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DIARY DATES

- 3rd Early May Bank Holiday.
- 5th Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm via Zoom. See opposite.
- 23rd Farmers Market, British Legion Hall Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. Welcoming back sellers of "non essential" goods this month. 07986 085599. Page 5.
- $\mathbf{23}^{rd}$ Car Boot Sale, Naight playing field , 9.30am-1.30pm, Cars £6, Vans £10, SELLERS CAN ARRIVE FROM 8.30am. To book space text Lynda on 07867121122 or Message Lynda Hicks-Collett, IN AID OF KATE'S HOME NURSING. See page 10.
- 26^{th} u3a "65 Year's of Theatre and Opera Going" a talk by Roger Harris, via Zoom. ". See page 14.
- 29th North Cotswold Rotary, Blood Pressure Information Event, The Green, 10am-4pm.
- 31st Spring Bank Holiday.

Bourton Browser Team News

Our "Diary Dates" & "Out & About" columns are looking a little more normal again! This month we are very pleased to welcome back articles from the Roadrunners, Men in Sheds, Cotswold Lions, the Bowls Club & Cotswold Wardens!

We are also very grateful to those contributors who have continued to send articles throughout the pandemic.

Many Groups' articles talk of plans to resume "real" meetings fairly soon. It's also a pleasure to be able to publish details of forthcoming events e.g. the Festival of Motoring, a Car Boot Sale & Open Gardens.

We have more good news! We are delighted to welcome back Myra Ford, our Northern Round Bulk Distributor. Following this we've had a bit of a

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Parish Council Notes

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 7th April 2021

The Duke of Edinburgh: The Council has been deeply saddened by the death of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh. The Government has advised that in order to observe current Covid-19 precautions, physical condolence books should not be offered at this time. If you would like to leave your condolences you can do so online by visiting www.royal.uk

Council Taxes: The Council has published the 'League Table' of Council Tax payments in the Cotswold District on the Finance page of its website and is pleased to note that Bourton-on-the-Water has dropped one place lower down the table. As an example, the annual sum of £94.31 which will be paid to the Parish Council in 2021-22 by a Band D household in this village compares to £122.60 paid by a Band D household in Upper Rissington and £161.21 paid by a Band D household in Stow-on-the-Wold.

Youth Club: The Council has appointed "Inspire to Aspire", founded by Gemma Hall, as its new youth services provider and it is anticipated that the weekly youth club sessions will be able to resume later in May if restrictions allow. To find out more about the work of Inspire to Aspire visit www.inspiretoaspire.club

Play Areas: The Council has instructed the following improvement works at its three play areas: fence repairs and replacement roundabout seats at The Naight; tree reduction and replacement timber post and step at Rye Crescent; repairs to pendulum swing at Melville. In addition, all swings, that were temporarily removed, will be reinstalled in light of the easing of restrictions. The Council's project to purchase new equipment for The Naight and Melville will be progressed further following the consideration of the tender bids received from suppliers.

Cemetery & Allotments: The Council has revised its schedule of cemetery fees and its allotment rules for the Cemetery Lane and Piece Hedge sites. Both documents can be viewed on the relevant pages of the Council's website.

Pumping Station: The Council received a letter from Thames Water giving advice to residents on avoiding blockages in the village's drainage system following a recent clean-up that had to be carried out at the pumping station: Please do not flush wipes, nappies or sanitary products down the toilet and never pour fat or oil down the sink. Remember, sewers are only designed to take away water, toilet tissue and human waste – anything else belongs in the bin.

Countryside Code: A new, refreshed Countryside Code has been launched by Natural England to help people enjoy the outdoors. Key changes include to stay on marked footpaths, a reminder not to feed livestock, horses or wild animals and new advice for people to 'be nice, say hello, share the space.' The updated Code can be viewed in full at www.gov.uk

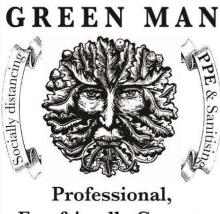
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The *Bourton Browser* is run by volunteers & delivered monthly FREE to every household in the Village.

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

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The **DEADLINE** for Adverts & Articles for the **June 2021** edition, is **Midday 15th May**



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swap round on some roles. David and Mary Tebbutt are taking over Distribution Management. Jenny and David Stanfield will be sharing the Southern distribution round with Karen and Ernie Rumsey. Our grateful thanks go to all of them for all their efforts for the Browser.

If you are starting to plan events in or around, Bourton, let us know so we can add them to the online village diary.

We will also happily advertise any Zoom on-line activities.

We welcome articles from adults & children on subjects of local interest.

Let's all continue to behave sensibly and keep the village safe as we enjoy our new freedoms.

The Bourton Browser Team





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Vacancies: Council currently has a vacancy for Parish Clerk and a play area inspector. See separate adverts in this edition of the Browser for further details.

Annual Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 5th May at 7pm via Zoom.

Joanna Herbert, Assistant Clerk. Tel: 01451 820712;

admin@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

Bourton-on-the-Water Probus

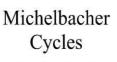
Is that light at the end of the tunnel beginning to get brighter? Will we be meeting in person very soon? We at Probus do hope so and that we may be joined by new members.

We are semi or fully retired and not yet ready to give up enjoying life to the full. We consider ourselves an enterprising group who meet up regularly socially and for a variety of activities. These have been very few over the last twelve months but once allowed we are raring to go.

We meet fortnightly at the Community Centre on Moore Road on Monday mornings and usually have visiting speakers on a variety of subjects. During lockdown we have been using Zoom to meet up monthly.

We are often accompanied by our partners to dine out or take trips to interesting places. We are due an outing to SS Great Britain as soon as regulations allow. More information on becoming member can be obtained by phoning our secretary, David, on 01451 821098.

Bill Furner



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Unwelcome Adornments

Enjoying local countryside vast, We reminisce on our dogs past. Loved and missed now that they've gone, We share with others, see their dogs run.

Most folks do what owners should, Bag up pet waste and bin it - good! Keeping paths and walkways sweet, Avoiding "nasties" clinging to feet!

Bright red Council bins are placed, Strategically, to collect the waste. From Bonzo, Fido, Rex and Zack, On outward trip or on the way back.

With reasoning quite hard to see, Is why some bags hang from a tree?

Or in a hedge or on a fence? Always, it just does not make sense.

So canine owners take care please, Don't adorn Bourton's bushes & trees With plastic bags of every hue, Containing heaps of your dog's poo!!! THANK YOU! Ann Chapman

Gloucestershire Writers' Network Competition 2021, "Signposts"

Today might be a good day to write a story or poem and enter our competition. It might be helpful to channel the emotion of the last few months, to use the experiences, the decisions you have made and let them all out in a creative blast. At the very least it will give you something to do in these last few weeks before we all head for the door. At the very best you might win and find yourself reading at The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival in October.

Closing date Midnight 30th June 2021 For full details including information about the judges, please see our website www.gloswriters.org.uk We hope to see you there. The GWN Team

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Shimmer and shine as they sway. Ears cocked as if on regal display. Yet, submit to a skilled command. Primed for a flick of the hand.

Hugh O'Connel

High Bridge Jewellers



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The name is derived from the Persian word for "green gem". Discovered in the 1st century BC in the mines of Cleopatra. It is prized as a symbol of immortality and was used in formal and religious ceremonies.

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Bourton Panto Group

We've had a long journey but we're nearly there. Can you see that light over there? Just a tiny light, maybe it's the end of

the tunnel or perhaps it's the spotlight we've been waiting for.

Sleeping Beauty is beginning to stir after her long sleep. Dick Whittington is getting tired, he's had a socially distanced walk to London, just for exercise of course, but what's that he can see is it Big Ben? Yes! He's close to his destination now. And Jack, he's been on his allotment for a year now planting beans and they're growing



well, almost high enough to be his ladder to adventure. We're all ready for the adventure now, ready for the village green to come to life and with some care and social distancing we'll get there. Look out for the duck races and village fairs. We'll be there brushing the dust off our tombola ready to give it a tumble, so keep to the social distancing rules and keep your mask tight and we'll make it.

While we're waiting for the spotlight to go on and the end of the tunnel to get closer here's some Panto facts maybe you didn't know.

- Panto is thought to have originated as an entertainment for adults in Roman times and was a show performed at midwinter festivals in which everything was turned upside down. Men dressed as women and women dressed as men.
- It's a Panto custom that the fairy enters from stage right and the baddie enters from stage left (that's left and right from on stage looking towards the audience). This is a tradition that evolved from a superstition of the right signifying heaven, and the left all things hell, witchy and wicked.
- The last lines of the pantomime finale, which are usually spoken in rhyming couplets, should never be uttered in rehearsals until the opening night, and it is considered bad luck if they are.

Hopefully we'll meet in the summer but we will have more news about that next month. Jackie Denham

OUT AND ABOUT in May

Further restrictions may be lifted from 17th May, allowing inside attractions to re-open. Check prior to travelling and be aware that pre-booking time slots / tickets is usually required.

Open / Partially Open

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

Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens, Burford, OX18 4JP, Pre booking of timed tickets essential. 01993 823 006, www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk

National Trust. Most open, outdoors only until 17th, including Hidcote, Snowshill and Lodge Park/Sherborne Estate. Booking of timed tickets required (members/non members). For details and to book www.nationaltrust.org.uk

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

Dated Events

- 1st-31st The Elephant Family at Sudeley Castle & Gardens, over 30, life-sized elephant sculptures form a trail through the award-winning gardens. Details www.sudeleycastle.co.uk
- 6th-24th Luna Drive in Cinema, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1UL. For tickets see website. Also open daily, (grounds only until 17th), pre booking timed tickets essential for evervone. entry www.blenheimpalace.com or 01993 810530 for details.
- 20th-31st, Giffords Circus at Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5JD. www.sudeleycastle.co.uk
- 21st Rissingtons Local History Society, talk "WW1 Memorials: Public schools in the Great War" at 7.30pm ON ZOOM by Clare Sargent. Visitors welcome. Enquiries, contact Sue Brown 01451 820233, or information.RLHS@gmail.com
- 23rd Diesel Enthusiasts Day, Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway, Toddington, GL54 5DT. Pre booking essential, www.gwsr.com or 01242 621405.
- 29th-31st Living Crafts at Cirencester Park, Cirencester, GL7 6JT . 10am-5pm, Perfect day out for all craft lovers, pre bookable workshops, children's activities and refreshments. Free parking. Discounted tickets in advance from www.livingcrafts.co.uk
- 29th-31st Jousting Festival, Blenheim Palace, OX20 1UL. www.blenheimpalace.com or 01993 810530 for details

Visitor Information Centre 01451 820211 info@visitbourton.com

Coming Soon! Guided Walks with the **Cotswold Voluntary Wardens**



Subject to the ongoing easing of lockdown in England, the Cotswold Wardens are aiming to restart the guided walks programme in a safe

and careful way. As such, from mid-May, details of the walks available will be on the website (below) where walkers must reserve their place through the booking system as numbers will be capped to keep the walks manageable.

https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/ guided-walks/

The walk leaders are very much looking forward to once again, guiding walkers around our lovely local countryside. Sheila Wasley

FOR SALE / WANTED ITEMS

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 before 12 noon on the 15th of the month. No commercial adverts accepted for this section.

For Sale Black and Decker Work Bench. £10, 07546 724186

For Sale World Globe on wooden stand, £5,

07546 724186

For Sale Lonsdale Exercise Bike, 3 months old, £40. 07891 195710

For Sale Golf Equipment, containing the following: 3 Woods, 8 Irons (including brand new Lob Wedge), professional bag, golf shoes (size 9), waterproof trousers. £100 ONO . 821799

> For Sale Hayter Harrier 48 Petrol Lawn Mower. £125 ONO. 07488 274793

Three Wheel Disable Walker with bag. £10, 07546 724186

For Sale

For Sale Picture of Ullswater, In frame 18"x 22" £5. 07546 724186

For Sale

Mobility Scooter, Blue, Apex Lite. Hardly used, 18 months old. £300, 07891 195710

For Sale

Beer Making Kit. Brand New, Boxed. £20, 821799

For Sale

Complete set of Ping Golf Clubs. Left Handed. Complete Driver and Fairway Woods, £200, 07488 274793

For Sale

Belling 600 wide Black Cooker Hood. Brand New-still in box, £60. 820075

IRENE'S CHARITY KNITTING CIRCLE

May is upon us and lighter evenings mean we can enjoy more time spent in our gardens and taking walks in the beautiful surrounding countryside.

Hope is round the corner and, who knows, we may be able to organise a meeting sometime in the autumn. So remember to watch this space.

We always appreciate the many efforts made by our member's during this difficult period.

In the meantime continue to take care and stay safe. Knitted items can be collected from your doorstep or delivered to ours.

Do take care. Stay safe! With very best wishes. Irene and Peter xx For further information contact:

Irene Summers 01451 798718 Peter Boxall: 01451 820099



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Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club A Wing Walking Lion joined by a Bear.



Thanks to Aerosuperbatics of RFC Rendcomb,

who have generously donated the flight to raise funds, Lion Avril Haseler has volunteered to do a Wing Walk on Friday 16th July. Avril will now be joined on her Wing Walk with Fraiser the bear, who has connections with the Sunflowers Suicide Support Charity, for a birds-eye view of the Cotswolds. A Go-FundMe page has been set up, so look out for the "Wing Walking Cotswold Lion" on the website. We have already had donations of 50% of the notified goal, so our thanks to all those that have donated to date, but we would really love to exceed the original goal especially as the money raised from this event will be held within the clubs Charity Fund, and will go to local good causes chosen by you, the Community. We will announce which ones before the 16th July so please do let the Club have your suggestions. This can be done though our Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/Cotswold-Fosseway-Lions-Club-197828480386136/

The Wing Walk is the only confirmed event that we have planned for 2021, as like everyone else, we are waiting to see how the Covid Vaccinations progress and the Roadmap out of lockdown. That's not to say we do not have ideas; we just need to be confident of the date on which to hold them. During the last year, from the time of the first lockdown, we have made £1,800 of donations to those Charities that have been most in need during the pandemic, such as the Food Bank and various Mental Health Charities and so we need to start fundraising as soon as we are able to do so, to add funds to the Charity Account to provide future donations.

Corina Sherman





Bourton-on-the-Water Farmers Market

This month the Farmers Market is delighted to welcome back traders of "non essential goods". So do come along and shop in a safe outdoor environment and support local producers and traders. Also there will be a Boot Sale in aid of Kate's Home Nursing on Naight at the same time.





Bourton Men in Sheds re-opens!



GREAT NEWS!

Cotswold Friends is delighted to announce that Bourton Men in Sheds has now re-opened. November 2020 was the last time we were able to meet so it's been a long time since we were able to make things and socialise together. The Bourton Shed is a fabulous facility with a well-equipped Workshop and the all-important Tea Shed. There is a good outdoor space for working when the weather allows and a small garden area to work on or simply enjoy. Whether you are a master craftsman or an absolute beginner we have projects that you can work on, or you can work on your own projects. The Shed can support people who need a little extra help.



Items for Sale

We have orders from the community for bird boxes, garden planters and much more, items to repair and upcycle and firewood to chop and bundle. We have a lot to catch up on so thank you all very much for your patience and we will try to complete your outstanding work asap. We invite you to place any



new orders through the Bourton Men in S h e d s w e b s i t e a t www.bourtonmeninsheds.weebly.com, by emailing <u>sheds@cotswoldfriends.org</u> or by calling Tel: 01608 698557.

Could you volunteer?

If you have workshop experience, are knowledgeable about health and safety or are experienced in tool use or running community projects please think about volunteering to support the Bourton Shed. We have a number of very worthwhile community projects in Bourton that are waiting for support and we are ready to cater for them if we have enough interested volunteers.

You are welcome to come down to the sheds to chat to us. We are behind the British Legion through the car park every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. All of Cotswold Friends' Community Activities have been risk assessed to ensure that they are COVID secure and in line with the Government roadmap as we begin to re-open. The kettle is always on and the biscuit tin is full. Please think about supporting your community by joining the Bourton Shed.

To become a shed member or to volunteer to support the shed, please get in touch with Rob, Men in Sheds Project Worker on Tel: 01608 698557 or email: <u>sheds@cotswoldfriends.org</u>. We would love to hear from you!

For more information about this Press Release please contact: Joanna Hammond, Marketing Manager, Tel: 01608 697006, Moreton Area Centre, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 0AZ, Email:

joanna@cotswoldfriends.org

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Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Play Area Inspector

The Parish Council is seeking a conscientious and responsible local resident to undertake informal weekly inspections of its 3 play areas at the Naight, Melville and Rye Crescent.

The role will entail a weekly safety inspection of the equipment and play area surfaces (and submission of a basic report) to ensure these remain in a satisfactory condition for all users. Appropriate training for the inspections will be provided, and these inspections can be carried out at times to suit the successful applicant, within each weekly period. We are looking to engage a resident in this position who is able to make an immediate start.

The remuneration will be £11 per hour for 2 hours work per week, with payments made monthly in arrears on presentation of inspection reports.

I would be grateful if any residents who are interested in this work would confirm their interest in writing either by e-mail:

admin@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk or by post to Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council at The George Moore Community Centre, Moore Rd, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos GL54 2AZ. We'd be grateful to receive expressions of interest by 14th May, so applicants can be interviewed and an appointment made in early June. Any queries, do give me a call.

Joanna Herbert, Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council

Message from the Church

God will give good things

We're all loving our careful return to normal, pubs open, etc, and looking to get to 'good things' but, what really are 'good things'?

Jesus is found in the bible talking to huge crowds who were looking to him for advice on how to live the good life: The 'Beatitudes' in Matthew 5. It's made famous by Monty Python's film 'Life of Brian' (love that film) where people at the back can't hear, and think he's saying 'blessed are the cheese makers'!

Beatitudes means 'beautiful attitudes', and this has cropped up several times with me lately, and I thought it was really 'on message' as Covid has knocked us all a bit sideways.

Where to find true happiness – that place of satisfaction, regardless of our situation and events swirling around us. Is it just a trip to the pub? Is it celebrity, beauty, wealth, or the latest possessions? I'm not convinced. And the beatitudes give some clues of what to look for to find 'good things'. When you're in a mess, or at the end of your rope... God says he will give you comfort. That you can be content, with who you are – no more, no less. The stuff the world (or social media) tells you is important, can really leave you empty. God loves you as you are, no matter what. Looking to God means you find a fulfilling place, not one that leaves you judged, unloved, or unforgiven.

Don't get me wrong – God wants us to live up to his standards of love, to also forgive others, but actually, that is the place of 'good things'. I recommend it! There's nothing wrong with going to the pub, but add true happiness, as God offers, and you find a place that's really worth going to!

Sally Lenihan

Bourton Baptist Church Services

please join us:

On Sundays:

Either in our own homes, or when we can transition back to our church building - we will join with Cirencester Baptist Church (CBC) morning service at 10.30am

- Find at live.cirencester-baptist.org Recordings are then posted on their
- facebook group https://www.facebook.com/cirencesterbaptist

- youtube channel - <u>https://www.youtube.com</u> & 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: <u>www.bourtonbaptist.co.uk</u> or <u>cirencesterbaptist.org</u>

On Weekdays:

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

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

email <u>secretary@bourtonbaptist.co.uk</u> 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.

Join our main Sunday service at 11am each week The service is also livestreamed, please check our website for details On the 9th and 23rd of May there is also an 8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Midweek Holy Communion - 10:30am every Wednesday

BumbleBeez (parent and child group) every Thursday 9-11am

Please bring your own refreshments for the moment

Roman Catholic Parish of

Our Lady & St. Kenelm, Stow on the Wold, GL54 1DR with

Our Lady, Help of Christians, Bourton-onthe-Water, GL54 2ER.

Priest: Fr. Stephen Lambert 07836 384932 Email: <u>sulharcomb@aol.com</u>

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, <u>All worshippers are required to wear face masks</u>.

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).

PENTECOST



Solemnities in May

Thurs. 13th May. Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord. 6 pm Mass at Stow.

Sun. 23rd May. Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday, .Vigil Mass at Bourton Sat.22nd, 6 pm

Sunday 23rd **Mass**, 9 am Stow.

Monday 31st May. (Bank Holiday Monday). Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 9 am Mass, Stow.

NOTICES.

Sacrament of Reconciliation after any Mass or by appointment. Phone Fr. Stephen for the Sacrament of the Sick or Housebound Holy Communions. Confirmation classes have re-started. If you wish to be added to the group it is not too late.

Fr. Stephen.

QUAKERS

The Religious Society of Friends Every Sunday 11am at The Friends Meeting House, Pytt Lane, Burford Enquiries welcome Howard Crook 01451 810447. To request a free info pack, email: outreach@quaker.org.uk

For The Younger Generations

Hello Young Bourtonians,

The sun is shining, schools are back, lockdown rules are easing and the general atmosphere seems to be more positive.



Many of you will be doing exams at the mo-

ment or finishing course work, and the Browser Team would like to wish you all the best of luck.

Have a Merry May!

Christine Gorton Sub Editor

Bourton-on-the-Water Primary Academy

With the lockdown easing and school reopening to pupils, we were delighted to have all our children back with us for the last four weeks of March. As we had expected, the vast majority of pupils who had undertaken the home learning packages produced by their teachers were pretty much where they needed to be on return and the behaviour at school was quickly reestablished as outstanding. Of course, there are a small minority who will need extra support, but given the school's past results, we are very confident that those pupils will be well supported ready for the reintroduction of official testing next May.

As a staff it is right to acknowledge the support of the parents during the lockdown who have been very kind in their praise and diligent in supporting their children in what must have been a very difficult time. We should also like to thank our Governors for their support, Moore Friends for granting us funds to further our mental health work and many in the community who provided us with donations and laptops to ease the burden for an arrow of our of the

the burden for so many of our children.

We have much to look forward to in the next term, including topics designed to provide opportunities for collaboration and creativity. Our biannual Formula 1 topic, including the



Bourton Go-Kart Grand Prix will go ahead for Year 6, whilst a focus on the Olympics will provide plenty of physical as well as mental stimulation. Our school clubs will restart after the



Easter holiday with over 12 extra curricula activities being planned.

There is little doubt that Covid-19 has disrupted all of our lives, but through a well- planned and flexible curriculum, I believe we can get children back on track quickly. As the Community Primary School, I hope you will all take the opportunity to visit us as things open up further.

> John Jones Head Teacher



Showing promise for the future

One of the most significant differences between our traditional academic calendar and events in this extraordinary year is the way in which Year 11 and Year 13 students will finish their courses. The emphasis on exams as we know them in GCSE and A Level subjects has been altered in 2021.

Grades will be based on a range of academic evidence, which can include the results that students achieve while sitting some formal tests in their subjects. Those tests are now underway at school.

Wishing all the best to our school leavers

I am impressed and heartened by the way that students have remained focused on their revision despite the changes and restrictions around them. All of us at school are encouraging and supporting our students to do their very best and take the next steps in their lives. Officially, they will leave us at the end of May. However, most of our Year 11s are joining us in the Sixth Form; and we hope all leavers will keep in touch with us about their progress in work, apprenticeships and university.

Rotary competition winners

Earlier in the year, students in the lower school – Years 7, 8 and 9 – submitted their entries to the Rotary Club's annual competitions. Congratulations to Lauren for winning the 'Young Writer' competition with her short story about the search for a new pet dog and to Cerian, who was named Young Environmentalist for his project about climate change and coral reefs. Well done to all of those who entered and were placed.

The judges said that the children showed, 'so much promise for the future' and I couldn't agree more.

> By Will Morgan, Principal



Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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



Photo :Top: **Cerian,** winner Young Environmentalist; **Lauren,** winner Young Writer Bottom: **Reuben**, runner-up Young Writer; **Caitlin**, runner-up Young Environmentalist

Cubs	Nick Hawke	01451 822786
Hockey	Tracy Dixon	07813187933
Noah's Ark Toddlers Group	Sally Lenihan	07447886882
Pre-School	Julie Cooper	07950 048066
Pre-School Jujitsu	Andy or Hayley	07951587398
Pre-School Gymnastics	Caroline Ardron	07793949198
Pre-School Friday Club	Gina Davis	07515866358
Pre School Music Class	Sian Ferris	01242 890200
Rascals, Babies & Toddlers	Veronika Bosher	01451 824257
Rainbows		07941502222
4Shires Swimming	Jo Shaw membe	ership@4ssc.uk.uk
Scouts/Explorer Scouts	Scott & Lynn Dartnell	810332
	Bourton-scouts@talktalk.ne	t
Taekwon-do	Lee Chapman	01285 640500
Wiggle	Maria Blundell-Palethorpe	07732754431
Youth Club		824225



Bourton Vale Tennis Club

Tennis is back and we are officially underway. Our season has started just a few days later than normal so now is the perfect time to sign up for membership at Bourton Tennis Club.

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!

Junior coaching and free Junior club nights are resuming and, for the adults, entries are open for the singles box league as well as the singles and doubles matchplay tournaments. We have lots of weekly social tennis and club nights too, so if you are keen to get playing please check out our website www.boutontennisclub.org for more details and for this season's membership form.

See you on court!

Alex Peyton





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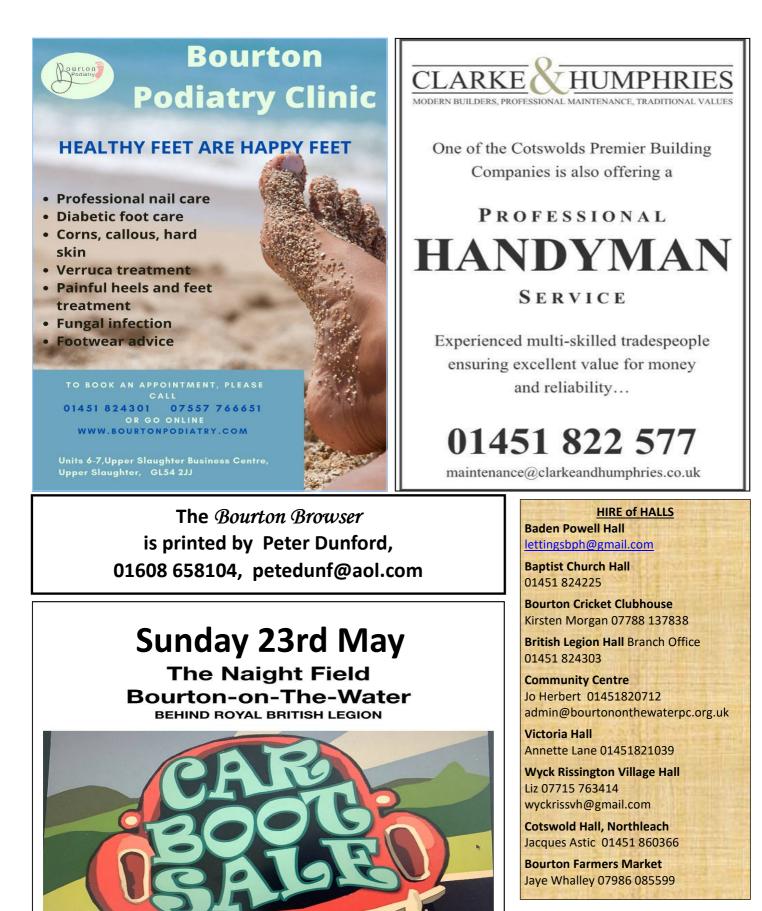
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May Time

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Millie Thomas

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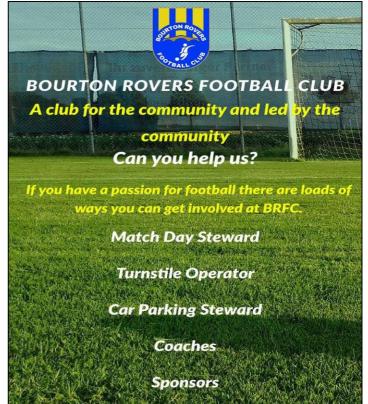
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COTSWOLD WALKING GROUPS

Do you fancy joining a small local walking group ?

Started nearly 10 years ago there are 2 groups walking on alternate Tuesdays. One covers about 7 miles and the other between 10 and 13 miles. You may wish to join both of course, in which case you have the chance of a good walk every week. At the moment we do have to keep to formal Covid protocols. It's healthy, free and very friendly. So if you'd like to know a bit more do call me. Bruno Pacini 01451 822465



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Bourton Vale Gardening Club A garden is a friend you can visit anytime



No Mow May, a campaign led by Plantlife, the wildflower charity, asks us to leave the mower in the shed and let lawns grow for the month of May. Then record the number of wildflowers, found in a random one metre square patch, between the 23rd and 31st of May, submit your results on their Every Flower Counts webpage. Plantlife will give you a nectar score for your lawn. The more nectar rich wildflowers, the more bees and butterflies you will be helping to feed. If the prospect of a whole lawn of wildflowers and grasses is too much, maybe a path cut through the middle or even a designated area of your lawn for wildflowers and longer grasses, which will also help as a roosting spot for moths and butterflies.

Some good news from our Chair, Lady Shelia Thorpe, our first meeting back will be on Wednesday, 14th July. We understand that some people will still be a little cautious about meeting in large groups so we have changed the venue to the Parish Church to give us more space. This beautiful building is very light and airy, has all mod cons and we hope you will feel safe here, and will join us for our first meeting. There is also plenty of parking



in the field behind the church.

The July meeting will include a brief AGM followed by Mike Marshall who will present a Tribute to Mornee Button using her wonderful slides showing her many interests particularly in this area. At the first meeting we will not have a competition, but will have a raffle and will provide tea and biscuits.

After much deliberation, we have decided not to hold a Show this year, due to the continued uncertainty and relatively short timescales, but hope to have an extra special show next year. Details of our schedule of speakers for the rest of 2021 will be confirmed soon. However, Pippa Greenwood is still on for the 13th October meeting. Entry to this will be £10 for members and £15 for nonmembers and tickets must be purchased in advance. Details will follow in next month's Browser and at the July Meeting.

We do hope you will join us at 7.30 on the 14th July and look forward to seeing old friends and new faces.

Take care of yourselves and others too, happy gardening!

Julie Huckle



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Bourton Roadrunners Club Dorney Lake Easter Marathon - 3rd April One of the first marathons to take place in the UK, since Covid-19 restrictions have started to ease a little, was the Dorney Lake Easter Marathon, situated near the village of Dorney in Buckinghamshire. The weather was cloudy with a stiff crosswind over an exposed course, which was around the 2012 Olympic rowing lake. This event was more of a time trial than a race, with runners setting off at different times.

Bourton's Darren Long set off at 9am and was 'pretty happy' with his time of 2:54:05, just 1 minute, 15 outside his PB. Steph Holton, whose start time was 11am, achieved her dream of a sub 3:30 time. Further to an earlier Manchester marathon course having been declared 'short' 6 years ago, she thought it was now out of her reach. However, due to Steph having been furloughed from work, she has been able to devote more time to training, and romped home in a very respectable 3:25:52; a massive PB and finishing 1st LV55. Steph did have two supporters: her husband Gary and her friend Catherine who were there as marshals.

llmington Winter Series 10k event $2^{nd} - 4^{th}$ April

Bourton's sole representative was Lorna Shawcross. With a very tough hill within the first two miles, Lorna did well to finish in 54:54 and was 4^{th} LV55.

John Gibson Bourton Roadrunners Club



North Cotswolds Rotary

North Cotswolds Welcomes New Member Kelda Fasasi

Since the pandemic began, North Cotswolds Rotary has been meeting almost weekly on Zoom.

On Tuesday 16th March, we welcomed a new member, Kelda Fasasi, via Zoom the first online induction since the Club began in 1965! Kelda is General Manager at Brio's Beachwood Park development in Stow-on-the-Wold and has been a great supporter of our fundraising events over the last two years. As a busy working mum of 3, we're delighted Kelda has found some time from what must be a hectic schedule to help us in our community work.

We are always looking for new members. If you want to join a friendly active group that makes a difference in its local community please contact us via our new website(<u>www.northcotswoldsrotary.org</u>). Our website also provides information on

everything we are doing in the community and the latest on our meetings and fundraising events.

Steve Smith



Cotswold Festival of Motoring Returns Sunday 26th September 2021

The Cotswold Festival of Motoring is a fantastic day out for all the family. This year it will take place at Bourton Vale

Cricket Club on Sunday September 26th (10:00 am – 4:00pm). For the car enthusiast there will be 180 vintage, classic, sports cars and super cars. You will be able to vote for your favourite car in 'The People's Concourse'.



Motion Picture Motors will be there with cars from your favourite TV shows and Movies such as the Bullitt Mustang and Dodge Charger from the iconic 1968 movie's car chase. Live music will be provided by Paige and the Red Shift during the day. There will be a bar, food stalls and entertainment for the kids including a free climbing wall, make and take craft stall and a make-up artist and retail stalls too.

Tickets cost £8 for adults and £2 for chil-

dren with a family ticket costing £20. If you book your tickets in advance from TicketSource



(www.ticketsource.co.uk) you will get a 20% discount.

The event is being run by North Cotswolds Rotary and Rotary in the Rissingtons. We would like to thank Brio Retirement Living for sponsoring this event. All profits will go to Mind. If you would like to exhibit a car or for more information on the event please go to www.cotswoldfestivalofmotoring.org.



Bourton-on-the-Water W.I.

We were entertained at our April meeting by Stephen Wells, a member of The Magic Circle. He gave us interesting facts about the Magic Circle and Great Magicians with many clips of their spectacular acts. It was a fantastic presentation which kept us enthralled.

Next month we will be visited, albeit via Zoom, by a Community Banker to advise on how to avoid being hoodwinked by the many devious characters who are eager, illegally, to part us from our hardearned cash. Almost every day we receive a call by phone or email from fraudsters who can sound very plausible, but beware, their intentions are not honourable! Hopefully after a visit by our friendly banker in May we will all be more wary.

We are fortunate that most of our group are internet savvy and have enjoyed a monthly meeting on a variety of subjects. We hope soon to be meeting in person when we can once again enjoy trips out and dine at newly re-opened restaurants.

We welcome new members, so if you have ever wondered what is involved in being a W.I. member please give us a call. Carol on 01451 810305 and Jean on 01451 810740 will be happy to answer your questions.

Please take care.

Jean Furner

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The Parish Council is advertising the position of full-time Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer and is currently inviting applications for this role.

The Clerk advises the Parish Council to ensure that it acts within its powers and in accordance with local government legislation, and to make sure that correct procedures are followed in all of the Council's decision-making processes. The Clerk's role includes preparing agendas and producing minutes in respect of Council and some Committee meetings, acting out approved decisions, liaising with contractors, district/county authorities and local residents on various matters relating to Council activities.

The Clerk is also involved in overseeing the maintenance of the Parish Council's assets, which include a cemetery, three allotment sites and three play areas, as well as the running of The George Moore Community Centre. This post involves administration of various commercial and residential tenancies, room hire bookings, and issues relating to maintenance of the Grade II Listed building. The Clerk will also be the line manager for 3 other members of staff.

The job is based at the Council Offices within the Community Centre and will be a full-time position of 37 hours per week which will include some attendance at evening meetings. Remuneration for the role will be in line with NALC pay scales LC2/LC3 28-32, with the salary dependent upon experience.

The successful applicant will be a confident communicator, who is able to multi task with close attention to detail in all their work. Previous administrative experience is essential, and applicants must be able to demonstrate good organisational, communication, IT and financial skills. Ideally, applicants should have previous experience working in or knowledge of local government, although training can be provided. A CiLCA qualification is preferred or a commitment to work towards the qualification and knowledge of the local area will be a definite advantage.

This is an opportunity to play a part in the third tier of local government, and become more involved in the local community, working for an active and responsive Parish Council.

To apply, please send your CV with a covering letter summarising your key experience to admin@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk or by post to the Council Offices, The George Moore Community Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos. GL54 2AZ.

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Bourton & District U3a

Retired? Why not Join us? Learn, Laugh, Live!

As restrictions lift more activities are resuming, e.g. our Nature Group now have regular walks, in sets of 6. After 17th when, (hopefully), up to 6 members can meet indoors, some groups will have their first "live" meetings. Others may have "Hybrid" meetings, e.g. the Quiz Group will be able to have teams together in "real" life but will then play each other via Zoom.

We are hoping to have our first "live" monthly meeting on 28th July. This will be a coffee morning / picnic lunch, with the chance to catch up with friends and u3a news. Potential new members will be very welcome.

To reinvigorate the u3a we need two more committee members. A Groups Co-ordinator to replace Margaret, (allowing her to become Chairperson) and a Publicity Officer to replace Roger, who is retiring. Please get in touch if you would like a new interest and to help us make the u3a even stronger.

May's main meeting, on Wednesday 26th, will be "65 Years of Theatre and Opera Going" a talk by Roger Harris, via Zoom. 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-discriminatory, 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







Batsford Arboretum and Garden Centre, naturally beautiful all year round

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Both the arboretum and garden centre are now open daily from 9.30am-4.30pm.

Pre-booking is essential for arboretum visits for nonmembers via www.batsarb.co.uk. Batsford Arboretum & Garden Centre,

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In 2020 the RNLI experienced their busiest summer ever, including 7,747 lifeboat launches, 7,984 people aided and 177 lifeguarded beaches. The RNLI emergency lifeboat service remains on call 24/7 and is preparing for an even busier year in 2021, with over 240 lifeguarded beaches.

The Mayday Mile: Will you go the distance?

Walk it. Run it. Skate it. Skate it. Cover a one-mile distance in a way that's challenging or fun (or both!), and help raise funds for RNLI lifesavers. Use this link: https://rnli.org/mayday, you will see how you could join in by walking a mile in May.

On Sunday 6th June we are hoping to open gardens in Moreton in Marsh, Blenheim Park. On the Sunday 20th June 'The Old Vicarage Garden' in Bledington will be open. The money we raise from RNLI Open Garden events will give our brave lifeboat crews and lifeguards everything they need to go to the rescue and bring those they help - and each other - home safely. If you would like to open your garden to fundraise for the RNLI please contact me.

We look forward to seeing you on the Green on the Saturday 3rd of July for our annual Bourton Duck Racing event 🦆.

We also hope to raise some money with our 'at the gate sales' in Moore Road when the weather is good this summer.

If you would like to help in any way please email me at northcotswoldrnli@gmail.com or if you would like to donate



https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/north-cotswold-rnli

Julia Stevenson North Cotswold Branch Secretary

LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

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OPEN 4U		824225
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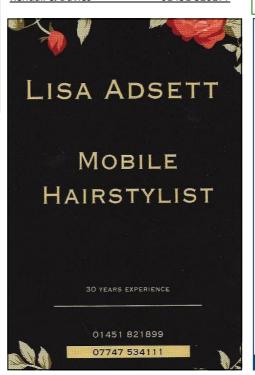
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