pandemic."

If you would like to donate to show your support, please visit our website – www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk – and click on the 'donate' button on our homepage. Money that you raise will help us support our students' positive wellbeing, working closely with local youth charity Headspace.



Mrs. Mustoe.

4 Shires Swimming Club

With the Government announcement of a 'cautious' reopening of swimming pools, we are pleased to note that from 12th April, indoor pools can reopen for club sessions for all under 18s. Unfortunately, the over 18 swimmers and Masters swimmers face a further wait before being allowed to train with the club.

Since this is during the Easter half term we are planning a slightly staggered return to training. Assuming that pools are allowed to reopen as proposed we will be restarting from Monday 12th April at Kingham Hill School; Friday 16th April at Bourton-on-the-Water and Monday 19th April at Sibford School.

Our virtual land training Zoom sessions will continue until pools reopen. Our Land Trainers for February were Aimee White (Junior) and Hannah Rowley (Senior).

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

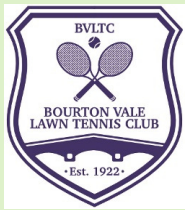
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Bourton Vale Tennis Club

We are very excited to be back on court again from March 29th. The new season at Bourton Tennis Club officially starts from April 1st so now is the perfect time to sign up for membership.

We have again managed to avoid any increase in fees which continue to offer great value: annual adult membership is £95 and for juniors just £20 (reduced to £10 if taking coaching) -incredible value for money!

We have lots planned for this season, from weekly social tennis and club nights to friendly competitions, match play tournaments and team tennis in the Gloucestershire league, so if you are



keen to get playing 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.



See you on court!

Alex Peyton

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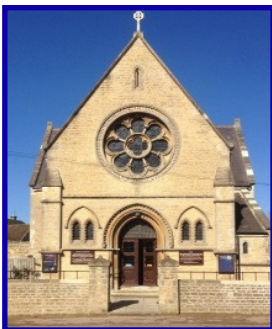
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I am convinced God can 'burst forth in glorious day' (to quote that hymn again). But - when we can return back

(carefully) to meeting up again, whether with friends, gym, pub, or in church, we should ask ourselves - what do we return to? Is this an opportunity to try different things?

For the Baptist Church, our minister, Ian, is leaving after Easter, so we cannot be the same. What do we do? We want to be open to God, live by Jesus' teaching, love, be kind, and pray for those around us, sharing Jesus with our neighbours, and helping those in need. If you're reading the Bourton Browser, that's you!

Practically, we're exploring 'life after Ian'. We have been broadcasting, but it's had its 'season', and Ian's Easter broadcast is the last one. We are connecting with Cirencester Baptist Church, and will join their online Sunday service with 'local' tea/coffee together afterwards - see 'info section' on page 7. While transitioning from lockdown to (hopefully!) no restrictions, people can slowly migrate as they comfortably wish, from home based participation, to together-participation.

Our website will have links and updates, so if you get lost, just look at www.bourtonbaptist.co.uk - you'll find your way! In this time of change, we hope you'll consider joining us.

Sally Lenihan

Church Secretary,

Bourton Baptist Church



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Quiz Page

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Can you name the animals missing from the titles of this hit songs?

	ARTIST	YEAR	SONG	ANIMAL
1	TOM JONES	1965	WHAT'S NEW (*****)	
2	DAVID GUETTA FEAT. AKON	2009	SEXY(****)	
3	PRINCE	1984	WHEN (****) CRY	
4	SWEET	1974	(**) ON THE RUN	
5	BADDIEL AND SKINNER	1996	THREE (****)	
6	DESIGNER	2015	(****)	
7	JOHNNY PRESTON	1960	RUNNING (****)	
8	ROBBIE WILLIAMS	2002	ME AND MY (****)	
9	DURAN DURAN	1982	HUNGRY LIKE THE (****)	
10	AMERICA	1972	A (****) WITH NO NAME	
11	CULTURE CLUB	1983	KARMA (****)	
12	NICKI MINAJ	2014	(****)	
13	ROLLING STONES	1964	LITTLE RED (****)	
14	JANET JACKSON	1990	BLACK (**)	
15	RICK DEES & HIS CAST OF IDIOTS	1976	DISCO (****)	
16	OLIVER HELDENS & BECKY HILL	2014	(****) OVERDRIVE	
17	THE BEATLES	1967	I AM THE (****)	
18	NENEH CHERRY	1988	(****) STANCE	
19	GEORGE MICHAEL	2002	SHOOT THE (**)	
20	MUD	1974	(****) FEET	
21	KATY PERRY	2013	DARK (****)	
22	FLEETWOOD MAC	1969	(****)	
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Bourton Panto Group

Bourton Panto Group members are having their well earned rest - until the lawn mower comes out at least. We have plans for the summer but like the rest of the world we'll be holding our breath.



To make use of the held breaths the singers amongst the group are practicing their scales. Our soprano, Kathleen, is reaching notes never heard before and cracking all the wine glasses in her cupboard. Emma is trying out new jokes on the cat (the dog's got no sense of humour). David is in the kitchen juggling the crockery, he's already got a full tea set in the air. And me? I'm currently doing a good impression of The Village People prancing round the kitchen singing 'In The Navy'. I don't think I'll make it to the stage though.

Plans for a summer show have been put aside and we will now concentrate all our efforts on the next pantomime when we will be celebrating 40 years since the formation of Bourton Panto Group. What would you like to see us perform for our 40th celebration? Go to our Facebook page and let us know what your favourite panto is and why. You will also see photographs from all the shows as well as getting the latest news from the BPG. We'd like to hear from you.

Our AGM has also been postponed we will let you know the new date as soon as we can.

Don't forget, when we resume rehearsals for the next show

we will need new ideas, new voices and new faces on the stage as well as helping with all aspects of the show. If you're interested or just want to find out what we get up to contact Jan Close on 01451 831911 who's currently practicing her directing skills on husband Roger. He'd really like someone to ring and distract her.

For enquiries about being a patron please ring Angela Layton on 01451 821344. Angela will give you all the information about the benefits of being a Patron of the Bourton Panto Group.

Jackie Denham

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Bourton Vale Gardening Club

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Spring is here at last and for plants, wildlife and gardeners it's a very busy time of year with bud burst, bird song and nest building, preparation and seed planting and hopefully as lockdown slowly lifts, garden and wilder place visiting too.



April brings some of the most magical uplifting sights, with bluebell woods from mid April if the spring is mild, extending to late May in colder years, flowering before tree canopies cover the light. The Woodland Trust website have details of local woods, including Foxholes and Chedworth, both beautiful during bluebell season and smaller woods too. However, our native bluebells are under threat from dominant Spanish bluebells introduced to our gardens and now escaped to our woodlands, as they can out compete and hybridise with our more delicate natives. Telling them apart is fairly easy, Spanish bluebells are often taller and more upright, with no scent, thicker leaves, green or blue anthers and pollen and most will flower all around the stem. Our natives, have narrow tubular flower heads with deeply curled back tips and cream coloured anthers and pollen inside, flowering along one side of the curving stem and have an unmistakable honeyed fragrance, designed by mother nature to attract pollinating insects. The hybrids are trickier to identify, as these plants can be a mix of both parents, fortunately planting non-natives in our own gardens does not

always come with such peril and many are beneficial for our beleaguered insects. The RHS advise not to grow Spanish bluebells in rural gardens and the Woodland Trust recommend very careful disposal and not to add to compost bins.

Our local Arboretum at Batsford, have held the National collection of Japanese flowering cherries from 2002 and during mid to late April these should be in flower where, if you time it right, bluebells may also be in flower too. Once we are allowed to travel further afield, Westonbirt also has some spectacular cherries and magnolias. The Evesham Blossom trail winds through 40 miles of countryside, with an AA signposted route, and can be picked up from Broadway, where nearby NT Snowhill, if allowed to reopen, have long drifts of wild garlic along the footpaths leading to the orchard.

Our gardens at home are important for our own sense of well being too and as mini nature reserves for our wildlife. Growing and planting nectar rich plants for our pollinators, adding shrubs and trees for shelter and relaxing a little on tidiness all help bring in extra colour and life. In the vegetable garden, encouraging beneficial insects, such as Lacewings and Ladybirds, to eat those annoying aphids saves using any toxic chemicals and sowing or planting companion flowers, such as organic calendula alongside your vegetables, are both lovely to look at and help protect your crops.

Take care of yourselves and others too, stay safe.

Julie Huckle

Waddling Not Paddling

Ducks dawdle, swan and roam
Across their railined home.

Strident strutting also seen,
Relishing their protected green.

Morning bridges also please,
Where they squat in threes.

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Wherever waddling seen,
Feelings tend to turn serene.

Hugh O'Connell





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What to do with these dull months leading up to Spring? Try and find a project?

Knitted Easter chicks & bunnies complete with chocolate egg have been made by me, as a big thank you to 33 ladies who work with our son at his local GP surgery.



Covid has meant lots more work for them as our son set up the vaccination clinic for 4 surgeries in his home town of Andover. An unusual venue, The Theatre in the middle of town.

Up the steps to the foyer for check in, the jab in the auditorium, and exit through the stage door.

Everything had been up to date, slick and smooth until age 70's. All invitations were sent, vaccines ordered, but instead of 3000 they received 300!

The government at that time was very pleased to announce they had set up large hubs in cities, but there were not enough vaccines to support hubs and clinics. Staff at all surgeries had to contact the 70+ group with a later date.

Andover residents were lucky to have an outing to the theatre during lockdown.

I hope my small Easter gift will put a smile on the faces of the staff for all the extra work.

The NHS in all fields has done a magnificent job and the North Cotswolds Hospital in Moreton is running smoothly and up to date.

Roll on the lifting of rules - slowly, sunshine and warmer days.

Mollie Wise

Brighter Days

The north winds still blow,
But its goodbye to snow!
Hello to the spring and the flowers.

The nights are now lighter,
the horizon looks brighter,
The vaccine is still on the go.

Millie Thomas



IRENE'S CHARITY KNITTING CIRCLE

Firstly, I want to say a huge "thank you" to all of you who have contributed knitted items during the month and for continuing to produce beanie hats and clothing, blankets and blanket squares for babies and children in need during this difficult period.

Hopefully, restrictions are easing and things will begin to improve from now on, enabling us all to live a more normal life style again soon. This will give us the opportunity to see friends and families and enjoy some quality time together. We are fortunate to be living in Bourton-on-the-Water and so have a reasonable life style compared with some areas of the country where life is still very difficult.

The weather is improving and we can work in our gardens and will be able to sit outside and enjoy the fresh air. Read a book, do some knitting, all sorts of possibilities and relax away from the stresses of Covid for a while.

Peter and I hope you are all coping well during this period but, as always, we are only a telephone call away if you think you need help at this time.

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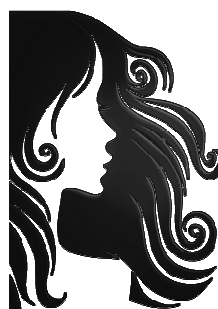
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Wandering Lonely?

I thought this poem might give you a chuckle, I wrote it pre pandemic as you will see.

Apologies to William Wordsworth!

I wandered lonely as a cloud
that floats on high o'er Cotswold hills
when all at once I saw a crowd
outside the Edinburgh woollen mills.
Beside the stream, beneath the trees
stuffing their faces in the breeze
continuous as the cars that line
The verges on the Fosseway.
They stretched in never ending line
From birdland to de la Haye
Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Some from China,
Some from France.
For oft when on the grass they lie
Among the waste of takeaways
I look upon the scene and sigh
An wish for lonely winter days
And then my heart with pleasure fills
And dances on the Cotswold hills.

Chris Hope, Clapton on the hill.



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