

DIARY DATES

Parish Council Notes

Every Mon, Wed & Fri, Bourton Men in Sheds, 9.30am-12.30pm, Behind **RBL**, 01608 692811. See page 5.

1st Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm.GMCC. See page 2.

- 3rd Panto Group Quiz, **VC**, 6.45pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £16 for team of 4, includes nibbles. Wine, beer & soft drinks on sale. Tickets, 077919 17684. See page 13.
- 5th At the Pavilion", Market, 10am-4pm, CCP, <u>ilthepavilion@gmail.com</u>
- 5th N.B. Event Cancelled, Christian Craft Faire, Shalom.
- 6th & 20th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember Sessions, **GMCC**, 10.30am. 821216 / 07763 212506. See p. 11.
- 7th & every Tuesday, Strengthen & Lengthen Yoga, CCP, 11.30am-12.30pm 07412651776 mindfulmovementyoga@outlook.com
- 8th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **GMCC**, 10am-12Noon. See p. 12.
- 8th Christmas Story Telling Event, Rainbow Refreshments, Shalom, Moore Rd, 3.30pm. See page 8.
- 8th & 22nd Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**,GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 8th Gardening Club, **StLC**, 7 for 7.30pm. See page 12.
- 9th Bourton Lunch Club, **CCP**, GL54 2AY. 12Noon, 01608 692811.
- 11th Tayler & Fletcher, Monthly Auction Sale, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666 fineart@taylerandfletcher.co.uk
- 11th Christmas Charity Band Concert,

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Baptist Church Hall = BCH
British Legion Hall = BLH
Cricket Club Pavilion = CCP
George Moore Community Centre= GMCC
Jubilee Lodge = JL Market Close = MC
North Cotswold Sale Room= NCS
St Lawrence Church = StLC
Victoria Hall = VH

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 3rd November 2021

PC Richard Webb's Crime Report highlighted damage to the Lych Gate at Cemetery Lane and the phone box in the High Street as well as broken glass at The Naight Play

Gloucestershire County Council Highways received a petition from residents of the Beddome Way estate relating to the weight and speed of traffic on Meadow Way. The request for a 20mph speed limit and a weight limit was refused but GCC Highways agreed to liaise with local businesses to look at ways of alleviating the problem. The Speedwatch group will carry out speed checks in the area.

Gloucestershire County Council's Build Back Better Fund granted £2,700 towards the play equipment project.

Rissington Road Car Park Renovations - The contracting of the works at the Rissington Road Car Park has been delayed and the District Council expect them to start on 26th November.

Litter Bins – The District Council will be reviewing the pilot experiment of improved litter bins. Following this, a decision will be made on the use of tourist levy funds to support further improvements in the coming year.

Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Review - Following the call for sites campaigns in 2019 and 2020, CDC has updated the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (known as the 'SHELAA' for short), available to download here https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/evidence-base-and-monitoring/ The SHELAA confirms the availability of land and assesses the potential suitability of development sites for allocation in the local plan. A couple of potential development sites have been identified in Bourton Village. The Parish Council will agree a response to the forthcoming consultation over the next few weeks.

The new Village Warden, Steve Cotton, has been familiarising himself with local residents and businesses. He praised the village for having very little litter and being extremely well looked after. He plans to work closely with PCSO Katy Perrett who will accompany Steve when required.

Platinum Jubilee Event June 2022: A working group has been formed and will report monthly into the Parish Council on progress with event planning. The Parish Council agreed to make funding available for the event but income from ticket sales and other activities will be offset against expenditure and it is hoped that there will be a small profit which can be donated to local organisations.



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

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7.30pm, Cotswold School, Station Rd. Organised by North Cotswold Rotary & Royal British Legion. See Page 4 for details.

- 13th Probus meetings, 10am, **GMCC**. See page 3.
- 14th WI Meeting, 7pm, **VC**. See page 5.
- 15th u3a, 10am coffee, 10.45, "Remembering the Swinging Sixties" by Ray Sturdy, **BLH**. See p. 6.
- 15th Bourton Local History Society, 40th Anniversary Meeting, **BCH**, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. See page 5.
- 17th Kate's Home Nursing Christmas Carol Concert, **StLC**, 6.30pm, tickets £15, gabrielleku-bale@hotmail.com See page 15.
- 19th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599. See below.





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Next Meeting Date: The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 1st December at 7pm in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre.

The Parish Council would like to offer all residents, business-owners and visitors a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Sharon Henley, Clerk/RFO Tel: 01451 820712; Email:

<u>clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk</u> www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk





Bourton-on-the-Water Platinum Jubilee Celebration 2-5th June, 2022

Make a note in your calendar for the 4 days in early June commemorating Queen Elizabeth's 70 years Jubilee. Bourton is looking to celebrate with a variety of events and activities for residents of all ages.

We're planning Picnic in the Park on the 3rd, Saturday Sports, Sunday Fun Day (with Bourton's Got Talentl) and kicking things off on the 2rd with lighting of the beacon. More information will be provided as we get nearer the event!

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Bourton Browser Team News

At the end of this, very peculiar, year we'd like to thank everybody who has made the Browser possible: All our wonderful volunteers - Production Team, Proof Reader, Bulk Distribution Team, Street Deliverers and Relief Deliverers.

We'd also like to thank: Our Printers, Advertisers, Contributors, Webmaster and IT support.

And, thank you to you: our Readers! We are very lucky to have so many people willing to support us / work with us, to ensure the village has a free, monthly magazine delivered to everyone. The Browser is now in its 22nd year and, despite the pandemic, has never missed a month. A credit to everyone involved.

Hopefully, 2022 will be a year when all the village activities, groups and events will thrive. If you are organising events do let us know so we can advertise them and put them in the on-line village diary, accessible via our website:

www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk

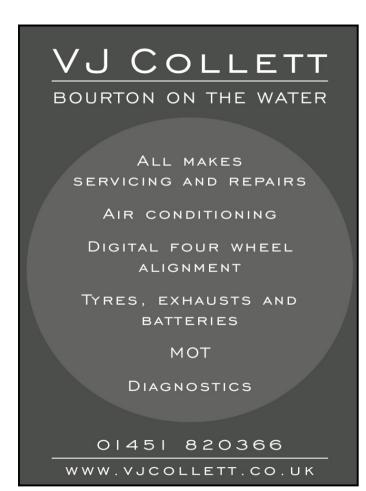
If you have a programme of regular community meetings and would like them added to "Diary Dates" please email the programme to:

team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk

We welcome articles (max. 300 words) & photographs from adults & children on any subjects of local interest. Please email to the above address.

We'd like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and *Healthy* New Year.

The Bourton Browser Team
Christine, Rob, Ray and Susan



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Tanzanite & Turquoise December's Birthstones

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To remember your loved one please download and complete the form from our website:

(www.northcotswoldsrotary.org/ treeoflight)

Send your completed form by post to North Cotswold Tree of Light c/o Rotarian Roger Formby, The Americky, Condicote, Cheltenham, GL54 1ES or email it to rogerformby@icloud.com. You can post your donation to Roger Formby or you can pay on-line via BACS (details are included on the form).

Steve Smith



Bourton-on-the-Water

Probus



We had an interesting talk in November by John Dixon on GIs present in the UK during the last War, which

brought back memories for those of us old enough to remember this period. The next talk was on 'The Great Fire of Windsor' given by Fraser Gunn, followed closely on the calendar by Peter Gill, on 'Songs and Humour'.

In the run up to Christmas we look forward to a festive Lunch at Wyck Hill House Hotel, where we will be joined by partners and friends. We were unable to hold this event last year due to the dreaded Pandemic.

We look forward with optimism to 2022, when, hopefully, the Booster Jab will have had an advantageous effect on the population. It is hoped then that more prospective members will be tempted to join us at our regular two weekly meetings at the Community Centre in Moore Road, where they will be made very welcome. More information can be obtained by contacting our Secretary, David, on 01451 821098.

Season's greetings

Bill Furner

OUT AND ABOUT in December

- 4th onwards Santa Express & Ride with Santa, Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway, Toddington, GL54 5DT. Bookings required www.gwsr.com or 01242 621405.
- 9th-12th Christmas Tree Festival, St Edwards Church, Stow-on-the-Wold. 40 trees, 10th year.
- 10th New Book Club, Stow Library, 4.30-6pm, see poster page 14 for details.
- 10th-12th Christmas Tree Festival, St John the Baptist Church, Gt Rissington, see poster page 14 for details.
- 11th Great Rissington Village Market, Great Rissington Club, 10am-12Noon, information from 01451 822285.
- 11th Combe Mill Christmas Market, OX29 8ET. 10am-4pm, Full details see page 14.

Until 30th December, Spectacle of Light Illuminated Trail, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. Tickets must be booked in advance, www.everymantheatre.org.uk/ Sudeley/ or 01242 705 555

Throughout December

Until 1st January, Enchanted Light Trail, Cotswold Farm Park, 4.30-10pm, Guiting Power, GL54 5F. 01451 850307. www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk/events/enchanted/

Until 2nd January, The Brothers Grimm present Cinderella, Barn Theatre, 5 Beeches Road, Cirencester, GL7 1BN. 01285 648255 www.barntheatre.org.uk

Until 2nd January, Illuminated Trail, Christmas Market & "The Nutcracker" Palace Tour, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL. Advance booking strongly recommended see website, www.blenheimpalace.com or call 01993 810530.

Until 9th January, Jack & the Beanstalk, Everyman Theatre Cheltenham. 01242 572573.

Visitor Information Centre 01451 820211 info@visitbourton.com



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 $\underline{\text{before 12 noon}}$ on the 15^{th} of the month. No commercial adverts accepted for this section.

Please get in touch!

Will the lady who purchased the dishwasher and chairs please contact 07891 195710.

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Dates



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Bourton-on-the-Water WI

Congratulations and Celebrations were both very much in evidence on 21st October as the Bourton-on-the-Water WI celebrated their Centenary year. A lovely meal was enjoyed at Wyck Hill House Hotel. The weather was beautiful and the turn out superb.



Janice Cole from the Gloucestershire Federation of WI's joined the celebrations toasting 100 years. It's hard to believe that the first meeting of the Bourton WI took place in October 1921.

Accompanying the centenary celebrations, congratulations were very much part of the day, with several members having reached 25 years of WI membership. The biggest accolade however went to Antoinette Green having been a member for an amazing 50 years . Well done Antoinette and well done BOW WI



Next meeting 7pm, 14th December ,at the Victoria Hall, BOW. New members always very welcome. **Vanessa**

Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club

A member of The Cotswold Fosseway Lions attended the ROAR21 judging of presentations at Northleach Primary School in November and the winner was announced in the school assembly. The Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club has funded this project for the Primary School. The programme is organised and run by "8 Billion Ideas", an awardwinning, education company and is designed to give a platform to young people to think big and positively change the world!

Christmas Hamper Draw: Raffle tickets will be on sale in Northleach for a Luxury Christmas Hamper, with a 2nd prize of a wine and cheese box and a 3rd prize of a chocolate box. The draw will take place in The Curious Wine Cellar in Northleach on Saturday 18th December between 7-7.30pm. The club will be doing tin collections at the Fosseway Garden Centre in Moreton on Friday 3rd December and Saturday 11th December as part of our fundraising.

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday 14th December in The Black Cat cafe in Northleach at 8pm.

Avril Haseler, President Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club

BOURTON AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

As a change from our usual programme we are having a Christmas meeting to celebrate our **30TH ANNIVERSARY.** On Wednesday 15th December, starting at 7.30pm, we have an evening of **BOURTON HISTORICAL MISCELLANY.** Our speakers are local "Old Girls and Boys" with memories, photos and tales of the past. Visitors are always welcome.

David Folkes

BOURTON MEN IN SHEDS

Christmas is only a few weeks away and this will be the our last newsletter for this year.



The 'shedders' have been busy making / fulfilling all of our orders for 2021. We are now planning for the Spring by making bird boxes and bird tables too. We welcome you to come to the sheds and see other items we have made. We

are able to take orders too for 2022. Our site is behind the British Legion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30-12.30. Hope to see you soon.

As the colder weather is here don't forget we have bags of off cuts for the fire and they are FREE. We sell large bags of kindling for £5 per bag.

Bourton Men in Sheds is supported as a Community Activity by local charity Cotswold Friends.

If you might like to join the Bourton shed as a member or a volunteer, we would love to hear from you. For more information you can always telephone 01608 698557 or by emailing sheds@cotswoldfriends.org Alternatively you can visit our website on www.bourtonmeninsheds.weebly.com

So on behalf of Bourton Men in Sheds, we wish you all Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year. See you in 2022.



Dave Birch





Bourton Roadrunners

Tewkesbury Guy Fawkes 5 miles – 7th November.

On Sunday Tewkesbury RC hosted the last event of this year's Gloucestershire AAA Road Race Series, with their Guy Fawkes 5 miler. Bourton Roadrunners had 18 members taking part at this ever-popular race, on a bright yet cool morning, over a largely flat course on country lanes. First finisher for the club was lan Tolfts in a cracking time of 37:45, while Liz Hulcup was Bourton's first lady in 41:47 (1st LV65). Next to finish was Gill Carrick who had a good race, completing in 42:44 (LV60).

There were strong performances across the spectrum of Bourton's runners, with a number of members choosing to run in small groups assisting each other around the course, with Tom Knight (44:51), Claire Carroll (45:09), Louise Hamilton-Smith (45:41), Cathryn Nesbitt (46:52), Janice Townsend (49:03), Annie Oliver (49:03), Tom Hill (49:06), Allie Quinn (49:09), Pam Robb (49:12), Lynn Hudson (49:36), Jeanette Brew (57:58), Nicky Patterson (58:18), Chris Lynch (58:19), Coral Feenen-Hill (61:46) and Shirley Creed (61:47).



Tom Hill, Alli Quinn, Pam Robb, Janice Townsend and Annie Oliver at Tewkesbury Guy Fawkes 5 - photo by John Gibson



Reading Half Marathon – 7th November

The Reading half marathon is one of the largest road race events held in Britain, having first been held in 1983. With the 2020 race having been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, and the 2018 even cancelled due to heavy over-night snow, entries for this year's race were hotly sought after, with elite and fancy dress runners alike lining up near the Madejski stadium.

Bourton's in-form Maxine Emes, a local doctor, having had a fine run last weekend at the Gloucestershire AAA crosscountry in Cirencester Park, joined the elite runners and completed the 13.1 mile course in 1:42:49, which finished at the highway line in the Madejski stadium.

John Gibson



We are hoping to welcome members and prospective members to our monthly meeting at the Royal British Legion Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water, from 10am on Wednesday, 15th December, when refreshments will be served. They will be followed by a talk entitled "Remembering the Swinging Sixties" by Ray Sturdy and the cost will be £2 per head. It's hoped that those of us who do remember the sixties, as well as those who don't, enjoy the talk — and possibly the music? - of those exhilarating days.

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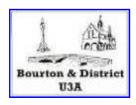
In Bourton and District we have many interest groups, some of which have restarted after Covid and some of which are intending to restart soon. We are hoping, also, to start some new interest groups and members themselves are instrumental in suggesting subjects for groups which might be of interest to them.

The u3a is run locally entirely by volunteers and some who join us help to run the organisation.

If you would be interested in joining us, we do have a website on which you can find further information, or you can ring the number below, and leave a message, after which a committee member would contact you.

Website: www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton

Tel: 07783 235320



Message from the Church

It is slightly strange to find oneself writing a piece looking forward to Christmas just a few days before Remembrance Sunday – but in fact it gives me the chance to reflect on my favourite carol "It came upon the Midnight Clear" and especially the third verse, which says:

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

As a child I sang in the local church choir — and this happened to be the garrison church in Catterick Camp in North Yorkshire where my father was based. I seem to have grown up aware of the dissonance between what we celebrate at Christmas — the possibility of peace for all people born in our world through the coming of the Christ child — and the reality that war, strife, bitterness, jealousy and argument still so mars the world Christ came to save. This carol is sadly still so

apposite. How many times have we all wanted to shout at those we see on TV on opposite sides of a heated political divide, "Just listen – listen to each other and you will find you are not as far apart as you think..."

It is easy to feel overwhelmed and too small to do anything to make our world a better place, and as the years roll on it can be tempting to give up hope. But Christmas is a time to allow ourselves a pause in the usual busyness of life and listen again to the amazing song of the angels which tells of the love God has for his world.

I want to leave you with the final verse of this carol – a verse full of hope:

For lo! the days are hastening on, By prophet bards foretold, When with the ever-circling years Comes round the age of gold When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendours fling, And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

Christmas Blessings to you all.

Rev'd Nina, St. Lawrence Church

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Join our main Sunday service at 11am each week Christmas Services

- ◆ Carols on the Green 6pm 19th Dec join us on the village green to sing!
- Crib Service 4pm 24th Dec (come dressed up as a character from the story!)
- ♦ Midnight Communion 11:15pm 24th Dec
- ♦ Christmas Morning 11am 25th Dec

We ask you to please wear a mask for our indoor services. Thank you!

St James Clapton-on-the-Hill: 5th Dec 9:30am Morning Worship, Mon 20th Dec 6pm Carols in the Churchyard, 25th Dec 9:30am Christmas Holy Communion



Bourton Baptist Church Services

We are now meeting at 10.30am every Sunday morning in the church building, either for 'live' worship or to join with the service being streamed from Cirencester Baptist Church.

Everyone is welcome to join us. No pre-booking is required, but we do ask that you continue to wear a mask if possible and respect the Covid precautions that remain in place.

You can still join the Cirencester services online from your home if you prefer; these are now available via www.youtube.com and search for 'Cirencester Baptist Church'

We are also now holding Open4U again every Thursday, from 10am until 4pm, in the Church Hall, so do come along and join us, everyone welcome.

To contact Bourton Baptist Church either visit our website

www.bourtonbaptist.co.uk or leave us a message on 01451 824225.

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website: stow-bourtoncatholic.net
WEEK END MASSES:

Saturday evening: **Vigil Mass 6 pm**. Sunday morning: **9 am Sung Mass**WEEKDAY MASSES:

At **9 am** Mon., Wed., Thurs, Fri at Stow. (No Mass Saturday mornings)

Mass on Tuesday mornings is held at St. Lawrence's Anglican Church, Bourton at **9 am**. Please check weekday Mass times in November on the website as Fr. Stephen is away.

Christmas Masses.

6 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, candlelit, with carols. (Children especially invited). **10 pm** 'Midnight Mass' with carols from 9.30 pm.

Christmas Day. 10.30 am Sung Mass. **Sunday 26th Dec.** is the Feast of the Holy Family, (nothing of St. Stephen this year). Mass at 9 am.

Fr. Stephen.

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Community Centre

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St. Lawrence's

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Victoria Hall

Annette Lane 01451821039

Wyck Rissington Village Hall

Liz 07715 763414

wyckrissvh@gmail.com

Cotswold Hall, Northleach
Jacques Astic 01451 860366

Bourton Farmers Market

Jaye Whalley 07986 085599

For The Younger Generations



Gearing up for Christmas

There is much to celebrate at school – and not just because it's nearly Christmas.

Well done to Jacob, who has won an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship thanks to the hard work he put into a sustainability project and application, supported by our STEM coordinator, Miss Lowson.

I'm also proud of the amazing contribution from Rebecca, one of our students in Year 12. For years, she has campaigned for the environment. She co-devised and performed a piece about her generation's needs and responses to the climate emergency, which has toured nationally, including at COP26 in Glasgow.

We recently ran Chemistry Week – three lunchtime sessions for keen young scientists, who successfully created plastic from potato starch. Congratulations too to our Cotswold sporting stars, who are gaining recognition in county teams and national performance centres, including for hockey, swimming and netball.

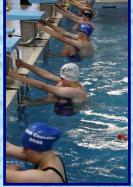
Following the recent open evening for Year 11 students, the form to apply for places from 2022 at our outstanding Sixth Form is now live. Please visit our website to apply.

Many families will join our Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church in Bourton on 2nd December. I hope you will enjoy the music and readings by students and staff that give the event its lovely character. I'm sure front doors in Bourton and around the Cotswolds will be beautifully decorated after the PTA's wreath-making workshop on 1st December, held in school. PTA volunteers also continue to make and sell cakes at the National Trust's Chastleton House, so thank you to all those involved in these delicious teas. We all appreciate the great contribution that this team of parents, carers and staff volunteers make.

Enjoy the festive season!
Will Morgan,
Headteacher



4 Shires Swimming Club



Swimmers have been busy competing at events in Coventry, Aylesbury and Oxford, along with our own Club Champs in October. We have seen some great results and plenty of PBs which is all good preparation for the 2022 County Championships.

We are now pleased to offer swimming sessions on a Tuesday evening at Chipping Norton Leisure Centre.

As Christmas approaches we have some fundraising events planned;

quiz, wreath-making and our Christmas party fun swim to mark the end of term.

If you are a keen swimmer and are looking to compete or are simply looking to develop your fitness and swimming skills then please contact us to book onto one of our Trial sessions. You can do this via our website - http://www.4ssc.co.uk/joinus or email us at membership@4ssc.co.uk for details of our next Trial sessions.

Lucy Warner



Christmas Storytelling Event

We are holding a Christmas Storytelling Event, at 3.30pm on December 8th 2021 in Rainbow Refreshments at Shalom, Moore Road, Bourton.

Join us for another wonderful 'Doggy Adventure' afternoon with Charlie, Rachel and their doggy family - including Romanian rescue dog, Rocco, now a happy Cotswold resident!

A free event with stories, fun and refreshments. Opportunity to buy a book and get it signed. Perfect for primary age children.



Pre-booking required. Book your free place now by phoning 01451 810222

Helen Pike

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Bourton Primary Academy

We have had a very busy start to our school year and have taken part in performances at the Music, Art and Food Festival in September as well as our own Harvest Festival in St. Lawrence's church. It feels like a lot has changed since we were last able to perform, but it has been wonderful to hear singing throughout our school again and to be able to celebrate in the church. By the time this is printed, we shall be practising our KS1 nativity and our KS2 carol concert ready for our Christmas celebrations in the last week of term.

On a sporting note, some of the Year 5 and 6's have taken part in a hockey tournament at The Cotswold School and some of the Year 3 and 4's attended an Athletics event at Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School. The weather was on the chilly side, but it didn't stop the children from running and skipping about. We are pleased to report that the children were impeccably behaved as well as really enjoying competing alongside their peers again. Many thanks to all of the parents who volunteered to help drive the children to and from the event.

We have recently welcomed Ofsted into school and although the official report has not been published, we were pleased to receive many positive comments. From the parent surveys, 100% of those parents said they would recommend our school to other parents and that their children feel safe. We were, as always, incredibly proud of their positive attitude and behaviour.

We are currently able to have visitors in school, so if you would like to volunteer and listen to children read for an hour a week, then please contact the school office (admin@bourton.school) and this can be arranged.

Tori Teague, Senior Leader





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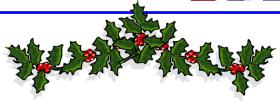












Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust





Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust launched a new engagement platform, 'WilderGlos', to inspire residents in Gloucestershire to connect with nature and take positive environmental actions.

In 2019, all councils in Gloucestershire declared a climate emergency, committing to net zero and cutting emissions 80% by 2030. 'WilderGlos' will help residents take action to protect wildlife and their wider environment, and contribute to reaching this net zero target.

Residents can earn Green Points by taking part in activities that help to protect wildlife, the environment and encourage sustainable choices. Competing as individuals or as part of their local town or village, residents will aim to top the leader board, with the chance to win monthly prizes.

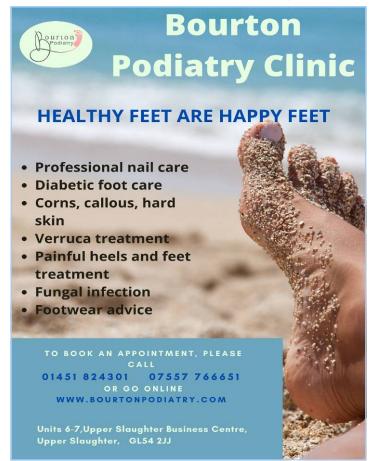
There will be over 25 activities available to residents ranging from growing a wild patch in their garden to helping promote insect growth, organising a local litter pick, taking a carbon quiz or submitting a photo of their zero-waste shop.

Will Masefield, Head of Engagement and Learning, GWT, says: "We're excited about the idea of people joining us on a journey to safeguard nature, which needs us now more than ever. These personalised dashboards will help us all to understand that our actions, however humble they may be at first, are meaningful when many people get involved."

Launched in partnership with Jump, the UK's leading supplier of sustainability and wellbeing, 'WilderGlos' will empower individuals to take positive actions to create lasting and effective behaviour change.

To get involved or for more information, please visit:

wilderglos.greenrewards.co.uk





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MINDSONG & SING2REMEMBER

Following the launch of our Monday mornings sessions in October our group is going from strength to strength. We have great fun singing songs familiar and not so familiar, remembering singers such as Elvis, Bob Dylan, Doris Day and so on, we dip in to the world of the Musical and pop back to our youth with traditional songs we learnt at school and so on!

We welcome -

- * Anyone with dementia living at home and those who care for them.
- *Anyone who would enjoys a regular singing group which also offer help and support from community workers.
- *Anyone who loves to sing but no longer feels comfortable singing in a more formal choir.
- *Anyone experiencing loneliness and isolation.

We meet at the GMCC on the first and third Mondays of the month (plus hopefully any fifth Mondays such as in November) at 10.30am, starting off with a few fun exercises to relax and then sing for an hour and finish off the morning with coffee, biscuits and sometimes cake and of course chat!

We look forward to welcoming you to the group.

More details from Janne Bishop – 01451 821216, bishopdjk@aol.com, or pop along on one of the Mondays when we meet.

Fun "Christmas Post" Quiz

Courtesy of www.kensquiz.co.uk Answers on page 15

- 1. Which country introduced the first special Christmas stamp in 1898?
- 2. What company was founded in 1907 by Joyce Hall in Nebraska?
- 3. The UK Christmas stamps in 1993 were designed to commemorate the 150th anniversary of which classic Christmas book?
- 4. In which year did the UK first issue a special Christmas stamp?
- 5. In which village does Postman Pat deliver the Christmas mail?
- 6. Who sent the first personalised photo Christmas cards in 1891 while she was touring in Scotland?
- 7. What postcode was introduced by the British Post Office in 1999 for Santa's workshop?
- 8. Who were the authors of the children's book "The Jolly Christmas Postman"?
- 9. The small British village of Bethlehem gets visitors every Christmas who want their Christmas cards franked with the village name. In which county would you find this Bethlehem?
- 10. Who produced the world's first commercial Christmas card in 1843?
- 11. "With Every Christmas Card I Write", is a line from which famous Christmas song?
- 12. Which organisation launched the first charity Christmas card in 1949?
- 13. By what name were Victorian postman known as a result of their red uniforms?
- 14. What postcode is used in Canada for letters to Santa?
- 15. Which Norfolk singer, who died on Christmas Eve 2000, was known as The Singing Postman?
- 16. The viewers of which TV programme designed the UK's first Christmas stamp?
- 17. When first class post was first introduced in 1968, how much would it cost to send a Christmas card by second class post?
- 18. The song "Please Mr Postman" was which group's debut single on the Motown label?
- 19. Which US president sent the first official White House Christmas card?
- 20. Which Nick Park creations were featured on the 2010 UK Christmas stamps?



A garden is a friend you can visit anytime

Thank you to everyone who came along to our November meeting on a grey drizzly evening.

Congratulations to Kathleen Cowie who won the November seed head competition.



Planting a beautiful garden and trying to help our planet and wildlife can be a challenge. Growing without chemicals, going peat free, adapting to climate change, uncertain seasons and reducing our carbon footprint as gardeners, can be a minefield of decisions. The RHS suggest, choosing locally grown or home grown, rather than imported flowers as a UK grown bouquet can reduce your carbon footprint by 7.9kg per bunch! Choosing seasonal UK fruit and veg, making your own compost, water butts instead of mains water, planting trees and less hard landscaping, dividing and sharing perennials, save your own seed and grow more plants to absorb carbon, can all help the planet, our wildlife and us. Harriet Rycroft, our November speaker, highly recommended Sylva

Grow peat free compost, which is available at both Burford Garden Company and the Fosseway Garden Centre.

For our festive December 8th meeting at St Lawrence Church, we are delighted to welcome Christine Ramsey who will be sharing expertise with her talk "Candles at Christmas" and demonstrating Christmas arrangements. Christine works with home grown plants and is an accredited NAFAS demonstrator. We also delighted that Christine will be donating the finished designs to the monthly raffle too. We will be serving mulled wine and members and non-members are very welcome to join us.

The December competition is a Christmas Tree decoration of your choice, it could be felted, knitted, a decorated cone, as imaginative as you wish and one for all the family to take part in.

Happy Gardening and Wildlife Watching

Julie Huckle

IRENE'S CHARITY KNITTING CIRCLE

Our first meeting in November was a very cheerful occasion.

We really appreciated your efforts and contributions during the lock-down period when the Covid Pandemic brought a standstill to a more normal life for many of us. We are very grateful to all of you who continued to provide so many items for distribution to local hospitals and care homes during this time.

We can now arrange distribution of many items locally and to Syria at last.



Christmas is nearly upon us and we hope to be able to bring some cheer to those in need at this time of year.



In the meantime we hope that the New Year will bring new promise for success in controlling the Covid Virus; more comfort to families and the opportunity for us all to meet up with them and friends again.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8th December, at the Bourton Community Centre Cafe in Moore Road, from 10:00 - 12:00 noon. Coffee/Tea and Biscuits will be served and we hope to see all our members there. New members will be welcome to join us

With our very best wishes Irene and Peter

For further information contact:

Irene Summers Peter Boxall Tel: 01451 798718 Tel: 01451 824175



Bourton Panto Group

Rehearsals are steaming ahead on the next production and it's all beginning to come together. They're almost singing in tune and almost getting their lines in the right order. By the 2nd Feb-



ruary 2022 we'll be pitch perfect so why don't you pop online and buy a ticket? To book tickets for the next show, 'A Panto Puzzle' g o t o www.ticketsource.co.uk. You can also use the link on the main page of our website www.bourtonpantogroup.co.uk or there's a link to Ticketsource on our Facebook page where you can choose your own seat for the performance of your choice and wait for the fun to begin. You won't want to miss our 40th anniversary performance.

If you want something to get you in the mood for the festive season and you're quick you've still got time to book a table and come and take part in our fun Christmas quiz taking place on 3rd December 2021. The questions are being compiled by our own quizmaster Emma who, as I'm writing this, is sitting under the tree with a mince pie and a glass of sherry to help her concentrate on everything Christmassy. Emma knows a lot about the festive season but maybe you know more so why don't you come along and find out? It's taking place on

Friday 3rd December the doors will open at 6.45pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £16 for a team of 4 people which will include nibbles. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be on sale during the evening. There's still time to book, ring Margaret Strevens on 077919 17684.

Jackie Denham

Stormy Weather

The sky is black and heavy,
Thunder like Morse code breaks in and out,
Animals huddled under shaken trees,
Waiting till its over to go back out.

As the rain hits the warm ground,
A vapour of relief releases itself,
The sun breaks through with a glare,
Colourful rays of a rainbow shows itself.

Now the damage of the storm can be seen, Broken branches lay homeless on the ground,

Dry gardens are now slushy wet,
Plenty of food for animals lays across the
ground,

The storm has gone.

Carol Groom (Paxton)

Christmas and New Year collections 2021/22

There is no change to waste, recycling, food waste and garden waste collections over the Christmas and New Year period. Crews will be out collecting Monday to Friday as normal, including on the three bank holidays (Monday 27 December, Tuesday 28 December and Monday 3 January).

Cotswold District Council



Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



The guided walks programme has restarted and Cotswold Wardens are once again leading the public on walks in a safe and careful way. Details of the walks available are described on the website (below). Please check walk details carefully including whether booking is necessary.

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

Ford via the medieval village of Pinnock – Tuesday 7th December – Moderate 3.5hr 7ml. A very enjoyable walk with some interesting history. Lunch available at the excellent Plough Inn, Ford, following the walk. Bring a snack/drink. *Start:* 10.00 am Layby opposite the Plough Inn, Ford. OS Map ref: SP 088 294.

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Tractor Run



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Thank you all. Carol Groom



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After a very difficult year Combe Mill will be holding their Annual Christmas Market on 11th December 2021, 10am to 4pm.

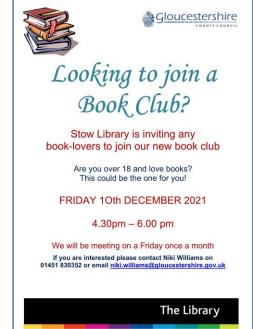
All funds raised will go to Combe Mill Society's charitable aims of Community Education. Don't miss out, come along and bring the children to `Listen to a story with Santa' browse the variety of Market Stalls, enjoy a BBQ, Mulled Wine & Chestnuts, Tea Room Open, Raffle, Tombola and Gift Shop.

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stamps? Wallace and Gromit.

- 20. Which Mick Park creations were featured on the 2010 UK Christmas President Eisenhower (1953).
- 19. Which Us president sent the first official White House Christmas card? Motown label? I he Marvelettes.
- 18. The song "Please Mr Postman" was which group's debut single on the Zp in modern currency).
- to send a Christmas card by second class post? 4d (equivalent to less than 17. When first class post was first introduced in 1968, how much would it cost stamp? Blue Peter.
- 16. The viewers of which TV programme designed the UK's first Christmas Singing Postman? Allan Smethurst.
- 15. Which Norfolk singer, who died on Christmas Eve 2000, was known as The
 - 14. What postcode is used in Canada for letters to Santa? HOH OHO. uniforms? Robins.
- 13. By what name were Victorian postman known as a result of their red
- 12. Which organisation launched the first charity Christmas card in 1949? mas song? White Christmas.
- 11. "With Every Christmas Card I Write", is a line from which famous Christ-· Kaision
- 10. Who produced the world's first commercial Christmas card in 1843? John would you find this Bethlehem? Carmarthenshire, in Wales.
- want their Christmas cards franked with the village name. In which county The small British village of Bethlehem gets visitors every Christmas who man"? Janet & Allan Ahlberg.
- 8. Who were the authors of the children's book "The Jolly Christmas Post-Santa's workshop?XM4 5HQ.
- 7. What postcode was introduced by the British Post Office in 1999 for was touring in Scotland? Annie Oakley.
- 6. Who sent the first personalised photo Christmas cards in 1891 while she
- In which village does Postman Pat deliver the Christmas mail? Greendale.
 - In which year did the UK first issue a special Christmas stamp? 1966 Charles Dickens.
- 120th anniversary of which classic Christmas book? A Christmas Carol by The UK Christmas stamps in 1993 were designed to commemorate the caugs.
- What company was founded in 1907 by Joyce Hall in Nebraska? Hallmark cauaaa.
- 1. Which country introduced the first special Christmas stamp in 1898? Answers to Christmas Post Quiz on page 11

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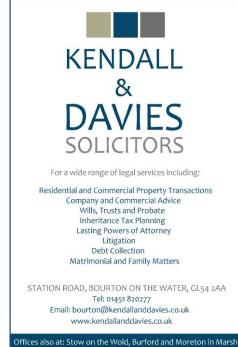
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