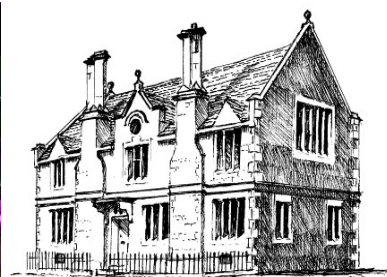


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July 2025

## DIARY DATES

- 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Sunflower Week. Village Centre decorated and Shop window competition. In aid of Sunflowers Suicide Support. See page 3.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, join social group 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, **GMCC**, 7pm. All welcome.
- 5<sup>th</sup> RNLI Duck & Lifeboat races, Tombola & Bric a Brac. The Green, 10am-4.30pm. See page 2.
- 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. See page 2.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 5.
- 9<sup>th</sup> u3a Scrabble, **GMCC**. 2-4pm. 7341 094206. [peterdawson790@icloud.com](mailto:peterdawson790@icloud.com)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Horticultural Club. Roger Umpleby, "The wonder of wild flowers". **BCH**, 7.30pm. See page 14.
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Probus, 11am, Ladies morning at a member's house. See page 14.
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Dementia Friendly Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726. See page 4.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sunflowers Suicide Support, Duck races & Tombola. The Green, 10am-4pm. See page 3.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Tayler & Fletcher, Fine Art, Vintage

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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 28th May 2025

**Co-Option of a new councillor:** Council noted the resignation from the Parish Council of Jon Wareing, who will remain our District Councillor for Bourton Village. We are hoping to co-opt a new Parish Councillor at our 3<sup>rd</sup> September meeting – see separate advertisement for further details. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to apply.

**Parish Council Committees:** Following Councillor Wareing's resignation, Councillor Sarita Tapper was co-opted to the new Community and Services Committee, Councillor Len Wilkins to the Staffing Committee with Councillor Lynda Hicks becoming Chairman of that committee.

**Coach Parking, pick-up and drop-off:** There were no updates from Gloucestershire County Council Highways on the implementation date for the six-month Experimental Traffic Regulation Order in Meadow Way. However, some coaches have been observed turning left off Station Road into Meadow Way and stopping to drop passengers by Station Meadow, which has caused an obstruction. The Parish Council agreed to ask GCC Highways to review whether current signage on the Fosse Way, to direct coaches in via the industrial estate entrance, will be adequate.



**Rye Crescent play area re-opening:** A ceremony took place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June to mark the official re-opening of the refurbished site. Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Lynda Hicks made a speech, cut the opening ribbon and thanked our sponsors and all who had been involved in the project. Children enjoyed playing on the equipment and we were pleased to see that the grass is greening up following a period of very dry weather after the turf was laid.

**Parish Council grants for 2025-26:** A reminder that the deadline for applications is 20<sup>th</sup> August, so please send your forms through to the Parish Clerk. Further information is available on our website.

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Go to the "Get in Touch" tab and then complete the contact form to send questions, articles (max.300 words), adverts & event details to the team.

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& Interiors auction, from 9.30am, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.

14<sup>th</sup> Probus, "Russian Tsars" by David Head, 10am, **GMCC**. See page 14.

18<sup>th</sup> Blood Donor Sessions, **BLH**, 1.10-4pm & 4.50-6.45pm.

21<sup>st</sup> Rural Cinema, Mr Burton - Richard Burton's life story, Harry Lawtey & Lesley Manville. **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments £1, served from 2pm & 7pm. Tickets £4pp (or £12 family of 4) on door.

23<sup>rd</sup> u3a, **BLH**, Social Meeting, 'Upon a Summer's Day', Entertainments celebrating British folk traditions. NB Afternoon meeting, 2pm-4pm. Members only. See page 13.

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25<sup>th</sup> Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz, Jubilee Lodge, booking essential, 01451 823100 to reserve your place.

26<sup>th</sup> North Cotswold Rotary, Duck Races & Tombola. The Green, 10am-4pm. See page 13.

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Gift Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm. All welcome.

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 member. See page 14.

31<sup>st</sup> Book Club Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Old New Inn. [dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk)

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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 advert on page 5.

Mon. & Fri. Cotswold Yoga, **VH**, Mon 10-11am, Fri 5-6pm, 07490858775.

Tue. Drop in Digital Help Group, **GMCC**, 10.30am-12.30pm. 07707 281803.

Tues. "Together on Tuesdays", soup lunch, **StLc**, 12-2pm.

Thurs. Flexercise, **BLH**, 10-11am. 01993 882350 [kathy.kirk@live.com](mailto:kathy.kirk@live.com)

## North Cotswold RNLI Duck Racing on the Village Green

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Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July

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## Bourton-on-the-Water WI



On Tuesday evening, Bourton WI members were entertained by "Racing" Richard Phillips of Adlestrop Stables.

Richard's love of horses began when he was a young child growing up near Epsom Downs and he decided at the age of 7 that he wanted to be part of the racing world.

As well as his stories of racing and racehorses, Richard described the strict daily feeding and exercising programmes that are produced for his charges. Most humans don't have that kind of care! Richard also entertained us with some brilliant impersonations of Harold Wilson, Michael O'Hare, William Hague and, dare I say, King Charles when he was Prince of Wales. We will never look at a racehorse in the same way again.

We meet every second Tuesday at The Victoria Hall at 7pm. New members are most welcome.

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

June

## Bourton Library

The George Moore Community Centre,  
Moore Road, Bourton-on-the-Water,  
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**Springvale Allotments:** A new seven-year lease has been signed to enable the Parish Council to continue to lease the land from Cotswold District Council for provision of allotments.

**Holm oak on the Village Green:** Extensive works were carried out to this tree in the centre of the Green to enable it to remain in place for some years. The Council agreed to seek advice on the most suitable type of succession planting for the future of the Village Green.

**Police update:** Police Inspector Simon Ellson will be transferring to a new role in Stroud after six years in this area and his replacement will be Acting Inspector Phillippa Moore.

**Bourton to Kingham cycle route:** A design summary report commissioned by Cotswold District Council has been produced by Sustrans. The report outlines concept designs for a greenway along the former Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway route. It is understood that Cotswold District Council will be appointing a Sustainability Officer to progress this project.

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

**County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson** has become Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities and Fire. Gloucestershire County Council's new leader, Councillor Lisa Spivey is the first woman leader in its 135-year history, and she is joined by new Chief Executive Ms Jo Walker.

**District Councillor Jon Wareing's report** highlighted CDC's commitment to maintaining the two public toilets in Bourton due to the high number of visitors. Information has been requested on the business case for each of the facilities should they be offered to the Parish Council as part of the local government reorganisation and devolution.

Councillor Wareing is seeking to engage with the District and County Councils on 'over-tourism' and visitor and traffic management as well as with GCC Highways on the time taken to initiate TRO activities in relation to white lining and yellow lining in the parish.

**Date of next meeting:** 7pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in the Win-drush Room at the George Moore Community Centre. There

will be no monthly Parish Council meeting in August as we have changed our meetings schedule on a trial basis. The following Parish Council meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 3rd September.

The up-to-date schedule of meetings can be found on our website at <https://www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk/the-council/meeting-calendar/>

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 by phoning 01451 820712.

You can visit the Parish Council website at [www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk)

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depending on the light,  
Different yellows,  
stand out bright,  
When I shed my petals,  
my seeds stay within,  
So another cycle, I can begin.

**Carol Groom**

### Sunflower Week

**30th June-7th July**

Shop windows decorated for Sunflower competition. Village centre also decorated, all to raise awareness of Sunflowers Suicide Support.

### Sunflower Duck Races

**Saturday 12th July**

### 2026 Calendars for sale

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## OUT AND ABOUT in July

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)

Various dates, Longborough Festival Opera, Longborough, GL56 0QF. Details, [www.lfo.org.uk](http://www.lfo.org.uk) 01451 830292.

4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham Music Festival 80th Anniversary, full programme at [www.cheltenhamfestivals.org/festivals/music-festival](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.org/festivals/music-festival) or call 01242 850 270.

5<sup>th</sup> Upper Slaughter Village Fete, 12noon-3pm.

5<sup>th</sup> Battle Proms Picnic Concert, Blenheim Palace Woodstock, OX20 1UL. [www.battleproms.com/venues/blenheim-palace](http://www.battleproms.com/venues/blenheim-palace)

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Workbench Repair Café, New Brewery Arts, Brewery Court, Cirencester, GL7 1JH. Bring an item for repair, watch our volunteers, learn new skills. 10.30am-6pm. 01285657181 [www.newbreweryarts.org.uk/workbenchrepair-café](http://www.newbreweryarts.org.uk/workbenchrepair-café)

11<sup>th</sup> Clothes Swap, New Brewery Arts, Brewery Court, Cirencester, GL7 1JH. 10.30am-4pm. Bring clean clothes and swap for a new outfit. [www.newbreweryarts.org.uk/workbenchrepair-café](http://www.newbreweryarts.org.uk/workbenchrepair-café) or 01285 657181.

12<sup>th</sup> Naunton Fun Day & Dog Show, great afternoon for all the family, Teas/cakes, bar, hot food, tombola, children's/adults' races! Popular dog show. See page 6.

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> - 31<sup>st</sup> August Join the Big Batsford Hedgehog Hunt! Find the hedgehogs hidden around Batsford Arboretum to win a prize! £3 per child, plus admission fees. Visit [www.batsarb.co.uk](http://www.batsarb.co.uk) for details. See advert opposite.

13<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham Vegan Market, Promenade, Cheltenham, 10am-3pm.

13<sup>th</sup> Opera in the Garden, "Mozart's Così fan tutte", The Manor House, High Street, Moreton in Marsh, GL56 0LJ. [www.cotswold-inns-hotels.co.uk/the-manor-house-hotel](http://www.cotswold-inns-hotels.co.uk/the-manor-house-hotel)

18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Fantasy Forest Festival, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. Details from [www.fantasyforest.co.uk](http://www.fantasyforest.co.uk)

18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Royal International Air Tattoo, Fairford, GL7 4EG Tickets & details: [www.airtattoo.com](http://www.airtattoo.com)

20<sup>th</sup> Wildlife by the Evenlode, Combe Mill (in steam), Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, OX29 8ET. Tea room. Dogs welcome. Adults £9, Seniors £7.50 Children FREE. [combemill.org](http://combemill.org) See page 18.

25<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> August, Guiting Music Festival, Guiting Power. Details & tickets from: [www.guitingfestival.org](http://www.guitingfestival.org)



## FOR SALE / WANTED ITEMS



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

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## Dementia Friendly Cafe

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Reminder: Dementia Friendly Café, 2nd and 4th Fridays at St Lawrence's Church at 2pm See you there.

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### Events for 2025

#### Blues Club - All Welcome

19th June - Guy Tortora & Band (Blues)

18th Sept - John Doe Trio (Blues)

16th Oct - Cadillac Kings (RnR/Blues)

13th Nov - Split Whiskers (Blues)

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## Bourton Panto Group

Exciting news! The script has been decided! The title was last staged way back in 2002!! It is "Beauty and the Beast". The membership has been approached, the venues for the read throughs and auditions have been booked so the invitation to attend is now extended to anyone wishing to join us!

Read throughs:

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** George Moore Community Centre

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** in the Clover Room, Victoria Hall

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** George Moore Community Centre

All to start promptly at 7.30pm until no later than 9pm.

These will be followed by auditions held at the Victoria Hall, all beginning at 7.30pm, on:

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

We're inviting all you budding performers to come and show us your talents! There are 13 characters plus a supporting cast comprising townsfolk, dancers, servants etc. There will be at least twelve musical numbers including two solos, three duets and a series of group songs.

As we always try to make clear, Bourton Panto Group is not ALL about acting, singing and dancing! Those are fundamental, of course, but other roles in the company are vital! There is the opportunity to learn what happens backstage and front of house, with tasks that are essential to create the right atmosphere for those "treading the boards".

Our company requires hair dressers, make-up artists, scene builders and painters, electricians, musicians, dressmakers, dressing room helpers, props makers, front of house attendants..... without all these roles, our productions would not run smoothly.

So, see you next month! Come, join in the mayhem that is British pantomime and be part of the slightly bonkers crowd entertaining the village during the wintertime. The production team are keen to cast the show, so that rehearsals can begin with "gusto" in September.

**Ann Chapman**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>CAR PARKING</b> JUN 14 9 AM - 4 PM	<b>READ THROUGHS</b> JUL 03/08/10 7.30 - 9 PM
<b>OPEN AUDITIONS</b> JUL 15/16/17 7.30 - 9 PM	<b>SUMMER FETE</b> AUG 02 9 AM - 4 PM

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## Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

**Do you want to make a difference in your community?  
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If yes, then why not become a Parish Councillor?**

We currently have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor following the resignation of Cllr Wareing.

We invite applications for co-option to the Parish Council for the remainder of the 4-year term until May 2027. The co-option will take place at our Parish Council meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025. Applications are invited by the deadline of **close of business on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025**.

To stand for the Parish Council you must:

- Be a UK, European Union or Commonwealth Citizen
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be an elector of the Parish Council, or at least in the past 12 months have occupied land or other premises in the area the Parish Council serves (as owner or tenant); or work or live in the area the Parish Council serves, or no farther than 3 miles from the Parish Council boundary.

Please contact Sharon Henley, Parish Clerk, if you would like to find out more or make an application. **Application forms must be received by the Parish Clerk by the 27<sup>th</sup> August deadline please.** Email [clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk) or phone 01451 820712.

## 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 coffee/tea with biscuits. Everything we receive will be donated to worthy causes.

Please note, there is no parking available at Willoughby Place, however we are happy to collect anyone who needs a lift within Bourton. Just give us a call.

For further details, call either: Irene or Peter on:

**01451 824175 or 07764 699594**

## Bourton Browser Team News

**Ann Taylor:** We would like to thank Anne Taylor for her work delivering the Bourton Browser to part of Roman Way (school entrance end) and welcome to Anne Wegner who will be taking over that round.

**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.



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### Message from the Church

I was very touched when both the local Church of England clergy sent me an email when Pope Francis died on Easter Monday. 17 days later Cardinal Prevost – now Leo XIV – was elected Pope by the College of Cardinals. Many of you will have seen the film Conclave. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, reports that the reality of a Conclave was nothing like Edward Berger's film. He writes: 'With 133 cardinals present, there was no rancour between us, nor any kind of politicking by which someone might have tried to promote themselves or block someone else. It was marked by fraternal unity and prayerful discernment'. Cardinal Nichols added that they were in total isolation from the outside world as they began the process of election; no mobile phones, computers or electronics and even his electric toothbrush was inspected by the officials! The prayerful discernment worked: within 24 hours Cardinal Prevost received the 2/3rd majority needed.

The new Pope is an American but served in Peru as a missionary in remote areas for many years. He speaks several languages, is a scholar, he exudes calmness and reassurance and wept with emotion in his first public words to the World's 1.4 billion Catholics. His first words were: 'Peace be with you.' Cardinal Nichols adds: 'Above all Pope Leo has a very gentle manner, although he thinks clearly and can be decisive. I have seen him resolve difficulties without leaving enemies behind him.'

Popes are appointed to be the Chief Shepherd of the Catholic Church, but in a way, to all Christians, following in the steps of St. Peter. He is called to 'bring the hope of the Gospel into the 'waters' of the world, to sail the seas of life so that all may experience God's embrace'. We priests are called to help him.

**Fr. Stephen**



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**Fr. Stephen**



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## For The Younger Generations

### **Bourton Vale Tennis Club**

#### **June Highlights and Summer Fun at Bourton Vale Tennis Club**

June kicked off in style with our annual Rose Bowl competition – a mixed doubles event with a twist! Using a handicap system where winners of each game start the next 15-love down, it levels the playing field and keeps things exciting for players of all abilities. It was a great afternoon of fun and friendly competition, and I was lucky enough to take home the trophy again this year!



We're now gearing up for something brand new – our first ever Parent/Adult + Child event, called Net Generation Doubles, taking place on Saturday 29 June. It's set to be a relaxed, family-friendly afternoon with grown-ups and kids teaming up on court. Non-members are very welcome, so if you're curious about tennis or the club, it's a great chance to get involved – just get in touch!

#### **Team News**

The Ladies' A team is putting up a strong fight in Division 2 and a couple more good results could see them secure their place for next season. The Ladies' B team, currently 6th in Division 3, has faced some tough opposition but remains hopeful for a strong finish to avoid relegation.

The Men's A team has had an impressive run and, with one match left, are sitting at the top of Division 3 – fingers crossed they finish strong! Meanwhile, the Men's B team remains unbeaten in Division 6 after seven matches and is firmly in the mix for promotion.

It's been a brilliant start to the summer – and there's more fun to come.

**See you on court!**

**Alex Peyton**



**THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL**

#### **A Message from the Headteacher**

As we approach the end of the academic year, The Cotswold School has been bustling with activity. From public exams and assessments to trips, talks, and celebrations, it's been a packed and exciting term. Looking ahead, we're preparing for a vibrant end-of-term with Enrichment Week and our highly anticipated Cadence Festival is just around the corner. We're also enjoying getting to know our new starters, as Year 7 and Year 12 induction events are now underway.

A huge congratulations to all students who have completed their public examinations this term - we're incredibly proud of your hard work and resilience. We hope you enjoy a well-earned, relaxing summer.

#### **Preparing for Year 7**

This is an exciting time as we begin to welcome the next generation of Cotswold students. Mrs King, Head of Year 7, along with other staff members, has been visiting local primary schools to support pupils with their transition. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7s on Tuesday 2nd September for their in-school induction day.

#### **Open Days and Evenings**

Looking ahead to 2026 or 2027? We would be delighted to welcome prospective families to our Open Mornings on Tuesday the 16th September and Wednesday the 24th September, and to our Open Evening on Thursday the 2nd October. Details can be found at [www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk).

#### **Sixth Form Open Evening**

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place in November - keep an eye out for more details in the autumn term.

#### **Cadence Festival**

Join us on Thursday 10th July, 5.30–9.00pm, for Cadence Festival - an evening of music, drama, arts, food, and celebration of our amazing school and community.

#### **PTA Car Boot Sale**

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#### **Old Cotswoldians**

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**Will Morgan, Headteacher**

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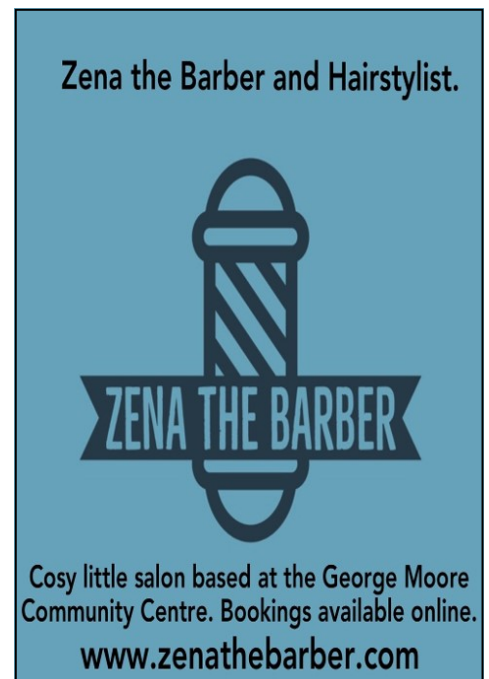
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## **Bourton Primary Academy**

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We have recently taken a photograph of the whole school, the first one since 2002.

Some of our children's parents were in the last photograph as well as several staff members as pupils. We are looking forward to seeing the final photograph in print!



We have taken part in tennis tournaments, cricket matches, athletics finals and even a few football matches as well in June. We are very fortunate to be able to take part in so many sporting events. Thank you to those many parents who help trans-



port our teams when they can!

Our Year 5 children have been very fortunate to go to Birdland this month to look at the evolution of animals. It was incredibly informative and the children really enjoyed being able to visit.

Thank you to Birdland for kindly supporting this trip.



FOBS hosted a successful race night, with Mr Jones back with us to auction the horses and Mr Major ran the tote! All of their current fundraising is going towards the restoration of the roundhouse. We are very grateful to all businesses and everyone in the community who has supported the race night and restoration, but we still have a way to go to reach the target. If you would like to support the roundhouse fundraiser, the link is on our school Facebook page! FOBS are organising a Summer Fete on July 5th at the school and all in the community are welcome to join us.

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**Mrs Tori Gainford**



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#### Roald Dahl Spectacular

Our Roald Dahl Spectacular included a performance of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by our fantastic year 4-5 group who conquered a very long and demanding play. Also a performance of 'James and the Giant Peach' by our Year 3's, who not only performed with confidence but also excitement as they sang the audience into the skies with balloons. These wonderful groups also performed a matinee show to their peers from the Bourton Primary School.



### The Vikings FC

Our incredible Juniors group did a stunning performance of Norman Hockley's new adaptation of Macbeth centred around a youth football team and the challenges of ambition and drive.



### 'Finding the meaning'

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We are, at the moment, in consultation with the council regarding whether we need planning permission to have a Memorial Bench placed by the river in Lansdowne. We have found a company, TDP, who make plastic benches that are a sustainable choice made from 100% recycled plastic and we think look excellent. If you would like to have a look, the link is as follows: <https://www.tdp.co.uk/product/peak/>

We are thinking of the 2000mm size bench so that you could seat 4 people, with either an engraving and/or a plaque in memory of George and Mildred. We may also need to consider having a bin sited beside the bench.

Once we know the final cost associated with the bench, including engraving, planning and installation costs, we can consider the best use of the remaining donated money. If there is sufficient left, one thought is to have one of the electronic 'Slow Down' signs installed where the RTA occurred, in the hope of preventing future accidents. We would be interested to hear your thoughts on any of this.



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Group meetings are held throughout the area in Moreton in Marsh, Stow on the Wold, Bourton-on-the-Water, Longborough and The Rissingtons

**Our next General Meeting, held in the Royal British Legion Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, from 2-4pm, is a members only Social Meeting, 'Upon a Summer's Day', with entertainment celebrating the long standing Folk Traditions of the UK.**

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



**Children's Clothing and Shoe Bank: A Rotary North Cotswolds Initiative**


We are launching a new initiative to support our local families in the face of cost-of-living pressures. Whilst the North Cotswolds is lucky enough to have a Food Bank, we are all aware that the price of clothing and shoes can be very high and children will insist on growing. To help families cope with the never-ending need to source clothing for growing families, we are starting a Clothing and Shoe Bank. We are placing a donation collection box in several schools in the area. Our local schools have been very responsive and enthusiastic about the project.

We would be grateful for donations of clean, good quality clothes and shoes. These boxes will be emptied once a week or as necessary by Rotary volunteers. The donations will be sorted into packages by age and gender and delivered to community workers and organisations for distribution to families who would benefit.

This is an important and much needed community project. Please support it with donations if you can and make others in the community aware.

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### Bourton Vale Horticultural Society – your friendly garden club

Well, be careful what you wish for. Plenty of rain in June which did knock the roses about a bit but at least we didn't have to spend hours watering. Village fetes and open gardens are springing up everywhere so let's hope the weather is kind for them.

June was the month for our annual outing and this year we went to a stunning private garden near Banbury. Pettifers was developed over 30 years from fields to a magnificent garden by the late owner Gina Price. We were given a talk and tour of the garden by the Head Gardener, Polly, who told us that whilst she is the head gardener there are in fact no other gardeners to help her. How she does it I know not, and not a weed in sight. In developing the garden Gina, (a non-gardener) sought advice from various experts but refused to take their advice to plant a hedge on the steeply sloping site – and we agree with her because the view without a hedge was fantastic.

Our competition of a buttonhole was won by Marie Russell.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, starting as usual at 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water when our speaker will be Roger Umpleby talking about "The wonder of wild flowers". The competition will be a Rose stem, cluster or single.

Happy gardening  
 Sheila Thorpe



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### Bourton-on-the-Water Probus



Our meeting on 10th June was a thought-provoking talk by James Love on the subject of "Why Civilizations rise and fall and rise again." He used a speech by a leading American expert to illustrate the factors that lead to the fall of civilisations. Obviously wars and conquest are one, but more importantly are the overuse and loss of natural resources, climate change, and, perhaps the most important, the elite that take everything for themselves with no consideration for the needs of the rest of the population. We have many examples of this in the world at present that most of us are well aware of! All in all, a fascinating talk that left most of us worrying for the future of our children and grandchildren.

The Bourton Probus Club is designed for retired men and women who are looking for interesting talks and social events. Do come to one of our meetings (advertised in the diary section) and see if you might care to join us. By attending a meeting you are under no obligation to join, as you may attend 2 meetings before deciding. Alternatively, contact our secretary Kevin Hick on 01451 860435. **Roger Harris**

### An Organised Voice for Bourton-on-the-Water Residents

I'm on record as saying that Bourton residents need an organised voice in the same way that Tourism businesses have a mouthpiece. I'm far from being alone in thinking this. Following some great conversations, it's clear there is an appetite for a safe space to give voice to concerns and interests of local people.

Some residents have also made it clear that many of you are fed up with overtourism, and its various consequences. But these are not the only issues that we face. Creating a forum for discussion of all of your concerns and interests is super important.

And over the next 2-3 years we face the dismantling of District Councils across England with Local Government reorganisation and the formation of super-councils or Unitary Authorities. In this new environment the role of Town & Parish Councils is likely to become much more significant. Residents deserve and need a strong voice in this emerging scenario. Now is a great time to start!

So, residents from within the parish, who are interested in making this happen, are invited to get in touch at [bourton-can@gmail.com](mailto:bourton-can@gmail.com).

Once those who are interested in being active in getting this off the ground have met, there will be further news about the next steps.

**Jon Wareing, District Councillor,  
 Bourton Village Ward**



**A huge thank you to all our amazing Volunteers!**



**Volunteers' Week was celebrated across the UK from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June this year and we wanted to take an opportunity to recognise and thank all those who Volunteer for Cotswold Friends and make such a huge difference within our community, we simply couldn't do what we do without them.**

Volunteers' Week is a national campaign that celebrates and recognises the diverse volunteer community in the UK by sharing stories, hosting events, engaging on social media and more to honour and inspire volunteers.

We now have just over 330 volunteers doing amazing things for us here at Cotswold Friends from as far north as Mickleton in Gloucestershire, all the way down to South Cerney near Cirencester. From helping run our Community Activities, driving clients all over the Cotswolds through our Community Transport Service, delivering our newsletters, creating amazing things at our Men in Sheds, Befriending clients in their homes, giving carers some respite through our Carer Wellbeing service, making & maintaining our beautiful Community Garden and so so much more.



We are always in need of more volunteers so if you've thought about Volunteering before and might like to find out a bit more about what opportunities are available with Cotswold Friends, please get in touch with our friendly Volunteer Team on 01608 697007 or email [volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org](mailto:volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org).

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## Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

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<https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk>

**Batsford to Blockley Circular – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Moderate 3.5hr 5.5ml.** A moderate walk from the edge of Batsford Arboretum via its church to Blockley where Father Brown is filmed, We then have a steep climb out of the village before descending back to Batsford Arboretum. Bring snack and drink for a break midway. Start: 9.30am Batsford Arboretum, Batsford, GL56 9AT. OS Map ref: SP 182 333. W3W: shuttled.chitchat.chest

**Walking the Ways 5 (of 5) – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Moderate 5.5hr 9ml.** The last in a series of circular walks exploring the Wardens' and Windrush Ways, which both end in Bourton-on-the-Water. On this walk we go to Lower Slaughter on the Windrush Way, before returning to Bourton-on-the-Water, Wardens' Way. We then explore to the east of Bourton using the Oxfordshire Way. There will be a mid-morning and a lunch stop, so please bring refreshments. Start: 10am British Legion Hall car park, Lansdowne, Bourton on the Water. £3 all day – cash only. OS Map ref: SP 165 208. W3W: tuxedos.dissolves.crowds

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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## Caravan and Motorhome Club Concert Band tours Bourton!

Our whole family (my wife, myself and our 13-year-old twins) play brass instruments, and we spend most holidays caravanning, so we jumped at the chance to join the Caravan and Motorhome Club Concert Band last year. The band are officially sponsored by the club. and consists of up to 50 musicians. Recently the band celebrated its 30th anniversary. The band meet several times a year for practice weekends and for public performances – which have included the club's annual Club-Fest music festival (sharing the billing with Jason Donovan and Scouting for Girls last year!), the Edinburgh Fringe, and tours as far afield as Belgium.



Little did we expect when we joined, that the band's main summer event for 2025 would be in Bourton, about a five-minute walk from home!

We're putting on two free outside public concerts in the village at the start of August, and one in St Lawrence's Church, playing a range of entertaining music for all tastes - including pop and rock arrangements, musical numbers, and for the Church concert our signature 'Last Night of the Proms' segment.

Please do make a note in your calendar and come and join us at any or all of our events:

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The awards opened for voting on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 and will close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, with the winners being announced on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at a ceremony to be held at the Cidermill Theatre in Chipping Campden.

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## Bourton Roadrunners

Bourton Roadrunners were out in force this week, with 21 members travelling to Cirencester Park midweek for this year's Cirencester **Summer Sizzler 10k**, part of the Gloucestershire AAA Road Race Series. It was Stephanie Lane who claimed the honours, finishing first female in a time of 38 minutes and 11 seconds. Alex Pye was the club's first male to finish, in a time of 37 minutes and 56 seconds. Also amongst the podium finishers was Niamh Shoemark, second in the FV55 category, with a time of 42:51.

Other Bourton finishers were Tim Carter 39:13, Darren Long 39:41 (MV50/3), Kevin Goodwill 40:14, Dougal Hamilton-Smith 40:24 (Personal Best), Rebecca Townsend 44:52, Maxine Emes 46:00, Iain Cox 47:47, Lisa Braid 48:24, Andy Peaston 48:40, Tony Goodwill 51:54, Gillian Howell 52:08, Graham Lane 53:13, Barry O'Leary 54:06, Claire Blackie 54:14, Allie Quinn 58:47, Janice Townsend 65:43, Imogen Cox 68:43 and Lynn Hudson 75:08.

Meanwhile, three club members took part in this weekend's **Leamington Spa Half Marathon**, which proved to be hot and hilly. However, this didn't appear to affect the performance of Danny Hannig who finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall in a fine time of one hour, 19 minutes and 31 seconds. He was joined by Allie Quinn and Louise Hamilton-Smith, who ran together finishing in 2:20:52 and 2:20:53 respectively.

Earlier in the week, Linda Edwards had travelled back to her roots in Newcastle, to take part in the **Blaydon Race** from Newcastle to Blaydon. Despite it being very wet and cold, 4500 runners took part on Monday evening, as a celebration of the North East's running community, local culture and heritage, and based on the famous 1862 Gordie song 'The Blaydon Races'. Linda completed the 5.8 mile route in a time of 57 minutes and 8 seconds.

**Louise, Gillian and John**



Stephanie Lane at Cirencester Park Summer Sizzler prize giving



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I currently live in Hampshire, so to arrive in Bourton every morning is wonderful, and I was drawn by its charm. I love my job, there's something special about watching visitors, especially children, light up when they see their first flamingo or penguin. That never gets old.

My role ranges from planning seasonal events and supporting the Living Collections team to overseeing daily operation. Under my guidance, the park has expanded its educational impact, introduced a new cafe, and continued to flourish as one of the Cotswolds' top attractions, and for the first time ever, is sending one of the team to Peru to support in-situ penguin conservation. Every day brings something unexpected, whether it's a surprise egg in the penguin enclosure or the screen arriving five minutes before our recent cinema night, you learn to adapt quickly!

Looking ahead, I am excited about future projects that will enrich the experience for both guests and birds alike and I am keen to involve the local community in future events and initiatives. Inclusivity is a big part of what I'm trying to achieve here, we have recently teamed up with Gloucestershire Deaf Association to provide BSL interpreted talks, It's important everyone has the opportunity to experience what we offer".

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