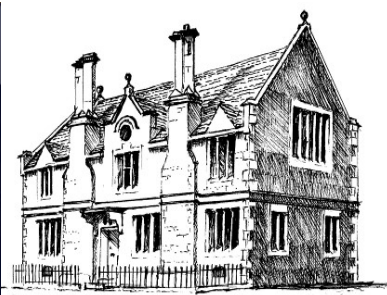


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DIARY DATES

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
1st Bourton Panto Group Fete & Duck races, The Green, 10am-4pm. p5.
1st, 8th & 29th, "At the gate Bric a Brac Sales", Moore Rd, in aid of RNLI.
1st & 15th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember Sessions, **GMCC**, 10.30am. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
3rd Talk, "Dying, Death and Grief", **GMCC**, 7-9pm, W J Wright Funeral Directors. See page 6.
4th Local Elections, **GMCC**, 7am-10pm.
6th Coronation of King Charles III & Queen Camilla.
7th Bourton's "Coronation Big Lunch", 1.30-4.30pm, Cotswold School Playing Field, see page 16.
9th WI, **VC**, 7pm. Social. See page 5.
10th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 6.
10th & 24th Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
10th Gardening Club, **BCH**, 7 for 7.30pm. Adrian James, "Three West Country Gardens". See p 12.
11th Bourton Lunch Club, **CCP**, GL54 2AY. 12Noon, 01608 692811.

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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 5th April 2023.

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson provided clarification on highways proposals which had been reported in last month's Bourton Browser. This was in relation to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which could include 'no entry except for access' signs on some residential streets. Funds are available from CDC's Tourist Levy for one part of the TRO and Cllr Hodgkinson will provide match funding to allow for two separate TROs. GCC Highways have investigated restricting access to Lansdowne, although they would prefer not to restrict access if possible but would be in favour of deterring motorists from entering off the Fosseyway. Roman Way and other residential roads would also be part of a restricted access TRO. When proposals have been put together the Parish Council will undertake a public consultation.

District Cllr Nick Maunder was pleased that the Rissington Road car park had been re-opened in time for Easter but there was a delay in the installation of the EV charging points. Management of the leisure centre has been re-contracted for a 10-year period. Cllr Maunder was thanked for his time as District Councillor for Bourton Village.

Parish Council

Play Rangers: Grant funding of £5,000 has been awarded from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and £1,108 from Moore Friends. The sessions continue to be popular and the Co-Op, the Dial House and the Chip Shed provided food for the recent Easter holiday session which was grant funded via Play Gloucestershire.

MUGA at The Naight: Following recent concerns from neighbours on noise, our contractor has provided tools and equipment for regular maintenance to be carried out. All outstanding work in this respect has been completed and it is anticipated that this will address the current problems with noise and reverberation of the panels.

Cotswold District Council's Tourist Levy Funding: Funds totalling £48,463 from parking at the Rissington Road car park have been received by the Parish Council for projects approved by CDC. An additional £6,690 has been approved for repairs to the riverbank and work will be carried out in the coming months. The Parish Council has been asked to create a list of suggested projects for 2023-24 which will be the subject of a public consultation by CDC in June or early July.

Parish Council Elections: We have been advised of an uncontested Parish Council election, with 12 councillors being elected unopposed, leaving one vacancy for co-option, possibly at the June meeting. The new councillors will be Sharon Coventry, Amanda Davis, Bob Hadley, Lynda Hicks, Jonathan Jowitt, Leanne Launchbury, Martin Macklin, Andy Roberts, Madan Samuel, Jon Wareing, Len Wilkins and Bill Wragge. The councillors will officially take up their roles for the next 4 years on 9th May and the new Council's first meeting will be the Annual Meeting on 15th May.

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- 12th Bourton Mile Run, 7.30pm, Rissington Rd / High St. See page 11 for details and entry.
- 13th Tayler & Fletcher, Monthly Auction Sale, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.
- 13th & 14th Gift & Craft Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm, accessories, soaps, up-cycled gifts, stationery, wood turning.
- 14th Car Boot Sale, Manor Field, Station Rd, 10am-3pm, in aid of Kate's Home Nursing. See column 2.
- 14th-20th Christian Aid Week, see p. 3.
- 15th Rural Cinema, "LIVING", 12a, drama 1hr 42 mins. Bill Night, Alex Sharp Aimee Wood. **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on door. See page 5.
- 15th Annual Meeting, 7pm, **GMCC**.
- 16th Police Point open, **GMCC**, 10-11am, PCSO John Allen.
www.gloucestershire.police.uk
- 16th Canon David Cook "His story, includes, being a Prisoner of War as a child in Japan". **StLC**, 7.30pm, Glass of wine. Donations to Christian Aid.
- 20th & 21st Gift Fair, **VH**, Gift Ware, Handbags, Jewellery, Children's Books/Toys, Stationery. 07832195427.
- 21st Moore Friends, AGM, **GMCC**, 2.30pm. See page 13.
- 22nd Probus, 10.30am, **GMCC**.
Mike Deacon, "The Life of Richard Carr-Gomm." See page 12.
- 24th u3a, AGM, 10am-12pm, **BLH**.
www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton 07783 235320.
- 28th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599.

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Coach Park Update: The owners of Bourton Vale car park have confirmed that the existing coach park will close on 31st December 2023. The Cotswold School considered taking the coaches, but this may prove impractical and is being investigated. CDC have been asked if an increase in car parking charges would be considered at the Rissington Road car park to counteract the loss of revenue, to enable a coach parking facility. If no coach parking solution can be found, a Traffic Regulation Order will be required to stop coaches entering the village.

Members of the public were asked to report any instances of obstruction to the police on 101 and parking on double yellow lines will be dealt with by GCC's parking enforcement team.



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Road Safety: There are 20mph and 30mph road safety stickers available at The George Moore Community Centre for your use if you would like to remind drivers that your road has a speed limit.

Victoria Hall: Councillor Wragge attended a recent committee meeting as the Parish Council's representative. He highlighted that new committee members are required, particularly for projects that will require fundraising such as roof maintenance.

Next Meeting Date: The Annual Meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 15th May in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre. All residents are welcome.

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Bourton Browser Team News

Browser Deliverer's Tea party: 55 team members attended the party on, 28th March, at the Cricket Pavilion. It was lovely to see everybody and to meet many of the deliverers who have joined the team since our last get together, in December 2019. We were able to report that the Browser is doing very well. Most months we are over subscribed with articles and all the advertising spaces are sold. We were delighted that those present were agreeable to delivering larger Browsers if this becomes necessary. Next year will be the 25th Anniversary of the start of the Bourton Browser (1999-2024). We are looking for ideas to celebrate the occasion.



Gladys Oakey: We were sad to hear about Gladys' death, a couple of days prior to our party. Gladys had been the Browser deliverer for the Folly Field round, right from the Browser's first issue in 1999, until just a few months ago. Our sympathies go to her daughter, Caroline, (who has taken over the round) & to all of Gladys' family.

URGENT—New Deliverer Needed: We need a new volunteer Bourton Browser deliverer for the **Kings Meadow round**. The round consists of 79 houses. The delivery usually needs to be undertaken during the last week of the month and takes about 40 minutes. You don't have to live in Kings Meadow to volunteer. If you think you could help, please call David Tebbutt, 821098 or email us at address below .

Events: If you are planning events let us know, we can advertise them in "Diary Dates" and 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.

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Christian Aid Week 14-20 May 2023

This Christian Aid Week, we at St Lawrence's Church, & the other churches in the Benefice at Clapton-on-the-Hill and the Rissingtons, are again joining churches from all over the country in fundraising. We are supporting projects in the world's poorest countries, this year focussing on the ongoing effect of drought due to climate change. Christian Aid is working through local partner organisations overseas to help people grow drought resistant crops, become self-sufficient and raise themselves out of poverty, so that they can feed their families and keep their children in education.

During Christian Aid Week we will be collecting to help these families in countries such as Malawi, as well as providing emergency help following disasters such as the recent earthquakes in Turkey & Syria, and the war in Ukraine. This year it will run from 14th-20th May.

We will be delivering envelopes with details of drop off points in the village, so that you can donate cash or cheques. Alternatively, you can donate online at <https://giving.give-star.com/online/christian-aid/bourton-on-the-water-ca-group-fundraising-page> More information is available on Christian Aid's website www.christianaid.org.uk.

Thank you for your support.

OUT AND ABOUT in May

- 1st Lechlade Vintage Rally & Country Show. Langley Lane, Clanfield, Bampton, OX18 2RZ. 01993 843221. 10am-4.30pm. £6 Adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free.
- 3rd Hike for Home-Start Cotswolds, circular walk from Cripps Barn, near Bibury, GL7 5BA. Couple of hours. Tickets £15 for walk, £30 to include lunch. Dogs on leads welcome. Info/bookings www.home-start-cotswolds.or.uk
- 4th Illustrated talk by Nicola Coldstream: Surprise and Spectacle in the Medieval Coronation Ceremony, Northleach Church, 6.30pm. Tickets £12/£15, incl. a free Kir Royale, northleachevents.co.uk
- 4th-8th Badminton Horse Trials, GL9 1DF. 01454 218375. <https://www.badminton-horse.co.uk>
- 5th-20th Chipping Campden Music Festival, Church Street, Chipping Campden, Glos, GL55 6HB. 01386 849018. www.campdenmayfestivals.co.uk
- 6th Coronation Celebration, Sherborne Village Hall, GL54 3DH. From 11am. Big Screen, Bar Open, BBQ 4-6pm. Barn Dance 7-10pm, tickets £12 single, £25 Family. Contact 07769720336. See page 12.
- 7th Upper Slaughter Fete, By the river, GL54 2JB. 12 Noon-2.30pm. 07815372646.
- 11th-14th RHS Malvern Spring Festival, Three Counties Show Ground Malvern, 9am-6pm. www.theticketfactory.com
- 12th-14th Cotswold Festival of Steam, GWSR Winchcombe Railway, Winchcombe, GL54 5LD. 01242 621405. www.gwsr.com/galas/steam-gala
- 13th Village Market at Great Rissington, Great Rissington Club, 10am-noon. 01451 822285.
- 13th Blossom Thai Chi, Snowhill Manor & Gardens, Snowhill Manor & Garden, Broadway, WR12 7JU. 01386 852410. www.nationaltrust.org.uk
- 13th-14th National Trust, Lodge Park & Sherborne open. "England's last remaining 17th Century grandstand".
- 14th Open Day Moreton Bowling Club, 10am-4pm, www.moretoninmarshbowlingclub.co.uk See page 13.
- 14th Sherborne Fun Run & 5 Mile Run, 10am for Fun Run, 11am for 5 Mile Run. Start from Sherborne Primary School, GL54 3DH. Medals & prizes. Info & Register at www.sherborneschool.co.uk In aid of the school.
- 17th Rissingtons Local History Society, 7.30pm. "History of Compton Verney", by Christine Cluley. Upper Rissington School, GL54 2PL. Visitors Welcome £3.50. information.RLHS@gmail.com or Kate O'Brien 07815 606770.
- 20th Craig Ogden in Concert, Northleach Church, 7.00pm. Tickets £20/£25.
- 21st Combe Mill Steaming Day, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough. OX298ET. www.combemill.org. 01993 358694. See page 13.
- 22nd-27th Chipping Campden Literature Festival, GL55 6HB. 01386 849018. www.campdenmayfestivals.co.uk
- 23rd-3rd August Longborough Festival Opera, GL56 0QF. <https://lfo.org.uk/> 01451 830292.
- 27th-29th Food Festival, Blenheim Palace, OX20 1UL, www.blenheimpalace.com Pre-booking essential.
- 28th-29th Pasture Farm, NGS Garden Open Day, Upper Oddington, GL56 OXG. 01451 830203. 11am-6pm. £6, Kids free.

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Panto Group

As we move on into the summer, we are all getting ready for the sun, the warmth and our holidays. The village is also waking up and looking forward to a nice warm summer with gazebos and tables being brushed off and ducks getting an airing, ready for spring and summer fetes. Bourton Panto Group have their Fete on the 1st May, with plans in the making for another later in the year. Our vast costume store is currently being photographed and listed because we think they're too good to be locked away from one year to the next, so we're getting ready to start hiring out our costumes and props. So, if anyone needs fancy dress for a show or for a party or just wants to be a pirate for the day, look out for Bourton Panto Group costume hire. We hope to have it up and running soon and when we're ready to go you'll see it advertised around local press and on our Facebook page.



Although the next Panto is not until after Christmas, plans are already underway. The dates are set and scripts are being read. The date is fixed for our next AGM on the 5th September. Plans go on all year round and nothing happens without a lot of people putting their heads together to create a wonderful panto, a successful Fete and that rewarding dinner, so if you think you could add to these plans or just be there to help it all go well, please get in touch. We need people, everyone from budding actors to budding tea makers or even if you just have some ideas and a voice we need you, so please contact Angela Layton on 07767 237537.

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North Cotswolds Rotary (NCR) distributed £3,500 to 7 local charities through its Helping Hand grants

In March NCR ran its Helping Hand scheme for the second year. Grants were awarded to address a wide range of needs; from buying play equipment for an educational hub, to contributing towards a short vacation for disadvantaged children who would otherwise not get an opportunity to go on any sort of holiday.

The Helping Hand scheme is aimed at small local charities and community groups that don't have resources for fundraising. The grants of up to £500 make a small but significant difference. Representatives of each organisation complete a simple form. If they meet the schemes requirements, they're invited along to give an explanation of their needs and to answer any questions. This year we were oversubscribed but it was gratifying to be able to help 7 organisations. These were: Art Uplift run by Cotswold Medical Practice, Bledington School Association, Condicote Playgroup and Toddlers, North Cotswold Community Awareness, Stow Community Land Trust, Stow Youth Club and The Cotswold School.

Steve Smith who devised and led the scheme said "Through the Helping Hand scheme we wanted to provide a simple way for local groups to access support for their vital work. The many applications we received show that

small grants can make a big difference. We certainly plan to run Helping Hand again next year to support our community." **John Barber**



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Cinema is popular and in the summer months we welcome a number of visitors from around the world.

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Bourton WI

Wendy Stafford from the Art Pad in Offenham joined the Bourton WI ladies as the speaker for the evening at their monthly meeting on Tuesday 11th April. Wendy is an accomplished artist specialising in making beautiful garden and home ornaments in glass. The ladies had an enjoyable evening and Wendy gave a smashing talk on how to make a stained-glass panel, and showed what pane's taking work it is!!



Never miss a window of opportunity when you see one.....so why not come along to next month's meeting which is on Tuesday 9th May and is a social evening.

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- Living with an illness or a terminal diagnosis.
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- 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?
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sion 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
W J Wright Funeral Directors

Tributes at Bourton-on-the-Water Cemetery

Families are reminded that floral tributes only are permitted to be placed at the head of the memorial stone.

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council requests that all unauthorised tributes are removed by the end of **August 2023**, this includes plants and trees. After this date a small label will be attached to any remaining items requesting that they are removed within 1 month.

If after this period the item has still not been removed, the item will be removed by the Council's officers, stored and kept securely for no longer than 1 month to allow for the owner to collect it.

Whenever possible, the family concerned will be contacted directly and asked to remove the item.

Anyone wishing to discuss this further is asked to contact Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Clerk on 01451 820712 or clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk

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Irene's Charity Knitting Circle



At our April meeting we again received more beautiful items of clothing, blankets and toys for distribution locally and for Ukraine. Each month we are able to distribute these items thanks to the amazing efforts of our members for which we are very grateful.

As May approaches we hope for warmer weather for our next meeting on Wednesday, 10th May. We look forward to being with you all 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 for an enjoyable "Knit and Natter".

We are always looking for new members who will be very welcome to join us and have the opportunity to meet new friends, as well as helping to provide items for local care homes and hospitals - those in need in our local communities and, of course, Families/Refugees in Ukraine.

With our very best wishes
Irene and Peter.

For further information contact:
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8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 14th and 28th May

Breakfast Church - Saturday 13th May - 9am start
Together on Tuesdays – Lunch Club 12-2pm every week – all welcome
BumbleBeez (parent and child group) every Thursday 9-11am
Youth Club (Years 7-10) meets monthly – email for details

St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill: 7th – Morning Worship & 21st BCP Holy Communion



Bourton Baptist Church

Minister: Rev Sue Woodley
Manse: 01451 820055
Mobile: 07828 781246
Church Office: 01451 824225
E-mail: minister@bourtonbaptist.co.uk
Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 am

We gather for worship every Sunday morning so do come and join us, everyone is welcome. Communion is usually celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month

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Open every Thursday from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm in the Church Hall, with a range of activities and time to chat. A light lunch is served and refreshments are available through the day. Everyone is welcome – just drop in and stay as long as you like.

Toddler Group

Currently meets every Wednesday from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm in the Church Hall, with toys, activities, and space to play! Contact the Minister for more information.

See our website for this month's diary and more details of all our activities
www.bourtonbaptist.co.uk

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

Priest: Fr. Stephen Lambert
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website: stow-
bourtoncatholic.net

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.

Fr. Stephen.

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Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

We are delighted that The Cotswold School Combined Cadet Force (CCF) RAF Section has moved one step closer to launch, with Mrs Lewis, Miss Trott and Mr Ind all passing their Board Interviews.

CCF is an educational partnership between The Cotswold School, the Ministry of Defence and the Royal Air Force. There are CCF groups in over 500 secondary schools over the UK, offering a range of exciting, challenging, educational and adventurous activities to young people. It will be launched to students in the summer term, ready for our first parade in September 2023. Opportunities offered will include glider flying, marksmanship and CCF Camps.

Initially, the programme will be open to those students who start Year 9 in September 2023, both to those who are already cadets, and anyone interested in joining. There will also be an opportunity for any cadets in Key Stage 4 to become Non-commissioned Officers (NCOs).

Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea

Thank you to everyone that came along to our Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea event. It was wonderful to welcome the local community into school to enjoy an afternoon of music, singing and art. Thank you to everyone for their support, including the brilliant raffle prizes donated by local businesses.

'Strangers Like Me'

The cast and crew of our school production of the National Theatre Connections play, 'Strangers Like Me' by Ed Harris, put on amazing shows both at school and at The North Wall Theatre, Oxford. From acting and singing, to music and lighting; props, costume, and stage design; direction; what a triumphant team effort! Mrs Roberts, Head of Drama, said " We could not be more proud of this energetic, talented and amazing cast and crew of Strangers like Me - the performance reflected their hard work and commitment."

Helen Murray

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**Friends of Bourton Primary would like to say a massive
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4 Shires Swimming Club – latest news

The end of March saw a fabulous weekend at our Club Champs. It was brilliant to see so many swimmers from all our squads coming together with lots of personal bests being achieved and several other new Club records being set. The highlight of the weekend was our mixed squad fun relays and 'skins' with Ben Warner taking the boys and Liberty Bennett the girls.

The 50m Freestyle "Luke Jeffrey Memorial" Girls was won by Liberty Bennett in 29.69 and the Boys by Ryan Barnby with a new club record of 26.11.



Swimmers of the Month

Peter Notman and Joseph Daymond who are both working really well in training and had a very good club champs, are adding additional sessions and being moved up a squad.

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 your individual needs. We have 6 squads – Academy, Pre-Comp, Competition, County, Regional and Masters.

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 which are held on Saturday mornings at Kingham Hill School.

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Lucy Warner

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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



Glos Tennis Club of the Year!!

We are thrilled to announce that we have been voted as Gloucestershire's Tennis Club of the Year 2023! This is due in large part to the outstanding

facilities we have to offer with two floodlit hard courts and a lovely new clubhouse. We are an active club for both juniors and adult players with plenty of social and competitive tennis. On Saturday May 13th from 2pm to 3:30pm we will be hosting our annual Open Day at Bourton Vale Tennis Club. The Open Day is a chance for both kids and adults to come along to the club to see the facilities on offer and have a go at tennis for free. Club coach, Kingsley Harris, will be on hand to run some activities and fun games for the kids and there will be adult members available also to hit a few balls with parents and adults. There will also be some light refreshments to enjoy. Please come along and see if you might enjoy playing tennis. Basic info on the event is on our website at www.bourtontennisclub.org. No need to sign up, but please do come along by 2pm to register and please ensure you have appropriate footwear (trainers are fine).

Hope to see you on court on May 13!

Alex Peyton

Cotswold Clubhouse,

Cotswold Clubhouse is seeing some big changes this year.

Known for both its soft play and gymnastics academy, North Cotswolds Gymnastics & Trampolining Academy (NCGTA), the Clubhouse will be looking to alter its offering to visitors.

Due to significant, positive results at Gymnastics competitions in 2022 and the beginning of 2023, and also the enjoyment visitors have with the gym play, the decision has been made to expand the gymnasium. This will bring in a much larger gym area, have more equipment, allow for more gymnastics classes, fun packed Play Gym sessions, bigger and better holiday camps, and wonderful toddler play, with the under 3s area of the soft play remaining.

The Clubhouse will close to the public from Monday 3rd July, whilst work is being carried out. The main structure of the soft play will be removed, the gymnasium will double in size, and include more exciting equipment, such as a trampoline track, and a large sprung floor area.

They will reopen from Monday 24th July, with a fantastic Open Day, offering exciting Play Gym sessions all day, so that the public can see what the change is all about.

Business remains the same up until the end of Sunday 2nd July, so still lots of soft play fun to enjoy.

Josie Brown

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If you're interested and would like to know more, please contact one of:

Nick at 1stbourtoncubs@gmail.com

Steph at 1stbourtonbeavers@gmail.com

Ricky at richard.campbell600@ntlworld.com

It looks set to be a busy term for the Bourton Cubs. We'll invest new members who've heard how much fun we've been having and welcome our first Beavers 'swimming up' to Cubs as they continue to build on their scouting experiences.

Cubs who have been with the section a little longer will be given the opportunity to complete their Skills, World and Outdoor challenge badges, making big steps towards the Chief Scouts Silver Award, the highest badge a Cub can earn, along with a massive sense of achievement.

Besides traditional scouting activities we have lots of games and outdoor activities planned, contributing to the Adventure challenge badge and getting to know our corner of the world a little better. We return to Camp Evolution, where we will be using the tents bought with the grant awarded by the Parish Council, so a big thank you to them from all the cubs who will be dry and warm this summer!



Nick Hawke

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Club stalwarts joined many other runners, joggers and walkers at various **parkrun** events on Saturday, including:

Chipping Norton Jenny Evanson – 36:24 (LV55/2).

Penrhyn Castle Barry O'Leary – 25:44.

Ross-on-Wye Tom Knight – 28:18.

Stratford-upon-Avon Susan Hunt – 24:05

Wolford Wood Theo Birch – 26:32 (2nd JM15-17), and returning from injury was Louise Hamilton-Smith – 53:11.

The Bourton Mile Friday 12th May, 7:30pm

Bourton Roadrunners has taken over the running of this very successful road race. With extensive cash prizes, it's part of the 2023 Gloucestershire AAA road race series and will incorporate the Gloucestershire Mile Championships. The race is open to children and adults. Children under-9 should be accompanied by an adult.

The Mile course starts near the layby at the end of the Rissington Road and ends in the High St opposite Londis. These roads will be closed to traffic from about 7:20pm for a short period of time for safety reasons.

We thank all residents for their patience and understanding.

More information and the entry portal is on our website:

https://www.bourtonroadrunners.co.uk/bourton_mile.htm

If you have any questions please contact me on 01451 822645 or email brr.clubsec@gmail.com

Margaret (BRR secretary)

Getting Connected Digital Technology Course for Older People.

By the time you read this, our second twelve-week course will have finished. We are going to take a break over the summer and start our next course in September. We are now recruiting new learners. Places are limited to eight people on each course, so let us know now if you are interested in attending the next one.

If you'd like to become more confident and able with your computer or smartphone, 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 rest assured that we will be in touch.

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 Manager, BOTW



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With a record number of thirteen entries for the competition, which this month was a Single Daffodil, extremely well done to Antoinette Green for scooping first prize for her most unusual bi-coloured narcissus!

With the weather hopefully improving, now is the time to be thinking about your entries for our Annual Garden Show, which this year is being held on 9 September at The British Legion Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water, with sections for Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Flower Arrangement, Photography and a re-introduced Children's Section. The new Show Schedules are now available from Hartwells or the Village Information Centre or, alternatively, you can download a copy from the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies website www.gfgs.org.uk/clubs. Needless to say, we are always looking for volunteers to assist with the build-up and running of the show on the day so, if you could spare the time, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 10 May at 7.30 pm at the Baptist Church Hall when our guest speaker will be Adrian James who will be telling us about *Three West Country Gardens* – Marwood Hall in Devon, Mapperton Gardens in Dorset and Yeo Valley Organic Garden in Somerset. The competition is a *Vase of Tulips*.

With a modest annual membership fee of £15 or £3 per visit, new members and visitors are always most welcome! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like details of this year's programme or a copy of the Show Schedule.

Sandra Mitchell – Secretary BVHS

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Probus



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Hugh O'Connell



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Bluebell walk around Alderton and Dumbleton - Tuesday 2nd May – Moderate 2.5hr 5ml. A beautiful walk around the hills of Alderton and Dumbleton. A walk essentially to see the magnificent display of bluebells in the woods around Dumbleton Hill. Lunch available after the walk in the Gardener's Arms, if open! Bring drink/snack. **Start:** 9.30 Gardener's Arms, Alderton, GL20 8NL. OS Map ref: SO 999 333.

A Medieval Meander from Stow - Tuesday 16th May – Moderate 4.5hr 8.5ml. Walking through the pretty villages of Broadwell, Donnington and the Swells we will reflect on their importance back in the medieval period. Please bring drinks/snack and packed lunch. **Start:** 10:00 Old Stocks in the Market Square, Stow-on-the-Wold. OS Map ref: SP 192 258.

Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday starting from Tuesday 30th May to the end of September – Easy 1.5hr. We will walk along the High Street and provide a historical tour of the town. From the granting of Campden's Charter in the 1180s, the growth of the town and its magnificent buildings, to the arrival of the Arts and Crafts movement. Refreshments available in the town after the walk. **Start:** 14:00 on Tuesdays and 10:00 on Thursdays. Meet at the Market Hall in the centre of town. OS Map ref: SP 151 392.

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. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.



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The Wychwood Players'

The Wychwood Players' next production features two one act plays and a supper. The first play is 'The Canary Cage', by Diana Raffle. Three women are locked in a cellar. One of them is psychotic. Two are in danger. Only one survives. This play has the power to send shivers down the spines of the audience and keep them guessing until the end.

This is followed by supper and then the World Premiere of 'Women Only', by David Tristram After a stressful year for both of them, divorcee Laura decides to take her recently widowed mother Ruth on a much-needed holiday. A few gin and tonics later, Laura's whole world is turned upside down. But as the extraordinary revelations start to fly, will there be an unexpected twist? This brand new comedy from the pen of popular playwright David Tristram is an absolute delight. Performances are on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of June 2023 at 7.30pm at the New

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Community activities for older and vulnerable people in the north Cotswold



Community activities provided by charity, Cotswold Friends, are supporting older and vulnerable people to live a life less lonely in the North Cotswolds – with new activities, including Friendship Cafés and a new Community Garden, launching this year.

Almost 400 clients of the charity already attend over 20 different activities, providing them with a chance to meet new people and have a chat, take part in crafts and projects, or just have a friendly cuppa and a bite to eat.

They include the charity's Men in Sheds and She Sheds projects in Chipping Campden, Moreton, Bourton and Northleach, where members are often found busily making planters, bird boxes, hedgehog houses, kindling and more. The 'shedders' always welcome new recruits to come along and share ideas and skills, or simply enjoy the friendly atmosphere.

Cotswold Friends also runs 10 different Lunch Clubs in locations around the North Cotswolds, giving those who may be older, lonely, or isolated the opportunity to get together with others for a hot meal and the chance to socialise. The charity's Kington Pub Lunch Club has recently re-started and takes place at The Halfway, Kington near Guiting Power, on the second Tuesday each month.

Cotswold Friends' Walking Football activity has been running since 2017 and is fun for everybody, currently taking place every Friday from 9.30am to 11am at Blockley Sports Field. It's for men and women of all ages, providing fitness and new friends, and you don't need any previous experience.

Meanwhile a new Friendship Café in Stow-on-the-Wold, launched by the charity in March, aims to combat loneliness and isolation over a cuppa. The Stow Friendship Café takes place between 10.30am and 12pm on the first and third Tuesday each month at Brio Beechwood Park. A Friendship Café in Moreton will also be up and running with the charity soon.

Also new for 2023, a Community Garden is being developed behind Stow Surgery for surgery patients and local older residents to use. Cotswold Friends are currently looking for volunteers to help create the Community Garden, which will include raised beds of flowers, herbs and vegetables, accessible paths, seating and a sheltered area.

For more information on Cotswold Friends' Community Activities Programme,

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Bridge Club, Northleach	Tim Morris	01285 750288
Community Group Club	Bridget/Lorna	01608 652019
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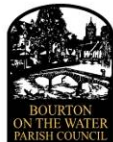
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