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DIARY DATES

Mondays, "Old Sweats" Meeting, **BLH**, 10am–12 Noon, 07714 852364 bourton.secretary@rbl.community

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

Thursdays Flexercise, **BLH**, 10-11am. 01993 882350 kathy.kirk@live.com

1st, 15th & 29th Mindsong, Sing 2 Re-member **GMCC**, morning group 10.30am & afternoon group 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216. (morning group only on 1st).

8th Parish Council Meeting, **GMCC**, 7pm.

8th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. Mike Aggleton talking about "Flying the Swordfish part 2". See page 6.

9th WI, **VH**, 7pm, Fran Kirk, Yoga. See page 5.

10th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 2.

10th & 24th Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.

10th Horticultural Society, 7.30pm, **BCH**. Julie Ritchie, "Cut and Come Again – Perennials for the Garden and Floral Display" followed by AGM. See page 15.

11th Bourton Lunch Club, **CCP**, GL54 2AY. 12Noon, 01608 692811.

12th Walk-in tickets sales for Bourton's Pantomime, 'Little Red Riding Hood', **GMCC**. 1.30-3.30pm See page 5.

12th & 26th Friendly Memory Cafe, **StLC**,

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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 6th December 2023.

The Police highlighted the need for residents to secure their homes at this time of year when there are more hours of darkness. The team continues to operate the Police Information Point, mobile police station and joint patrols with the Village Warden. The North Cotswolds Safer Estates meeting has been established to share information between agencies and solve issues across the area.

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson advised that the only way to report highways-related matters in future, was on www.fixmystreet.com. Lining and road marking work has been significantly delayed and Cllr Hodgkinson was advised by GCC that this would be completed soon.

District Councillor Jon Wareing reported that the EV charging points at the Rissington Road car park have still not been installed due to contractor delays, but the work is expected to be completed before Christmas.

District Councillor Len Wilkins reported that CDC are looking at ways to trim the budget and speed up the planning application process to ensure specified government timings could continue to be met.

Jubilee Garden of Remembrance at the Cemetery: As the flower beds have become somewhat overgrown, the Parish Council's contractor has been instructed to clear and re-plant the area. We anticipate that this work will take place w/c 8th January 2024.

The Christmas Tree was sourced from a new supplier and has been a great success this year. We would like to thank Hacklings Transport for supplying equipment and manpower and Bourton Vale Parking Limited for funding the purchase of the tree.

Periwinkle Bank – this is the footpath between Station Road and Cemetery Lane which is part of the circular walking routes around Greystones nature reserve. The resurfacing of this path was suggested by the Parish Council and voted by residents as one of the projects to be funded by Cotswold District Council's Tourist Levy. It is a well-used footpath which is not currently suitable for wheelchairs or anyone with mobility issues. The work is planned to take place in the near future.

Planters and Seating in front of The Willow pub, High Street – another of the three projects voted to be funded by the Tourist Levy. It was agreed to create a working group of councillors to take the project forward and agree a design specification.

Environmental Action Working Group – unfortunately we have had to press pause on this group's activities, as we don't have the capacity to take this initiative forward at present. Thank you to residents who participated in past meetings.

Youth Club – our current provider of Friday sessions will finish on Friday 15th December.

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13th Police engagement vehicle visit, Co-op car park, 10am-2pm.

15th Rural Cinema, 'The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry'. Penelope Wilton, Jim Broadbent, Drama, C12, 1hr 48mins. **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on door.

16th, 23rd, 30th "Together on Tuesdays", Soup lunch. 12-2pm, **StLC**.

20th Tayler & Fletcher, Monthly Auction, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.

22nd Probud, 10am, AGM, **GMCC**. See page 6.

24th u3a, 10am-12pm, **BLH**, "Driving Safely in Winter", Gloucestershire Older Drivers Forum www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton See page 6.

25th Bourton Book Club, 7pm, Duke of Wellington Pub. Details from dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk

28th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599.

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We are looking into options for re-launching and hope this will be possible in early 2024.

Coach Parking – options for parking as well as a pick-up and drop-off point in the village have continued to be discussed, although provision for coach parking at Bourton Vale is ceasing. A meeting was held between the Highways Committee, County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson and a GCC Highways representative, to discuss a private proposal for coach drop-off in the village centre near Glebe House, however, this proposal was later withdrawn. Nevertheless, the Parish Council decided to debate coach parking matters at an Extraordinary Meeting on 18th December and the outcome of the meeting will be in the minutes on our website.

Next Meeting Date: 7pm on Monday 8th January 2024 in the Windrush Room at the George Moore Community Centre. Please note change of date. All residents are welcome to attend our meetings.

Sharon Henley, Clerk/RFO
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New Year Bin Collections

Food waste only will be collected on **Thursday 28th December** (instead of Tuesday 26th). **Refuse, recycling & food waste collection** will be on **Wednesday 3rd January** (instead of Tuesday 2nd January) but there will be **no garden waste collection** on that day.
Cotswold District Council

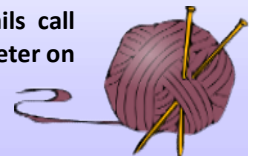
Irene's Charity Knitting Circle

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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Bourton Browser Team News

Happy New Year: As we enter our 25th year of production we wish all our readers a healthy, peaceful and happy 2024. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who makes the Bourton Browser possible, including our contributors, advertisers, proofreaders, printers, distribution and delivery team members.

Celebration tea party: We'll be holding an event for our production and delivery team this year. More details soon.

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

Programmes: If your charity, community group or Bourton based organisation has regular events or meetings, please let us have a copy of your 2024 programme ASAP. This helps us ensure our Diary Dates column is accurate.

Out and About: If you are involved in running events outside Bourton but within the local area, you can send us details to appear in our 'Out and About' column.

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.

Useful Local Telephone numbers: As usual, in this January edition, we are publishing a list of local telephone number. Please cut this out and keep it.

Articles: We welcome articles (**maximum 300 words**) & photographs, from adults, children and local community groups on any subjects of local interest. We only have room for one article, per community group, per issue.

Email team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk

The Bourton Browser Team

POPPY APPEAL NOV 2023

Thank you to all who helped and contributed in so many ways to this year's appeal. The team who distributed the boxes to shops, pubs, hotels, clubs, churches and schools, the people who gave time to collect throughout the two weeks, and the clubs, societies and groups that ordered wreaths. All contributed to the success of this year's appeal. Despite a difficult financial year for many people, we took more than last year. Thanks for your generosity and to the Post Office for its superb financial services. Well done Bourton and District. The total raised has gone past £10.5k to date.

Mike Marshall, PAO



Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust

Now is the time to collect your Christmas cards and leave them in the black boxes by our front doors. Alice's Cottage, Victoria Street and 19 Moore Road (opposite the Doctor's). The collection finishes at the end of January. During the year we welcome other cards, e.g. birthday, sympathy, get well, new house, etc. We also take used postage stamps from any country and stamp albums, which we send to auction.

Sales of re-made cards at £1 each raise funds for Gloucester and Cheltenham orthopaedic departments. New equipment helps to shorten waiting times and 'wheelie walkers' in the wards get patients up and walking more quickly after knee and hip surgery. If all goes well patients can be home in 3 days. That's progress.

Over the last years the Bourton team have recycled many general greeting cards. I have had a few small garden parties to sell cards, coffee and cakes, and have raised nearly £2000. So sorry if you were not invited but I now have only a small garden. Anytime you would like to purchase cards, just ring my door bell. Should your club, or group of friends, wish to support the hospitals, I would be willing to put on a display of the re-made cards. Only £1 each. To make a date 'phone Mollie Wise, 822365. Thank you for your support. **The Card Team and Mollie**

OUT AND ABOUT in January

- Until 6th Winter Glow, Three Counties Showground Malvern, Santa's Grotto, ice skating, fairground, Christmas market, light trails. <https://winterglow.co.uk/>
- Until 7th Mother Goose Panto, Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, GL50 1HQ. www.everymantheatre.org.uk
- Until 7th Big Batsford Elf Hunt! Batsford Arboretum. Find the elves to win a prize! £3 per child, plus Arboretum admission fee. Visit www.batsarb.co.uk for details.
- 1st New Year's Day Racing, Cheltenham Racecourse, Prestbury Park, GL50 4SH. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/cheltenham/events-tickets/new-years-day/>
- 6th Travel Festival, Cheltenham Town Hall, 10:30am-5pm & 6pm-10pm. £6 day visit £12 evening visit. <https://cheltenhamtravelfestival.com/>
- 19th Rissingtons Local History Society, 2.30pm. "Take a walk through the Society's Archives" by Don & Margaret Bowie. Village Hall, Upper Rissington GL54 2QW. Visitors Welcome £3.50 to include refreshments. For enquiries, Kate O'Brien 07815 606770 / information.RLHS@gmail.com
- 27th Quiz Night - Rotary in the Rissingtons, Upper Rissington Village Hall. Bar opens 7pm, quiz starts 7:30pm. Groups of 6 - Pre-Book only. Tickets £12.50pp from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-gaazkyn> See page 11.
- 27th-28th 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/>
- 28th & daily until 27th February, 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/>



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North Cotswolds Rotary



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Grant Applications Welcome from Small Charities and Community Organisations

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 for specific projects or activities but not for day-to-day running costs. Applicants must be based within the North Cotswolds or carry out their activities in the area. For more information go to: www.northcotswoldsrotary.org/helpinghand To apply contact Steve Smith at originsteve@hotmail.com The closing date for initial applications is 26th February 2024.

Festive Fun at Christmas Concert

On 9th December over 250 people enjoyed a festive evening at the Cotswolds School. Our Christmas Charity Band Concert, sponsored by Brio Retirement Living, featured the very popular,



Waterloo Band and Bugles of the Rifles. The music included a wide range of Christmas music, including 4 carols, which were sung with great gusto by the audience. The concert raised over £3,000 for the Bourton Branch of the Royal British Legion and local Rotary Charities.

Hundreds of Christmas Shoeboxes Sent to Ukraine

As the war with Russia continues to rage, many of the Ukrainian people faced a bleak Christmas. We wanted to create shoeboxes specifically for babies, children, expectant mothers and adults, with the aim of giving them a reason to smile at Christmas. We turned an apartment at Brio's Beechwood Park into an approximation of Santa's



Workshop and volunteers spent Wednesday afternoons turning donations into Christmas presents. Boxes were dispatched to orphanages, children's homes and Internally Displaced People Centres. A big thank you to everyone who donated, the volunteers who gave their time and Brio for use of their wonderful facilities.

John Barber

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Bourton Panto Group



Bourton Panto Group would like to wish all Browser staff and readers a very Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a peaceful and joyful Christmas. We also would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who attended and took part in our fun Quiz Night on December 1st. It was a light hearted and successful evening, enjoyed by us all. Your support is so much appreciated and we are delighted that it has become a popular village event in the lead up to Christmas. Each year our quizmaster, Emma, does a sterling job creating a quiz sheet of sixty Christmas related questions. Quite a challenge!

Charming diorama seen in Vienna!



The next seasonal event is our annual pantomime. This year Little Red Riding Hood is our offering and we're working hard to create a great performance! We're delighted that former member, Clodagh, has recently returned to the area and has re-joined the group. She played Red Riding Hood in our last rendition of this pantomime back in 2010 and has agreed to reprise her role! We will take it to the stage on Wednesday 31st January until Saturday 3rd February, **WITH** the return of the matinee on Saturday! Curtain up is 7.30pm for the evening performances and 2.30pm for the matinee. Tickets are already available online but if you don't have access to the internet, there will be an opportunity to purchase some from the George Moore community hub on Fri-

day 12th January, from 1.30pm – 3.30pm with Margaret and Angela in attendance.

New members are always welcome, whether you have an interest in any aspect of live theatre or are merely curious to see how a show is created from conception to stage.

**Contact: Margaret 820080
or Ann 820917**

Bourton Roadrunners

The Weston-Super-Mare **Christmas Cracker 10k** might not be everyone's idea of how to spend a Sunday morning, but, given that it was its 35th anniversary this year, means that Weston Athletics Club must be doing something right to attract over 1200 runners on a windy December morning.

With roughly 7½k run along the beach using loops and the remainder run over a tarmac surface, the going was hard at times, despite being flat. Bourton Roadrunners' Darren Long and Maxine Emes, joined the large field, many of whom were wearing festive costumes. The pair ran together, with Maxine achieving 2nd in the VW40 category in a very respectable 49:55 and Darren 49:56.

Meanwhile, Saturday with its inclement weather conditions, led to a number of **parkrun** events being cancelled, resulting in only the very keenest diehards getting their 5k-fix this week. They were:

Cheltenham Pittville Park: Chris Dry – 31:31.

Warwick Racecourse: Susan Hunt - 26:30 (VW55/2) – well done Susan, just a week after the Valencia Marathon.

Louise Hamilton-Smith & Gillian Carrick

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Bourton WI



The Bourton WI ladies have had a very successful 2023 creating so many lovely memories. Social evenings, days out, cakes, biscuits, a garden party, skittles, summer fete, memorable speakers, and of coursemore cakes. Firm favourites of the year were the adult ballet and the country dancing evenings, when the laughter was almost uncontrollable.



The annual Christmas party is always a memorable evening and this year's was especially good! A very entertaining evening which was enjoyed by everyone and a huge thanks to the U3A choir and recorder group who serenaded us with Christmas songs.

The ladies have a packed year ahead, starting with the lovely Fran Kirk guiding the ladies through an evening of yoga at the January meeting. Other highlights for 2024 to look forward to are, a young couple who make and play their own harps, Goats of the Gorge and an evening of ghost stories by candlelight, just a few of the evenings already planned.

Why not come and join in the fun at 7pm in the Victoria Hall in BOW on Tuesday 9th January, new members always welcome.

The new year stands before us like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written, so why not make joining the WI part of that new chapter!

**Happy New Year!!!
Vanessa Yamin**

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.



Driving Safely in Winter

Our January meeting is on **Wednesday 24th January 2024, from 10am to 12 noon**, our guest speakers, Nigel and Alexandra Lloyd-Jones from the Older Drivers Forum for Gloucestershire, will explain how we can continue driving safely for longer.

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Halloween Tractor Run



Would like to thank everyone who supported our Halloween Tractor run on Sunday 29th October.

We raised £1635.27. We had 33 Tractors and 2 lorries. **Carol Groom**

Moore Friends

A healthy New Year to all our members and residents. 2024 will be the last operating year for the old League of Friends, but without the Hospital, we don't receive donations anymore. However, Artlift, Men in Sheds (do order things from them), and the other projects, will continue in 2024.

We are wishing Wendy Sterling, our Chairman, a full recovery after 2 difficult operations. Try and keep cheerful in this battered world.

Bill Wragge Trustee.

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BOURTON PROBUS



We had an excellent and interesting talk on 13th November, when Peter Ashburne gave us a talk entitled 'Flog It', talking about his years as an auctioneer and expertise in antiques in Cheshire. He brought a range of different items to talk about, including toys, teddy bears and militia, and discussing what made them valuable. Having personally had an interest in antiques for 60 years, he clarified many areas for me.

An equally interesting meeting was held on 27th, when our member Alan Christie, gave us a talk entitled 'Boys from the Black Stuff', where he told us about his career in the Asphalt industry. Among many interesting facts he told us why French roads are in better repair than ours, and it is not because the French are more efficient at repairs, just that their construction is better than ours!

Bourton Probus Club is open to all retired men or women who are interested in talks and social events. Please come to one of our meetings, (see diary entries) and introduce yourselves to us.

Roger Harris

BOURTON INFORMATION CENTRE

Just some final information from us. Thanks to all of you who have brought in old ink cartridges for recycling. We have raised a total of £145.50 for the Midlands Air Ambulance by doing this. As we are now closed, please continue to recycle used cartridges by taking them to Techtonic in Station Road. Thank you for supporting this scheme.

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Message from the Church

During the Christmas carol services we all sang 'We three kings from Orient are'. Who were these mysterious men who visited the infant Jesus at The Epiphany (the Manifestation), which Christians celebrate on 6th January?

TS Eliot, one of the greatest poets of the 20th Century, wrote a poem spoken, as it were, by one of the kings, called The Journey of the Magi. Here is a snatch of it:

'A cold coming we had of it. Just the worst time of the year for a journey, and such a long journey: The ways deep and the weather sharp; the very dead of winter. And the camels galled, sorefooted, refractory, lying down in the melting snow. Then the camel men cursing and grumbling and running away, and wanting their liquor and women. And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters; and the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly and the villages dirty and charging high prices: A hard time we had of it'.

Matthew alone of the Evangelists, writes of these distinguished foreign visitors. He tells us that they brought gifts: Gold (indicating Christ's kingship); Incense or Frankincense (his divinity); Myrrh: (with which the dead are anointed).

But they departed from their visit to the Christ-child, changed people. They saw that something was missing from their lives.

In Eliot's poem the kings say: *'We returned to our places, these kingdoms, but no longer at ease here in the old dispensation, with an alien people clutching their gods.'*

The kings were no longer satisfied with a life that was 'godless', secular, without a spiritual dimension. They personify that gene within all of us that longs to reach out to God, to search for him, and to find him, the source of peace and happiness.

Fr. Stephen



The Rev'd Rowena King
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back on 10th Jan
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14th and 28th

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Wednesday Coffee and Chat – 10:30-11:30am – back on 10th Jan
BumbleBeez (parent and child group) every Thursday 9-11am
The Bereavement Journey – 7 weeks – begins Tues 16th – contact Rev Rowena for further details or to book in.

St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill: 9:30 - 7th Morning Worship and 15th BCP Holy Communion



Bourton Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 am

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I hope that you had a peaceful Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. Our pre-Christmas schedule was, as ever, full of buzz and activity - I am immensely proud of our Year 11 students who sat their GCSE mock examinations last term, supported by staff and families.

The Sunday Times Parent Power Guide

We are pleased to announce that The Cotswold School has been named as one of the top three schools in the South West in the 31st edition of The Sunday Times Parent Power Guide. The accolade recognises the hard work of our students, our inspiring and committed staff, and the ongoing support of parents and carers.

The Cotswold School Fashion Show

Thank you to everyone who came along to The Cotswold School Fashion Show. Showcasing fabulous collections, created and modelled by our talented students, the evening was full of fun and fashion! A packed school hall applauded and cheered as the models took to the catwalk, with each collection designed with a focus on the environment and upcycling, creating wonderful and thought-provoking designs. Thank you to our judges George Davies, Katherine Jones and former Cotswold School student and Fashion Show winner, Emily-Jane Bayliss. To find out more visit www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/latest-news/

New Year, new career?

Would you like to find out more about a career in teaching? The Cotswold School offers secondary teacher training placements, working in collaboration with the Gloucestershire Initial Teacher Education Programme (GITEP) and the University of Bristol.

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Will Morgan
Headteacher

Bourton Primary Academy



December is such a wonderful month in the school calendar, but it can also be incredibly eventful! There tend to be less sporting events as the music and arts take priority. Our choir has been very busy and they sang at the Christmas Lights switch on, they sang to the Dementia friendly café in the church and they also sang as part of our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert. We were very pleased with all of the children who turned out in the evening to perform the songs that they have been practicing so hard for. Our Key Stage 1 and Reception children performed a Nativity in the church to their parents. We continue to be amazed at the determination they show to learn the songs and the confidence to stand up and say their lines to a full church. We have had a visit from a travelling pantomime, kindly paid for by FOBS.



We have had 1 sporting event, our Year 5 & 6 football team made it through to the Gloucestershire Semi-Final. They were the top team across the North Cotswolds and they finished joint 3rd overall from all teams in Gloucestershire. They played brilliantly and worked well together. They realised that they weren't quite strong enough to beat a team with football academy players in it, but are very proud of how far they got through the competition.

We hope you all had a very restful Christmas break and we are looking forward to seeing what 2024 brings for Bourton Primary Academy.

Tori Gainford
Deputy Headteacher

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Bourton Road Runners Juniors	Richard Buffton 831733 / 824379
Bourton Rovers Youth (U10 Upwards) -	Catherine Williams 07889 694545
Bourton Rovers Youth (U9 & below) -	Amy Wright 07876 458571
Bourton Vale Cricket Club	Lucy Gillespie 07949227128 craiglucygillespie@yahoo.com
B'n Vale Equestrian Centre	Leanne Launchbury 821101
Bourton Vale Tennis Club	Kingsley Harris 07879 644218 www.bourtontennisclub.org
Brownies	Steph 07941502222
Bumblebeez babies & pre-school tots	Rowena King 821282

Cafe Tots	Sue Woodley 07828781246
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Scouts	Phil 1stbourtonscouts@gmail.com
Squirrels	Emily stbourtonsquirrels@gmail.com

New Adventures in Scouting Have Begun

They're here – Squirrels has started! A brand-new section has opened at 1st Bourton Scout Group. Our Squirrel Drey has now opened and got off to a great start, having held their first meetings, led by Emily and



Alison, with an almost full drey. Squirrels is for 4 to 6 year olds, introducing them to scouting. There are lots of stories and structured activities specifically for this age group.

Due to the young age of the participants, the drey is nearly full. Please contact Emily at 1stbourtonsquirrels@gmail.com if you'd like to check availability for the last space, or if you'd like to volunteer as a group leader to allow more young members to join. Squirrels are meeting on Tuesdays between 4:30 and 5:30 at the Baden Powell Hall. You can also see what they're up to, along with the rest of the groups on the group Facebook page.

The group has also welcomed the return of a scout troop, for the first meetings in almost 4 years, led by Phil and Peter who have joined from Northleach. For the time being the scouts are sharing the hall with Cubs for meetings until everything is in place for them to move to their own nights. Please get in touch with Phil via 1stbourtonscouts@gmail.com to register interest for a place as they become available.

The Beavers have finished the year in great style, investing 7 new Beavers in one meeting. Everyone in the colony also received their builder and space badges, having had a very busy, active term. 4 Beavers also had their swimming up ceremony, ready for starting Cubs in the new year.

So now there's a chance for our leaders to rest, recharge and plan next term's excitement! Happy Christmas to all from 1st Bourton Scout Group.

Nick Hawke

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Bourton Rovers Football Club

With the recent covid seasons and the cost of living & bills rising, spending has been low for our youth teams, but 2023/2024 is the season we hope to change that! As a non-profit club, although season fees help pay for equipment & pitch and AstroTurf hire, for anything else we solely rely on fundraising, sponsorship and grants. December became a month of celebration as we finally reached our target to sign off a grant one of our committee members worked so hard to secure. The FA grants for grassroots are fantastic for local clubs! Once you plough through all the paperwork and jump through a few hoops, the reward is well worth it. In this case 75% of the cost of new goals is provided by the football foundation!

Frustratingly, securing the grant is just the start - with the cost of the goals between £2,500 and £3,200 per set, and with over 4 sets to buy, the remaining 25% to find quickly becomes very costly. We are over the moon that new goals will finally be winging their way onto our youth Pitches!

A big Thank You goes to our steadfast committee member Rich Blundell-Palethorpe who secured the grant whilst managing our U12's team, training to renew his UEFA C coaching badges, & planning a youth tournament for May! The next big aims are to look at a refurb of the social club and our car park - with so many pot holes it could rival the Fosseway!

Of course, none of this could be possible without our amazing committee, the local community, supportive parents, and businesses willing to help fundraise, sponsor and donate. If you would like to join the committee to help spread the workload, or sponsor our wonderful youth set up, please do get in touch on 07889 694545!

Catherine Williams



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Starting afresh, jubilant in Jan.

Hugh O'Connell



Bourton Vale Cricket Club

This may seem a strange time to be reading about Cricket but we, at Bourton Vale Cricket Club, are already working hard to prepare for the 2024 Season.

We are delighted to welcome a new Club Captain. Charlie Garratt is stepping down after 7 years during which he never gave anything less than 100% for the Club. We are hugely grateful to him and very much hope he will be around our Club for many years to come. Darrel Williams (known as Dazzler) is joining us as Club Captain / Coach after several seasons in the Birmingham League where his performances have been consistently impressive. He is a Cotswold man and has also represented Oxfordshire. Welcome Dazzler! We all look forward to this reset in the way we play Cricket.

We shall continue to play three teams in the West of England Premier League pyramid. Together with our strong Junior Section and a growing Women and Girls Group, we continue to offer a fully inclusive opportunity for all who those people

who wish to be involved with Cricket. If you think you are a little too mature in years to play, you will be very welcome to sign up to umpiring or scoring (both of which will be supported by full training if required) or contact us for social membership and join "The premier cricket club" in your locality. If you are handy with a mower you will be even more welcome!!

If you have ventured into our ground you will be aware of our beautiful Clubhouse which is available to hire. We are opposite Birdland in the centre of Bourton with lots of parking and a beautiful setting for parties and functions of all types. With our fully equipped bar and kitchen we can cater for all types of function seating around 70 people or many more if tables are not required.

We are currently looking for a part time steward to optimise this opportunity. We favour an individual with an existing occupation which could be operated from our Clubhouse using our on-site Broadband. Bringing children on site would be no problem so perhaps a parent could be a possibility. Being in attendance maximising your entrepreneurial skills to develop a fuller service to the local community and to boost your income is our intention. If any of the above is of interest, contact me in the first instance. Happy 2024.

Kevin Langley, Chairman

Bourton Vale Cricket Club 07802 251203

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Bourton Rovers



The only January Blues here at Bourton Rovers are our adult football team shirts, heading out onto the pitch, picking up where they left off pre-Christmas in the Hellenic and Witney League.



Halfway through the season, with a huge amount of postponed games due to the torrent of rain in the last few months, means the season will no doubt head way into April. With the better weather on the horizon, the teams head into this 2nd half of the season with optimism and a spot in the top end of the table in their sights.

Off the pitch has seen busy December weekends at the Social Club! Starting the month with a great quiz followed by the best of the 80's - fronted by And'Solo - plus a Christmas disco for both the youth and the adults, we then ended the month with a fantastic New Years Eve party to wrap up the end of 2023!

The next few months will be spent re-vamping the inside of the social club, with lots of plans in the offing, we want

the club looking its best when the Spring hits. Once the football season comes to an end in April (just 4 months away!) the work behind the scenes changes gear as our focus moves to summer football & events - tournaments, friendlies and Veterans games followed by plenty of inside & outside entertainment - ending, of course, in the pinnacle of our events - Football in River!

All this hard work is organised by our dedicated, but overworked, committee. If you feel you could help Bourton Rovers any way, we would love to hear from you, whatever your skillset. From fundraising or helping with sponsorship, to offering an afternoons painting in the winter months - Your local football club needs you! **Catherine - 07889 694545**

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New Year, New Baby?



Our free, weekly post-natal support group, 'Baby and Me', is back in Bourton in January! The group, which is for parents with babies aged up to 6 months, is a great opportunity to build your confidence as a parent, share experiences and learn more about your baby's development. Each week we cover a different topic (such as feeding, play and communication, baby massage and sleep), in a friendly and supportive environment.

A mum who came to a recent Baby and Me group was full of praise. "As someone with social anxiety, leaving the house with my baby is a huge task, so it was great to start doing this more regularly and to know that I'd be arriving at an understanding group. Through the group I've made some connections and have already had coffee mornings that I'd never have had otherwise. It's been a brilliant way to grow a social and support network. Without a doubt the group supports mental health and emotional well-being for new parents and thus ultimately supports our children's outcomes. The first aid course was also really helpful. Thanks so much and please keep running these courses for parents."



'Baby and Me' will be held at the

George Moore Centre, Moore Road, Bourton GL54 2AZ on Thursdays, 1pm-2.30pm, from 25th January to 21st March. To reserve your place, please call 01285 885391 or email groups@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk

Volunteer Mentors Needed for Local Young People

Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme (GMP), a service that trains and supports volunteer mentors to work with young people is looking to expand its pool of volunteers. If you'd like to find out more, the organisers would be pleased to see you at their online information event on 10th January 2024, 7 – 8pm.



You can sign up via their website at www.gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk

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The Mill is now closed for Winter Maintenance on our equipment and artefacts, also Volunteers are being trained for Boiler Operation and Beam Engine Driving ready for opening again March 17th 2024. Look forward to seeing you all again then.

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Bourton Vale Horticultural Society Your friendly Garden Club

Despite a cold December evening, there was a good turnout of our members to hear Kelvin Alviti give his talk on "Preserving the harvest – Far Beyond Jams and Chutneys". Kelvin proved to be a very energetic and thoroughly entertaining speaker with his inspiring account of many alternative food preserving methods to ensure that no produce is wasted! Definitely "The Good Life" in action and you can read all about self-sufficiency in practice on his website The English Homestead www.englishhomestead.com.

Congratulations to Marie Russell for winning December's competition for a *Christmas arrangement with candle and evergreens* and to Lu Webb who was presented with the Society's cup for the highest number of winning competition entries in 2023!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th January starting as usual at 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall in Bourton, when our speaker will be Julie Ritchie who will be giving her talk on "*Cut and Come Again – Perennials for the Garden and Floral Display*" immediately following our 134th Annual General Meeting. The competition is *Winter Flowering Shrubs*.

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

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Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club

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We are, at present, making plans for a litter pick at Northleach in the Spring. The club Trustees are continuing the fortnightly foodbank runs from Fruitcakes in Northleach to Guiting Power & members hold a monthly lions PR stand in the marketplace in Northleach. If you would like to find out more about what the lions do, please drop us an email.

Corina Sherman, President



LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Numbers without area code are all 01451

(for amendments call 01451 822431)

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Badminton Club	clclare@gmail.com		North Cotswold Gymnastics Club	Caroline Gill	01451 263130
Bell Ringers, BOW	Stephanie Hemming	810996	OPEN 4U		824225
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Bourton Vale Cricket Club	Lourenza Hargreaves	07375 033609	Rotary Club Nth Cotswolds	Steve Whincup	07488 365908
Bourton Vale Tennis Club	www.bourtontennisclub.org		Royal British Legion Bourton	Bill McKenzie	824303
Brass & Silver Bands	Stephanie Hemming	810996	Rural Cinema	Mollie Wise	822365
Bridge Club, Northleach	Tim Morris	01285 750288	Scottish Dancing Group	Christine Bucknall	01993 830760
Community Group Club	Bridget/Lorna	01608 652019		Bucknallce@gmail.com	
Fitness League	Kathy Kirk	01993 882350	Short Led Walks	Carol Price	810305
Gardening Club	Sandra Mitchell	07840 898472	Stow Textile Group	Julie Smith	01608 651006
Glos. Advanced Motorists	Rod Harrison.	821605	Tai Chi	Valerie Ward	07779 746346
History Society	Sue Roberts	822230	u3a Bourton & District	Group Mobile	07783 235320
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Men in Sheds	Keith	01451 831886	WI	Pat Taylor	07518 457 652
Moore Friends	Sandra Morgan	07840 898472	Windrush Carers Support Group	Barbara Newstead	821523
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Riverside	01451 820306
The Forge	01451 821268
The Dental Clinic	01451 823724
George Moore O/P Clinic	0300 4216940
North Cotswold Hospital	03004 218770
Minor Injuries / X-ray unit	03004 217777
Cheltenham Gen Hosp	03004 222222
Gloucester Royal Hosp	0300 422 2222

EMERGENSIES

Police (emergency) 999 (non emergency)	101
Stow Police Station	01452 907273
Open Monday – Friday	10am – 2pm
Action Fraud	0300 1232040
Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)	0808 8000510
Samaritans	0330 0945717
Community Wellbeing Service	01452 528491

COUNCILS / COUNCILLORS

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council	
10am-1pm Tuesday-Friday	01451 820712
Village Agent Steve Cotton	07729 114833
Cotswold Dist Council	01285 623000
Glos County Council	01452 425000
Bourton Village District Councillor	
Len Wilkins	07970 668849
Bourton Vale District Councillor	
Jon Wareing	01451 820418
County Councillor	
Paul Hodgkinson	01285 831359
Dog Warden	01285 623000

UTILITIES

Emergency Calls & Hotlines	
Electricity SSE	0800 0727282
Power Cuts	105
Gas Emergency	0800 111999
Thames Water	0800 0093964
Environment Agency	0800 807060

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