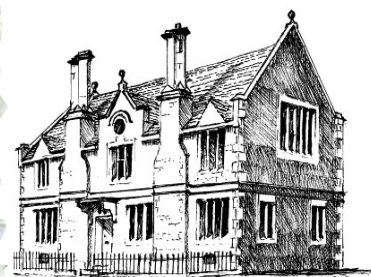


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## DIARY DATES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, appointments, 2-4pm. Call 01242 221170, or email [info@insight-glos.org.uk](mailto:info@insight-glos.org.uk)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council meeting, 7pm, **GMCC**.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bingo Night, Cotswold School, 7pm for 7.30pm. Bar & refreshments. In aid of the school & Kate's Home Nursing.
- 5<sup>th</sup> RNLI AGM, **GMCC**, 2-4pm, All welcome. See page . See page 16.
- 6<sup>th</sup> RNLI Bric a Brac Sale, Moore Rd, (weather permitting). See page 16.
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
- 8<sup>th</sup> WI, **VH**, 7pm, "Decorating Eggs". See page 3.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 18.
- 9<sup>th</sup> u3a Scrabble, **GMCC**. 2-4pm. 7341 094206. [peterdawson790@icloud.com](mailto:peterdawson790@icloud.com)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Horticultural Club. **BCH**, 7.30pm. Plant and Seed Swop & Gardeners Question Time. See page 6.
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Dementia Friendly Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Tayler & Fletcher, Fine Art, Vintage & Interiors auction, from 9.30am, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Probus, "Engineering of the Pyramids" by John Clark. 10am, **GMCC**,

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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

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER  
PARISH COUNCIL



Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**The Police** attended the meeting with Police Sergeant Philippa Moore introducing herself as she has recently transferred to Stow Police Station.

**Coach parking, pick-up and drop-off:** Updates were received from County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson and GCC Highways. Arrangements for the experimental TRO are still under review by GCC Highways before a decision is made on the temporary pick-up and drop-off arrangements in Meadow Way.

Councillor Hodgkinson met with the Cotswold School and other organisations to move forward with the longer-term coach parking solution at the school which would incorporate a new 3G sports pitch.

**Installation of new Sunroom windows and Library windows and doors at the George Moore Community Centre:** This work has been completed, thanks to part funding of £10,000 received from Cotswold District Council's Rural England Prosperity Grant. The front of the building now looks much smarter as the old and rotting wooden-framed units have been replaced with double glazed sealed units.



**Refurbishment of Rye Crescent play area:** Work is due for completion by the end of March, and we hope the new equipment will be enjoyed by all who use it. We plan to hold a small opening event so please look out for the date when advertised. We would like to thank our grant funders who made the project possible - The National Lottery Community Fund, Gloucestershire County Council's Build Back Better Fund and The Rockcliffe Charitable Trust.

**Tourist Levy funding:** Cotswold District Council approved funding towards a first responder first aid kit and additional railings for the George Moore bridge from the 2024-25 levy monies. The Parish Council is working on a list of projects for 2025-26 which will be the subject of a Cotswold District Council public consultation later this year.

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- 16<sup>th</sup> Police Point, 10-11am, **GMCC**, P C S O John Allen, [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Bourton Poetry Group, 7pm, The Willow, Contact Carol Groom for details: [c.groom187@yahoo.com](mailto:c.groom187@yahoo.com).
- 21<sup>st</sup> Rural Cinema, 'Wicked', Ariana Grande, Jonathan Bailey, PG. 2hrs 40mins. Family/Musical/ Fantasy, **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments £1. 2pm & 7pm, £4pp or £12 family of 4 on door.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sale in aid of Pancreatic Cancer, **StLC**, 10.30am-4pm, Tea, coffee, nearly new clothes, cards etc. See column 2.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> u3a, **BLH**, 10am-12noon. "Sacha Jungle Lodge, Ecuador" by , Arthur Ball. [www.bourton.u3asite.uk](http://www.bourton.u3asite.uk) See page 14.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Gift Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm. All welcome.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Book Club Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Old New Inn. [dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz, Jubilee Lodge, booking essential, 01451 823100 to reserve your place.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm 07980 080073.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Probus 10am, **GMCC**. Talk by a local member. See page 13.

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### Regular Weekly Bourton Events

- Mon. "Old Sweats" Meeting, **BLH**, 10am—12 Noon, 07714 852364 [bourton.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:bourton.secretary@rbl.community)
- Mon, Wed & Fri, Bourton Men in Sheds, 9.30am-12.30pm, Behind **RBL**, Keith 01451 831886.
- Mon. & Thurs. Stay Strong & Steady, **BLH**, 1-2.30pm. 07957 546067 [cotswoldactivehealth@gmail.com](mailto:cotswoldactivehealth@gmail.com)
- See page 18.
- Mon. & Fri. Cotswold Yoga, **VH**, Mon 10-11am, Fri 5-6pm, 07490858775. See page 18.
- Tue. Drop in Digital Help Group, **GMCC**, 10.30am-12.30pm. 07707 281803. See poster page
- Tue. "Together on Tuesdays", soup lunch, **StLC**, 12-2pm.
- Thurs. Flexercise, **BLH**, 10-11am. 01993 882350 [kathy.kirk@live.com](mailto:kathy.kirk@live.com)

**Pancreatic Cancer**

We are having a fund raising event in aid of Pancreatic Cancer at **St Lawrence's church**, Bourton-on-the-Water on **April 21st, Easter Monday, 10.30am-4pm.**

The church will be decorated with beautiful flower arrangements, and we will be selling, tea, coffee, nearly new clothes, cards and more. Please come and support this very under-funded charity, survival rates for Pancreatic cancer have not improved for decades.

Special thanks to Hannah and the PCC for allowing us to use the church, and for donating the booking fee to the Pancreatic cancer charity cause.

**Sue Gilbert**

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- Community First Responders:** The South West Ambulance Service is looking for volunteer Community First Responders for the Bourton area. Please visit <https://www.swast.nhs.uk/volunteer-recruitment/> if you would like further information.
- Electronic Newsletter:** You will shortly be able to sign up via our website to receive email news and information updates. Look out for the QR code which will be publicised as soon as this facility is available.
- Parish Council HR & Governance Review:** Following a recent review by our consultants, it has been agreed to action various recommendations to ensure the Parish Council is working efficiently. These include the creation of a Strategic Plan which will give a more focussed vision for the future.
- Recruitment of Administration Officer:** We are advertising for this 14 hour per week role with a closing date of 17<sup>th</sup> April. Please look out for the full details in our separate advertisement in the Browser on page 5.
- Date of next meeting:** 7pm, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 in the Windrush Room at the George Moore Community Centre.
- For further details and enquiries, please contact the Parish Council Clerk Sharon Henley by emailing [clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk) or visit the Parish Council website [www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk). Our schedule of meetings is available at [www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk/the-council/meeting-calendar/](http://www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk/the-council/meeting-calendar/)



## Bourton Browser Team News

**Happy Easter:** A Happy Easter to all our readers. It's a late bank holiday this year so we're expect everyone is ready for a break and, hopefully, some spring weather.

**Articles:** We welcome articles, letters, poems, etc (**maximum 300 words**) & photographs, from adults, children and local community groups on any subjects of local interest.

**Bourton On-line Village Diary:** To see what's going on in Bourton for this, and future months, use the QR code or go to our website below. If you are planning a **Bourton based** event, email the details to: **team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk** We will add them to the on-line village diary and include them in the "Diary Dates" column in the relevant month's Browser. Events welcome for dates throughout 2025. The on-line diary is a useful tool that can prevent major events clashing, so check it before scheduling your event! Remember we can only put events in if you tell us about them!



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Get online at <https://galabid.com/eastercharityauction> and place

your bids for a wide range of exciting lots. Maybe you'd like to spend a week in a studio apartment on the beautiful Caribbean island of Saint Maarten; or enjoy a morning on the gallops of Richard Phillip's racing stables in Adlestrop with a tour of the stables and refreshments and breakfast for 4 people. There are many more lots to bid for to suit most pockets. The bidding process is simple and you'll enjoy watching the auction and placing your bids. You may even bag a bargain!

Over the years, Rotary has undertaken numerous projects and innovations and raising thousands of pounds to help with local and international initiatives. Funds from this auction will, once again, benefit our local charities and organisations through our Helping Hand grants.

The Helping Hand project, is a small grants scheme set-up by North Cotswolds Rotary which allows local organisations to bid for grants up to £500, to enable them to develop projects which otherwise they could not afford.

**John Barber**



## Bourton-on-the-Water WI



The ladies of Bourton-on-the-Water showed off their Country Dancing skills last night, dancing to such delights as Buttered Peas and Lord Byron's Maggot!

A great deal of help was needed from Steve and Myra and a few members of their Country Dancing group but, by the end of the evening, at least everyone was moving in the right direction! Of course, there was a great deal of laughter when things went wrong and they did quite often!

I don't think that we will be entering any competitions any time soon!



Myra will be returning for the next meeting to show us how to decorate eggs for Easter.

Please bring a hard-boiled white egg if you want to join in.

Bourton WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Victoria Hall.

New members are always welcome.

For more details, please contact Victoria Jackson (President) on 075496 40492.

**June Renshaw**

## Bourton Rovers



Season's End for Bourton Rovers Can you believe it's already nearly the end of the 24/25 season for Bourton Rovers? Time really does fly when you're having fun! It's been a season full of highs and lows, with plenty of sun, rain, and heart in every match.

The Hellenic team has been chasing that top spot all season long and, while they didn't quite make it, at the time of writing they're still eyeing a top 3 finish, with two games to go. It's been a thrilling ride, so who knows what the final few matches will bring? Keep your eyes peeled!

Meanwhile, the Witney team has had a tough time adjusting to Division 1, but they've shown nothing but grit and determination. Though results didn't always go their way, their teamwork and passion were on full display. As the season wraps up in April, they're already setting their sights on next season, ready to regroup and come back stronger!

Off the pitch, we've got exciting things happening too! New bar manager, Laura, has already brought a fresh energy to the club with some fun events lined up for those sunny spring days. Don't miss our comedy night on April 25th, and get ready for a lively country music night on May 4th. Plus, we're gearing up for summer football with tournaments and 5-a-side games!

So, here's to more sunny days, great football, and good times ahead at Bourton Rovers. Bring on the summer!

**Catherine Williams**

## OUT AND ABOUT in April

- 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)
- 1<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Live Lambing, Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5FL. 01451 850307 [www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk).
- 5<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Easter-eggstravaganza, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL. Variety of Easter activities, details from [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com) or call 01993 810530.
- 5<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May The Big Batsford Bunny Hunt! £3 per child plus normal admission fees. Booking recommended. Batsford Arboretum, Nr Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9AT. 01386 701441. [www.batsarb.co.uk](http://www.batsarb.co.uk).
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nigel Bagge Band, Legendary Blues, Soul & R & B. Merry-mouth Inn, Stow Rd, Fifield OX7 6HR. 01993 256620.
- 12<sup>th</sup> The Village Market, Great Rissington Club, 10am-noon. Look forward to seeing you Jackie Palmer 01451 822285.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Chipping Norton Choral Society, St John's Passion by J S Bach, 7:30pm, St Peter's Church, Deddington OX15 OTQ. Tickets: [www.cncs.org.uk](http://www.cncs.org.uk)
- 12<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Children's Craft Activities, Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Steam Railway, Winchcombe Station. Free activities with ticket to travel. [www.gwsr.com](http://www.gwsr.com) 01242 621405.
- 12<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Easter Adventures, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. 01242 604 244. Easter themed activities in the beautiful spring gardens. [www.sudeleycastle.co.uk](http://www.sudeleycastle.co.uk)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Quenington Open garden, The Old Rectory, Quenington. Beautiful riverside garden, plants sale, homemade cakes & light lunches. Cash only. £8pp, U16s free, assistance dogs only. 11am-4pm. 01242 535922.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Rissingtons Local History Society, 2pm, Visit to Kelmscott Manor & gardens. Private tour of the home that inspired William Morris. For details contact Kate O'Brien 07815 606770. [information.RLHS@gmail.com](mailto:information.RLHS@gmail.com).
- 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt, Chastleton House (National Trust), GL56 0SU. £3.50 per child plus normal admission fees. 1-5pm. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) 01608 674355.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Day, The Slaughters Country Inn, The Slaughters Manor House, Lower Slaughter, GL54 2HS. 12-5pm, bouncy castle, giant connect 4, Jenga. £10-£20, includes food. 01451 822431. [www.theslaughtersinn.co.uk/](http://www.theslaughtersinn.co.uk/)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt, The Slaughters Country Inn, The Slaughters Manor House, Lower Slaughter, GL54 2HS. 12-4pm. 01451 822431. <https://www.theslaughtersinn.co.uk/>
- 20<sup>th</sup> 'In Steam, themed event Military Vehicles'. Combe Mill, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, OX29 8ET. Tea room, market stalls. Dogs welcome. Adults £9, Seniors £7.50 Children are now FREE. [combemill.org](http://combemill.org) See page 17.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Magic Cabaret with The Great Baldini, Westcote Village hall, 7.30pm, for adults & children 7+. Tickets £15, 07834 493637 or [westcote.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:westcote.bookings@gmail.com) See page 14.
- 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Chipping Campden Literature Festival, Cidermill Theatre, Cidermill Lane, Chipping Campden, GL55 6HU. 01386 849018. [www.campdenmayfestivals.co.uk](http://www.campdenmayfestivals.co.uk)
- 26<sup>th</sup> from 4am, Experience the enchantment of the dawn chorus on a leisurely guided stroll through Batsford Arboretum, followed by breakfast at The Garden Terrace Café. £20 per person. Visit [www.batsarb.co.uk](http://www.batsarb.co.uk) to book.
- 30<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May Cheltenham Jazz Festival, Montpellier Gardens, GL50 1UZ [www.cheltenhamfestivals.org/festival](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.org/festival) 01242 850270.



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## Panto Group



Spring is here! How lovely to feel the sunshine to warm us after all the rain. Daffodils and other spring bulbs are brightening the gardens and even the grass verges.

Even though the curtain came down on "Aladdin and Abanazer" in early February, several of us have still recently received lovely comments about the show from attendees, which is a joy! Now, the BPG family have all had a spell of R and R, we are looking forward to meeting up again soon for our annual dinner. A time for socialising and relaxing before we set off again on the next step towards another spectacle to entertain our loyal audiences. The work has already begun in some departments! Yes, the entertainment train is on the move again. Scripts are being read, various elements discussed, the exciting task of researching and designing costumes and creating scenery for another title.

Every aspect of each show has a cost and, as an entirely self-funded group, we must raise enough to cover all expenses. Committee members meet monthly to discuss and plan months ahead, but the group is reliant on its core members to help boost the finances with fund raising. We are also grateful to have several marvellous volunteers who make themselves available to help with the fete, sometimes during show week, carol singing or at the Quiz Evening.

An enormous help to the group is our happy band of Patrons who, for a modest but welcome, £15 a year have access to priority booking for our shows, a complimentary programme and invitations to our annual dinner, the AGM and any functions that we may arrange. Have you ever considered becoming such an incredible supporter? Contact Angela for details. 07767 237 537

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Areas of day-to-day responsibility include, providing administrative support responding to daily enquiries from both Councillors and the public, provide support for Parish Council's Planning Committee and other meetings when required and administrative support to facilitate successful funding and grant applications.

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*Please note CVs will not be considered*

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>  
and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

If you would like to discuss this position, please contact the Office Administrator, Sarah Branson, at Council HR & Governance Support on 07939 400548.

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15th May - Teed Up (Blues)

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## Bourton Vale Cricket Club

Bourton Vale Cricket Club is looking forward to an exciting new Summer season.

Having reset last year with a young group of First Eleven players finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in our league (best ever) and the Second Eleven winning their League, we are well set to push on for greater honours.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Eleven play primarily at our beautiful Lower Slaughter ground where we have successfully blended some Junior graduates with some more mature players to provide good cricket and a transition from junior to senior level of play.

We continue to strengthen our offering for Women and Girls too. We have a very exciting group of youngsters pushing through and really welcome any new recruits of all ages and ability to join us. The atmosphere around the Club when the Women and Girls play warms the heart. This is an area of real growth. If you are new to the area or you just fancy joining us please get in touch as you will be made very welcome.

Our Junior Cricket offering begins with the ECB All Stars for the 5 to 8 yrs youngsters and then goes through the age bands to Under 11s, 13s, 15s and the transition to Senior cricket mentioned above. We now have a Pathway Manager in place seeking to identify and fast track the most promising players but we do encourage everyone to enjoy their Cricket.

I really do want to emphasise that we want to build our profile with the local community. When we play we always open the bar and encourage all supporters and guests. We have a very active Sponsor opportunity for local businesses for whom we can offer promotional coverage at our ground and via our Social Media links both of which have significant range and local coverage.

And finally, if you are looking for a venue to celebrate a birthday or any other event in Bourton, our recently completed Clubhouse is available to hire with plenty of parking and a lovely setting right in the village centre on Rissington Road.

Come and Join us.  
**Kevin Langley**, Chairman  
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## Bourton Vale Horticultural Society – Your friendly garden club

A week of blue skies and warm temperatures lulled us into thinking that it was spring. Then back came the cold winds and zero temperatures to confirm we are not there yet. But it won't be long now. Buds are definitely swelling on our hornbeam hedge and we have tons of frog spawn in the pond. The less enjoyable sign of spring is the racket made by the rooks nesting in our beech tree.

Our speaker at the March meeting was Ian Sadler who gave us tips about pruning especially not to be faint hearted about it. He takes his lawn mower to "prune" heathers (3 weeks after flowering). For grasses put a bungee tie around them and then cut to ground with hedge trimmer. Makes it much easier to collect up all the trimmings. Buddleia - cut very hard in March. Yew, twice a year in early summer and September – yew will reshoot from the trunk. Wisteria – tidy in July with hedge trimmer and use secateurs to cut back to 2-3 buds in winter. For berried shrubs you need to be selective so as not to cut out all the berries, so take out a few branches and leave the rest. Mophead hydrangeas cut back to fat buds in spring.

Our competition of Flowers in my Garden was jointly won by Lu Webb with a very pretty arrangement and Marie Russell with a beautiful display of hellebore flowers floating in a bowl.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April starting as usual at 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall in Bourton, when we will have our Plant and Seed Swop and GQT. The competition will be a Small Display of any Flowering Bulbs.

Happy Gardening

**Sheila Thorpe**, 07973 391 741, [sheila@bobbelfarm.co.uk](mailto:sheila@bobbelfarm.co.uk)

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## Message from the Church

Christians are encouraged to do three things in Lent, which ends on Easter Eve: to pray, to fast, and to do works of charity. Many people give up alcohol or chocolate, or another luxury at this time. Whilst this is wholesome and good for our self-discipline, Lent provides an opportunity under the heading of 'fasting' to cut out activities which waste time. For instance, how much of the day do we spend gazing mindlessly at our iPhones and the TV? By encouraging us to simplify our lives the Church encourages us to make more time for good works: calling on a friend who we know is house-bound, taking a neighbour to an appointment who cannot drive, etc. But we are also encouraged during Lent to review our own priorities and the direction of our lives. Here is an opportunity to reboot relationships with family and those

whom we find difficult. Do we have a grudge? Lent encourages us to be generous and put differences behind us. But of greater importance still is the need for us all to consider our future, not in a spirit of fatalism and depression but realistically. We will all die, we know not when, whether we are young or old. Have we thought about God? Do we believe in Him? Easter teaches us that there is life after death for us all, but even so, we shall be judged by a merciful God on the way in which we have led our lives. May be the time has come for each of us to find out more about the person Jesus, who, as God and Man, has experienced personally the worst that humans can do to each other, but who rose from the dead and loves each one of us deeply.

Fr. Stephen



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**All are welcome every Sunday at 11am**

**Regular Services:** Wednesday 10am -Holy Communion

**Sunday 8am** Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 13th only

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

### EASTER SERVICES

**Palm Sunday (13th)** 11am Holy Communion

**Maundy Thursday (17th)** 7pm Remembering the Last Supper

**Good Friday (18th)** 9.30am for 10am Good Friday Special (Family Friendly, all ages together) 10.45am Walk of Witness from St Lawrence->Baptist Church & 2.00pm Last Hour at the Cross

**Easter Sunday (20th)** 11am Easter Communion

27th April Service of Easter Readings and Songs at 11am

**Breakfast Church** – See Good Friday Special posters. Back to normal 10th May

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

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**St James, Clapton** - 9.30am: Morning Worship on April 6th, Dawn Service 6am

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### Easter Services

Sunday 13th April 3pm - 5pm Messy Easter

Thursday 17th April 7pm "Remembering the Last Supper" at St Lawrence

Friday 18th April 10am Good Friday Service

Walk of witness from St Lawrence Refreshments & hot cross buns at Baptist Church

Easter Saturday - Church will be open from 10-4pm

Easter Sunday 9.45am Communion Service 10.30am Easter Celebration with baptism Everyone is welcome - just See our website for this month's diary and more details of all our activities—[www.bourtonbaptist.co.uk](http://www.bourtonbaptist.co.uk)

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Extra **LENT, HOLY WEEK, and EASTER** services:

Every Friday in Lent, a ten-minute talk followed by Stations of the Cross and Adoration. Tue. 25th March Solemnity of the Annunciation Sung Mass 6 pm. **Holy Thursday** 17th April: 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watch. **Good Friday** 18th April 3 pm Liturgy. Holy Saturday 19th April 9 pm Lighting of New Fire, Easter Vigil Liturgy and First Mass of Easter. **Easter Day** 20th April 10.30 am Sung Mass.

Fr. Stephen



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## For The Younger Generations

### **Bourton Vale Lawn Tennis Club**

Memberships for the 2025 season are now open! Our membership year runs from April to March, making this the perfect time to join and enjoy a full year of tennis.

With membership fees at just £35 for juniors (reduced to £25 if taking coaching) and £130 for adults, it's fantastic value for money. We also offer parent and child and family membership packages, ensuring there's an option for everyone.

Whether you're a complete beginner, a rusty returner, a seasoned competitor, or even a future Wimbledon champion, we welcome players of all ages and abilities. Plus, we're lucky to have two fantastic coaches providing lessons for juniors and adults, with both individual and group coaching available.

Our club offers something for everyone, including:

- 🎾 Fun, social competitions throughout the year
- 🎾 Club nights and a singles box league
- 🎾 Club tournaments and Gloucestershire doubles league matches
- 🎾 A growing social calendar, with events to bring members together both on and off the court

We would love to see more juniors taking up tennis! It's a great way to improve hand-eye coordination, fitness, sportsmanship, and discipline—all while having fun.

So, what are you waiting for? Get active, get social, and get into tennis in Bourton! Visit

[www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/BourtonValeLawnTennisClub](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/BourtonValeLawnTennisClub)

for more details and to sign up.

Looking forward to seeing you on court in 2025!

**Alex Peyton**

### **Plenty to Celebrate for Bourton Youth!**

As the season wraps up and the weather warms, there's plenty to celebrate at Bourton Rovers! Two of our youth teams are heading to the finals, making it a season to remember. Our U10s are off to the Plate competition final, while our U11 Blues have earned another shot at glory in the Arthur Stiley Memorial Trophy. After last year's tough luck, they'll be off to Cheltenham Town for another bite at the cherry!

With a few games left, our coaches and committee members are already looking forward to a well-earned break and the exciting summer football ahead. We're gearing up for our end-of-season presentation and awards day in May, followed by our youth tournament, which will now span two weekends with the addition of a girls' section – even more fun for everyone!

Looking ahead, new FA rules will change things up next season. U7 teams will play 3-a-side, and older youth players won't move to 7-a-side until U10, with 9-a-side at U12 and 11-a-side at U14. This will be phased in over the next few years, the coaches have mixed feelings over this, with a huge demand for youth football it'll definitely be a challenge for grassroots clubs. Not only having to find more volunteer coaches, but having

raise more funds to support these changes in these trying times.

Off the pitch, we've got family-friendly fun lined up with our new bar manager, Laura, kicking things off with an Easter egg hunt over the Easter weekend – a huge hit last year! We're looking for egg donations, so if you're able to donate, pop by and drop them off with Laura. It's all for the local youth, and every little bit helps!

Here's to a fantastic end to the season and lots of sunny days ahead for Bourton Youth!

**Catherine Williams**



**THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL**

### **Celebrating World Book Day**

The Cotswold School recently held a week of activities in celebration of World Book Day on Thurs. 6 March. Talks with visiting authors Julia Golding and Jo Cotterill inspired students to be creative, as well as giving them an insight into what it's like to be an author.

On World Book Day, staff and students dressed up as their favourite book characters with costumes ranging from Cruella de Vil and Severus Snape, to Greg Heffley and Dorothy.

Other events throughout the week included a Book Swap Shop, Word Hunt, Mystery Books, and Readathon. The week ended with students representing the school at the local National Reading Championship heat.

### **Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea – 10th April 2025, 12-2pm**

As part of The Cotswold School Student Leadership programme, a team of Year 11 students are organising and running our annual Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea Party.

This is always a wonderful event where local residents are treated to afternoon tea prepared by our GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students, with entertainment from our talented musicians, and a raffle during the afternoon. If you, or someone you know, would like to attend, please contact Nicola Franks to book your free place, by Friday 4 April - reception@thecotswoldschool.co.uk or call 01451 820554. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **PTA Bingo Evening – 4th April 2025**

Don't forget to join us for our ever-popular Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Bingo Evening on 4 April – doors open at 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. We will be fundraising in aid of Kate's Home Nursing and The Cotswold School. Please join us for what is always a great evening.

**Will Morgan, Headteacher**

[www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/latest-news/](http://www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/latest-news/)



## Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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### The Cotswold School

### Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea

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### Bourton Primary Academy

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The second round of the cross country took place on a sunny day in early March, it was a very tough course and we were proud of all of the children who competed in it. A particular well done goes to Henry who placed in the top 10 for the Year 6 boys and to William who came first for the Year 6 boys. Both of these children will now represent the county as well as the school at the national country finals at Stoneleigh.

Some of you may have recently seen on social media that we are trying to secure funding to return the iron age roundhouse to its former glory. It was first built when remains of an iron age girl were discovered on the school grounds during building works 25 years ago, who is now fondly referred to as Bourton Betty. This then sparked 'Meet the Ancestors' to visit the school and film a whole episode about 'The Chosen One'. Some of you, your children or grandchildren may have been at the primary school in 2000 when the roundhouse was being built with the help of our school community. Our amazing PTA (FOBS) are currently in the process of trying to secure funds to repair the roundhouse. A wonderful local thatcher, Dan Quartermain, has offered his services for free if we can cover the cost of all materials. If you would like to support the rebuild of the roundhouse, please contact the school office.

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For just £30 per day, children can take part in hands-on workshops covering drama, dance, music, photography, jewellery making, visual arts, and more. The experience culminates in a public showcase on the final evening, where young artists will present their work—be it a dramatic performance, a dance routine, an art exhibition, a short film, or handcrafted jewellery.



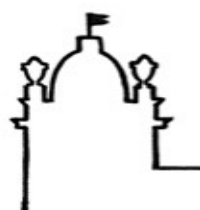
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### The start of the Bourton 10k, organised by Bourton Roadrunners




On 23rd February Bourton Roadrunners Club hosted the first of its three annual road races, the **Bourton 10k**, supporting the club's nominated charities for 2025. With entries having reached the licensed limit within a few hours of opening last December, the club has been working tirelessly to ensure that the runners of all abilities would have an enjoyable and safe experience. Despite worries that the weather might provide serious challenges on the day, the race was spared and over 600 runners completed the 6.2 mile course and entertained the spectators.

Harry Wells of Victoria Park Harriers & Tower Hamlets AC led the quality field from the start and maintained a good lead through to the finish, winning in a time of 31 minutes and 45 seconds. James Bellward of Chippenham Harriers was second (31:56) and 2023 winner Richard De Camps of Gloucester AC was third (31:57). Chelsea Baker of Bristol & West AC was the winning woman with a brilliant time of 35 minutes and 11 seconds. Kate Brown, an unattached runner, was second (37:08) and local runner Stephanie Lane of Cheltenham & County Harriers was third (37:28).

Bourton Roadrunners' Alex Pye was the club's first finisher in a time of 36:47 and Eva Shoemark was the club's first woman (40:06 - PB). Other Bourton runners included Rebecca Townsend (41:32 PB), Maxine Emes (45:48), Barry O'Leary (47:25 PB), Iain Cox (48:22 PB), Pat Gill (49:53), Basia Legierska (50:30), Shaun Ferreira (53:53 PB) and Noelle Morgan (56:47). Second-claim member Kevin Goodwill, who was representing his principal club Cheltenham & County Harriers, had a strong run, finishing in 39:27 and a new PB.

Bourton Roadrunners is grateful to Highbridge Jewellers of Bourton-on-the-Water for their long-term support of the event. The club also wishes to thank Gloucestershire Police, Bourton Parish Council, Cotswold Primary School, Cotswold First Aid and Cornish Bakery for their priceless support.

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## Bourton Probus Club

We continued our regular members' talks on 24th February with a fascinating talk by a new member, Roger Leaver. He talked about his career from his graduation from Durham and his Masters from Glasgow to a career of fixing failing businesses. His last company was involved in making artificial snow, especially for film and television. Snow in the Bridget Jones series were from his company. His talk showed the value of members telling us their life stories and interests.



On 10th March we had a meeting that might prove the highlight of the year. Merleen Watson spoke on Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. She discussed the intense training lasting 18 months for these dogs (including her own who accompanied her to the meeting). They preferred small dogs such as spaniels and poodles, although they did train retrievers for someone with more complex needs. Surprisingly, the biggest rise in hearing loss in recent times has been in the age group 18-35, whose hearing is damaged by the noise at pop concerts and from computer games plugged into their ears! Helpful leaflets were handed out to the audience, who, themselves, were sporting a significant numbers of hearing aids!

Probus is for all retired men and women who would like to hear interesting talks and a variety of social events. Later in April we have one of our regular lunches, when we visit The Inn for all Seasons in Little Barrington. If you are considering becoming a member, you are welcome to attend 2 meetings without obligation, before deciding. Meeting details are to be found on the diary page. Alternatively our secretary, Kevin Hick on 01451 860435.

Roger Harris

## Bourton Men in Sheds - A Thriving Community for Creativity



The Bourton Men in Sheds project, run by Cotswold Friends, continues to provide a welcoming space to come together, share skills, and work on practical projects. Designed to reduce social isolation and encourage friendship, the shed is a hub of activity where members collaborate on woodworking, repairs, and creative projects.


Excitingly, the sheds project has recently acquired a laser engraver, adding a new dimension to its capabilities. This cutting-edge piece of equipment allows members to create intricate designs, engravings, and detailed craftwork, further expanding the possibilities for bespoke woodworking projects. Whether it's engraving a name on a handcrafted sign or adding artistic touches to a furniture piece, the laser printer is a fantastic addition to the shed's toolkit.

The Bourton Men in Sheds team is always eager to take on new woodworking requests. Whether you need a custom-built birdhouse, a sturdy garden planter, or a unique wooden gift, the skilled members are happy to help. Those interested in commissioning a piece can get in touch by emailing [sheds@cotswoldfriends.org](mailto:sheds@cotswoldfriends.org).

Beyond the practical aspect, the project offers a valuable space for conversation and mutual support. Many members find the shed a great place to meet new friends while engaging in meaningful, hands-on activities.

If you or someone you know might benefit from joining, or if you have a woodworking request, don't hesitate to reach out. The Bourton Men in Sheds project continues to grow, bringing people together and making a real difference in the local community. See the Groups List on page 19 for contact 'phone no.

Cathy Russell




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### Volunteers needed

We are so lucky to be supported by many volunteers who generously donate their time to help us in a variety of ways. We are always looking for new volunteers and we would be delighted to hear from you if you think there is any way you can help.

We would love some help:

- At our admin office at Bourton-on-the-Water
- Generating fundraising ideas, and organising our fundraising events
- Providing hands on help at fundraising events
- Baking: If you love baking, we'd love to have more cakes to sell at our events

The only requirements are a keen commitment to help and some spare time. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and make a difference in your local community. If you fancy getting involved, please get in contact by emailing: [info@kateshomenursing.org](mailto:info@kateshomenursing.org) or call: 07841 025909/01451 820444.

### Golf Day at Wychwood Golf Club, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Join us for a great day of friendly competition and comradery in support of Kate's Home Nursing. The Wychwood Golf Club is hosting a Pairs Better Ball Stableford Competition, open to ladies and gentlemen in any combination (maximum handicaps: Gentlemen – 24, Ladies – 30). This event promises great competition and delicious refreshments. Entry fee is £130 per pair and includes a bacon roll, coffee on arrival, a Pimms stop at the Halfway House, charity raffle and an evening BBQ. For more details and to enter please email Mike Pender at: [mike-pender@btinternet.com](mailto:mike-pender@btinternet.com).

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Reading and Writing Poetry      Quizzes  
Playing the Recorder or Ukelele  
Playing Scrabble      Playing Skittles (in a pub!!)  
Walking      Eating Sunday Lunch!      Walking Basketball

Group meetings are held throughout the week in Bourton, Stow, Moreton and The Rissingtons.

We are also looking to set up 2 new groups: Watercolour Painting and Photography. If you have an interest, or even some expertise, in these topics, please contact

**Rob Gorton on [rvjgorton@gmail.com](mailto:rvjgorton@gmail.com)**

**Our upcoming General Meeting, held in the Royal British Legion Hall in Bourton on the Water is on Wednesday 23rd April, from 10am to 12 noon, when by popular demand, we will see the return of Arthur Ball describing his wildlife experiences at the Sacha Jungle Lodge in Ecuador.**

**Everyone welcome (£2 entry)**

**For more details on all these topics, please go to : [www.bourton.u3asite.uk](http://www.bourton.u3asite.uk)**

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### Spring into Your Next Holiday!

With the clocks changing and the sun making a few guest appearances, it's the perfect time to start dreaming of your next getaway! After a long winter, I am sure like me you are all itching for some sunshine, and luckily, Europe is now getting ready to welcome us with open arms!

Mediterranean resorts are busy dusting off their parasols and getting their beaches ready for UK visitors. Whether you're after a quick city break or a relaxing seaside escape, Europe has something for everyone. I visited Side in Turkey last year and fell in love with its rich history, stunning beaches, and mouthwatering food – it's definitely on my list for a repeat visit!

Mainland Spain and the Balearics are also top choices, and one of our biggest sellers last summer. From the charming streets of Andalusia to the stunning coastlines stretching all the way from Barcelona to Malaga, the choice is yours. And if you're looking for a bit of Italian charm, another personal favourite of mine is Sicily - a definite must-visit! Its history, beaches, and the famous sights from tv shows such as *The White Lotus* (hello, Taormina!) make it the perfect summer spot. As the old saying goes, "It's better to see something once than to hear about it a thousand times."

With local flights picking up in May, getting to your European escape has never been easier. A quick drive to Birmingham and you could be basking in the Mediterranean sun before you know it!

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Catherine Williams



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### Coach Parking

Following the excellent report on coach parking by councillors' Len Wilkins and John Wareing, I attended the Parish council meeting on Wednesday 5/3/24 to see for myself. It soon became apparent that although many hours had been spent with the business network there was no intention to discuss the problem with the residents.

After 2 years of rumours, you would have hoped for some transparency and involvement for the residents from the people elected to represent us.

Proposals by councillor Hodgkinson have been rushed through without any scrutiny and are, in my opinion, disruptive at best and very unlikely to help with the problem.

However, my greatest concern is the introduction of potentially 250,000 tourists down the avenue alongside 2 schools and a toddlers' nursery, starting age around 3 years old. This equates to 1800 school children put at a risk that isn't necessary, to expose them to potential harm, including welfare, health, safety, and education, which in my opinion, is unacceptable.

The primary school teachers often escort the children to places like the library, church etc and this proposal will undoubtedly complicate all these activities.

I was informed at the council meeting that if I had any concerns with the proposals I should write to the clerk.

I therefore suggest that if any resident has concerns as to how the problem is being dealt with or proposals on the industrial estate and potential risk to the children please write or email the parish clerk.

The Clerk, The George Moore Community Centre, Moore Road, Bourton-on-the-Water, GL542AZ.

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### Support Headspace: Get Creative with Your Own Community Fundraiser!

Headspace is calling on the wonderful community of Bourton-on-the-Water and the surrounding areas to help us raise vital funds for young people's mental health and wellbeing. Could you run a fundraising event to support Headspace? Whether big or small, every effort makes a real difference!

#### Why Fundraise for Headspace?

Headspace provides vital support for young people in the North Cotswolds, including counselling, mentoring, and wellbeing activities. But we can't do it alone – we need your help to keep these services running and reach even more young people in need.

#### Fundraising Ideas – Let's Get Creative!

**Not sure where to start?** Here are some fantastic ideas to kick-start your fundraising:

**Sponsored Challenges** – Whether it's a marathon, a hike in the Cotswolds, or a 'give up something you love' challenge, get people to sponsor your efforts.

**Coffee Mornings & Bake Sales** – A simple but effective way to bring the community together while raising funds.

**Quiz or Bingo Night** – Charge an entry fee, gather some prizes, and have a fun-filled evening!

**School or Workplace Fundraisers** – Organise a dress-down day, raffle, or 'silly sock day' with donations going to Headspace.

**Car Boot Sales or Jumble Sales** – Declutter while raising money for a great cause!

**Craft or Art Sales** – If you're creative, why not sell handmade crafts, paintings, or home-baked goods in support of Headspace?

#### How to Get Involved

If you have an idea for a fundraiser, we'd love to hear from you! Headspace can provide guidance, promotional support, and materials to help make your event a success.

Visit our website: [www.myheadspace.org.uk](http://www.myheadspace.org.uk) and Follow us on social media for updates and inspiration!

Best regards, Paul Heming, CEO – Headspace

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**[The George Moore Community Centre Windrush Room,  
Saturday 5th April from 2-4pm.](#)**

You will be able to meet Amy Hill our new Community Manager and Anthony Gerrard our Community Presenter as well as our committee and some of our volunteers.

We are hoping, weather permitting, to sell:

**[Bric a Brac in Moore Road on Sunday 6th April.](#)**

Jean and Sue will have their usual eclectic mix of donated items that they enjoy selling.

We sold enough 'souvenirs' to allow us to carry on being a small Retail Branch. We have new stock to sell at the **[Lechlade Crafty Boaters event on the 16th March](#)** where we also 'Save lives with tea and cakes'!!

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**[The Old Vicarage Bledington OX7 6UX,  
Sunday 22nd June, from 11am to 5pm.](#)**

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Duck Racing is planned for Saturday 5th July with our usual Bric a Brac and Tombola stalls.

We are planning an **[Autumn Fair and Coffee Morning at the Lifford Hall in Broadway on Saturday 25th October.](#)**

If you are able to offer an hour or two of your time helping our inland fundraising crew in the North Cotswold area from Moreton and Broadway to Lechlade and Cirencester then do come and speak to us or email me at

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

Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Julia,**

**Secretary of the North Cotswold Branch**

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All machinery will be working and being demonstrated by our lovely volunteers. Combe Mill is a late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Grade 11 Listed Water Mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode. In its day it was the workshop for Blenheim Palace estate. The Tea Room will be open for refreshments, enjoy the Picnic area by the River Evenlode. Browse our *Mini Market* too. Gift Shop, Tombola and Raffle. Dogs Welcome.

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Web Site [combemill.org](http://combemill.org)

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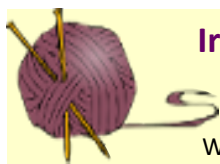
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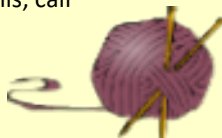
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## 11<sup>th</sup> Lechlade Annual Vintage Rally & Country Show, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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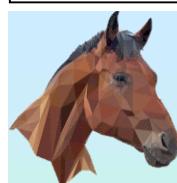
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### Around Bredon Hill – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Moderate 3hr 6ml.

Once part of the Cotswold upland, Bredon Hill is now an outlier of the Cotswolds, containing Roman and Iron Age relics and standing stones. It has inspired writers, artists and musicians. We walk around the top of the hill. Great views from the summit – known as Parson's Folly – weather permitting. Bring coffee/snack. Start: 9.30am Queen Elizabeth Inn, Elmley Castle WR10 3HS. Please park considerably near the pub. OS Map ref: SO 982 411. W3W: convinces.spot.wages

### Walking the Ways 2 (of 5) – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Moderate 5hr 9ml.

This walk starts from the Methodist Chapel in Hawling and follows the Windrush Way towards Guiting Power, passing the site of medieval Hawling. We then join the Wardens' Way up through Guiting Wood and the Farmcote Estate before rejoining the Windrush Way at Deadmanbury Gate for our return to Hawling, with lovely views of typical Cotswold countryside. Please bring refreshments for mid-morning and picnic lunch stops. Subsequent walks are planned for 20th May, 17th June and 22nd July. Start: 10.00am Hawling Methodist Church, Hawling, Cheltenham. Please park considerably in the village. OS Map ref: SP 066 230. W3W: shepherds.truth.successes.

### Four Gems and a Diamond – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Moderate 4hr 8ml.

This diamond shaped walk takes us through four gems of Cotswold villages, including Cold Aston, Notgrove, Turkdean and Hazleton. The route is up and over rolling hills with good views. Please bring lunch/drink. Start: 10.00am Cold Aston, Cheltenham. Please park considerably in the village. OS Map ref: SP 128 198. W3W: dozen.comb.beanbag

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY - Length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level); MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS – may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

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

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***Bourton Browser Tea Party,  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at the Old New Inn***



On 19<sup>th</sup> March, over 50 members of the current Bourton Browser team enjoyed a sunny visit to the Model Village, followed by a delicious afternoon tea at the Old New Inn. We organised the afternoon to say a huge thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers.

We were delighted that our longest standing deliverers, Russ Girdler and Joan Minchin, were able to attend, 26 years service each! The party coincided with Brian Lane's birthday and the Old New Inn kindly presented him with a cake and candle on a beautifully decorated plate.

We would like to thank Sam and Shelley, the new managers of the Old New Inn, for arranging this event for us, the food and service were fantastic. We have received some excellent feedback with many deliverers saying this has been our best party yet! We would thoroughly recommend the Old New Inn for your next get together.

**Ray and Susan Dodd, Rob and Christine Gorton**



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