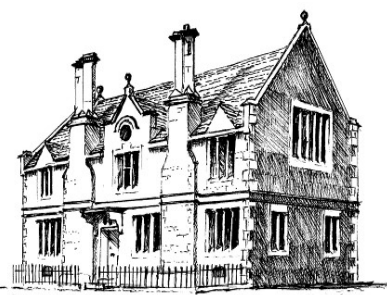


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August 2023

## DIARY DATES

Mondays, "Old Sweats" Meeting, **BLH**, 10am—12 Noon, 07714 852364 [bou-  
ton.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:bou-<br/>ton.secretary@rbl.community)

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

Thursdays, Flexercise, **BLH**, 10-11am. 01993 882350 [kathy.kirk@live.com](mailto:kathy.kirk@live.com)

1<sup>st</sup> Great Rissington Fete, **VH**, from 9am, cakes, books, bric-a-brac, produce etc. See page 11.

2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting, **GMCC**, 7pm.

5<sup>th</sup> Duck Racing, Cakes & Stalls in aid of Baden Powell Hall, Village Green.

7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember Sessions, **GMCC**, 10.30am. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.

8<sup>th</sup> WI, **VH**, 7pm. See page 13.

9<sup>th</sup> Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 5.

9<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club, members only garden party, 2.30-5pm. See page 16.

9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.

10<sup>th</sup> Bourton Lunch Club, **CCP**, GL54 2AY. 12Noon, 01608 692811.

12<sup>th</sup> Tayler & Fletcher, Monthly Auction, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Gift Fair, **VH**, Handbags, Jewellery Collectables, Children's Books, Toys, Cards. 07832195427.

13<sup>th</sup> Car Boot Sale, Manor Field, Station Rd, 10am-3pm, in aid of Kate's Home Nursing. See page 2.

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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

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting on the 5th of July 2023.

**County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson** reported that he will be meeting the Deputy Area Highways Manager in the coming weeks and will raise Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) matters. An email from a Parishioner regarding Moore Road traffic is on the agenda for the next Highways Committee Meeting. He said that as the NHS (National Health Service) celebrates its 75th birthday the service faces many challenges. It is important that we retain and if possible, enhance the range of services at Moreton Hospital.

**District Councillor Jon Wareing** (Bourton Village) reported that Pulhams Coaches are off the table for the provision of extra coach parking. They are looking to increase their own bus services and will need the parking. He will investigate why the Recycling collection was a day late in some parts of village. Where a collection is missed it should be left out for collection the following day.

### Parish Council

**Parish Council Office:** With effect from 1st July 2023, the Parish Council's new office opening hours for in-person enquiries will be Tuesday to Friday 10am-1pm (or at other times by prior appointment only). However, residents can continue to contact the office by telephone or email during staff working hours Monday to Friday 9am-3pm.

**Parish Council Office Holiday Closure:** 17th to the 21st of July and the 31st.

**Locum Clerk:** While the Clerk is on leave, we have Linda Morrison Allsopp as our Locum Clerk.

**Co-Option of Parish Councillor:** Sarita Tapper was co-opted to fill the vacant Parish Councillor position. As the only candidate she was appointed unopposed and welcomed to the council.

**Small Grants:** We will be considering applications for small grants up to £1,000 during September. Apply at <http://www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk/community/bourton-on-the-water-parish-council-7919/grants/>. All applications to be submitted by 20th August for consideration. We have taken the decision not to offer any large grants in this financial year, but this will be reviewed for 2024-25.

**Library Challenge for children aged 3-12:** We are providing, free of charge, the Windrush Room or Salmonsbury Room on four dates in August & September to support the Gloucestershire Libraries Challenge for children aged 3-12.

**Parish Council Logo:** The Parish Council decided on a logo. Designed by councillors at no cost to Parishioners, the logo will be used for digital purposes such as the website & social media, but also for letterheads and meeting papers when appropriate.

**Assets of Community Value:** It was agreed to create

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- 14<sup>th</sup> Probus, 10.30am, **GMCC**. Daniele Sharples, "Financial Fraud". See page 3.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Panto Group Fete & Duck Racing, The Green, 10am-4pm. See p. 14.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> u3a, 10am-12pm, **BLH**, "The Galapagos Islands by Arthur Ball". [www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton) 07783 235320. See page 3.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Police Point open, **GMCC**, 2-3pm, P C S O J o h n A l l e n [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Lodge Summer Fete, **JL**, 2-5pm. See page 13.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bourton Rovers FC, Football in the River, from 11.30am, The Green.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Bourton Book Club, 7pm, Duke of Wellington Pub. Details from [dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk)



### CAR BOOT SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR



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a list of Assets of Community Value within the parish boundary. Assets of Community Value are buildings or land which are used for the well-being or social interest of the local community. Parishes and community organisations can nominate local assets to their local authority, CDC in our case, to be included on the list. Nominated assets may be owned by anybody, including the local authority and the Crown.

**Allotments:** For the green fingered among us, there is currently one vacant plot at the Springvale site and interested residents should contact the Parish Council as soon as possible to express their interest.

**Artwork Display:** The display in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre has been refreshed and showcases a range of new work produced by local artists. All items are available to purchase and are available to view whenever the room is not being used by a hirer.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd of August in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre. All residents are cordially invited.

Linda Morrison Allsopp,

Locum Clerk/RFO

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### Probus



The Bourton Probus meeting in August is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am in Windrush Room, GM centre. The talk will be by Daniele Sharples on the topic of Financial Fraud. There will be no meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> as that is a Bank Holiday.

Our first meeting in June was by Ian Caskie on the SS Great Britain - it's history, later life and its return to Bristol. I remember this well as I was standing on Clifton Downs watching it being towed on the river up the Avon Gorge. Our second meeting was changed at the last minute as the speaker was held up and so two of our members entertained us with tales from their backgrounds.

The Probus club is for retired business and professional men and women, and we cover a variety of topics in talks and arrange various trips and social events. If you are interested in joining us, you would be most welcome to attend our Monday meetings (details in Diary Dates) to meet and talk to us about joining.

**Roger Harris**



The Bourton and District u3a monthly meeting will be on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am in the British Legion Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water. The Presentation will be 'The Galapagos Islands' by Arthur Ball, a local Naturalist.

See our web-site [www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton) for further details or phone 07783 235320.

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**Neil Cox, Publicity Officer**

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### Bourton Browser Team News

**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](http://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](mailto:team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk)

*The Bourton Browser Team*

### RNLI

THANK YOU to all our supporters and volunteers for your generous donations and the time given. We are very grateful and amazed that on a wet Saturday we raised £2035.92. We couldn't do it without the support of all our North Cotswold Volunteer Crew. We were also grateful to our new volunteers and pleased that our local crew is growing.

Our new Branch President, John Appleby, sent his congratulations and thanks to all the committee members and volunteers who were involved, saying what a great day it was and how impressed he was with the hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to raising funds for the RNLI.

Our next big event will be on the 20th October at the Lifford Hall in Broadway. There will be a presentation of the work of the RNLI by a Crew member from Torbay Lifeboat and our Community Presenter Anthony Gerrard.

Do you know how to float? Have a look at the new Float to Live video on the RNLI website.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe.

**Julia**, [northcotswoldrnli@gmail.com](mailto:northcotswoldrnli@gmail.com)



## OUT AND ABOUT in August

Various dates until 3<sup>rd</sup>, Longborough Festival Opera, GL56 0QF. <https://lfo.org.uk/> 01451 830292.

Daily until middle of August, "Just four + two, contemporary artists", Bourton House, Bourton-on-the-Hill, 10am-5pm daily, 10am-4pm on Saturday. [www.justfour.co.uk](http://www.justfour.co.uk)

Daily until 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Children's hedgehog hunt at Batsford Arboretum. Visit [www.batsarb.co.uk](http://www.batsarb.co.uk) for details.

Daily until 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Summer Play, Historic toys, bikes & dressing up station. Snowhill Manor and Gardens NT, Snowhill, near Broadway, WR12 7JU. 01386 852410.

Daily until 3<sup>rd</sup> September, "Paddington Lo-Commotion", immersive experience with Paddington Bear, also boating, canoeing & kayaking, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com) or call 01993 810530.

Daily until 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Kids free entry (0-18), The National Arboretum, Westonbirt, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8QS. 0300 067 4890. Exciting new trail solving clues. [www.forestryengland.uk/](http://www.forestryengland.uk/)

Daily until 1<sup>st</sup> October, Bottle feed baby animals, Cotswold Farm Park, GL54 5FL. [www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk) 01451 850307.

Daily until October 31<sup>st</sup>, Animal Ark, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. Augmented Reality (AR) treasure hunt, new reserve area, life-sized animal sculptures from Kenya, China, Tibet, India & the North Pole. [www.sudeleycastle.co.uk/](http://www.sudeleycastle.co.uk/) 07771 988432.

3<sup>rd</sup> Backseat Stories, Notgrove Manor, Notgrove, Nr. Cheltenham, GL54 3BT. Outdoor theatre, a quartet of short operas. Bring picnic. 6.30pm. <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/backseat-stories-2023-2117429>

3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Wilderness Festival, Cornbury Park, Charlbury, Oxfordshire, OX7 3EH. 0333 321 9999. live music, contemporary arts, theatre, craftsmanship & dining experiences.

3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Teddy Bear Thursdays, Bring your bear for a train ride. Tickets 7 details. The Railway Station, Station Approach, Winchcombe, GL54 5LD. 01242 621405. [www.gwsr.com/](http://www.gwsr.com/)

4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> National Trust, Lodge Park & Sherborne open. "England's last remaining 17<sup>th</sup> Century grandstand". GL54 3DT. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) 01451 844130.

5<sup>th</sup> Cold Aston Fayre & Fun Dog Show, 1.30-4.30pm, GL54 3BJ. Entry £3 per car. [www.coldaston.co](http://www.coldaston.co) See page 11.

5<sup>th</sup> "Allo, Allo, Dinner Show", Hilton, Puckrup Lane, Tewkesbury, GL20 6EL. 01772 691284. Dine with the cast. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/comedy-dining/t-jzrjyam>

5<sup>th</sup> Beer & Cider Festival, Cogges Manor Farm, Church Lane, Witney, OX28 3LA. 2.30-10.30pm, live music, BBQ & bar. Tickets [www.cogges.org.uk/Event/cogges-beer-cider-festival2023](http://www.cogges.org.uk/Event/cogges-beer-cider-festival2023)

5<sup>th</sup> Peter Pan, Amphitheatre Berrybank Park, Oddington, GL56 0XW. 2-4pm. 07799 151420. [www.slapstickpicnic.com/](http://www.slapstickpicnic.com/)

12<sup>th</sup> Village Market at Great Rissington, Great Rissington Club, 10am-noon. 01451 822285.

20<sup>th</sup> Models & Collections, Combe Mill in Steam, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough. OX298ET. [www.combemill.org](http://www.combemill.org). 01993 358694. See page 13.

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## FOR SALE / WANTED ITEMS



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## Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club

The Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club is presently down to one member only, who will be working with various Lions from the District to see if the club could be viable by attracting new members. This may entail a move away from Northleach as being the "home" of the club. Since the Clubs name encompasses a large geographical area, it could be based in any of the other Cotswold Towns along the Fosseway.

This is part of the reason that the club has decided to close the 100 Club with its monthly cash draws once all current subscriptions have reached their end date. The 100 Club was launched at the Northleach Charter Fair in 2014 to raise funds to be used within the Northleach District. The remaining funds will be donated to Northleach District good causes in the coming months. The clubs previous Welfare Committee will be submitting a list of proposals after their 7th July meeting to the Trustees for their consideration and disbursement at their meeting on the 21st July.

The Club Trustees remain committed to the community and former members will continue the fortnightly Tuesday Foodbank run from Fruitcakes in Northleach to the depot in Guiting Power, which is open 10.00am-12.00pm only. If anyone would like to volunteer to be on the rota please let us know as there are currently three people (normally 6 volunteers) but one of our trustees is not able to drive at the moment. One couple in the town have already asked Avril to put their names down!

The club will do a further update in their magazine and in The Bourton Browser after the meetings have taken place.

Should you wish to consider joining the club, set up a club in your town, or are just happy to volunteer to help with the Foodbank runs, please contact

Corina Sherman

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### North Cotswolds Rotary

#### Much anticipated return of the Cotswold Festival of Motoring to Bourton Vale Cricket Club on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September



This year's event promises to be better than ever with 200 vintage, classic, sports and interesting cars registered to exhibit. There'll be starring roles for Motion Picture Motors featuring cars from TV and the movies. As well as the cars you can enjoy live music, fantastic food, beverages, a licensed bar in the Pavilion and family friendly stalls including a free climbing wall sponsored by JWORX. Come and join us for a wonderful day out. You can get a 20% early bird discount on the entry price by booking at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rotary-club-of-the-north-cotswolds> or use the QR Code:



**July Fundraising News:** Our **Midsummer On-Line Auction** in Aid of Headspace raised over £7,000 for their valuable work providing mental health support for children. The **Greystones 10K Trail Run** attracted over 130 runners raising £1700. All the above events were sponsored by <https://brioretirement.co.uk> to whom we're very grateful.

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#### Presentation of Awards

Marking his handover to new the President, Steve Smith, on 30<sup>th</sup> June, retiring President, Kevan Taylor, presented Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) to Lorraine and Greg Staniek for their continuing commitment to Operation Lifeline (Ukraine), a Sapphire PHF to Peter Boxall for contributions to various events, a Sapphire PHF to John Hackling for his enormous contribution to NCR over the years and most recently in support of Ukraine, and the Charles Appleyard Award to David Goodwin recognising his 9 years' service as Treasurer.

Many congratulations to the worthy recipients.

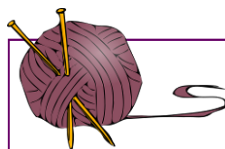
**John Barber**

#### Bourton Basket

We would like to thank all the local people and visitors for supporting the Bourton Basket, at the Old Forge, during our time here. It has been an up and down ride for the shop since 2018 but we are pleased to say that the business is running well and has been transferred to Lesley and Adrian, the new owners.

We have made many new friends through the shop and Florence is looking forward to having more time to do her own crafting. We wish the new owners every success with Bourton Basket.

**Florence and Robert Edgar**



#### Irene's Charity Knitting Circle

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 10.00am until 12.00pm at Willoughby Place, Station Road, Bourton-on-the-Water, (opposite the Co-op Filling station).

Why not join us or just pop-in with your knitting ??

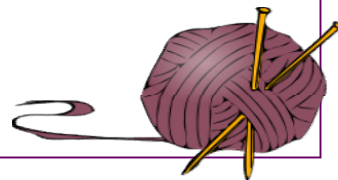
Enjoy a coffee/tea with biscuits. Everything we receive will be donated to very worthy causes.

We have been asked by The John Radcliffe Maternity and The Great Western Hospital Maternity for knitted beanie hats for Premature and Newborn Babies. We can collect, give us a call.

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I would like to say a Big thank you to the shops and businesses in Bourton-on-the-Water for their continued support with Sunflower week. Another brilliant array of windows.

Also thank you to the knitting group in Shipston on Stour for once again doing their town windows. A special thank you to Lynda, Margaret and Anne for the best pillar box display. The figure raised at the moment is £820 with more to be added. Thank you to Lucy for judging our windows.



1<sup>st</sup> BOHO House  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shalom  
3<sup>rd</sup> Our village loos.



I appreciate the support for Sunflowers Suicide Support across our community. **Carol Groom,**  
Charity Ambassador for Sunflowers Suicide Support

## Bourton Roadrunners

Greystones Farm Bourton-on-the-Water, with its ancient meadows and the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's nature reserve, was the host on Sunday to the **Greystones 10k**. Organised by the North Cotswold Rotary, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and Brio Retirement Living, the route was a mixture of trail and quiet country roads. Bourton Roadrunners had seven runners taking part, with few others supporting the organisers with various aspects of the event.

Rebecca Townsend, also celebrating her birthday, completed the course in 50 minutes and 10 seconds, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> senior woman. She was followed by in-form Tom Hill in 53:32 with Chris Dry close on his heels in 54:39. Running together were Samantha Mellor and Tom Knight, establishing a consistent pace and making good progress with the challenging terrain, finishing in 69:25 and 69:27 respectively. Tom also achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> MV65. Jeanette Brew, running with a work colleague, was in good spirits completing the 10k in 77:24, closely followed by Coral Feenan-Hill in 78:37. Coral was also 3<sup>rd</sup> LV60.

Meanwhile on the same day, Bourton's Andy Peaston ran in the **Evesham 10k**, organised by Evesham Vale Running Club. Following an interesting route around the streets, parks and riverside paths of historic Evesham, Andy finished in a respectable 50 minutes and 20 seconds.

On Saturday, **parkrun was celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHS**, and Bourton Roadrunners were keen to be in on the action at the following venues:

**Hafan Pwllheli:** Dougal Hamilton-Smith – 23:52 (2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Man 15-17), Louise Hamilton-Smith – 37:01 (3<sup>rd</sup> LV40).

**Cheltenham Pittville Park:** Chris Dry – 27:09.

**Chipping Norton:** Jenny Evanson – 35:49.

**Wolford Wood:** Lorna Shawcross – 27:21 (1<sup>st</sup> LV60).

**Seaford Beach:** Pam Robb – 34:49.

**Ludlow:** Susan Hunt – 28:31 (1<sup>st</sup> LV55).

**John Gibson**



## Message from the Church

Summer is here! A time for rest from work, school, routine and from the general business of life. Sadly, many are feeling weary and worried as the nation faces so many difficult problems. But rest is essential. Without proper rest we are unable to function. We suffer mentally, physically and emotionally, so it is essential to our bodies to find time to be still. As a mother of four children, I well remember how difficult it was to find that 'me time', but I also discovered that if I didn't, things got on top of me and my reaction to situations was not one of peace and calm.

However, Jesus' most famous words about rest are: **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28**

Firstly, the invitation is to **all** who are weary. God does not promise us a life devoid of hardship. Jesus saw that we were like sheep without a shepherd and needed someone to turn to so he laid down his life so that we might have life. In recognising our own weakness and brokenness we look to Jesus who has made a way for us through the cross to reconcile us back to God. We decide whether we will accept his invitation to follow him.

When we do, his **"yoke is easy, and his burden is light and he will give rest" Matthew 11:29**. The rest he offers goes beyond physical rest. It's more than a glass of wine at the end of the week or a bit more sleep. It's a deep rest that reaches into the depth of our souls. When we have this rest the troubles of this world fall into perspective because we know deep down that God has a purpose and an eternal plan for our lives and **with him** nothing is impossible.

**Rev Sue Woodley**



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**Join our main Sunday service at 11am each week**

This service is also livestreamed on our website

Other services: 8am—Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 13th & 27th Aug  
6pm Holy Communion 6th August

Please note there are no Wednesday Communion services in August – they'll be back in Sept.

**BumbleBeez (parent and child group) every Thursday 9-11am** – still on over the summer!

**Together on Tuesdays is taking a break over August** – see you back in September.

**St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill:** 6th August at 9:30 Morning worship  
20th August at 9:30 BCP Holy Communion

## Bourton Baptist Church



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Manse: 01451 820055  
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Church Office: 01451 824225  
E-mail: minister@bourtonbaptist.co.uk

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**Cafe' Tots**

Starting on Wednesday 12th July 9.15 - 11.30am.

A group for mums, dads, carers, babies and tots to enjoy time together. Tea, coffee, croissants. Toddler art, water play and much more. All welcome.

See our website for this month's diary and more details of all our activities  
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## **Roman Catholic Parish of Our Lady & St. Kenelm, Stow on the Wold**

Parish website: [stow-bourtoncatholic.net](http://stow-bourtoncatholic.net)  
Fr. Stephen Lambert 07836 384932  
Email: [sulharcomb@aol.com](mailto:sulharcomb@aol.com)

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

### **Notices:**

Please check Mass times with website.  
Tuesday 15th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass 6 pm (No morning Mass at St. Lawrence's).  
Monday 7th – Friday 11th No weekdays Masses.

**Fr. Stephen**



Lavender with a Bee

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## For The Younger Generations



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### Thank you

The last weeks of term were packed with Year 10 and 12 work experience, sports day and enrichment activities. Thank you to all those involved in organising and supporting these activities.

### Work experience

Thank you to the many local and global companies, including those in Bourton, who have made it possible for students in Year 10 and 12 to gain work experience, enabling them to understand the careers options available to them, as well as developing important skills and knowledge.

### The Cotswold School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The sun shone for the recent PTA Car Boot Sale, with lots of bargains to be had - thank you to Harrison Hardie for sponsoring the event.

Our PTA has worked tirelessly throughout the year raising money for the school. We are extremely grateful to the PTA, all of the volunteers that have given their time to help, and to the whole school and local community who have supported school events throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you next year.

### Astro 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. As you may already be aware, we are raising money towards replacing the Astro turf, ensuring our pitch is fit for purpose and remains accessible to all. We have been overwhelmed with the initial response, with the purchase of 1m<sup>2</sup> Astro squares. If you would like to help, please visit our website for more information [www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/fundraising-update/](http://www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/fundraising-update/)

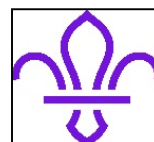
Thank you to everyone for your support so far, it is very much appreciated.

To those children and families joining us in Year 7, we are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Have a great summer.

**Helen Murray**

**Marketing & Communications**



### Scouts: North Cotswold District Search

**District Commissioner, or District Commissioner Team.**

**Our Vision by 2025- we aspire to have a community of young people and adults who are prepared for their future and are able to achieve their potential.**

**This vision is underpinned by three words that will help guide us: Aspire, Prepare & Achieve.**

Scouting relies on volunteers and North Cotswold District is seeking a volunteer, or team of volunteers, with energy and enthusiasm, to fill the role of District Commissioner (DC) or a District Commissioner Team. This person / team will lead the current District Team, along with the District Youth Commissioner, in supporting local Scout Groups so that young people get the best quality scouting they can. This role will suit either an individual or a team of 2 or 3 people.

We are looking for adult volunteers who want to make a difference in their local community, someone who has enthusiasm and enjoys working with other adults and young people. Could this be you or do you know someone who has the ability to motivate others? Do you know someone who you think would make a great DC or work well as part of a Team? There is no



requirement to be a current member of Scouting.

### What's in it for you?

You will know that you are making a difference to the young people and the adults within the District. Relevant training will be provided and an induction will ensure you get the very best start in the role. The skills that you will use as a District Commissioner, such as Leadership, can enhance your CV and can be a great way to demonstrate to prospective employers that you have additional skills.

**For an initial, informal discussion please contact : Ricky Campbell : email [richard.campbell600@ntlworld.com](mailto:richard.campbell600@ntlworld.com) or call on [01451 810977](tel:01451810977)**



## Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Bourton Primary School	820458
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
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Guides	Steph	07941502222
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Pre-School Gymnastics	Caroline	263130
Rainbows	Steph	07941502222
Recreational Gymnastics	Caroline	263130
Scouts	Ricky Campbell	810977 richard.campbell600@ntlworld.com
4Shires Swimming	Jo Shaw	membership@4ssc.uk.uk
Taekwon-do	Lee Chapman	01285 640500
The Cotswold School		820554
Youth Club	Lynda Hicks	07867 121122

### Bourton Vale Tennis Club

There's nothing quite like playing tennis on a nice summer's day. Members have been taking advantage of the two fantastic hard courts we have here in Bourton. It's great to see so many new members too, both young and old, with many benefitting from coaching, social tennis and more competitive tennis.



Swiftly on to team news as the men's team have finished all their matches against the six other teams, securing top spot as winners of division 5B! Notable mention goes to Tim Hull for winning all of the matches he played in. Congratulations also to juniors Jamie Fowler and Seth Townsend for not only completing their GCSEs but also making their debut for the men's



team, making a valuable contribution with some vital wins. Other members of the team included Richard Hardy, John Oliver, Greg Wallace and myself. Together we recorded only 7

losses out of the total 48 doubles matches played in the season.

The ladies A team continue their fight in division 1, currently sitting mid-table with 3 matches remaining. The B team, however, are struggling in the stratospheric heights of division 2, where they are still seeking their first point. Come on ladies, you can do it!

**See you on court!**

**Alex Peyton**



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### **Bourton Primary School**

We finished the year at Bourton Primary with some amazing events & fantastic support from the community. Our very own Quizmaster, Mr. Jones, delivered a wonderful quiz that was great fun. With local business sponsorships & table entries we raised £1,022 which is being used to outfit our new library. A special thanks to all the local businesses that sponsored rounds including: **Hacklings, Hatton Electrical, Kendall & Davies Solicitors, Tax Assist Bourton, Taylor & Fletcher Estate Agency, Cotswold & Vale Electricians**

We brought back B. P. Sports Day where families came out in droves to enjoy the competition. Parents even got to show us their stuff with the Mums' & Dads' races that brought out some fierce competition amongst them all and gave the rest of the crowd a good laugh. **House Phoenix** took home the Sports Day Trophy. We look forward to seeing which team takes it home next year!

Finally, despite variable weather, the **Summer Fete**, was a big success! In between the sun & showers, everyone enjoyed an amazing Hook A Duck, Bottle Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Tattoos and numerous other stalls We raised over £2,000! Community stalls included **Sonia's Kitchen, Usbourne Books** and **Full Fibre**, who are trying to bring high speed fibre to the area. The Cake Competition was judged by **Emma's Bakey Treats** and our winners for KS1 was **Gracie Hawtin** and in KS2 was **Cecelia Shephard**.

A special thanks to the local businesses that sponsored our stalls & activities. The food for the BBQ was graciously donated by **The Swan in Ascott Under Wychwood & Chequers** and **Hugo Hunt from Hey Pesto Catering** was the man on the BBQ. The used uniforms were laundered by **The Linen Press**. The Lollipop Tree was made by **Men in Sheds Northleach**. The Penalty Shoot Out was made possible by **The Bourton Rovers**. Supplies for the Face Painting Stall was donated by **Beautylicious**. Supplies for the Crazy Hair and Braiding Stall were donated by **Zena the Barber**. Beer for the Bar was donated by **Hawkstone**. The Popcorn Machine was purchased with the donation made by **Harrison Hardie**. Raffle Prizes were donated by **Naunton Downs, The Cotswold Farm Park** and **The Willow**.

We can't do any of these events without the support of our school and the parents that give their time to help make it all possible. We're always looking for volunteers, even if it's just giving an hour of your time to help on the event days. It is great fun and the kids are always so proud to say that their parents helped raise money for the school. If you're interested in volunteering, you can reach out to **Bourton-fobs@outlook.com**.  
**Jennifer Hall**

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### - Getting Connected -

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We're looking to expand our volunteer team, ready for our next course in September. It helps older people manage their computers and smartphones. The weekly sessions take place on Tuesday mornings at the Community Centre.

Led by a tutor, it's also supported by volunteers with experience in using digital devices.

If you think you'd like to help the older residents in our community become more comfortable and proficient using their digital devices, please get in touch for more information and a chat using this email address: [viva\\_vita@hotmail.com](mailto:viva_vita@hotmail.com)

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#### Digital Technology Course for Older People

Only a few openings remain for older people on our next course starting in September. It's advisable to express your interest right now as there are only eight places. Each course takes place on Tuesday mornings in Bourton-on-the-Water, over twelve weeks.

**If you wish to express an interest in attending, please do this:**

- 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.

You will be contacted by phone in a few weeks' time.

**Cleo Carruthers, Course Organiser.**

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

**Stanton village to Stanway and back via Shenberrow Hill - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Strenuous 3.5hr 6.5ml.** A strenuous but short climb out of Stanton village along the Cotswold Way to the Iron Age fort at Shenberrow with views across the Vale of Evesham to the Malvern Hills and beyond. Bring suitable refreshments. **Start:** 9.30 Stanton village car park WR12 7NE. OS Map ref: SP 067 344.

**Andoversford on the Gloucestershire Way – A Blackberry walk - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Moderate 3.5hr 6.5ml.** A pleasant walk from Andoversford to the 3 Shiptons then on to Hampen where we will pick blackberries. Then back via Syre-ford Mill. Bring suitable refreshments. **Start:** 9.30 Station Road, Andoversford, GL54 4HR. OS Map ref: SP 024 198.

**Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday starting from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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. STRENUOUS – may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

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

## Cotswold friends



Cotswold friends' digital inclusion project provides support for older and vulnerable residents

A project that aims to bridge the digital divide in the Cotswolds is making progress, thanks to the dedication of volunteers from charity Cotswold Friends and a crowdfunding campaign that received fantastic support from individuals, organisations, local businesses, Cotswold District Council and Gloucestershire County Council.

In a world where technology is constantly evolving, the need for digital inclusion is more important than ever before. Many everyday activities have shifted to online platforms.

However, for some, this has caused significant challenges in completing daily tasks, which many of us take for granted. These include shopping for groceries, paying bills, and even making doctor's appointments, which have all become heavily reliant on technology.

Recognising the gap in support, Cotswold Friends launched a Digital Inclusion project. Part of the charity's Independence Support Service, it aims to bridge the digital divide by providing IT assistance from knowledgeable and trained 'Digital Champion' volunteers.

The Cotswold Friends 'Champions' understand that learning to use IT equipment can be a daunting experience and offer support, step-by-step guidance, and assistance to help the charity's older and vulnerable clients feel comfortable and confident in their abilities.

The funds raised by the charity's Crowdfund Cotswold crowdfunding campaign in autumn 2022 have been pivotal to the success of the Digital Inclusion project.

Dedicated volunteers have been trained and are equipped to provide valuable digital assistance to older and vulnerable people in the Cotswolds.

In the future, Cotswold Friends aims to train up even more Digital Champions and provide interactive training sessions for people looking to improve their digital literacy, such as understanding internet routers in the home and their wireless set up.

If you are interested in becoming a Digital Champion volunteer, please don't hesitate to contact Cotswold Friends' Volunteer Manager, Sheryl Murray, tel: 01608 697007 or email [sheryl@cotswoldfriends.org](mailto:sheryl@cotswoldfriends.org).



## Bourton-on-the-Water

### WI



### It's a piece of cake!!

The BOW WI lady's speaker on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Mary Merheim really did live up to this phrase in more ways than one.

Despite technical difficulties Mary wasn't fazed and being the consummate professional that she is went on to give an extremely interesting and entertaining talk to the ladies on "Malnutrition in the Elderly".

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The WI ladies had an opportunity to taste all the different cake flavours with a very positive reaction.

We wish Mary every success in her future endeavours, if you are interested to find out more, please visit. Grandbars-nack.com

Some dream of cake, others bake it happen!!

If you are interested in joining the BOW WI call Pat Taylor on 07518 457 652 for more information.

**Vanessa Yamin**



## Combe Mill 'In Steam'

Theme: 'Models & Collections'

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

We have invited exhibitors to bring along a variety of models they have made, Fair Grounds Diamond 'T's, Train Sets, collections of Miniature Buses, Dye cast models, Millennium Wheels, Model Steam Engines, also Miniature Working Steam Engines and much more of interest. Exhibitors will be from Local Clubs. Also invited is Kencot Ukulele Group in the afternoon and a small collection of Classic Cars.

Combe Mill is a late 19th Century Restored Water Mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode. All Machinery running 'In Steam'; volunteers will be on hand with lots of interesting information. Come along and see the Blacksmiths in the forge, you might just be able to make a poker.

The Tea Room will be open, also BBQ, Gift Shop and Tombola.

Ever thought of volunteering at Combe Mill? Come along to a steaming event where you will see whether you have an interest and can join the 'Team'

Dog on Leads most welcome. Adults £9.00, seniors £7.50, accompanied children FREE open 10.30am to 5.00pm.

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Also open every Wednesday for 'self-guided tours' with volunteers around.

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The Tea Room will be open if you would like to call in for refreshments, Cream Tea, Cake, Ham roll, coffee and soft drinks.

## Jubilee Lodge Fete

The fete will be taking place here at Jubilee Lodge Care home, on the Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August, from 2pm. We invite you all to join the staff and residents for an afternoon of fun. With music from Bloxley Brass band, face painting, a raffle, with lots of wonderful prizes, various stalls and, of course, cake! So come join us and let's have a bank holiday to remember.

**Lisa**



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## Bourton Panto Group

Already August! How time flies! Panto Committee have been busy deciding on a title for the pantomime and searching the store so we can create the perfect setting! However, as we are totally self-funded, we are also gearing up for the August fete on the 19th. The money from our wonderful supporters is absolutely essential to our group. Without this we are unable to continue bringing live theatre to the village. Please come along and try your luck on the stalls, grab a bargain jigsaw or book, or buy a duck and shout it "home" in one of the races on the river.

We are looking to recruit members to our happy band! The last few years have been a struggle, for some it still is. However, the pleasure of creating and then producing a typically British theatre experience for our residents (and, sometimes, bemused visitors!) is a JOY and a great hobby! Hard work, YES, but fun too. We require talents of ALL sorts. Without the essential rehearsal refreshments team to stewards at performances and EVERYTHING in between, we could not function. I'll list some in no particular order...musicians/musical director (we do like to have live music), scene/scenery painters, set/props creators, costume designers/makers, dressing room helpers, choreographers, oh yes, producers, directors (these come one at a time or things get confusing!), lighting and sound engineers and, how dare I forget, actors! As you may notice, there's a huge team involved behind the scenes, literally.

I'm hoping I've tweaked enough interest in some of our readers to come along to the fete and chat to our members behind the stalls. Ah yes, that's another of the essential attributes...a willingness to fund raise for your group! Come and speak to us on

**August 19th!**

**Ann Chapman**



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At our July meeting Nicola Hope delighted us with her talk on "Tales from the Potting Shed" based on her experiences of working at Highgrove, Sting's Garden Lake House (where she saw the development of a meditation labyrinth), Abbey House for the Naked Gardeners and for Anouska Hempel at Cole Park. Passionate about topiary, she was given free rein to create a peacock at Highgrove and Brian The Snail at Cole Park. The competition was won by Chris King with a display of roses which included an example of "For your eyes only".

The Members' Summer Garden Party is being held in a member's garden in Bourton-on-the-Water from 2.30 to 5 pm on Wednesday 9th August. Please contact Mike Marshall on 01451 820866 if you haven't already purchased your tickets.

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 schedule for our Annual Garden Show on 9th September.

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