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DIARY DATES

- 1st Caravan & Motorhome Club Concert Band, **StLC**, 7pm, free.
- 2nd Panto Group Fete & Duck Races, The Green, 10am-4pm. See p. 13.
- 2nd Caravan & Motorhome Club Concert Band, free, Hawkstone Brewery, GL54 2HN. 3-5pm.
- 3rd Caravan & Motorhome Club Concert Band, free, The Green, 1.30-3.30pm.
- 4th FREE entry, Locals Only Evening at the Model Village, 6-7pm, 10% off meals, The Old New Inn, Rissington Rd. 01451 820467, or email enquiries@theoldnewinn.co.uk
- 4th & 18th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
- 5th Great Rissington Fete, **VH**, 9.30am - 4.30pm.
- 6th Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, join social group 2-4pm. Call 01242 221170, or email info@insight-glos.org.uk
- 8th & 22nd Dementia Friendly Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726. See p. 15.
- 9th & 10th Gift Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm. All welcome.
- 11th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. "AI" by John Handy. See page 19.
- 12th WI, Garden Party, members only. See page 17.
- 13th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 5.
- 13th u3a Scrabble, **GMCC**. 2-4pm. 7341 094206. peterdawson790@icloud.com
- 13th Horticultural Club. No meeting this

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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 2nd July 2025

Coach Parking, pick-up and drop-off: County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson updated that the Meadow Way drop-off and pick-up was still not in place as GCC Highways were waiting for SSE to move a cable so the required signage could be put into place. This will enable the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to be enforceable. Another four-week wait was anticipated. The coach bay road markings were already in place but not being used by coaches so it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Pulhams Coaches and Bourton Business Network to ask them to communicate to coach companies that the bay is available for use.

The six-month trial ETRO was originally planned for Easter 2025 but will not now start until August at the earliest. Cllr Hodgkinson will recommend to GCC Highways that the trial covers Spring 2026 to ensure that it can be properly assessed.

The proposed longer-term solution at the Cotswold School is currently not an option as funding is unavailable for their 3g sports pitch so the project cannot be progressed at present.

Co-Option of a new councillor: We are hoping to co-opt a new Parish Councillor at our 3rd September meeting – see separate advertisement for further details. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to apply. The deadline for completed applications is Wednesday 27th August.

VJ Day Commemoration Friday 15th August: Please join us on the Village Green from 9pm for a short ceremony, including the lighting of the beacon at 9.15pm, to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Victory over Japan, the final end of the Second World War.

Live streaming and recording of meetings: The Parish Council agreed in principle to purchase suitable equipment to enable live streaming of future meetings to encourage attendance by a wider audience. This facility will be advertised when available.

Parish Council Strategic Plan: A draft document was approved and will be the subject of a public consultation. Details to be advertised in the future.

It was agreed to send a request to Cotswold District Council to extend car parking charges at the Rissington Road car park after 6pm to maximise Tourist Levy income. In addition, to keep the Church Room public toilets open after 6pm.

Thames Water work to the pumping station and sewage treatment plant on the Rissington Road will not now be completed until the third quarter of 2026 due to bad weather hampering work last year.

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson's report included the following:

The Liberal Democrats have taken control of the County Council and Cllr Hodgkinson is now on the Cabinet for public health, communities

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- month, member's only garden party. See page 13.
- 13th & 27th Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 15th 80th Anniversary of VJ Day. Lighting of Village Beacon 9pm, The Green. All Welcome. See page 20.
- 16th Tayler & Fletcher, Fine Art, Vintage & Interiors auction, from 9.30am, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.
- 21st Probus Summer Lunch, 12 noon, Sherborne Arms, Aldsworth. P. 19.
- 24th Live Music Night, Old New Inn, Rissington Rd, 7pm. See page 3.
- 25th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**, Talk by a member. See page 19.
- 25th Bourton Rovers Football Club, Football in the River & Duck Racing, 11am-2pm.
- 27th u3a, **BLH**, 10am-12noon, Peter Ashbuner "Flog It". See page 6.
www.bourton.u3asite.uk
- 27th Board Games Night, The Old New Inn, Rissington Rd. Bring your games & opponents! We supply tables & snacks. Book a table or just turn up. 01451 820467, or enquiries@theoldnewinn.co.uk
- 28th Book Club Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Old New Inn. dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk
- 29th Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz, Jubilee Lodge, booking essential, 01451 823100 to reserve your place.
- 31st Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm 07980 080073.
- 31st Sunflowers Suicide Support Car Boot Sale, Manor Field, Station Rd, 10am-3pm.

Regular Weekly Bourton Events

Mon. "Old Sweats" Meeting, **BLH**, 10am—12 Noon, 07714 852364
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
See advert on page 3.

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. NB no meetings during August, restarting on 2nd September.

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



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Bourton Browser Team News


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

Corrections: We apologise for two errors in email addresses in the July edition.

'George and Mildred' article, re the late Bourton Geese, Keith Steer's email address is: ksteer1@btinternet.com

'An Organised Voice for Bourton Residents' article, re setting up a residents' organisation, Jon Wareing's email address is bourtoncan@gmail.com

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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The Bourton Browser Team

(including libraries) and fire services.

The Furrows estate highways and lighting has been formally adopted by GCC Highways so any issues should be reported on www.fixmystreet.com.

Water running down the road at Bourton Hill (The Steeps) has been causing some damage to the road surface. GCC Highways are liaising with a local landowner to get the matter rectified.

The 2012 Traffic Regulation Order banning coaches from the village centre can only be enforced by the Police and not the parking wardens, who can only ticket illegal parking on double yellow lines.

The Parish Council are reviewing issues with the parking warden's work schedule and will send a list to Cllr Hodgkinson for review with GCC Highways Parking.

There has been some missed emptying of bins on the Village Green due to CDC's contractor being short staffed. Residents should report missed collections via CDC's website, see link <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/report-a-missed-bin-collection/>.

The Library continues to be very popular and requires additional space.

District Councillor Len Wilkins (Bourton Vale) reported on district council matters, including:

Council Leader Joe Harris resigned as leader of Cotswold District Council and his deputy Councillor Mike Evemy was elected as his successor. Cllr Evemy formally took over as council leader at the Annual Council Meeting on 21st May.

The 4th June Town & Parish Council Summit on local government reorganisation highlighted that the role of town and parish councils was set to become even more important in meeting the needs of local people.

Updates to the National Planning Policy Framework have rendered CDC's Cotswold Local Plan 'out of date', meaning the Local Plan will require a full or partial update.

Have your say on local services: The government plans to reshape Gloucestershire's current structure replacing one county and six district councils with unitary authorities. Your feedback is crucial to show what matters most to residents, how well services are working, and how to make the new system run smoothly. Use the adjacent QR code to complete the survey or visit <https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk/engagementhq.com/>. Consultation deadline is 9th August 2025.



Police: Acting Inspector Philippa Moore's report highlighted

some incidents of car theft and recommended the use of Faraday pouches to protect keyless ignition fobs, as a preventive measure. The use of fraudulent £20 notes is a big problem, and a money scanner is recommended where possible.

LinkedIn: The Parish Council is growing its online presence! You can now follow us on LinkedIn to stay connected with your local community! <https://www.linkedin.com/company/bourton-on-the-water-parish-council>

Date of next meeting: 7pm on Wednesday 3rd September in the Windrush 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 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 or by phoning 01451 820712. You can visit the Parish Council website at www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk.

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

**Do you want to make a difference in your community?
Turn your ideas into actions? Improve your local area?
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 3rd September 2025. Applications are invited by the deadline of **close of business on Wednesday 27th 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 27th August deadline please.** Email clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk or phone 01451 820712.

THE OLD NEW INN 'Bank Holiday Sunday Sessions' Live Music on Sunday 24th August

Our final live music session of the year will be on Sunday 24th August! Laura and Chris will be playing plenty of acoustic hits in our restaurant and bar from 7pm, with the bar open until 10.30pm

The chefs will be cooking up some epic flatbreads from 7pm until 8.30pm - these are not to be missed.

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Daily, Join the Big Batsford Hedgehog Hunt! Find the hedgehogs hidden around Batsford Arboretum to win a prize! £3 per child, plus admission fees. www.batsarb.co.uk

1st-3rd Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza, South Cerney, GL7 5QD. Nostalgic celebration of transport & countryside Live music, retro fashion shows, free dance lessons, interactive vintage entertainment, charity dog show, falconry demos, rare breeds & rural skills. www.glosvintageextravaganza.ticketsrv.co.

1st-3rd Guiting Music Festival, Guiting Power. Details & tickets from: www.guitingfestival.org

4th-31st Summer of Play the Roman Way, Chedworth Roman Villa (National Trust), Yanworth, Chedworth, GL54 3LJ. 10am-4.30pm. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

9th The Village Market, Great Rissington Club, 10am-noon. Stalls, Bacon Baps, tea and coffee. Look forward to seeing you. Jackie Palmer, 01451 822285.

9th Family Fun Day, The Slaughters Country Inn, Lower Slaughter, GL54 2HS. 12 noon-5pm. Food, Bouncy castle, face painting, under-fives play area. Adults £20, Kids £10. www.theslaughtersinn.co.uk

9th-21st Crafting Activities for Children at Winchcombe Station. Free activities with a train ticket. 10am-3.30pm. 01242 621405. www.gwsr.com/events/go-wild-at-winchcombe---free-childrens-craft-activities-2025

10th Macbeth, open air Theatre, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. 7pm. www.sudeleycastle.co.uk/events/outdoor-theatre-twelfth-night

15th-17th Circus on the Farm, Cotswolds Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5FL. www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk

16th Family Fun Fete, Minster Mill, Minster Lovell, OX29 0RN. 12noon-4.30pm. Traditional rural fete, games, stalls, cakes, tombola, birds of prey, crafts. www.minstermill.co.uk/

16th-17th The Big Bark, a doggy festival! Cirencester Park, GL7 1UR. 10am-5pm. Lots of activities for your dogs, shopping, food, advice. www.adoggydayout.co.uk/big-bark-at-bathurst-estate/

17th Models & Collections, Combe Mill (in steam), Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, OX29 8ET. Tea room. Dogs welcome. Adults £9, Seniors £7.50 Children FREE. combemill.org See page 14.

23rd Teddy Bear's Picnic Family Day, Winnie the Pooh Theme, Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum (SOFO), Park Street, Woodstock, OX20 1SN. 12noon-4pm. Café, Picnic, outdoor activities & talk by bee keepers. www.sofo.org.uk/

25th 'The Rivals', Open Air Comedy Theatre, Naunton Dovecote, GL54 3AS. Gates open 2pm, bring picnic & seating. Show starts 3pm, Adults £16, Children £8. 07887 553571, 03306600541. www.bit.ly/Rivals-Dovecote See page 16.

27th-31st Salon Prive, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL. Luxury Car Show, 9am-10pm. Daily events, details: www.salonpriveconcours.com

30th-31st Cirencester Continental Market, GL7 2PP. 10am-5pm Sat. 10am-4pm Sun.



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 15th of the month**. No commercial adverts accepted for this section.

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Irene's Charity Knitting Circle

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 10.00am until 12.00pm at Willoughby Place, Station Road, Bourton-on the-Water, (opposite the Co-op Filling Station). Why not join us or just pop in with your knitting? Enjoy 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



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Greystones 10K Attracts 122 Enthusiastic Runners to Stunning Cotswold's Countryside



Our annual Greystones 10K Run, took place on Sunday 22nd June under sunny skies, as 122 runners laced up their shoes and took to the picturesque trails of the Cotswold's countryside. The event, known for its community spirit and different terrains, once again delivered a memorable experience for all participants.

Starting and finishing at Greystones Farm, Bourton-on-the-Water, the route wound its way along trails, open fields, and quiet country lanes. The event perfectly captured the charm and tranquillity of rural Gloucestershire.

From seasoned athletes to novices, participants praised the friendly atmosphere and well-organized nature of the event. The well-marshaled event meant the course was clearly directed and supported.

Comments from entrants included:

- "It was such a lovely course, and the organisation and friendly nature of the event made for a great day."
- "This is what running is all about being part of the community and the cost is so reasonable"
- "I'll definitely be back next year."

The fastest male finisher was Peter Carrick of Bourton Road Runners, who completed the course in a time of 40 minutes and 10 seconds. The top female runner, Sophie Wadsworth, who is not with a club, crossed the finish line in 42 minutes and 14 seconds.

Refreshments were provided in the café at the farm provided by the Ladies Rotary Group.

The organising team expressed their gratitude to everyone involved. "It's been a fantastic day. The weather held up, the

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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)

Darts - Pool - Events Venue

Check website for details

Scan QR for Events

turnout was excellent, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. We're proud to host an event that brings people together."

Our thanks go to Brio, our main sponsor, the Bourton Co-op and Tesco in Stow for the water and Bourton Road Runners for the loan of signs and kilometre markers.

John Barber

**PS, if you are reading this early enough,
don't forget our Duck Race and Tombola,
26th July, 10am-4pm, The Green.**



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

First of all, a big thank you to residents who have been in touch so far to offer active input as well as those offering words of encouragement and support.

Some of the stories you have shared with me are deeply concerning. It's disheartening that some of you are considering leaving Bourton because you've had enough of over-tourism and "living under siege". Some of you have also shared appalling experiences of threats and abuse from visitors.

Pause a moment. Shouldn't there be outrage that local people are feeling driven from their homes by the negative consequences of over-tourism?

Why are the majority of local Councillors unwilling to acknowledge over-tourism as a problem in Bourton?

When did tourism become this untouchable industry, free of sanction or regulation on numbers, acting with impunity to degrade our social, economic and natural environment for profit? When did it become ok to intimidate and shout people down if they voice their legitimate concerns about the negative impact over-tourism is having? And finally, why should people have to tolerate the shameful and heartless response from some quarters that if you don't like Bourton as it is today, you should move out. Addressing questions like these are a big part of the reason residents need a forum in which to be heard.

Please continue to get in touch at bourtoncan@gmail.com. I hope to provide more concrete news about the next steps in the next issue of the Browser.

And for those of us fortunate to be visiting as guests of other communities this Summer, either here in the UK or abroad, let's try to be respectful and responsible guests!

**Jon Wareing, District Councillor,
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(Groups underlined are recently formed **New Groups**)

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 Reading and Writing Poetry Quizzes
 Playing the Recorder or Ukelele
 Playing Scrabble Playing Skittles (in a pub!!)
 Country Walking Eating Sunday Lunch!
Walking Basketball Short Discovery walks
Watercolour Painting

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 monthly meeting is on Wednesday 27th August, 10am-12 Noon at the British Legion Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water, with Peter Ashburner talking about "Flog It".

or more details on all these topics, please go to:

www.bourton.u3asite.uk

Calling all retired or semi-retired citizens of Bourton area (we have a very relaxed definition of what comprises semi-retirement). I have 2 exciting new activity groups to tell you about.

The first is our Watercolour Art Group, led by experienced local artist, Judy Harden. They meet between 16.00 and 18.00 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, at The George Moore Community Centre, in Bourton. Some of our budding



artists have revealed hitherto unknown talent!

Contact Judy at judyannharden@gmail.com

The second is our Walking Basketball Group who meet on The Naught (behind the British Legion in Bourton) at 10.00 on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Our Coach and mentor is former PE teacher and Basketball Coach, Nick Adamson. I'm not sure Nick would say the same about unknown talent, but we are getting a bit better! We do have a bad weather location as well. All abilities and ladies or gents welcome at either group.

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Message from the Church

Over the years we have consistently heard how the church of Jesus Christ in the UK is in decline, that churches are empty and less people are coming to faith. We once called ourselves a Christian nation and our values were based on the bible yet somewhere along the way our hearts moved away from the one who came to show us God. Terrible things have been done in the name of Christianity that have not reflected its message and the truth of the gospel, the good news of Christ has been lost.

There is no doubt that the world is in a mess. Apart from all the global issues of wars and famines and natural disasters we have crises in mental health, loneliness, health issues but also a loss of hope. Depression and anxiety are often the order of the day. The bible gives us answers to all these things. It tells us all

the things that are going to happen good and bad but in the midst of it all we have a Father in Heaven who sent Jesus to redeem us and his Holy Spirit to live in us so that we can have a deep inner life and strength as we develop a relationship with God.

Despite negativity around church and faith the Bible Society has recently reported that there is a quiet revival in the UK. The decline in church attendance and people coming to faith in Jesus has stopped. There are now over two million more people attending church than there were six years ago across all generations, but the largest increase has been in Gen Z (those born between 1997 and 2012). May this revival continue to grow, and more people come to know and find faith in Jesus. **Rev. Sue Woodley**



The Benefice of Bourton with Clapton & The Rissingtons
For Pews News with information about all services in the Benefice:

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Email: admin@bourtonparishchurch.co.uk

All welcome on Sundays - 11am service every week

Other regular services: 6pm - Holy Communion with hymns - 3rd Aug

8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion - 10th and 24th Aug

BumbleBeez (parent and child group) every Thursday 9-11am -
still on over summer!

Things on summer break during August - back in September -

Together on Tuesdays restarts on 2nd Sept

Wednesday Communion at 10am - back on 3rd Sept

Breakfast Church back on 13th Sept

St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill @ 9.30am: 3rd Aug - Morning Worship
and 17th BCP Holy Communion



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Communion Sunday 10.30 am

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

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

Special Masses: Friday 15th August. Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemn Sung Mass 6 pm followed by a wine reception.

Young children: Every Sunday there is a special facility for young children from 3 years old upwards at all Sunday 9 am Masses. During the first part of the Mass, they have some simple teaching about the Gospel of the day and then they create or paint something to show the congregation what they have learnt. Non Catholics are very welcome. Phone or email Fr. Stephen for more information.

Fr. Stephen



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THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

A Message from the Headteacher

As ever, this term has been a whirlwind of activity and achievement. Alongside end-of-year exams and our fantastic Cadence Festival, students and staff enjoyed an unforgettable Enrichment Week with trips to the WWI Battlefields, Iceland, the Rhineland, Paris, Oxford, Silverstone and more - including a successful Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition.

Those who remained on-site embraced a vibrant programme of creativity, cookery, and sport - truly something for everyone. We're also hugely grateful to the many local employers, especially in Bourton, who hosted our Year 10 and Year 12 students for work experience. These opportunities are invaluable in helping our students explore future career paths and develop essential life skills.

Cadence Festival

Families, students and staff enjoyed a celebration of music, art, crafts, dance, design and technology, circus skills, student-led stalls, and much more at our Cadence Festival. It was a lovely evening showcasing the wonderful talents we have at The Cotswold School.

Thank You to Our PTA

A huge thank you to the PTA for their ongoing support, including our recent car boot sale - kindly sponsored by Harrison Hardie - which was a great success. We're so grateful to our volunteers and wider school community for their involvement throughout the year.

Looking Ahead

We're excited to welcome prospective families to our Open Mornings on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 24th September, and to our Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October. Details can be found at www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will be held in November - look out for more details in the autumn term.

Old Cotswoldians

Former students - stay in touch! Join our alumni network at www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/old-cotswoldians

To those joining us in September, whether in Year 7 or Year 12 - we can't wait to welcome you.

Wishing you all a happy and restful summer.

Will Morgan

Headteacher

www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/latest-news

The poster is for the Bourton Youth Club Seniors. It features a green background with a grid pattern and several colorful stars. At the top left is a logo for 'YOUTH CONNECTING THE YOUTH COMMUNITY'. At the top right is the 'BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL' logo. The main title 'BOURTON YOUTH CLUB SENIORS!' is in large, bold, blue and green letters. Below this, it says 'EVERY WEDNESDAY 7.30PM-9PM' and 'SCHOOL YEARS 7-SIXTHFORM!'. A list of activities is provided: 'ARTS & CRAFTS, NINTENDO SWITCH, BASKETBALL, SPORTS, GAMES, BRACELET MAKING, BAKING, COOKING, TABLE TENNIS, MUSIC, LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME & MORE!'. A quote states: 'A safe & fun environment for young people to attend with a variety of activities on offer!'. At the bottom, it says '£1 SUBS & TUCK SHOP' and 'Baden Powell Hall, Colletts Cl, Bourton-on-the-Water'.

Bourton Primary Academy

What an amazing end to the school year we have had at Bourton Primary. We have rounded off the year with an amazing day at the area athletics finals, bringing home an incredible 62 medals and smashing some records for sprinting. We had sports day which started with a whole school dance and Phoenix won for the 3rd year in a row. We had a fantastic day at The Cotswold Farm Park, a special thank you to FOBS and all of their generous supporters for subsidising this day and making it possible for the whole school to go. Our wonderful choir sang at The Cadence Festival and amazed us with their confidence to sing in front of parents, peers and pupils from The Cotswold School.

It is always a sad time of year when our Year 6 children leave, but we are confident that we have prepared them ready to continue their journey into secondary school. We wish them all well and hope they enjoy the challenges and rewards that come with moving through the year groups. They have been an amazing group of children to teach and we are very proud of who they have all become.

We have been very grateful to all members of our school community who have helped us over the last year, from all staff, governors, members of FOBS and to the many people who volunteer their time to listen to so many children at school read. We would also like to thank all of our parents for their continued support this year and we hope you all have a peaceful and relaxed summer.

**By Tori Gainford,
Deputy Headteacher**

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Bourton Primary School		820458
Bourton Road Runners Juniors	Chris Hartley/Richard Buffton	0772 0509894
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Bourton Rovers Youth (U10 Upwards) -	Catherine Williams	07889 694545
Bourton Rovers Youth (U9 & below) -	Amy Wright	07876 458571
Bourton Vale Cricket Club	Lucy Gillespie	07949 227128
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B'n Vale Equestrian Centre	Leanne Launchbury	821101
Bourton Vale Tennis Club	Kingsley Harris	07879 644218
	www.bourtontennisclub.org	
Bumblebeez babies & pre-school tots	Pat Taylor	07518 457652

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Youth Theatre	Sarah Dowie	sarah@cotswoldyouththeatre.co.uk

Bourton Vale Tennis Club

Smashing Success for Net Generation Doubles and Club Raffle

Bourton Vale Tennis Club held its inaugural Net Generation Doubles tournament in July – a new event pairing adults and children in a fun, family-friendly competition. The weather was kind, the turnout was fantastic, and the standard of tennis on display was nothing short of scintillating!



Congratulations to Bob and James Sterling, who were crowned champions. Dragos and Darius Goga finished as impressive runners-up, with Jacky Harding and Ary Denjoy taking third place, and Gwyneth Simmons and Anton Denjoy coming in fourth. A huge thank you to all who played, supported, and helped make the

day such a success.

After the trophy presentation, a special ceremony was held to thank outgoing club trustees Alan Outhwaite, Anne Fagg, and Dennis Fisher for their years of dedicated service. We're very

grateful to Dena Brumpton, Tim Hull, and Debbie Jagla for stepping into these important roles going forward.

The afternoon wrapped up with the draw for our club raffle, which raised an impressive £750+ for our floodlighting fund. Many thanks to Jacky Harding for organising the raffle, and to everyone who bought tickets and donated prizes.

It was a brilliant day – and especially heartening to see the younger players showing off their growing tennis skills!

Team News

The Ladies' A team is currently 6th in Division 2, needing a couple of wins from their last 3 matches to avoid relegation. The Ladies' B team is also 6th in Division 3 and facing a tough challenge in their final 4 matches.

The Men's A team sits 3rd in Division 3 and has all but secured its place for next season. The Men's B team is currently 2nd in Division 6 – promotion is within reach, but it's going to be close!

See you on court!

Alex Peyton



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A message from
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust –
Greystones Nature Reserve

In July, we released a statement outlining some of the changes we are looking to make at Greystones nature reserve in Bourton-on-the-Water to increase the size of rare grassland habitat, to better support Bourton's wildlife and to bring the community closer to our work.

You can read this statement and find out more on our website by following this link: www.gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk/greystones-farm-about

For this to be successful, we want to hear from you. We are hosting three drop-in discussions to share more about our plans, and to hear from the local community so that we can better understand what is important to the people of Bourton and surrounding areas. These events will be held at the following times:

Monday 11 August @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm: *The George Moore Community Centre, Bourton-on-the-Water*

Wednesday 13 August @ 2pm – 4pm: *Upper Rissington Village Hall, Upper Rissington*

Thursday 14 August @ 6pm – 8pm: *Guiting Power Village Hall, Guiting Power*

If you would like to get involved in the development of the reserve but are unable to attend any of these meetings, please contact Megan Adamou

(megan.adamou@gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk) who will ensure you are kept up to date and given the opportunity to have your say too.

Megan Adamou



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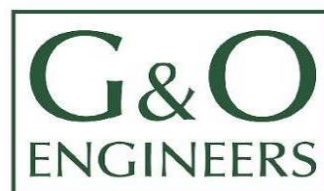
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Cotswold Youth Theatre

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Headspace

A Heartfelt Thank You from Headspace

We are overwhelmed by the incredible generosity shown by our community during Small Charities Week. Thanks to your amazing fundraising efforts, we raised an outstanding £5,020, which includes £2,500 of matched funding. This demonstrates your commitment to supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Your donations are making a real difference. This academic year, we have provided vital support across our three core services.

Where Your Money Goes

Counselling Services: We've supported 24 students through 402 hours of confidential one-to-one sessions, providing crucial mental health support when they need it most.

Wellbeing Groups: 55 young people have benefited from 148 group sessions totalling 296 hours. Our small groups engage in Bushcraft, Gardening, Craft, Cooking and Mindfulness activities, providing a safe environment to build confidence.

Mentoring Programme: Our newest service, launched in November 2024, has supported 10 young people through 112 hours of weekly mentoring sessions, plus 105 hours of commissioned mentoring. These sessions help young people set goals, make positive decisions, and build self-confidence.

It costs approximately £150,000 annually to run our services, and we rely entirely on grants and donations like yours to keep supporting young people. Despite our efforts, we still have over 40 young people on our waiting list, highlighting the urgent need for mental health support in our community. Every pound you've raised helps us continue providing these essential services and work towards reducing that waiting list, offering hope, healing, and practical help when it's needed most.

From everyone at Headspace, thank you for believing in our mission and supporting our young people.

For more information about our services, please visit www.myheadspace.org.uk

Paul Heming, CEO - Headspace
07748 965227

Lifeboats

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported our North Cotswold RNLI Fundraising Branch. We have had an amazing start to the year.

Some of our 'crew' had the perfect day out at Barry Dock Lifeboat Station where we were welcomed by the Coxswain and some of their lovely crew and volunteers. We are now part of the 'Barry Family'. We were able to explore their top of the range Shannon and even sit in their seats! Then fish and chips and ice creams before heading home on the 'Hedgehog' Mini bus.



A big thank you again to Sue and Tony for opening their relaxing and peaceful garden in Bledington raising £1008.

Our Duck Boat Racing Event on the 5th of July raised £2277.65. Thank you again to everyone who helped to make it such a success.

Thank you to the Co Op and Tesco for allowing us to collect with our buckets. We are always surprised by the local support and to hear stories from those who have benefitted from a rescue.



Thank you to Melissa and her staff for providing easy and friendly banking facilities in our village.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and stay safe if you are near water. Remember if you get into trouble 'float like a starfish'.

Call 999 or 112 if you see someone

else in trouble. Always swim between the red and yellow flags and stay together when in and around water

Anthony, our RNLI Community Presenter, is keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in one of his talks. He can be contacted at anthony.gerrard724@btinternet.com or phone 07496 626402. Julia, northcotswoldrnli@gmail.com

Panto Group

Here comes summer! So, Bourton Panto Group fete is taking place on the village green on Saturday, August 2nd! Our ducks are ready to race down the river, our puzzle queen has checked that the jigsaws are complete and ready for new "puzzlers" to enjoy, the book stall is heaving with bargain books and other delights are on offer! All our fundraising is to further our efforts to produce a pantomime in the village each New Year. This leads me on to express our grateful thanks to The Cotswold School for allowing our group a car parking day at their field last month. With enthusiastic roadside marshalling, a welcoming team on the field and beautiful weather, over a £1,000 was raised for our funds.

Now the group is focused on our forthcoming production of "Beauty and the Beast" by Limelight Scripts. Having heard the read throughs and taken auditions last month, we are now preparing the exciting next stage of the process. This is when the cast is set and the players can begin to develop their characters. In the past, I have enjoyed several shows on stage but now am happy to remain as part of the backstage support crew, helping to create the fantasy. We too are keen to begin bringing the ideas and wishes of the direction team to life on stage!

Still, it's early days and if, for whatever reason, you were unable to join us last month but have a hankering to see what happens in rehearsal or behind the scenes, do drop in to the Victoria Hall any Tuesday or Thursday evening (7.30pm), from early September! You will be made welcome and you never know, you may be on the verge of finding a new hobby!

Ann Chapman



Bourton Vale Horticultural Society your friendly garden club

Phew what a scorcher!!!

Despite hours of watering, vegetables and flowers are really suffering from weeks of scorching sun and unprecedented temperatures. And, just as the roses were looking better than for quite a few years, and despite all the deadheading, the flowers were over in a few days. There's still no sign of any significant rain and hosepipe bans are looming.

Our speaker at the July meeting was Roger Umpleby, an entomologist who, with some beautiful close up and very detailed photographs, gave us an extremely interesting talk and lots of fascinating facts about wild flowers throughout the year. Often reminding us of plants and the common names which many of us recollected from childhood. Also showing us that with many flowers (as with animals and birds) the male is the much "prettier". Unknown to most of us it appears that William Wordsworth's favourite flower was not in fact the daffodil but was the celandine. Wood anemones are an indicator of an ancient woodland and ivy is very important as it is the last food of the year for butterflies, moths and bees.

Our competition was for a rose stem and was won by Chris King.

There will be no meeting in August as it is our members' garden party and the competition will be a decorated hat.

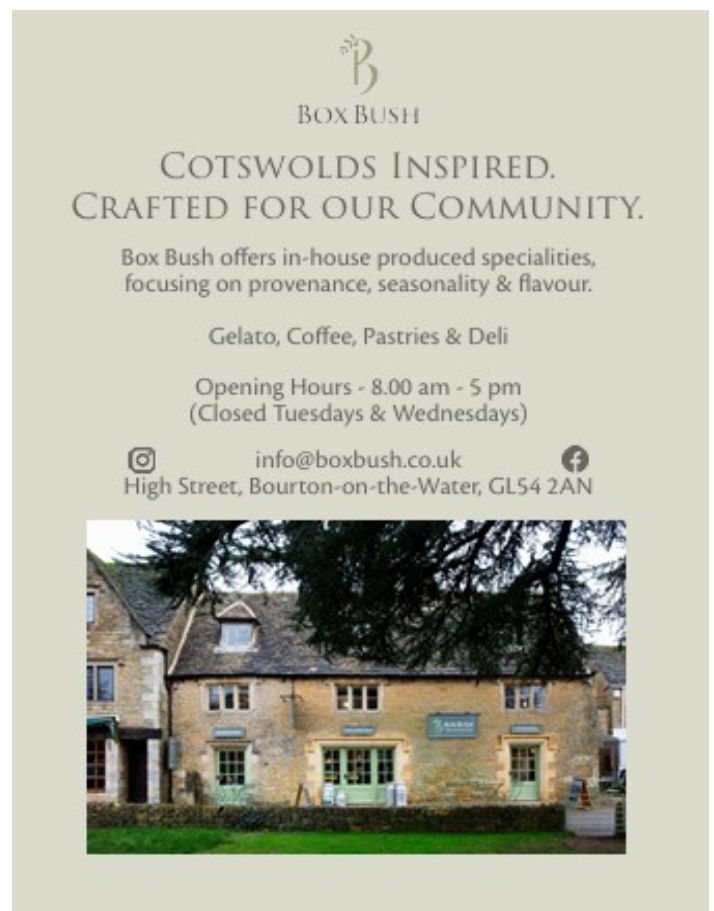
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Bourton Roadrunners

Opening what turned out to be a very busy and hot week, four Bourton Roadrunners headed to the village of Frampton upon Severn for the annual **Frampton 10k** road race. The Bourton team were led home by Alex Pye, looking comfortable



Steph Lane at Frampton 10k

throughout, in a time of 38 minutes and 31 seconds. Close on his heels was Steph Lane, who having finished first female at Evesham 10k the day before, had another strong race but had to settle for third female in a time of 38:50. Kevin Goodwill, had also raced just two days earlier, had a good run in 40:55, ahead of his father Tony in 53:47.

Taking on a the UK's biggest ultra-marathon along the ancient Ridgeway this weekend was Bourton's Danny Hannig at the **Race to the Stone 100k**. This gruelling event saw over 800 runners race towards the 5000-year-old Avebury Standing Stone, with Danny finishing fifth overall in a brilliant time of 9 hours, 48 minutes and 19 seconds.

Dougal Hamilton-Smith took part in the **Dorney Lakes Half Marathon**, finishing first in the under-20 category. Despite finding the going hard, Dougal earned a new personal best time of one hour, 32 minutes and 21 seconds.

A group from the club, together with their friends, travelled to Upton upon Severn for the **Triathlon and Duathlon**. Maxine Emes took part in the Olympic standard distance triathlon, comprising a 1500m swim, 42k cycle and a 10k run, where she finished first in the FV40 category and second female overall in a time of 2 hours, 38 minutes and 12 seconds. Also completing the Standard Distance race were Megan Ratcliffe – 3:17:40, Graham Lane – 3:44:20 (MV70/1), Tom Hill – 4:07:04 and Coral Feenan-Hill, who finished first in the FV60 category in 4:19:59. Bourton also submitted two relay teams in the event, comprising Casey Udell (swim), Gillian James (cycle) Lisa Braid (run), who finished first female team, and Jeanett Brew (swim), Jason Braid (cycle) and Allie Quinn (run). Meanwhile, Darren Long took on the Sprint Duathlon, which was a qualifying event for the 2026 World Championships. Darren finished MV50/4 in a time for 1:09:57.

Kevin Goodwill and Alistair Piper travelled to Sudeley Castle for the **Cotswold Maverick**, which offer a range of five off-road distances. Alistair Piper opted for the 45k distance, but despite

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finding it 'super tough', finished third overall in a time of 4:47:50. Meanwhile, Kevin took on the 50k distance, battling through 'absolute madness' for a finish in 6:55:37.

Melissa Samuel and Kaz Dean took part in the **Coventry Summer 10k** on Friday evening. With 34-degrees at 7pm in the evening, they both knew that it would tough going. Finishing in 95 minutes and 22 seconds Kaz said it was 'simply the hottest and hardest thing I have ever done, but a half marathon seems possible'. Melissa was hot on her tail in 95:23.

Louise, Gillian and John



Alistair Piper at
Cotswold Maverick 45km

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Dementia Friendly Café



Here we are, on our visit to Birdland. The penguins were certainly hot! We enjoyed a packed tea, courtesy of Edwardstow Court. We are thinking of another trip before the summer is out. We also arranged a quiz on 60/70s songs and had a real laugh!

Do come along for a cuppa and, of course, for advice if needed. We meet at the George Moore Community Centre, 2-4pm on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, see diary dates on page 1.

You will be very welcome

Bill Wragge

THANKS: to my real friends who helped with lifts and appointment journeys, after my serious accident on January 4th. It has been a long 6 months without being able to drive and thanks go to the cheerful Pulhams' bus drivers on my, nearly, 50 trips! You don't know what is ahead, so my considered advice is, CAPE DIEM, seize the day!

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Cotswold Friends empowers older & vulnerable people with the help of their Digital Champions

With the growing shift to digital platforms, many people are becoming digitally isolated and face serious barriers that can affect their quality of life.

Whether it's banking, online shopping, downloading apps or learning your way around your device, amongst many other things - the move to online services can mean something many of us take for granted, becomes impossible for those who lack digital literacy.

That's where Cotswold Friends is stepping in. Thanks to some funding and a partnership with The Digital Inclusion Gloucestershire Initiative (DIGI).



We are now able to offer both 1-1 support in people's homes across the North Cotswolds, group workshops and a new IT café that will be based in Chipping Campden.

Our amazing volunteer Digital Champions have helped people with sending emails, downloading apps, using Face ID, booking tickets and more at some of our most recent group workshops in Chipping Campden and Moreton-in-Marsh.

Our 1-1 Support with Cotswold Friends staff has helped those with varying levels of needs to find new, suitable housing, secure Blue Badges, and visit family abroad, amongst a myriad of other life-changing things. All of which help reduce loneliness and isolation and improve quality of life.

We are now looking forward to welcoming people with their digital devices and concerns to our next group workshop at Northleach Westwood Centre on Monday 8th September which runs from 10am – 12pm. It is free of charge, but we do

ask that you book your place by calling 01608 650219 or emailing support@cotswoldfriends.org

If you are interested in becoming a Digital Champion Volunteer we would love to hear from you! To find out more get in touch with our friendly Volunteer Team on 01608 697007 or email volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org

Bourton WI



Bourton WI welcomed a very interesting speaker this month.

Sally Church is a beekeeper based in Painswick. She has been keeping bees for 15 years and is very passionate about them.

There are four types: solitary bees, honey bees, miner bees and bumblebees.

Only the females sting and the queen is the only one who can sting more than once.

Sally obviously keeps honey bees. In the hive there is one Queen (the only one who can lay eggs) + female workers (who do everything else) + male drones (who don't) !

Who knew that most "boy bees" are chucked out of the hive by the "girls" in the winter to conserve food supplies!

Bees are certainly fascinating!

The next meeting is the annual Garden Party which is for members only.

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 Renshaw

Bindweed Rhyme



My family have always picked bindweed flowers and squeezed them to make the white flower jump out, but I am surprised how many don't know about this. We always say the rhyme "Grandmother, Grandmother, jump out of bed", whilst making the flower pop open as if by a spring.

I thought people working in a children's setting would be interested to know about it.

C. Taylor



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We're building a brilliant portfolio of performances and you can listen to all of the shows that we've broadcast by logging onto the Live in the Lockup page on cotswoldsradio.com and clicking on the links.

		
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We have fun, training sessions throughout the year, regular club nights, one ladies team and two men's teams. We also have a growing social calendar so if you're wanting to get active and make new friends, check out our website at www.bashc.co.uk for more information and to sign up.

Junior coaching starts at 6.30pm on Wednesday 10th September, with adults coaching starting at 7.30pm.

We are a friendly family club. If you are interested in coming along, look at our website, or you can always chat to our Chairman, Rhys, on 07817108970. Come along, and get active, and get social. See you on the pitch.



August

Whether it be hot or cold
A tradition our village will uphold.
Football in the river will be played
All kinds of skills displayed.
Don't sit too close is all I say!
As you will get water come your way .
A tradition over a hundred years old
Many a tale left to be told.
Once the game is complete
Everyone makes a quick retreat .
Some to have a cup of tea
While others, a pint or three.

Carol Groom



Bourton Probus Club



At our meeting on 14th July we heard David Head talking about the Russian Tsar's, from Michael in 1613 to Nicholas 2nd in 1917. We heard about the continual battles for succession and a number of corrupt and cruel Tsar's. We spent some time with Peter the Great, who really put Russia on the map as a powerful country and also Catherine the Great, who brought art and culture to Russia. We heard about inappropriate and unhappy marriages and the promiscuity of many, especially the female members! We came away realising that Russia today hasn't really changed since the 17th century, with corruption and cruelty still present.

The Probus Club is designed for retired men and women who are interested in hearing interesting talks and social events. We always welcome new members, and if you are interested, please come to one of our meetings (advertised on the diary page) or contact our secretary, Kevin Hick on 01451 860435.

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Birdland now oversees Lapwing species in European Zoos, and we have had

success with 2 species this year. The Blacksmith Lapwing from Africa are rearing 3 chicks (the first for a few years) and we also have the UK's only Southern Lapwing chick (from Argentina). The Southern Lapwings have been unsuccessful previously, so the chick has been fostered by our ever-reliable pair of Masked Lapwing, from Australia.

Also, in our African section we have had 3 Cattle Egrets hatch, as well as 2 Lilac Breasted Roller and multiple Speckled Pigeon. Another pigeon bred this year is the Australian Crested Pigeon, with 2 chicks hatching so far and another nest of eggs at present. In the same aviary our Grey Peacock Pheasants have had a chick for the 3rd year in a row.

Some of the rarer birds to breed this year include the Black Cheeked Lovebird from Africa and the Java Sparrows, recently installed as an EEP.

As I write, we have just hatched our first Greater Flamingo of the year. 2024, with 5 chicks, was our most successful year, however there is potential for a further 21 eggs hatching over the coming weeks. **Alistair Keen, Head Keeper**



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