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Platinum
Jubilee
Special
Edition



June 2022

Village Jubilee Celebrations

- 2nd Children's Parties, Primary School.
Generation Tea Party, 2-5.30pm
RBL. Beacon Lighting, 9.15pm,
High Bridge (middle bridge).
- 3rd Open Gardens, 10am-4pm, "Picnic
in the Park - Beatles Concert",
Cotswold School Field, 5-9.45pm.
- 4th Youngster's 1 Mile Fun Run,
School Field, 10.15am-11am. Ten-
nis, Village Green, 10-11am. Foot-
ball in the River, 11am-Noon.
Street Parties, 4-8pm.
- 5th Jubilee Church Service, **StLC**,
11am. Duck Races, 10.30am-
2.30pm. Jubilee Flotilla 3pm.
Bourton Memories, **VH**, Noon-
6pm. Games, Community Stalls &
Climbing Wall, Village Green, 3-
7pm. Live Music & Dance, High St,
3.30-9pm. History Walk, Village
Green, 4-4.45pm & 6-6.45pm.
Street Food Court, Victoria St by
entrance to **VH**, 5- 8.30pm.

For the latest information & more de-
tails, please call in at the Information
Centre in Victoria Street or check out
the Parish Council website:

www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk



Also, see article page
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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 – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council & Meeting on 4th May

Re-election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: Councillor Bob Hadley was re-elected as Chairman and Councillor Andy Roberts as Vice-Chairman.

A full schedule of council and committee meetings for 2022-23 is available on our website here <http://www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk/community/bourton-on-the-water-parish-council-7919/meetings/>. It was agreed to add an opportunity for the public to speak on all future committee meeting agendas. Residents are always welcome to attend any of our meetings.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return and End of Year Accounts 2021-22 were approved. The dates for public inspection of the accounts will be Monday 13th June to Friday 22nd July, although documents will also be available to view on our web-site.

District Councillor Nick Maunder advised that four electrical car charging points were being installed in the Rissington Road car park.

Steve Cotton, CDC's Clean and Green Village Warden raised concerns that pedestrians were unable to cross the High Street safely and suggested installing a pedestrian crossing. A request is being passed to County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson who was unable to attend the meeting.

Highways: It was recently reported in the April minutes of the Highways Committee that initial ideas had been put forward by the Tourist Action Group (TAG) and the Parish Council's Highways Committee about managing traffic flow, parking and air quality. We would like to reassure residents that discussions are still in the very early stages and that the aims are to stop visitors parking in residential areas, to get better traffic flow on the High Street and to direct cars to the car parks. A priority will be to ensure that local residents have free access to the village centre, for example a free parking period, whilst visitors pay for parking in the centre after an initial free parking period. Any proposals will of course be subject to public consultation before being progressed.

Local shops are to be encouraged to provide better disabled access facilities. A proposal is being passed to Gloucestershire County Council Highways to move the disabled spaces by the Church Room further towards Moore Road to allow a bus pull-in bay to be created.

Platinum Jubilee: We are all looking forward to the village events in June and the Parish Council will be providing commemorative mugs to the children at Bourton Primary School. The mugs will also be available to purchase during the events and from the Parish Council office between 9am & 3pm weekdays at a cost of £5.

Play Areas - Rye Close: We have removed the cradle swing seats as

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- Every Mon, Yoga with Fran, 9-10am, suitable for all levels. 07950 424037.
franyoga@rocketmail.com
- Every Mon, Wed & Fri, Bourton Men in Sheds, 9.30am-12.30pm, Behind **RBL**, 01608 692811.
- Every Tues, "Together on Tuesdays", Soup lunch. 12-1.30pm, **StLC**.
- 2nd Carers Café, 1-3pm, **GMCC**, safe space for carers to chat/relax with other carers. Supported by Kate's Home Nursing, 07718 649 214.
- 3rd At the Pavilion", Market, 10am-4pm, **CCP**, jlthepavilion@gmail.com
- 6th & 20th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember Sessions, **GMCC**, 10.30am. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
- 8th Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm. **GMCC**. See column 3.
- 8th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **GMCC**, 10am-12Noon. See page 6.
- 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.
- 12th Car Boot Sale, Co-op Garage, Station Rd, GL54 2EN. 8.30-11.30am, in aid of Kate's Home Nursing, 07867121122. See column 3.
- 13th Probus meeting, 10am, **GMCC**. "Lady Toastmaster" by Jane Hall. See page 5.
- 14th WI Meeting, 7pm, **VC**. See page 3.
- 15th Bourton Local History Society,

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- "Stroud Workhouse" by Chas Townley. **BCH**, 7.30pm. See page .
- 16th Tayler & Fletcher, Summer Auction Sale, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.
- 17th Bourton Men in Sheds Open Morning, 9.30-12.30, behind **BLH**, see pages 11 & 12..
- 18th-19th Gift Fair **VH**, Gifts, Jewellery & Collectors, Accessories; Children's Books & Toys. 07832195427.
- 19th Bourton Roadrunners Hilly half + Fun Run, see page 14.
- 20th Rural Cinema, DEATH ON THE NILE, Drama, 12a, 2hrs 7 mins, **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on the door. See page 5.
- 22nd u3a, 10.30am-12 Noon, "The Wright Brothers to Concorde in 60 years" by John McCormick. **BLH**. See page 13.
- 23rd Police Point open, **GMCC**, 1-2pm, www.gloucestershire.police.uk
- 25th St Lawrence's Church Fete, 10am-4pm, The Green. Duck Races, tom-bola, teas, bric a brac.
- 26th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599. See 13.
- 27th Probus meeting, 10am, **GMCC**, on "Contemporary Policing Issues" by Tim Brain. See page 5.

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the wooden supports are rotten and are looking at options for replacement.

Parish Office: The office is normally open between 9am and 3pm from Monday to Friday but will be closed on Bank Holidays, including Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June for Platinum Jubilee weekend.

Next Parish Council Meeting: The next meeting will take place one week later than usual on Wednesday 8th June in The George Moore Community Centre.

Sharon Henley, Clerk/RFO

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Bourton Browser Team News

We hope everybody enjoys the Jubilee Bank Holiday. Our thanks to those involved in organising the village celebrations. Fingers crossed for dry weather! Do send in your photos and reports of how you celebrated for the July Browser. See details below.

If you are organising events 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

We welcome articles (max. 300 words) & photographs from adults & children on any subjects of local interest. Please email to team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk

The Bourton Browser Team

Thanks

Big thanks for all your good wishes during my month in hospital with Tib and Fib snapped down near the ankle. Bit of a roller coaster ride but I can report that the front line nurses and ancillary staff in Gloucester and Bristol were nothing less than professional, encouraging and kind. No change there, thank goodness, from when I managed Whitby Hospital way back in 1976! I was on the other side this time! **Bill Wragge**

Bourton-on-the-Water WI

The Bourton-on-the-Water WI ladies decanted from their usual meeting hall to the Duke of Wellington public house for their May meeting. Pat Taylor, the WI President, suggested the alternative venue due to a last-minute hitch with a speaker. It was the first time in recent years that the meeting had been held in the pub and it was a great success.



It was a nice opportunity for the ladies to "wine" down, with almost a full house of members attending. An enjoyable evening was had by all with good food, good wine and fun firmly on the agenda.

The ladies won't be getting so fizzical at next month's meeting but they will be getting physical as a speaker will be teaching them all about Yoga, 14th June, 7pm, Victoria Hall, Bourton. New members most welcome !!

Kind Regards

Vanessa Yamin



Sale in Aid of Pancreatic Cancer

Did you know that for many types of cancer the survival rates have been improving, but this is not the case with Pancreatic cancer. The survival rates for this type of cancer have barely changed for 30 years, hence the massive need for more research.

We are holding a sale at the Victoria Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water on July 2nd, 10.30 until 12.30 to raise awareness and make as much money as possible.

We have a fabulous raffle, homemade cakes, cards for all occasions, beautiful gifts and coffee and tea will be served in the hall.

Please do come and support us.

Sue Gilbert

🇬🇧 Jubilee Tea party 🇬🇧

Oh the lovely month of June,
When all the flowers are in bloom,
To sit outside and catch the sun,
Or, maybe, walk or maybe, run!

🇬🇧 To meet lots of friends 🇬🇧
on the 2nd June ,
We have waited so long,
It can't come too soon.

P.S. As the song goes,
"we'll meet again".

Millie Thomas



OUT AND ABOUT in June

- Various dates throughout June, July and August, Longborough Festival Opera, New Banks Fee, Longborough, GL56 0QF. 01451 830292. www.lfo.org.uk
- 2nd-5th Food Festival, Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and Giffords Circus, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, www.blenheimpalace.com or call 01993 810530.
- 3rd Cotswold Olimpick Games, Dover's Hill, Chipping Campden, GL55 6UW, 7pm. Games, torch light procession, music & fireworks. 01386 841206 www.olimpickgames.co.uk/
- 3rd-5th Cotswold Festival of Steam, Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway, Toddington, GL54 5DT. www.gwsr.com or 01242 621405.
- 4th Ceilidh for the Queen, with the Hilltop Band, 7.30-10pm, Northleach Church; Tickets £5, welcome drink included. Tickets from Black Cat Café, Northleach, see page 15.
- 5th-26th Fresh Air Sculpture, The Old Rectory, Church Road, Quenington, GL7 5BN. 10am-5pm, Tickets £10. 01285 750358. www.freshairsculpture.com/
- 8th North Cotswold Arts Association, Painting en plain air, or still life in the hall, Warwick Hall, Burford Church, 2-4 pm. 07999 589387. See page 14.
- 9th-12th "Forest Live", open air concerts at Westonbirt Arboretum, Tetbury, GL8 8QS. 3000 680400 www.forestryengland.uk/music
- 10th-11th "As You Like It", open air theatre, Church Street, Chipping Campden, GL55 6JE. 6pm for 7pm, bring picnic, tickets £13, concessions £11. www.ticketsource.co.uk/suddenimpulsetheatrecompany
- 12th Village Market at Great Rissington 10am till noon. 01451 822285.
- 18th-19th Great British Food Festival, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. Tickets & details from www.greatbritishfoodfestival.com/sudeley-castle
- 19th Elkstone Open Gardens Day, 2pm - 6pm. www.elkstonevillage.com See page 14.
- 19th "Wheels" Event, 10.30am-5pm, Combe Mill "in Steam", Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough. OX298ET www.combemill.org See page 15.
- 22nd 'Impressions of Batsford' photography workshop at Batsford Arboretum, 9am-5pm. Suitable for an intermediate plus ability level. More details & to book, visit www.imageseen.co.uk
- 24th-26th Blenheim Palace Flower Show, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, www.blenheimpalace.com or call 01993 810530.

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If you are a swift lover, new builder or renovator, (renovations, often without people realising it, block off access to the nest sites), please give thought to these birds whose survival depends on our help. Contact swift conservation, who will give you simple advice on how you can, with the addition of swift bricks / nesting boxes, provide places for them to nest and raise their young. www.swift-conservation.org / mail@swift-conservation.org

Last year the Common Swift was added to the endangered list. These birds are very vulnerable, and conservation bodies say loss of suitable nesting sites is one of the major causes for decline in these birds whose numbers have dropped by over 60% in last 25 years.

Joan M Plater

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Rural Cinema Urgent or Regret

You have had a welcome from me at the matinee and evening performances of Rural Cinema for the past 18 years.

Over the last four years I have been asking for another projectionist or two, to take the place of John Gaden, who has been with me since 2004, when we did the first showing. John now wishes to stand down. That goes for me also.

Two men did come forward to help, but one of them will be moving to Wales and the other cannot commit to being available every month, thus we have no relief projectionist.

Covid still appears to be having an adverse effect on audience numbers. The evening screening of the April film "West Side Story" had to be cancelled as only 5 people turned up. I was not prepared to waste the Victoria Hall's electricity for 2.5 hours for such a low number. 13 people attended the matinee but this was not enough to cover our outgoings.

PLEASE someone with some technical know how, male or female, come forward!!

As from September we only plan to put on one screening, which will be in the evening. This will still be on the third Monday of the month. We may resume the matinee showings if there is enough interest.

I'm hoping somebody will come forward to help soon,

otherwise we will have to close altogether.

Mollie Wise, 822365

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER PROBUS CLUB.

During April we had a talk by Lynn Hilditch on her experiences of being a female Air Traffic Controller in the RAF at a time when few WRAF personnel got this type of opportunity.

Later in the month we had a fascinating talk about Britain in the 1950s by Philip Bowen. It was shown to be a time when people were optimistic about the future. For many of us present it also brought out nostalgic memories.

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 kevin-hick8@outlook.com or via any of our members.

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Thanks go to local residents and visitors for the generosity.

Bourton Vale Cricket Club

These are exciting times at Bourton Vale Cricket Club.

We are just underway with our new season and have high expectations.

We have our new Player / Coach, Jordan Price, leading all of our coaching sessions and now two overseas players from Australia and South Africa.

A slight delay on our new Net System has been frustrating but we are not immune from the supply chain issues around the World, so we must be patient.

However, our ground is in great shape and the Clubhouse is flourishing.

We have a number of regular community users but feel free to let me know if you have an event or local commercial enterprise that could make use of the easy parking and attractive space.

On occasions we open our ground for car parking. This is normally on peak tourist traffic occasions. Of course this is commercially important to us but there is no doubt that the village struggles to provide parking spaces on busy days. We hope the local community can see that we are part of the solution and that we are doing our best to keep the flow of traffic to reasonable levels.

We continue to seek further local involvement.

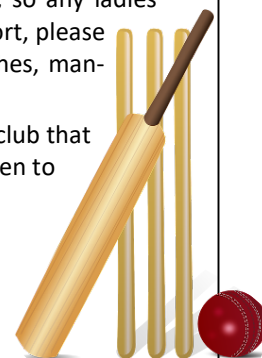
Specifically we would love to have more volunteers to help run some of our younger teams and, also, our Women's and Girls' teams. This is a particular focus at present, so any ladies out there, of any age, with an interest in sport, please drop me an email or call me. Players, coaches, managers or general helpers are all welcome.

And finally, please be assured that we are a club that does not discriminate in any way. We are open to all and welcome everyone.

Kevin Langley,

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Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club

A successful quiz night was held on 6th May in Northleach at the Cotswold Hall. A profit of £382 was raised and a donation was made to The Brain Tumour Research Appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported on the night. The Lions Club Welfare Account will benefit from the remaining profits to help with local community charities.

The following morning the Lions Club organised a successful litter pick supported by Northleach with Eastington Town Council. Thank you to all who attended.

North Cotswold FOODBANK:

The Lions continue to deliver to the Guiting Power FOODBANK depot.

Collection of food donations are from Fruitcakes in Northleach and will be fortnightly on 7th and 21st June.

Northleach Jubilee:

A few members of the club will be assisting with marshalling the traffic in the market place for the street party celebrations on Sunday 5th June.

We look forward to the Charter Fair on Saturday 25th June where you'll find us with our gazebo promoting our 100 club and letting you know what Lions do.

Next Meeting

We welcome anyone interested in finding out more about our work and social events to join us at the club's next monthly meeting on Tuesday 14th June in the Black Cat Cafe at 8pm.

Avril Haseler/President



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Irene's Charity Knitting Circle

First of all, our thanks and appreciation go to Marie and Dawn for running the May monthly meeting in our absence on holiday.



We are grateful to all our members who joined us for the morning and for items handed to Marie and Dawn for distribution.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8th June 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 families in need in our local communities and in war torn areas of conflict.

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Irene and Peter

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The Bourton One Mile Challenge

The Bourton One Mile Challenge will be held in the evening this year to avoid the tourist and traffic issues of previous years.

Start is 7.30p.m. Friday 1st July and runs along Rissington Road into the centre of Bourton.

Entries are available in advance online at RunBritain or direct to Ali Lane (contact info: alison.lane@macace.net) There will be entries on the day from race headquarters at The Lake House (opposite the tennis courts) with a £2 surcharge. Pre race day entry fee is £10 affiliated runners and £12 unattached, with medals for all finishers. Cash prizes.



There is no fun run this year. It is all one race.

Thank you and best wishes. **Ali**

Moore Friends

AGM, Tuesday 5th July, 2.30pm.

We hope this year we can get back to normal for the AGM at the George Moore Community Centre and, finally, welcome you all in person.

We look forward to telling you about the many projects we have given grants to this last year to support the health and well being of residents in the Bourton-on-the-Water area. We will also be discussing the long term strategy of Moore Friends.

After the formal AGM, light refreshments will be served. Non members are welcome to attend, as well as members. **Wendy Sterling, Chairman**

Message from the Church

Connection is a theme being talked about a lot at the moment, as we begin to truly recognise the importance of our relationships with each other and the ways they sustain us, even down to our physical health. Apparently, loneliness is one of the biggest risk factors in disease. Yet, for many of us the last couple of years have taken a great toll on our relationships – our habits of connecting with each other have been broken and now need to be rebuilt. Some of us have moved to the village during this time and haven't had the chance to make friends. Others of us have found ourselves more reluctant to get out and socialise as we have felt less safe to do so, or we simply don't feel confident meeting new people.

Despite all these challenges, we are made to live in community: to support and sustain and to look out for each other. As Christians we talk about being the Body of Christ together and that

giving and receiving love is central to who we are in God – it brings us to life. I think we all know from experience just how much better we feel when we connect! Our Jubilee celebrations will give a good opportunity to connect across our village, and it is also good to see so many of our local groups and activities restarted and looking for people to join and/or volunteer. How might you connect or reconnect with a group or friend this month?

Here at St Lawrence we have restarted our Together on Tuesdays Lunch Club (Tues 12-2pm). It's a place for anyone who'd like to come for a soup and bread lunch (with cheese and cake too!) and a chat with others. It's a good way to meet new friends or reconnect with old ones. It's all by donation (cash, contactless or as a gift from us).

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6pm Holy Communion with hymns – 5th June

Breakfast Church Saturday 11th June- 9am start

Together on Tuesdays—Lunch Club 12-2pm every week—all welcome

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

St James, Clapton: 5th – Morning Worship and 19th 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**.

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HOLYDAYS

Thurs. 26th May. **Ascension Day.** Sung Mass 6 pm.

Sun. 5th **Pentecost.** Sung Mass 9 am.

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Fr. Stephen.

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No booking necessary. No charge – donations welcome. Enquiries phone: 01451 810 484

"Beauty surrounds us, but usually we need to be walking in a garden to know it." Rumi

For The Younger Generations



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We are well into the formal examinations season and our Year 11 and Year 13 students – and many in Year 12 – are making progress through their busy exam schedules.

And as our older students focus on their next steps after exams, we are looking forward to welcoming the young pupils who join us in Year 7 from September: their first induction day is on 27th June.

Everyone has been new once, so we all understand how it can feel and that's exactly the purpose of this day – to welcome our new children, help them start to make connections and see their future at our outstanding school.



The Platinum Jubilee

I am delighted that our newly elected Head Students – Loxie and Aled – were invited to light the beacon on Thursday 2nd June on Bourton's village green. I hope all celebrations – including the fun run and Picnic in the Park hosted on The Cotswold School's field, which features a Beatles tribute band – are a great success.

The Queen's Green Canopy

To mark the Jubilee, the royal family encouraged many organisations, including schools, to plant trees. We have chosen to plant fruit trees alongside our expanding allotment plot, to show our commitment to sustainability and as a legacy for many schoolchildren to come.

Farming and Rural Economy Careers Day

After a significant break (it was rained off in 2019 and postponed in 2021 due to the pandemic) we are hosting our latest celebration of agricultural careers on 22nd June. Many local businesses have kindly agreed to join us, offering to help explain their work to our students. And yes, the combine harvester will take pride of place on The Avenue field.

Read more school news at

www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/latest-news

Will Morgan
Headteacher

Bourton Primary Academy

It is so lovely to have had some sunshine recently and it definitely lifts the children and staff at school. May was a particularly busy month for us. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have had their SATS tests. We were very proud of how all of the children behaved during the SATS weeks. They showed amazing resilience and control over their emotions as well as focusing on all of the learning they have been taught in their schooling to date. Our Year 4 and Year 5 children went on a residential visit to the Wilderness in the Forest of Dean. They all had a wonderful time and the highlights were definitely how well they worked as teams, how kind they were to each other, alongside toasting marshmallows on a camp fire! The Year 3 and Year 6 children visited Temple Guiting school for an athletics event. They showed amazing sportsmanship and cheered for every member of their team. We have also been very busy getting ready for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event. Each year group has been completing work ready to showcase on the Sunday of the bank holiday weekend in The Victoria Hall. There will be individual as well as collaborative pieces of art looking at either The Queen or how things have changed during her reign. We hope lots of people will come to see it on the Sunday afternoon.

Tori Teague, Senior Leader

Photos are of the Residential visit at the camp fire.



Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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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	Kingsley Harris 07879 644218
	www.bourtontennisclub.org
Brownies	Steph 07941502222
Bumblebeez babies & pre-school tots	Rowena King 821282
Children's Jujitsu	Andy or Hayley 07951587398
Cubs	Nick Hawke 01451 822786

Guides	Steph	07941502222
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.co.uk
Taekwon-do	Lee Chapman	01285 640500
The Cotswold School		820458
Youth Club	Linda Hicks	824225

Bourton Vale Tennis Club

The tennis season is in full swing but it's not too late to join! There's still lots of tennis to be enjoyed this year so if you're new to the game or are looking to pick up a racquet again, please check out the website at www.bourtontennisclub.org for more details and to sign up.

Our junior club nights on Thursday from 17:30-18:30 are proving to be very popular this year. Don't forget these sessions are free to all junior members! We are very lucky this year to have Claire Bell help out too. Claire is a superb tennis player and training to be a coach, and juniors have really been enjoying the sessions with her on Thursdays.

Juniors are also getting plenty of practice in the coaching programme with club coach Kingsley Harris. Anyone is welcome to take lessons with Kingsley at any time, if interested please contact him direct on 07879644218.

Finally, we look forward to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the village. We will be on the village green on Saturday (June 4th) morning for some fun tennis activities and maybe even a prize or two! Please come along, say hello and have a go!



See you on court!

Alex Peyton



4 Shires Swimming Club

We had another busy meet at Oxford which produced some very good swims along with the first SER 14&U Championships weekend. Our very own Club Championships were held in May which is always ideal for the Academy & Pre-Comp squads to get some times in order to enter other L4 Meets.

Congratulations to Immie Lawrence and Max Hayman who have been accepted into South East Regionals 2022.

Senior Swimmer of the Month is Zoe Pearson who is training really well and getting back into her racing form. Junior Swimmer of the Month is Lou Berry. Lou works hard at every session and we hope to see good results at the Club Champs.

As we head into summer the club is planning a number of events – a summer party and fun pool session with inflatables; quiz night; outing to local water park and we will be serving teas at Chastleton House in October as a fundraiser.

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/join-us> or email us at membership@4ssc.co.uk for details of our next Trial sessions.

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We have a busy year of fundraising planned. Bric-a-Brac at the Gate, in Moore Road, has already had a successful start. Come and join us for Duck Racing on the 9th of July and Open Gardens at the Old Vicarage Bledington Sunday 24th July 2-6pm.

We are planning a big event to celebrate our 50 year of fundraising at Tayler & Fletcher Sale Room on Friday 16th September 2022 with an Auction of Promises, 6-8pm. We have the support of both Martin Lambert and Edward Bagnall the auctioneers. We are keen to welcome all supporters of the RNLI. Tickets cost £10, to include a glass of wine on arrival and canapés, and need to be purchased in advance from Tayler and Fletcher Sale Room in Bourton, Shalom or A'Moore Coffee House on Moore Road or email us northcotswoldrnli@gmail.com if you are able

to offer a promise or any other help to keep the branch afloat!

Did you know there are 238 lifeboat stations? In 2020 they aided 8,374 people and saved 239 lives! 6 in 10 launches are funded by legacies. In a normal year there are 234 lifeguarded beaches. In 2020 fewer beaches were patrolled but 25,172 people were aided and 110 lives were saved. £2.2 million is the cost of a Shannon class lifeboat.

With our local inland 'crew' we do what we can to raise funds and wish to thank everyone who has given their time or donated. Thank you for your support.

David and Julia Stevenson Chairman and Secretary of the North Cotswold Branch of the RNLI

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

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Come along and join in as well -
For the village events we'll all see
Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Hugh O'Connell

Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

Details of the walks available are described on the website. Please check walk details carefully on the website, including whether booking is necessary.

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

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Cotswold Friends

Charity Cotswold Friends will be celebrating the difference volunteers make to their organisation and thanking them for their time and dedication during this year's Volunteers' Week (1st – 7th June). Throughout the week, Cotswold Friends will be featuring case studies of volunteers who help them deliver their various community services on their website www.cotswoldfriends.org, Facebook and Twitter, and raising the profile of the amazing contribution volunteers make.



Cotswold Friends help and support older and vulnerable people by running several services in the North Cotswolds, including community transport, activities and day clubs, independence and carer support, befriending, and hospital support. The charity's aim is to combat loneliness and isolation through their voluntary services, improve health and wellbeing, and support independent living. It has recently expanded its community transport service into Cirencester. It also receives support from young volunteers through its intergenerational projects.

Cotswold Friends volunteer befriender Jeannie Andrews, who lives in a village near Northleach, says: "I was missing the human contact work used to provide, so when a Cotswold Friends information leaflet dropped through my letter box, I applied to become a befriender and was accepted. Volunteering gives structure to my week regardless of the weather. My new friends have added another dimension to my life that was lacking before. It's good to feel part of an organised community group too, within a team of caring and

friendly people who value my small contribution to the work of support being done."

Joanna Hammond, CEO of Cotswold Friends, said: "I'd like to say a big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers in the North Cotswolds and Cirencester. "The quality of life of people using our services has been greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers, and their support for vulnerable people living in our communities has been incredible."

Cotswold Friends has volunteer roles available now to support people who may be isolated in the North Cotswolds and Cirencester. If you think you could help, contact George Halling, Volunteer Manager, on 01608 697007 email volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org.

Bourton Men in Sheds

Things are virtually back to normal at the 'sheds'. It's good to see our members coming back after such a long time under the restrictions. We are busy once again making items for the garden and our tool sharpening service is proving to be successful too.

Bourton Men in Sheds is a charity supported by Cotswold Friends and we are here not just to make things but to be here for your well being and give you support. If you would like to come along you would be most welcome.

Here are two events and dates that we are planning towards. We will be having a stall on the village green on Sunday June 5th as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Come along and have a chat to us about what we do and the things we make.

Our Open Morning on Friday 17th June from 9.30 – 12.30, where we will be selling the things we make and we have a sale of tools. We will be taking orders also that morning.



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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 May meeting and congratulations to Marie Russell who won the Iris and Tulips competition. We have a short break for the June trip to Kelmarsh Hall and the July summer garden party for members only, please speak to Shelia for a ticket to the garden party on 07973 391741 where the July competition will be a buttonhole. We are back on August 10th at St Lawrence Church and we are delighted to welcome Chris Evans from Dundry Nurseries, who also founded the nature therapy group, the Butterfly Garden in Cheltenham.

We are continuing to work behind the scenes on the Saturday September 10th Garden Show and the show programme with more details will be released shortly and for all budding photographers, the four categories this year are: Buildings of Character; Wildlife in a Garden; Celebration of Summer and lastly: Gates.

If you decided on a No Mow May, leaving lawns to grow wildflowers, "Plantlife" also recommends a mix of shorter growth too, with a monthly cut and leaving taller areas of wildflowers to "Let it bloom in June". By being mindful at this time of year, avoiding chemicals and allowing hedges and shrubs to thicken up and grow taller, you will be helping protect our birds with places to shelter from predators and to forage. If you haven't space for a pond, providing even a small dish of water, topped up every day, really helps too. And by letting nature care for your garden rather than be over tidy you could also be rewarded with wildlife which bring so much joy to a garden.

Happy gardening, wildlife and wildflower watching!

Julie Huckle

BOURTON VALE GARDENING CLUB

Last minute update, the Garden Show Schedule, 10th September, can be downloaded from the Bourton Browser web-site www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk See the home page.

Bourton Men in Sheds

Bourton's Men in Sheds group, which is run by charity Cotswold Friends, is inviting new members to come along and give 'shedding' a try at their workshop at the Royal British Legion site in the town.

The group gives people the opportunity to make things for the local community or for themselves, and to socialise over a cuppa. It meets three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Cotswold Friends' four Men in Sheds groups across the north Cotswolds have been set up to help tackle loneliness and isolation and get people involved in community projects.

Rob Platts, Men in Sheds Project Worker for Cotswold Friends, said:

"We are looking for new members for our Bourton shed, so get in touch if you would like to join. All are welcome to join us – not just men."

Following the pandemic and the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, the Bourton group has continued to develop, holding regular meetings for its members. Some 'shedders' want to help their community with practical projects, some want to make things for themselves, and others just enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

The Bourton shedders are currently involved in repairing the notice board at St Lawrence Church.

Bird boxes made by the Bourton shedders, and by members of Cotswold Friends' three other shed sites, are currently available for a small donation to the charity to cover the costs of making them.

Cotswold Friends are also looking for people who may be interested in helping as a volunteer at the town's Men in Sheds project, to share their practical skills and provide companionship.

If you are interested in becoming a 'shedder', acquiring a handmade bird box, or in becoming a volunteer for Men in Sheds, contact Rob Platts on 01608 698557 or email sheds@cotswoldfriends.org.



Panto Group



I said we'd be there and there we were, did you come and see us on the village green on 2nd May? Maybe you won something special with our 'everyone's a winner'. That's auntie's birthday settled. And the puzzles, piles of puzzles. Well there's only one or two left now, half of Bourton are now taking twice as long to do the housework because we all know you can't pass a puzzle without pausing to find at least one piece. And fluffy toys, we were sorry to see them go, our Ann was giving every one cuddle before it left for a new home. Thank you everyone who came to support us - you missed it? We'll be back on August 13th with more puzzles, more jars, and more of anything we find that's interesting that you might need for auntie's birthday because, let's face it you're keeping that vase for yourself aren't you? So, don't forget to come and see us and have a bit of fun.

In June you'll find us on the village green again, this time to let you know what we do, how we do it, when we're

do it and why we can't do it without you. Come and have a chat and see how the Panto Group works and in what way you could help us. We'll be on the village green on June 5th so don't miss the opportunity.

If you have any questions you can contact us via our website and by messaging on Facebook. If you want to speak to a real person ring Jan Close on 01451 831911.

Jackie Denham



Bourton and District u3a will be holding its June monthly meeting at the Royal British Legion Hall on Wednesday 22nd June 2022, starting at 10.30am. There will be refreshments available before the meeting and then there will be a talk by John McCormick entitled "The Wright Brothers to Concorde in 60 years". We hope to welcome members old and new to that meeting. The cost will be £2 per person, as usual.

The u3a is a national organisation with many branches, one of which is here, covering not only Bourton-on-the-Water but also Stow on the Wold, Moreton in Marsh and the surrounding villages. The u3a is non-religious, non-political and membership is open to everyone who is either retired or semi-retired. We welcome singles and couples alike and do not discriminate in any way. People who require the assistance of a carer are welcome, along with their carers.

Not only do we hold monthly meetings for all members who wish to attend, usu-

ally with a speaker or social event organised, but we have also a number of smaller interest groups in various subjects. They range in subject; some are more academic than others but all have the elements of interest and enjoyment, which is the essence of the organisation. It is well known that a range of interests in later life is healthy for both the mind and the body.

If you think you may be interested in joining us, you'd be very welcome to join us at the meeting. You may want to look at our website or you may prefer to speak to someone about the organisation. Contact details are below.

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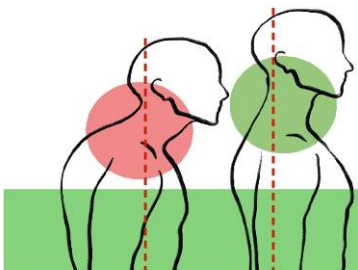
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North Cotswold Arts Association

Not to be confused with The Arts Society, Cotswolds! NCAA are a friendly group of local artists who meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at The Warwick Hall, Burford Church at 2-4 pm. The NCAA has been going for over fifty years, initially at Broadwell, then Stow on the Wold and latterly at Burford, so truly North Cotswold.

Our members use a variety of media including jewellery, ceramics and glassware. Most months we have a demonstration and, so far this year, we have had talks on mixed media, a comparison of art and photography, and print making. In previous years we have been taught how to make reed pens and create mosaics. However unlikely the subject seems there is always something that inspires or improves our own technique. Sometimes, we just meet to paint together or offer critiques to each other. We also have a regular painting group who meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Broadwell Village Hall.

The big event of our year is the Summer Exhibition, held in The Warwick Hall at the end of August. This gives our members a chance to sell not only their varied work but also both prints and cards of their pictures. There are tables for the crafts so there is something of interest for everyone and we get a good number of visitors over the week.

Although we continued throughout the pandemic by 'zooming' we are now back to normal and would like to invite other artists, beginners to experts, to join us. Our annual subscription is only £25 but do come along and try us out.

For further information please do contact Alexa Buffery on 07999 589387 or email alexa_buffery@yahoo.co.uk

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We are also holding a 1.5 miles Fun Run, which will take place on Greystone's land while the half marathon competitors are running.

More information on our website

<http://www.bourtonroadrunners.co.uk/hillyhalf+funrun.htm>

To ensure safety of participants, a short section of Station Road, between Greystones lane and Moore Road will be closed to traffic between 9am and 9:10am. Runners will follow Moore Rd to the centre of the village then turn left into the High St which will be closed to traffic between approx 9:05 and 9:20am.



If you have any questions or concerns please
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Sunday June 19th 2.00pm - 6.00pm.

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Combe Mill in Steam Sun 19th June

Come along to our themed 'Wheels' event, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough, OX29 8ET. Bring the children & enjoy the exhibits, *tractors, cars, models* plus Millie the cat trail. Combe Mill open from 10.30am to 5.00pm. Combe Mill is a late 19th Century Steam & Water Mill in the grounds of Blenheim Palace, on the River Evenlode, once the workshop for the whole estate. Dual blacksmiths Forge to make a poker, working machinery, working Tower Clocks, Tinkering Area for the children, Barbeque and Riverside Tea Room, Picnic area, Gift shop and much more. Free Parking & Dogs welcome. Adults £8.50, Seniors/ Children £7.00. Family Tickets available.

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Blockley Brass Band

Blockley Brass Band was established in 1883 and still play at local events today. Unfortunately, over the years the number of players has declined and we are now down to 7 members (soon to be 6).

We are on the lookout for new players, old players who fancy making a comeback or complete beginners. If you don't want to play an instrument but would like to support the Band by helping to advertise the Band or help at events whilst we play you are welcome as well. We have instruments available and basic tuition can be given.

We meet at St George's Hall in Blockley on a Friday evening 7.30 until 9.30 pm. There is plenty of car parking or lifts might be possible. Over the years many people from Bourton and surrounding villages have played in the Band.

We are hoping to have an open evening on 24th June so you can come and see us in action! There will be instruments to try and old photos to look at plus a cup of tea and biscuit. If you are interested please either contact me, Stephanie Hemming on 810996 or our Band

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Bell Ringers, Gt Ris	Sheila Jesson,	820395
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Bourton Vale Tennis Club	www.bourtontennisclub.org	
Brass & Silver Bands	Stephanie Hemming	810996
Bridge Club, Northleach	Tim Morris	01285 750288
Community Group	Bridget/Lorna	01608 652019
Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club		0845 833 9825
Fitness League	Kathy Kirk	01993 882350
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Gardening Club	Sandra Mitchell	07840 898472
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Bourton's Jubilee Celebrations

We're only a couple of days' away now from the long bank holiday weekend and hope that residents have all now received a copy of the programme delivered to them by Royal Mail. An Information Kiosk will be located on the Village Green from Thursday through to Sunday so if you have any queries, come down and one of our team will help.

The celebrations will formally kick-off with the beacon lighting at 9.15pm on Thursday 2nd June as part of the national beacon lighting event. Residents are asked to note the change of venue for this ceremony. The pole mounted gas beacon (sponsored by a local business) will now be located on the paved area by the middle (High) Bridge underneath the village sign. At the time of writing, we're hoping that representatives from the Cotswold School and a senior local military resident will light the beacon while a bugler plays the National Anthem. This is an ages old tradition and we hope residents will gather round the beacon to witness this historic ceremony.

Although we're hoping that we may already be sold out (!) if you haven't yet bought your tickets for the Picnic in the Park concert on the Friday it may not be too late. The QR code in the programme will take you to the online seller or paper tickets are being sold at the Information Centre in Victoria Street. Please don't miss out, it should be a great evening and a chance for us all to come together and let off a bit of steam after a couple of difficult years.

We've 13 local garden owners in total who are opening up their gardens for visitors on the Friday; this is a unique opportunity to go round other people's gardens and maybe pick up some tips. Entry is by ticket only – these can be purchased from the Information Kiosk on the Thursday and Friday. Do also take the opportunity to take a look inside St Lawrence's Church if you can - it will provide a floral display over the weekend with a theme of royal palaces and castles.

The Sunday Fun Day will close the celebrations and hopefully there'll be something for all ages to enjoy. There will be no charge for any of the activities on offer – costs are being funded by grants, donations and income from the concert ticket sales – so we hope to be joined by lots of residents enjoying the fun.

Residents and businesses are reminded that sections of the High St (Between Moore Rd and Station Rd) & Victoria St will be closed between 9am and 9pm – please ensure you're aware of these restrictions in advance to minimise problems on the day itself.

Fingers crossed for good weather! Jubilee Committee



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