



February 2023

DIARY DATES

Mondays, "Old Sweats" Meeting, **BLH**, 10am—12 Noon, 07714 852364 bourton.secretary@rbl.community

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, Bourton Men in Sheds, 9.30am-12.30pm, Behind **RBL**, 01608 692811.

Tuesdays, Together on Tuesdays, Soup lunch. 12-2pm, **StLC**.

Thursdays, Flexercise, **BLH**, 10-11am. 01993 882350 kathy.kirk@live.com

1st Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm. **GMCC**. See opposite.

1st-4th Bourton Panto group production, "The Snow Queen", **VH**, 7.30pm. Tickets - www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourton-panto-group See p. 16.

2nd Bourton Matters Radio, 4-6pm, www.cotswoldradio.com See p 2.

2nd Environmental Action Working Group, 6.30-8pm, **GMCC**, See p 14.

6th & 20th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember Sessions, **GMCC**, 10.30am. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.

8th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, Wiloughby Place, 10am-12. See p 5.

8th & 22nd Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.

8th Gardening Club, **BCH**, 7 for 7.30pm. "Growing for Showing", by Philip Aubury See page 5.

9th Bourton Lunch Club, **CCP**, GL54 2AY. 12Noon, 01608 692811.

13th & 27th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**.

14th WI, **VC**, 7pm. Nick Brunger, "Tricks of the Mind", See page 6.

16th Tayler & Fletcher, Antiques, Fine Art and Objets d'Art Sale, **NCS**,

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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 from the meeting held on 4th January 2023.

The **Police Report** by PSCO John Allen and PC Frank Ward highlighted that there had been some instances of anti-social behaviour. These should be reported to the police by phone on 101 or on-line at <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>. The mobile police station would attend Bourton between 2pm and 6pm on Saturday 4th February, location to be confirmed.

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson advised that the County Council were setting their budget for the new financial year and a 5% increase was being proposed.

District Councillor Nick Maunder updated on the arrangements for the District and Parish Council elections in May. Changes would be made to postal votes and the rights of EU voters. In addition, photo ID would be required by voters at polling stations and changes would be made to improve accessibility.

Steve Cotton, Village Warden is arranging a networking day for local groups from 10am to 4pm on 13th March at St Lawrence Church. A representative from the Parish Council will attend.

Parish Council

Councillor Co-Options: We hope to co-opt new members to the Parish Council at the February meeting to fill the two current vacancies. However, all seats will be up for re-election on 4th May at which time there will be an increase from 11 to 13 seats to reflect our growing parish. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor at the May elections.

Highways Committee: Gloucestershire County Council approved funding for a Vehicle Activated Sign to help address speeding in the parish. The location for the equipment will be regularly moved to 'hot spots' within the parish as per the recommendations for this type of equipment.

2023-24 Budget and Precept: This was further discussed with a view to minimising any increases from the current year's figures. The final figures will be agreed at an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 25th January so will be reported in the March edition of the Browser.

Cotswold District Council Tourist Levy: Final funding from the levy for Parish Council projects was agreed by CDC, following their on-line survey and discussions with the Parish Council. Priorities identified were traffic management, parking, accessibility and landscaping.

Funding will be provided for additional Traffic Enforcement, an annual refresh of the Village Green, the installation of cobbles along the riverbank and a small project budget for the Village Warden. CDC will be continuing to provide the Village Warden and are arranging for the installation of three dropped kerbs and a

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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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18th & 19th, Gift Fair, **VH**, Handbags, Vintage Jewellery, Collectables, Children's Books & Toys, Cards & Stationery. 07832195427.

20th Rural Cinema, "Operation Mince-meat". Drama 12a 2hrs 08. Colin Firth Matthew Fadyen. **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on the door.

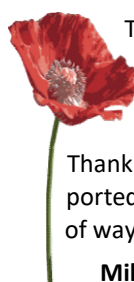
21st Police Point open, GMCC, 10-11am
www.gloucestershire.police.uk

22nd u3a, "Crossword Puzzles, Bombes, Colossus & the Birth of Modern Computing" by John McCormick. 10am-12pm, **BLH**. 07783 235320
www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton

26th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599.

26th Bourton 10k road race, village centre, from 10am, some road closures. See page 12.

Poppy Appeal 2022



The Bourton Area raised just over £10,000 for the Poppy Appeal. That was an excellent result for us.

Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal in a wide range of ways. Well done.

Mike Marshall, PAO Bourton

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Traffic Regulation Order to extend parking restrictions in residential areas and add one new bus stop.

Funding was also agreed for additional Traffic Enforcement during the works to CDC's Rissington Road car park.

Allotments: There is currently one vacant plot at the Springvale site, and interested residents are asked to contact the Parish Council so this can be reallocated without delay. It's hoped that a tenant will come forward before the growing season to avoid the fallow plot getting out of hand.

Environmental Action Working Group: Unfortunately, it was necessary to cancel the meeting scheduled for January and a new date has been set for 6.30pm on Thursday 2nd February in the Windrush Room, The George Moore Community Centre. All are welcome.

New Committee Clerk/Administration Assistant: We would like to welcome Julie Catlow who started with the Parish Council on 9th January. Julie lives in the village and is looking forward to supporting the Parish Council committees – in particular Highways, Youth and Well-being and the Village Environment Committee.

Next Meeting Date: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre. All residents are welcome.

Sharon Henley, Clerk/RFO

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www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk

"Bourton Matters" with Emma & Jon, Cotswolds Radio, February 2nd 4-6pm.

Thank you to everyone continuing to listen in to our Bourton Matters show on Cotswolds Radio. Special thanks to our fabulous guests, Seb & Theo Smith from Smiths of



Bourton, (the legendary burger and cocktails restaurant in the Village), on our last show! Great stories and track selections, we can't wait to try the new menu!

For those of you who may have missed the show, it's available on Mixcloud (www.mixcloud.com) just search for Bourton Matters for the world's only radio show focussed solely on Bourton-on-the-Water!

Our next show is coming up on the 2nd of February at 4:00pm. You'll hear more chat and commentary on local Bourton goings-on, with live guests interwoven with our own selection of music.

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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Bourton Browser Team News

Deliverers Spring Tea Party: After cancelling the Christmas party, due to the snow, we have arranged a deliverers Spring Tea Party, for Tuesday 28th March. If you are a deliverer you should have received an invitation with your batch of Browsers. Please RSVP, see invitation for details.

Events: If you are planning any events for 2023 let us know so we can advertise them in "Diary Dates" and put them in the on-line village diary, www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk

Articles: We welcome articles (**maximum 300 words**) & photographs, from adults, children and local community groups on any subjects of local interest. We only have room for one article, per community group, per issue.

Email team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk

Local charities and community groups running major **Bourton based** events can request to have their article and / or event advert, on the back page in the relevant month's edition. There is no charge for this but it does need to be arranged in advance. First come first served. **Please book now for 2023 events.** At time of going to print only the August edition has been reserved (by the gardening group for the Village Show).

The Bourton Browser Team



Charity Collection at Rose Cottage

A grand total of £798.17 was donated this Christmas and New Year. This year's charity collection was for the North Cotswold Food Bank. Many thanks to all who gave money, locals and visitors, to this charity. They offer help with food and fuel costs to those most in need. The volunteers who help run this charity were overjoyed at the generosity. We wish you all a happy and healthy New Year

Alan and Carol Pountney

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Funeral of Janet Prout

On behalf of my family and myself, I thank all those good people of Bourton who sent us so many cards of condolence on the passing of my dear wife Janet in early December.



When we moved from London to Bourton-on-the-Water in 1989, we were most grateful for the support and welcome extended to us townies from London and as time went on the many enduring friendships we made. Over past years we have made friends in so many organisations and groups that we have been part of. Even so, my family and I were stunned at the great number of friends and residents who supported us by attending Janet's funeral on the 21st December. It was overwhelming.

We also wish to extend our thanks to Rachel Pickard, Funeral Director, of W J Wright and her staff for their kindness, consideration and professionalism in the arrangements of the funeral.

And lastly, to the management and staff of the Old New Inn who looked after us at the end of the day.

Thank you one and all.

David Prout

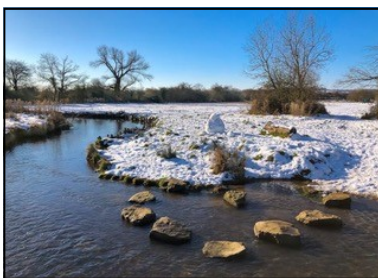
OUT AND ABOUT in February

- 1st –28th Snowdrops at Painswick Rococo Garden, Painswick, GL6 6TH. 10am-5pm. www.rococogarden.org.uk/ 01452 813204. Pre booking required during February.
- 4th-5th, 11th-12th, 18th-19th, 25th-26th, Snowdrop Weekends, Colesbourne Park, Colesbourne, GL53 9NP. 01242 870567. 1-4.30pm. www.colesbournegardens.org.uk/snowdrop-open-days/ £10 adults, under 16s free.
- 8th North Cotswold Arts Association, 'Mixed Media in Flower Painting' and book signing by Susanna Bailey, Warwick Hall, Burford Church, 2-4pm.
- 10th onwards, Lambing & Kidding at Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5FL. 9.30am – 4.30pm, 01451 850307 www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk/lambing/
- 17th Rissington Local History Society, "Road Travel & Transport in Georgian Gloucestershire" by Nicholas Herbert. 2.30pm. Village Hall, Upper Rissington GL54 2QW. Visitors Welcome £3.50, includes refreshments. information.RLHS@gmail.com or Kate O'Brien 07815 606770.
- 25th Mind Body Spirit Wellbeing Show, Glyme Hall, Burford Road, Chipping Norton, OX7 5DZ. 11am-5pm. 07792 115570. www.deerspirit.co.uk/ Tickets £2-£8.

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Irene's Charity Knitting Circle

Here we are in February already! Our January meeting was well attended and we started the New Year with members providing us with some beautiful items of clothing and blankets - also toys for children - which were added to a Polish lorry which went out on the 17th January to Poland for onward distribution to Ukraine.



The Urgent Special Appeal for Beanie Hats for teenage boys in Ukraine is still operating and the first hats are already on their way to provide warmth during the Winter weather which is now upon them.

We also continue to provide clothing, blankets and toys for needy families in Gloucestershire and also provide Twiddle-muffs to local Care Homes. As always, we supply beanie hats and matinee jackets for newborn and premature babies and also a few small toys to the Great Western Hospital in Swindon who very much appreciate our efforts.

We had an enjoyable meeting and are very happy to be able to hold our meetings at Willoughby Place from 10:00 - 12:00 noon on the second Wednesday each month.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8th February, so please join us for our "Knit and Natter" morning when Tea/Coffee and Biscuits will also be available.

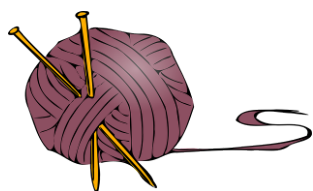
With our best wishes to you all.

Irene and Peter

For further information contact:

Irene Summers: 01451 798718

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North Cotswolds
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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.

This is the second year we have run Helping Hand. Last year we awarded seven grants of up to £500. One grant went to Children Achieving Lifelong Movement (CALM) a small charity based in Bourton that provides training and physiotherapy for disabled children. They used our donation towards a cable pull used to strengthen muscles and improve coordination. Millie aged 10 was born with a heart condition called Tetralogy of Fallot. She had open

heart surgery at 5 months old to correct it but had a stroke while on bypass, resulting in a much weaker left side of the body including a paralysed hand and limited use of the arm. CALM provided much needed support & rehabilitation to improve the mobility in her left arm and reduce the winged scapula she was starting to develop. The cable pull allows particular focus on one or more limbs in a variety of ways to ensure each set of muscle groups targeted are worked appropriately. The difference both physically and mentally since Millie started training is huge, making a valuable difference to Millie's quality of life and giving her ownership over a condition she otherwise has no control over.

If you are interested in applying please contact Steve Smith at origin-steve@hotmail.com for more information or go to the North Cotswolds Rotary website at www.northcotswoldsrotary.org and go to the dedicated Helping Hand page. 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 27th February 2023.

Oh Mothers Cleaning

Don't sit there,
I've plumped the chair,
Don't touch the screen,
It's been cleaned,
Don't come past the door,
I've just washed the floor,
Don't touch that dress,
It's been through the press,
"What can we do today?"
"PLEASE GO OUT AND PLAY"
I'm cleaning OK.



Carol Paxton

Bourton Vale Horticultural Society Your friendly Garden Club

Despite the inclement weather, we were pleased to welcome so many of our members and visitors to our first meeting of the New Year on 11th January. Following our AGM we were treated to an excellent and very practical talk from Hannah Branch, on the art and science of pruning fruit trees. Hannah, who has a self-confessed passion for pruning, gave us some very sound advice too – "No pruning is better than bad pruning"! For further help and advice, Hannah can be contacted through her website www.fruitfulbranch.co.uk.

Congratulations to Lu Webb, the winner of our January competition, with her lovely display of "Winter Flowing Shrubs".

Following our successful Garden Show last year, this year's Annual Garden Show is being held on Saturday 9th September, again at the British Legion Hall, so do come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall in Station Road, when our speaker, Philip Aubury, will be giving a talk on "Growing for Showing – What the judges are looking for". The competition that evening is entitled "Snowdrops" and the winner will have first pick of the raffle prizes.

Annual membership of the club is still excellent value at £15 (visitors £3 per meeting) and entitles you to discounts at both Burford and Batsford Garden Centres. If you would like full details of forthcoming speakers and events for the year, please get in touch (contact details below).

Best wishes for a good gardening year in 2023!

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Bourton WI



If you, "play your cards right" as dear Bruce Forsyth use to say, you could become a new member of the Bourton-on-the-Water WI this year.

The ladies held a belated Christmas party at the Victoria Hall for their January meeting as, unfortunately, the December party was cancelled due to the Snow just before Christmas. Pat Taylor (President) brought along her version of the classic game show, "Play your cards right". There were bubbles, nibbles, Secret Santa, a quiz and a very entertaining monologue read by Janet (Treasurer). The sausage rolls and crackers went down a treat which completed a very enjoyable evening.

The WI meet at the Victoria Hall on every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. February's meeting is on Tuesday 14th and the speaker will be Nick

Brunger, "Tricks of the Mind", which looks to be another interesting and amusing evening. Please put that date on your calendar. Come along and join in, you are guaranteed to have a great time and meet lots of friendly village people and as Bruce would say....."Nice to see you, to see you Nice"!

Vanessa Yamin

Getting Connected

Having completed our first course at the end of last November, we've now embarked on our second. As before, this is for one morning a week for twelve sessions at the Community Centre, with a tutor and volunteers.

After the course ended, a Getting Connected Support Group was set up so that learners could continue their learning with each other in their own homes and other venues like cafes.

Many of the ordinary daily tasks we have always taken for granted are becoming digital. The purpose of the course is to help older people learn how to use their computers and smartphones to increase confidence in managing daily life skills online. Emailing, banking, shopping, online safety, keeping in touch with friends and loved ones, are just some of the practical subjects covered.

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- Place the note in an envelope addressed to "Getting Connected". Deliver to the Parish Council office at the Community Centre in Moore Road, BOTW. If closed, use their letter box at the side.

Your details will be kept and you will be contacted by phone. Please note that you won't be contacted immediately, but **in a few months time** as this second course comes to an end.

Volunteers of all ages with digital technology knowledge and skills are also welcome to get in touch for a chat by leaving a note of interest, delivered the same way.

Cleo Carruthers, Course Organiser,
BOTW

ABOUT THE BOURTON BROWSER

All articles received will be printed wherever possible in the magazine & on the website, however we reserve the right not to print anonymous letters or anything of a defamatory or controversial nature. We have a limit of 300 words per article. If your contact details appear in the Bourton Browser they will be on our website copy. If you do not want this to happen tell us. Unless we hear from you we will assume consent. The views of contributors to the Bourton Browser may not necessarily be those of the Editor, nor can the Bourton Browser accept any responsibilities in connection with any companies or organisations mentioned.

Message from the Church

It is with great excitement that I am pleased to introduce myself to you as the new minister at Bourton Baptist Church. The excitement is due to the fact that during 2022 I saw all of my plans come to nothing. Suddenly life took a turn, and God's plan was revealed. So here I am with my husband Roger and our youngest daughter Margaret.

The whole experience has reminded me that God's plans are so much better than ours but the better truth is that the Bible is the greatest love story ever told and reveals to us that God had a plan from the very beginning to redeem the world.

When Jesus came to live as one of us God's plan of redemption was set in motion. Christmas may now be a distant memory but the message and the plan have not been extinguished. For many the world at this time is a dark and lonely place. Anxiety levels are high, loneliness and brokenness are everywhere but Jesus came to bring hope and purpose to our lives. There are many scriptures that tell us this but here are just a few.

Jesus came to bring light to a dark world—John 12:42

Jesus came to redeem the world from sin -1 Tim 1:15

Jesus came to show us the father and reveal his love—John 3:16

Jesus came to seek and save the lost—Luke 19:5

He left heaven and subsequently gave his life for us so that we could be reconciled back to God. Life is hard but through him we can receive forgiveness and know a peace that passes all understanding. All part of his plan.

As a newbie in the village, I would love to meet you. Call into the church anytime between 10.30 and 4pm on Thursdays for coffee and a chat. You will be very welcome.

Rev Sue Woodley



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Contact

To contact Bourton Baptist Church either visit our website www.bourtonbaptist.co.uk or leave a message on 01451 824225.

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WEEK END MASSES: Saturday evening: Vigil Mass 6 pm. Sunday morning: 9 am Sung Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES: At 9 am every day (no Mass Saturday mornings). Mass on Tuesdays usually takes place at St. Lawrence's Anglican Church, Bourton at 9 am. (Check with website).

The priest welcomes all enquiries about the Christian faith, and Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Blessing of houses, etc.

Please note: No weekday Masses (Mon-Fri) between Thursday 26th January and Friday 17th February, but Candlemass will be celebrated on 2nd Feb at 6 pm (Sung Mass). Week-end Masses as usual.

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THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

Sixth Form News

Work Experience

Year 12s recently had their work experience assembly - hearing inspiring stories from our Year 13s about their positive experiences. Students are now looking for professional work experience placements (17th - 21st July), particularly in areas such as engineering, finance, law, medicine, design, architecture, business, computer science, theatre and film.

If any businesses or organisations would like to offer a placement, please email careers@thecotswoldschool.co.uk. As always, we are extremely grateful for the incredible support from our local and regional business community.

Cotswold Radio

We are delighted to be working with Cotswold Radio to set up an in-school Radio Broadcasting Club, thanks to a grant awarded to the radio station from the Mid-Counties Co-operative Community Support Donation Fund. Launching in the spring, students will present shows directly from a dedicated satellite studio at The Cotswold School.

Year 13 student and Head Girl at The Cotswold School, Loxie Chiles, is heading up the project, "I joined Cotswold Radio back in early 2021. Originally, it was a way for me to grow my passion for music and learn new skills - I loved it so much and found it really helped me to become more confident and articulate. I wanted to set up a station at school because I feel it's important to share the valuable skills I have gained from doing my show with students who otherwise wouldn't have had access to this."

Oxford Offer

Fantastic news for Year 13 student Tori who has been offered a place on the highly competitive PPE course, Oriel College, Oxford. "I'm very excited to have been offered a place to read PPE, I'm super grateful for all the support that I've had from my teachers, in particular Mr White, around my application."

We still await a number of other offers due imminently.

**Will Morgan,
Headteacher**



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Bourton Youth Club

Youth Clubs are a safe place to build resilience.

They are an important community asset in many ways. One particular way I would like to discuss this month is being a safe place to build resilience.

The world we live in is changing at a rate that has never been experienced, from toxic social media influencers, the echo chamber that is social media amplifying problematic points of view, stress and anxiety & the dangers of exploitation.

Navigating this ever-changing world as a young person whose brain has not yet reached full maturity is a challenge. Even for a young person who is growing up in a safe & stable home environment.

All young people can benefit from the safe & stable adult relationships offered at a youth club to help them build resilience. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from difficulties & thrive in situations where you wouldn't be expected to.

A youth worker is a unique relationship for a young person. Youth workers want the best for the young person & can support them to achieve their potential, however, Youth workers are not parents, teachers or other authority figures & work in non-judgemental ways. This means that some of the barriers to difficult conversations are removed.

Youth workers give young people information in order to make good choices in life.

Youth clubs therefore help all young people to build resilience through safe stable relationships & a safe place to explore the ever-changing world.

**Keri Dunne
Admin Assistant**

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

Baby Gymnastics 0-18months	Caroline (Cotswold Clubhouse) 263130
Beavers	bourtonbeavers@gmail.com
Bourton Primary School	820458
Bourton Road Runners Juniors	Richard Buffton 831733 / 824379
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Children's Jujitsu	Andy or Hayley 07951587398
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Guides	Steph	07941502222
Hockey	Tracy Dixon	07813187933
Little Hurricanes (Babies & Toddlers)	littlehurricanes@hotmail.com	
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The Cotswold School		820554
Youth Club	Linda Hicks	07867 121122

Bourton Youth Club

Youth Club is a safe and warm place to come and have fun with friends

January

16th - Food Tasting

23rd - Football Quiz

30th - Spring Celebrations

February

6th - Valentines Crafts

20th - Pancake decorating

27th - Wildlife Crafts

March

6th - International Women's day: Learn about amazing Women

13th - Mother's Day Crafts

20th - Easter - Chocolate nest making

27th - Easter Crafts and Easter Egg Hunt

Where and When?

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Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please. Under 7's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer.

These play sessions may be affected by Covid-19 infections and restrictions. Check for up to date details on our social media.

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What's going on at Greystones Farm

Welcome to the section of the Bourton Browser, where we aim to keep you updated about what's been happening at your local Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust nature reserve, Greystones Farm.

If you headed to the farm from April to November, you may have noticed more children about than you'd usually see on a working farm. That's because Greystones Farm is one of the key places our Learning Team delivers educational visits.

"We've been bringing history and the environment to life by welcoming schools to Greystones over the Autumn and Winter terms as part of the Iron Age Discovery Adventures on the nature reserve" says Claire Garrity, GWT's Learning Manager.

Against the backdrop of Salmonsbury camp, the Iron Age settlement, children from Cheltenham, Chipping Camden, the Forest of Dean and, of course, Bourton have enjoyed immersing themselves in the past. Activities included trying their hand at 'wattle and daub', grinding wheat and cooking bread on the fire in the wonderful roundhouse. It was definitely the warmest place to be!

"Thank you again for a wonderful trip last week. The children loved it and are still talking about it!" - Tibberton school.

For more information about the work GWT does with schools, please visit www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/learning

Rhys Howell

Visitor Engagement Manager



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mentoring service: Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme. It's being offered by a collaboration of seven trusted organisations, and it's for 11 – 25 year olds whose life circumstances suggest they're at risk of becoming involved in crime. This can be because they've had Adverse Childhood Experiences or live in environments that are known to put them more at risk, or because they've become linked to criminal activity, either as victims of crime or through relationships with offenders.

Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme is hosted by The Door and funded by CHK Foundation, and offers these "at risk" young people the chance to form a long-lasting relationship with a trained volunteer mentor. Having a relationship with a trusted independent adult is something that's often missing in their lives and can be life-changing. It helps them build resilience and grow in confidence, and, over time, empowers them to have a more positive future.

If you know a young person who might benefit from the support the Programme offers (or you are that young person), you can visit gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk to apply.

If you have a heart for understanding and supporting young people, a little spare time and would like to become one of the Programme's volunteer mentors, the providers would love to hear from you. You can contact any of them directly via the Programme website, which will help you find the one operating closest to you. No experience is required and full training will be provided.

The seven delivery organisations collaborating to provide this service are: 1625IP; Breathe; Nelson Trust; Thames Valley Partnership; The Door; WAM Youth; and Young Gloucestershire.

If you like the sound of their offer and have a few moments to spare, please follow the Programme on social media and help spread the word!

Follow the Programme on Social Media @Glosmentoring

Contacts Jill Anderson, Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme Coordinator (Mon, Wed, Fri)

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FOODBANK NEWS

North Cotswold Foodbank (NCFB) would like to say a huge thank you to all our donors who gave so generously last year. Many of you regularly drop off food items throughout the year or give through your churches, schools or via our Tesco collection in early December.

As you may have read in the media, many more people are visiting foodbanks, and this is certainly true in our area. We saw an increase of over 120 per cent in the number of emergency food parcels handed out in the six months from April to September last year. The cost-of-living crisis and soaring energy bills are having a major effect on people's lives. So, we are very grateful for any donations of food or funds.

Details of all the outlets, plus the current food items we are short of are available on the website <https://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk/>.

In the meantime, if you or someone you know are struggling to make ends meet, NCFB is here to support you. Call 07879 375562 or visit the website above. All enquiries or visits are treated in the strictest confidence.

Bourton outlet is in the Baptist Church on Station Road and is open Thursdays 10.00-12.00.

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Bourton 10k

Sunday 26th February

Bourton Roadrunners hosts its annual 10k road race at 10am on Sunday 26th 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. With the Rissington Road car park closed, we'll encourage runners to use the other main car park in the village. When that's full, we're planning to direct race traffic to park in the areas around the industrial estate. We're working with the parish council and local businesses to see if they can help. We'll do our best to manage traffic and discourage people from using residential parking or 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 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 Landsdowne 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 a number of different charities including the Bourton Primary Academy Breakfast Club, Baden Powell Hall, Maggie's cancer support and Acorns Children's Hospice.

We're hoping to have representatives from our charities 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.

Bourton Roadrunners

Bourton Roadrunners' Graham Lane is always looking for a new challenge, whether it's a mountain cycle race or long-distance running. His latest venture this weekend took him almost 400Km north of the Arctic Circle to **Tromsø city, Norway**, for the **Polar Night Half Marathon**. Although starting in the middle of the day, it was run in darkness as the sun never rises above the horizon at this time of year. Facing temperatures that had dropped to -15°C, and -23°C with the wind-chill factor, gives the reality of tackling a half mara-

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thon that extra edge; however, veteran runner Graham demonstrated mental strength achieving the 21.1Km in a very respectable two hours and sixteen minutes.

Rosanna Mutsaers
finishing at
Gloucestershire
AAA Cross Country
Championships.
Photo by John
Gibson.



Saturday also saw Bourton Roadrunners and North Cotswold Tri & Run clubs collaborating to host the **Gloucestershire AAA Cross Country Championships** at the Cotswold Farm Park, near Guiting Power. The weather conditions were atrocious with strong wind and rain; however, this didn't put-off the many keen athletes from across the county and wider afield. Bourton's Rosanna Mutsaers braved the elements and finished in 27:03 and finished 6th Senior Lady. Bourton Juniors also fielded nine runners, with Edward Hare claiming a personal Bronze medal in the under-13 boys' category and helping to secure team Bronze with Thomas Harvey and Oliver Robertson. Meanwhile, Bourton under-11 boys also secured team Bronze with Jack Roberts, Will Harvey and William Bell.

Darren Long and Maxine Emes joined over 300 other runners at the **Woodcote 10k**, organised by the Rotary Club of Pangbourne; the route comprising of 6Km downhill followed by 4Km uphill, making it a tough race. Darren finished 3rd MV50 in a time of 40:10, while Maxine was 3rd LV40 in 47:37. **John Gibson**



Keeping up with tradition

**Coronation of King
Charles III on
6th May 2023**

Here in the UK and across the world we revere traditions. The recent death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth highlighted the importance we place on traditions on such momentous occasions. They are an important part of our culture where they help to generate community spirit and help us to gather to commemorate an occasion.

One such tradition is the ringing of bells; this has taken place for thousands of years ever since the first bells were made. At first this was the single toll of a bell to mark events or to call people to meetings or services. This evolved into change ringing - the sound we associate with weddings, church services, funerals and special occasions such as the Platinum Jubilee and other Royal events.

Change ringing is a fascinating hobby which originated roughly 350 years ago in England. It has something for everyone — dashes of music, physical exercise, meditative concentration, a sociable team sport, and a little maths (optional) all put together. Groups of people co-operate to change the order in which they ring their bells according to a precise pattern.

Here in Bourton-on-the-Water, there is a small band of bell ringers (or to give it its proper name Campanologists). As with any group activity new members are always welcome, they will be shown how to control the bells and explained what the different sequence of ringing

entails. It is a hobby that is both mentally and physically stimulating plus it can be a simple or as complex as you wish. It is an activity that can be enjoyed by all age groups from teens to retirees and all in-between. There are safety guidelines in place for young ringers.

We urgently need to recruit more ringers if we are to answer the call to 'Ring for the King'.

If you would like to join us to be part of this 'tradition', please come along to a practice night and give it a try. It's tricky to start with, but very rewarding. As a ringer — you would always be wanted!

Contact Stephanie Hemming for more information at: 810996

Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



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 may be published on the website.**

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

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.



North Cotswolds Rotary



Help needed for Ukraine

The North Cotswold Rotary Club have been providing a lot of much needed help for those in serious need in Ukraine. They have been sourcing and taking in very necessary goods and equipment and organising all the transportation lorries and the costs involved.

They are now in need of the following products: long life food (e.g. Pasta, tinned & bottled foods), babies formula milk, toiletries, nappies, travel cots etc. Also, generators, warm blankets, torches, candles, warm clothing, woolen hats, gloves, laptops, tablets & ket-tles.

Please contact Lorraine or Greg on rissingtonlodge@aol.com, for details of where to leave listed goods. If you wish to donate to the appeal, please go to: www.northcotswoldsrotary.org and click on the donate button. You can donate via PayPal or by debit or credit card. By donating via North Cotswolds Rotary, with it being a charity number 1033739 they can claim Gift Aid on your donation, which will add a further 25%, when you donate if you are a UK tax payer, they can send you a gift aid mandate.

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Moore Friends

We held our first meeting of the year and were very much saddened at the passing of one of our staunch members, John Green, since the last meeting. We welcoming Philip Winter, former Chair of the League of Friends, who has joined us on the committee.

We discussed projects such as ArtUplift and Men in Sheds and agreed to help Play Gloucestershire who run sessions on the Melville Playground every week.

Kate's Home Nurses are busy and provide a wonderful service in our local area.

A reminder to ring Moreton Hospital Minor Injuries Unit before attending to check if they are open. The number is 0300 421 7777.

Also, early notice of our AGM in the Windrush room, at the Community Centre on Wednesday 21st June. Keep warm and healthy winter is not over yet.

Bill Wragg, Trustee

Environmental Action

Working Group

February 2nd

6.30pm – 8:00pm

If you are interested in converting your passion for environmental concerns into action on a local basis, then consider coming along to the next meeting of the Environmental Action Working Group, at the George Moore Community Centre, at 6:30pm.

We're going to be exploring a number of ideas and suggestions, and hopefully welcoming new ones, that will improve the environment of the local community and ensure that we leave Bourton a better place for future generations. As a working group of the Parish Council, the intention is to create a package of ideas to present to the Council for future implementation.

On the slate so far, we have community composting, walking bus, a scheme for encouraging pollinators - especially bees, a community energy scheme, reduction of fast-food packaging waste, to name just a few! So please do come along and get involved!

Jon Wareing

Lady Valentine

My love means more to me
Than all the blossom on a cherry tree.
Lovelier than a summer's day,
When the reddest roses open and sway.

My love is more precious to me
Than any jewel you'll ever see.
No diamond glitters and glows
That rivals the love my love shows.

My love is everything to me,
Whate'er may come and shall be,
Like the sun she shines so bright,
Yet gentle as a distant star every night.

My love brings a quality of love
As if cast from Heaven above.
Ever growing, never lessening.
Always a joy, a wonder, a blessing.

My love has won my heart
And from her I'll never part,
For I've found such wealth and worth,
And all that truly matters on this earth.

Anon

Valentine's Plea



Roses and a box of chocs go far
To say how much 'I luv yar'.
But may I add,

As your lad,
Could you save
me the nougat ?

Anon



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Caravan Site Planning decision being appealed.

You may recall that the planning application for a new large caravan site adjacent to the existing Valley View caravan site was recently rejected by the Cotswold District Council Planning Dept, thanks in part to the many objections submitted by local residents. An appeal against this decision has now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. All objections previously submitted will be forwarded by CDC Planning to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration, but if any residents wish to submit a new objection, or if any new residents wish to submit an objection, this is how it should be done:-

You must include your name and address; the Planning Inspectorate reference (**APP/F1610/X/22/3312769**); and the address of the appeal site (**Valley View Park, Old Gloucester Road, Bourton on the Water, GL54 3BH**).

- Preface your objection with the sentence '**I am against the appeal proposal**' and then give your reasons for your objection.
- Send your objection online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
- Or by mail to Corrina Clements, The Planning Inspectorate, 3B, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6PN.
- Closing date for objections is 20th February 2023.

All relevant documents relating to this case can be found on <https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk> under reference **22/01898/CLEUD**.

Pete Jeans

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Bourton Panto Group

We're just getting over Christmas and everything's gone quiet, a bit flat really. You need something exciting to pick you up. A reminder of the snow perhaps? Maybe a bit of a laugh and an uplifting song will do it. Well, we could have the perfect thing, because... the Panto army is here, they're soldiering away in Victoria Hall decorating the Snow Queen's palace, planting a forest and building an entire village! Ann's performing magic on stage with the scenery making sure nuts and bolts are tightened to perfection. Jan's juggling with paint brushes, painting and decorating the village and cultivating flowers for the enchanted garden. Did you know that this panto is under the direction of Jan? This is her 10th production for BPG and she only ever came to sell ice cream! Every year she has said "never again". Is this really her last production?

The rest of the Panto army are hammering and cutting, shifting and lifting to make a spectacle fit for a Queen and her audience of course. Well, you'll see all that if you come along and watch the pantomime. If you would like to help with any other production please contact us. We're always looking for helpers before, during and after the performances.

Have you got your tickets yet? They're on sale from Ticketsource.co.uk/Bourton-Panto-group. You can

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The Snow Queen

By Mary Portalska

1st - 4th February 2023
at 7.30pm

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choose your favourite seat on the best night. The show is on from Wednesday 1st February to Saturday 4th February. Doors are open at 7pm and the show starts at 7.30. Refreshments will be on sale during the interval.

If you have any queries about Bourton Panto group or would like to join as a member or a patron please contact Angela Layton on 07767 237537.

Jackie Denham

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