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DIARY DATES

- 1st FREE entry, Locals Only Evening at the Model Village, 6-7pm, 10% off meals, The Old New Inn, Rissing-ton Rd. 01451 820467, or email enquiries@theoldnewinn.co.uk
- 1st, 15th, 29th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remem-ber **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
- 3rd Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, join social group 2-4pm. Call 01242 221170, or email info@insight-glos.org.uk
- 3rd Parish Council Meeting, **GMCC**, 7pm, all welcome.
- 3rd Tapas Evening, The Old New Inn, 6-8.30pm. 01451 820467 or email enquiries@theoldnewinn.co.uk
- 6th Bourton Scouts Group Fete, duck Racing, tombola, stalls, Scouting demos etc. The Green, 10am-4pm.
- 8th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. "Panama Canal" by David Head. See page 17.
- 9th WI, **VH**, 7pm. "The History of Jazz". See page 3.
- 9th Blood donor sessions, **BLH**, 1.10pm-4pm & 4.50pm-6.45pm.
- 10th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 5.
- 10th-11th Gift Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm. All welcome.
- 10th & 24th Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 10th u3a Scrabble, **GMCC**. 2-4pm. 7341 094206. peterdawson790@icloud.com

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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 News

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL



News from the Parish Council for September

There was no Parish Council meeting in August. Below are updates of activity over the month.

Coach Parking: Joint statement from Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council, Councillor Paul Hodgkinson (Gloucestershire County Councillor for Bourton and Cotswold District Council

Cabinet Member for Parking), Gloucestershire Highways and Bourton Business Network:

The coach parking trial in Bourton-on-the-Water is now under way, and we hope it will help ease congestion in the village and provide a practical, long-term solution.

Coaches are able to drop off and pick up at the designated point on Meadow Way, before parking at a Pulhams site on the industrial estate. Although the signage to formalise the drop-off point has been delayed, it is anticipated that this will be resolved soon. GCC Highways are progressing as quickly as possible to get this final element completed and this will be in place shortly.

In the meantime, the drop-off bay has been marked out, drivers are being asked to use the new arrangements, and parking enforcement is being increased to support the scheme's success.

Coaches should enter Bourton at the industrial estate junction and turn right onto Meadow Way to find the drop-off point by Jubilee Lodge, before turning right onto Station Road and onto the A429 back to the Pulhams site.

We appreciate that it's been a frustrating wait, and we want to thank residents and local businesses for their patience while GCC Highways got everything fully in place. We'll continue to monitor how the trial works in practice and make any adjustments as needed.

Bourton welcomes coaches which park safely and considerately and visitors who come to see our wonderful village whilst respecting local residents.

A second joint statement was issued to all coach companies and coach trade press from Bourton Business Network and Pulhams Coaches to advise the details of the arrangements for the scheme, including a map. The statement can be viewed on our website: www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk/news/

Please note that you can send feedback to GCC Highways on the above trial by emailing troconsultation@gloucestershire.gov.uk and copy in clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk

Have Your Say: Draft Strategic Plan 2025-28

The Parish Council invites residents and local organisations to share their views on the draft 3-Year Strategic Plan. This plan outlines priorities

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The *Bourton Browser* is run by volunteers & delivered monthly FREE to every household in the Village.

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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- 10th Horticultural Club, **BCH**, 7.30pm, Robert Bryant, "Villa Gardens of the Italian Lakes". See page 5.
- 12th & 26th Dementia Friendly Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726.
- 15th Rural Cinema, **VH**, 'Mad About The Boy' Bridget Jones, Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Rom Com. C15. 2hrs 5mins. 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments £1, served from 2pm & 7pm. Tickets £4pp (or £12 family of 4) on door. See page 3.
- 19th-20th Tayler & Fletcher, Fine Art, Vintage & Interiors auction, from 9.30am, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.
- 21st The Cotswold Festival of Motoring, Bourton Vale Cricket Club, 10am-4pm. See pages 6 & 20.
- 22nd Probus, 10am, **GMCC**, Talk by a member. See page 17.
- 24th u3a, **BLH**, 10am-12noon, showcasing our groups, chance to renew membership, opportunity to come & see what we offer. Everyone welcome. Free entry. See page 5. www.bourton.u3asite.uk
- 24th 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
- 25th Book Club Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Old New Inn. dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk
- 26th Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz, Jubilee Lodge, booking essential, 01451 823100 to reserve your place.
- 28th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm 07980 080073.

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. Restarts from 2nd September.
- Thurs. Flexercise, **BLH**, 10-11am. 01993 882350 kathy.kirk@live.com

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for the village across key areas including:

- **Community & Wellbeing**
 - **Environment & Sustainability**
 - **Infrastructure & Services**
 - **Planning & Development**
- Governance & Engagement**

View the draft plan online at www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk or pick up a copy from the Parish Council office, Post Office, Library, or Leisure Centre.

Send your feedback via the online form, email clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk, or drop it off at the Parish Council Office, The George Moore Com-

munity Centre.

Deadline: 30th September 2025

Your input will help shape the future of our village—thank you for taking part!

Annual Governance & Accountability Return and External Auditor's Report 2024-25: This is now complete and information can be viewed on our website here <https://www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk/the-council/agar/>

Cemetery Lane Allotments site wins first prize in the Moreton Show Allotments Competition: Huge congratulations to all the dedicated allotment holders whose hard work and care have kept the plots well maintained and brimming with fresh produce and vibrant flowers. Well done!

Date of next meeting: 7pm on Wednesday 3rd September in the Windrush Room at the George Moore Community Centre.

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

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAFE

Just to confirm that we meet at:

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH,
2pm till 4pm second and fourth Fridays.

Do come for a chat, all welcome.

Bill Wragge

Bourton WI



Bourton WI enjoyed the annual garden party on Tuesday, (although the description 'garden party' was stretching things slightly!)

The day was so hot that we were thankful to be in the lovely Coach House in Clapton-on-the-Hill. Not only were we shaded from the sun but the views were amazing.

We enjoyed a selection of filled bridge rolls, scones, strawberries and cream. We also kept hydrated (as per official advice) with lots of tea and water. A good time was had by all.

Our speaker next month will be talking about the History of Jazz.

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 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.

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, see 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!

team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk

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The Bourton Browser Team



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VJ Day Commemoration Beacon Lighting

15th August 2025

The beacon-lighting event on the Village Green was well attended. Rev. Hannah Allen read out a Tribute prior to lighting the beacon. We remembered those who served their country or gave their lives at home and abroad, and whose sacrifice enables us all to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today. A big thank you to all who participated in the evening's event.

Cllr Andy Roberts



Rural Cinema

The time is right for me to step back from Rural Cinema after 21 years. Thanks to John Gadon, and Ray and Susan Dodd, we bought the cinema to Bourton. These days with matinee and evening showings there are not so many are in the audience and no visitors from abroad. We have lost some of our wonderful actors like Maggie Smith and Jack Nicholson.

The profits from rural cinema have been put back into the community. The first was to buy a large screen as a gift to the Victoria Hall and we have helped The George Moore Community Centre and clubs for the younger and older residents.

Please will you support your Rural Cinema Team who are all volunteers and are keen that the Bourton community continues to have a monthly cinema on their doorstep.

I have had a wonderful time meeting so many people over the years and will be in the audience now and again.

Mollie Wise



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Mondays - Yoga for All, 9.30-10.30am, Pilates 10.35-11.30am, Wyck Rissington Village Hall. 07950 424037 Enquiries: franyoga@rocketmail.com

1st-7th Celebration of Katherine Parr at Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. Free entry for all Katherine's & Catherine's, bring proof of ID. www.sudeleycastle.co.uk

5th Jazz Dynamos, Northleach Church, 7.30pm - jazz rearrangements of 1970s and 1980s hits. Tickets at www.northleachevents.co.uk

6th Moreton Show, Showground, Batsford Road, Moreton in Marsh, GL56 0AB. 8.30am-5.30pm. Tickets 01608 651908 www.moretonshow.co.uk/

12th-13th Beer & Cider Festival, Moreton in Marsh Cricket Club, 11am-11pm, £4pp. Camping & parking. CAMRA members receive beer token allowance. www.northcotswoldcamra.org.uk

13th Recital by international organist, Suzanne Ozorak, Northleach Church, 5.00pm. Tickets at www.northleachevents.co.uk

14th Kate's Home Nursing Cotswold Rally, a scenic, puzzle-filled drive through the Cotswolds, raising funds for this special charity. For full details please see article on page 13.

18th John Doe Trio, blues, rock & Americana, Merrymouth Inn, Stow Rd, Fifield, OX7 6HR. 01993 256620. See advert below & article opposite.

18th-21st Blenheim International Horse Trials, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL. www.blenheimpalace.com

20th The Village Market, Great Rissington Club, 10am-noon. Stalls, Bacon Baps, tea and coffee. Look forward to seeing you. Jackie Palmer, 01451 822285.

21st Combe Mill In, Steam 'Crafts & Skills'. Oxford Guild of Spinners, Weavers & Dyers, Al's Owls, Market Stalls & Swindon Classic Car Club, Refreshments. Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, OX29 8ET. Dogs on Leads welcome. Parking free. Adults £9, seniors £7.50, children FREE. 10.30am-4.30pm.

26th Rissingtons Local History Society, Visit to Sezincote - 200yr old Mogul Indian Palace, 2.30pm. A private tour of the house set in a romantic landscape of temples, waterfalls, grottoes and canals reminiscent of the Taj Mahal. 07815 606770 / information,RLHS@gmail.com

26th-28th Malvern Autumn Show, Three Counties Showground, Malvern. Plants, giant vegetables, crafts, antiques, vintage tearoom & dancing, animals, fun fair, food hall etc. www.malvernautumn.co.uk 0344 338 5400.

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News from The Merrymouth Inn

As many of our regular visitors will be aware, we took the decision last October, following dear Rachel's budget, to temporarily close the daily food and drink business on April 13th, as the new employment regulations, N.I. hikes and increases in Small Business Rates Relief came into play. This all conspired to plunge the hospitality sector into a huge downward spiral.

Running businesses in a severe recession is all about diversification and building stable sustainable revenue streams (you need more than 3 legs on the stool!!) so:-

- We have spent the last few months concentrating on growing our very successful accommodation and thriving events businesses.
- We are also working extremely hard on the second phase of renovation and improvement of our lovely 13th & 16th century building.
- This will set us up to re-open the bar & restaurant in the coming months in the total confidence that we can grow the business through any downturn.
- And to answer a few questions from the many, many people who have kindly enquired:

Yes - The Carvery will be back bigger and better soon.

No - A certain local celebrity did not visit the Merrymouth Inn with a plan to buy and it is NOT FOR SALE.

Yes - The live Blues, Rock & Roll & Jazz nights are back on 18th Sept with a full line up for 2026.

Yes - We are open for Parties, Events and Occasions and have a number booked over the next month or so, some running a private Carvery.

Along with a full complement of sports nights, we have a full programme and will publish this soon on our website www.cotswoldmerrymouth.co.uk.

Best wishes from Wendy, Andy, Charlie,
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Bourton Vale Horticultural Society

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What an amazing summer! Heatwave after heatwave! Now we need lots of lovely gentle rain before everything gives up the ghost. Having said that, I've had a bumper crop of tomatoes and damsons and the cucumbers just keep coming. However, my rocket was destroyed by flea beetles and my spinach (even the perpetual) keeps bolting.

We had no meeting in August. Instead we had a fantastic members' Summer Garden Party. Held at Little Rissington Manor, our host Michael Sterling told us some interesting facts about the house and garden and then gave us free rein to explore the garden. This was followed by a delicious afternoon tea which we enjoyed in the shade of a marquee which Michael very kindly had erected to save us from melting on yet another very hot day.

Our competition of a decorated hat was won by Chris King with a very fetching number.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 10th September, starting at the usual time of 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall in Station Road, Bourton, when our speaker will be Robert Bryant, talking about Villa Gardens of the Italian Lakes. The competition will be Flowers in my garden. Do come and join us. Just £3 a visit.

Keep up the rain dancing!

Sheila Thorpe

07973 391741

sheila@bobblefarm.co.uk



Hartwells the Ironmongers

As our lovely summer comes to an end, I am thinking more and more about my last days at Hartwells. Because the building is being sold, we will be closing completely at the end of November, and there will need to be a closing down sale, probably starting on November 1st.

In the mean-time, there seems to be an awful lot to do, and we will soon be starting to clear certain seasonal items. From the 1st September there will be a 10% discount on all items for the garden or for out-of-doors.

Eventually, we will be selling our fleet of hire bicycles, so please bear us in mind if you may be interested.

The whole process of closing the business after 200 years is very sad, but we're greatly cheered by your continued support & kind words.

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Playing Scrabble Playing Skittles (in a pub!!)
Country Walking Eating Sunday Lunch!
Walking Basketball Short Discovery walks
Watercolour Painting

Our next General Meeting, held in the Royal British Legion Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water is on Wednesday 24th September, from 10am to 12 noon, when we will showcase those Groups seeking new members. This is an ideal opportunity for prospective new members to come along and have a chat to our Group Leaders, many of whom will be in attendance, eager to answer your questions!

We will also be happy to take members annual renewal payments.

Everyone welcome (Entry Free!)

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

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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**



The Cotswold Festival of Motoring 1965 2025

Rolls into Bourton Vale Cricket Club

A Family-Friendly Celebration of Automotive Excellence – Sunday 21st September 2025. Sponsored by Brio Retirement Living - Beechwood Park.

Picturesque Bourton Vale Cricket Club will once again echo with the sound of engines and excited conversation as it hosts the much-anticipated Cotswold Festival of Motoring on Sunday, 21st September 2025. One of the Cotswold's most enjoyed motoring events, the festival brings together classic cars, supercars, vintage vehicles, and a passionate community for a day that celebrates all things automotive — with families firmly at its heart.



A Day for Everyone

The Cotswold Festival of Motoring is designed to delight both die-hard car enthusiasts and those simply seeking a joyful family day out. Guests will be treated to a dazzling display of classic and modern vehicles, from a 1920 vintage Rolls Royce to 21st century Ferraris brought along by their enthusiastic owners happy to share stories about their ownership experiences. Alongside the main exhibition, families can enjoy a variety of activities including children's activities, live music, delicious food, and stalls. There's even a free climbing wall thanks to JWORX

How to Buy Tickets

Discounted tickets for the Cotswold Festival of Motoring are available in advance from www.ticketsource.co.uk/rotary-club-of-the-north-cotswolds - follow the QR code

A range of ticket options are on offer, including family passes at a discounted rate, ensuring that visitors of all ages can partake in the festivities without breaking the bank. On the day, entry at the gate is possible subject to availability, but pre-booked tickets guarantee



access and help organisers plan a seamless, safe event.

Make It a Family Day Out

Beyond the vehicles, the festival is a celebration of community spirit. With plenty of open space for picnics, accessible facilities, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere, the Cotswold Festival of Motoring at Bourton Vale Cricket Club promises a memorable day for all. Mark your calendars for 21st September 2025 — and start your engines for an unforgettable Cotswold experience!

John Barber

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Sunflower Week

Thank you to everyone who took part in Sunflower Week. Amazingly, after 27 venues taking part in last year's Sunflower Week, this year 42 took part, including the churches.

Results of the Shop Window Competition:

- First Place - The Yarn Shop
- Second Place - Willows
- Third Place - Box of Delights

Including the money from our duck races, we raised £1429.50 for Sunflower Suicide Support. A BIG thank you to everyone.

Carol and Fraiser

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Message from the Church

Once again we find ourselves in September, the month of changing seasons. As we welcome Autumn, the leaves begin to change colour and the harvest is gathered in. A season of next steps and new starts for children as they start school or begin a new term at college or university, and indeed for all those of any age beginning anything new.

New starts often come with a sense of anticipation of what might be ahead. Who might we meet? What will the challenges be? Or even, have we made the right choice?

The ancient idea of pilgrimage is one of a journey, interspersed with different stopping points along the way. to stop and take stock, refuel or even change direction. You may have seen the BBC television show Pilgrimage in which a group of celebrities spend a couple of weeks walking an ancient route of pilgrimage together as they reflect upon their lives so far - the ups, downs and things in which they have found the most meaning.

On our own journey or pilgrimage through life, whatever path you are walking at the moment or whatever next step is before you, may you know it to be one you share with God who loves us and never deserts us, no matter what.

In this parish, the church of St James, Clapton on the Hill, is a member of the Small Pilgrim Places network. It is open every day, and you are very welcome to pop in for peace wherever you are on your journey. **Rev. Hannah**

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6pm - Holy Communion with traditional hymns - 7th Sept

Breakfast Church - Saturday 13th Sept - 9am start

Together on Tuesdays - Lunch Club 12-1.30pm every week - all welcome

BumbleBeez (parent and child group) every Thursday 9.30-11.30am

St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill: Morning Worship on 7th | BCP Holy Communion on 21st Sept



The Water Church/Bourton Baptist Church

Minister: Rev Sue Woodley

Manse: 01451 820055

Mobile: 07828 781246

Church Office: 01451 824225

E-mail: minister@bourtonbaptist.co.uk

Sunday Morning Service 10.30am with Wavemakers Children's Ministry

Cafe' Tots returns Wednesday 3rd Sept 9.15am

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Saturday 13th **Coffee morning** 10-12

Saturday 20th **Network 828** British Legion 7pm

This month we are celebrating harvest and our 375th church anniversary

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

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

Westcote Methodist Church

An active Fellowship meeting weekly for Sunday Worship at 11am. Also meeting Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm in term time for Bible Study, testimonies and teas for local charities.

For more details contact Tony Gibson, **01993 830699** or

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Our website is updated monthly,

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For The Younger Generations

Bourton Primary Academy

We would like to welcome all of our new starters to our wonderful school. We hope you all settle in well, whether you are starting your school journey in Reception or joining us part way through your school years.

As we begin the 2025/26 school year, we would like to thank everyone who supported our fundraising efforts to rebuild the school's roundhouse.

Originally built in 2001 to mark the site where the remains of an Iron Age girl were discovered during a school extension excavation, the roundhouse had fallen into disrepair and was no longer safe to use.



In addition to their annual fundraising, FOBS took on this ambitious project—securing grants, leveraging corporate partnerships, and rallying the community through a GoFundMe campaign. With the generous support of The North Cotswolds Rotary, The Free Hospital Trust, 2000 Trees Festival, local businesses, and many individuals, £4,329 was raised to complete the work.

FOBS consulted experts to find the skilled artisans needed. Master Thatcher Dan Quartermain and Coppice Craftsman Anthony Brown worked together to design a structure faithful to Iron Age specifications. Toward the end of term, some children had the unique opportunity to help Anthony mix and apply wattle and daub to the new walls. Over the summer holidays, the restoration was completed.

When the children return this Autumn, they will be greeted by a beautifully restored roundhouse. It will feature in our history lessons, and FOBS plans to invite the artisans back to share

their craft, giving the children an even deeper connection to this remarkable project.



We would like to give a special mention for Jenn and Jo from FOBS for putting it altogether and making it work as well as a big thank you once again to our local community for making this possible.

**Tori Gainford,
Deputy Headteacher**



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

Outstanding A Level Results

Students at The Cotswold School have once again achieved exceptional A Level and Level 3 Vocational results this year. An impressive 75% of grades were awarded A* - B, with over 45% at the highest A* or A grades. Many of our students will now move on to universities including Cambridge, Bristol, Durham, Cardiff, Bath, Exeter, Manchester, and UCL, pursuing a diverse range of subjects including medicine, engineering and computer animation.

We are immensely proud of every one of our students and wish our leavers every success as they embark on the next chapter of their journey.

Open Mornings and Open Evening

We warmly invite you to come and see our school in action at our forthcoming Open Mornings and Open Evening. These events offer the chance to explore classrooms, try out practical subjects, and meet our dedicated staff and students. If your child is moving up to secondary school in 2026 or 2027, we

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Bourton Primary School		820458
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Bourton Rovers Youth (U9 & below) -	Amy Wright	07876 458571
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B'n Vale Equestrian Centre	Leanne Launchbury	821101
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Youth Club	Lynda Hicks	07867 121122
Youth Theatre	Sarah Dowie	sarah@cotswoldyouththeatre.co.uk

would be delighted to welcome you on September 16 and 24 from 9.30am - 12.30pm for our Open Mornings, or to our Open Evening on 2 October from 5.30-8pm, with the Headteachers address at 7.30pm. Please visit our website for further details and to register: www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk

Sixth Form Open Evening

Looking further ahead, our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 13 November. This is a valuable opportunity for Year 11 students and their families to discover more about the wide range of post-16 pathways we offer. Each year, many of our Year 13 students progress to prestigious universities, including Oxford and Cambridge or choose to pursue degree apprenticeships and other high-quality vocational routes.

We encourage you to join us to explore our facilities, meet subject specialists, and hear directly from current Sixth Form students about their experiences.

Will Morgan
Headteacher

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Bourton Vale Tennis Club

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With junior coaching taking a break for the summer holidays, it's been a little quieter on court – but not for long! The Junior Club Championship is set for Saturday 7 September, and we're looking forward to what could be a record turnout.

Although our membership year runs from April to March, we welcome new members at any time. Visit our website:

clubspark.lta.org.uk/BourtonValeLawnTennisClub for details.

We offer a range of packages including Junior, Adult, Adult with Child, Family, and Winter (six-month) memberships.

Junior membership is just £35 a year (or £25 if taking coaching lessons), incredible value for year-round court access!

Team News

The Ladies' A team will finish 6th in Division 2, and the Ladies' B team 6th in Division 3, with both sides unable to avoid relegation this year. We're confident they'll be back with more competitive matches next season!

The Men's A team wrapped up their season in 3rd place in Division 3, a solid result that secures their spot after two consecutive promotions. The Men's B team, in their debut league season, currently tops Division 6, but with Minchinhampton D close behind and matches in hand, they may be edged into second – which still means promotion! An outstanding achievement for a team made up largely of league newcomers.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for the Winter Mixed League, with two teams set to compete from September/October.

See you on court!

Alex Peyton



Did you know that some Bourton Businesses give residents a local discount? We have compiled a list of them below 😊

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Cotswold Youth Theatre

Arts Summer Camp 2025 – The Creativity, Colour, and Laughter!

We've just wrapped up four incredible days overflowing with imagination, exploration, fun, and joy – and what an amazing journey it was!

A huge thank you to our brilliant visiting artists –The Box House Theatre, Ellie O'Toole, Nellie's Flowers, and Flora Fiora & JJ– for sharing their talent and inspiring us all.

Massive gratitude to the Victoria Hall Committee, our amazing youth leaders Ava, Sophia, and Danika, and the wonderful Frankie Neville for helping us bring the camp to life and keep the creativity flowing.

Follow us on socials to see the creativity, colour, and laughter from our camp: [@cotswoldyouththeatre](https://www.instagram.com/cotswoldyouththeatre)

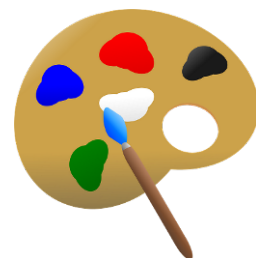
We're also bursting with pride! In our July LAMDA exams, CYT students achieved an incredible 26 Distinctions and 9 Merits across a variety of levels. Our performers shone in Acting, Shakespeare, Public Speaking, and Devised Performance – a true celebration of talent and hard work!

Great News! – We're keeping our Arts Award offer at the discounted price for the Autumn Term! All information is available on our website or by emailing

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Don't forget! Bookings for our Autumn Sessions are now open – secure your spot today! www.cotswoldyouththeatre.co.uk

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

Cleeve Hill searching for lost landscapes - Tuesday 2nd September – Moderate 3hr 6ml. From the car park we walk west to drop down into the Butterfly Park before climbing up onto Cleeve Common on the Cotswold Way. After admiring the views across the Vale of Severn from the toposcope we return via the radio masts back to the start. Bring a snack/drink.

Start: 9.30am Wardens Wood car park (West Down). Approach from either Brockhampton or from the A40 via Whittington & Syreford. OS Map ref: SP 009236. W3W:refills.phones.newer

A Walk around Nottingham Hill– Tuesday 30th September – Moderate 2.5hr 5ml. We start with a couple of ascents on grassy tracks before following the paths through the wood and fields on the side of Nottingham Hill. Then we descend to lower paths for the return. The climbs are rewarded with great views across the valley to the Malvern hills and beyond. Please bring a snack/drink. Start: 10.00am Apple Tree, Stockwell Lane, Woodmancote. Please park at the far end of the car park.

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Combe Mill a late 19th Century Restored water mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode. All machinery will be running 'In Steam'. Volunteers will be on hand with lots of interesting information. Come along and see the Blacksmiths in the forge, you might just be able to make a poker.

Tea room will be open, BBQ, Gift Shop, Raffle & Tombola. Dogs on Leads most welcome. Parking free. Adults £9.00, seniors £7.50, accompanied children FREE. Open 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Ever thought of volunteering at Combe Mill? Come to a steaming event when you will see where you have an interest and can join the 'Team'

Also open every Wednesday for 'self-guided tours' with volunteers around. Adult's £5.00 senior's £4.00, accompanied children FREE. Tea Room open if you would like to call in for refreshments, Cream Tea, Cake, Ham roll, coffee and soft drinks.

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www.northcotswoldcamra.org.uk

Rev Up for Kate's Cotswold Rally 14th September 2025

Get ready to hit the road at Kate's Cotswold Rally - a charity motoring adventure like no other.

Kate's Cotswold Rally is generously held by Manfred Schotten Antiques to raise money for Kate's Home Nursing.

This isn't about speed, it's a scenic, puzzle-filled drive through the Cotswolds, where you'll follow a route based on accurate mileage, tackle treasure-hunt questions, and collect points through light-hearted games. Bring along your classic, quirky, or everyday car.

What matters is your sense of fun and team spirit!

Event Details: Date: Sunday, 14th September 2025

Start: The Feathered Nest, Nether Westcote – arrive at 9:30 am for a welcoming breakfast of fresh pastries, tea, and coffee.

Mid-Rally Pit Stop: Enjoy refreshments at The Old Rectory, Upper Swell—just the boost you'll need before heading out again.

Finish Line & Feast: End the day at The Classic Car Hub in Abington, a paradise for car lovers, and celebrate with a gourmet lunch by award-winning chef Matt Weedon.

Entry Fee: £180 per car (includes driver, co-driver, breakfast, pit-stop refreshments, and lunch). Spaces are limited - book early to avoid disappointment.

Whether you're in it for the love of motoring, the challenge of the route, or simply a fun day out with friends, this rally promises laughter, surprises, and memories to last long after the engines stop.



For more information or to book your place, please go to: www.cotswoldrally.com. There is also a Just Giving page, where you can make a donation at: www.justgiving.com/page/cotswold-rally-2025

Bourton and Sherborne Hockey Club

We start hockey coaching and training soon – come along on the 10th September for a taster session. We have two men's teams, a ladies' team, and junior teams. We play at the Cotswold School new astro.



Our first session is completely free, and starts at 6.30pm for the juniors and 7.30pm for the adults.

We have coaching and training sessions throughout the year and 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.

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 or email admin@bashc.co.uk. Come along, and get active, and get social. See you on the pitch.

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Here are a few ways to help them thrive:

- **Adopt a business for the month** – Pick one shop, café or maker you love and commit to buying from them regularly. Even small purchases add up over time.
- **Swap skills, not just cash** – Offer photography, bookkeeping, social media know-how or even gardening in exchange for goods, vouchers or simply the joy of helping.
- **Borrow the tourist mindset** – Take a slow stroll, browse, and visit places you usually pass by without a second thought.
- **Host a "shop local" dinner party** – Source every dish from local businesses, then share your supplier list with guests so they can do the same.
- **Give the gift of local** – Ask about gift vouchers for thoughtful, community-supporting presents that keep money circulating nearby.
- **Be a 'rainy day' regular** – Visit on quieter days or when the weather's grim. You'll be welcomed, and your spend will be noticed.



For more ideas, Cotswold Collective is the community-led rewards card giving members perks and discounts at over 350 businesses across the Cotswolds, including Bourton favourites Cotswolds Distillery, BOHO House, Reflexology with Chrissy, Soul Bowl and Wild Thyme.

Special for Browser readers – get your first year's membership for just £10 (usually £30). Visit www.cotswoldcollective.co/membership/ - use coupon **BROWSER10** at checkout and hit

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Jacqueline Randall, Co-Founder, Cotswold Collective



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BORN TO BE HERD

Get your boarding passes ready – Cotswolds Radio has a new fortnightly travel show "Passports and Postcards" starting on 4th September.

Presenters Sam and Christine are travel industry experts, who both run travel companies specialising in unique experiences all over the globe. They will be sharing their wealth of travel knowledge on this new and exciting show. Plus, they'll be interviewing a host of fascinating people in the travel industry, as well as locals who love travelling the world. First up will be our own Sian James who presents Saturday Morning's Culture Club. She'll be sharing her adventures in Uzbekistan.



In 2023, Sam Hadfield founded Graceful Wanderlust with the aim of curating bespoke adventures to breath-taking destinations. She's recently returned from checking out extraordinary experiences in Iceland. Christine Coombs has been travelling in Southern Africa for over 30 years and worked for 10 years as an Africa travel specialist at a luxury travel operator. Now, through Africa We Travel, she works as an independent consultant helping clients create their dream holidays to Africa. We're delighted that Graceful Wanderlust and Africa We Travel are sponsoring the new show.

So, whether you're an armchair traveller or a seasoned wanderer, do tune in to find out more about the joys of travel.

If you'd like to be a guest on Passports & Postcards, Sam and Christine would love to hear from you. Find the show on social media, message while you're listening on the Cotswolds Radio App, WhatsApp on 07824 368947 or email contact@cotswoldsradio.com.



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Cotswold Friends celebrates Cotswold Volunteers at Sezincote House & Garden



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This was a wonderful way to thank and celebrate the amazing work our volunteers do, the impact they make on the local community and the joy they bring to so many older and vulnerable people throughout the Cotswolds. After a very stormy morning, the sun shone down on everyone throughout the whole event.

Our new Volunteer Manager Georgia, who joined us in June, was delighted to be able to attend her first volunteer event. "It was so lovely to finally get an opportunity to put faces to names and meet so many of our wonderful volunteers. They all had such amazing things to say about Cotswold Friends; the roles they play, the people they interact with and the clients that they get to help."



As Cotswold Friends grows and grows, our need for volunteers ever increases. There are many roles to suit all interests and time commitments. You become part of the Cotswold Friends family and will make a huge impact on your local community, whatever role you choose to do. And of course, you get to come to all the parties too! To find out more, please get in touch with our Volunteer Team on 01608 697007 or email volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org.

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Suddenly, above us !
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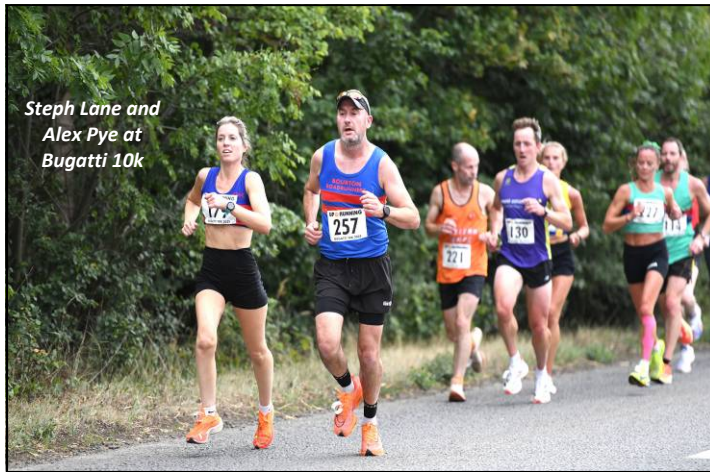


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Bourton Roadrunners

This year's **Bugatti 10k**, organized by Almost Athletes and hosted by the Bugatti Owners' Club at the Prescott Speed Climb, was again well supported by all of the local running clubs on Wednesday evening. Amongst them were a large group from Bourton Roadrunners Club.



Steph Lane and
Alex Pye at
Bugatti 10k

Running together Steph Lane and Alex Pye held a strong pace and style throughout, including the final demanding climb, with neither daring to show any signs of discomfort. It was only in the final few metres that a small gap appeared between them, with Alex finishing in 39 minutes and 6 seconds with Steph in 39:28 and fourth female.

There were also strong performances from Darren Long (40:27), Kevin Goodwill (41:48), Maxine Emes (46:55), Claire Cox (47:13), Dillon Flynn (47:28), Arianna Downs (51:16), Tony Goodwill (53:14), Liz Hulcup (55:57 and first FV70), and Allie Quinn 62:53. Special mention goes to second claim member Cal Winwood who had a brilliant run, finishing in seventh place overall in a very respectable time of 35 minutes and 55 seconds.

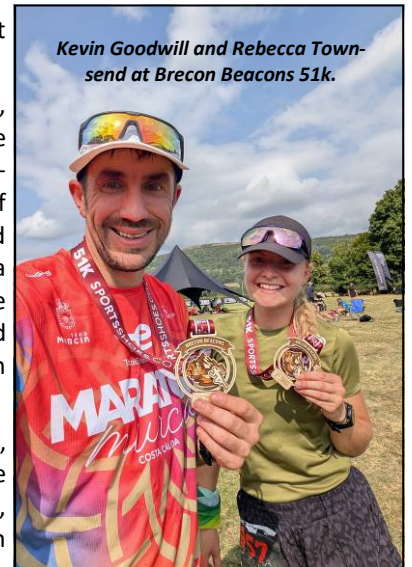
On Saturday, Kevin Goodwill and Rebecca Townsend travelled to Talybont-on-Usk in Wales for the **Brecon Beacons 51k**. Not for the 'faint of heart' or inexperienced participant, with its 7612 feet of elevation. You know that an event is going to be tough when the list of mandatory kit includes a foil blanket, a

hooded waterproof jacket and a headtorch.

Taking in Penylan twice, Cribyn and Fan y Big, the intrepid pair finished together in a superb time of 7 hours, 34 minutes and 58 seconds, enjoying a wonderful day in the mountains all around, and wearing their medals with pride.

Meanwhile on Sunday, Susan Hunt took on the **Solihull Half Marathon**, which proved to be hot on the day. Starting and finishing at Malvern Park, in Solihull town centre, the undulating course also included pleasant countryside sections, with Susan completing the 21.1Km distance in one hour, 58 minutes and 48 seconds.

Louise, Gillian and John



Kevin Goodwill and Rebecca Townsend at Brecon Beacons 51k.

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Our meeting on 24th July consisted of anecdotes and stories by members. This meeting uncovered hidden depths of humour among our members and was an amusing meeting.



On 11th August we had exactly the opposite, when John Handby gave us a talk on AI. This proved to be an alarming talk. He made the point that virtually everything we do is immediately known on various sites and so privacy is a thing of the past. More frighteningly, he talked about the way AI is developing to take over virtually all jobs. In the future work, as we know it, would probably no longer exist, as AI will do it all. What sort of life would it be with everyone at leisure? Some good will come out of AI, particularly in the field of medicine, with replacement of sick cells, organs and ageing. Who knows, the first person to live 1000 years may already have been born! Frightening thought.

Probus is for retired men and women, and we welcome all. We hold meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, and on our 2nd week Monday we have a talk by an invited speaker. We try to make the talks of general interest rather than aimed at men specifically. Our 4th week Monday meeting is given by a local member. In addition, we hold lunches and other social events. If you are interested in joining us, please come to one of our meetings, or speak to our secretary Kevin Hick on 01451 860435.

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Saturday 2nd August gave us the kind of sunshine that makes everything feel like it's going to be brilliant—and it was! Our village fete was buzzing all day long, helped along by the fine weather, a steady stream of tourists, and a whole lot of community spirit.

The book and puzzle stall had a cracking day. The puzzles were gone in record time—clearly, jigsaws are having a comeback. Next year we may need a puzzle pre-order system!

In a proud leap into the modern age, we unveiled our shiny new card machine, making transactions smoother than ever. We're not saying we're cutting edge—but contactless jigsaws? Very 2025.

"Hook a Duck" kept everyone entertained (and mildly competitive), but the real spectacle was, as always, the duck

rages. With heats running all afternoon, crowds lined the river to cheer on their racers. Things got so enthusiastic we had to kindly ask a few spectators to hop out of the water—turns out even ducks struggle to race when there's a human paddling next to them.

A massive thank you goes to our brilliant team of volunteers: from those smiling behind the stalls to our welly-wearing legends who fished ducks out of the stream like Olympic athletes. You kept the day running smoothly and full of laughs from start to finish.

Thanks to everyone who came, helped, donated, or cheered—we raised a fantastic amount to support this year's show. Speaking of which... Beauty and the Beast has kicked off rehearsals. Lines, lyrics and a bit of stage magic are just around the corner.

We'll be back with more updates soon—but in the meantime, same place next year? We'll bring the ducks—you just bring the enthusiasm!

Clodagh Ogden
and Emily Franks



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Chirps from the Perch

Onsite Conservation & Gardens & River Fly Training Success

Here at Birdland, we are responsible for the welfare and conservation of over 500 birds, but this month the focus will be for species much closer to home, here onsite with local fauna and flora.

Over the last few months, we have been involved in some local conservation projects and onsite have been focusing on the biodiversity of our woodlands and the part of the River Windrush that flows through the park.

Last week we officially teamed up with Whitney College as a further education partner to have students onsite to support their studies. This partnership has also confirmed an ecological survey of our woodlands to better understand the populations of species that live within them. We already see regular evidence of Otter activity, along with the numerous amounts of woodland birds and the wild Kingfisher. John, our Grounds Maintenance Manager, has also installed several corrugated metal sheets to attract Grass Snakes and will shortly be building some new Bug Hotels ready for hibernation.

Recently, significant progress was marked by Beth and Rob, who completed river fly training with the Evenlode Catchment Partnership in conjunction with the Cotswold River Trust. This training equips them with the knowledge and skills to survey and monitor aquatic macroinvertebrates, an essential metric for assessing freshwater health. Their newly acquired expertise will bolster our capacity to track water quality and monitor ecological changes in this vital habitat and will also add a new education module for schools.

This approach bridges global and local conservation from breeding rare species to safeguarding natural ecosystems. With these new initiatives added to the conservation toolkit, we are stronger than ever in our mission: to protect wildlife, inspire visitors, and champion environmental stewardship across species and ecosystems.

Simon Cox

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