

# BOURTON BROWSER

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February 2024

## DIARY DATES

Mondays, "Old Sweats" Meeting, **BLH**, 10am—12 Noon, 07714 852364 [bourton.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:bourton.secretary@rbl.community)  
Mondays & Thursdays, Stay Strong & Steady (falls prevention exercises), **BLH**, 1-2.30pm. [cotswoldactive-health@gmail.com](mailto:cotswoldactive-health@gmail.com) See page 13.  
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](mailto:kathy.kirk@live.com)  
1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Bourton Panto, 'Red Riding Hood', **VH**, 7.30pm & Sat matinee 2.30pm. See page 16.  
5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, am group 10.30am, pm group 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.  
7<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, **GMCC**, 7pm.  
8<sup>th</sup> Bourton Lunch Club, **CCP**, GL54 2AY. 12Noon, 01608 692811.  
9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Friendly Memory Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726.  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Gift Fair, **VH**. Gift Ware, Handbags, Jewellery & Accessories, Vintage & Collectables.  
12<sup>th</sup> Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. David Aldred, "Hailes Abbey & the mystery of the Holy Blood". See p. 11.  
13<sup>th</sup> WI, **VH**, 7pm, "Fairtrade". See page 13.  
13<sup>th</sup> Pancake Party, 3-5pm, **StLC**. Free afternoon of pancakes & fun activities. All welcome.  
14<sup>th</sup> Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**,

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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 held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**The Police** will be holding a Police Point session between 10 and 11am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

**County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson** reported that a proposed 5% rise in Gloucestershire County Council's part of the Council Tax was likely to be accepted.

**District Councillor Len Wilkins (Bourton Vale)** reported that Cotswold District Council were introducing a new Parking Strategy and had statutory responsibility for car but not coach parking. As part of the Levelling Up Act, planning fees would be increased by 25% for householder development and commercial applications by 35%, to be increased annually in line with inflation.

**District Councillor Jon Wareing (Bourton Village)** advised that there were over 500 comments on CDC's recent budget consultation, some being in respect of coach parking in Bourton.

**Periwinkle Bank Resurfacing:** The footpath between Station Road and Cemetery Lane is very well used and gets muddy during bad weather. A contractor will be surfacing this path over the next few weeks using funds from the Tourist Levy.

**2024-25 Budget and Precept:** This is still under review, pending discussion with Cotswold District Council on funding for additional parking enforcement. The Parish Council will meet at 7pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January to agree final figures.

**Coach Parking, pick-up and drop-off:** This was discussed at an Extraordinary Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December. Local businesses proposed to provide coach parking for one year on the industrial estate. It was agreed that the representatives of the Parish Council, District and County Councillors and local business owners would have further discussions with the Cotswold School to see whether there was scope for drop-off/pick-up in their coach turning circle. However, at that meeting it was concluded that this option was not viable for many reasons, including safety of pupils and passengers. It was agreed that members of the business community would approach other businesses and landowners in the village to explore pick-up and drop-off options.

The following Position Statement was published following the Parish Council meeting:

*Regretfully there is now no dedicated parking for coaches in the village. The Parish Council has spent many hours in discussions with Cotswold District Council, Gloucestershire Highways, the Police and local businesses without reaching a solution that balances the needs of our residents, businesses and visitors.*

*The Parish Council's influence over this situation is very limited in that the Rissington Road Car Park is the property of the Cotswold District Council, the*

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- 10am-12pm. See page 6.
- 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Horticultural Society, Sally Oates , "Winning on Your Allotment" 7.30pm, **BCH**. See page 5.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Rural Cinema, "The Great Escaper", Michael Cane, Glenda Jackson. 12A, 1h 36mins. Drama/romance. **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on door.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Tayler & Fletcher, Fine Art Auction, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Police engagement vehicle visit, Co-op car park, 10am-2pm.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Bourton 10K Road race. Some road closures during the morning, including High St, Rissington Rd, Victoria St, Letch Lane & Sherborne St. For full details see page 3.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. A talk by a local member. See page 11.
- 28<sup>th</sup> u3a, "The Joy of False Memory" by Dr Katy Bellamy 10am-12pm, **BLH**, [www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton) See page 6.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bourton Book Club, 7pm, Duke of Wellington Pub. Details from [dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk)

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*Station Road Car Park is the property of Bourton Vale Car Parking, whilst Gloucestershire Highways is responsible for keeping the roads and footpaths safe to use and for administering highway legislation (this includes on-street parking, yellow lining and traffic restrictions and signage).*

*The Parish Council has no direct influence over these organisations other than asking them to consider or reconsider their positions in trying to find a solution. Parish Council funds are limited and if any money was spent on trying to solve or reduce the coach parking problem, it would come from residents' precept and would trigger an increase in the Council Tax paid to the Parish Council.*

*We are continuing to discuss possible solutions with all parties to find a solution that meets the needs and satisfaction of the community as a whole, where the health and safety of residents and visitors is paramount.*

**Parish Council open evening with residents to discuss traffic flow and parking – 7pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at the Royal British Legion Hall:** There will be a meeting to hear residents' view on matters outside the scope of coach parking. Following the meeting, the Parish Council will collate views and information for a Strategic Plan to be created by the Highways Committee.

**Development of the old Co-Op Site:** Parish Councillors met with the developers to view updated plans following the public consultation. A planning application is expected to be submitted around February.

**Hedges, Shrubs and Trees:** The Parish Council would like to remind householders and landowners of their responsibilities to cut back any hedges, shrubs or trees that may be overhanging the pavements or footpaths bordering their property. This is to ensure the safety of pedestrians and allow sufficient space, where possible, for the use of wheelchairs and buggies. Please ensure the full width of a pavement is kept clear, ideally with a minimum cleared width of 1.1 metres (3ft 7 inches). Head clearance should be a minimum of 2.1 metres (approx. 7 ft). Please check your hedges and shrubs prior to cutting back to ensure there are no nesting birds present.

### Next Meeting Dates:

An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting at 7pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to approve the 2024-25 Budget and Precept.

Full Parish Council meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Both meetings will be held in the Windrush Room, The George Moore Community Centre.

All residents are welcome to attend our meetings.

**Sharon Henley, Clerk/RFO**  
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## Bourton 10k, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Bourton Roadrunners hosts its annual 10k road race at 10am on Sunday 25 February.



We're always very grateful to Bourton residents for their patience and tolerance around the disruption this causes to village life.

This year we're expecting around 700 runners and their supporters, so we can expect increased traffic before and after the race. We'll encourage runners to use the main car parks in the village. We'll do our best to manage traffic and discourage people from using residential parking or the leisure centre.

We have permission to close the roads in the inner village loop (Victoria Street, Letch Lane and Sherborne Street) and the High Street from 9.30am to midday. The Rissington Road will be closed from 9:50am to 11.30am (eastbound) and from 10.30 until about 11.30am (westbound).

We'd be extremely grateful if people could avoid driving at these times especially the route from Landsdowne to the Rissington Road. If you do need to leave the village, please follow the instructions of one of the many marshals who'll do their best to help.

For those wanting to watch the race, and some of Gloucestershire's finest athletes in action, we'd recommend walking along the Rissington Road for a longer, uninterrupted view. The middle of the High Street, where the race starts and finishes, can get very congested and we need to keep the route clear for finishers from about 10.30am to 11.15am.

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If you have any questions about this year's Bourton 10k, please email [bourtonroadrunners@gmail.com](mailto:bourtonroadrunners@gmail.com) or leave a message on our Facebook page.

### Mislaidd Photo Album

Late summer I was given a black, A4, photo album and told to pass it on, as older residents would be interested in seeing the old photos of Bourton villagers. A friend told me who these people were. There was also a photo of the last train at Bourton Station, showing a man laying a wreath on the engine in 1963. I duly gave the album to an older resident. But whom?

I now find that the album is very important to a long term resident, who is very distressed and upset that it has gone missing.

I have asked a number of elderly residents and have put a message on 'WhatsApp' and 'Bourton Neighbours', appealing to anybody who would remember seeing, or talking about, this very important photo album.

I feel more than guilty at not having asked in the first place who it belonged to, as I would have returned it to its original owner.

Please have a think, have you ever seen it and where is it now?

It would make the owner very happy to have it back in his hands, where it belongs.



**Please contact Mollie Wise 822365**

## OUT AND ABOUT in February

- 1<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Snowdrops at Painswick Rococo Garden, Painswick, GL6 6TH. 01452 813204. Adults £7, Over 60s £6, Children (5-16) £3.30, Family £18.00. <https://www.rococogarden.org.uk/>
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> An Evening with the Swans, WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre, Slimbridge GL2 7BT. See hundreds of wild swans on the floodlit lake, plus 2 course meal. 01453 891900. [www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge/whats-on/evening-with-the-swans-2031](http://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge/whats-on/evening-with-the-swans-2031)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Snowdrop Weekend, Colesbourne Park, Colesbourne, Cirencester, GL53 9NP. 01242 870264. 1-4pm, £10 adults, U16s free. Dogs on leads welcome. Refreshments provided by local charities. <https://www.colesbournegardens.org.uk/>
- 4<sup>th</sup> "Frankenstein", Naunton Village Hall, 3.30pm, £15 adults, £10 children, Tickets 01451 850586 or 03306 600541, [www.bit.ly/franky-naunton](http://www.bit.ly/franky-naunton) See poster page 6.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rissingtons Local History Society, @2.30pm. "The Georgian Visitor". Village Hall, Upper Rissington GL54 2QW. Visitors Welcome £3.50 includes refreshments. [information.RLHS@gmail.com](mailto:information.RLHS@gmail.com) / 07815 606770.
- 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Half Term at the Villa, Chedworth Roman Villa NT, GL54 3LJ. 01242 890256. 10am-4pm. Gather evidence to uncover why the villa was built here. Roman games & puzzles. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/gloucestershire-cotswolds](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/gloucestershire-cotswolds)
- 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Half Term Fun, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com) or call 01993 810530.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Polar Plunger Winston's Wish, Sandford Parks Lido, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PU. 12pm (arrive from 11am) £10 Registration fee + £50 minimum sponsorship. 01242 524430. <https://www.sandfordparkslido.org.uk/>



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## Bourton Vale Horticultural Society



### Your friendly Garden Club

The many members who braved the cold on Wednesday evening 10th January were treated to an inspiring and informative talk entitled "Cut and Come Again – Perennials for the Garden and Floral Display", from Julie Richie of Hoo House Nursery, Tewkesbury. Julie suggested flowering and decorative foliage plants which could be grown in our own gardens and used for floral displays throughout the year. Her colourful slides were particularly cheering at this rather bleak time of year and she had some particularly useful tips for getting the best out of cut flowers – such as arranging drooping hellebores in lemonade (not diet!) rather than water!

Congratulations to Antoinette Green for winning first prize in the competition with her lovely display of winter flowering shrubs.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14 February, starting as usual at 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall in Bourton, when our speaker will be Sally Oates who will be talking about "Winning on Your Allotment" and the competition will be for the best *Small Display of Snowdrops*.

Membership cards for 2024 with full details of the year's programme of speakers and events are now available for purchase and which will entitle you to discounts from both Batsford and Burford Garden Centres. We are pleased to have been able to hold the annual fee at £15.00 - payable by cheque or cash, please, at the meeting.

**Sandra Mitchell – Secretary BVHS**

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## Bourton Rovers



Sitting mid table with 3 games in hand leaves our Hellenic team in a fantastic position for the final few months of the season. Our Hellenic team continue their great home form with Harry Burrell still on top as our top scorer, followed by Rex Chiles, although our new signing Fin Davies looks like he will give them a run for their money, bagging a hat trick on his debut game!

With the least amount of games played in the division, the weather has really played havoc with our Witney teams' games, only getting in 9 games out of a possible 15 this season! The positives are that we find ourselves with 5 games in hand and with the cold weather hopefully nearing its end means the team can really get stuck in with the remaining fixtures.

Both teams play on a Saturday afternoon, so every weekend means (unless the weather ruins plans) there is a game at the football club. With our 100 seater stand, the ever popular "little shack" snack van and a friendly warm clubhouse & bar for warming up at half time, it is the perfect place for locals to come along and enjoy a game of football. Non-members are always welcome.

Despite the cold winter nights our live music & Karaoke nights continue, as well as our mid week popular darts tournaments. Over the next month our renovations begin as we prepare for the spring – when the season finale, team presentations, tournaments and busy weekend nights await us. Our social media pages will keep you all up to date with our entertainment, game schedules and more so if you are not already doing so, give us a follow on Facebook or Instagram, and if social media is not your thing just pop in and say hi! **Catherine Williams**

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Helping Hand is a small grants scheme set-up by North Cotswolds Rotary to help support the amazing work carried out by small charities and community organisations across the North Cotswolds.

Grants up to £500 are available but must be for a specific project or activity. The grants are not available to support day-to-day running costs. Applicants must be based within the North Cotswolds area (defined as from North-leach up to Moreton-in-Marsh and surrounding villages) or carrying out activities that benefit people living in the North Cotswolds.

This is the third year we have run Helping Hand. Last year we awarded seven grants of up to £500. Successful applicants included local schools and a local charity supporting vulnerable and low-income families in the Cotswolds

If you are interested in applying please contact Steve Smith at [origin-steve@hotmail.com](mailto:origin-steve@hotmail.com) for more information or go to the North Cotswolds Rotary website at [www.northcotswoldsrrotary.org](http://www.northcotswoldsrrotary.org) and go to the dedicated Helping Hand page. You will be required to complete a short application form. A short-list of applicants will then be asked to give a 10-minute presentation to a panel of two North Cotswolds Rotary members



before the final awards are made.

The closing date for initial applications is 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024. **John Baber**

## u3a Bourton & District

**Time to spare? Looking for new friends? Seeking a new challenge? Why not try your local u3a?**

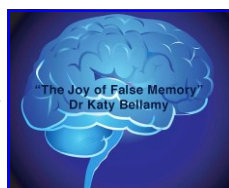
The u3a is open to all retired and semi-retired people. Currently with over 25 special interest groups, there is something of interest for everyone. Group activities are spread throughout the week between our local communities in Bourton, Stow, Moreton, and The Rissingtons etc.

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 February meeting is on:**

**Wednesday 28th February 2024, from 10am to 12 noon,**

Our guest speaker, Dr Katy Bellamy, will explore the phenomenon of False Memory that helps scientists understand how true memory works in the brain.



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:**  
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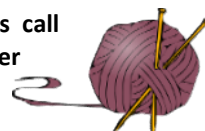
## Irene's Charity Knitting Circle

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.

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## Message from the Church

For God so loved the world that he sent his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The buzz of Christmas has long passed but the message of Christmas remains the same because God never changes. Jesus came because God loves us. It is a message that is constantly being challenged and discarded but to those who seek him it remains the truth.

Already we are being advised that 2024 could be a difficult year. Hope is being crushed before we've hardly begun. Yet the bible teaches that not only does God love us but he has plans for us. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11. The truth is that faith in God through Jesus Christ is in decline in the UK. The scriptures have been put aside and science has overridden the bible even though many scientists are believers.

I came across this message recently which resonated with me.

Science says that we need at least 4 basic elements to survive. Water, Air, Food, Light.

This is what the bible tells us about Jesus.

I am the Living Water

I am the Breath of Life

I am the Bread of Life

I am the Light of the World

Science was right, we need Jesus to live.

Jeremiah also tells us that when we seek him with all of our heart, we will find him.

In other countries around the globe many people are suffering greatly but in their desperation, they have sought God and the church is experiencing great revival as the true message of Christmas is received once again. May that revival touch the UK in 2024.

**Rev Sue Woodley**



The PCC of St Lawrence, Bourton-on-the-Water would like to inform people that during February we will be conducting a clean up of the churchyard of all old or non-permitted items. This keeps the churchyard looking tidy and welcoming for visitors, particularly after the winter weather, and allows for the mowing and upkeep of the churchyard itself. We do endeavour to respect recent placements, however we would encourage any families to collect particularly sentimental items prior to February.

Our churchyard is looked after by a wonderful team of volunteers, who gather on the first Saturday morning of the summer months to tend this beautiful green space and place of memory. If you would like to join them this season, do please drop an email to

[admin@bourtonparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@bourtonparishchurch.co.uk) and we'll let you know when we are starting.

**Many thanks  
Rowena**



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**Sunday 8am** Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 11th and 25th

**Sunday 6pm** Holy Communion with traditional hymns – 4th

**Special services:** **Ash Wednesday** Holy Communion with ashing – 14th Feb at 7:00pm

**Other Events:** **Breakfast Church** - Saturday 10th Feb - 9am start – all welcome  
**Together on Tuesdays** – Lunch Club 12-2pm every week—all welcome  
**BumbleBeez (parent and child group)** every Thursday 9-11am

**St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill:** 9:30 - 4th Morning Worship and 18th BCP Holy Communion

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

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Fr. Stephen Lambert 07836 38493

Email: [sulharcomb@aol.com](mailto:sulharcomb@aol.com)

**Usual Schedule: Weekend Masses:** Sat. evening: Vigil Mass 6 pm. Sun. morning: 9 am Sung Mass.

**Weekday Masses:** At 9 am every day (No Mass Sat. mornings). Mass on Tues. takes place at St. Lawrence's at 9 am.

Please check parish website for any last minute changes

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

**Please note:** No weekday Masses (Mon-Fri) between Monday 22nd January and Friday 9th February, but Candlemas will be celebrated on 2nd Feb at 6 pm (Sung Mass). **All Week-end Masses as usual**

**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**

Every Wednesday from 9.15 - 11.30am

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## For The Younger Generations

### Bourton Rovers Youth Teams

Despite the cold temperatures our youth continue to play and enjoy football here at Bourton Rovers. Some exciting times lie ahead for our U10 Blues, who have battled and progressed through every game as the victor to reach the 4<sup>th</sup> round in their cup run. A fantastic game on the pitch at Manor Fields, in the midst of the cold wet weather, saw both our U10 Blues and our U10 Yellows meet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Cheltenham League John Sykes Cup. The Blues came out victorious, bagging them a place in the quarter finals due to take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February away to GVR Chalford youth – Good luck to the Blues! This is a massive achievement for both our U10 teams, with 34 U10 teams in the cup from across the whole of Gloucestershire – not bad for a village club!

Our pitches across Bourton are holding up well despite the cold, and each weekend right through until March, on Saturday mornings at the Primary School and on the playing fields at Upper Rissington, you will find our younger youth players, ready to play and learn with huge smiles. Supported by their coaches and parents, ready to host their opposition teams in true Bourton style. Sunday afternoons are for our older age groups, finally off the Xbox, they are encouraged by their coaches and cheered on by their parents, enjoying time with their teenagers. These older groups play at Manor Fields, on our main pitch, and at Sherborne. So, if you are out walking the dogs or enjoying some of the crisp winter days, why not stop by one of the pitches and see our local youngsters doing what they look forward to all week – playing grassroots football in all its glory!

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For more information please contact the youth secretary - Catherine  
07889 694545 E: [bourtonroversvouthteam@gmail.com](mailto:bourtonroversvouthteam@gmail.com)

### Bourton Primary Academy

We hope you all had a very happy new year! What a start to term we have had! We were very fortunate to have had artists funded by Kingham Lodge Art in at the beginning of January to do a clay workshop. The children really enjoyed experimenting with the clay & learning different techniques to create a time capsule to open in 10 years' time. We are very grateful to Kingham Lodge Art, as this is our 4th set of workshops that they have funded.

Our Reception children's topic is called 'Off we go' and it is all about journeys around the world, road safety and different types of transport. KS1 children have chosen their topic for this half term and they wanted to learn about 'The Titanic'. We will be looking at this event in history - pulleys in DT to move life-boats up & down as well as some porthole artwork. Our Year 3 & 4 topic is 'Let there be light' and they will be learning about light in science and creating portraits in art. Our Year 5 & 6 topic is 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. The science focus is on soluble and insoluble materials and they will be creating Hokusai inspired artwork.

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With the support of all of these local businesses and everyone who has supported our events, we have recently upgraded ICT equipment, bought new sports equipment and helped create an SEN room. Thank you for helping to make Bourton Primary such an incredible place to learn!

**Tori Gainford**

**Deputy Head Teacher**



## Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Cafe Tots	Sue Woodley 07828781246
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The Cotswold School	820554
Youth Club	Lynda Hicks 07867 121122



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The start of the new year has begun in earnest with Years 12 and 13 sitting their mock exams and students taking their BTEC, Cam-

bridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals qualifications. As well as those who have been hard at work rehearsing for our production of Disney's High School Musical - based on past school productions, it is not one to be missed!

### High School Musical on Stage

We are delighted to invite you to The Cotswold School amateur production of Disney's High School Musical on Stage, with 3 incredible performances of this lively and energetic performance - 7-9 February 2024. Tickets are available here [www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-cotswold-school](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-cotswold-school). We hope to see you there!

### Gloucestershire Young Musician Competition

Congratulations to harpist Reuben (Year 13) who has made it through to the Gloucestershire Young Musician Competition 2024. Reuben will perform in the finals concert on 3 March, hosted by Cheltenham College at the Big Classical.

### Outdoor Learning

Run by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), students at The Cotswold School are currently involved in a project to lay one kilometre of hedgerow in the Cotswolds. In December, the group were taught how to lay a hedge and given the opportunity to put their skills into practice - they will head back to Lower Hampen in February.

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

One of the many ways in which our school community make a difference to The Cotswold School is by becoming an active member of our fantastic PTA, whose fundraising benefits all of our students. In 2022/23, the PTA raised over £27,000 through a number of events including: car parking, car boot sale and Chastleton House cakes and teas. Events rely on donations from local businesses and individuals - thank you to everyone who has kindly donated raffle prizes, cakes and their time towards our fundraising efforts, we are extremely grateful.

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The Governing Board is responsible for overseeing the running of the School and has 3 main roles:

- To provide strategic vision and ethos.
- To hold the Head Teacher to account for the management of the School and the results achieved.
- To oversee the School budget and ensure that our funds are used to best effect.

The Governors meet once a term, approximately every 6 weeks, to discuss school activity and provide oversight and, where necessary, guidance. No previous experience within education is needed. Commitment, common sense and the ability to work as part of a team is all that's required.

Being a School Governor is a hugely rewarding way of making a meaningful contribution to the lives of local children so, if you are interested in the education of the next generation, please contact the Deputy Head Teacher ([tgainford@bourton.school](mailto:tgainford@bourton.school))

To find out more about the school please visit our website ([www.bourton.school](http://www.bourton.school)) which is full of useful information including our most recent Ofsted report.



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With the festive season now over, most of us have already eaten countless sweets, mince pies and chocolates. If that includes the round tubs of chocolates, you might be wondering what to do with the empty container. While some people can find a use for them as reusable storage, the vast majority will end up being thrown away – a huge waste!

The team at Jubilee Lodge in Bourton-on-the-Water is keen to get involved with the Greene King initiative to collect as many tubs as possible and save them from landfill. Instead, they'll be sent to a reprocessing centre to be shredded. From there, the plastic will be sold on to manufacturers who will be able to reuse the plastic in other products and packaging. These plastics are harder to recycle and not all councils are able to do so yet, so this campaign will help get the tubs to the right facility to make them reusable. Monies raised from the sale will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

You can take your tubs to any Greene King pub, and or, if it's easier for you, leave them at Jubilee Lodge and we'll take them across to Greene King. We're taking Celebrations, Roses, Quality Street, and similar plastic cheese cracker and biscuit tubs – just make sure they're empty and clean. The campaign is running from 1<sup>st</sup> January until 11<sup>th</sup> February, we're confident that all our chocolates will be long gone by then!

**Anna Brunning**



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The Probus Club is for all retired men and women who like interesting talks and social events. Do come along to one of our meetings, advertised in the Diary, and meet with us and see if you would like to join us. **Roger Harris**

**Wider Horizons**

We are a small group interested in some of the less talked about aspects of our human experience. For several years we have met to discuss things like dreams, Near Death Experiences, children's past life memories, telepathy and more.

There are now over 4000 recorded testimonies to Near Death Experiences (NDEs) that have been scrupulously researched by several university departments. We would be interested to know if any readers have had an NDE that they would be happy to share.

It has been the unfortunate experience of some NDEers that their stories have met with scepticism or even hostility, particularly if they were in childhood, and we aim to provide a safe and welcoming space in which to explore your experience.

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**Katy Gunn**

### Bourton Roadrunners

Bourton Roadrunners were out in force this weekend, with the festive celebrations now a distant memory, and the club's own race series now underway on Saturday morning at **Chipping Norton School parkrun**. Resembling a school cross-country event, with fields, tracks and a wooded section, 170 runners, joggers and walkers made the event a fun and memorable occasion.

The club was led home with a stunning performance by one of its junior members, Edward Hare, who finished sixth overall in a brilliant time of 19 minutes and 58 seconds for the 5Km course. Edward was also first in the

Junior Men 11-14 category. He was followed by in-form Alex Pye (9<sup>th</sup>) – 20:24 and Tim Carter (11<sup>th</sup>) – 21:27, who were first and second respectively in the veteran men 35 category. Of course, with parkrun everyone is a winner, with many personal goals and highlights, supported throughout by the team of volunteers.



Bourton's other runners were: Dougal Hamilton-Smith 21:56 (JM15/1), Tim Hemming 22:07 (VM50/2), Rebecca Townsend 23:29 PB (SW20/3), Derek Darby 23:37 (VM50/3), Ian Tolfts 24:29 (VM55/3), Steve Howell 24:49 PB (VM60/3), Clemmie Bright 24:56 (SW25/2), Claire Cox 25:03 (VW45/2), Lee Hutton 25:10 (VM65/2), Chris Dry 26:08 PB, Graham Lane 26:15 PB, Barry O'Leary 26:21, Tom Hill 26:21, John Gibson 26:50 (VM70/1), Steph Holton 27:49 (VW55/1), Gilly Howell 27:57 (VW60/2), Lorna Shawcross 28:24 (VW60/3), Viv D'Alton 28:53, Liz Hulcup 29:07 (VW70/1), Louise Hamilton-Smith 29:08 PB (VW40/), Dave Turnbull 31:05 (VM70/2), Louise Townsend 31:33 PB (VW50/3), Tom Knight 32:02, Janice Townsend 32:23, Gillian James 33:41, Alison Tighe 34:22, Sharon Rees 35:04, Jo Cooper 35:49 PB, Lynn Hudson 35:50 VW65/3, Jenny Evanson 36:05, Nicky Patterson 38:03, Allie Quinn 38:03, Julie Smith 39:12, Cleo Carruthers 39:18 PB (VW70/2), Matt Price 39:45 (VM35/3), Sam Mellor 39:48, Dawn Coley 39:50 and Kate Price 39:53. **John Gibson**





## Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

Details of the walks available are described on the website (below). **Please check walk details carefully on the website, including whether booking is necessary. Additional walks may be published on the website.**

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

**Farmington to Clapton on the Hill – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Moderate 3hr 6.5ml.** We head north from Farmington on the Monarch's/Diamond Way until we reach Clapton on the Hill. From there we head southerly through several groves and Haycroft Bottom to Haycroft House and Haycroft Farm. We then walk westerly through some copses back to Farmington. Farmington is famous for its quarry where the beautiful Cotswold stone is quarried. Please bring drink/snack. Start: 10.00am Roadside parking near the church in Farmington. OS Map ref: SP 136 153. W3W: spinning.finer.albums

**Sherbourne Here and There – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Moderate 2.5hr 4mls.** A delightful walk through Sherborne Estate, both sides of the village, on paths and tracks with a bit of minor back road. This route has been chosen because it was good underfoot when tried out after heavy rain in December. The views were lovely and the walk varied. Hoping for some snowdrops. Bring a drink for a flask stop. Car parking is free for National Trust members so please bring your card. Otherwise, payment is by donation. Start: 10.00am Watermeadow car park, Northfield Barn, Sherbourne Estate, GL54 3DL. OS Map ref: SP 175 154.

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## Bourton WI



January's WI meeting should have involved lots of Downward facing dogs, Cow poses, Crow poses and even a Corpse pose ..... yikes, so maybe it was for the best that due to unforeseen circumstances we had to delay our evening's session of yoga for another time. The ladies did however, make the most of an enjoyable social evening with lots of laughter in the form of a quiz and the ideal opportunity to catch up after Christmas and the New Year.

It was lovely to see lots of new people at the January evening. If you are curious about what we are all about, you are most welcome to come and join us. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 13th February, at 7pm in the Victoria Halls in Bourton. Our night's speaker will be telling us all about the story behind the Fair-trade items that we all see in our supermarkets and the people that produce them. Sounds like a very interesting evening, hope to see you all there.

Vanessa Yamin



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### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bourton Browser:

As we reach this milestone we are hoping to treat our wonderful delivery and production team to a special celebration. If you are a trader, caterer, or attraction owner in Bourton, and think you might be able to help us, please get in touch. We are flexible on the date and time of the event. We would like the celebration to be in Bourton ideally, thus promoting a Bourton business or businesses. However we would also consider other venues within a reasonable distance of Bourton. The event would be reported on in the Browser, providing an advertising opportunity for the businesses involved.

**Events:** If you are planning any **events for 2024**, let us know as soon as possible, 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 events!

**Page 16:** If you are organising a major Bourton charity or community event, you can ask us to reserve you space on the back page for a specific issue. There is no charge for this but it is first come, first served.

**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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**The Bourton Browser Team**

## Gloucestershire Writers' Network Competition 2024

Supported by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival*, on the theme of 'Weather'.

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This year's theme is *Weather* which you can explore as widely as you like. The

judges are David Ashbee for poetry and Michael Johnstone for prose.

It costs £3.50 for one entry, £5.00 for two and £8.00 for three. The closing date is 31 May 2024. For further information go to our website. [www.gloswriters.org.uk](http://www.gloswriters.org.uk)

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And into Paradise sweetly slip,  
When they meet each other's lips.  
Every second feels Valentine's day,  
Time and tide shall neither rust nor sway.  
Love has a strength nothing will unbind,  
Nor anything higher or finer find -  
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The Crown and Shield of Life on Earth.

**Hugh O'Connell**



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## Bourton Panto Group



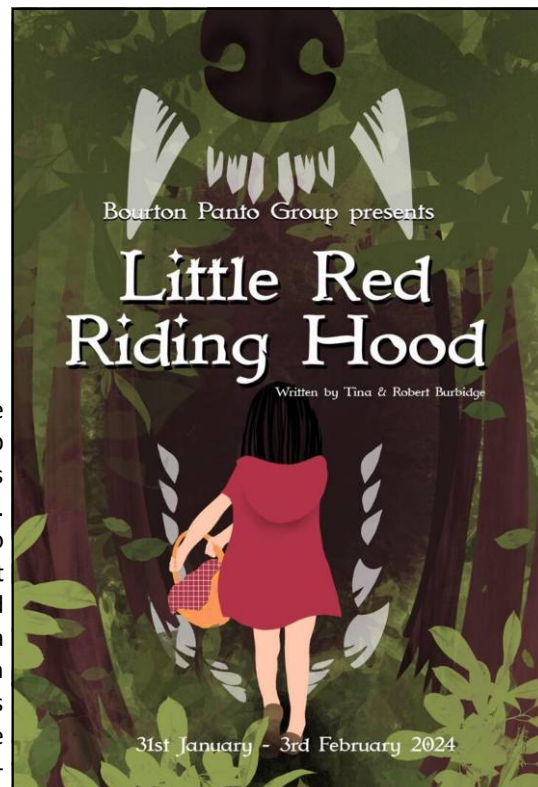
**'Red Riding Hood',**  
**31<sup>st</sup> January—3<sup>rd</sup> February,**  
**Victoria Hall,**  
**7.30pm daily**  
**& Sat matinee 2.30pm.**

Thank you to all those who have supported Bourton Panto Group by buying tickets for this year's pantomime at the Victoria Hall. There is still the opportunity to come and join us! Just contact **Margaret on 01451 820080** and she will be happy to find you a seat. The ticket prices have been held at £10 for the tiered seats and the rest at £9 each. We hope you have as much fun in the audience as we do on the stage!

Each of our productions requires a great deal of pre-planning and decision making before the script is chosen and the cast assembled. All shows have their challenges and Red Riding Hood was no different. As pantomime in Bourton is a winter activity, some of the cast inevitably succumb to coughs and colds, Christmas and New Year holidays must be integrated with twice weekly rehearsals and all as the days flash by towards opening night! The pleasure of seeing the production gradually form into a show however, is addictive and when the curtain falls on Saturday evening, thoughts of some will already be turning over possibilities for the next offering.....after a well earned rest that is!

Trying to present pantomimes that are different is always a tricky business. Traditional titles are popular but as there are a finite number of those, we are obliged to repeat them occasionally. This is when we search for a script with a twist or something a bit unusual. You will be asked to join in too, so do come prepared to boo the baddy, cheer the fairy and sing!

**Ann Chapman**



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