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DIARY DATES

Every Monday, "Old Sweats" Meeting, BLH, 10am–12 Noon, 07714 852364 bourton.secretary@rbl.community
Every Mon, Wed & Fri, Bourton Men in Sheds, 9.30am-12.30pm, Behind RBL, 01608 692811.
3rd At the Pavilion", Market, 10am-4pm, CCP, jlthepavilion@gmail.com
4th & 18th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember Sessions, GMCC, 10.30am. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
6th Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm. GMCC. See page 2.
7th Carers Café, 1-3pm, GMCC, safe space for carers to chat/relax with other carers. Supported by Kate's Home Nursing, 07718 649 214.
9th Tayler & Fletcher, Auction Sale, NCS, GL54 2AR. 821666
10th Car Boot Sale, Co-op Garage, Station Rd, GL54 2EN. 8.30-11.30am, in aid of Kate's Home Nursing, 07867121122. See page 2.
11th Probus meeting, 10am, GMCC. Talk by David Clark, "We can't let you broadcast that". See page 5.
12th WI Meeting, 7pm, VC. See page 3.
13th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, GMCC, 10am-12Noon. See p 15.
13th & 27th Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, MC, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019. See page 3.
13th Gardening Club, StLC, 7 for 7.30pm. See page 5.
13th-14th Gifts, Jewellery, Collectors & Children's Books & Toy Fair, VH, 10am-5pm. 07832195427.

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Parish Council Notes

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 2nd March 2022

Countrywide site: District Cllr Nick Maunders highlighted that this was for sale and could be sold for housing. He was asked to investigate the possibility of the site being purchased jointly by the District and Parish Councils to avoid it being used solely for housing.

Springvale allotments: Work will take place to clear trees from the top end of the site with a plan to lay this area out for additional allotment plots once this had been completed.

Tree Survey: An additional survey of around 123 trees will cover those trees around the parish which were not included in the 2021 survey. Tree surgeons have been instructed to complete actions highlighted in the 2021 survey.

The George Moore Community Centre was the subject of a Fire Risk Assessment last autumn and Council approved quotes to address many of the items for action on the report to ensure the centre remains safe for its users.

Internal Auditor's Report: This was reviewed and an Action Plan was agreed to address any matters highlighted on the report. The external audit will take place over the next few months.

Platinum Jubilee Event 2nd to 5th June: The Working Group have been progressing event plans and it is planned that an Information Kiosk will be placed on the Village Green from the Friday to Sunday to sell tickets, deal with competition entries, sell Jubilee mugs and provide event information. A tree with a commemorative plaque will be planted in the Jubilee Orchard. The Working Group was thanked for its efforts to date. See 4 page "pull out & keep" supplement, in the middle pages of this edition.

Bourton Circular Walks: Representatives from the Cotswolds National Landscape continue to work on two walks aimed at encouraging visitors away from the very busy centre of the village. The routes will be waymarked from the village centre and the project is due for completion by the end of March.

Armed Forces Covenant: Cllr Roberts was nominated to attend a virtual ceremony to re-sign the covenant on its 10th anniversary in March.

Annual Parish Meeting: A reminder that all residents are welcome to attend the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 30th March in the George Moore Community Centre. This not a parish council meeting but an opportunity for residents to meet and hear reports from local groups and organisations, as well as the parish council, on activities over the past year. There will be drinks and nibbles available so please come and join us.

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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

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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- 14th Bourton Lunch Club, **CCP**, GL54 2AY. 12Noon, 01608 692811.
- 15th-16th Easter Food Market, Co-op, 10am-4pm, local suppliers & entertainment. See page 4.
- 18th Rural Cinema, **VH**, WEST SIDE STORY, 12a, Drama musical. 2hrs 36 mins. Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler, Maddie Ziehl. 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on the door.
- 20th Bourton Local History Society, **BCH**, 7.30pm.
- 20th Neighbourhood policing team, Co-Op car park, 10am-4pm.
- 24th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599. See column 3.
- 25th Probus meeting, 10am, **GMCC**. "Britain in the 1950s - the optimistic decade", Philip Brown See p 5.
- 27th u3a, "Birds, Tigers and the Raj", talk by Arthur Ball. 10am-12 Noon, **BLH**. See page 15.

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on Wednesday 6th April in The
George Moore Community Centre.

Sharon Henley, Clerk/RFO

Tel: 01451 820712

clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk

www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

Bourton Browser Team News

This Browser is a special 20 page edition, including a 4 page Jubilee supplement, for you to pull out and keep. The Browser has funded this as a contribution towards the celebrations. We are very grateful to our deliverers for handling these, one off, heavier Browsers.

Stow Police station telephone number was printed incorrectly in our "Useful Telephone Numbers list" (January edition) the number is 01452 907273.

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

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Dates for 2022		
23 January	27 February	27 March
24 April	22 May	26 June
24 July	28 August	25 September
23 October	27 November	18 December
	22 January 2023	

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We are now planning for the Spring/Summer by making bird boxes, bird tables and items for your garden. You are welcome to come to the sheds and see other items we have made – you might even decide to join us! Orders are being taken and we can offer a service for small repairs. We can also offer tool sharpening. Our site is behind the British Legion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30-12.30. Hope to see you soon.

Visit our website on www.bourtonmeninsheds.weebly.com

Dave Birch



Bourton-on-the-Water WI

When you are asked to bring along your own wine glass to a meeting it's almost certain that some kind of toasting is going to be on the agenda. The sound that everyone associates with toasting is the clinking of two wine glasses, but why do we clink our glasses? It is said that in medieval times wine was safer to drink than water, so became the drink of choice, and thus the perfect way to be poisoned. By clinking your glass, the liquid would slop over into your hosts glass, proving that your host wasn't trying to poison you and therefore the wine was safe to drink.

I'm reliably informed there was no slopping of wine or poisoning at the Bourton-on-the-Water WI meeting on Tuesday the 8th of March, just a fun social evening of Beetle Drive and clinking which was enjoyed by all Another glass? Wine not?!

And why not join our friendly group of ladies and make new friends. We meet every second Tuesday of the month, 7pm in the Victoria Hall. Just turn up on the evening and you will be made to feel very welcome. Next meeting on the 12th April. **Vanessa**

Support for local residents at the Bourton Community Day Club

Cotswold Friends' Community Day Club helps local people get together with others in a relaxed and friendly environment to develop social connections and reduce feelings of isolation or loneliness. The Club is open to all, including people living with memory loss, carers and the cared-for. We can also offer carers a break whilst the cared for person attends the club. Why not come and join us? As well as our usual activities such as board games, cards, dominoes, jigsaws and reminiscence discussions, we have a planned theme for each day:

Wednesday 13th April – Easter Celebration Day. Enjoy a hot crossed bun, reminiscence discussions on past Easter celebrations, Easter crafts including card or bonnet making and an Easter quiz.

Wednesday 27th April – All About Birds. Including bird bingo, bird themed anagrams and quizzes, songs and poems and the opportunity to make a simple bird feeder.

We would love more members to come along and join us. The Club runs on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10.30am-2.30pm at The Lounge, Market Close, Roman Way, GL54 2HE. All day with lunch £4.50, morning or afternoon with refreshments £1.00. 01608 652019 or carers@cotswoldfriends.org to find out more.



OUT AND ABOUT in April

- Daily until 24th Daily, Lambing & Kidding at Cotswolds Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5FL. 01451 850307. www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk
- 2nd Great Rissington Village Market, Great Rissington Club, 10am till noon. 01451 822285.
- 9th "Cheltenham Spring Fryer", Fish and Chip Special, 7pm, Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway, Toddington, GL54 5DT. Advanced bookings required www.gwsr.com or 01242 621405.
- 9th-24th "Easter in the Park", Cirencester Park, Cirencester, GL7 2BU, 01285 704444. Search for giant eggs, dinosaurs and unicorns. 9am-3.30pm.
- 9th-24th Easter Egg Hunts at Hidcote Manor Gardens, Hidcote Bartrim, near Chipping Campden, GL55 6LR. 10am-5pm, £3 per child plus normal entrance fees. 01386 438333.
- 9th-24th Easter Egg Hunts at Snowhill Manor and Gardens, Snowhill, near Broadway, WR12 7JU. 11am-5.30pm, £3 per child plus normal entrance fees. 01386 852410.
- 9th-24th "Big Batsford Bunny Hunt", Batsford Arboretum, Batsford, Nr Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9AT £2.50 per child plus normal entrance fees. Non members must pre book.
- 15th-18th Easter Entertainment for all the Family, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, www.blenheimpalace.com or call 01993 810530.
- 17th Combe Mill in Steam, Easter Egg Hunt etc, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough. OX298ET www.combemill.org See page 6.
- 23rd "Mozart in Motion", Patrick Mackie discusses his book, Northleach Church, 7.00pm. Tickets £8 from Northleach outlets and at northleachmozart.eventbrite.co.uk See page 16.
- 28th-1st May Spring Homes & Garden Open Air Fair, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. Fair Tickets £5 from enquiry@ukgrandsales.co.uk.
- 28th-30th The Wychwood Players present 3 one act plays, "But Yesterday", "Carrot" & "Late Entry". 7.30pm, New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton-under-Wychwood, OX7 6BQ. Info & tickets from www.wychwoodplayers.co See page 18.
- 30th-2nd May Jousting Tournaments, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, www.blenheimpalace.com or call 01993 810530.
- 30th-2nd May, Lechlade Vintage Rally & County Show, Langley Farm, Langley Lane, Clanfield, Bampton, OX18 2RZ. 01993843221. 10am-4.30pm, Tickets £5.

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual plant and seed swap and for helping to make such an enjoyable evening, with lots of plants and seeds going to new homes. Congratulations to Marie Russell who won the March competition. The April competition is a small display of spring flowering bulbs, and with a long history and wealth of local countryside experience, champion hedge layer, Robin Dale, will be our guest speaker on Wednesday April 13th.

Spring is here at last, and for plants, gardeners and wildlife, it is a very busy time of year, the days are longer, and although the mornings are still cooler, it is a joy to listen to the dawn chorus, which can be heard 20 times further, than at other times of the day. If you are fortunate to have blue tits nesting in your garden, watch for repeat visits, carrying food into nest boxes, is a sure sign the eggs have hatched. The parents will be busy feeding their young, blue tits need to collect 100 caterpillars every day for each chick and sometimes there will be up to 10 chicks to feed.

Although April should be the time for more butterflies and moths to emerge, over the last 50 years, our butterflies and moths have declined in abundance or distribution by a whopping 76% through climate change, pollution and loss of habitat and, as gardeners, we

can do a little to collectively help with the circle of life for butterflies, moths and birds. Leaving fewer tidy areas creates places for butterflies and moths to shelter. Growing nectar rich plants such as Buddleia, Verbena bonariensis, Lavender, Marjoram and perennial wallflowers helps them find food.

Happy gardening and wildlife watching!

Julie Huckle

Panto Group



After the success of our 40th show we will be celebrating 40 glorious years on the stage with a party in April. Our first panto was Dick Wittington, directed by Richard Mooney, who was a founding member of the Bourton Panto Group. Our latest success was "A Panto Puzzle", by Mary Portalska, the show had a difficult run up, due to covid19, and at times we thought we would have to cancel. But we carried on regardless uncertain whether anyone would get to see it and we finally put on a performance that the audience loved, the show was a great success, and got some rave reviews. We made the front page of the Gloucestershire Echo as well as a half page article inside. And then Gloucestershire Radio got in touch and interviewed some of the cast, Emma, half of our favourite comedy duo, Iain, the best dressed Dame in Bourton, and Jan, the Chairperson and Director, that made it all happen. We're now in lights, in print and on air!

So what's next? What will be happening to the much acclaimed Bourton Panto Group over the coming year? Why don't you join us on our journey? *The only way is up!* That's what they say isn't it? Broadway here we come! No!...no!... I mean the one in New York not the one just down the road! Come with us and enjoy the fun, the tears and the laughter.

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The cast of Aladdin, performed by the Bourton Pantomime Group at the Victoria Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water, which started

Aladdin 1982 - Can you recognise anyone?

Jackie Denham

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER PROBUS CLUB



During February we were entertained by two speakers. The first was a presentation by Air Commodore Barbara Cooper, informing the audience about the work and issues of the War Graves Commission. Later in the month Myles Pilling gave us an insight into his experiences of being a Special Schools "teacher".

Our next meetings include Guest Speakers David Clark on "We can't let you broadcast that!" (April 11th) and Philip Brown on "Britain in the 1950s - the optimistic decade" (April 25th).

Meetings are held at George Moore Community Centre on 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 10 a.m. for coffee/tea, fellowship and talk by a Guest Speaker. You are warmly invited to join any Meeting as a Guest and can contact Kevin Hick on 01451 868435 or by email at kevinhick8@outlook.com or via any of our members. **Kevin Hick**

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Since opening we have received such positive feedback within the village and support from the local businesses, including the local print company "Super Lemon" who pulled out all the stops to have our last minute requests done in record time. And Bespoke Bourton who created our beautiful wooden shop signs. Shalom the Rainbow shop have been amazing, offering tea and cakes during the refurbishments, so we feel very lucky. We will be offering all floristry services and reliable deliveries. With our larger premises we are now able to offer a wider range, so you can find fresh and dried flowers, indoor and outdoor plants, ceramics and more, so if you haven't already, then come down and take a look, we would love to see you. **Our opening hours are Tuesday - Friday 9.30am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm. Telephone: 01451 798100** (Credit for the image to Alison Lawrence of Cotswold House Photography).

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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 on the website, including whether booking is necessary. Additional walks will be published on the website.**

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

Bourton-on-the-Hill to Sezincote, Longborough and Moreton-in-Marsh

Tuesday 5th April – Moderate 3.5hr 7ml

A walk from busy Bourton-on-the-Hill to the oriental looking Sezincote House and then to the picturesque Longborough and the bustling town on Moreton-in-Marsh. Bring coffee/snack. Opportunity for lunch at the Horse and Groom following the walk. *Start:* 9.30am Horse and Groom car park, Bourton-on-the-Hill, GL56 9AQ.

OS Map ref: SP 173 326.

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.



Message from the Church



The Rev'd Rowena King
revrowena@gmail.com
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StLawrencesBourtonOnTheWater

Join our main Sunday service at 11am each week (including Easter Day)

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday 14th April – 7pm Remembering the Last Supper
Good Friday 15th April – 9:30am Messy Good Friday (family friendly)
10:45 Walk of Witness
2:00pm Last Hour at the Cross

Other services: Midweek Holy Communion - 10:30am Wednesday (not 20th)
8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 10th April only

Breakfast Church Saturday 9th- 9am start

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

St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill: 3rd – Morning Worship and 17th Easter
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 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**.

Bourton Primary Academy

March continued to be a very busy month at school, with us all celebrating World Book Day on the first week back after our half term break. We all wore our pyjamas and spent the day celebrating wonderful books together. We had a special hot chocolate treat in the afternoon to finish a lovely day! We were very fortunate that Michelle, from Usbourne books, along with other businesses and local members of the community have donated new books to our school for World Book Day. Thank you to Bourton Rovers Football Club, Kelly & Stuart Soper, Kelly Jane, Hair by Paula, Zena the Barber, Steve Rix, Valerie Fenton, John Nunn, Annie Lambeth, Helen Driver and Pete Webb for your kind donations.

Varying classes from across the preschool and school have started to grow vegetables and plants as part of their topics this half term. They have enjoyed planting them and are looking forward to seeing how they change as they grow.

Our Year 6 children are going on their Residential visit at the beginning of April and are very much looking forward to it. It has been over 2 years since we have been able to offer any form of residential visit and the children gain so much confidence and independence from them! Our Year 4 and 5 children are excited for their 2 night trip away in May as well.

We have held Parents Evenings for all children in school and these continue to be a positive experience. We are thankful for how supportive our parents are of their children as well as our teaching staff. We wish you all a happy Easter break.

Tori Teague, Senior Leader

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Saturday evening: **Vigil Mass 6 pm.**

Sunday morning: **9 am Sung Mass**

WEEKDAY MASSES:

At **9 am** everyday. (No Mass Saturday)

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SPECIAL SERVICES IN APRIL

Sunday 3rd April. Children's Mass (specially for families with small children).
10.30 am

Thur. 7th April. NO MASS.

Friday 8th April. Talk 3 by John Huntriss: Why did Jesus die? 6pm-7pm (Open to all denominations)

Palm Sunday 10 April. Sung Mass with Procession and reading of the Passion. 9 am

Wed 13th April. NO MASS.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday 14th April. Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper. 7.30 pm

Good Friday 15th April. Office of Readings and Morning Prayer. 9 am
Celebration of the Passion of The Lord. 3 pm

Holy Saturday 16th April. Celebration of the Easter Vigil, with lighting of the new fire and blessing of Paschal Candle, Readings, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, and first Mass of Easter.

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THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

A record number of Oxbridge offers for The Cotswold School students

This year, more students than ever from The Cotswold School have received offers to study at the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford.

Congratulations to Sam, Lucy, Callum, Cathryn, Ed and



Kate – and well done to everyone who applied.

Mr White, Head of Sixth Form, said the school's support for all applicants is thorough and challenging. Furthermore, the encouragement of high ambition is established back in Key Stage 3 and 4.

"Our Aspire programme helps students who have an aptitude and desire to study at greater depth and pursue extra challenges, to develop their vision for study at top universities. For example, Amos in Year 10 recently wrote an essay for a competition in the national 'Oxpire' programme as part of Aspire, which was 'highly commended'."

Mr White also thanked the former students who are giving back to their school by supporting sixth formers' applications with interview practice.

"As well as the six Oxbridge offers, two-thirds of Year 13 have received offers to study at other Russell Group universities and are on track to achieve the required grades for their first-choice courses. Among many notable offers so far, we have our first ever place at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School – congratulations to Frankie, who has a place to study Theatre Production there. Meg has an offer to read Medicine at Plymouth University and Gus has offers from Nottingham University and Harper & Keele

Veterinary School to study Veterinary Medicine."

The six who received offers from Oxford and Cambridge are eager to embark on degrees in subjects including Law, Geography, Chinese Studies and History. They are now focused on achieving the top A level grades they require to clinch their places.

Will Morgan

Headteacher

Bourton Vale Tennis Club



The new tennis season is now underway. We are accepting new memberships and particularly welcome children and adults of all abilities. One of the ways we are celebrating our centenary this year is with a new website. Please go to www.bourtontennisclub.org to check it out

and get all the information you need for playing tennis in Bourton. New and existing members can sign up to the 2022-23 season via the membership registration page. Please sign up now to make the most of all the social and competitive tennis, as well as the Junior coaching programme starting after the Easter holidays. Also starting after the holidays will be Junior club nights, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The club nights (Adult Club Night on Thursday evening from 6:30pm) are free to join for members but anyone wishing to have a try out is welcome to come along. Please get in touch via the website.

Finally, we enjoyed our annual skittles night recently at The Farmers Arms in Guiting Power. An enjoyable evening was had by the more than 20 people who attended. Lots of good food and drink and some erratic skittles! Thanks to Mary Greenhill for continuing to organize this wonderful social event.



Keep an eye out for more events that will be happening this year especially in parallel with our centenary.

I hope to see you on court soon!

Alex Peyton

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Brother and Sister Earn Black Belt in Tae Kwon-Do.

In less than a year, brother and sister, Blake (14) and Sophia (17) Robinson have earned the prestigious Black Belt in Tae Kwon-Do. The pair began their Tae Kwon-Do journey in May 2012, working their way up the belts in the junior class before developing onto the senior class.



It was Sophia who gained her black belt first in a Grading in August 2021 where she was the only student to take the Black Belt exam. Since then, Sophia has begun to learn new techniques as well as assisting at subsequent gradings. Each student is required to write a Black Belt essay. In hers she talks about one of the reasons she loves training,

"there's always more to learn, a new level of complexity and intricate detail to practice, memorise and

perfect". She also mentions after a plethora of extracurricular activities, Tae Kwon-Do is the only one to survive past Year 11.

More recently, Blake earned his Black Belt in March 2022. Like his sister he was the only student testing for Black Belt. Similarly performing Line Work, Patterns, Set Sparring and Free Sparring as well as being asked Theory questions. In his Black Belt essay, Blake talks about how he has worked to perfect his techniques and how it has affected his life outside Tae Kwon-Do, *"this perfectionism that I have had to build as I progressed through the Tae Kwon Do grades, I have taken to all walks of my life, whether it be playing the guitar, or perfecting my skill in school class".*

Both train at local Combined Self Defence clubs under Mr Lee Chapman, 6th Degree Black Belt. Information about the clubs can be found at www.CombinedSelfDefence.com

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Senior Swimmer of the Month was Joe Barnard, who has had an outstanding County Championships; he is now aiming for more events at the forthcoming SER 15 & Over Championships.

Junior Swimmer of the Month was Max Hayman, who has also just had an outstanding County Championships, resulting in him being our first automatic qualifier at the forthcoming SER U 14 Championships.

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We hold a monthly meeting open to all members and, although life has been somewhat fraught over a period, we are now holding them monthly once again. The next will be on 27th April at the Royal British Legion Hall in Bourton, starting at 10am when refreshments will be available and will be followed by a talk on "Birds, Tigers and the Raj" by Arthur Ball. The cost for the morning will be £2, as usual.

As well as the monthly meetings, we do have a selection of smaller groups in various subjects of interest and it is hoped to expand the number of groups in the near future. Further information on these is available on our website (please see below) or you can obtain further information on the u3a itself by contacting a member of the committee by calling the

number below.

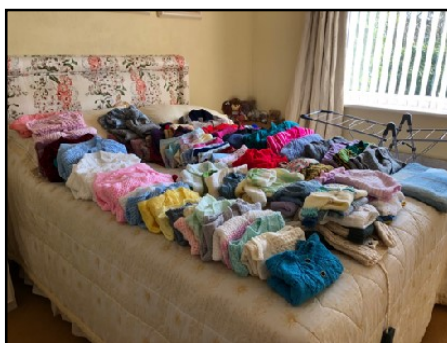
It is well known that physical activities, mental stimulation and friendships in later life are very beneficial, and we hope to offer the possibility of those to our members. If you feel you'd like to know more, please do get in touch, either by coming to a monthly meeting or ringing the number below.

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Irene's Charity Knitting Circle

For our Knitting Circle, the main cause to concentrate our efforts on at present is, of course, help for Ukraine Refugees and those families struggling for survival and suffering in Ukraine.



We have arranged for many items of clothing, blankets of all sizes and toys, (specially requested for the children) to be added to lorries delivering vital

equipment, medicines, etc. to be taken to Poland in March. Our first batch left mid-March. We will continue to provide more of these items over the next few months when space is available for them.



Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 13th April, 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 us to provide support for special causes and comfort for families in need in our local communities.

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Bourton Matters

Emma Dixon and Jon Wareing are going to launch a brand, spanking new Bourton-centric radio programme with Cotswolds Radio.

"We're excited to be working with them on this community focussed project that will combine chat and commentary on local Bourton goings-on, live guests and interwoven with our own selection of music." says Emma. "We're both really passionate about the role of community and connecting people so hope Bourton residents will download the Cotswolds Radio app and check out the show."

"Emma's got a great wealth of broadcasting and presenting experience on both TV and Radio so that bodes well", notes Jon. "At the opposite end of the spectrum, I've done the odd interview over the years so consider myself a novice in the studio but I'm game for a new challenge that will definitely get me out of my comfort zone."

The first show goes out on 31st March at 4:00pm to 6:00pm and will be re-broadcast at the same time the following week.

We are delighted to be talking with two high profile guests in this first show. Donna Holland is coming in for a slot we're calling "My Bourton Life" and we'll be reflecting on the impact of COVID on village life and what this means for the community. And then Lynda Hicks will be along to talk about the preparations for the Platinum Jubilee weekend in June which will be a big opportunity for residents of Bourton to connect in ways we just haven't been able to since before the pandemic.

If you have any messages, dedications or questions that you would like Emma and Jon to explore, please get in touch at BourtonMatters@gmx.co.uk

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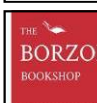
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Thank the Lord, for what we have,
And for the time to come,
We pray for peace in all the world,
And look towards the sun.

Millie Thomas

Bourton Support for Ukraine

I have been so impressed by local Bourtonians who have raised funds for the Ukraine appeal via the Rotary club, and local villagers, with palletlines. They have raised thousands of pounds in Bourton and essential items since last week which will go directly to Ukraine Relief centres. I thought it might also be helpful to write a poem in support of the People of the Ukraine and as an acknowledgement of local support from Bourtonians.

Ukraine

There's no need to explain
When you say, 'Ukraine'.
Their suffering and pain
We see again and again.
While they stay and fight
For what we know is right.
We, too, must play our parts
By opening our good hearts:
Our world we need to share
To lighten the burden they bear,
And show we deeply care
By deed, donation and prayer.
We shall stand and remain
With the people of Ukraine.

Hugh O'Connell



North Cotswolds Rotary

North Cotswolds Rotary Raises £7,000 for Ukraine

On Saturday March 5th members of North Cotswolds Rotary held a street collection in Bourton-on-the-Water. On the day a total of £2,647 was donated. Subsequently we have had several donations from the public including £535 from Stow Rugby Club and £1,000 from Rotary in the Rissingtons. Members of North Cotswolds Rotary have also donated their member subscriptions and with Gift Aid the total amount raised has now reached £7,000.

The money will go directly to support the women and children fleeing the warzone in Ukraine. £500 will be used to purchase long shelf-life food, plus toiletries and medicines. These will be shipped by lorry to the town of Ustron in southern Poland, where a local Cotswolds resident has a house. She is currently working directly with Polish authorities there to ensure that urgently needed aid is given to Ukrainian refugees seeking accommodation and shelter in that town. Donated goods destined for Poland are being sorted by a team of volunteers and boxed up ready for transport at Bourton Vale Equine Clinic.

The rest of the money will go to the Rotary Foundation UK (RFUK) Disaster Response Fund that will provide funds to Rotary clubs and Districts in the countries immediately affected by the influx of refugees e.g. Poland, Moldova, Slovakia etc. Money will also be made available to areas further afield, including some in the UK, that will be taking in refugees in due course.

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Ever-ready, wired-up to go,
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Urging life to spring and grow.
April's pistons pushes up petals.
Nothing dawdles or settles,
As April steps on the accelerator,
The Unstoppable Green Generator.

Hugh O'Connell



The Wychwood Players

The Wychwood Players next production in April will feature three one-act plays.

"But Yesterday", is a haunting, enigmatic one-act play from the sensitive pen of successful playwright Jimmie Chinn, directed by Jacquelyne Morison. Prior to leaving on a journey from which he will not return, Robert comes back to his childhood garden in which he relives moments from his childhood which become intermingled with the present.

"Carrot", is a comedy by David Tristram, directed by Anthony Gofton, taking us into the sensitive world of industrial relations. The new Managing Director of an ailing roofing supplies manufacturer has the tricky job of trying to convince the Trade Union Representative of the need to modernise the firm in order to keep it in business.

"Late Entry", directed by Dudley Thompson, is another comedy, also by David Tristram. Amateur Drama Festi-

vals are challenging, but very rewarding, for all concerned. Stage crews have to cope with unfamiliar stages and differing lighting and sound set-ups. Actors always suffer varying degrees of nerves but face the added pressures of being scrutinised and judged by the Adjudicators, who in turn, must present a professional face at all times, despite any tiredness or boredom they feel.

Performances are at 7.30 pm from Thursday 28th April 2022 to Saturday 30th April 2022 at the New Beaconsfield Hall, Ship-ton-under-Wychwood, Chipping Norton OX7 6BQ. For more information and to book tickets please visit: www.wychwoodplayers.co **Ralph Wears**

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The rivers also played their part we followed everyone
The Windrush, Eye, and Dikler meant hours and hours of fun
Now we are on the railway
We must watch out for trains
When we hear it coming, not going to be brave
Just clamber up the cutting bank to give the passengers a wave
The train has passed we carry on walking up the line
Oh there is an adder over there lying in the sun
We all know that one bite from him would cause someone some pain
Three sticks come crashing down on him never to bite again
Just over there is a field it's rough and very green
In the tufts the rabbits make a squat and think they can't be seen
We form into an arc now and comb across the valley
Co-operation is the game if you want a decent tally
The hunt is quite soon over and we have done OK
Just need to paunch and hock them before we are on our way
Now we head for seven springs there's cress beds there you see
We all tie up a bunch of it and take it home for tea
Pinewoods is a place we like so now we wander through it
We come out on the cutting bank then climb the fence into it
This is the deepest on the line so lots of things to do
So many creatures live in here and jackdaws nest here too
But now we are drifting homewards
Yes we had a darned good time
And one thing we are sure of we'll do it all again

Poem written by Brian Fathers during the 1940's and sent in by Brian's grandson, Jo Fathers.

(Editor's note: This poem was written 70+ years ago, when attitudes and sensitivities towards wildlife were different and it was common for children to roam freely in the countryside).

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Bourton welcomes back charity 10k race after 2 years



Bourton-on-the-Water welcomed back 700 runners from across the country for the first time in two years, to its ever-popular road race, the Highbridge Jewellers Bourton 10k. Entries were sold-out within a couple of hours of opening on 1st December. There was additional interest this year as England Athletics had selected the race to be one of its qualification events for the England Age Group Masters team.

The race was won by James Denne of Gloucester AC in a time of 31:14, with Ben Kruze of Stratford-upon-Avon AC (31:31) and Jamie Arnold of City of Stoke AC (31:37) in hot-pursuit. The first lady to finish was Kelly Edwards of Leamington C&AC (35:35), with Emma Howsham of Reading AC (36:24) second and Anna Hughes-Davies of Arena 80 AC (36:30) third.

One of the stars of the day was the wheelchair team of Neil Teague and Felix Thompson who stole the hearts of the crowd and fellow runners alike, finishing ahead of many of the runners, raising money for the Milestone School.

With many of Bourton's own runners engaged with ensuring that the race went smoothly, it was left to a small number to represent the club, led home by Peter Carrick easing nearly 3 minutes from his PB in a time of 38:52, with Niamh Shoemark the club's first lady in 41:44 (3rd LV50). Other Bourton runners included Neil Russell (48:33), Barry O'Leary (50:20) – a PB by 4 minutes, Andre Martins (50:53 - PB), Gill Carrick (54:49), Alan Gibson (54:45), Noelle Morgan (55:14), Chris Lynch (73:00) and Nicky Patterson (73:01) – a PB by a fantastic 7 minutes.



Bourton Roadrunners wants to thank all local residents and businesses alike for their patience with the disruption. Also to Highbridge Jewellers for their sponsorship covering more than 20 years; to Cotswold District Council and Bourton Vale Parking Ltd for their generous support with free parking for the runners. And thanks go to Bourton Vale Cricket Club and Cotswold First Aid for their invaluable support. This race will enable Bourton Roadrunners Club to make donation from its proceeds to the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

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