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DIARY DATES

- 1st Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning, 10am-noon, **BLH**. See page 2.
- 1st-2nd Gift Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm. All welcome.
- 3rd & 17th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
- 5th Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, join social group 2-4pm. Call 01242 221170, or email info@insight-glos.org.uk
- 9th Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial, from 10.30am Parade, wreath laying & 2 minutes silence. Followed by service in the Baptist Church. See Parish Council notes.
- 10th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. "Engineering of the Pyramids" by John Clark". See page 16.
- 11th Primary School wreath laying 10.50am, War Memorial.
- 11th WI, **VH**, 7pm. See page 17.
- 12th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 16.
- 12th & 26th Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 12th u3a Scrabble, **GMCC**. 2-4pm. 07341 094206. peterdawson790@icloud.com
- 12th Horticultural Club, demonstrations and advice on "Garden Equipment Maintenance", by David Fisher **BCH**, 7.30pm, See page 15.
- 14th-15th Tayler & Fletcher, Fine Art, Vintage & Interiors auction, from

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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

News from the Parish Council for November

There was no Parish Council meeting in October, but updates on activity can be found below:

Christmas Tree in the River

Bourton's much-loved Christmas Tree in the River Windrush is a festive tradition led by Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council. Each year, a dedicated group of volunteers and councillors work together to plan and deliver this special display.

This year's tree will once again be supplied by a specialist nursery and installed in November by a team of volunteers. Thanks to generous support from local businesses, the cost of the tree has been fully covered. Bourton Vale Parking Ltd has kindly contributed £500, and the owners of Manor Field car park have offered to donate the remaining £400.

Hacklings Transport will assist with delivery and installation, and CN Baldwin Electrical will dress the tree with lights, continuing their support at a discounted rate. The tree will be removed in January, with Hacklings also helping with dismantling and storage.

The Parish Council is extremely grateful to all those involved, including our local businesses, volunteers, and councillors, for making this cherished tradition possible.

This year's Christmas light switch-on will take place at **5.30pm on Friday 28th November**.

Cllr Bob Hadley

Moreton Show Allotments Competition: We were pleased to be awarded a prize of £100 for the allotments at Cemetery Lane, so would like to thank all our allotment tenants who work hard to keep their plots looking pristine. We will be putting the funds towards the installation of a new manure bay at the top of the allotments, near to Greystones Lane.

Feedback on the ETRO (Experimental Traffic Regulation Order) for coach pick-up and drop-off in Meadow Way: Please continue to send any feedback on the scheme directly to Gloucestershire County Council Highways via their email address troconsultation@gloucestershire.gov.uk and copy in the Clerk at clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk

Tourist Levy Funding: Following its public consultation, Cotswold District Council has awarded funds for the following Parish Council projects:

- Commissioning of a Visitor Traffic Management Strategy
- Installation of rubber matting for the Melville and Naight play areas
- Provision of additional parking enforcement between Christmas and New Year
- Set up and removal of Village Green railings for protection of the Green from November to March

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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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- 9.30am, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.
- 14th & 28th Dementia Friendly Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726. See column 3.
- 17th Rural Cinema, The Penguin Lessons, Romantic Drama, C12, Steve Coogan, **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm. Tickets £4pp (or £12 family of 4) on door. See poster page 16.
- 20th 'Cotswold Collective' App Launch, 6 – 9pm, The Old New Inn. £10 pp, <https://bit.ly/ccapplaunch> see page 19.
- 24th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**, Extraordinary General Meeting. See page 16.
- 26th u3a, **BLH**, 10am-12noon, £2pp. www.bourton.u3asite.uk 'Walking To Rome' by Chris O'Grady. See page 6.
- 27th Book Club Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Old New Inn. csandles75@gmail.com
- 27th Community Meeting: Take Back Our Village, 6.30pm, **BCH**. See page 13.
- 28th Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz, Jubilee Lodge, bookings, 01451 823100
- 28th Christmas Tree Light Switch on, 5.30pm, Village Green, some businesses staying open late, with craft stalls, festive food etc. Full details page 6.
- 30th 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

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

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

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

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

2025 Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning

Saturday, 1st November
10am-12 noon, British Legion Hall
Mike Marshall

We Will Remember Them

Medals shine with pride
As we are all gathered side by side.
Uniforms pressed and pleats in place
Duty written across their face.

To remember those who fell before
And to respect those still at war.

On our lapels pinned a poppy of red
Representing the blood that bled.

Carol Groom



BOURTON DEMENTIA CAFE

We have been busy with social / chatty days and enjoyed a music session with two men and a dog! Two guitars and songs from the 60's and 70's. They will be coming again.

Christmas cards and the dementia nurse advisor will be coming next. The nurse is keen to keep in touch with us.

Look forward to seeing you. Remember the 2nd and 4th Fridays at St Lawrence's Church.

Bill Wragge



Thank You

I have been overwhelmed with the messages of support and appreciation from residents in recent weeks for which I thank you all sincerely.

This has reinforced my understanding of your trust and endorsement. I am always open to listen to your concerns, willing to help point you in the right direction with queries and to help with any community requests for support.

Bourton-on-the-Water is such a wonderful community of warm and friendly people, and I treasure being one of its residents.

Amanda Davis

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- Engineering works on the footpath adjacent to Jubilee Orchard, to improve drainage
- Repainting of the benches in the Village centre
- Repairs of the paths around the Village Green
- Resurfacing of the bonded area underneath the circular bench on the Village Green
- Purchase of materials for volunteers to make gravel footpath improvements; particularly the Conigers and Manor Field footpaths
- Regeneration of the area behind the War Memorial

Grants: The following were awarded by the Parish Council this financial year:

Bourton and Sherborne Hockey Club (BASHC)	Junior Hockey Development Pathway Match Fund	£750
Headspace	North Cotswolds Community Mentoring Programme	£1000
1st Bourton on the Water Scout Group	Equipment for the Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs	£945
Bourton Baptist Church	Replace crockery and kitchen equipment	£800
Baden Powell Hall	Upgrade fire doors and install finger trap protection	£957
Great Western Air Ambulance Charity	Respond to 999 calls across Gloucestershire and provide hospital-level emergency care	£100
Bourton Rovers Football Club	Training and first aid equipment for youth and female teams. Membership for low-income families	£1000
Sparkhouse Creatives CIC	Start-up costs for Youth Arts Outreach Project	£900
Cotswold Floorball	Kit and training equipment for 6 youth teams	£1000
North Cotswold Rotary	Drama workshops for primary school children	£500

Bourton Youth Club is funded by the Parish Council and continues to meet weekly at the Baden Powell Hall. There are two sessions 6-7.30pm Juniors (Years 3-6) and 7.30-9pm Seniors (Year 7-11). £1 subs with a variety of activities and a tuck shop. New members are always welcome. Please email bourtonyouthclub@gmail.com for further information.

Play Rangers activities are also Parish Council funded and are on Wednesday afternoons from 4-6pm at Melville play area during term time. The outdoor active play

sessions are suitable for school aged children, although under 8's should be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Parish Housing Survey: Gloucestershire Rural Community Council is undertaking a survey to identify the affordable housing needs in Bourton-on-the-Water on behalf of the Gloucestershire Rural Housing Partnership, which includes Cotswold District Council. We encourage anyone living in, working in, or with close family ties to the parish to fill in and return the survey, which has been posted to all households, in the freepost envelope provided. The survey will be open until mid-November.

Remembrance Day Parade from 10.30am on Sunday 9th November: A reminder of this event which includes wreath laying at the War Memorial. There will be road closures in the centre of the village from 10.30 to 11.30am so please plan any journeys to avoid these.

Thames Water Rissington Road Closure: Over the past 18 months, Thames Water has been undertaking major upgrades to the wastewater infrastructure in Bourton-on-the-Water, including improvements to the Sewage Treatment Works, Pumping Station, and the installation of two new sewer mains pipes.

As part of this essential work, they now need to excavate a section of Rissington Road to connect the newly laid gravity sewer pipe to the Pumping Station. Due to the nature of the excavation, there will be a full road closure with no vehicular access between Bourton and the Rissingtons for the duration of the works.

Thames Water has requested a road closure from Gloucestershire County Council Highways for five weeks, from **17th November to 22nd December 2025**, although they are optimistic that the work will be completed sooner. A diversion route will be in place throughout the closure.

Thames Water requests residents' patience and cooperation as they carry out these vital improvements.

Date of next meetings: 7pm on Wednesday 5th November 2025 and 7pm on Wednesday 7th January 2026 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

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OUT AND ABOUT in November

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

Mondays - Northleach Bridge Club, Cotswold Hall, Northleach, 7:15pm. Contact northleachbridgeclub@gmail.com

1st Naunton Annual Fireworks, Recreation Ground, 5pm for 6pm lighting of bonfire, bar, BBQ, refreshments, entry by donation, free parking. See poster page 19.

1st-2nd November Spooky Halloween Trail at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL. www.blenheimpalace

1st-2nd Cirencester History Festival, talks, walks, music, workshops and more. www.cirencesterhistoryfestival.co.uk

1st-2nd November Epic Pumpkin Trail at Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. A seasonal adventure filled with mystery, discovery, & delight. www.sudeleycastle.co.uk

6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st, Santa is returning to his magical grotto at Batsford Arboretum! Visit www.batsarb.co.uk for more details and to book.

7th Illustrated talk by Ross King on Michelangelo and the Sistine chapel ceiling. Tickets at northleachevents.co.uk

13th Split Whiskers, Blues & Americana, Merrymouth Inn, Stow Rd, Ffield, OX7 6HR. 01993 256620. See advert below.

14th-3rd January Christmas at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL. Illuminated Walk, Wizard of Oz in the Palace, Christmas Market. www.blenheimpalace

21st Rissingtons Local History Society, 2.30pm, 'The Cotswold Navy - what's in a name?' by Paul Barnett. Village Hall, Upper Rissington GL54 2QW. Non-members welcome, £3.50. information.RLHS@gmail.com 07815 606770.

21st-30th December Spectacle of Light, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. Discover the Court of King Arthur and the Magic of Merlin as you embark on an illuminated adventure. www.sudeleycastle.co.uk

22nd The Village Market, Great Rissington Club, 10am-noon. Last Market of the year. Some Christmas Goodies. Look forward to seeing you. Jackie Palmer, 01451 822285.

22nd CarmenCo presents 'A Pocket Opera', Westcote Village Hall, 7.30pm, Tickets £16, westcote.bookings@gmail.com or ring Christine 07834 493637. See page 15.

29th-4th January, Join the Big Batsford Elf Hunt! Santa's helpers have gone missing and they're all hiding at Batsford Arboretum - find them to win a prize! £3 per child, plus Arboretum admission fee. Visit www.batsarb.co.uk for details

30th Annual Christmas Fayre 11am-4m. Combe Mill, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, OX29 8ET. FREE ENTRY. Dogs welcome. See page 15.



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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HIRE of HALLS

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Baptist Church Hall Tim Newstead 01451 821523

Bourton Cricket Clubhouse jlthepavilion@gmail.com

Bourton Farmers Market Miles Salmon 07980 080073

British Legion Hall Branch Office 01451 824303

Broadwell Village Hall Tracey Spragg

broadwellvillagehall@gmail.com

Cotswold Hall, Northleach Jacques Astic 01451 860366

George Moore Community Centre Jo Herbert 01451820712
assistant.clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk

Lower Slaughter Village Hall annnclass@yahoo.com

St. Lawrence's Mrs Gill Willett 01451 821484

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13th Nov - Split Whiskers (Blues)

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By the time you read the November issue of the "Browser", the closing down sale of Hartwells the Ironmongers will already have started. To begin with, D.I.Y. items, items for the garden, plumbing fittings, decorating materials, kitchenware and most electrical items will be reduced by 10 %, and, eventually, gift items will be reduced as well.

We still hope to be open until the 30th November, but it would be as well to buy what you can while stocks last!

If any of the shop fittings are of particular interest, please let us know, but we will probably need to keep them until the end.

Thank you, yet again, for your continuing support & encouragement.

David & staff

Farewell to Hartwells

Whatever was needed, Hartwells would sell -
From tools to screws to door bells.

All sorts of ironmongery things -
From ladders to paint to locks and pins.
They'd also advise and sell with a smile
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Among the best on Bourton's High Street,
Tho' we'll no longer meet and greet
Their lovely staff who, now, sadly depart,
Yet will always stay in locals' hearts.

Hugh O'Connell



Oh How We Miss Them!

The Moore Cottage Hospital, Lloyds and Barclays Bank, Tourist Information Office, Travel Agents, Newsagents, Bookmakers, 4 Butchers, 4 Hairdressers (in High St area), Book Shop, Shoe Shop, 2 Fish and Chip Shops, (with wet counters), Greengrocers, Oliver and Newman Electrical, Toy Shop and train museum.

Now, Hartwells, the old-fashioned ironmongers, who have been trading in Bourton for 200 years are closing down. So many times I have been told 'Try Hartwells', for all sorts of things.

The community has suffered too since covid, the Friday Club, History Society and the Horticultural Show have all ceased.

We moved to Bourton 30 years ago for the amenities and community, what a stark change, only a handful of shops for the residents now.

All is not lost, as a new supermarket is looking at a site on the industrial estate, but you will need a car to get there.

I expect other resident will remember more shops that have ceased trading.

So, be thankful for the beautiful countryside still around us.

Mollie Wise

Chas' Celebration!

What a joy to see so many at the Baptist Church last month to celebrate Chas' life. THANK YOU to everyone who came along to join us and also to those who – for various reasons – couldn't attend, but sent messages of condolence and love.

THANKS to all those who generously baked wonderful cakes, scones, traybakes and cup cakes which were thoroughly appreciated by our guests! Family members too, arrived with French cheeses and rillette and Austrian chocolate!

My gratitude to Sue (Woodley) for her special reflection and other church friends for warmly welcoming the congregation and manning the technology allowing the whole afternoon to run smoothly.

Finally HUGE thanks for all the generous donations in memory of Chas. I have added them to the "pot" I have begun by selling items on an internet site and am happy to report that there have been cheques of £272 each sent to the Baptist Church, Kate's home Nursing and, of course, Gloucestershire Air Ambulance.

Thank you EVERYONE.

Ann Chapman

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Country Walking Eating Sunday Lunch!
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Our next General Meeting, held in the Royal British Legion Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water is on Wednesday 26th November, from 10am to 12 noon, when Chris O'Grady will speak on the subject of **Walking To Rome.**

The true, uplifting story of one man, four pairs of underpants, the 2,000 kilometres between Pershore & Rome and the extraordinary kindness of strangers received along the way.



**Everyone welcome
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For more details on all these topics, please go to:
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Bourton Parish Council

Official Christmas Tree Light Switch On

It's that magical time of year again! Join us on Friday, 28th November at 5:30pm for the Official Light Switch-On of the Tree in the River, a much-loved local tradition that marks the start of the festive season. After the lights go on, several local businesses will be staying open late, offering exclusive deals, festive treats, and plenty of Christmas cheer (see the list below). Bring your family, meet up with friends, and soak up the atmosphere, we can't wait to celebrate with you! Keep an eye on social media pages for updates in the coming weeks.

Dial House – Christmas Market – Artisan stalls and a visit from both Grinch and Santa!

The Willow – Christmas Market – 30 Stalls!

Old Manse – Christmas Market – Some stalls still available, contact directly.

The Den – Open late – Pulled Pork Baps and Extensive Hot Chocolate menu.

The Old New Inn – Complimentary Mulled Wine and mince pies after the switch on.

Quirky – Open till 7.30pm.

The Little Nook – Open till 7.30pm.

Box Bush Café – Homemade hot dogs and Hot Chocolate (laced with Rum or Baileys!).

Chester House Hotel – Complimentary mince pies and festive nibbles.

Magic and Mischief – Open till late, local's discounts apply.

Boho House – open till late, locals discounts apply.

Smiths – Festive burgers available through to the end of December.

Chestnuts/Chestnuts FashionFix – Range of offers throughout the store, 10% discount available to Locals.

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Bourton on the Water

Message from the Church

Some years ago, I lived in Hong Kong with my family. The weather was hot and humid with blue skies every day. The sun was always shining and Christmas on the beach always felt strange. Occasionally there would be a sudden change and a typhoon would blow in with torrential rain and fierce winds. I would often reflect on the change of seasons in the UK. It was one of the things I missed most but also a reminder that life can shift suddenly from calm to chaos, like summer turning into an unexpected storm.

Solomon was a very godly, wealthy man full of wisdom but who made mistakes. He wrote:

"To everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." At the end of his life he concluded that life without God is pointless.

This month, we will take time to thoughtfully reflect on some of the darkest peri-

ods in our history and the cost to so many. We should also reflect on current wars around the world but Sunday 30th November is the first Sunday in Advent. It begins a season leading up to Christmas when the light of Jesus Christ was preparing to break into a world full of darkness. No matter the season you are currently in why not take time this advent season to reflect on the miracle of Christmas and the hope that life with Jesus brings.

"The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out." John 1:5 MSG **Rev Sue Woodley**

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

A big thank you to everyone who participated, but we regret that St Lawrence Church is **no longer able to accept ink cartridges** for recycling.



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All welcome on Sundays - 11am service every week

or pop in for a quiet moment during the week

In Memory - A service of thanksgiving & remembrance

for those who have died, recently or long ago **2nd Nov at 3pm**

Remembrance Sunday 9th - War Memorial @ 10:45am

followed by a service at Bourton Baptist Church

Regular services -Weds.- Midweek Holy Communion @ 10:00am (Coffee after)

8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion - 9th and 23rd

6pm on 2nd November - This month a quiet service of Compline

Breakfast Church - Saturday 8th 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 2nd & BCP Holy Communion 16th

Revd Hannah Allen 01451 822918



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

Sunday 9th November 9.45am Remembrance at Bourton Memorial Followed by a united service at the Baptist Church

Communion Sunday 16th 10.30am

Cafe' Tots Wednesdays 9.15-11.15 Lots of lovely toys, craft and refreshments

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Fr. Stephen

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Open Event

This term, we were delighted to welcome Year 5 and 6 pupils and their families to our Open Mornings and Open Evening. Visitors could see the school in action, explore facilities, and enjoy interactive activities across departments. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us – we loved meeting you!

Macmillan Cake Sale

A big thank you to everyone who supported our recent Macmillan Cake Sale, held in memory of our much-missed colleague, SENDCo Jenny Illingworth. Three years ago, we lost Mrs Illingworth, who had bravely fought cancer since 2016. Macmillan offered her and her family incredible support, helping them in all sorts of ways, and it was a charity very close to her heart. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over £1,200 for Macmillan Cancer Support, making the event a wonderful tribute and a real success.

Upcoming Events

We're excited to invite alumni to a Festive Drinks Reception on Thursday 4 December, ahead of our annual Christmas Carol Concert. Guests are invited to tour the school, reconnect with classmates and staff, and enjoy drinks kindly sponsored by Wine Traders. Please visit <https://www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/alumni-events/> to register.

Don't miss the PTA Quiz Night on Friday 21 November - a fun evening of trivia, teamwork, and prizes!

Will Morgan
Headteacher

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Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Youth Theatre	Sarah Dowie	sarah@cotswoldyouththeatre.co.uk



The Cotswold Youth Theatre

We're excited to share that starting this November, The Cotswold Youth Theatre will become part of Sparkhouse Creatives CIC — a new non-profit organisation dedicated to making the arts more accessible, affordable, and community-focused.

Sparkhouse Creatives strives to create safe, inclusive, and inspiring spaces across the rural Cotswolds, supporting local artists and celebrating our region's rich culture and heritage.

This exciting new chapter was marked by another successful Arts Camp during the Halloween half term, where participants explored a wide range of creative activities — from music and painting to dance and movie-making.

To help us bring even more creative opportunities to the community, we're asking for your support through our Spacehive crowdfunder. Every donation — no matter how small — will make a real difference in getting our project up and running.

Scan the QR code or visit our Spacehive page to donate today!

You can also look up Sparkhouse Creatives online for more information



about our mission, upcoming events, and ways to get involved.

If you're a local artist, volunteer, or someone who wants to support the arts, we'd love to hear from you! Get involved and help us grow this vibrant creative community.

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Bourton Primary Academy

What an impressive first half term to our school year we have had! Our new reception intake has settled in incredibly well, it is as if they have always been with us already. Year 6 have kick started their last year at our school with an amazing residential visit and impressed us with their determination and attitude to tackle so many obstacles while they were away.



We officially opened the roundhouse in September and were so grateful to the 2 skilled craftsmen (Dan and Antony) for coming back to talk to us in assembly all about how the work was completed and cut the ribbon! The next round of fundraising has already begun for FOBS and they are busy planning the Christmas Fair.



We have welcomed all of our parents in for the first open afternoon of the year and made it a special one by combining our harvest celebration. The children all had the opportunity to perform a song as well as share some harvest related activities in their classrooms.

As well as all of this, we have managed to squeeze in some sporting events. All of the KS2 children were able to compete in a cross-country event at The Cotswold School with 55 children taking part and The Y3/4 team came 2nd, the Y5/6 boys came 4th, Y3/4 girls came 4th and the Y5/6 girls came 2nd. We invited many schools from our cluster to join us for 2 football tournaments in October and entered several teams. We were very pleased that Bourton won the final for the Year 5/6 team and the Year 3/4 team. A big thank you to the young leaders from The Cotswold School for helping referee!

Tori Gainford,
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Headspace: Local Charity Launches Online Auction to Support Young People's Mental Health

Headspace, the North Cotswolds charity supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing — has launched its first-ever Charity Online Auction, raising vital funds to support its work with local young people and families.

The auction is now live throughout November, featuring an ever-growing list of fantastic prizes generously donated by local businesses and supporters. New lots are being added daily, so there's always something new to bid on!

From luxury experiences and family days out to dining treats and short breaks, there's something for everyone.

Some of the exciting lots include:

- A week in Cornwall at a 7-bed holiday home
- Distillery and brewery tours from Wood Brothers, Hawkstone, and Hook Norton
- Fourballs at top golf courses including Celtic Manor, Trevose, Burford, The Wychwood, and Manor House (Castle Coombe)
- Dining at The Chip Shed, Venezia Italian, and Slaughters Country Inn
- A Beautylicious Bourton massage, LEGO sets, Go Ape tickets, and much more

Headspace CEO Paul Heming said:

"We've been blown away by the generosity of local businesses and individuals. Every prize donated helps us raise essential funds to provide counselling, mentoring, and wellbeing sessions for young people who need our support. This is a brilliant example of our community coming together to make a real difference."

All auction details, including how to view and bid on items, can be found at:

www.myheadspace.org.uk/news-events/online-auction-november-2025

Every donating business will also be featured on Headspace's social media channels during November as part of a thank-you campaign celebrating their generosity and community spirit.

Headspace has been providing mental health and wellbeing support to young people since 2017. Based in the North Cotswolds, the charity works with local schools, families, and community organisations to ensure every young person can access the help they need to cope with life's pressures.

For more information, visit www.myheadspace.org.uk

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Bourton Roadrunners

As the Gloucestershire County Road Race Series fast approaches its conclusion, five Bourton Roadrunners travelled to Sharpness in the Stroud district of Gloucestershire for the **Sharpness 4** mile event this weekend. The deceptively undulating course, taking in the Sharpness docks, attracted some of the best runners from around the county seeking valuable competition points.



**Steph Lane at
Sharpness 4
mile race**

In-form Steph Lane led the Bourton team home, finishing second woman and first in the LV35 category in a fine time of 24 minutes and 13 seconds. Next was Kevin Goodwill in 25:53, while Rebecca Townsend claimed second in the Senior Lady category in a swift 27:24. Liz Hulcup won the LV70 category in 33:47 and claiming a rare finish ahead of club-mate Tony Goodwill in 34:39.

On the same day Pippa Marsden and Kieran Vallance took on the challenges of the **Oxford Half Marathon**, where Pippa was running to say a special *thank you* to the staff of Oxford Hospital, who had saved the life of her young son last year. Her hard work was rewarded with a finishing time of one hour, 53 minutes and 29 seconds. Kieran, who was running in his first half marathon, was delighted with 2:05:24 for the 13.1 mile distance and comfortably inside the 2:15 target that he had set himself.

Further afield, Susan Hunt had travelled to the picturesque village of Kinloch Rannoch in the Scottish Highlands. Having taken part in their full marathon last year, Susan fancied the **Loch Rannoch Half** this year, with the opportunity of taking in the views from the south side of the Loch. Susan finished in one hour, 56 minutes and 3 seconds with the additional reward of being second in the LV60 category.



**Peter Carrick
at Tinkley
Gate,
Gloucestershire Cross
Country
league**

Rounding off a busy Sunday, Peter Carrick was the club's sole adult participant to make the journey to Tinkley Gate, near Nympsfield, for the first fixture in this season's **Gloucestershire Cross Country** league. Whilst Peter put in a strong performance and enjoyed the experience, he was out-gunned by the sheer number of talented runners from the University of Bath, and is already looking forward to the second race at Cirencester in November for a re-match.

Louise, Gillian and John

Wychwood Players'

**next production for the Autumn
will be:**

'Enchanted April'

by Matthew Barber.

Previously a very successful 1991 film, starring Miranda Richardson, Josie Lawrence and Joan Plowright, it was nominated for three Academy Awards and Richardson and Plowright were awarded the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy and Best Supporting Actress, respectively.

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Tickets are £12.00 plus booking fee and will be available from Ticket source from mid October.

Further details available at:
www.wychwoodplayers.com

Ralph Wears



Burial Space in Bourton-on-the-Water: Appeal for Suitable Land

The Parish Council would like to update residents on the current status of burial provision within Bourton-on-the-Water Cemetery, located on Cemetery Lane off Station Road. The available burial space at this site is now extremely limited and nearing full capacity. Unfortunately, expansion of the existing cemetery is not feasible as the adjacent allotment land, owned by the Parish Council, lies within a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) site, meaning any development there would likely be prohibited due to the potential impact on archaeological heritage.

As there is no additional land currently allocated for cemetery use within the parish, the Parish Council could be unable to accommodate future burials within the parish within the next 8-10 years unless a new site can be found for this purpose.

The availability of burial space is a matter of concern for the whole parish. Being able to lay loved ones to rest within their local community is a valued tradition—one that offers comfort, continuity, and a sense of belonging. To preserve this option for future generations in Bourton-on-the-Water, it is essential that we begin planning now.

To address this, the Parish Council is appealing to landowners and residents for assistance. Council is seeking a parcel of land approximately 1 acre in size that could be considered for use as a future burial site. Ideally, the land should meet the following criteria:

- Located within or close to Bourton-on-the-Water

- Relatively level and accessible

- Free from major planning or environmental constraints

If you own or are aware of any land that may be suitable, we encourage you to contact the Parish Council Office on 01451 820712 or assistant.clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk. All enquiries will be handled with sensitivity and discretion.

Your support and input are greatly appreciated.

BOURTON RESIDENTS' VOICE



Community Meeting: Take Back Our Village

Date: Thursday, 27th November

Time: 6:30 p.m.

**Location: Bourton-on-the-Water Baptist Church,
Station Road**

Following an initial meeting facilitated by District Cllr Jon Wareing, a Steering Group of residents has been established to move forward with Bourton Residents' Voice.

Join your local County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson, along with the leaders of Gloucestershire County Council and Cotswold District Council, for a special community meeting.

This is your opportunity to share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas about the growing issue of over-tourism and the impact this has on local residents and our social, economic and natural environment. Even if you'd just like to listen, your presence matters.

The village belongs to all of us.

We're working together to restore balance — so residents can enjoy living here just as much as visitors enjoy visiting.

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Our cast and crew are already hard at work, and spirits are high as we build the world of Belle, the Beast, and a castle full of quirky characters. Whether you're a regular at our pantos or a first-time visitor, you're in for a real treat.

Tickets on Sale from 26th November!

Tickets for *Beauty and the Beast* go live on Tuesday 26th November – just in time to pop some panto magic under the tree! You can find the link to book on our website, Facebook, and Instagram pages (Bourton Panto Group), or contact Margaret directly on 07791 917684.



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Thank you for supporting local theatre – we can't wait to see you at the quiz night and in the audience this January!

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North Cotswolds Rotary Welcomes New Member

On Tuesday 7th October President Elect, Keelin McLeman, and Steve Smith inducted the latest corporate member, Elizabeth Ameru, from [Bourton Podiatry](#) to the Club. Elizabeth is a wonderful new addition to the Club, and we're sure our feet will also benefit from her knowledge!

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Bourton Vale Horticultural society your friendly garden club

What a strange year – I'm desperate to plant my bulbs but my pots are looking almost as good as they did in the summer so it seems shame to empty them. But it has to be done.

Our speaker at the October meeting was Philip Aubury and his subject was Ponds and Water features. Philip began his career as a student at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and then studied at Pershore college. After a few years with the City's Park Department in 1987, he returned to the Botanical gardens as a Director where he stayed for 20 years before retiring in 2007. He has always had a passion for ponds and showed us how to build a pond, the best plants, that a gravel "beach" is essential to allow birds to drink and frogs to get in and out and how important it is to have the right pond in the right place. So, in a formal setting close to the house, a square/rectangular shape is best. Also a pond should have 60-70% leaf cover but also important to control the size of plants. Lots of very interesting and helpful advice.

Surprisingly we only had two entries for the competition of three dahlia stems and this was won by Pauline Chaplin.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 12th November, starting at the usual time of 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall in Station Road, Bourton when our speaker will be David Fisher who will be giving demonstrations and advice on "Garden Equipment Maintenance". If you have any tools that need sharpening bring them along, you might be lucky and have yours sharpened or at least be told the best way to sharpen them.

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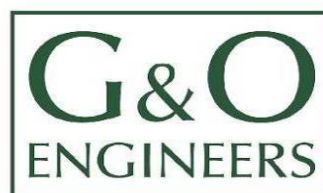
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Bourton Probus Club

At our meeting on 22nd September, long-standing member Brian Dickens, talked about retirement and all that he had been involved with since then. Other members also spoke about post retirement opportunities that they had found. The moral of the session was that there are many opportunities for older people after retirement and that the worst thing was to stagnate.

On 13th October Peter Covey Crump took us on a walk from London to Edinburgh via the diary of John Kingswell. He reminded us that in 1807, you either walked or took the coach, which was very expensive.. He reminded us that both Wordsworth and Coleridge were prolific walkers, and that much of Wordsworth's poems were thought of during the walks. He took us on an interesting walk with pictures from the period, and the many fascinating characters that he met on the road. Everyone seemed very friendly to walkers in those days, and he always had a welcome when he knocked on a door. Interestingly, we learned that peddlers were well respected and were, in fact, the business men of the day as



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shops were mainly cobblers and vital suppliers of food and drink.

Our meeting on 24th November is an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss the future of the Club. At the time of writing, no-one had come forward to fill the vacant spots on the committee, which if not filled would mean the Club would have to close. I would urge all members, even if you have not been to a meeting for some time, to attend this vital meeting on the future of the Club.

Roger Harris

Irene's Charity Knitting Circle

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 10am-12.00pm at Willoughby Place, Station Road, Bourton-on-the-Water. Do come and join us. Enjoy coffee/tea with biscuits. Everything we receive will be donated to worthy causes.

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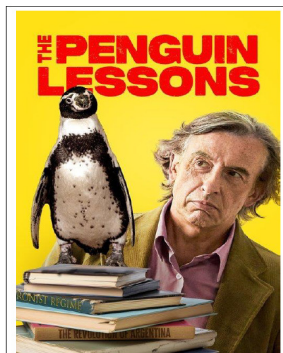
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Gotherington and around Oxenton Hill
- Tuesday 4th November – Moderate
3.5hr, 6.5ml.

Skirting Oxenton Hill we visit the quiet villages of Oxenton, Teddington and Alstone passing Dixon Hill on our return. Bring a snack/drink. Start: 10.00am The Shutter Inn, Gotherington. OS Map ref: SO 959 297. W3W: take.joints.doctor

Shorter and Steadier #11 – Kineton - Friday 7th November – Moderate 2hr 3.5ml. Walks in the Shorter and Steadier series are taken at a gentler pace, for those who fear that most Warden guided walks are a bit too challenging. This walk has a gentle climb through open countryside with great views on the way to Kineton village. We cross the River Windrush twice on ancient clapper bridges before heading to Guiting Woods and then back to the car park, across yet another bridge and past the remains of a water mill. Start: 10.00am Small public car park on Critchford Lane

near Kineton. OS Map ref: SP 085 258. W3W: print.frightens.remind

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

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

Bourton WI



On Tuesday Bourton WI was given a very interesting insight into the running of the British Legion and the Poppy Appeal by Mike Marshall.

Mike spoke about how the poppy was adopted as an emblem after World War One when the mud of the Flanders battlefields was transformed as disturbed poppy seeds grew and flowered.

The British Legion helped soldiers and veterans of the First and Second World Wars and it is still helping soldiers injured in Korea, The Falklands, Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

By the 1950's there were 5500 units of the British Legion in the UK.

Many Volunteers were lost during Covid either succumbing to the disease or needing to shield with a loved one.

Some of the larger supermarkets help by taking the collecting tins into their Finance Departments and sending the money collected directly to the British Legion.

The British Legion helps veterans and their families in many ways; assistance for the homeless and the disabled, providing artificial limbs and hospital help and also dementia care and support.

22,000 veterans were helped in 2024 and that is why donations are so important. Next time you see a Poppy seller, don't cross the street to avoid them think of the important work that they are helping to fund. **June**

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Supporting the Seabirds of Punta San Juan, Peru



In September I spent 16 days at the Punta San Juan Program in Peru, home to millions of breeding seabirds as well as Fur Seals and Sea Lions due to its location on the nutrient rich Humboldt Current. The reserve has been a protected site since 1909. However, the area is facing many issues that threaten these populations, including El Nino, Avian Influenza, Overfishing, Pollution and the effects of the Guano Harvest (digging bird poo for fertiliser).

Our main task was the construction of artificial nests for 2026. The population are not producing enough chicks so the hope is that by building 100 nests, adding to the 90 on site already, this would increase their success. Many nesting Humboldts were on the surface and vulnerable to Vultures, Gulls and exposed to the Sun, so the nests should provide some cover.

We also had to monitor the effects of the Guano Harvesting on the Penguins. Two volunteers were looking for any disturbance from the harvest & this was all put into a database going back several months.

We did a daily walk of the coast looking for tagged sea lions, and any fatalities, any interactions with rubbish and also recording any 'unusual bird species'.

My absolute favourite experience at PSJ was the day I got to join one of the biologists out on his rounds checking hard to access nests. These were in caves, you had to toss stones in first to make sure no Sea Lions were present. We were able to observe many nests and even some very small chicks, as well as Vampire Bats.

It was an incredible experience and we will continue to support PSJ and will be setting up donation points in the park.

**Alistair Keen, Head Keeper,
Birdland Park & Gardens**



Bourton Browser Team News

Updating Groups and Hire of Halls Information: We'd be grateful if community groups and those involved in the hire of halls could check that the information in our columns is still correct. We only know what you tell us!

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!

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Celebrating Local: Cotswold Collective App Launch Comes to Bourton

Bourton is set to host a celebration of all things local this November, as Cotswold Collective marks the launch of its brand-new app with a special evening at The Old New Inn. The event will bring together local businesses and Cotswold Collective members for a night of drinks, connection and community spirit in the heart of the village.

The Old New Inn, home to the iconic Model Village, recently joined Cotswold Collective as a Partner, making it the perfect venue for the launch. It's a fitting choice too; the pub's character and heritage reflect everything the Collective stands for, from community and local pride to supporting the businesses that make the Cotswolds so special.

Join us on **Thursday 20 November, 6 – 9pm** at The Old New Inn for a relaxed evening of conversation and celebration. Meet others who share your love of the Cotswolds and hear more about how Cotswold Collective is helping people shop, eat and explore more locally. Tickets are £10 and include a drink. Register your place here: <https://bit.ly/ccapplaunch>.

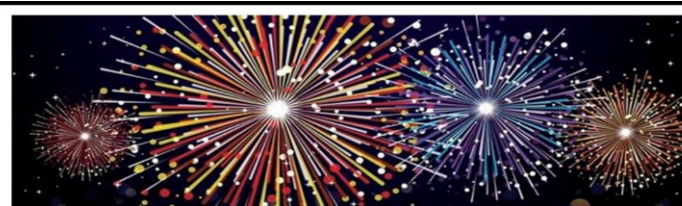
Cotswold Collective already works with over 400 local businesses across the region, including a growing number right here in Bourton: The Old New Inn & The Model Village, Cotswolds Distillery, BOHO House, Soul Bowl, Cotswold RAW. Seasonal Soul Home and Reflexology with Chrissy. Members enjoy exclusive perks, savings and little extras at these much-loved spots, all while supporting the local economy.

And as the festive season approaches, why not give someone something a little different this year? A Cotswold Collective membership makes the perfect Christmas gift, supporting local businesses while helping the recipient discover new favourites across the Cotswolds. Gift a membership for just £30 here: www.cotswoldcollective.co/gift-a-membership/.

Join our celebration, raise a glass to local and see in the party season by gifting a Cotswold Collective membership to help our local businesses thrive.

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