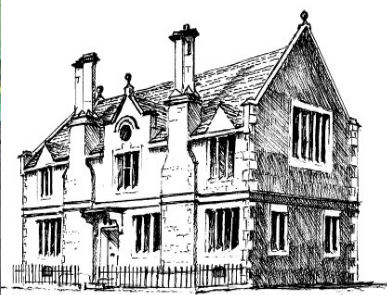


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DIARY DATES

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
3rd & 17th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember Sessions, **GMCC**, 10.30am. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
5th Parish Council meeting, 7.00 pm. **GMCC**. See opposite.
9th Car Boot Sale, Manor Field, Station Rd, 10am-3pm, in aid of Kate's Home Nursing. See page 2.
10th Men in Sheds, Open Morning 9.30am—12.30. Behind **RBL**. All Welcome. See page 3.
11th WI, **VC**, 7pm. Wendy Stafford, Art Pad, Glass Garden. See page 3.
12th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 15.
12th & 26th Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
12th Gardening Club, **BCH**, 7 for 7.30pm. plant & seed swap, Gardeners' Question Time & horticultural quiz. See page 5.
13th Bourton Lunch Club, **CCP**, GL54 2AY. 12Noon, 01608 692811.
15th Tayler & Fletcher, Monthly Auction Sale, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.
17th RNLI AGM 2pm, **GMCC**. See page 5
17th Rural Cinema, The Banshees of Inisherin. C15. Dark comedy. 2hrs

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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** Willoughby Place = **WP**

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council Notes

Parish Council notes from the meeting held on 1st March 2023.

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson confirmed that Gloucestershire County Council voted through a council tax increase of 4.99%.

District Cllr Nick Maunder advised that CDC are working to complete the refurbishment of the Rissington Road car park prior to Easter. The number of spaces will increase with an additional 6 spaces to include 16 EV car charging spaces.

Plans are being progressed to reclaim the Bourton to Kingham disused railway line as a cycling/walking/riding route with funding being secured for a more detailed feasibility study and stakeholder consultations.

Steve Cotton, Village Warden reported that he will be starting his summer season hours of 30 per week from 1st April and hopes to spend time working with parish councillors on local matters, along with his many other duties in the village.

Members of the public raised the matter of on-street parking by visitors. The Chairman advised that a possible Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is being discussed with GCC Highways which could include 'no entry except for access' signs on some residential streets. The Parish Council have paid an additional fee for increased monitoring of parking by GCC's enforcement team.

The proposed TRO would also restrict access into Lansdowne by bringing traffic in via Station Road and GCC have started a consultation process on the impact of this.

Parish Council

Gigaclear will be installing underground cabling in the public open space adjacent to Croome Gardens. The contractor has yet to advise on dates for this work.

The Coronation Working Group confirmed that the Bourton Big Lunch will take place on Sunday 7th May from 1.30-4.30pm on the field between the Primary School and the Cotswold School. This is a free event with music and entertainment and those attending are asked to bring their own picnics.

Parish Council Elections: A reminder that the deadline to apply for a seat on the Parish Council closes at 4pm on Tuesday 4th April. Nomination papers must be submitted in person to the Returning Officer at Cotswold District Council's Trinity Road offices. Nomination forms can be downloaded from their website here <https://cotswold.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections-and-voting/current-and-future-elections/>. We have an increase in seats from 11 to 13 from the May elections, so please put your name forward if you would like to make a difference for your local community. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like more information on the role of Parish Councillor and how you can help.

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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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21st-22nd Gift & Craft Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm, accessories, soaps, up-cycled gifts, cards/stationery, wood turning.

23rd Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599.

24th Probus, 10.30am, **GMCC**. Speaker to be announced. See column 3.

26th u3a, Beetle Drive. 10am-12pm, **B L H**. 07783 235320. www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton

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If there are more applicants than the number of seats available, then CDC will hold an election on Thursday 4th May. Polling will take place at The George Moore Community Centre.

The Annual Meeting date has been changed from 10th May to 7pm on Monday 15th May. This is to accommodate election requirements.

Next Meeting Date: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 5th April 2023 in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre. All residents are welcome.

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The Bourton Probus Club held 2 meetings in February, both of which were well received. The first was by Malcolm Lewis, who gave us, appropriately, a very entertaining talk on "The Rodgers and Hammerstein Story" and the second was by Nick Humphris, who gave us an entertaining talk on "Concord development at Filton, 1962 - 1971". This talk was of particular interest to me personally, as I lived near Filton at the time and saw the first test flight from my garden.

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Events: If you are planning any events 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.

Happy Easter to all our readers!

The Bourton Browser Team

Bourton-on-the-Water WI

Ballet was on the agenda for the Bourton-on-the-Water WI ladies for their meeting, on Tuesday 14th March. Due to unforeseen circumstances the scheduled speaker had to cancel and Ellie O'Toole pirouetted in to save the day! The ladies were very much kept on their toes and Ellie's choreography was totally on point. It was a fantastic night, with everyone enjoying themselves. A couple of Principal Dancers shone out (you know who you are), and I'm pleased to report there were no Sugar Plum Fairies. A huge round of applause tutu Ellie for a very enjoyable evening. The WI ladies meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 7pm, at the Victoria Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water. Please come along to one of our meetings and join us for some fun, laughter and to make new friends, we look forward to welcoming you!

Don't forget to join us on Tuesday 11th April when our speaker, Wendy Stafford, from Art Pad, Glass Garden, will be demonstrating her beautiful garden hand-made glass ornaments.

Vanessa Yamin



Bourton Men in Sheds

Bourton Men in Sheds have been braving the cold weather to come to the sheds to socialise and enjoy a cuppa and have a cake too. We have been busy making bird tables, bird boxes and planters which are usually much in demand this time of year as spring is just around the corner.

Thanks also to all those who brave the elements to tend our garden and break up pallets.

We hope to have good sales again this year. Come along and see us and hopefully place an order. We have had many people coming to the sheds to buy kindling at £5 per bag and also bags of off cuts at £2.

On Monday 10th April (Easter Monday) we are having an OPEN MORNING from 9.30am – 12.30pm. ALL WELCOME.

Of course, you don't have to wait until then as we meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Our site is behind the British Legion.

Our website is www.bourtonmeninsheds.weebly.com showing some of the things we make, so take a look! We are part of Cotswold Friends reducing isolation and supporting independent living.



Dave Birch



OUT AND ABOUT in April

Daily Lambing & Kidding at Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5FL. 9.30am – 4.30pm, 01451 850307 www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk/lambing/

1st-16th Easter Activities, Fairytale farm, Chipping Norton, OX7 5QH. 01608 238014 <https://www.fairytalefarm.co.uk/>

1st-16th Easter Egg Hunts, Snowhill Manor & Gardens, Snowhill Manor & Garden, Broadway, WR12 7JU. 11am-4.30pm. 01386 852410. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

1st-16th Big Batsford Bunny Hunt, Batsford Arboretum, Nr Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9AT. 9.30am–5pm. £3 per child plus entrance fees. Booking entry is recommended. www.batsarb.co.uk/ 01386 701441.

4th-16th Children's Easter Activities & train rides, Churchward House, Station Approach, Winchcombe Railway, GL54 5LD. Details/prices. 01242 621405. www.gwsr.com/

7th-10th Easter Eggstravaganza, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, www.blenheimpalace.com or call 01993 810530. 10am-5pm. Pre-booking essential.

9th Cheltenham Vegan Market, Promenade, GL50 1LE. 07500 690313. 10am-3pm. Free entry. www.veganfairs.co.uk/

12th North Cotswold Arts Association, AGM and fascinating update on Kelmscott Manor, William Morris and the Pre-Raphaelites by Fiona Rossington, Warwick Hall, Burford Church, 2-4.

15th Village Market at Great Rissington, Great Rissington Club, 10am-noon. 01451 822285.

16th Combe Mill Steaming Day, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough. OX298ET. www.combemill.org. 01993 358694. See page 13.

26th-1st May Cheltenham Jazz Festival, Montpellier Gardens, GL50 1UZ. www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/jazz

27th-30th Chipping Norton Literary Festival, The Theatre, Spring Street, OX7 5NL. 07989 530069 www.chiplitfest.com/

27th-30th Spring Homes & Gardens Open-Air Fair, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. www.sudeleycastle.co.uk/

29th Jeremy Mainwaring-Burton: Jewels Fit for a Queen, Northleach Church, 6.30pm. Tickets £12/£15, incl. a free Kir Royale, northleachevents.co.uk

29th-1st May Lechlade Vintage Rally & Country Show. Langley Lane, Clanfield, Bampton, OX18 2RZ. 01993 843221. 10am-4.30pm. £6 Adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free.

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We have already had a good start to the year fundraising for the North Cotswold Branch of the RNLI. A National Volunteer Recruitment drive was launched at the end of February which we hope will enable more volunteers to come forward. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in helping in any way please let us know, or come and join us at our AGM on Monday 17th April 2pm at the George Moore Community Centre.

We cover the area from Lechlade to Cirencester and up to Moreton in Marsh, Chipping Campden and Broadway. Our new RNLI presenter, Anthony Gerrard, has already picked up some bookings to talk to groups including WI, Probus and Rotary. He is hoping to attend our AGM along with Emma MacDonald, our Area Community Manager, who some of you met at our auction last year. He will also give a talk at The Lifford Hall in Broadway on Friday 20th October.

Weather permitting, we plan to continue our 'At the Gate Bric a Brac sales', starting on the 1st, 8th and 29th May, in Moore Road. We have a lot of 'Evesham' design Royal Worcester China, Crystal glasses and many other household items donated this year.

The Old Vicarage Gardens at Bledington will be open again on Sunday 18th June from 11am to 6pm so do come and join us for a cuppa and cake and pick up a plant or two.

Duck Racing Day will be 8th July. We are also very grateful for all who support us at our store collections.

West Kirby Lifeboat Team have launched their appeal for a New Lifeboat. They have 6 months to raise £50k for their new D-class Lifeboat to replace their existing lifeboat 'Seahorse'!

The RNLI is an apolitical charity which exists to save lives at sea, as it has been doing for nearly 200 years. The "Float to

live' messaging is now available in 22 languages.

Looking forward to seeing you at some of our planned events to help the RNLI stay afloat! **Julia Stevenson**

northcotswoldrnli@gmail.com



Bourton Vale Horticultural Society Your friendly Garden Club

Despite dire warnings of heavy snow and blizzards, our speaker, Andrew Tolman, travelled all the way from Malmesbury on 8 March to deliver his talk on "The Art of Topiary and Ornamental Hedges". We were treated to some wonderfully inspiring photographs of topiary and decorative hedging from all over the country, the art of sculpting shrubs and trees into decorative shapes having been introduced by the Romans. Our questions about box blight and the right time to trim our wayward shrubbery were patiently answered and Andrew's passion for the art was so infectious that there is likely to be a proliferation of pincushion box bushes in our members' gardens this year! Altogether this was a thoroughly enjoyable evening! Also undeterred by the inclement weather, Lu Webb ventured forth to rescue primroses from the snow to win this month's competition prize!

Why not join us at the Baptist Church Hall on at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12 April, when we will be having our ever-popular plant and seed swap evening, with a Gardeners' Question Time session and a horticultural quiz, followed by tea and biscuits? The competition is a Single Daffodil.

With a modest annual membership fee of £15 or £3 per visit, new members and visitors are always most welcome! Please contact me (details below) if you would like a copy of this year's programme.

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A tutor leads the sessions. In the last one, we learned how to shop online. Our dedicated volunteers help people with 1-1 teaching and we have a programme of visitors attending. In a recent session we were visited by Danielle, a Fraud Protection Officer who taught us how to be safe online. We still have some places available for older learners on our next course. It's advisable to express your interest as soon as possible. Each course takes place one morning a week for twelve weeks.

If you wish to express an interest in attending a future course, please do the following:

- Write a note, giving your name, age (over 55), address, phone number (and email address if you have one).
- Describe briefly your current level of skill (if any) with digital technology and the brand name of your device(s) (Apple, Samsung, etc).
- Describe what help you'd like.
- 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.

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Over recent months our members have: continued to support people effected by the war in Ukraine sending aid from Bourton-on-the-Water, raised money for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, driven the North Cotswolds Foodbank van, run Youth Competitions at the Cotswold School and are currently preparing to donate modest, but desperately needed, sums to local small charities that don't have fundraising teams through our annual Helping Hand initiative.

You'd also get the opportunity to help organise our popular events such as the Greystones 10K Trail Run, the Duck Race or the Cotswold Festival of Motoring. These fundraisers not only allow us to support charities but they also provide entertainment and well-being to the public who take part.

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Notgrove Hamlets Limits (apologies to Tina Turner) – 4th April – Moderate 4hr 8ml. This circular walk takes you

through the rolling Cotswold countryside starting in Notgrove, visiting Aylworth, Lower Harford, Aston, Cold Aston and return. Start: 9.30am Parking opposite The Nuttery café in Notgrove, GL54 3BS. Donations for parking in phone booth. OS Map ref: SP 108 201.

Woodland walk - Thursday 13th April – Moderate 4hr 7ml A walk through Guiting Wood, quiet lanes and interesting talk on the stone piping, Middle Ages village and flora and fauna along the way. Please bring coffee/snack and lunch. Start: 10.00am Village green, parking in Guiting Power village car park or nearby GL54 5TX. OS Map ref: SP 095 246.

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.

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– 2:00pm Last Hour at the Cross

Easter Day Dawn Service – 6am the Barn @ Upper Farm, Clapton-on-the-Hill
Holy Communion – 11am (with Light Group/children's church)

Other services: Midweek Holy Communion – every Wednesday @ 10:00am –except 12th
8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 23rd April only
6pm Holy Communion – 2nd April
6pm Taize—30th April

St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill: 2nd – Morning Worship and 9th Easter BCP Holy
Communion



Bourton Baptist Church Services

Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 am

We gather for worship in the church building every Sunday morning,
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Aspire Foundation Steps Ahead Project, for families with children up to pre-school age; also
open during the school holidays. For more information and booking, please visit: <https://aspirefoundation.coordinate.cloud/project/30911> or contact Mrs Philippa Duckmanton on
07796 346781.

Contact

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website: stow-bourtoncatholic.net

WEEK END MASSES: Saturday evening:
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Sung Mass.

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

The priest welcomes all enquiries about
the Christian faith, and Baptisms, Confir-
mations, Weddings, Funerals, the Sacra-
ment of Reconciliation, Blessing of
houses, etc.

LENT and HOLY WEEK

Every Friday at 6 pm Stations of the
Cross followed by silent prayer and Ado-
ration.

Holy Thursday 6th April: 7.30 pm Mass
of the Lord's Supper followed by watch.

Good Friday 7th April 3 pm Liturgy.

Holy Saturday 8th April 9 pm Lighting of
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Greystones Farm Updates

Welcome to a new section of *The Bour-*
ton Browser, where we keep you up-
dated about what's happening at your
local Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust na-
ture reserve, Greystones Farm.

Spring is here (although snow is on the
ground as I type this), and we all know
spring is a time of fresh starts and re-
birth, which is exactly what we're looking
at here on the reserve.

Not only are the plants and trees at Grey-
stones Farm beginning to bloom, the
local wildlife is starting to emerge from
its winter retreats. For many they will be
looking for a mate to carry on their ge-
netic legacy. Over the next few months,

you may even see pregnant cows
amongst our milk herd, so please keep
your dog on a lead whilst onsite. Even
the friendliest dog can make a cow anx-
ious and cause them to miscarry. All
being well it won't be long before we
hear the pitter patter of tiny hooves.

It's not just nature that's coming back
to life at Greystones, as Gloucester
Wildlife Trust have plans to open the
Discovery Barn and Iron Age round-
house over the coming months, to en-
able the general public to access them
for free. For details of the dates and
times visit: <https://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/events>

We want to make these openings a regu-
lar occurrence but for that we need your
help. The lovely people you'll meet in the
barn and roundhouse are volunteers and
we're actively looking for more people to
join the team.

Whether you can offer your time regu-
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again, we'd love to hear from you. For
more information, please email volunteering@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk.

Rhys Howell

Visitor Engagement Manager



**Gloucestershire
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For The Younger Generations

Local Gymnastics Club Success!

North Cotswolds Gymnastics & Trampolining Academy (NCGTA), based on Bourton Industrial Park, has already seen some great success this year at recent, regional gymnastics competitions.

Sunday 12th February saw the return of the Winter Magic Gymnastics Event, in Wiltshire, where NCGTA entered some of their younger gymnasts. It was a great day and NCGTA dominated, taking 80 medals in total, with 62 placing in the top 3. With special mention to gymnasts Amelia, Georgia, Tara, and Claire, who took the most titles for their levels. Tara and Georgia, also were the top 2 highest scorers of the day.



At the beginning of March NCGTA competed at the Quatrovision Cup, Wiltshire. They achieved 3 golds, 10 silvers and 11 bronze awards. With special mention to Georgia, who placed 3rd overall.



March also saw 5 of our Squad gymnasts complete their regional grading. Hope passed with flying colours. Alice, Freya, and Sophie received highly commended at their first grading, and Ayla received a distinction, and finished 2nd in her entire grade.



NCGTA is based out of Cotswold Clubhouse, offering gymnastics classes for pre-schoolers, up to adults. Due to the growth and successes of this gymnastics club, there is exciting news to come. July will bring the expansion of the gymnasium, doubling it in size, introducing more equipment, allowing bigger holiday camps, more options for fun play, and a lot more scope for new gymnasts to join.

Josie Brown

Marketing at Cotswold Clubhouse



Bourton Vale Tennis Club

Memberships for the 2023 season are officially open. Our year runs from April to March so now is the best time to sign up and get use of the courts for the full year. Membership fees are incredibly good value, just £25 (reduced to £15 if taking coaching) for a child for the whole year! We also have parent and child, adult, and family membership packages available. We welcome players of all ages, young and old, all abilities, from complete beginner, rusty returner, stalwart senior or Wimbledon warrior!

We have fun, social competitions throughout the year, a singles box league, regular club nights, club tournaments and Gloucestershire doubles league tennis. We also have a growing social calendar so if you're wanting to get active and make new friends, check out our website at www.bourtontennisclub.org for more information and to sign up.

We would love to see more children taking up the sport. Tennis is great for hand-eye coordination, getting fit, developing a competitive spirit, sportsmanship, and etiquette. Juniors can also take advantage of free club nights on Thursdays (starting after Easter hols) 17:30-18:30.

Coaching is available for both adults and juniors, individual or group. See website or contact coach Kingsley Harris on **07879644218** for more details. Newly qualified coach Clare Bell is also with us this year doing group lessons for pre-school kids on Monday afternoons. If interested, please contact Clare directly on 07495767343.

So, what are you waiting for? Get active, get social, get into tennis in Bourton!

See you on court!

Alex Peyton



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

Fundraising

The Cotswold School is often at the heart of village events. Our sporting facilities benefit the local community and are used every day, seven days of the week, by many local clubs.

Built in 2005, our Astro turf is entering its eighteenth year and is in desperate need of resurfacing. Our goal is to replace the Astro over summer 2024 and, as such, we are looking to raise £200K towards the project, ensuring our Astro pitch is fit for purpose and that it remains accessible to all.

With our fundraising already underway, we have been overwhelmed with the initial response, with families purchasing 1m² Astro squares, as well as raising over £3,000 at our PTA Bingo and Quiz night! Going forward, we will be pitching to the

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Taekwon-do	Lee Chapman 01285 640500
The Cotswold School	820554
Youth Club	Lynda Hicks 07867 121122

Community Fund for match funding via Spacehive and the PTA will be running more events - watch out for 'Race Night' in April. We know that this is an ambitious target, but we are confident that together we can achieve it. If you are an individual or local business that would like to help, please get in touch with Mrs Tye -mtye@thecotswoldschool.co.uk. Thank you to everyone for your support so far, it is very much appreciated.

Visit www.cotswoldschool.co.uk for more information.

Rotary Young Writer, Artist and Chef Competitions 2023

Our young people have been wowing judges with their talents and skills. Well done to all of those who took part and to those who were awarded certificates in the club stages of the competition. In the District Finals, huge congratulations to artists Meredith (Y7) who came second and Stella (Y10) who was awarded first place; writers Freya (Y7) and Phoebe (Y10) both came in first place; and to Izzy (Y10) who won in the Young Chef competition. Thank you to the North Cotswold Rotary for their continued support

Helen Murray

Marketing & Communications

Bourton Primary School

The Spring Term at Bourton Primary is filled with exciting news and events. The Friends of Bourton group (FOBS) have been actively fundraising for the last year to build a new library at the school. This will provide an inviting space for the students to expand their reading abilities. FOBS worked with Peter's, the UK's leading provider of books and library design to re-imagine our existing library. The new, colourful space includes a daisy table with soft seating areas for small reading groups, a kinder-box that can be taken into classrooms, and of course lots of books! We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses that have supported our fundraising particularly Travis Perkins for donating the paint and supplies to complete the library transformation

The Cotswold School has offered to loan us their field on 23rd April for a Parking Fundraiser. All the money raised from that day will go directly to our school. If you're interested in lending a hand, we'll be looking for volunteers. During the week of 24th April, our pupils will be training with Mini Medics from Cotswold First Aid. These courses provide a foundation for our children to build life skills that help them cope should they find themselves in an emergency situation. They will cover topics such as basic first aid, calling for emergency responders, choking and CPR. This is only possible with support from the parents and carers of our pupils, local businesses and the village community, so a huge thank you for your ongoing support.

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club championships. The two swimmers of the meet were Oliver and Grace, who both received the coveted "Top Banana" award.

Swimmers of the Month

Georgia, who continues to train really well, she swims for us at counties and competed at the recent Oxford Development. **Daisy**, a quiet young swimmer who is swimming really well and is nearly ready to progress up a squad, she also swam at the Oxford Development Meet. The Club trains at 4 pools: Sibford School, Kingham Hill School and Bourton on the Water and Chipping Norton Leisure Centres. We offer a broad range of times to suit many swimmers and structure our squads to ensure that we can cater for individual needs. We have 6 squads – Academy, Pre-Comp, Competition, County, Regional and Masters.

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Lucy Warner



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We aim to get people talking openly about dying, death and grief – to reduce anxiety and isolation.

- Living with an illness or a terminal diagnosis.
- How can I plan for my care or my funeral?
- What happens when someone is dying?
- What can I do to help someone who is dying?
- Where can I get support, what practical help is available and where?
- What happens when someone dies?
- Who do I call?
- How do I register a death?
- What is a Coroner and why are they involved?
- What type of funeral do I want?
- How do I tell my family?
- Where can I access counselling or support?
- Is it normal to feel the way that I am feeling and why?
- I'm worried about money – what financial support is available?
- Do I need a solicitor to settle an estate?
- What is probate?
- What is the inheritance law?

- I need to make a Will.

Talking about death and dying can be tough. It can be an uncomfortable conversation that many of us may want to avoid. It can be a time of great confusion and pain whether expected or unexpected and a time where you will need to make decisions and face difficult choices. The saying goes that it can take a village to raise a child but it can also take a village to look after someone who is dying and to support their family. We aim to bring together a range of information and organisations that provide physical, practical and emotional support and care – to open our arms to our community, friends and family.

PLEASE JOIN US - WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Rachael Pickard
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April

Spring takes wing
In every single thing.
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Hugh O'Connell

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Bourton Roadrunners

On a bright but sharp Sunday morning, Bourton Roadrunners played host to over 600 runners from around the country for its annual **Bourton10k** race. In addition to being popular amongst runners for its fast and flat course, the club prides itself in providing valuable funds for local charities from the proceeds.

The race was won by Richard De Camps of Gloucester AC in a time of 31 minutes and 43 seconds, ahead of Andrew Chambers in 31:48 (unattached) and Will Perkin of Thames Valley Harriers in 31:51. The first woman was Ella Burfitt in 35:50, ahead of Nicole Frith in 36:21; both of Cheltenham & County Harriers, and Naomi Eaton of Weston Tempo in 37:44. Wheelchair racer Les Hampton from Cheltenham & County Harriers provided an inspiring performance finishing in 49:24.

Nine Bourton Roadrunners also ran, with Darren Long leading the club's contingent home in a time of 37:35, and was 2nd MV50. Next to finish was Chris Nesbitt who had a strong run in 38:30, followed by Alex Pye in a new PB time of 39:50. Niamh Shoemark, wife of race director Ian, completed the 10k course in 42:00 and was 2nd LV55, chased by her daughter Eva in her first 10k achieving a brilliant 42:24. These were followed by Alan Gibson (50:06), Rebecca Townsend (50:37), Barry O'Leary (51:05) and Chris Lynch (64:53). **John Gibson**

Cotswolds Radio

Cotswolds Radio is a community radio station run entirely by volunteers of all ages – from under 8 to over 80! Founded by Richard Blundell during the early days of the pandemic, we started life as Radio Northleach and have grown and grown since then. We now broadcast over 30 shows from our studio at The Old Prison in Northleach covering a host of topics – all kinds of music, gardening, beauty, chat, local news, culture and the arts, sports and of course our popular daily Breakfast Show. We are an internet radio station, which means you can find us online via our website or using apps or Alexa. And don't worry if you miss a live show, most of our programmes are repeated later in the schedule and are also available on Catch Up via the app. Over the coming months, we will be profiling different shows, their presenters and some of the fascinating guests who have shared their stories.

This month we are featuring "Afternoon Live" with Paul Hodgkinson. Paul is Gloucestershire County Councillor for Bourton-on-the-Water and Northleach. He's lived in the Cotswolds for over 30 years and runs an executive coaching practice. He also has a passion for music and has been involved with Cotswolds Radio from the very start, when he brought us vital updates on what was happening in Gloucestershire during the pandemic.

Afternoon Live is a monthly interview and music programme which airs from 4pm-6pm on Thursdays. (The slot is



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shared with Bourton Matters - another great show on local topics). So far this year, his guests have included Tiffany Barrans, human rights lawyer and opera singer from the USA who now lives in Northleach, Mark Hawthorne, Leader of Gloucestershire County Council and Jo Hammond, CEO of Cotswold Friends. You can listen to the show featuring Tiffany's human rights work here: <https://www.mixcloud.com/CotswoldsRadio/afternoon-live-bourton-matters-19-01-2023/> and the show with Mark Hawthorne and Jo Hammond here: <https://www.mixcloud.com/CotswoldsRadio/afternoon-live-bourton-matters-16-02-2023>. **Jon Waring**

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Tickets are £15 for the walk only (including refreshments) and £30 for the walk with lunch. All proceeds will go towards supporting families in the Cotswolds with young children, who are going through difficult times. Everyone is welcome, including dogs on leads and there is free parking.

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Panto Group

The panto costumes have now all been packed away. The performers and crew are resting with their feet up and book in hand, or maybe it's a script ready for the next show. But first we're waiting for the sunshine because we're looking forward to the summer and May 1st brings our summer fete. We'll have the usual array of items for sale. Books for readers, puzzles for puzzlers and bottles for boozers, when the popular 'Wine or Water' competition will be back, maybe you'll be lucky. We also have the Roll a Penny game if you just want a little bit of fun, and ducks of course, they're getting their first outing to air their feathers. There will be Hook a Duck and, when you've had some fun with that, you can progress on to some competitive racing on the Windrush or should we call it Windwaddle when the ducks are around? They do their best whilst being cheered on by eager onlookers and a good time is had by all. Come and have a go, there will be games for the younger ones and games for us oldies and you can go home with a puzzle and continue the fun. Don't forget, Monday 1st May on the village green. Come and say hello.

We start rehearsals for the next show in September after our AGM so if you were thinking it may be for you then contact Angela Layton and have a chat. Angela will give you all the information you need. You can reach her on 07767 237537 give her a call and see how you can help us.

Jackie Denham



Sherborne 5 Mile & FUN Run

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Sunday 14th May 2023

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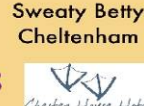
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Irene's Charity Knitting Circle

At our March Meeting we received some beautiful items of clothing, blankets and toys for distribution locally and for Ukraine.

Another month has flown by and we are now hoping for warmer weather as we move into April. Our meeting will take place on Wednesday, 12th April, and we send our very best wishes to you all and look forward to being with you at Wil-loughby Place, Station Road, from 10:00 - 12:00 noon. Coffee/ Tea and Biscuits will be served and we hope to see all our members there.

As always, we are looking for new members who will be very welcome to join us and meet new friends as well as helping to provide comfort for families in need in our local communities and Families/Refugees in Ukraine.

With our very best wishes

Irene and Peter

For further information contact:

Irene Summers Tel: 01451 798718

Peter Boxall Tel: 01451 824175



The "Big Help Out"

Monday May 8th

The "Big Help Out", on Monday May 8th, gives people the chance to take part in a new volunteering experience.

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Bell Ringers, BOW	Stephanie Hemming	810996
Bell Ringers, Gt Ris	Sheila Jesson,	820395
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Bridge Club, Northleach	Tim Morris	01285 750288
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Gardening Club	Sandra Mitchell	07840 898472
Glos. Advanced Motorists	Rod Harrison.	821605
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Men in Sheds Membership	Rob	01608 698557
Men in Sheds Orders	Keith	01451 831886
Moore Friends	Sandra Morgan	07840 898472
Moreton Bowls Club	Brenda Dix	821020
North Cotswold Arts Association	Alexa Buffery	07999589387
North Cotswold Gymnastics Club	Caroline Gill	01451 263130
OPEN 4U		824225
Panto Group	Jan Close	831911
Pilates	Robert Cox	07500 188445
Probus Club	Kevin Hick	868435
Rotary Club Nth Cotswolds	Steve Whincup	07488 365908
Royal British Legion Bourton	Bill McKenzie	824303
Rural Cinema	Mollie Wise	822365
Scottish Dancing Group	Christine Bucknall	01993 830760
	Bucknallce@gmail.com	
Short Led Walks	Carol Price	810305
Stow Textile Group	Julie Smith	01608 651006
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u3a Bourton & District	Group Mobile	07783 235320
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Volunteer Help Centre		01608 651415
WI	Pat Taylor	07518 457 652
Windrush Carers Support Group	Barbara Newstead	821523
4 Shires Swimming Club	Jo Shaw	membership@4ssc.uk.uk



THE BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER



SUNDAY MAY 7TH, 13:30 - 16:30

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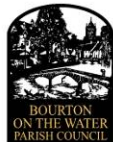
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wind burnt ground.

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through soil with ease,

With a promise of sunshine and
warmth, they tease.

Seeing the children out at play,

And chasing those
winter blues away.

The birds, they feast on ample food,
And the circle of life is now renewed.

Sue Hewitt

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