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DIARY DATES

Mondays, "Old Sweats" Meeting, **BLH**, 10am—12 Noon, 07714 852364 [bou-
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ton.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

5th & 19th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember Sessions, **GMCC**, 10.30am. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.

6th Police Point open, **GMCC**, 10-11am, PCSO John Allen www.gloucestershire.police.uk

7th Parish Council Meeting, **GMCC**, 7pm.

8th Bourton Lunch Club, **CCP**, GL54 2AY. 12Noon, 01608 692811.

10th & 11th Gift & Craft Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm, accessories, soaps, up-cycled gifts, stationery, wood turning.

10th North Cotswolds Rotary on-line Auction, in aid of Headspace, opens, 9am, See page 12.

11th Car Boot Sale, Manor Field, Station Rd, 10am-3pm, in aid of Kate's Home Nursing. See 13.

12th Probus, 10.30am, **GMCC**. See page 3 for details.

12th Victoria Hall Management Committee A.G.M. 7pm, **VH**, Everyone Welcome.

13th WI, **VH**, 7pm. Social. See page 3.

14th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 15.

14th & 28th Bourton Community Day

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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 Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on 27th April and the Annual Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023.

New District Councillors

Following the elections on 4th May the following representatives were elected to represent the two parish wards:

Bourton Vale – Councillor Len Wilkins on behalf of the Conservative party

Bourton Village – Councillor Jon Wareing on behalf of the Liberal Democrats

New Parish Council Chairman: We would like to welcome Councillor Andy Roberts as our new Parish Council Chairman and Councillor Lynda Hicks was elected as the Vice Chairman. They will serve a one-year term in this role.

Councillor Bob Hadley was thanked for his hard work during his time as Chairman of the Council. He will continue to serve on the Parish Council over the next four year term.

Committee Membership: New committee members and chairmen were elected at the Annual Meeting. You can find out more from our website here <http://www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk/community/bourton-on-the-water-parish-council-7919/committees/>

Council and Committee Meeting Dates 2023-24: The new schedule has been published on our website here <http://www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk/community/bourton-on-the-water-parish-council-7919/calendar/>. Agendas and minutes are all available on the website and are also posted on our noticeboards.

Co-Option Opportunity: Following the May elections we have one vacancy on the Parish Council and hope to co-opt a new member at our Council meeting on 5th July. If you would like to make a difference in your local community, turn your ideas into actions and improve your local area then we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Clerk for further information. Any applications for co-option must be received by the Clerk by the close of business on Wednesday 28th June.

End of Year Accounts and Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2022-23: These were approved at the meeting and are available to view on our website <http://www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk/community/bourton-on-the-water-parish-council-7919/accounts/>. The date for the Period of Exercise of Public Rights will run from Monday 5th June to Friday 14th July. This is the period when members of the public can view the accounts at the Parish Council offices, but most information is available to view on our website at any time.

Cotswold District Council's Tourist Levy Funding: A list of suggested projects for 2023-24 will be agreed at an Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday 30th May. This is funding from the monies levied on parking in the Rissington Road car park. This list will be passed to CDC for public consultation over the summer, prior to

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15th Tayler & Fletcher, Fine Art & Antiques Auction, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.

17th Cotswold Youth Theatre, afternoon, The Green, 3 or 4 performances of short scenes from A Midsummer's Night Dream.

17th & 18th Gift Fair, **VH**, 10am -5pm, Giftware, Handbags, Jewellery & Accessories, Vintage Jewellery & Collectables. Tel: 07832195427

19th Rural Cinema, 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris', Lesley Manville, Jason Isaacs, **PG**, comedy / drama, 1h. 56mins. **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on door.

23rd Friends of Bourton Primary School (FOBS) Quiz Night. 7.30-9.30pm. Primary School. See poster page 9.

25th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599.

26th Probus, 10.30am, **GMCC**. See page 3 for details.

28th u3a, 10am-12pm, **BLH**, Global Warming—Fact or Scaremonger-ing, by Kenneth Ingamells. www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton 07783 235320.

28th Cotswold Youth Theatre, early evening, The Green, 3 or 4 performances of short scenes from A Midsummer's Night Dream.

29th Jubilee Lodge Open Afternoon. Join us for Afternoon Tea & Entertainment, from 2.30pm, all welcome. See page 3.

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agreement.

Coronation 'Big Lunch' Event on Sunday 7th May: We would like to thank the working party who arranged this event. The weather on the day was kind to us and the event was well attended and enjoyed by around 400 people.

Retirement of Peter Pulham: The Council were informed of Peter's retirement from Council duties at the end of May. Peter has worked as a contractor for the Parish Council for around 20 years, helping to maintain our play areas and outdoor spaces. We would like to thank him for his hard work and wish him and Katie a happy retirement.

Melville play area: We would like to thank Travis Perkins for supplying a ton bag of bark chips for the Melville path which was very muddy and slippery. The work to the path was kindly completed by the Cotswold Wardens.

Vacancy for a Committee Clerk: We currently have a vacancy for a 12 hour a week post. Please look out for more information via our usual channels but you can also contact the Clerk if you would like further details. The closing date for applications will be Friday 16th June.

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

Sharon Henley, Clerk/RFO

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Coronation Bingo

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Mr Morgan for being our star caller, local businesses for their very



kind donations of prizes, Cotswold events, James for a great Bar and Pam and Phyllis for doing tickets.

We raised £1200 altogether. This means we were able to give £400 each to Sunflowers Suicide Support, Kate's Home Nursing and Headspace. Three very much needed charities in our community. All the support we receive locally is much appreciated.

Carol Groom and Lynda Hicks

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Ukrainian Lifeline UPDATE



The Lifeline has achieved, over 12 months, some fantastic donations of every description and has made such a difference to the displaced people of war-torn Ukraine. This has only been achieved by the endless generosity of so many people and full credit to Greg and Lorraine, along with their team, who have dispatched so much through The Equine Clinic, Wyck Rissington.

But the Appeal goes on, we are currently looking to send Long Life Foods, Toiletries, Medicines, Incontinence pads, Nappies, Baby Milk and Nursery Equipment.

Through some amazing recent donations Lorraine has been able to purchase 2 Ambulances which, when ready, will be sent to assist the Medics on the Eastern front line. She is, in fact, sourcing a third Ambulance, if you wish to give a donation, please contact Lorraine on rissing-tonlodge@aol.com or contact David Goodwin, who is treasurer of North Cotswolds Rotary, on djgoodwin@btinternet.com, by using North Cotswolds Rotary, operational fees are kept to a minimum. If you are a UK Taxpayer there may be a chance of increasing your donation by Gift Aiding it, David can give details of how this can be arranged. **Peter Boxall**

Bourton WI



Biscuits, Bingo and Beetle Drive!

The Bingo and Beetle Drive were enjoyed by the BOW WI ladies at their monthly meeting held at the Victoria Hall in Bourton.



Then it was number 83, 'Time for Tea!' When the ladies baked and supplied biscuits and tea to a visiting motor enthusiasts' group.

The event was a great success and enjoyed by all.

'Oreo' a biscuit lover? If so, why not come and join us at one of our events or come to our next monthly meeting on Tuesday 13th June, at 7pm in Bourton's Victoria Hall. Enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits and where we guarantee you will get a warm welcome, so, why not risk it for a Biscuit?

If you would like to learn more about our evenings and events and become a member phone Pat Taylor (President) 07518 457 652.

Vanessa



Afternoon Tea Jubilee Lodge 29th June



We would like to let people in Bourton know, that there will be an open week from 26th June until 3rd July in Jubilee Lodge Care Home.

Villagers are warmly invited to join our residents for Afternoon Tea and entertainment on Thursday 29th of June, from 2.30pm. Do come and meet us.

Ivona Veselovska,

**Activities Co-ordinator, Jubilee Lodge,
GL54 2GN. 01451 823100**

Probus Club



The Bourton probus club only had 1 meeting in May due to bank holidays. The talk was by Paul Barnett on the Hulks at Purton, around 100 in all, sunk there to support the Severn river bank. All are now mostly buried, but we saw some excellent photographs, some showing the old railway bridge across the Severn that was demolished in 1960, after being struck by a boat.

If you are a retired professional or business man or woman, do come along to one of our meetings, advertised in the diary section, and meet us.

Roger Harris

OUT AND ABOUT in June

- until 3rd August, various dates, Longborough Festival Opera, GL56 0QF. <https://lfo.org.uk/> 01451 830292.
- 1st-3rd The Wychwood Players' 'The Canary Cage' and 'Women Only'. Two one act plays & supper. 7.30pm at the New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton under Wychwood, Oxon. OX7 6BQ. Ticket information at www.wychwoodplayers.com
- 1st-4th Half Term 'Stimulate the senses', Chedworth Roman Villa (National Trust), Yanworth, GL54 3LJ. 01242890256. 10am-5pm. www.nationaltrust.org.
- 1st-4th Half term at Cotswold Farm Park, GL54 5FL. 01451 850307. bottle feed growing lambs & kids. 9.30am-5pm. www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk
- 2nd Robert Dovers Games (The Cotswold Olimpicks), Dover's Hill, Chipping Campden, GL55 6HB. 4-10pm, www.olimpickgames.co.uk/
- 2nd-4th Wychwood Festival, Cheltenham Racecourse, Prestbury Park, GL50 4SH. Family fun event, music, food, children's entertainment etc. 01993 772580. wychwoodfestival.com
- 3rd-4th National Trust, Lodge Park & Sherborne open. "England's last remaining 17th Century grandstand". GL54 3DT. 01451844130. www.nationaltrust.org.uk
- 4th Village Open Gardens & Teas at Guiting Power. 1-6pm, Parking & plant sales. Sat Nav : GL54 5TX. Adults £6, accompanied 16 years & under free.
- 6th-10th "Just four + two, contemporary artists", Bourton House, Bourton-on-the-Hill, 10am-5pm daily, 10am-4pm on Saturday. www.justfour.co.uk See page 15.
- 9th-11th Decorative Home & Salvage Show, Cirencester Park, The Bathurst Estate, GL7 1UR. asfairs.com/locations/cirencester
- 10th Village Market at Great Rissington, Great Rissington Club, 10am-noon. 01451 822285.
- 10th Illustrated talk by Val Bourne, organic gardener: A Year at Spring Cottage. Northleach Church, 6.30pm. Tickets £12/£15 incl a free drink, northleachevents.co.uk
- 16th-18th Steam & Real Ale Festival, Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway, Winchcombe, GL54 5LD. 01242 621405. 10am-4pm. www.gwsr.com/
- 16th-18th Three Counties Show, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR13 6NW. 8am-6pm, tickets from www.royalthreecounties.co.uk/
- 17th Guiting Power Fete & Fun Dog Show, GL54 5TX. 07974 387355. 12-4pm. www.guitingevents.co.uk/
- 17th Evening with The Wessex Male Voice Choir. Northleach Church, 7.00pm. Tickets £12/£15, northleachevents.co.uk
- 18th Combe Mill in Steam, for Father's Day. Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough. OX298ET. www.combemill.org. 01993 358694. See page 11.
- 18th Open Garden, in aid of RNLI, The Old Vicarage, Bledington. Plants for sale, Teas, £5 entry. 11am-6pm. See page 15.
- 23rd-25th Flower Show, Blenheim Palace, OX20 1UL, www.blenheimpalace.com Pre-booking essential.

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Panto Group

Our May Fete on the village green was a great success. The rain held off for long enough for the ducks to race along the River Windrush, being cheered on by locals and tourists. The apprentice ducks were content to do their swimming practice with back stroke and doggy paddle in the small 'Hook a Duck' pool, and while the children were trying to hook their Ducks, their parents were trying their luck on the Water or Wine stall. For the people who just wanted a quiet life there were books and puzzles. There was something for everyone and if you missed it, we'll be having another Fete in August. We'll be setting up our

stall once again on the green so put it in your diary and come and see us for some fun and games.

Work continues on preparations for the next Panto. The committee are busy reading scripts, set on finding the right one, ready for rehearsals to begin on September 5th, with the first read through, following our AGM. We have a dedicated and hardworking Committee who meet every month to discuss new ideas and make arrangements for upcoming events. If you feel you could be part of our committee, and perhaps bring new ideas and a different point of view to discussions, then give Angela Layton a call on 07767 237537. If you think you'd like to join the Panto Group, in any capacity, then speak to Angela, who will be happy to discuss how you could help. **Jackie Denham**

Recycled Greeting Cards

A team of ladies have been busy making greeting cards to sell at £1 each. Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust were delighted to receive a cheque for £300 from card parties, held over the past three months. That will help with new up to date equipment for the surgeons. The better the tools, the quicker the waiting time. If your club, group, or neighbours in your road, would like to see what is on offer, don't hesitate to contact us to arrange a party. We cover all occasions, Get Well, New Home, Sympathy, Age Cards, Birthdays, Blanks for your own messages etc. These parties make good community get-togethers and, at only £1 per card, offer great value, whilst raising money for an excellent cause at Cheltenham Hospital. Please leave old cards in our black boxes in front of Alice's Cottage, Victoria Street and 19 Moore Road, (opposite the Doctors). Thank you for your continued support.

Mollie Wise and team. 822365.

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The 'Getting Connected' short course at Moore Road Community Centre, introduced me to a tutor and a bevy of friendly, savvy volunteers who were glad to answer confusing questions and bring light on the subject. The whole idea for the course came from a local resident who could see it was needed.

Best of all, was the sociable encouraging feeling amongst everyone who had come to get a bit more independence with a laptop, a tablet or a smart phone. After all, we get told, "Oh, a 7 year old could fix that!", but you know there is never one around when you want one, is there? Not everyone has a grandson who will drop everything to help Gran or Grandpa.

As soon as I started the course people were comparing their experiences, having a cup of coffee and feeling how nice it was not to be the only one wondering which button did what and why. Being able to ask any question at all without feeling stupid was great, and each session ended with volunteers coming round to offer one to one help.

I suppose my main impression of this course was that I always went back home feeling very cheerful! I think that came from improved confidence and independence, but also from talking to a really nice lot of people. What's more, like my fellow learners, they were nearly all my sort of age (I'm 76).

Linda Clark



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Bourton Browser Team News

The late Gladys Oakey: The Bourton Browser has donated £50 to "Great Western Air Ambulance", in memory of Gladys, who had been our Folly Field deliverer for over 23 years.

Street Deliverers: We would like to thank and welcome our new volunteer street deliverers. If you would like to volunteer as a relief deliverer, to cover holidays and sickness, please email us at the 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.

Email team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk

The Bourton Browser Team

Moore Friends AGM

June 21st, 2.30pm,

George Moore Community Centre

We will welcome our members, past members and residents to our AGM when we will be talking about the year's activities, as well as reminiscing about the Hospital. We will display some of the cuttings from local newspapers. We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given us and explain the current plan for the future of Moore Friends. **Bill Wragge, Trustee**

Bourton-on-the-Water Coronation Big Lunch

What a day! My thoughts, how lovely when a community comes together! Thank you to Bourton community for joining us. Thank you to: Cotswold Radio, Bourton Primary school (you were amazing), Cotswold Choir, Sandra for photography, Alan and Carol for sound equipment and the Coronation committee for hard work and dedication to village. Thanks also to everyone who made the day as special as it was.

Carol Groom



The Bourton-on-the-Water Coronation Big Lunch Reflections and Appreciation

Congratulations Bourton-on-the-Water!

You turned out in big numbers to enjoy a glorious afternoon sandwiched between two days of atrocious rain. What a relief after the deluge of the Jubilee Concert!

It was fantastic to see so many local people coming together, enjoying themselves in the sun on the school field with friends and families.

The organising working group responsible for planning the Big Lunch, are extremely driven by the importance of building and strengthening community ties. Based on the really positive and appreciative comments we were getting, we succeeded in this objective.

It was no mean feat and I thank the tireless efforts of our organising team and volunteers on the day: in alphabetical order: Allan Hymers and Andrew Lund-Yates, and I especially want to acknowledge the supreme efforts of Sue Cretney, Carol Groom and Lynda Hicks on the day.

Our thanks are extended also to the Cotswold School, the choir of children from Bourton Primary School and the teachers and staff behind the scenes, Cotswold Choir, Cotswolds Radio, Alan & Carol Pountney for their help, and provision and operation of the PA system, Sue & Andy Roberts for litter picking the field after everyone had gone home, The Westwood Centre in Northleach for use of their staging, Hacklings Transport for transporting the staging, Steve Cotton, Sandra Thurgood, Cotswold First Aid, Bourton Browser, Cotswold District Council and Bourton Parish Council.

So, thank you Bourton for sharing and participating in a unique historic moment! If you are inspired to volunteer to get involved next time, please contact the Parish Council Office to let Sharon or Jo know of your interest.

Jon Wareing,

Chair of the Organising Working Group

Message from the Church

Part of what makes Bourton-on-the-Water such a lovely place to live is its sense of community. This community is made up of all the different ways in which we connect and share our lives together. Whether it be stopping to chat on the way to the shop for some milk or at the school gate, gathering for the Coronation Lunch and Big Help Out, or joining in weekly with a sports team, lunch club, or any of the myriad groups which meet here in the village. Each of these activities, big or small, joins us together as a community.

On St George's Day, at St Lawrence we celebrated with the Cubs and Beavers as they reaffirmed their Scouting promise, which at its heart is about service and finding ways to contribute to our society. Ricky Campbell, as Deputy District Commissioner of North Cotswold Scouting, then invited all those present who had ever been a part of Scouts or Guides (and even those who hadn't!) to join in making that promise too, reminding us that each of us has a part to play in making our communities vibrant and caring places to be.

What we have learnt from research is that those who volunteer their time and energy to community groups and causes actually receive significant mental and emotional benefits themselves – quite simply, we feel better for it. Or as Saint Francis puts it, "For it is in giving that we receive." Both science and faith affirm the value of contributing our time and energy, not just for the life of our community, but also for improving our own wellbeing. So, if you don't already, I encourage you to find a way to volunteer – I know lots of our groups would be very pleased to have you along!

Rev Rowena



The Rev'd Rowena King
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Other services: Breakfast Church—Saturday 10th June 9am
Midweek Holy Communion - every Wednesday @ 10:00am (except 1st)
6pm Holy Communion with hymns - 4th June
8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 11th and 25th
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BumbleBeez (parent and child group) every Thursday 9-11am

St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill: 4th – Morning Worship & 18th BCP Holy Communion

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

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Weekend 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 takes place at St. Lawrence's Anglican Church, Bourton on the Water at 9 am. The priest welcomes all enquiries about the Christian faith, and Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Blessing of houses, etc.

Special Masses during June: Sunday 4th June: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Sung Mass 9 am; Sunday 11th: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Sung Mass 9 am with procession, (weather permitting); Friday 16th: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart, Mass 9 am; Saturday 24th: Ordination of Patrick van der Vorst at Westminster Cathedral by Cardinal Nichols, 10.30 am; Thursday 29th: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Sung Mass 6 pm



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

Open4U

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

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For The Younger Generations



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On Friday 14 July, The Cotswold School will be holding their Cadence Festival; a programme of entertainment and events celebrating the amazing work in our school and our talented pupils; from music, choir, art, sport and trapeze to robot wars, plus much more. As part of the festival, we are inviting local individuals and businesses to run a stall. If you are interested, email Helen Murray marketing@thecotswoldschool.co.uk

On Wednesday 26 July, we will be holding a Breakfast Meeting to further explore mutually beneficial opportunities including:

Apprenticeships - we are able to contribute towards the training costs of an apprentice from our apprenticeship levy training fund. **Careers** - many of our local businesses already support work experience for our students, but can we further support our students to gain the right skills for your business?

Alumni - did you go to The Cotswold School? Your experiences can inspire our current students, providing insights about applying to university, facing a challenge, or explaining what it's like to work in your chosen career. **Volunteers** - can you help with offering volunteering opportunities for our Duke of Edinburgh Award participants? **Facilities** - we have a large theatre space perfect for events and conferences. To register your interest, please email Mandy Tye

mtye@thecotswoldschool.co.uk

We hope that you can join us at these events and look forward to seeing you there!

Public Examinations

Well done to all of our students who sat public examinations in May, and we wish you all the best of luck for your exams in June. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and positive attitudes. To our parents, carers and families, thank you for your ongoing support.

Helen Murray

Marketing and Communications



Scouting Movement

I would just like to say how lovely it was seeing so many Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders at the St. George's service at St. Lawrence church on the 23rd April. They were warmly welcomed into the church by Rev. Rowena King as they paraded their flags down the aisle. During the service, they all renewed their promises, led by the Commissioner Ricky Campbell, and afterwards members of the congregation, who had made their promise as a Guide or Scout were asked to renew theirs.

Ricky Campbell made a plea for more volunteers to help these organisations, and I would add my plea to that for the Guide movement, who desperately also need volunteers.

Please contact either **Ricky on 810977** for Beaver, Cubs and Scouts or **Steph on 07941502222** for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Heather Paterson





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Bourton Road Runners Juniors	Richard Buffton 831733 / 824379
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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
Children's Jujitsu	Andy or Hayley 07951587398

Cubs	Nick Hawke 01451 822786 1stbourtoncubs@gmail.com
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Pre-School Gymnastics	Caroline 263130
Rainbows	Steph 07941502222
Recreational Gymnastics	Caroline 263130
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4Shires Swimming	Jo Shaw membership@4ssc.uk.uk
Taekwon-do	Lee Chapman 01285 640500
The Cotswold School	820554
Youth Club	Lynda Hicks 07867 121122

Bourton Tennis Club

After being voted as Gloucestershire's Tennis Club of the Year 2023. Chairman Tim Hull along with other members of the club went to the award ceremony in Cheltenham on May 12 to collect a very handsome trophy!

Celebrations were also had after our season opener tennis competition in April with Neil Thompson and Trina Pitchforth winning an enjoyable morning of tennis with some bubbly to celebrate. Our Open Day was held on May 13 which attracted a number of youngsters who all had fun playing tennis with club coach Kingsley Harris. Some already had a little experience playing at school and were keen to continue outside of school too.

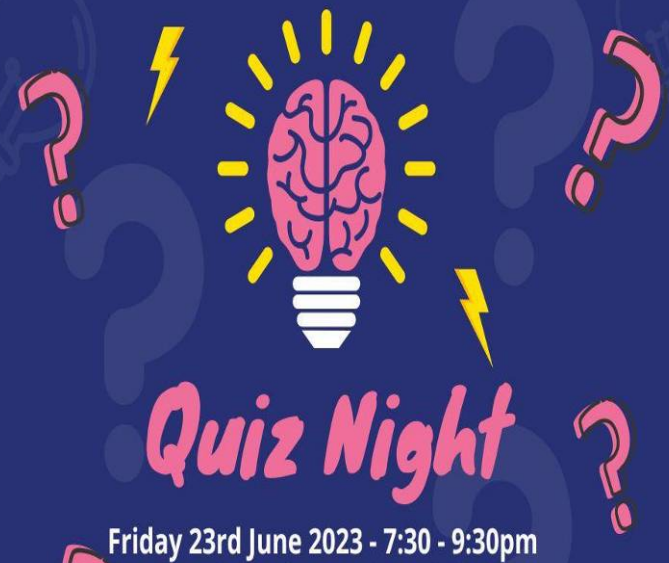
Team news—The ladies have two teams in the Glos League. The A team (division 1) has made a reasonable start although the B team is finding it a challenge in the lofty heights of division 2! The men's team playing in division 5 have got off to a flying start winning all of their first four matches, aided by junior player Jamie Fowler!

We are happy to welcome new members at any time throughout the season so, if you are interested, please get in touch! www.bourtontennisclub.org

See you on court!

Alex Peyton

Friends of Bourton School



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From The Baden Powell Hall Committee, Bourton on the Water.

A very big THANK YOU to all those who lent a hand with The Big Help Out, Community Village Hall Clean. We had a great group of helpers with Cubs, Beavers, Brownies, Parents, Unit Leaders and Committee Members all working together to give the hall a really good clean and sort. The kitchen and toilets were deep cleaned, all the chairs, tables and equipment were washed down, the main hall floor was scrubbed free of marks and the outside space was weeded and shrubs pruned. So much was achieved, it all looks fantastic.

The Baden Powell Hall provides a meeting place for local Scouting and Guiding units, it is also used by other community groups within the area. First built in 1988, The Baden Powell Hall continues to provide a valuable facility to the community.

The Committee is always extremely happy to welcome new members so if you think you could spare a little of your time, we would love to hear from you. If you feel unable to commit to joining but feel you have the time to make a one-off contribution, we are currently looking for someone to run a fundraising event and an IT person to manage transferring our bookings procedure to a fully online system. If you can make any kind of contribution please contact us at lettingsbph@gmail.com

Many thanks

Sue Boatman, Secretary of BPH Committee



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

Environmentally Friendly Farming - Tuesday 20th June – Moderate 3.5hr 6ml walk around Guiting Manors Amenity Trust farm on private field paths and tracks, looking at farming with the environment in mind. See how man and nature benefit. An undulating walk with one short steep climb, with good views of the Cotswold landscape. Please bring drink and snack. Refreshment opportunities available in the village after the walk. **Start:** 10.00 Guiting Manors Farm, Guiting Power, park on right inside the entrance. OS Map ref: SP 089 250.

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.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

Sale in aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK

On July 29th from 10.30am, we are holding our sale in aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK. This year we are not only serving delicious cakes, tea and coffee in the Victoria Hall, but are having duck races, Tombola and a raffle on the village green.

We have got some amazing raffle prizes donated by many of the Bourton businesses, including a lovely converted barn, sleeping 4 for 2 nights, and an Air B&B, sleeping 2 for 1 night, both in beautiful locations.

Please put the date in your diary and come and support this cause, early diagnosis of this deadly cancer is key as the survival rates haven't improved in 20 years. **Sue Gilbert**

'Wheels Past & Present' Father's Day, Sun 18th June

Combe Mill 'In Steam' Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, Oxon OX29 8ET. We have invited Vintage Tractors, Cars, Motor Cycles, really anything on wheels including some models. Bring all the fathers down we would love to see them.

Free Cream Tea/Cake or Coffee for every father group accompanied by a child.

Combe Mill will be open 'In Steam' with all machinery running, Late 19th Century Grade 11 Listed Water Mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode, in its day the workshop for Blenheim Palace estate, not to be missed.

Tea Room open for refreshments in the Picnic area by the River Evenlode. Browse our **Mini Market** too. Dogs Welcome.

Have you an interest in Engineering, or would you like to volunteer at Combe Mill, we are always looking for volunteers, come down to Combe Mill any Wednesday or 'In Steam' Sunday to see exactly what goes on, you might just like to join the team.

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Bourton Vale Horticultural Society Your friendly Garden Club

There was an excellent turnout on Wednesday evening, 10th May, at the Baptist Church Hall for an inspiring talk from Adrian James about "Three West Country Gardens" – two well-established gardens at Marwood Hall in Devon and Mapperton in Dorset, plus the relatively new Yeo Valley Organic Garden in Somerset. With his excellent photographs and commentary, Adrian reminded us all of the mental health benefits of gardening and visiting the many amazing gardens now open to the public.

The competition for a *Vase of Tulips* proved very popular, with first prize going to Pauline Chaplain for her gorgeous display of a most unusual variety of tulip!

Despite the late spring this year, our gardens and allotments are now starting to make up for lost time, so do think about entering our Annual Garden Show, which this year, is being held on 9th September at The British Legion Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water, with classes for Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Flower Arrangement, Photography and a new Children's Section. Show Schedules are now readily 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. Or perhaps you might even have time to assist us with the show - if so, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Our next monthly meeting is at the Baptist Church Hall on **Wednesday 12th July from 7.30 pm** when our speaker will be Nicola Hope with her "**Tales from the Potting Shed – Where gardening magic begins**". In addition to the speaker, who will be judging the competition entitled *Roses*, the evening ends with a raffle and refreshments.

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

Sandra Mitchell
Secretary BVHS
07840 898472
sandra@rissington.uk



North Cotswolds Rotary

Make Your Bids

North Cotswolds Rotary is holding an on-line auction and all proceeds will be donated to Headspace – a local charity which provides mental health support for children. Auction prizes include a holiday in a Caribbean apartment, a day at the races, sporting memorabilia and meals at local restaurants - along with many other treats. If you would like to bid for a prize, the auction opens at 9am on 10th June on the Galabid website under the title North Cotswolds Rotary Mid-Summer Auction.



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Cotswold Festival of Motoring at Bourton Vale Cricket Club on Sunday 24th September



The CFOM is held every 2 years and is sponsored by Brio Retirement Living. In 2021, the 3rd running of this popular family day out, raised £10,000 for charity. This year's event will feature up to 200 pre-registered vintage, classic, sports and interesting cars. We'll also be hosting Motion Picture Motors, featuring cars from TV and the movies. There will be live music from Paige and the Red Shift, and family friendly stalls including a free climbing wall sponsored by JWORX. There will also be a range of fantastic food, beverages and a licensed bar in the Pavilion. For more information visit <https://www.northcotswoldsrrotary.org/cfom2023> Ticket prices are at the 2021 level; but you can save with a 20% discount on the entry price by booking online at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rotary-club-of-the-north-cotswolds> or use the QR Code:



John Barber

Cotswold Radio

One of the great privileges we have in producing radio programmes for the Cotswolds is the wealth of history we can find in this region. The people, many of whom have lived here all their lives, have witnessed many historic events and much change. With that in mind, Kathy Ellison has set herself the mission of capturing and preserving their stories in the Cotswolds Memories show.

Since the programme started in March 2023, Kathy has interviewed Enid Sly who celebrated her 100th birthday in December 2022; John Mustoe, a lifelong resident of Northleach; David Wilcox from Aldsworth reliving his memories of village life & farming over 80 years; and Byron Hadley and Paul Williams of Sherborne with a look at the Sherborne Estate over the decades. The guests also choose favourite music and dedications and pick an item from the past that represents their memories. If you have Cotswold Memories you'd like to share, get in touch with us on contact@cotswoldradio.com

Cotswold Memories airs fortnightly on Sundays at 4pm with a repeat on alternate weeks and is also available on catch up through the App or Mixcloud.

Kathy has lived in the Cotswolds for nearly 30 years. She and her husband Ian have brought up their three (now adult) children in a converted chapel. Over the years she's been actively involved in the community, particularly as a school governor, both in Northleach



and at Cotswold School. On Cotswolds Radio she's fostering a special link with Northleach Primary School, bringing the children into the studio to encourage a love of books and reading. She's also known for devising and hosting our fiendish-but-fun quizzes and as a co-presenter of "Culture Club" which airs on Saturday mornings at 10am.

Bourton Half Marathon & Fun Run



On Sunday 2nd July 2023 Bourton Roadrunners are hosting the Bourton Half Marathon and Fun Run.

The Half marathon route starts at 9am in Cemetery Lane and the runners then turn right to join Station Road and then turn left into Moore Road. They cross the High St and leave the village via Sherborne Street, winding their way along the country lanes through Farmington and Sherborne. They return via Leasow Lane, Rissington Road, Rye Close and Cemetery Lane finishing at Greystones Farm.

Cemetery Lane, Station Road, Moore Road, Sherborne Street and the roads affected in the centre of the village will be closed to traffic for a short period of time at the start for safety reasons but any disruption should be over by 09.20. Roads will be reopened to traffic once all runners have passed.

We thank all residents and visitors, particularly those along the race route, for their patience and understanding.

The Fun run will take place while the half marathon competitors are running. This two-lap 1.5mile off-road route starts and finishes at Greystones farm. The course is

fully on Greystones Farm private land, and there will be marshals throughout. The fun run is suitable for all ages and abilities. We encourage children under 9 to be accompanied by an adult (no additional cost for adult). Younger children may decide only to do a single lap. More information about both events is on our website <https://www.bourtonroadrunners.co.uk/hillyhalf+funrun.htm>

We encourage people to enter in advance via Race Nation. However, entries on the day will be possible <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/bourton-roadrunners/bourton-half-fun-run-2023>

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Many thanks, **Margaret,**
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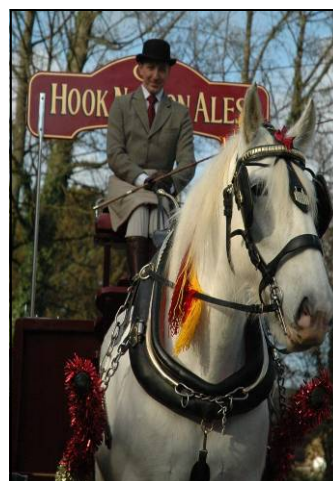
After lots of reports from residents of anti-social behaviour happening down at The Naught Play Area, the Village Warden, Steve, Parish Council and the local Cub Association, decided to change part of the area into a space for nature, using locally sourced wildflowers to create a small meadow. The work was undertaken for the 'The Big Help Out', a formal part of the King's Coronation Celebrations.

We hope that the area creates a peaceful space for all to enjoy, we ask for residents to allow the area to bloom. A special thank you to the cubs for their hard work and to Fosseyway tool hire for loaning us the equipment.

Steve would also like to say thank you to the Dial House, Chip Shed and the Co-Op for providing food and drinks for the Play-rangers for their half term session.

If you have any ideas for projects/ activities you would like to see happen in Bourton then please contact Steve.

Steve Cotton, Village Warden, 07729 114833



Lady Grey

Drawing the dray
In Bourton on Saturday:
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Free for all to see.
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Tuesday 6th – Saturday 10th June 2023

Gallery open 10am to 5pm daily
10am to 4pm Saturday

Paintings, drawings, sculpture on show for sale

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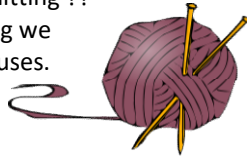
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Bourton Mile

Win Completes Hat Trick for Robinson

There was a thrilling finish to the Bourton Mile when Ben Robinson beat his training partner, Richard De Camps by less than a stride to win the Gloucestershire county title in Bourton-on-the-Water. Robinson, from the Bristol & West club, who had already won the Berkeley 10km and mile only four days earlier, led from the start and maintained his advantage to cross the line in 4min 31sec.



A cool headwind ruled out fast times on the flat course along Rissington Road and into the centre of the village but for these friends and rivals, the race was everything.

The race also capped a remarkable week for Kate Telford, from Cheltenham's CLC Striders, who took the women's title in 5min 40sec, in what was her first attempt at a road mile. Tracy Hinxman from Gloucester AC, finished 2 seconds back in 5 min 42sec.

There was no greater endorsement than that offered by the inspirational 16 year-old Felix Thompson, a regular in the mile, who stepped out of his wheelchair for the finale of the race with mum, Christine. 'That was great,' said Felix. 'I think I've beaten my time from last year and I'll be back to do it again next year.'

The event - which saw 176 finishers - was a triumph for Bourton Roadrunners, who took over the organisation from Norm and Ali Lane, who stepped down after establishing this road mile more than 20 years ago. Race Director, Gill Carrick said: 'It's an honour for the club and the village to host the county championships for the mile and we were treated to a very good race. We hope the best athletes from Gloucestershire and beyond will keep coming, to chase fast times and even break some records.'

Tom Knight, 07836 298874 (Photos by John Gibson).



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