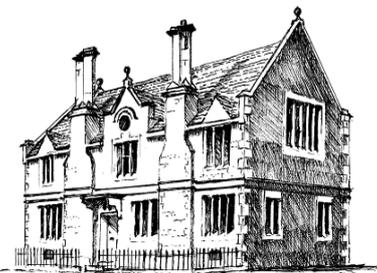


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February 2026

DIARY DATES

January

28th-31st Bourton Panto Group, 'Beauty and the Beast', **VH**, 7.30 daily and matinee on 31st 2.30pm. Tickets bourtonpantogroup.com Or call Margaret on 07791917684. See page 5.

February

2nd & 16th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.

4th Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, join social group 2-4pm. Call 01242 221170, or email info@insight-glos.org.uk

4th Police Point, **GMCC**, 10-11am. www.gloucestershire.police.uk

9th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. "In Defence of the Drift, Alfred Harry Hooks VC" by Paul Barnett. See page 14.

9th Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting to discuss ETRO proposal, 7pm, **GMCC**. See page 3.

10th WI, **VH**, 7pm. See page 14.

11th Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 19.

11th & 25th Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.

11th u3a Scrabble, **GMCC**. 2-4pm. 07341 094206. peterdawson790@icloud.com

11th Horticultural Club, **BCH**, 7.30pm, Will Scott, 'The Restoration of the Walled Garden in Worcester'. See page 12.

12th 'A Song and Dance', Enjoy music

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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 – February 2026

Although much of our work happens behind the scenes, January's meeting covered a number of visible, practical steps to improve day-to-day life in the village. Here's what we've been working on and what's coming up.

Tourism levy and village services

The tourism levy collected at Rissington Road car park is ring fenced for Bourton-on-the-Water and is used specifically to help manage the impact of visitors on the village. This funding supports services including the Village Warden, additional parking enforcement during peak periods, and the ongoing maintenance and protection of shared spaces such as the Village Green and village footpaths.

How levy funding is being used this year

The 2025-2026 levy funding has been allocated to support projects including the development of a visitor traffic management strategy, drainage works near Jubilee Orchard, repairs and resurfacing of paths around the village, improvements to play areas, re-painting benches, and winter protection measures for the Village Green. These projects are intended to protect village infrastructure and improve safety and usability for residents and visitors across the year.

Behind the scenes work of the Parish Council

Alongside day-to-day work, the Parish Council continues to focus on practical issues that affect village life, including traffic and parking management, maintenance scheduling, contractor coordination, and responding to wear and pressure caused by high visitor numbers. Much of this work is not immediately visible, but it plays an important role in helping the village function smoothly throughout the year.

Grounds Maintenance 2026–29

The Parish Council has awarded the **grounds maintenance contract for 2026–2029** to **Oxford Direct Services Trading Limited** and looks forward to working with them from **1st April 2026** to keep our green spaces well cared for.

County and District Councillor Updates

From County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson

- Gloucestershire County Council is considering **future unitary governance options**, with three proposals submitted to Government and consultation expected **early 2026**, ahead of any new structure from **April 2028**.
- GCC Highways continue to address maintenance, with extensive **signage repairs** and **47,263 safety defects fixed since April**.
- **Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) matters:** Parking issues in **Spring-**

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER
PARISH COUNCIL



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

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- from the 50s, 60s, & 70s. **JL**, 2.30pm. All welcome.
- 13th Viola Performance by Phil Heyman, 11am, **JL**, all welcome.
- 13th & 27th Dementia Friendly Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726.
- 14th & 15th Gift Fair, **VC**, 10am-5pm. All welcome.
- 16th Rural Cinema, 'The Roses', Comedy/drama, C15, Olivia Coleman, Benedict Cumberbatch, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments from 2pm & 7pm. Tickets £4pp (or £12 family of 4) on door. See page 15.
- 17th Magic Show, 11am, **JL**, all welcome.
- 22nd Bourton Roadrunners 10K road race. Some road closures in village centre from 9am-11am. See page 12 for details.
- 22nd Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm 07980 080073.
- 23rd Probus, 10am, **GMCC**, "From the Pillory to the Prison Cell" by Ginny Davish. See page 14.
- 25th u3a, **BLH**, 10am-12noon, £2pp. Ashley Jones MBE, 'The Dickin Medal' (often called the "animals' Victoria Cross"), See page 6. www.bourton.u3asite.uk.
- 26th Book Club Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Old New Inn. csandles75@gmail.com
- 28th 'Bourton Resident's Voice' community gathering, meet outside Box Bush, High St. 8am-10am. Drinks kindly provided by Box Bush & posters for children to colour. Chance to help with litter picking. See page 5.

Regular Weekly Bourton Events

- Mon. "Old Sweats" Meeting, **BLH**, 10am—12 Noon, 07714 852364
bourton.secretary@rbl.community
- Mon & 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

UPDATE RE BOURTON GEESE GEORGE & MILDRED

Hello to all, just a short update to make you all aware that at last we have been given permission to have a Special Bench placed at the Bus Stop on Lansdowne near where the Geese lost their lives,

I am hoping that this could be done before the anniversary of their passing which was 30th April 2025 but I will keep you all posted when I know a date!

Keith Steer



Bourton Browser Team News

Articles: We welcome articles, letters, poems, etc (**maximum 300 words**) & photographs, from adults, children, local community groups and businesses 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 2026.**

The on-line diary is a useful tool that can prevent major events clashing, so check it before scheduling your event!

Remember we can only put events in if you tell us about them!

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The Bourton Browser Team

Ralph Green

I'd like to let the lovely folks of Bourton know that Ralph passed away on 10th December. He was a long-time distributor of the Bourton Browser in Roman Way and a resident there since the houses were built.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Evelyn, brother Colin, family and friends. A most knowledgeable and interesting gentleman. RIP.

Veronica Woodford

field and Dikler Close are expected to be addressed through upcoming village TRO changes. Roman Way remains challenging due to school-related parking pressure and limited options for additional school parking. GCC Highways has been invited to review the situation on site.

From District Cllr Len Wilkins (Bourton Vale)

- A district council budget meeting will take place on 23rd February.
- In November, Cotswold District Council voted to support one unitary model for Gloucestershire.
- Planning teams are heavily engaged with updating the Local Plan to better protect residents.

Coach Parking, Pick-up and Drop-off

We reviewed resident feedback on coach parking, pick-up and drop-off arrangements. The Village Warden reported that only around 10% of coaches were stopping in Meadow Way; the majority continue to stop in the village as before. Gloucestershire County Council Highways will hold a three-month review meeting at the end of January to assess the current scheme; this will be the key opportunity to review arrangements.

- We noted a request from Bourton Residents' Voice to reconsider an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to restrict coach access on Station Road, Rissington Road and The Steeps and to explore enforcement via existing ANPR cameras. We are awaiting confirmation from the Police on whether ANPR can be used for this purpose.
- As more than three councillors requested a debate on a previous motion (per Standing Order 7), Council will hold a meeting at 7pm on Monday 9th February—after the GCC review—to consider the ETRO proposal again.

Budget & Precept 2026–27

Council approved a budget of £259,930 for 2026–27. The precept will be £259,930, giving a Band D equivalent of £139.87 per year—an increase of £17.39 per household annually (33p per week). This supports essential works, including the next phase of the Loft Compartmentation Project and a 10-year maintenance plan for the George Moore Community Centre (Grade II listed). Grant applications are being pursued to offset

costs where possible.

Traffic & Parking – Residents' Schemes

We continue to liaise with Gloucestershire County Council Highways on village-wide parking and road safety. Residents have asked about a residents' parking scheme. Historically, advice indicated Bourton's ratio of off-street parking might not meet criteria; however, we will check the basis for this advice (policy vs. statute) with GCC and note that many residents have expressed support for exploring a permit system. GCC Highways has been invited to review all areas in Bourton to formulate options.

Litter Bins

Members of the Parish Council, representatives of the Bourton Business Network (BBN) and residents continue to work with Cotswold District Council to plan for better management of litter, particularly in the village centre in the coming years. This is with a view to achieving the Parish Council's aim of making the centre of the village bin-free by 2030.

Retirement of Caretaker

Our Caretaker, Ernie Webb, who has looked after the George Moore Community Centre for the past 11 years will be retiring in February. We'd like to thank him for his hard work and wish him well.

The role will be taken up by David Perry who has previously been working with the Parish Council carrying out village maintenance tasks and play area inspections which he will continue alongside his Caretaker duties.

Next Council Meetings

7pm, Monday 9th February 2026 – Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting to discuss ETRO proposal, Windrush Room, George Moore Community Centre.

7pm, Wednesday 4th March 2026 – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Windrush Room, George Moore Community Centre.

Full meeting calendar: www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk/the-council/meeting-calendar

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1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th Snowdrops at Colesbourne Park, GL53 9NP, 11am-4pm. Please note entry is only by pre-booked tickets www.colesbournegardens.org.uk.

1st-14th 'Servant's Tale Tour', Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, www.blenheimpalace.com 01993 810530.

1st-28th Snowdrops at Painswick Rococo Garden, GL6 6TH. 10am-5pm. 01452 813204. www.rococogarden.org.uk/snowdrops/

7th & each Wednesday, Riverside Tea Room open, 10.30am-3pm. Combe Mill, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, OX29 8ET. (NB The Mill itself is currently closed but will reopen on 15th March).

17th-20th Kids' Playtime at Winchcombe Railway Station, GL54 5LD. 10am-3pm. Entry included with rail ticket. Details 01242 621405 www.gwsr.com/stations/winchcombe

20th Rissingtons Local History Society, "Pagans and Puritans: the Story of May Morning in Oxfordshire" by Tim Healey. Village Hall, Upper Rissington GL54 2QW, 2.30pm. Visitors Welcome, £3.50 to include refreshments. 07815 606770 information.RLHS@gmail.com rissingtonlocalhistorysociety.com

27th 'Mrs Beeton My Sister', Westcote Village Hall, 7.30pm. written and performed by Alison Neil. Tickets £16 from Christine 07834 493637 or westcote.bookings@gmail.com See page 14 for details.

27th-28th Friends of Cheltenham Samaritans February Craft Beer Festival, St Phillip & St James Church, 60 Grafton Rd, Cheltenham, GL50 2DD. Fri 4.30-10pm, Sat 1-7.30pm. Details and to book www.samsfriendscheltenham.com

28th Wedding Fair, The Swan Hotel, Bibury, GL7 5NW. 12noon-3pm. www.cotswold-inns-hotels.co.uk/the-swan-hotel



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To advertise items such as Household items, Toys, Garden Equipment etc, complete the contact form on the "Get in Touch" tab.

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17th Sept - Cadillac Kings (R&R/Blues)

Tickets £12.50 online £15 on door

Doors - 7pm Food & Drink available on night

See website for details & booking

Live Events for 2026

Blues Club - All Welcome

17th Sept - The Bluescasters (Blues)

15th Oct - Split Whiskers (Blues)

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A huge thank you to everyone who has already bought tickets—your support means so much to us. And if you haven't yet booked, **it's not too late!** We have just the **last few tickets available**, so don't miss out.

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BOURTON RESIDENTS' VOICE



It was great to see so many residents attending the Parish Council meeting on January 7th. It is clear traffic congestion and tourism remain the primary concerns of the Parish, and we would encourage you to read the minutes of the meeting to remain up to speed with Parish Council plans. The next meeting is on March 4th at 7pm in the George Moore Community Centre with the public invited to engage with the PC at the start of proceedings. For those struggling to attend meetings in person, please contact Bourton Residents' Voice who will be very happy to speak on your behalf.

Traffic Management was addressed at length on the 7th January. With multiple Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) in place the challenge is enforcing entry to the High Street and the ability to penalise offenders. The Residents Voice will continue to lobby on your behalf to address Bourton congestion. The use of the current roadside camera system included in ongoing discussions.

After the success of the first Residents Voice meeting in November, we have arranged a second community gathering on the 28th of February between 8am and 10am. Box Bush has kindly offered hot drinks to residents with posters for the children to complete promoting the work we're doing. There will also be an opportunity to help litter pick around the Windrush and village green.

Please keep an eye on social media for further details nearer the time.

There has been a great response to our tourism survey, but we'd like to present a community-wide position and need your help. If you haven't completed the questionnaire, please do so using the link below before February 28th.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WITDQV/>

For those without internet access, the same survey will be available in hard copy at the Box Bush on the 28th February.

Bourton Resident's Voice is a new initiative, and we want it to be shaped by you, your family and friends. If you would like to get involved, or share ideas with us, please drop us a line at bourtonresidentsvoice@gmail.com

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

Our next General Meeting, held in the Royal British Legion Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water, is on Wednesday 25th February 2026 from 10am to 12 noon.

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Grant Applications Welcome From Small Charities and Community Organisations

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This is our fifth year of the grant scheme and this year we are increasing the maximum available grant to £750. Applications must be for a specific project or activity. The grants are not available to support day-to-day running costs. Applicants must be based within the North Cotswolds area (defined as from Northleach up to Moreton-in-Marsh and surrounding villages) or carrying out activities that benefit people living in the North Cotswolds.

In the first four years North Cotswolds Rotary have given grants to 39 charities and community associations totalling over £18,000. Beneficiaries have included village halls, children and adults with disabilities, schools and youth clubs.

If you are interested in applying please contact Steve Smith at originsteve@hotmail.com for more information or go to the North Cotswolds Rotary website at www.northcotswoldsrotary.org and go to the dedicated Helping Hand page. You will be required to complete a short application form. A short-list of applicants will then be asked to give a 10-minute presentation to a panel of two North Cotswolds Rotary members before the final awards are made.

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Message from the Church

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Many will say that it is ridiculous to believe that a virgin could conceive a baby and even more ridiculous to think that he could be God's son Jesus. The scriptures tell us that he would be Emmanuel God with us, he would die on a cross paying a debt for our sin, he would rise again proving eternal life and that he would send his Holy Spirit to all who believed in him. The Holy Spirit brings assurance of God's love, empowers us to live a life worth living and prepares us for the next.

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Rev. Sue Woodley



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Breakfast Church - Saturday 14th Feb - 9am start – everyone welcome
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TOAST for primary children and carers in term time: see posters

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Sunday Morning Service 10.30am All Welcome

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For The Younger Generations

The Cotswold Youth Theatre



What a wonderful start to 2026!

We kicked off the year with a fantastic Launch Day at Cidermill Theatre, welcoming over 30 passionate and talented young people. From paper puppetry and stage design to Trudeau masks, the day was bursting with creativity. A huge highlight was the inspiring workshop led by Box House Theatre. It was a joy to meet so many talented individuals and to continue growing the Cotswold Youth Theatre community.

We've also been reflecting on the wonderful Christmas 'Mistletoe & Magic' concerts with Jennifer Morafkova & Rebecca Reavley back in December. We can't wait to welcome the performers back for more concerts this Spring, continuing our support of Sparkhouse Creatives.



Take a moment to enjoy the photo of our brilliant performers — would you be interested in attending a future concert? Let us know!

The Spring Term is shaping up to be an exciting one for Sparkhouse Creatives & CYT. We're thrilled to announce our Spring-into-Arts Camp — a 3-day arts camp taking place at Victoria Hall from 30th March to 1st April.

Scan the QR code and book your spot!

We're also incredibly excited for:

1/Our first fully staged performance at Cidermill Theatre on 22nd March

2/The Traitors 3-day residential trip to Devon, promising creativity, collaboration, and plenty of drama!

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Warm regards,

Cotswold Youth Theatre

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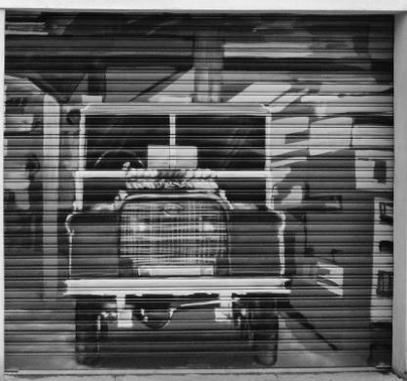
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THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

A message from the Headteacher

As we continue through a busy and exciting term at The Cotswold School, I am pleased to share a snapshot of the activities taking place. From looking ahead to important milestones in our school's history to celebrating student achievement both on stage and beyond the classroom, there is much to be proud of.

The Cotswold School Turns 40

As we approach our 40th anniversary in 2028, we plan to celebrate our school's history and achievements while creating something meaningful that supports the future of our community. To help shape these plans, we are forming a Fundraising and Celebration Committee. They will support the development of ideas, gather views from across the school community, and help deliver fundraising initiatives and events. Whether you have experience in fundraising, event planning or community engagement, or simply enthusiasm, your support would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please email admin@thecotswoldschool.co.uk.

The Cotswold School Ski Trip

Despite cancelled flights and temperatures of -20°C, 50 students successfully travelled to Mont Sainte-Anne in Canada for the 2026 Cotswold School Ski Trip. The cold conditions provided excellent snow, allowing students to make impressive progress, with beginners reaching the top of the mountain by their sec-

ond day. Evening activities included snow-tubing at North America's largest snow park and an unforgettable ice hockey match at the Quebec Videotron Arena. The trip was a memorable and rewarding experience for all.



The Addams Family

Final preparations have been completed for our production of The Addams Family, taking place from 4th-6th February. Students and staff have worked incredibly hard to bring this musical to the stage, and we look forward to sharing their talent, creativity and commitment. A few tickets remain available via our website.

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Bourton Primary Academy

What an incredible start to the New Year we have had. We have welcomed the children back into an enriching curriculum. We find it is an important introduction to our new topics and a great way to start the term. The teachers planned fantastic amazing days to introduce this new learning. Year 5/6 have been brushing up on their survival skills and have learned shelter building from a Staff Sergeant in the British Army to kickstart their new topic about 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. Year 3/4 have been out and about in the village looking at all sorts of different homes in our own locality for their topic 'Home Sweet Home' and they then built their own houses using resources around them. Year 1/2 have been inspired by science to observe how the tide works through the use of food colouring, ice and hot water for their new topic 'Ocean Odyssey', which has been chosen by the children themselves. Reception are exploring the world around them, including; pirates, transport and floating & sinking using the story 'Emma Jane's aeroplane'. We are strengthening our links with the community and small groups of Reception children are going to visit the residents at Jubilee Lodge.

We continue to enrich our curriculum with our passion for sports and music across the school. Our choir are attending Young Voices at the end of January and will be part of the biggest single choir with an estimated 9000 children singing together. Our sporting calendar for the Spring term consists of a dodgeball tournament, taster sessions for Year 1 and 2 gymnastics at The Cotswold School, area cross country at Farmor's school in Fairford, a netball tournament, Quick Sticks hockey and gymnastics competitions, both in house and against our cluster. We will update in future editions of the Browser about how we fared.

Tori Gainford,
Deputy Headteacher

Four Shires Swimming Club

February is shaping up to be a big month for our club, with many swimmers representing 4SSC at the Oxfordshire & North Bucks (ONB) County Championships. We'll also be hosting the Chipping Norton School Partnership Swim Gala on 14th February to spot rising talent and inspire the next generation of swimmers. With personal bests at recent meets and a strong sense of team spirit, our swimmers are showing what hard work can achieve.

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Bourton Vale Horticultural Society your friendly garden club

We've had some icy cold winds and some quite hard frosts as well as plenty of rain so a typical English winter!!

Our January meeting was our AGM which we raced through in record time. We are pleased to welcome Michael Sterling to the Committee.

Our speaker was Ian Sadler who showed us how Automation and Innovation is impacting on the horticultural industry with robots doing much of the work previously done by human beings in commercial nurseries.

The competition was an arrangement of pansies or violas which was won by Antoinette Green.

January is the month to renew subscriptions, and if you weren't able to do so, this can be done at the February meeting. Or if you're wondering whether to join us, why not come along as a visitor and check us out and pay just £3 on the door.

As a member for just £15 for the year you get a variety of speakers, free refreshments, a raffle, competition with prize, as well as discounts at Burford and Batsford Garden Centres. We have an annual garden party, plant/seed swops and an outing often to a private garden.

The February competition is a small display of single/double snowdrops.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 11th February, starting as usual at 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall in Station Road, when our speaker will be Will Scott talking about the Restoration of the Walled Garden in Worcester.

Stay warm

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Bourton 10K, Sunday 22nd February

Bourton Roadrunners hosts its annual 10k road race at 9.30am on Sunday 22nd February. We're always very grateful to Bourton residents for their patience and tolerance around the disruption this causes.

This year we're expecting around 700 runners, so we anticipate increased traffic before and after the race. We'll encourage runners to use the main car parks in the village and do our best to discourage people from using residential parking or the leisure centre.

We have permission to close the roads in the inner village loop (Victoria Street, Letch Lane and Sherborne Street) and the High Street from 9.00am to 11.00am. Rissington Road will be closed from 9:30am to 10.30am (eastbound) and from 09.50am until about 10.45am (westbound). Leasow Lane (from Rissington Road to Newbridge Lane) will be closed 09.30am-10.30am.

We'd be extremely grateful if people could avoid driving at these times especially the route from Landsdowne to the Rissington Road. If you do need to leave the village, please follow the instructions of one of the many marshals who'll do their best to help.

For those wanting to watch the race we recommend walking along Rissington Road for a longer, uninterrupted view. The middle of the High Street, where the race starts and finishes, can get very congested and we need to keep the route clear for finishers from about 10.00am to 10.45am.

Once again, our 10K is sponsored by Highbridge Jewellers and supported by the Cornish Bakery. We are also supporting a number of different charities including Prostate Cancer UK, Bourton Rovers Juniors, Headspace and Kate's Home Nursing. If you have any questions about this year's Bourton 10K or would like to volunteer to marshal or help, please email bourtonroadrunners@gmail.com or leave a message on our Facebook page.



**BOURTON
ROADRUNNERS**

Bourton Roadrunners

With the weather still providing icy and traditional wintery conditions this weekend, Bourton Roadrunners' Giles Canning travelled to Worcestershire for the annual **Fladbury 5** mile race, held in support of local community projects and the Neuroendocrine Cancer Charity. The mainly off-road course, taking in the villages of Fladbury and Lower Moor, along the banks of the River Avon, proved to be very windy. However, Giles kept the purpose of the event in sharp focus and was pleased with his time of 44 minutes and 51 seconds.



Whilst parkrun events are not regarded as races, one Bourton Runners' performance at **Parkrun** this weekend is worthy of particular note. Bourton Junior, Edward Hare, finished second overall at the Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, in a stunning time of 17 minutes and 59 seconds. Whilst outside his PB of 16:37, it was an excellent time in such cold conditions. Meanwhile, other Bourton members could be found participating at the following venues:

Battersea, London: Eva Shoemark - 20:46.



Cheltenham, Pittville Park: Jaq Underwood - 27:55 (VW55/3), Claire Louise Carroll - 27:57 (VW60/1 and course PB), Barry O'Leary - 27:57, Cath Nesbitt - 30:18, Allie Quinn - 34:12, Louise Hamilton-Smith - 34:13, Liz Hulcup - 46:04.

Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh: Edward Hare - 17:59 (2nd overall, JM11/1 and course PB), Robin Smith - 27:58, Lorna Shawcross - 28:13 (VW60/1), Lee Smith - 30:08 (VW50/2), Claire Blackie

- 31:32, Jenny Evanson - 36:43 (course PB).

Kilkenny Lane Country, Carterton: Stephanie Holton - 26:20 (VW60/1), Megan Ratcliffe - 26:20 (VW55/2), Susan Hunt - 28:39 (VW60/3), Gary Holton - 31:00 (course PB), Alex Wilson - 39:51.

King George V Playing Field: Chris Dry - 32:06.

Louise, Gillian and John

A Fresh Start for the Museum This January

January has been a busy but exciting month behind the scenes at the museum. While the doors have been closed, the team has been hard at work giving the whole place a well-deserved refresh — all to make your next visit even better. The museum will reopen on **Saturday 31st January**, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back inside.

One of the biggest projects has been updating the electrics throughout the building. It's not the kind of change you can easily see, but it makes a huge difference. These upgrades mean safer, more reliable power and the chance to introduce brighter lighting and more interactive displays in the future.

The Toy Gallery is also getting a lovely makeover. This much-loved space is being redesigned to feel more welcoming, more fun, and even more nostalgic. Whether you're young or just young at heart, the updated gallery will offer a fresh way to enjoy the toys you remember — and maybe discover a few new favourites too.

Fans of *Brum* have something to look forward to as well. New staging is being built to give everyone's favourite little car a more eye-catching home in the museum. It's a small change that will make Brum's display feel even more special when you stop by.

And for motoring enthusiasts, there's more good news: the Brooklands Riley is returning on loan to the museum. Its comeback adds another highlight to the collection, and we're thrilled to have it back on display.



Looking ahead, February half term brings something extra fun — a **Gnome Trail** for younger visitors. Children can hunt for gnomes hidden around the museum,

and anyone who finds them all will receive a small prize. It's a great way to explore the galleries and enjoy a bit of adventure along the way.

With all these improvements and activities planned, the museum is gearing up for a bright and welcoming start to the year.

Isabel Harvey, Museum Manager

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Bourton Probus Club

On 12th February we had an intriguing talk by Anthony Nanson about Cryptozoology and Folklore in Vales and Forests of Gloucestershire. Starting off with local dragons, mermaids and ghosts. Of particular interest to me was the legend of Goram and Vincent, two giants who were tasked to build a channel from a large lake in Avon to the sea, which is the legend of how the Avon Gorge was built. Cryptozoology is about animals who may have lived, or who are still living undetected in Gloucestershire. Boars were one such creature, who have now emerged in numbers in the Forest of Dean. We also heard about the remains of what were believed to be elephants that the Romans used to cross the River Severn and were drowned. Later research felt that these bones were mammoth or hippopotamus bones, as both were common locally millions of years ago. Many tales of large cats in various locations in Gloucestershire were mentioned, as well as the black dogs, often a portrayer of death.

More local stories are the haunting of the North Cotswold Hospital by its first matron and her two cats (felt rather than seen). Also the Church Grim at St Edwards Church in Stow - a large black dog seen at the main doorway.

This meeting followed the AGM at which the closure of the present club was accepted unless there is a fresh influx of members wishing to become the committee. Talks will continue until April, and then we will become a social club, meeting on a monthly basis. If you would be interested in joining us, either attend one of our meetings (advertised on the diary page) or contact our present secretary Kevin Hick, on 01451 860435.

Roger Harris



Bourton WI

January 2026 has brought us back together for our monthly meeting and, despite illness and the weather keeping numbers low, we had a wonderful speaker who lifted our minds and made us laugh. An emotion of which we need more.

Deborah aka Dalziel is a poet and song writer who kept our undivided attention throughout her performance.

A passionate mental health advocate, Deborah entertained us with fabulous poems about fairy tales, poems that have Royal approval and short but sweet limericks that are far too risqué to write here!

Deborah has taken something sad in her life and turned it into something that helps many people, particularly those struggling with mental health.

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In 2025, our dedicated nursing team delivered 335 nights of registered nursing care to patients nearing the end of their lives. These night sits are a vital part of hospice care at home, providing expert clinical support during what can be the most challenging hours for patients and families alike. A palliative care nurse working overnight, monitors pain and symptoms, administers medication, responds to changes in condition, and offers reassurance, not just to the patient, but to family members who may be exhausted, anxious or facing the reality of loss.

Over the year, we had 129 families referred to our service and provided a total of 4,376 hours of registered nursing care across the North Cotswolds. Hospice care at home is about much more than medical intervention. It is about dignity, comfort and compassion, and about caring for the whole family. Our nurses support carers emotionally and practically, helping them feel less alone and more confident during an incredibly difficult time.

This care is provided free of charge, and that is becoming increasingly challenging across the hospice sector.

Demand for end-of-life care continues to rise as the population ages, while hospices face growing financial pressures. The cost of delivering high-quality clinical care is increasing, and at the same time, fundraising has become more difficult due to the ongoing cost of living crisis. Like many hospices, Kate's Home Nursing relies almost entirely on charitable grants and donations to continue operating.

Despite these challenges, 2025 was a year of compassion, resilience and impact. Every night of care, every hour spent with a family, and every patient supported at home reflects the commitment and professionalism of our nursing team, and the generosity of our supporters.

As we move into 2026, our 30th anniversary year, we are reflecting on what has been achieved and looking ahead to the future. If you need our support or can help us in any way - as a volunteer through our 30th birthday celebrations - we would be really grateful to hear from you. Please email us at info@kateshomenursing.org. Help us to ensure that more people can remain at home, cared for with dignity, comfort and compassion at the end of life.

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**North Cotswold Tri & Run -
December race results**

Cold water swimmer Jon Francis has recorded a string of excellent results, including 1st place in the 50m butterfly at the Cotswolds Icy Dip Swim Festival. He also competed at the Lobster Squad Cold Water Team Championships, where he helped his team to a 4th place overall finish and won three of his five events.



In endurance running, Lucy Walmsley took on the challenging 34-mile Celtic Ultra Trail on 13th December. The course featured over 5,000 feet of climbing, including a single climb of 2,000 feet. Lucy produced a superb performance to finish 3rd lady in a chip time of 5 hours 50 minutes.

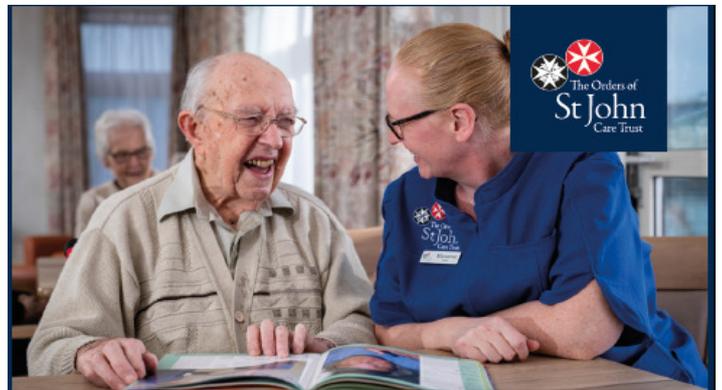
The Walmsleys also impressed at Llanerchaeron Parkrun. Lucy finished as 2nd lady in a time of 22:10 (15th overall), while Dennis Walmsley finished 1st in his age category in 22:51 (21st overall).

Polly Kiani

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Spacious bedrooms with en-suite facilities offer a peaceful retreat, while the beautifully landscaped and fully accessible gardens provide year-round enjoyment. Featuring a patio, summerhouse, greenhouse and a secure enclosed garden, these outdoor spaces are perfect for relaxing, gardening or simply enjoying the changing seasons.



Seasonal menus are freshly prepared, offering nutritious, home-cooked meals that reflect residents’ preferences and dietary needs. Mealtimes are an important social occasion, bringing people together in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

As part of The Orders of St John Care Trust (OSJCT), Jubilee Lodge is proud to be a charity and not-for-profit provider. This means every penny is reinvested back into the home, enhancing care, facilities and activities for residents.

At Jubilee Lodge, exceptional care, community connection and compassion come together, making it a place where residents truly feel at home.

Steve Gardener-Collins

Supporting Young People's Wellbeing in the North Cotswolds

Demand for mental health and wellbeing support for young people in the North Cotswolds has never been higher. At Headspace, we work with children and young people experiencing anxiety, low mood and emotional distress, alongside challenges with confidence, self-worth, relationships, school pressures, transition and family life.

Why a Wellbeing Classroom Is Needed

Much of our support has traditionally taken place in borrowed or temporary spaces, which can limit what we are able to offer and how consistently we can support young people. A dedicated wellbeing classroom provides a safe, calm and reliable environment for young people who may struggle in busy or clinical settings. It allows us to expand group sessions, mentoring and early-intervention support, reach more young people earlier, and offer a space where they feel listened to, valued and supported.

This classroom is not just a building — it is an investment in early intervention, prevention and long-term wellbeing for young people in our rural community, where access to services can be limited.

Unit 7 Brought to Life

We are delighted to share that **Unit 7 has now been fully transformed** into a dedicated wellbeing space for young people in the North Cotswolds. As you are reading this, the space is already in use, having launched a **10-week DJ course** led by **Marc Clifton of Community Albums**.

Community Albums work with young people to devise and deliver bespoke projects using music and media to build confidence, develop skills and give communities a voice. The course offers young people a creative, supportive environment where they can express themselves, learn new skills and connect with others.

Community Support Behind Unit 7

The transformation of Unit 7 would not have been possible without the generosity and expertise of local businesses and individuals. Our sincere thanks go to **Hacklings, The Old New Inn and WA Carpentry** for their financial support, and to **Gary McPhilimey and Travis Perkins (Painting and Decorating), Cotswold & Vale (Electrics and Heating), Karndean and Mark Payne (Flooring), and JM Roofing Contractors (flooring installation and carpentry)** for their invaluable practical contributions.

We were also honoured that Unit 7 was **officially opened by Julie Kent MBE, High Sheriff of Gloucestershire**, marking an important milestone for Headspace and for young people across the North Cotswolds.

Christmas Tree Collection Success

Thanks to the incredible support of the local community, Headspace's annual **Christmas Tree Collection raised £540** to support young people's mental health and wellbeing. A huge thank you to **Neil Teague of Teague Trees** and his apprentice **Tim Heming**, who generously gave their time and hard work to make the collection possible.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who booked a collection and supported the initiative. Every penny raised will help ensure local young people can continue to access vital mental health and wellbeing support.

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This could be the first time you have read about **Rotary in the Rissingtons**. We are the "club on the hill" so to speak; those with longer memories may see us as the "club at the camp"!!! We are a satellite Rotary Club linked to North Cotswolds Rotary but have our own distinct profile. We meet in the Upper Rissington Village Hall on the second and fourth Thursday of each month and we "help our community" whilst enjoying a glass of wine and eating crisps.

We have been doing this very successfully for seven years. We have an annual programme of events which is both local and international and have supported several charities in the area, including Bourton.

Over the next few months, I will let you know what we are doing and how you may be involved. Thank you, Bourton Browser, for allowing us to introduce ourselves. See you next month.

Susan Bates – Chair of Rotary in the Rissingtons (aka RitR)

Valentine Angel

What do you mean to me?
 Just about all I do and see.
 Whenever I'm with you,
 Everyday feels bright and new.
 I admit I might not even be,
 Without you so true beside me.
 All I have done leads to this -
 You fulfil my every single wish.
 Eagle and dove flying together,
 Through all kinds of weather;
 Whatever may come in life,
 We've overcome all kinds of strife.
 You are my angel from above,
 And I shall always, always love.

Hugh O'Connell



Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



Details of the walks available are described on the website (below). **Please check walk details carefully on the website, including whether booking is necessary. Additional walks may be published on the website.**

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

Naunton Notgrove Circular – Tuesday 3rd February – Moderate 3hr 6ml.

From the village we use sections of the Gloucestershire, Windrush and Diamond Way. We will cross the disused railway line as well as passing Notgrove village and the medieval village of Aylworth. Bring a snack/drink. Start: 10.00am Black Horse Inn, Naunton, GL54 3AD. Please park considerably near to the pub. Refreshments available there after the walk. OS Map ref: SP 119 235. W3W: darkest.grounding.scouting

CNL60 – Splendid Snowdrops – Saturday 14th February – Moderate 1 to 1.5hr 2ml.

A Valentine's Day walk along a section of the Windrush valley. Here the snowdrops flourish, just waiting to be admired. Arrive early for a coffee and perhaps even lunch afterwards. Start: 11.00am The Fox at Barrington, Great Barrington, Burford, OX18 4TB. OS Map ref: SP 204 131.

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.

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