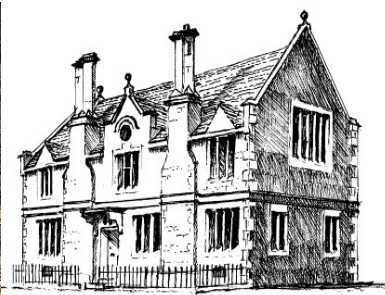


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## DIARY DATES

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)

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Gift Fair, **VH**, 10-5pm, 07832 195427.

4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, am group 10.30am, pm group 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.

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

8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Friendly Memory Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726.

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Gift Fair, **VH**, 10-5pm, 07832 195427.

11<sup>th</sup> Probus, "Flying the Fairey Swordfish Part 2" by Mike Aggleton. 10am, **GMCC**. See page 2.

12<sup>th</sup> WI, **VH**, 7pm.

13<sup>th</sup> Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 14.

13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.

13<sup>th</sup> Horticultural Society, Malcolm Moodie, "Orchids of Borneo", 7.30pm, **BCH**. See page 14.

14<sup>th</sup> Bourton Lunch Club, **CCP**, GL54

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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 Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January and the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

The Police will be holding a Police Point session between 10 and 11am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson reported that GCC's budget would be set on 21<sup>st</sup> February and was likely to result in a 4.99% Council Tax rise. The Police precept would increase by 4.4%.

District Councillor Len Wilkins (Bourton Vale) reported that changes were being made to the planning process and in future there would only be a total of 28 days to put in an objection to an application.

District Councillor Jon Wareing (Bourton Village) reported that the Local Plan Consultation was running from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> March and was available on-line.

Thames Water presented on 'Upgrades to the Sewage Infrastructure in Bourton-on-the-Water' with opportunities for a Q&A. The presentation (available on the Parish Council's website) detailed plans for upgrades to the system to ensure better quality effluent would go into the river, reducing spills, making works more efficient and dealing with growth around the area. There would be a significant investment in the upgrade of the sewage treatment works and pumping station with the sewage treatment works from November 2023 to Spring 2025 and the pumping station from Spring 2024 until early summer 2025. The lane opposite the Rissington Road pumping station (HBW38 leading to Santhill Fishing Lakes) would be closed during works, and traffic management would be in place on Rissington Road.

**2024-25 Budget and Precept:** An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> January and the budget was approved for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 at £193,274 which represents a Band D equivalent sum of £109.46 per household per annum, rising from £103.30 in 2023-24, a rise of £6.16 per household per annum or just under 12p per week. Parish Council services cost parishioners £2.10 per week for a Band D equivalent. The total percentage increase in Precept is 5.96%.

**Coach Parking, pick-up and drop-off:** The possibility of using the school turning circle for pick-up/drop-off had been discussed but thought to be unsuitable on the grounds of safeguarding, congestion, access to the leisure centre, increased footfall to The Avenue and health and safety. Senior directors of the old Co-Op site had been approached to determine whether there was any scope for coach pick-up/drop offs on their site during 2024.

CDC had been asked several times about coach parking, pick-up and drop off at the Rissington Road car park and had advised that this was not possible. In addition, Council noted the impact of the new two-way entrance in addition to the

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15<sup>th</sup> Easter Bingo, Bourton Primary School Hall, 6pm.

18<sup>th</sup> Rural Cinema, 'A Haunting in Venice', PG13, Mystery/Thriller, 1h 43mins. Director Kenneth Branagh. **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm, tickets £3 on door.

20<sup>th</sup> Mr. Jones' Retirement Picnic, 3:15pm. Bourton Primary School Grounds. See page 8.

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

24<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07986 085599.

25<sup>th</sup> Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. A talk by a local member. See page 2.

26<sup>th</sup> Police engagement vehicle visit, Co-op car park, 10am-2pm.


27<sup>th</sup> u3a. 'Wall Paintings' by John McCormick. 10am-12pm, **BLH**, [www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton) See page 5.

28<sup>th</sup> Bourton Book Club, 7pm, Duke of Wellington Pub. Details from [dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk)

31<sup>st</sup> British Summertime begins, clocks go forward one hour.

# Monica Winch

Monica Winch, much loved mother of David and Marion, sister of Rita, grandmother to seven grandsons and great grandmother to Oliver, Isaac and Francesca. Sadly passed away on the 2nd February, at the age of ninety. She will be missed.



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adjacent cricket field car parking. Therefore, irrespective of the outcome of the current enquiries, Council saw no further point in attempting to change CDC's mind on the use of the Rissington Road car park for coaches.

**Tourist Levy:** CDC agreed that Village Green works, additional parking enforcement and the Village Warden would be funded by the Levy each year with any remaining funds going towards projects. CDC may consider increasing the levy per car in future years.

**Parish Council open evening with residents to discuss traffic flow and parking – 7pm on Thursday 21st 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.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** This will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre. This is not a Parish Council meeting but an opportunity for residents to hear reports from the parish council and local clubs and organisations on their activities during the year. All residents are welcome to attend and light refreshments will be served.

**Brighter Bourton:** This event will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 6.30-8.30pm at the Royal British Legion Hall. Please see separate article, page 16, for

further details.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre. All residents are welcome.


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# Colin Ennis

I would like to thank everyone who sent kind thoughts and best wishes, following the death of my husband, Colin.

**Judith Ennis**

# Bourton Probus



As our speaker on 8<sup>th</sup> January had to be changed at short notice, our member Tom Constant showed us a film about the work of his former firm's car components. He highlighted the difficulty of parts for European models as the engine compartment was much smaller than American cars, which did occasionally cause problems. An interesting film which led to considerable discussion afterwards. On 22<sup>nd</sup> January we held our AGM, when Ian Leppingwell was re-elected as Chairman, and the current committee agreed to continue in post for a further year.

The Bourton Probus is for retired men or women from any background, who are interested in regular talks and social events. If you would like to know more, please come to one of our monthly meetings, advertised in the Diary pages, and talk to us. **Roger Harris**



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**Events:** If you are planning any 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!

**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*

### Mislaidd folder

#### of old Bourton Photos

I put an article in the February Browser asking if anyone had, or knew the whereabouts of, a black, A4, plastic folder of old photos of Bourton. This was lent to me last summer with the request to share it with other residents, which I duly did

Unfortunately I can't remember who I passed it on to and, despite asking everybody I know, making announcements at various meetings, advertising in the Browser and on social media, the folder has still not been returned.

The original owner of the photos is very upset and desperately wants it back.

It would make both the owner, and myself, very happy if it could be returned. If you have any information at all, (including if it passed through your hands at some point), please get in touch. If you would prefer to return it anonymously, please place it in the black plastic box by my front door, Alice's Cottage, Victoria St, or contact the Browser on 01451 822431 and they will arrange to collect it from you.

Please contact Mollie Wise

822365



### Eyes down for a night of music-themed fun!

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Cotswolds Radio Breakfast Show presenters, Nicky and Neil, will be hosting an evening of Music Bingo at The Cotswold Hall, Northleach. The event starts at 7:30pm, with doors (and the bar!) open at 7pm.

Tickets are available in advance from the Cotswolds Radio website (just click on Shop & Donate at the top of the page). The ticket price of £10 per person includes a delicious charcuterie board and nibbles for the table. The Cotswold Hall bar will be open, serving beers, wines and soft drinks, with payment accepted by cash or card.

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As Cotswolds Radio is a not-for-profit company run entirely by volunteers, we rely on donations and fundraising to keep us on the air, working with our community to bring you news, music and great shows.

If you've got a passion you'd like to share, get in touch with Cotswolds Radio. You can send us a message via the app or email at:

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## OUT AND ABOUT in March

- Mondays, Yoga for All, 9.30-10.30am, Pilates 10.35-11.30am, Wyck Rissington Village Hall. 07950 424037 Enquiries: [franyoga@rocketmail.com](mailto:franyoga@rocketmail.com)
- Daily - Lambing & Kidding, Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5F. 01451 850307. [www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Rissingtons Local History Society, @ 7.30pm. "Mary Queen of Scots" by Gillian White. Village Hall, Upper Rissington GL54 2QW. Visitors Welcome, £3.50 to include refreshments. [information.RLHS@gmail.com](mailto:information.RLHS@gmail.com) 07815 606770.
- 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Craft Festival, 10am-5pm. Imperial Square, Cheltenham, GL50 1QA. [www.craftfestival.co.uk/](http://www.craftfestival.co.uk/) 01626 836846.
- 8<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Chipping Norton Music Festival, Town Hall, Market Square, Chipping Norton, OX7 5NJ. 07875 454094. <https://www.cnmf.org.uk>
- 9<sup>th</sup> Village Market at Great Rissington, Great Rissington Club, 10am-noon. 01451 822285.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Fat Squirrel Mother's Day Family Bushcraft, Camp Fries & Axe Throwing. 2-4pm, The Manor, Notgrove, GL54 3BT. 07887 500966. [www.notgroveholidays.com/activities](http://www.notgroveholidays.com/activities)
- 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham Festival, Cheltenham Racecourse, GL50 4SH. [www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/cheltenham/events-tickets/the-festival/](http://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/cheltenham/events-tickets/the-festival/) Gold Cup Day 15<sup>th</sup>. 01242 513014.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Illustrated talk, Val Bourne. "Growing Organic Vegetables. Successful strategies in the Cotswolds" Northleach Church, 7.00pm. Tickets £12/£15 incl a free drink, [northleachevents.co.uk](http://northleachevents.co.uk) See page 14.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Guide Dog Mum, Volunteer Taster day, Guide Dog National Centre, CV33 9QJ, 1-4pm. Details from [Volunteer-Midlands@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:Volunteer-Midlands@guidedogs.org.uk) See page 12.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Crafty Boaters Spring Market, Lechlade Memorial Hall, Oak Street, GL7 3AY. FREE entry. 10am-4pm. 07919 896967. [www.craftyboaters.co.uk/crafty-boaters-craft-markets-lechlade/](http://www.craftyboaters.co.uk/crafty-boaters-craft-markets-lechlade/)
- 17<sup>th</sup> 'Science at the Mill', Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough. OX298ET. [www.combemill.org](http://www.combemill.org). 01993 358694. See page 12.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June, Icons of British Fashion, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, 10am-4pm .01993 810530 [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com) .
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April Join the Big Batsford Bunny Hunt! The Easter Bunny's helpers have escaped & they're hopping around Batsford Arboretum. Find them to win a prize! £3 per child, plus Arboretum admission fee. Visit [www.batsarb.co.uk](http://www.batsarb.co.uk) for details.
- 29<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Craft activities , Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Steam Railway, Toddington, GL54 5DT. [www.gwsr.com](http://www.gwsr.com) or 01242 621405.



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## Panto Group



Our thanks to everyone who came to the Victoria Hall last month to support us at the performances of Little Red Riding Hood. Red is now safe in Billy's arms, she is reunited with Granny, the wolf is banished and Dame Hood, in her words, has "pulled"! We, on stage and behind the scenes, had a blast and hope you had an enjoyable evening too.

The main tabs have closed this time, but we don't stop! Our audience has barely left the building on Saturday evening and chairs are being stacked, props gathered from the wings, costumes sorted into piles for laundering, raised seating dismantled and the floor swept and mopped, returning the spaces to their former functions. Having arrived for the last two performances around 1pm, we're fortunate if we see our beds before midnight! Several of us return on Sunday morning to clear and clean – those piggy builders left a terrible mess!

We then embark on the next exciting project, a process that has actually already begun! Scripts are scrutinised, music suggested, movement choreographed, scenery planned, costume designed, props sourced or constructed....and so on! There are so many other roles that need to be filled too. Our team includes those who attend to front of house duties welcoming the audiences, selling programmes, raffle tickets and interval drinks, then make-up and hair artists and techni-

cians for sound and lighting. Fancy joining?! It's a great hobby that brings live theatre to Bourton.

If being a full member isn't possible for you, there is another way to support us, by becoming a Patron of the group. For £15 a year you will receive priority booking and a complimentary programme for our performances and an invitation to any of our social events.

Contact Angela on 01451 821344.

**Ann Chapman, 01451 820917**

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See our website:

[www.northcotswoldsrotary.org](http://www.northcotswoldsrotary.org)

If you like to speak to someone about what we do then please call Steve Whincup on 07488 365908.

**John Barber**

## Bourton Rovers



February saw us push through the last of the winter weather to welcome spring, propelling us into the last couple of months of the football season. With plenty of postponed games to fit in, the silver lining from all that rain is that we get to enjoy more football in the glorious spring weather!

With the change of the clocks upon us, we are expecting a regular influx of mid-week fixtures. Our 100-seater stand promises spectacular pink and orange sunsets at Bourton Rovers, as we battle on to catch up on missed matches – Is it too early to dig out my sunglasses? Keep an eye on our socials for fixtures, we would love to see you at a game!

This is our first season in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division of the Hellenic league, bringing us new signings, a real sense of camaraderie amongst the team and some cracking football!

Having to pull out of the first division last season, due to financial struggles was a real blow to Bourton Rovers – with each game costing upwards of £250, having to pay referees, linesmen, match food, flood light cost etc. As a non-profit club it was just unsustainable to carry on, and we made the heart breaking decision to move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> division. We knew we would lose players, we also lost a coach and secretary, but also knew if we kept going as we were, not only would our adults' team end up folding but our social club and, heart-breakingly, our youth section would also suffer.

So, 23/24 saw us start the season with players still proud to wear the Bourton badge and a barrage of new (and previous) players propelling us up the league table. With such a successful season, division 1 is back in our sights!

Catherine Williams

## Bourton Roadrunners

When you are looking for new inspiration on a winter's morning, to get you out of a cosy bed for that all in important run, what better place to do it than Barcelona, Spain? This weekend Bourton Roadrunners' Chris Nesbitt chose the **Barcelona Half Marathon**, with its 8:30 early start. The urban circuit through the heart of this cultural city and its Mediterranean coast certainly did the trick for Chris, who had a brilliant race finishing in the top 10% of the more than 24000 runners, in a time of one hour, 27 minutes and 21 seconds.

Nearer to home the day before, 40 Bourton members of all abilities got together for the club's annual relay race around the country lanes surrounding Guiting Power. This event was supported by Guiting Manor Farm, in aid of the North Cotswold Food

BRR members with donations to North Cotswold Food Bank ahead of club relay.



Bank. The ten teams of four runners, with individual times ranging between 25 minutes and 57 minutes for the 6.5km route, ran their hearts out. Whilst designed to be a fun social event, teams were chip-timed with a staggered start time based on their expected finish times, all looking for the bragging rights to be the first team to cross the finish line. Despite the hot competition, runners were encouraged by opposing team members around the course and up the final climb to Guiting Manor Farm.

The weekend wouldn't be complete without parkrun, and club members could be found at the following venues: Fulham Palace: Eva Shoemark - 26:50. Harkerville, South Africa: Gillian James - 34:15 (VW50/3). Horsham: Claire Carroll - 30:29 (VW60/2). Leamington: Susan Hunt - 28:07 (VW55/3). Penallta, Caerphilly: Jaq Underwood - 23:42 (VW55/1). Wānaka, New Zealand: Margaret Hollamby - 26:44 (VW65/1).

John Gibson

## Spring

Spring brings our gardens awake,  
Colours bursting through the mud,  
Birds busy, nests to make,  
Trees redressing, new with bud,  
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Carol Paxton



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## Message from the Church

The church calendar brings us to the mid part of lent – a 40 day reflective season in which we take stock amid the busyness of life, making space to focus our hearts and minds upon that which holds greatest meaning to us in life. Lent invites us to look inwards with honesty – and there we find love, grace and forgiveness knowing that God knows the depths of hearts and loves us completely. As we do this, we prepare to meet with the promised hope of Easter which we find through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As we look to the natural world at this time of year, we see there this same promise of hope. As I write the buds of Spring are ripening unstoppably, the dawn chorus is getting louder and the hours of daylight are increasing. Our journey is moving forwards. We face change, but we do so with the promise of God's love and hope with us on our journey now and always.

The benefice of Bourton on the Water with Clapton and The Rissingtons is in a time of interregnum as it awaits the coming of a new rector. As we journey during this time, please know that usual services and activities continue and our churches remain open during daylight hours. You are always welcome at any of our services or to pop in for a space of prayer, quiet and peace. **Rev. Hannah**

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**Good Friday:** 9:30 Messy Good Friday, 10:45 Walk of Witness, 2:00  
Last Hour at the Cross

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8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 10th and 24th March  
6pm Holy Communion – 3rd March

Breakfast Church - Saturday 10th March - 9am start

**St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill** 9:30am: 3rd – Morning Worship, 17th & 31st BCP Holy Communion

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Fr. Stephen Lambert 07836 38493

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**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.

Additional LENT and HOLY WEEK arrangements:-Every Friday at 6 pm Stations of the Cross followed by silent prayer and Adoration.

**Holy Thursday** 28th March: 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watch. **Good Friday** 29th March 3 pm Liturgy. **Holy Saturday** 30th March 9 pm Lighting of New Fire, Easter Vigil Liturgy and First Mass of Easter. **Easter Day** 31st March. 10.30 am Sung Mass.

**Fr. Stephen**



### Bourton Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am  
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#### Easter

Palm Sunday 24th March Messy Easter 3pm - 5pm  
28th March 7pm Maundy Thursday Service at St Lawrence  
29th March Walk of Witness starting at St Lawrence

30th March The church will be open

31st March Easter Celebration 10.30am

**ALL WELCOME**

See our website for this month's diary and more details of all our activities  
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## For The Younger Generations

### Bourton Vale Lawn Tennis Club

With spring just around the corner (hopefully!), we're making preparations for the new tennis season. Bourton Tennis Club has two fantastic floodlit hard courts which are available to use every day for members. 2024 memberships officially start from April and our fees are still incredibly good value, just £30 for a junior (age 4-17) for the whole year! We welcome players of all ages, young and old, all abilities, from complete beginner to rusty racquets or aspiring pros! See website for more info: [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/BourtonValeLawnTennisClub](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/BourtonValeLawnTennisClub)

We have fun, social competitions throughout the year, a singles box league, regular club nights, and Gloucestershire doubles league tennis. We are putting more effort this year into having more options to play, so for any new members there will always be opportunity to play with people of a similar standard and you'll be able to meet new friends easily. We also have a fun social calendar so if you're wanting to get active and social this year, why not give tennis a go!

We would love to see more children taking up the sport. Tennis is great for hand-eye coordination, getting fit, developing a competitive spirit, sportsmanship, and etiquette. Junior members can also take advantage of free club nights on Thursdays (starting after Easter hols) 17:00-18:00.

We are lucky to have two incredible coaches offering coaching for both adults and juniors, individual and groups. So, if you are a complete beginner or just looking to get back into the sport come along and give it a go.

Looking forward to seeing you on court in 2024!

**Alex Peyton**

### Bourton Scouts

The 1<sup>st</sup> Bourton on the Water Scout Group invested all the new Squirrels into this newly formed Drey in Bourton.

The investitures which took place at the Baden Powell Hall was well supported by group leaders Nick Hawke (Cub Leader), Emily Mavroudi and Alison Campbell (Squirrel Leaders), Stephanie Lewis (Beaver Leader), Isaac Hemming (Asst.Cub Leader). I was also pleased to invest both Emily and Alison as leaders into the group on the same evening.

It was so nice to see so many parents in attendance. Well done volunteers.

We look forward to seeing them all on parade at St Georges day Service to be held at St Lawrence Church on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 24 @11.00hrs.

Yours in Scouting

**Ricky Campbell**



### Bourton Rovers Youth Teams

Our youth teams welcome spring and put the torrent of winter rain behind us as we forge on with all our league fixtures and look forward to sunny football filled days as we head towards the season's end. The coaches, players and parents will be thankful to have got through the toughest part of the season, and look forward to playing without frozen fingers and numb, cold wet feet!

The turning point, which really tells us we are two thirds of the way through the season, is the move of training sessions from the astro turf back down to the pitch at Rissington road once the clocks change. We really do "Spring Forward" into the last few months of football with the arrival of the spring flowers and finally grass replacing mud on boots and parents' car mats! Our new General manager Mikey is settling in well at the club and is keen to work with the youth for more family themed events throughout the year. As the Spring weather propels us forward and we wave goodbye to the dark, dreary months a positive, happy vibe fills the air amongst our youth set up and within the club.

We are still busy fundraising for our younger players. Our eagle-eyed social followers will have seen our Go Fund Me page go live and slowly gain momentum. Please do support us where you can. All proceeds go straight back into our youth set up and for those not on social media a QR code is available to scan at the football club, so pop on in! It is a prefect time to take a look at our re-vamped clubhouse and enjoy a coffee from our newly installed coffee machine – a very welcome edition for those cold spring morning matches!

**Catherine Williams**

### Bourton Primary Academy

Our first half term of 2024 has flown by, it was only a short term of 5 weeks, but we crammed a lot in during those 5 weeks! We have been very fortunate that we have been joined by students from The Cotswold School as language leaders. They have visited our school and taught our Year 4 classes in small groups. We have been very impressed with their attitudes as well as their knowledge of languages. We are looking forward to more of these sessions over the coming weeks.

Towards the end of the half term, Mrs Townsend took 40 children, mainly from Year 5 and 6, to Far Peak in Northleach. They competed against many schools in our cluster and there were 4 categories; Year 5 girls, Year 5 boys, Year 6 girls and Year 6 boys. Any child that finished in the top 10 of their category has been put through for the county finals, so 40 in total. We had a huge 14 children place in the top 10 to go through plus a child in reserve! We were very impressed by their determination to get round the course on a cold & damp February morning.

Mr Jones, who has been our headteacher for 18 years, is retiring at the end of the Spring Term. For anyone who wishes to say farewell, we are having a retirement bash at school on Wednesday 20th March. All ex-pupils, parents and anyone from the local community is welcome to pop into school from 2.00pm onwards and we will be sharing memories from his time at our school. Anyone who is unable to make it, is welcome to send a card to the school office and we will pass these on.

**Tori Gainford**

**Deputy Head Teacher**



## Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

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### Bingo Night

Come and join us for a fun family evening! The Cotswold School PTA Bingo Night will be held on March 15. Doors open at 7pm, eyes down 8pm. Bingo and raffle tickets will be available on the night.

### The Cotswold School Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea

As part of The Cotswold School Student Leadership programme, a group of Year 11 students will be organising and running an Afternoon Tea Party for senior citizens and carers in our local community.

The event will take place on Friday 22 March, 12-2pm, with entertainment provided by our talented musicians. Tickets are free to all local senior citizens and carers. To book your free place, please contact Nicola Franks by Friday 8 March. Email: [reception@thecotswoldschool.co.uk](mailto:reception@thecotswoldschool.co.uk) Telephone: 01451 820554.

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**Cotswold Friends has a whole host of Activities aimed at older and vulnerable people for you to get involved with this Spring.**

As the weather begins to improve this month (hopefully!) you might feel like getting out and about a bit more. At Cotswold Friends we have an abundance of Community Activities running throughout each month from Lunch Clubs to Singing, Walking Football to our four Men in Sheds projects across the North Cotswolds. We hope there is something for everyone and we'd love you to join us, either as an attendee or as a volunteer.



It's with particular excitement that we have our beautiful Community Garden at

Stow-on-the-Wold Surgery re-opening at the end of March. The garden is a space to be enjoyed by everyone, you don't have to be a gardener! The garden has been constructed



to allow disabled access both to the site and the planting beds so everyone is welcome and can get involved. It also includes a Memorial Rose Garden which we hope can become a peaceful place to retreat to when dealing with grief - a quiet place to visit, reflect and remember. If you would like to donate and plant a rose in memory of a loved one, please contact Cotswold Friends.

We are also starting a new Walk and Talk group in Moreton-in-Marsh this Spring. This will be an opportunity to have a gentle stroll, whilst enjoying the company of others.



You can view our 2024 Calendar which lists all our activities on offer at our website: [www.cotswoldfriends.org](http://www.cotswoldfriends.org) or you can call our friendly activities team on 01608 692811 to find out more.

We hope to see you soon!

### Unappealing Peeling

We've never quite heard it ourselves -  
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While swaying in the breeze,  
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slumbering elves!

**Hugh O'Connell**



### Jubilee Lodge

Jubilee Lodge Care Centre on Meadow Way has recently introduced a new electronic system for storing residents' health information.

The technology in the e-care system allows residents' health and care records to be stored securely, accessible only to the carers who need to see it and supports the team to deliver timely care to each and every resident. It collates all details of a person's care plan, as well as information like allergies in one place, and gives the care team 'real-time' information, tracking all details of the resident's care package. It allows carers to give the safest and quickest treatments to each individual, and to work closely with each resident to help them make informed choices about their own care.

The e-care system went live at Jubilee Lodge in January, and already the care team is finding that they have more personal time to spend with the people they look after.

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Kelly Newton, Operations Manager at Guide Dogs, said: "We urgently need more Breeding Dog Volunteers to look after our guide dog mums and help us raise the next generation of life-changing guide dogs."

"Our mums are selected for our breeding programme because of their excellent health and temperament and have the very best 'guide dog' genes.

"You don't need to have any previous experience, as we have expert staff who will give you training and support you,

and your dog, whilst they are part of our breeding programme.

Volunteers must be aged 18 or over and live within an hour's drive of the [breeding centre](#) near Leamington Spa.

Guide dog mums have a maximum of four litters during their working life and the welfare of mums and pups is the top priority for the charity when making breeding decisions.

Breeding Dog Volunteers look after guide dog mums until they retire, at around six years of age. After this, they are given the option to keep the mum they have cared for as a pet dog.

**find out more, contact Volunteering  
Coordinator Verity O'Donnell via  
[volunteermidlands@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:volunteermidlands@guidedogs.org.uk)  
or call 0800 781 1444.**

**Guide Dogs**

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**Guide Dogs National Centre (CV33 9QJ)  
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For more details, please contact:  
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Our First `IN STEAM EVENT` at Combe Mill is on Sun 17th March 2024. Themed `Science at the Mill`

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Combe Mill, in its day, was the workshop for Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode. Combe Mill is a Late 19th Century Grade 11 listed Watermill with Steam Beam Engine, Restored Water-wheel, Line Shafting, Collection of Towers Clocks, Barn Engines with all machinery running as used in its day. Make a poker in our Dual Blacksmiths' Forge, Tinkering Area for the children and much more.

**Admission:** - Adults £9.00, Concessions £7.50, CHILDREN now FREE. Dogs most welcome. Free Parking. Ask about Gift Aid. **Open:** 10.30am to 5.00pm

OPEN WEDNESDAY'S FROM 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024, for self-guided tours, with volunteers on hand to talk about Combe Mill and its history.

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Contact: Combe Mill Society, 01993 358694. | [www.combemill.org](http://www.combemill.org)





*Leigh*

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Bourton on the Water

### Full Circle Hair Design

Bourton-on-the-Water has recently welcomed a new gem to its community, as Full Circle Hair Design sets up shop. Owned by the talented hairstylist Leigh Hallendorff, this cosy home hair salon has a touch of international flair.

Leigh brings over 20 years of experience in the hairdressing industry to her boutique salon. Having received her training in South Africa, she has honed her skills in the United States, Australia, Canada, and now the UK.

What sets Full Circle Hair Design apart is Leigh's dedication to maintaining strong, healthy hair. Clients at the salon can expect a personalised experience, where Leigh collaborates with them to achieve the desired results while prioritising the integrity of their hair. The salon exclusively uses Salon Professional products that are free from ammonia,

parabens, and PPD. These products are not only vegan but also proudly bear the PETA-approved cruelty-free certification.

Step inside and you'll find a vibrant and refreshing space. The homely environment is carefully curated to make clients feel welcomed and at ease. Leigh prides herself on offering personal attention to each client's specific hair needs, ensuring a bespoke experience for each client.



Full Circle Hair Design is a full-service salon, catering to a range of hair needs, including cutting, styling, colouring, straightening, treatments, highlighting, and balayage. Whether you're looking for a subtle change or a bold transformation, Leigh's expertise and experience make her well worth a visit.

To book an appointment or learn more about Full Circle Hair Design, call Leigh on 0786 014 595 or visit her website at:

[fullcirclehairdesign.co.uk](http://fullcirclehairdesign.co.uk)

### 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/>

**Beckford to Aston on Carrant, Kemerton and Back – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Easy 3hr 6.5ml.** A circular walk from Beckford, home of Beckford Silk, to Aston on Carrant. Then to Kemerton and back. It's an easy walk from Beckford to Aston on Carrant (the east town on Carrant Brook). Then north to Kemerton (the farm-enclosure of Cynemaer). We then finish by heading east back to Beckford (the ford of Becca across the Carrant Brook). An interesting walk in an interesting area. Please bring drink/snack. Start: 10.00am Outside Beckford Church GL20 7AD. OS Map ref: SO 976 358. W3W: hindering.audibly.press

**A Watery Walk in the North Cotswolds – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Moderate 3.5hr 7ml.** This is a watery walk only in name, as we follow the River Windrush towards its source, cross a Ford, encounter a sheepwash and cross a little bridge. The route wends along less well-known paths through the countryside passing through only very small villages. The paths are hilly with one short, steep slope just after Pinnock up through beech woods. Bring drinks/snack. Start: 10.00am Temple Guiting Village Hall. OS Map ref: SP 090 279. W3W: premises.quality.billiard

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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## Bourton Vale Horticultural Society Your friendly Garden Club

With spring just around the corner (honestly) it was inspiring to listen to our speaker, Sally Oates who, in just one year, had created a flourishing and productive allotment from a bramble and bindweed covered plot.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, starting as usual at 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall in Bourton, when our speaker, Malcolm Moodie will be talking about Orchids of Borneo. And the competition will be a display of polyanthus, violets, pansies – either or all.

Visitors are always very welcome. So come and see if you like us and if you do why not join – membership is just £15 for the year, which includes speakers, a plant and seed swop, GQT, a garden party, competitions, a raffle and a visit to some beautiful gardens. **Sheila Thorpe, 07973 391741**

[sheila@bobbelfarm.co.uk](mailto:sheila@bobbelfarm.co.uk)

## 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. **For further details call either Irene or Peter on 01451 824175.**



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We are a family friendly and inclusive club, and welcome new players. Whether you have played hockey before, or are new to hockey, there is a place for you here. Come along and try us out!

**Tim Wainwright**



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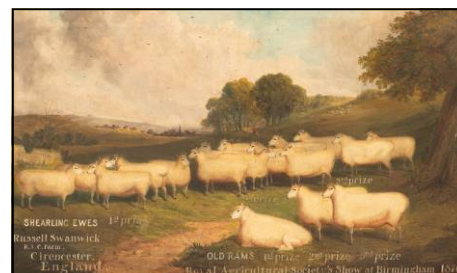
provenance.

Too many provincial auctioneers have crowded salerooms where fine antiques jostle with boxes of prints, tailors' dummies and old brass bedsteads. Stacked in heaps, it is the way things have been done for years and makes for a Dickensian spectacle; however, despite the outward charm, stacking it high often leads to selling it low. It is also disheartening for vendors to see their treasured item stuffed in amongst many others, making them reluctant to sell further items. At Chorley's saleroom, room settings show each item to its best advantage and buyers are able to see an item's potential as part of a wider decorative scheme, often prompting them to bid on items they might have overlooked in a cramped saleroom.

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bring business to this rapidly expanding Gloucestershire company, with referrals increasingly coming from London and across the UK.

Chorley's provides not only auction valuations, but as an accredited member of SOFAA, professional Inheritance Tax and Insurance valuations.



Richard Whitford (circa 1821-1890), The Swanwick Prize Sheep Herd, the herd of sheep bred by Russell Swanwick of The Royal Agricultural Farm, Cirencester, oil on canvas, 74.5cm x 124cm, sold for £32,000 (+ buyer's premium) in October 2023

### LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Numbers without area code are all 01451 (for amendments, team@bourtonbrosrwer.co.uk 01451 822431)

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## Bourton Library

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### Brighter Bourton:

### Building a Better Community

Record numbers of young people are seeking help for mental health problems. In 2022 alone, 1.4 million were referred to child and adolescent mental health services (Camhs) for treatment of anxiety, depression, eating disorders and other psychological problems.

Experts say that is leading to thousands of under-18s struggling whilst on waiting lists, prompting a 53% rise in emergency and urgent referrals for Camhs crisis care.

There were 32,521 emergency and urgent referrals to child and adolescent mental health services crisis teams in 2022-23, analysis of official data by the Royal College of Psychiatrists revealed. In 2019-20, the year before the Covid pandemic, the figure was 21,242.

This means that over 600 young people a week are deteriorating to such a state that they have reached crisis point!

"No one should have to watch their child's mental health deteriorate while they wait for care," says the president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, Dr Lade Smith. "It's completely unacceptable that this is the reality facing so many families."

The Parish Council through its Youth and Wellbeing Committee are keen to work with all organisations who have an interest in supporting young people to improve things locally. They are holding an event titled **Brighter Bourton: Building a Better Community** to get people's views and ideas on what can be done to improve social connection.

Cllr Jon Wareing says "Government ministers have neglected young people's mental health before, during and after the pandemic. It's a national disgrace. The newly published data are a wakeup call for the next Government. But we can, and must, do what we can locally to improve the situation for our youngsters. Improving social connection is a proven way of improving well-being and this can involve the whole community. So please come along on the 4th April to the British Legion in Bourton at 18:30 and have your say."

Jon Wareing

## BRIGHTER BOURTON

*Building a Better Community*

April 4, 2024  
18:30 - 20:30



Royal British  
Legion Hall

Do you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve, or increase, the things available to do in our community that will help to build social connections? Or are you willing to pitch in and help run or participate in activities, particularly for the young people in our community?

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