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### DIARY DATES

Every Monday, "Old Sweats" Meeting, BLH, 10am-12Noon, 07714 852364 bourton.secretary@rbl.community

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

- 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Bourton Panto Group present "The Panto Puzzle", nightly at 7.30pm and a matinee on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourtonpanto-group See page 16.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm.GMCC. See page 2.
- 6<sup>th</sup> At the Pavilion", Market, 10am-4pm, CCP, <u>ilthepavilion@gmail.com</u>
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember Sessions, **GMCC**, 10.30am. 821216 / 07763 212506.
- 8<sup>th</sup> WI Meeting, 7pm, **VC**. See page 12.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **GMCC**, 10am-12Noon. See p. .
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club, **StLC**, 7 for 7.30pm. See page 11.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bourton Lunch Club, **CCP**, GL54 2AY. 12Noon, 01608 692811.
- 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Probus meetings, 10am, **GMCC.** See page 15.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Bourton Local History Society, **BCH**, 7.30pm.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Tayler & Fletcher, Antique & Fine Art Sale, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666 fineart@taylerandfletcher.co.uk

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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

Parish Council Notes - Council Meetings 5<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Budget & Precept 2022/23**: The Parish Council unanimously approved its budget for 2022/23 at the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January and approved a precept request of £177,932 which will result in a 5.96% increase in a Band D Council Tax payment to the Parish Council. This equates to an actual rise of 56p per month or £5.63 per annum to £99.94 from £94.31 in 2021/22. Full details of the approved budget and a statement on the Council's budget making process for 2022/23 are available on the Parish Council's website.

**Election Charges**: Cotswold District Council will be considering a recommendation that the cost of Parish and Town Council elections be charged to the local councils rather than being met by the District Council at its Cabinet meeting in January. If Cabinet agrees to the recommendation, costs will be charged to Parish and Town Councils for all contested elections held after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 which will include the May 2023 ordinary elections. CDC's reasons for this change are as follows: 1) to make savings and increase revenue; 2) elections are of direct benefit to parishes and towns and can be argued should be paid for by their councils rather than the District Council.

**Delegated Authority:** The Parish Council has amended its Standing Orders to provide for further delegation to the Clerk, in consultation with Councillors, to enable greater Council resilience and preparedness. This is in the context of growing Covid-19 prevalence and possible further national and local measures to be introduced. The Clerk is to be enabled to exercise full powers of delegation, other than those not allowed in law. This will be reviewed at each full Council meeting as a standing agenda item.

**Police**: The Parish Council was advised that PC Francis Ward had now taken over responsibility for the village as PC Webb would continue to work in Cirencester. Council gave thanks to PC Webb for all his help and support during his time in the parish.

**Rissington Rd Car Park**: District Cllr Nick Maunder reported that the improvement works at the Rissington Rd car park had been delayed but a contractor had been appointed and a site meeting was due to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> January. The contractors had been informed that the car park will need to re-open by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Village Green**: In addition to the temporary metal railings that had been installed around a section of the village green, Council agreed to put up green fencing temporarily to enable the recovery of the grassed areas along the riverside walk. A long-term solution would be sought to protect this area in the future.

The Old Chapel: The new tenancy for The Old Chapel has now started and Council would like to formally welcome its new tenant Zena Beauchamp, who is trading as Zena the Barber & Hairstylist, to the Community Centre site.

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

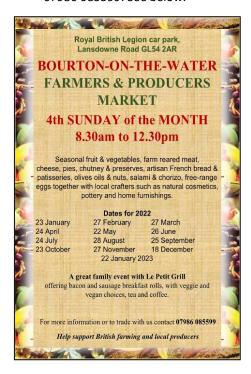
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The DEADLINE for Adverts & Articles for the March 2022 edition, is Midday 15th February



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- 21<sup>st</sup> Rural Cinema, **VH**, "NO TIME TO DIE". 12a, Drama, 2hours 43mins Daniel Craig. 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on the door.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> u3a, 10am-12Noon, **BLH**. "History of Johnson's Coaches" by Wendy Moore. www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Comedy Night, **BLH**, details & tickets: www.cotswolds-events.co.uk See page 14.
- 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> Gifts , Cards, Collectors and Children's Book Fair, **VH**, 10am 5pm. 07832195427.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Bourton 10k Road Race. Road closures village centre. See page 5.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599. See below.





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**Deputy Clerk**: The Council resolved to recruit a temporary Deputy Clerk for a period of 6 months for 8-10 hours per week from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. Full details will be available in the next edition of the Browser.

Annual Parish Meeting: An early reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Community Centre. Further details will be available in the next edition of the Browser.

**Next Parish Council Meeting**: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm in The George Moore Community Centre.

Sharon Henley, Clerk/RFO

Tel: 01451 820712;

clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk

Website:

www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

LEGION

### BOURTON 2021 POPPY APPEAL.

Many thanks to everyone who helped me with the administration of the Poppy Appeal last November, and to all the people who contributed to the Appeal.

Money is still coming in from various sources, and our present total is £10,500.

This is a very creditable result for the village, and a great help to the charity.

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Mike Marshall,

Poppy Appeal Organiser.

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### **Bourton Browser Team News**

At the time of going to print, covid infections rates were falling and it seemed unlikely there would be any new restrictions. We have therefore included all the regular events but suggest checking with organisers nearer the time.

We have been informed that the Lloyds bank mobile unit has not always visited GMCC as expected. To check they will be visiting as planned, call the number given in the bank's advert, see below.

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.

The Bourton Browser Team

# Lloyds Bank Mobile visits to

George Moore Community Centre, Moore Rd, Bourton-on-the-Water. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February

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NB. Dates sometimes subject to change, call above No. for most up to date info.

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# CHRISTMAS NATIVITY DISPLAY AT ROSE COTTAGE



Our Christmas display outside Rose Cottage, Sherborne Street, this year was in support of the charity MIND, in memory of our much loved daughter, Adrienne.

Many, many thanks to all, locals and neighbours, visitors and friends far away. A wonderful and amazing total of £1,738.33 (which includes some gift aid) was collected and sent to MIND through North Cotswold Rotary.

Many blessings to you all for the New Year ahead.

**Alan & Carol Pountney** 

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### **Police Point**

Members of your Local Policing Team will be available at the following times at George Moore Community Centre, Moore Rd: The members of the team will endeavour to attend at the above times; however please be aware that in the event of an emergency call out, the officers may not be able to attend the Police Point at the above times.

Day/Date	Times	Officer
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-	PCSO John
February	2.30pm	Allen

In an emergency, please dial 999 and ask for the emergency service you require, Police, Fire or Ambulance. For all other non-emergency calls to the Police and general enquiries please dial 101 (Calls will be charged at local rates from a landline). Further help and advice can be found from our web site:

www.gloucestershire.police.uk

### **Bourton Library**

The George Moore Community Centre, Moore Road, Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2AZ. **01451 820964** 

### **Opening Hours**

**Tues** 10am-1pm, **Wed** 2-5pm, **Fri** 10am-1pm & 2-5pm, **Sat** 10am-1pm.

Friendly staff & volunteers. Internet access.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries

Hayley Carter 01451 830352

### **Positive News**

A very Happy New Year to you all.

Thanks so much for all your labours to give us the BB.

I wondered if readers might like to know about the Positive News website? https://www.positive.news/

It is such a refreshing antidote to the rather depressing news we constantly look at on TV etc and watching it might be a good New Year Resolution? One can subscribe to their Newsletter which then arrives weekly in your inbox to cheer you up.

**Best wishes, Howard Crook** 

### **Valentine**

What's lovelier than Love to find?
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Love brings a smile to our eyes
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It lights a fire in their hearts.
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There it shall ripen and remain For once Love makes its cast,
In chosen hearts it forever lasts

**Anonymous** 

### OUT AND ABOUT in February

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Snowdrop Weekend, Colesbourne Park, Colesbourne, Cirencester GL53 9NP 01242 870264. 1-4.30pm. Adults £9, Children Free. Dogs on leads welcome. Teas, Coffee and Cake provided by local charities. Ten acre garden, woodland & lakeside paths, Spring Garden and formal garden, huge banks of snowdrops, hellebores etc.

14<sup>th</sup>-24th April, Lambing at Cotswolds Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5FL. Details and tickets from 01451 850307. www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk

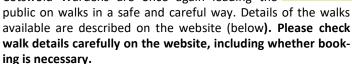
15<sup>th</sup> onwards, Snowdrops at Painswick Rococo Gardens, Painswick, GL6 6TH. 10am-5pm, 01452 813204. https://www.rococogarden.org.uk/

18<sup>th</sup> Rissingtons Local History Society, 2.30pm. "RAF Brize Norton - over 80yrs of flying operations." a talk by Trevor Jackson Upper Rissington Village Hall GL54 2QW. Visitors Welcome £3.50 to include refreshments. information.RLHS@gmailcom / 01451 820233.

Visitor Information Centre 01451 820211 info@visitbourton.com

### Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

The guided walks programme has restarted and Cotswold Wardens are once again leading the



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

Stanton Village to Stanway House & back – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Moderate 3.5hr 6.5ml A walk with interesting outlooks. A visit to the wonderful Jacobean Stanway House. Bring coffee/snack. Lunch available at The Mount, Stanton following the walk. *Start*: 9.30am Stanton village car park WR12 7NE. OS Map ref: SP 067 344.

Around the Coln Watershed – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Moderate 3hr 5.5ml A walk from the uplands near Wardens' Wood around the headwaters off the river Coln and includes the villages of Severnhampton & Brockhampton. *Start:* 10.00 am Wardens' wood car park (West Down). Turn off A40 for Whittington. Turn right at the village then first left (signposted Whitehall), then along the road for 2 miles. The road ends at the car park. OS Map ref: SP 010 236.

Beyond the Prison & across the fields – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Easy 2.5hr 5ml An easy walk out of Northleach, beyond the old prison and over to Hampnett. Turning south, we walk along two long distance footpaths. There's a wide choice of paths allowing us to adjust the route if the weather is inclement. Bring coffee/snack. Cafes & pubs are available in the town following the walk. *Start:* 10.00am Town Square, Northleach. OS Map ref: SP 114 153.

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY - Length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level); MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS — may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

## SALE

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

### **For Sale**

Modern upright "Kemble" model CB12 quality piano in oak, three pedals, including double stool. £450. 821067

### For Sale

DeLonghi ice cream maker. Hardly used. £20 821067

### **For Sale**

Troja 4 Wheel Rollator / Walking Aid. Only used a few times. Under guarantee. £100. 822219

### **For Sale**

Solid wood bookcase, 4 shelves, excellent condition. £40, 821080

### For Sale

2, three armed ceiling lights, chrome, £10 each. 821080

### Free

New Carpet, 22' 11" x 4' 5". Colour Aubergine. 820770

### Free

2 Rattan Chairs, suitable for a conservatory. No cushions. Free to collect. 810405

### Link Words Courtesy of www.kensquiz.co.uk

Each pair of words is linked by the missing word in the centre, (e.g. WEDDING—Cake—STAND)

1	BLUE	ACHE
2	SUNDAY	DELIVERY
3	SHEEP	WATCH
4	PINE	PIE
5	SACK	CAP
6	TENNIS	GOWN
7	CHAIN	вох
8	VERTICAL	SIDE
9	DANDELION	WORK
10	WIND	CLEANER
11	HAND	SMOKE
12	CRICKET	STICK
13	FUNNY	CHINA
14	LOOKING	JAR
15	TRAFFIC	TART
16	MASONRY	BED
17	KATE	BROS.
18	RUBBER	AID
19	GAMES	ROOM
20	TIMES	СССТН
21	CAT	BIN
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24	PRIVET	FUND
25	FORK	STRIKE

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### Bourton 10k Sunday 27th February 2022

Bourton Roadrunners hosts its annual 10k road race at 10am on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

We're always very grateful to Bourton residents for their patience and tolerance around the disruption this causes to village life.

This year, we're expecting around 700 runners and their supporters so we can expect increased traffic before and after the race. We'll encourage runners to use the 2 main car parks in the village. We hope this will help us to manage traffic and encourage people not to find street parking or park at the leisure centre.

We have permission to close the roads in the inner village loop (Victoria Street, Letch Lane and Sherborne Street) and the High Street from 9.30am to midday. The Rissington Road will also be closed from 9:50am to 11.30am (eastbound) and from 10.30 until about 11.30am (westbound).

We'd be extremely grateful if people could avoid driving at these times especially the route from Lansdowne to the Rissington Road. If you do need to leave the village, please follow the instructions of one of the many marshals who'll do their best to help.

For those wanting to watch the race, and some of Gloucestershire's finest athletes in action, we'd recommend walking along the Rissington Road for a longer, uninterrupted view. The middle of the High Street, where the race starts and finishes, can get very congested and we need to keep the route clear for finishers from about 10.30am to 11.15am.

Once again, our 10k is sponsored by Highbridge Jewellers and this year we're supporting the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. We're hoping to have a representative from the charity on the day so do please come along and find out a bit more about the work they do.

If you have any questions about this year's Bourton 10k, please email bourtonroadrunners@gmail.com or leave a message on our Facebook page. Chris Dry



# Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Road Closure Community Consultation

Hopefully you are already aware that a Working Group is making plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be celebrated in 2022, with a number of events taking place between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June.

We are making you aware of specific arrangements that require road closure so you can raise any queries in good time for these to be resolved.

Sunday Fun Day on the Green will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. This will take place between 3pm and 9pm, although the set-up will begin at 9am; the group will therefore be applying for a road closure to apply from 9am to 9pm. The roads to be closed are a section of the High Street and Victoria Street.

A through route for residents to access both sides of the river will be maintained via Sherborne Street and the closure of the High Street will be effected to enable a through route along Moore Road, Lansdowne, Station Road and Rissington Road.

All road closures will be manned throughout the event to direct vehicles and deal with enquiries. Emergency vehicle access will be facilitated throughout the road closures and organisers will make proper arrangements to ensure this can take place without hindrance.

A Road Closure Licence will be submitted to the appropriate authorities by 1<sup>st</sup> March and we would therefore be grateful to receive any comments or queries by 10<sup>th</sup> February to enable discussion and resolution of any issues raised before submission of these applications.

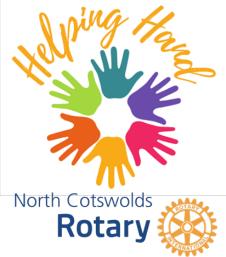
As this is a unique celebration of a monarch's Platinum Jubilee and a tribute to our Queen's long service, we very much hope we can count upon the support, understanding and participation of residents. We hope this will turn out to be very special and memorable opportunity for our community to come together.

Comments can be e-mailed to <u>suecret-ney@yahoo.com</u> or posted/hand-delivered to the Jubilee Working Group c/o the Parish Council at the Community Centre.

**Sue Cretney** 







### Grant Applications Welcome From Small Charities and Community Organisations

Helping Hand is a small grants scheme set-up by North Cotswolds Rotary to help support the amazing work carried out by small charities and community organisations across the North Cotswolds.

Grants up to £500 are available but must be for a specific project or activity. The grants are not available to support day-to-day running costs. Applicants must be based within the North Cotswolds area (defined as from Northleach up to Moreton-in-Marsh and surrounding villages) or carrying out activities that benefit people living in the North Cotswolds.

If you are interested in applying please contact Steve Smith at <u>origin-steve@hotmail.com</u> or through the North Cotswolds Rotary website at www.northcotswoldsrotary.org/



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helpinghand. You will be required to complete a short application form. A short-list of applicants will then be asked to give a 10-minute presentation to a panel of two North Cotswolds Rotary members before the final awards are made.

The closing date for initial applications is 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**Steve Smith** 

### **Thank You**

Sue Davies and family thank all friends and neighbours for their many cards and messages of support, following the loss of Julian.

Sue Davies

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### **HAIR BY PAULA**

### 07514458009 07706052034

I would just like to place this notice to make everyone aware that the phone signal at the British Legion where I am based is very, very, poor and people are struggling to get through. I have tried other networks but all seem to be the same. There is an answer phone on both numbers I use, please, please, please leave me a brief message, just your name and number is fine and I'll get back to you at the end of the day. Or please feel free to ring after 6pm. Or a text message or Facebook message is also fine.

Many thanks and I would also like to take this chance to wish you all a very Happy New Year. **Paula Ennis** 

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### **Bourton Roadrunners**

South West Inter-Counties Cross Country U13 Championships – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022. Bourton Roadrunners' Lucy Hillary, competing in her first race since her recovery from Covid, took part in the South West Inter-Counties Cross Country U13 Championships, at RNAS Merryfield, Taunton. Lucy was in fine form, finishing well up the field in a time of 11:32, despite the muddy conditions and sharp turns.



Lucy Hillary, at the Inter-Counties U13 Cross-country Championships

### Ilmington 10k -27<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Racing in the third event of this five race series, amongst 300 hardy runners, were two of Bourton's regulars, ready to take-on the challenges of Lark Stone Hill. David Rees finished in 56:57 with Lorna Shawcross following close behind in 57:28. All finishers were rewarded with a pack of Barry the Butcher's sausages (traditional, veggie and vegan options catered for)!

**Parkruns** <u>1st January 2022</u> Chipping Norton: Ian Shoemark – 21:33, Lorna Shawcross – 27:49 (course PB), Claire Carroll – 28:18 (course PB), Rob Williams – 29:18, Ali Tighe – 34:44, Giles Canning – 34:45.*Stratford-upon-Avon:* Susan Hunt (2<sup>nd</sup> -claim) – 24:52.

25th December 2021 Cheltenham: Chris Dry – 27:02.Evesham: Lorna Shawcross – 28:31, Rob Williams – 30:59.Warwick Racecourse: Susan Hunt (2<sup>nd</sup> -claim) – 24:54 (course PB). **John Gibson** 

### Message from the Church

I wonder if you've ever 'lost your confidence'? When children are learning to ride and fall off, we often encourage them to get straight back on their bike (or horse), because the longer they leave it, the more anxious they will be when they next get on — and bikes (and horses) seem to be able to sense when we're scared and play up accordingly.

But it's easy to be confident when things are going well — and a lot harder when we hit a bump in the road and things start to wobble. We're encouraged to be confident in life, but when we make a mistake and things go wrong, self-doubt can quickly creep in.

As a church, one of the Bible verses we've been focusing on recently talks about confidence. "So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded," we're told (Hebrews 10:35). That might seem a rather arrogant statement; after all, confidence can easily be misplaced, and for all of us, I sus-

pect, there are things we can't do, however confident we might try to feel.

But the confidence the Bible is talking about here isn't self-confidence or an arrogant belief that we can do anything. No, it's confidence that we can trust God, however smooth or bumpy the road may be.

We're not sure what this year holds for Bourton Baptist Church, as we continue to work out what it means to serve God in the midst of Covid, and as we continue our search for a new minister. We're worried, of course, that we might make mistakes. But the Bible encourages us to hold on to the confidence that God is working things out and that we can trust him as we go forwards. It's going to be interesting and exciting to see where he leads!

### Sue Handy Bourton Baptist Church



The Rev'd Rowena King revrowena@gmail.com 01451 821282

www.bourtonparishchurch.co.uk

www.facebook.com/StLawrencesBourtonOnTheWater

Join our main Sunday service at 11am each week

Other services: Midweek Holy Communion - 10:30am Wednesday 2nd and 16th

8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 13th and 27th

Breakfast Church is back! Saturday 12th February - 9am start

Living with Loss Bereavement Course starts Feb 1st Ph: 821282

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

St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill: 6th – Morning Worship and

20th BCP 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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> 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.

Roman Catholic Parish of Our Lady & St. Kenelm, Stow on the Wold, with Bourton-on-the-Water

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Email: <a href="mailto:sulharcomb@aol.com">sulharcomb@aol.com</a>

website: stowbourtoncatholic.net

Please check website for weekday Masses in February. Some temporary changes this month. Week-end Masses unchanged

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)

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9 am. Fr. Stephen.

### **QUAKERS**

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**Bourton Farmers Market** 

Jaye Whalley 07986 085599

### **For The Younger Generations**



### 50 clubs and activities to enjoy

An education is not just what you can achieve in the classroom. As the evenings get lighter, it's great to see more of our pupils staying after school to enjoy the many clubs on offer, run by our staff.

Whether you are passionate about sport or happiest in the art rooms, we currently offer around 50 clubs and activities during lunchtimes and after school.

Recently, we took our chess teams to compete at Radley College, Oxford. The students secured qualification to the regional stage of the National Schools Chess Championships, run by the English Chess Federation, in a spir-



ited and well fought competition.

At the time of writing, our Robotics club members are preparing to compete at Stowe School, which is hosting the Vex Robotics regional competition.

There is great take-up for science, technology and engineering activities here, whether that's Year 7 STEM club held after school, or participation in the recent urban sustainability challenge run by the Institution of Civil Engineers. Sixteen of our Sixth Form students received certificates celebrating their achievements.

It has been great to channel girls' enthusiasm for rugby through links we have developed with Stow Rugby. Girls from all year groups have enjoying some coaching over at Stow RFC recently, which complements the sessions for girls that we have held with Gloucester Rugby coaches this winter.

Meanwhile, six boys in Year 11, who have made it into Gloucester Rugby's Development Player Programme, continue to be selected to play at Kingsholm. Brilliant for their experience and confidence.

If your child is learning at The Cotswold School, do encourage them to join any of our clubs. The full list, including sports training and fixtures and non-competitive clubs, is in the 'Enrichment' area of our website. There really is something for everyone!

Will Morgan, Headteacher

### **4 Shires Swimming Club**

January began with an outstanding first day of swimming for the club at the County Championships in Oxford. We saw some great PBs in the 1500m mixed freestyle from Lucy Hyland & Zoe Pearson. The Boys 10-12yr Medley and Freestyle Relays saw 3rd place with swimmers Jamie Brosnan, Liam Kay, Thomas Harvey and Max Hayman. The Boys 13-14yr medley Relay swimmers Ayan Varia, Herbie Blount, Oscar Spence and Tyma Dang gained 8th place and the Freestyle Relay swimmers Ayan Varia, Ellis Hale, Herbie Blount and Oscar Spence a 9th place.

We have 6 squads – Academy (for developing skills and fitness); Pre-Comp (improving technique and stamina); Competition; County; Regional and Masters (over 19yrs who can swim three good strokes and cover 2000m in a session). So, 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 - <a href="http://www.4ssc.co.uk/join-us">http://www.4ssc.co.uk/join-us</a> or email us at <a href="member-ship@4ssc.co.uk">member-ship@4ssc.co.uk</a> for details of our next Trial sessions.



### Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

Baby Gymnastics 0-18months Caroline (Cotswold Clubhouse) 263130 Beavers bourton beavers@gmail.com Bourton Primary School 820458 **Bourton Road Runners Juniors** Richard Buffton 831733 / 824379 Bourton Vale Cricket Club Lucy Gillespie 07949227128 craiglucygillespie@yahoo.com B'n Vale Equestrian Centre Leanne Launchbury 821101 Bourton Vale Tennis Club Kingslev Harris 07879 644218 www.bourtontennisclub.org **Brownies** 07941502222 Steph Bumblebeez babies & pre-school tots Rowena King 821282 Children's Jujitsu Andy or Hayley 07951587398 Cubs Nick Hawke 01451822786

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Hockey	Tracy Dixon	07813187933
Little Hurricanes (Babies & Toddlers)	littlehurricanes@hotmail.com	
Pre-School	Lisa Sorley	07950 048066
Pre-School Gymnastics	Caroline	263130
Rainbows	Steph	07941502222
Recreational Gymnastics	Caroline	263130
Scouts	Ricky Campbell	810977
	richard.campbell600@ntlworld.com	
4Shires Swimming	Jo Shaw	membership@4ssc.uk.uk
Taekwon-do	Lee Chapman	01285 640500
The Cotswold School		820458
Youth Club	Linda Hicks	824225

### **Bourton Primary Academy**

Spring Term has started as busy as ever for us at the primary school and our attendance has been good . We have received a thoughtful letter from our local authority congratulating us on our recent and very positive visit from Ofsted.

All of our classes are undertaking topics linked to books



this half term and Reception classes have been very fortunate that they were able to visit our local library. They loved having the opportunity to explore the library and all of the wonderful books that they stock. A huge thank you to Janet for helping to arrange such a lovely experience.

During the Autumn Term each class elected 2 school Council members. They have each been given a buddy badge and have taken responsibility for being good role models and supporting their peers. They are also hoping to start their healthy tuck shop again as this was very popular before the pandemic.

We are trying to focus on routines and social skills at the moment as we are aware that this is what the children have been missing during the pandemic. With this in mind, assemblies in bubbles have started again and volunteer readers are continuing to help across some of the classes. If you think you could offer us an hour a week to help with reading please contact admin@bourton.school

### Tori Teague, Senior Leader



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# Bourton Cubs Stow Church Christmas Tree Festival.

Well done 1st Bourton on the Water Cubs for decorating their Xmas tree at the Stow Xmas tree festival.



Looks really good - excellent community participation.

Ricky Campbell

Deputy District Commissioner/TA

North Cotswold District Scouts



### The Highway Code

One of our regular contributors has made us aware of a recent update to the rules of The Highway Code. These are particularly relevant to the residents of rural areas such as ours. These changes came into effect in September 2021.

The Highway Code revisions include a new Hierarchy of Road Users, which implies automatic culpability for drivers in accidents with more vulnerable road users such as cyclists or pedestrians. Another change states that drivers should stop and give way to pedestrians waiting to cross the road before turning into or out of junctions.

Another major change relates to safe passing distances



and speeds when overtaking cyclists or horse riders. This states that horses should be passed at a maximum of 10mph and at a distance of 2 metres.

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

Thank you to everyone who came along to our January meeting, there is still time to join as a member and non-members are always welcome too. Congratulations to Chris King for winning the January competition, our February competition is a display of single or double snowdrops, with a floral prize on offer.



We are delighted to welcome back on February 9<sup>th</sup>, Margie Hoffnung, who gave a very entertaining and well received talk on garden visiting in April 2019. Margie worked with renown English country garden designer, plantswoman and owner of the beautiful Barnsley House garden, Rosemary Verey, and Margie's talk will focus on Rosemary's contribution and legacy to twentieth century gardening.

The annual village show, postponed in 2020 and 2021, will take a different shape this year, and the date is changing too. This year, the show will be held on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>,



when the village will be less busy. The organisation of the village show is a huge undertaking and the committee have made the decision to reduce the show categories, reflecting this the 2022 show will be a garden show, focusing on flowers, fruit, vegetables and we hope your photographs too, our plant sale will return, a great place to pick up a bargain and of course afternoon tea with cake!

February is the time to prune wisteria and cut back deciduous grasses, avoiding any new emerging growth and watching for small creatures, especially hibernating ladybirds that are sheltering. Birds may begin to look for potential nesting sites as they prepare for spring and will need as much extra food as we can give them, to keep them in peak physical condition, ready for the spring nesting season.

Happy gardening and wildlife watching!

Julie Huckle

Courtesy of www.kensquiz.co.uk

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### **Bourton Vale Cricket Club**

This is an exciting time for Bourton Vale Cricket Club.

Firstly our Cricket will be much improved throughout the Club by the selection of Jordan Price as Player/Coach. Jordan moves to Bourton from Bath area where he has recently been playing West of England Premier League cricket as a successful seam bowler and batsman. In his previous career he has also played for Gloucestershire Second Eleven and has even been 12<sup>th</sup> Man for England twice whilst playing for MCC Young Cricketers. With us he will both play with, and coach, the senior players as well as helping the younger players. Additionally he will be available for hire as Coach for individual sessions should local parents wish to enhance the performance of their youngsters. My contact details are below if you wish to reach him.

This builds upon the excellent work from Mark Whitney running our first ever Winter Academy for our elite young players preparing them for First Team action.

We are also excited to announce that in the next few weeks our new three bay enclosed Net System will be constructed. This will provide the best training and coaching facilities in the area. A fully enclosed 33 metre Net which can be used in all weathers. This huge investment demonstrates our ambition to provide the best facilities in the area. In these troubled times for Cricket we stress that we have a policy of inclusion for all.

We are proud to field Senior Cricket teams and are one of the few Clubs to include young Women in our Teams. We also have a thriving Women and Girls section who are also about to begin their Winter Net sessions. They will welcome any new recruits and this is the perfect time to join up if you are new to the game, wish to rejoin a club or know somebody who wants to play.

Our membership starts from the age of 5 yrs and we welcome members of all ages.

We are very keen to attract new members from the whole community and in particular those who have moved into our area recently. The Clubhouse is open on many occasions throughout the Spring and Summer. You will be made welcome as a visitor initially and hopefully as a member thereafter. This is a great way to engage with the local community and to build lifelong friendships.

You will be made welcome.

Kevin Langley Chairman BVCC

Kevlangley@btinternet.com





### **Bourton WI**





Oyez, Oyez!" Bellowed Ken Brightwell as he entertained the Bourton-onthe-Water WI ladies at their first meeting of the new year, and what a colourful entrance he made!

Ken is the Official Town Crier for Cheltenham and has been a crier for over 30 years, first starting in 1986. He has travelled the World as a crier raising the profile of Cheltenham and is a member of the Honourable Guild of Town Criers.

His display was enjoyed by all.

The BOW WI meets at the Victoria Hall in Bourton on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm, why not start the new year by joining us, new members always welcome. **Vanessa Yamin** 



### **Tidy Homes - Decluttering with Claire**

There is a new local business that provides a service of decluttering and organising your home that has recently launched. Claire Hicks is a Mum of three, who went to the Cotswold School and now lives near Naunton. She is the person behind Tidy Homes Decluttering and is excited to be able to help local people bring calm out of chaos.

Unlike hiring a cleaner, a declutterer doesn't clean your house, but sorts your belongings with you and focuses on systems to keep an organised home. A declutter typically comprises of a 3 or 5 hour visit where the declutterer works together with the client to sort through their belongings, discarding any that they no longer need, reorganising the rest and finding a place for everything. This Makes losing things a thing of the past.

Clutter can accumulate over time and can comprise of things from other family members, unfinished projects and hobbies, children's clothes and toys, excess of belongings and paperwork for example. Clutter build-up can be a result of our levels of physical and mental health, having children, busy lives, busy jobs and not getting rid of our things.

Claire studied psychology at Cardiff University and through Tidy Homes Decluttering is ready to help clients understand the psychology of clutter and systems to improve their homes. She has just completed an online Professional Organising and Decluttering diploma, is fully insured for home visits and will follow all



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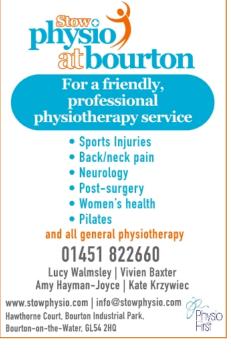
If decluttering sounds like something that would help you, get in touch with Claire at Tidy Homes Decluttering and take up the New Year Offer of £45 for 3 hours, £75 for 5 hours on 07789554715 or email tidytransformations@outlook.com or via my website www.tidyhomesdecluttering.wordpress.com or Facebook and instagram.

#### Claire

# Winter, Spring to Summer Thou cold wind doth blow on my bare cheeks, Through thou air streamlined vent of air blow. Bitter my insides do feel weak, From head to toe though no flesh does show, Thou heat of fire and smells of warmth I seek, Thou cold wind gets where no man would go, Close the door to that bitter cold and save heat, Now the sun upon us come, I shall seek Glory, through thou sky doth it glow, Piercing through our skin mild and meek, Now my body uncover and off do show, Oh what a glorious day, such a treat, Now the cockles of my hear are warm,

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### **IRENE'S CHARITY KNITTING CIRCLE**

Our January meeting took place on a cool but bright sunny day after an early morning frost. We had a good attendance and an enjoyable morning and hope that future meetings will continue to encourage new members to join us in our efforts to help those less fortunate. We hope the recipients of our goods will find comfort and enjoy the items our members produce over the coming months.





We were able to recommence sending items to the Newborn/ Premature Babies Unit at the Gt. Western Hospital in Swindon. Also, in January we visited five local care homes and delivered Twiddle Muffs for dementia sufferers which were very much appreciated.

This month we will be delivering a quantity of blankets to these care homes. Items of clothing will also be distributed to needy families where possible.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 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 very welcome to join us and meet new friends as well as helping to provide comfort for families in need in our local communities.

### For further information contact:

Irene Summers 01451 798718









### Planning an event, in Bourton

### or "Out and About"?

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

For Bourton events, check the Village Diary to see what is already scheduled before setting your date.

# www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk click on the "Diary Dates" tab

Send us the dates of your Bourton community events for 2022 and we will add them to the Village Diary so others will be aware of what you are planning.

Email: team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk

# LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS Numbers without area code are 01451 (For amendments call 822431)

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Badminton Club	clclare@gmail.con	n
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Bell Ringers , Gt Ris	Sheila Jesson,	820395
Bourton-on the-Water WI	Jean Furner	810740
Bourton Panto Group	Jan Close	831911
Bourton Probus Club	David Tebbutt	821098
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Bourton Vale Cricket Club	Lourenza Hargreav	ves 07375 033609
Bourton Vale Tennis Club	www.bourtontenr	nisclub.org
Brass & Silver Bands	Stephanie Hemmi	ng 810996
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Community Group	Bridget/Lorna	01608 652019
Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club		0845 833 9825
Embroiderers Guild	Julie Smith	01608 651006
Fitness League	Kathy Kirk	01993 882350
Gardening Club	Sheila Thorpe	07973 391741
Gardening Club	Sandra Mitchell	07840 898472
Glos. Advanced Motorists	Rod Harrison.	821605
History Society	Sue Roberts	822230
Hockey	Tracy Dixon	07813187933
Jubilee Lodge	•	01451 823100
Lunch Club (B'n Vale Cricket Club)	Sam	01608 692811
Men in Sheds Membership	Rob	01608 698557
Men in Sheds Orders	Keith	01451 831886
Moore Friends	Sandra Morgan	01452 821212
Moreton Bowls Club	Brenda Dix	821020
North Cotswold Gymnastics Club	Caroline Gill	01451 263130
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### Bourton-on-the-Water Probus



At the AGM in January, Bourton Probus Group Chairman for 2020 and 2021 Chris Fowler stood down and Jack Siddle was appointed as Chairman for the Club's 50th Anniversary Year, having been founded in 1972.

The Club hosted Guest Speaker Martin Collisson in January giving a talk on Riley motor cars. Forthcoming meetings at George Moore Community Centre are:-

February 14<sup>th</sup> Barbara Cooper on "Commonwealth War Graves Commission - who are we?"

February 28<sup>th</sup> Myles Clark on "Amazing incidents in the Court-room"

Guests will be welcome at both Meetings, which start at 10 a.m. at GMCC - please ring David Tebbutt 01451 821098 for details".

David Tebbutt



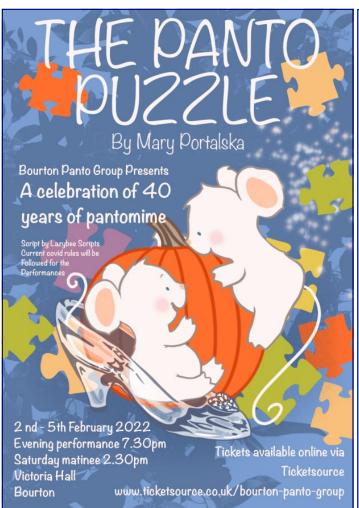
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### **Bourton Panto Group**

Calling all Panto goers!! – have you



booked your tickets yet for **The Panto Puzzle** at The Victoria Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water yet?

If you are unable to access the Ticketsource website to buy your tickets, help is at hand. Margaret and Angela will be at the George Moore Community Centre on Monday 31st January and Tuesday  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  February from  $\mathbf{1.30}-\mathbf{3.30pm}$ . Come along and you will find us in either the Salmonsbury or the Windrush room. We will help you choose your seats which are still at the prepandemic prices of; flat seating £9 and £10 for tiered seating. To book your tickets online go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourton-panto-group. If you are having problems booking then please contact Margaret on 07791 917 684 and she will be happy to assist you further.

We will be monitoring and implementing Covid regulations as per Government requirements for each performance.

Rehearsals are challenging but we are all adhering to regulations, the baddie is being kept at a distance and the dame...well she's being her usual self but we're keeping her under control as much as we can to make sure we can bring you an excellent show. It will be "alright on the night, Oh yes it will!"

So come along, bring your family and friends and enjoy a visit back to your childhood with Dame Dolly Mixture and all the cast. Back in 1981 the first Bourton Panto production was Dick Whittington. This year will be our 40th Pantomime. We have included some of the songs and sketches from previous shows. You may even recognise some of the costumes as well! Let's celebrate and have a good time!! Jackie Denham

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