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## 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 & 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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember Sessions, **GMCC**, 10.30am. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.

4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, **GMCC**, 7pm.

9<sup>th</sup> Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. Mike Marshall, "British Legion & Poppies" See page 6. **Please note new time.**

10<sup>th</sup> WI, **VH**, 7pm, Chris O'Grady, "Fakes or Fortunes". See page 6.

10<sup>th</sup> Police Point open, **GMCC**, 10-11am, PCSO John Allen [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)

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

11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.

11<sup>th</sup> Horticultural Society, 7.30pm, **BCH**, "15 Years in China—A journey of Landscape & learning" by Jonathan King. See page 5.

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

13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Friendly Memory Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726. See page 12.

16<sup>th</sup> Rural Cinema, 'Empire of Light', Olivia Coleman, Michael Ward,

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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 Parish Council Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Steve Cotton, Village Warden** has been monitoring coach parking activity in the village, as requested by Cotswold District Council. He was attending a meeting with the Police to discuss coach parking on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson** will be chasing up progress with Gloucestershire County Council Highways on matters relating to the village-wide Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which is planned.

From 11<sup>th</sup> September a new Covid and flu jab will be offered to the over 65s and the under 65s who are clinically vulnerable, and their carers.

**District Councillor (Bourton Vale Ward) Len Wilkins** highlighted a press release on Planning services which were being upgraded as well as a new Economic Strategy for Gloucestershire. A 'Make My House Green' grant was available for lower income families to get solar power.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** It was agreed that the Parish Council will create a plan which, if successful at Referendum, will become part of the statutory development plan for the area. A working group is being set up and residents will be invited to join in due course.

**Christmas tree and lights:** A working group has arranged for this year's tree to be erected on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November with the lights being switched on in the afternoon of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Refurbishment of the Rye Crescent play area:** The working group continues to progress plans and a public consultation was taking place during September. The transfer of the play area land from Cotswold District Council to the Parish Council is nearing completion.

**Youth Networking Team:** Councillor Launchbury will be setting up a team to work with other organisations in the parish that provide youth services to ensure full use is being made of available resources.

**New ANPR (Speed) Camera:** An additional camera is being purchased for installation on Station Road in the near future.

**Grant Funding:** It was agreed to provide small grants to The ITSA Digital Trust, Head-space, The Rotary Club of the North Cotswolds, 1<sup>st</sup> Bourton-on-the-Water Scout Group, Bourton Rovers Football Club and the North Cotswold Dementia Action Group.

**Remembrance Day Parade, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** The event will be organised in collaboration with the Royal British Legion and will take place at the War Memorial. An application has been submitted for a road closure for sections of the High Street and Sherborne Street between 10.30 and 11.30am.

**Coach Parking:** Cotswold District Council wrote to confirm that they are working to find the best possible solution to the matter and will report back

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The *Bourton Browser* is run by volunteers & delivered monthly FREE to every household in the Village.

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The **DEADLINE** for Adverts & Articles for the November edition is **Noon on 15<sup>th</sup> October**

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Norma



## u3a Bourton & District

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The u3a is open to all retired and semi-retired people. Currently with over 25 special interest groups, there is something of interest for everyone. Group activities are spread throughout the week between our local communities in Bourton, Stow, Moreton, and The Rissingtons etc.

Monthly meetings are held on Wednesday mornings at **the Royal British Legion Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water** and are ideal for prospective new members to sound us out.

Our October meeting is on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023, from 10am to 12 noon**, where our guest speaker is Steven Blake who will be talking about 'The Cotswold Way - 100 years of history'. Please come along, enjoy a tea/coffee, and see what we have to offer.

We will be very pleased to see you.

Or look us up on:  
[u3asites.org.uk/bourton](http://u3asites.org.uk/bourton)

### Bourton Roadrunners charity presentation

At a presentation on 12th September, members of Bourton Roadrunners were joined by representatives from 6 separate charities who received contributions from the club's fundraising over the past year.

This year, Bourton Roadrunners events raised a total of £7,185.14. In a change from previous years, members decided to support a range of different charities, including some smaller, Cotswold-based causes.

Funds were dispersed to:

- Maggie's – home of cancer care (for its centre in Cheltenham)
- Acorns Children's Hospice (which supports families in Gloucestershire)
- Bourton-on-the-Water Primary Academy breakfast club
- Bourton's Baden Powell Hall
- Cotswold Friends

Mindsong, a Gloucestershire based charity reaching people with dementia through music and song

Bourton Roadrunner's chair, Chris Dry said: "We're very proud of our long tradition of charity giving and extremely pleased that we've managed to raise more than £7k for the second year running." **John Gibson**

## OUT AND ABOUT in October

Daily 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.

Daily Pumpkin Patch, Children's activities, & pumpkin PYO. Cotswolds Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5FL. [www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk)

6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> The Windrush Artists Autumn Exhibition, The Slaughters Inn in Lower Slaughter, see page 11.

6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham Literature Festival, Details from [www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature)

13<sup>th</sup> Rissingtons Local History Society, 7.30pm "Defford Airfield & the story of Airborne Radar" by Tim Barney. Preceded by short AGM. Village Hall, Upper Rissington GL54 2QW. Visitors Welcome £3.50 includes refreshments. [information.RLHS@gmail.com](mailto:information.RLHS@gmail.com) 07815 606770.

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

14<sup>th</sup> Vintage Heaven, The Organic Farm Shop, Burford Road, Cirencester, GL7 5HF. 07973 821352. Charity vintage fair & café. 10am-4pm.

15<sup>th</sup> Combe Mill in Steam, Woodcraft & Autumn Market, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough. OX298ET. [www.combemill.org](http://www.combemill.org). 01993 358694. See page 12.

19<sup>th</sup> Orchestra Pro Anima play Classical Lite incl The Lark Ascending. Northleach Church, 7.00pm. Tickets £17.50/£20, [northleachevents.co.uk/tickets](http://northleachevents.co.uk/tickets)

20<sup>th</sup> RNLI, "Saving Lives at Sea", presentation, raffle, gifts, cards etc. 10am, The Lifford Hall, Broadway. Tickets £10, includes tea/coffee, from Shalom, Moore Rd Bourton. See page 15.

20<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Halloween at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com) or call 01993 810530.

22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Autumn photography workshops at Batsford Arboretum. Brush-up on your photography skills & capture the beautiful autumn colours on a photography workshop this October. For more details visit [www.batsarb.co.uk](http://www.batsarb.co.uk)

28<sup>th</sup> An evening with Tricia Stewart, the original WI Calendar Girl (as played by Helen Mirren in the film). Northleach Church, 7.00pm. Tickets £15/£20, [northleachevents.co.uk/tickets](http://northleachevents.co.uk/tickets) See page 14.

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## FOR SALE / WANTED ITEMS



To advertise items such as Household items, Toys, Garden Equipment etc, complete the contact form on the "Get in Touch" tab. The advert should be no more than 15 words. It must be received **before 12 noon on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.** No commercial adverts accepted for this section.

**For Sale** Flymo Easistore, 340R, corded lawnmower. Brand new, in box. Being sold to raise sponsorship for London Marathon, to support St Catherine's hospice. £129 new. Asking £80 ONO. 822431

**For Sale** Fischer Skis, 175cm, Rossignol bindings, ski poles 125cm and ski bag. £50. 821200

**For Sale** Microwave casserole dish, white, has browning facility, rarely used. £10 ONO. 810294 (after 6pm).

**For Sale** Complete single bedding set, Dorma sheets, 1 flat, 1 fitted, yellow. 1 cream duvet set, 1 pillowcase, rarely used. £10 ONO. 810294 (after 6pm).



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### North Cotswolds Rotary

#### Christmas cheer!

As the days get shorter and Strictly is back on our televisions, thoughts inevitably turn towards Christmas. A highlight in our calendar is the Christmas Charity Band Concert. With our friends at the Royal British Legion, we're delighted to announce that the Waterloo Band and Bugles of the 7<sup>th</sup> Rifles will be returning to The Cotswold School stage for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time. on the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> December.



The band seem to enjoy their annual pilgrimage to Bourton-on-the-Water just as much as we love listening to their Christmas programme. The music is excellent but the rapport they enjoy with audience is what makes this a special event. The blend of humour from the Musical Director combined with the opportunity to sing along to seasonal favourites makes this concert a heartwarming way to start your Christmas festivities. Be sure to mark the 9<sup>th</sup> of December on your calendars and booking information will follow in next month's Browser.

#### Community Service Award



Immediate Past President Kevan Taylor had the pleasure of making the presentation of the Community Award 2022/2023 to Frances Burton, Lesley Morgan and Liz Wills recognising their huge efforts in sorting and dispatching donated items for onward transportation to Poland and Ukraine in support of Project Lifeline. Along with a certificate they received a cheque each for £100, which they donated to Project Lifeline. Congratulations to all of these worthy winners of the Community Award and our heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful work they do.

If you'd like to learn more about what North Cotswolds Rotary does visit [www.northcotswoldsrotary.org](http://www.northcotswoldsrotary.org) or follow us on Facebook @RotaryClubOfTheNorthCotswolds

**John Barber**

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### Bourton Vale Horticultural Society Your friendly Garden Club

Despite the erratic gardening weather this year, very many thanks to all the contributors to our 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Garden Show held at The British Legion Hall on Saturday 9 September for managing to produce such a superb display of flowers, fruit and vegetables! With some amazing photographs in our Photographic Section, our ever-popular plant stall, raffle prizes and refreshments, a relaxed afternoon was had by all who managed to join us on what may well prove to be the hottest day of the year!

Congratulations to all our cup winners, amongst whom was Adam Symons awarded our Society's cup for the most points in the Vegetable Classes, Wendy Ratcliffe awarded the National Vegetable Society Silver Medal for the most meritorious exhibit in the Vegetable Classes, and Stuart Gwynne awarded the Festival Cup for the most points in the Flower Classes.

Our next evening meeting is on Wednesday 11 October at the usual time of 7.30 pm at The Baptist Hall in Station Road, Bourton-on-the-Water, when our speaker will be Jonathan King sharing his experiences of "15 years in China – A Journey of Landscape and Learning". Jonathan returned to the UK in 2018 and set up his own landscape and garden design practice in Cheltenham. The title of October's competition is *A Display of Autumn Daisies (asters and rudbeckia)* and we look forward to seeing lovely colourful entries.

With a modest annual membership fee of £15 or £3 per visit, new members and visitors are always most welcome! With refreshments served at the end of the meeting, it is an ideal opportunity to talk to fellow gardeners and share one's gardening experiences.

**Sandra Mitchell – Secretary BVHS**

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**Email: [sandra@rissington.uk](mailto:sandra@rissington.uk)**



### Live in Carer Available

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**Please call me, Lisa, with any enquiries on:**

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## Bourton WI



The BOW WI have had a very busy month. A group of the ladies visited Eastnor Castle at the beginning of September and had a very enjoyable time and a great bonus was that the weather was fantastic.



Then on Tuesday 12th September the ladies were joined by Steve and Myra Ford. Steve and Myra were helped by some enthusiastic helpers, who together, put the ladies through their paces to learn some traditional country dances. There was a good attendance and it was a very amusing evening with lots of wrong spins and turns but everyone had big smiles on their faces by the end of the evening. Fantastic movement therapy! For me personally, I'm not a great dancer yet, but I've definitely taken a step in the right direction. Why not come and join the ladies for a taste of what the modern-day WI is all about. Don't be put off by the old image of Jerusalem and Jam, we are a

lively friendly group always open to welcoming new friends. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th October starting at 7pm in the BOW Victoria Hall, our speaker will be Chris O'Grady who will be discussing with us if our treasurers are "Fakes or Fortunes".

If you would like more information about the WI please call Pat Taylor on 07518 457 652, who will be delighted to answer any of your membership questions.

Vanessa

## Bourton-on-the-Water Probus Club

Our meeting on 14th August was given by Danielle Sharples on the important subject of recognising fraud calls and emails. Many of us have been caught out by fraudsters and this was a timely reminder of the problems and how to deal with such events.

Following concerns about the start time of 10.30, we have decided to revert to the original start time of 10am with the business meeting before the speaker, rather than afterwards.

Bourton Probus Club is for retired business and professional men or women who wish to meet socially, listen to a talk, or attend various social events through the year. We are always keen to attract new members and so whatever you did in your working lives do come along to one of our meetings and introduce yourselves. Details of our meetings is on the Diary

Roger Harris



## MOORE FRIENDS

Here's to the Indian summer if we are still allowed to call it that! The Friends have met and discussed the next year before winding up in 2024. We will be funding our current list of projects such as ArtLift, Men in Sheds and all the other groups. This will leave a small balance which will be divided amongst them all. It will be sad to see us fold but we are grateful for the members who have continued to help us.

A big reminder, do Ring 03004218770 before going up to the Minor Injuries Unit at Moreton Hospital. It will save a wasted journey if they are closed.

There is a new pilot scheme at Tewkesbury Hospital where GPs will be able to admit their own patients! Isn't that what we did at Bourton, what goes around comes around I think.

Bill Wragge, Trustee

## 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)

**It is well worth checking the village on-line diary when scheduling events to avoid clashing with over village events!**

**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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## Message from the Church

### From the Catholic Church

Many Churches, both Anglican and Catholic, are dedicated to The Virgin Mary (St. Mary). We do not worship Mary, because she is not God. But we do venerate her, because she of all women who have ever existed, was chosen by God to be the Mother of Jesus. But what do we know about her? St. Luke tells us in great detail in his Gospel about how the Angel Gabriel came to Mary and asked if she would consent to be the Mother of Christ and all the circumstances of the birth of Jesus. Luke provides so much detail that it seems very likely that he knew Mary personally and that she herself gave him first hand information.

There is a lovely tradition that Luke was an artist as well as a doctor and that he painted Mary.

However, we know very little about Mary's childhood. The Bible is silent about this. Why? Because those who wrote the New Testament wanted to stick to essentials – the life, death and Resurrection of Christ, which has thrown open the gates of heaven for you and me.

However, there exists a set of writings called The Gospel of James, written around AD 150 in which ancient oral traditions were set down. These tell us that Mary's father was called Joachim, that he lived in Nazareth and that he

married Anne, a girl from Bethlehem. The couple struggled to have children, but after much prayer Mary was conceived.

The rescue of humankind began when Mary was born, for she was to play the vital role of giving Jesus his human form. Jesus Christ: 'Son of God' (his divinity), 'Son of Mary' (his humanity). Small wonder there are so many churches dedicated to her name.

**Fr. Stephen**



The Rev'd Rowena King  
revrowena@gmail.com  
01451 821282  
www.bourtonparishchurch.co.uk

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

**Special Services—Harvest Celebrations 11am 1st October**

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Regular services: Midweek Holy Communion - every Wednesday @ 10:00am  
8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct  
6pm - Holy Communion with traditional hymns – 1<sup>st</sup> Oct  
6pm – Taize service – 29<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Breakfast Church - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct - 9am start – for all ages!**

**Together on Tuesdays – Lunch Club 12-2pm every week**

**BumbleBeez (parent and child group) every Thursday 9-11am**

*Remember – our church is open and heated every day - do feel free to use it as a warm space.  
You are always welcome.*

**St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill: 1<sup>st</sup> – Harvest Festival @ 5:30pm, and 15th BCP Holy Communion**

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

Parish website:

stow-bourtoncatholic.net

Fr. Stephen Lambert 07836 38493

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 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.

Please check Mass times with website in case of last-minute changes.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** 1st November Solemnity of All Saints. Sung Mass 6 pm. 2nd November Commemoration of all the Faithful departed. Requiem Mass 9 am.

**Fr. Stephen**



### Bourton Baptist Church

**Minister: Rev Sue Woodley**

**Manse: 01451 820055**

**Mobile: 07828 781246**

**Church Office: 01451 824225**

**E-mail: [minister@bourtonbaptist.co.uk](mailto: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.

#### Cafe' Tots

Starting on Wednesday 12th July 9.15 - 11.30am.

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## For The Younger Generations

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I am delighted with the fantastic results that our Year 11 and 13 students achieved this summer, reflecting the maturity and commitment students have shown towards their learning, revision and exams. Congratulations to all students, and thank you to our teaching and support staff for their unwavering dedication and to our families for their continued support.

Over a third of all grades at A level were either an A\* or A, with well over 60% of all grades either A\*, A or B. 86% were awarded A\* to C, with an overall pass rate of 99.8%. Many of our students have now moved on to universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Bath, Exeter, St Andrews, Leeds, Imperial College London, Manchester, Newcastle and Camberwell College of Arts.

#### **Awards Evening**

One of the early highlights of our new academic year is the recognition of progress, effort and achievement that we celebrated at The Cotswold School Awards evening.

The Subject Awards are given for excellence in every subject, in each year group. The Headteacher's Awards are for students throughout the school, of whom I am exceptionally proud. These awards may not necessarily be academic, we might see it in their commitment to school life, to their community or other causes, or in recognition of their approach to certain challenges that they face. Well done to everyone who received awards.

**Open Morning and Open Evening – 5 October**

**Sixth Form Open Evening – 9 November**

Please visit our website to find out more

at [www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk)

**Will Morgan, Headteacher**

### **Bourton Primary Academy**

What a start to term we have had already! By the time you see this, we will have been back in school for 4 weeks already! We are very proud, as always, of how well the children have settled back into the school routines. Everyone starts something new in September in schools, and our new Year 6 children have started by being fantastic role models for the younger children. Our newest arrivals in Reception have a brilliant attitude and have settled into their classes very quickly. We also have several new staff members as well!

We have changed the way our Key Stage 2 children have lunchtimes and we are very impressed with how well they



have adapted to the changes. We now spend lunchtime with our houses to have lunch and play. This has gone very well and the children have reported being happy to play with children from year 3 to year 6,

and are enjoying the different games they have been taught, -frisbee golf seems particularly popular!

Our Key Stage 1 classes are learning about The Great Fire of London, Lower Key Stage 2 are studying Biomes and Upper Key Stage 2 are learning about The Aztecs this half term. There have been some very exciting Amaze Days already and the children's knowledge is growing on a daily basis!



As a school we are always looking for volunteer readers, if you can spare 1 hour a week for such an important skill, please contact us by email on [admin@bourton.school](mailto:admin@bourton.school)

We are looking forward to the rest of the year after such a promising start!

**Tori Gainford,**  
**Deputy Headteacher**





## Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Guides	Steph 07941502222
Hockey	Tracy Dixon 07813 187933
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Recreational Gymnastics	Caroline 263130
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## Bourton Tennis Club

Bourton Tennis Club held its Finals Day on September 10. Yoko Peyton played against Cath Wallace in the ladies' singles. Cath was quick out of the blocks winning the first game, but Yoko showed her resilience to win 6-1 6-0 and claim the trophy for the third consecutive year.

The men's doubles saw Mark Smith and Richard Hardy up against junior Jamie Fowler and John Oliver. After losing the first set, Mark and Richard found some form to get ahead in the second but couldn't convert their 5-4 lead. Jamie and John's nerve held out to win 6-2 7-5.

In the ladies' doubles Yoko and Trina Pitchforth played against defending champion Ann Whitney and her partner Jacky Harding. An intense match ensued with Jacky playing brilliantly in her first final and Ann steady as ever coming through in a very hard-fought match to win 6-2 6-1.

The final match was the mixed doubles with Ann and Greg Wallace up against Yoko and John. The first set couldn't have been closer with Yoko and John hanging on to win in a tie-break. But Ann's solid play paired with Greg's nifty net shots saw them take the match to a third set where they eventually triumphed 6-7 6-2 6-4.

The men's singles final between myself and Neil Thompson was played a week earlier owing to Neil being away on holiday. Luckily for me, I was able to get the better of Neil to win 6-1 6-2.

Although there is still plenty of tennis being played through the winter with league matches, social tennis and coaching, this will be the last report for 2023. We welcome new members any time so if you are interested in tennis, please get in touch via the website or on Facebook!

**See you on court!**

**Alex Peyton**



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

**Adlestrop, Chastleton and Cornwell - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Moderate 3hr 6ml**

A circular walk from Adlestrop, around to Chastleton then on to Cornwell and back via Daylesford. Bring suitable refreshments.

A lovely walk from Adlestrop where Edward Thomas was inspired to write his famous poem 'Adlestrop', where his train made an unscheduled stop and he wrote about what he saw and heard. From there we walk to Chastleton, home of the National Trust property, Chastleton House. The Jacobean house was used as the Seymour's house in the television series of Wolf Hall. From here we walk on through the remains of Chastleton Barrow fort on to the village of Cornwell and Cornwell Manor a prestigious wedding venue. We head back to Adlestrop via Daylesford, home of Warren Hastings, the first Governor-General of India. Daylesford is now the home of Sir Anthony Bamford of JCB fame and the venue of Boris Johnson's late wedding reception. **Start: 10.00 Adlestrop village hall GL56 0YR. OS Map ref: SP 242 272.**

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.

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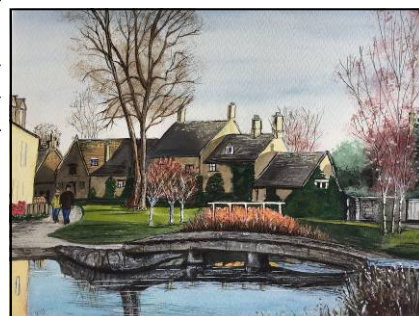
### THE WINDRUSH ARTISTS AUTUMN EXHIBITION



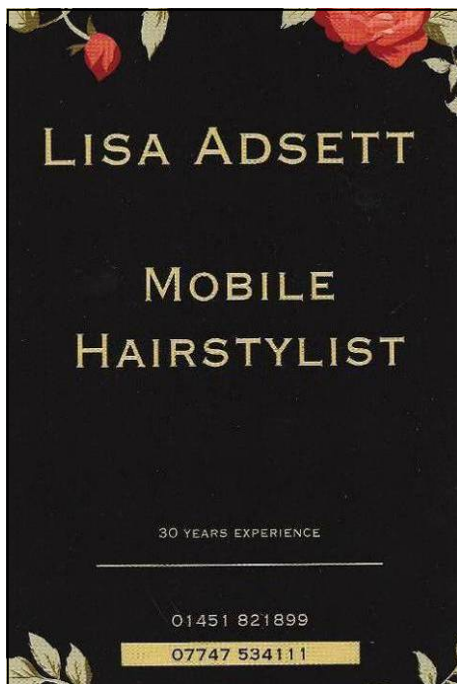
Three local artists are holding their exhibition at The Slaughters Inn in Lower Slaughter, Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

Judy Harden: watercolour and mixed media. Sandi Garrett: Animal portraits and crafts. Briggitta Coombs: Exquisite work in glass.

There will be a large selection of paintings both framed and in mounts, as well as prints and cards. Sandi will be showing her animal portraits and animal related crafts and Briggitta will have her gorgeous glass pieces including those with a Christmas theme.



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Look forward to seeing you and having your support.

**Bill Wragge**

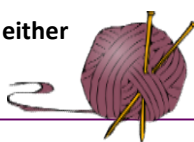
### Irene's Charity Knitting Circle

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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### Combe Mill

Combe Mill steaming events are well under way, looking forward to seeing you all. **15<sup>th</sup> October 'In Steam' Woodcraft + Autumn Market**

This will be a great event with all wood-working tools as used back in the day. Invited are Wood carving, Elizabethan historic bowl tuning, Pole Lathe turning, Spoon carving, Green woodworking and Shavehorse Demonstration. Also, to accompany the event, will be an Autumn Market.

Combe Mill is a late 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Tea room will be open, BBQ, Gift Shop and Tombola.

Ever thought of volunteering at Combe Mill? Come to a steaming event when you will see were 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.

Combe Mill cannot be held reasonable for attractions that cancel.

Also open every Wednesday until the end of October for 'self-guided tours' with volunteers around.

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What did you miss last month? 6 walks apparently. One started with a train ride and a walk back. Another began from 'Hangman's Stone'. In part we walked the "Diamond Way", "Winchcombe Way", "Gloucestershire Way",

"Macmillan Way", and "Monarch's Way" but not the "Fosse Way", whilst some of us had tea at the "Flag and Whistle", "Farmer's Arms", "Shutter's Arms", and even "Batsford" garden centre.

So, if you would like to know more, do give me a call or an email.

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**Hugh O'Connell**





## Cotswolds Radio

At Cotswolds Radio, we really enjoy making topical programmes that get our listeners involved. "We Need to Talk" is a debate show, discussing current or interesting issues – sometimes serious, sometimes silly! It's presented by Maddi, Shelley and Lisa. They're not afraid to have different or conflicting opinions, but that's what makes the show interesting and relatable. Just recently they've debated topics such as the issues raised by Spanish football "that kiss" – sexual harassment or consensual; School uniform – old fashioned or still important; and discussed breast cancer, mastectomies and the mastectomy tattooing alliance.

Maddi has been involved with Cotswolds Radio since we started, until recently co-hosting the show with Breakfast Show presenter Lou. Lisa and Shelley have just joined us this summer; and Lisa has also just started presenting The Rock Show on Wednesdays at 9pm. Here's how they describe themselves:

Maddi: "I'm a natural scatterbrain, I love to be crafty and I've recently discovered podcasts so always have my earbuds in."

Lisa: "I love arts and crafts, I've usually always got a project on the go. I also love music in particular Rock music. But I can also talk for England!"

Shelley: "I come from a large family so thrive in chaos. I like baking and love an opportunity to get together with my friends to eat cake, have a chat and put



the world to rights."

If you'd like to join the conversation, listen in on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and message the show either via the app or email at [contact@cotswoldsradio.com](mailto:contact@cotswoldsradio.com).

## Bourton Roadrunners

After the recent mini heat wave, Sunday morning presented a grey overcast start to the day. However, it provided excellent running conditions for the annual **Angels 10k**, which started and finished at the Woodpeckers Cricket Club, in Ashleworth village. An exciting and undulating course, providing runners great views of the Cotswolds, Malvern Hills and the River Severn.

Bourton Roadrunners had 15 members taking part in this Gloucestershire AAA Road Race event. First home for the club was Darren Long in a time of 41 minutes and 31 seconds. Close on his heels giving chase throughout the race was in-form Niamh Shoemark, who finished in 42:54 and was first LV55.

Dougal Hamilton-Smith, taking part in his first 10k race as a senior, had a brilliant run in 44:07, just three places behind the experienced Niamh. Next to finish was Steph Holton, currently in marathon training, in a time of 48:05 and LV55/2.

Other Bourton Roadrunners were Chris Dry (50:18), Lorna Shawcross (51:30, LV60/3), John Harding (52:16), Basia Legierska (52:22, LV40/3), Lee Hutton (53:00), Liz Hulcup (56:42, LV70/3),

Clementine Bright (57:40, SL/3), Louise Hamilton-Smith, also in marathon training (65:28), Imogen Cox (68:45).

Special mention should go to Jenny Evan-son (73:50), who was delighted with having reduced her previous PB by nearly four minutes and to Val McKay (75:35), who had only finished a *couch-to-5k* course last year.

The previous day saw the popular **Pride 10k**, held at East London's beautiful Victoria Park, providing a flat, fast 3-lap course. The run is known for its fun and inclusive atmosphere, was this year supporting the charity Micro Rainbow International, organised by volunteers from London Frontrunners.

Bourton Roadrunners had two members supporting this popular event, with Peter Carrick having a brilliant run finishing in 39:50, while Barry O'Leary returning from injury, had a fine run in 55:31.

Meanwhile, the club was out supporting **parkrun** events at a number of venues, including:

**Cheltenham Pittville Park:** Chris Dry (42:24).

**Chipping Norton:** Steve Howell (25:18, MV60/2), Lorna Shawcross (26:54, LV60/2), Gilly Howell (27:19, LV60/3) and Ali Tighe (32:58).

**Stratford-upon-Avon:** George Swayne (19:20, JM15-17/1).

**Warwick Racecourse:** Susan Hunt (24:23, LV55/2).

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### Local Charity CEO embarks on Cotswold 'Tour de Friends' Cycle Challenge

Jo Hammond, CEO at local charity Cotswold Friends, is embarking on an epic 450km Cycle Challenge, visiting over 100 Cotswold towns and villages along the way, and aiming to raise awareness and funds for the charity. Cotswold 'Tour de Friends' started from Moreton-in-Marsh, where the charity is based, on Friday 1st September. The challenge encompasses 14 cycle rides culminating with an 80km South to North Finale from Ashton Keynes to Mickleton, on Friday 20th October.



Jo says, "The aim of my challenge is to raise awareness of the challenges older and vulnerable people face every day, living in our highly rural communities. Cotswold Friends helps local people in over 120 towns and villages across the Cotswolds. I'll be meeting clients, volunteers, funders and partners along the way and visiting our Community Activity venues – hopefully raising funds towards the ongoing delivery of our community services. I'm a bit daunted by the hilly Cotswold terrain - there is over 6000m of climbing in total. You might see me walking from time to time up the really steep bits!"

At the time of going to Press, the first three rides have been completed – 11 to go! The starting times and locations for the five final rides are listed below and full details of all routes can be found by heading to [www.cotswoldfriends.org](http://www.cotswoldfriends.org). Take a look and see when Jo might be cycling through your village!

Guiting Power Loop – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9.30am  
 Moreton North Loop – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 10am  
 Andoversford Loop – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1pm  
 South Cirencester Loop – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am  
 South to North Finale - Friday 20th October 8am

You can also follow Jo's progress on Instagram @cotswold\_friends

Cotswold Friends works to alleviate loneliness and isolation, improve health and wellbeing and support independent living. Helping over 2,300 people and with an incredible team of over 300 volunteers, charity services include Community Transport, Community Activities, Befriending and Carer Support, helping to keep people connected to their community.

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 A word we often say.  
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Carol Groom



### An evening with Tricia Stewart The original WI Calendar Girl (as played by Helen Mirren in the iconic film)



**Saturday, October 28th, 7.00pm**  
**Northleach Church**

Tickets £15 / £20, a free drink incl  
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## LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Numbers without area code are all 01451 (amendments 01451 822431)

Archery Club	GRArcheryClub@gmail.com	
Badminton Club	clclare@gmail.com	
Bell Ringers, BOW	Stephanie Hemming	810996
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Bourton Vale Tennis Club	www.bourtontennisclub.org	
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Bridge Club, Northleach	Tim Morris	01285 750288
Community Group Club	Bridget/Lorna	01608 652019
Fitness League	Kathy Kirk	01993 882350
Gardening Club	Sandra Mitchell	07840 898472
Glos. Advanced Motorists	Rod Harrison.	821605
History Society	Sue Roberts	822230
Jubilee Lodge		01451 823100
Lunch Club (B'n Vale Cricket Club)	Sam	01608 692811
Men in Sheds	Keith	01451 831886
Moore Friends	Sandra Morgan	07840 898472
Moreton Bowls Club	Brenda Dix	821020

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OPEN 4U		824225
Panto Group	Jan Close	831911
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Rural Cinema	Mollie Wise	822365
Scottish Dancing Group	Christine Bucknall	01993 830760
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For more information, please contact

Christine Bucknall

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We look forward to seeing you!

## Saving Lives At Sea



Friday 20 October 2023  
10am

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## Panto Group



Thanks to all who supported our summer fete in August, another successful day!

Bourton Panto Group has a rich history developed over forty plus years. Many village residents and some from surrounding villages, have been involved with the group. There are many reasons for fluctuating numbers of members. Some have sadly passed away, some have retired from "treading the boards" or just moved away, university has beckoned for some. Others have taken their talents and joined professional companies reaching provincial theatres and even the capital! These are amazing achievements for a village theatre group.

Created from an idea by Bourtonian, Richard Mooney, a core group was formed and the process began with a production of Dick Wittington staged at the Victoria Hall early in 1981. Then, as now, a tremendous team effort was required and I'm sure there were moments of uncertainty, hilarity, panic, joy, exhaustion....as there seems to be even in professional theatre!.....but ultimately elation when a production reaches fruition and is well received by its audiences. As a profession the theatre can be a precarious occupation. As a hobby, however, the varied skills required to bring a show to the stage can be truly rewarding to undertake. Being part of the team, working with so many willing to pool their talents to present live theatre for the entertainment of the community is something I enjoy immensely and encourage others to come along and be involved.

Come along to the **Victoria Hall** and meet us on any Tuesday or Thursday evening at 7.30pm. This is the time of year when the fun (and hard work) begins and Little Red Riding Hood will be staged early next year. See you there! **Ann Chapman**



Here's a trip down memory lane!  
Remember or recognise any of these members?

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