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DIARY DATES

- 1st Men in Sheds Open Day, behind **BLH**, 9.30am-12.30pm. See pages 12 & 18.
- 1st Charlie Green, Christian Aid Concert, **StLC**, 7pm, tickets £10, 01451 821867, 01451 822037 or on the door. See page 9.
- 3rd Live Music with Chris Slater, The Old New Inn, Rissington Rd, 7pm. See page 3.
- 4th & 18th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
- 5th Kate's Home Nurses, "Dying Matters", Salmondsbury Room, **GMCC**. 3-5pm, All welcome. Tea & Cake provided. See page 19 for details.
- 6th Annual Parish Council Meeting, **GMCC**, 7pm. See page 3.
- 6th Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, join social group 2-4pm. Call 01242 221170, or email info@insight-glos.org.uk
- 8th Friends of Bourton School, Race Night, 7.30pm, Bourton Primary School, £1 bets, cash or card, £5 entry includes glass of fizz. In aid of the school. & preschool..
- 8th & 22nd Dementia Friendly Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726. See page 3.
- 12th WI, **VH**, 7pm. 'Race Night'. See page 18 for details..
- 13th Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 4.
- 13th & 27th Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.

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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 – May 2026



Updates from April Council Business

Rissington Road Car Park Charges

Cotswold District Council introduced revised parking charges at the Rissington Road car park from **10 April 2026** as follows:

Rissington Road, Bourton-on-the-Water

- Up to 2 hours: **£4.40** (previously £4.20)
- Up to 3 hours: **£5.50** (previously £5.30)
- Up to 5 hours: **£7.30** (previously £7.00)
- Up to 10 hours: **£10.60** (previously £10.10)

Charges will apply 10am-8pm from Monday to Sunday.

Litter Collection and Bin Provision

The Litter Stakeholder Group, comprising officers from Cotswold District Council, District Councillors and Parish Council members, continues to work on improvements to litter collection services and bin provision in the village.

Following a litter bin survey, options are being explored for alternative bin types, along with adjustments to collection methods and timings by CDC's waste contractor.

Cotswold District Council has also introduced an **online reporting system** for damaged or overflowing litter and dog waste bins. Users can select individual bins via an interactive map. In Bourton-on-the-Water, where bins are closely clustered, icons may overlap even at maximum zoom. If you are unable to select the correct bin, please choose the closest one and add further details on the next screen.

You can make a report here:

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/environment/litter-street-cleaning-and-dog-fouling/>

Tourist Levy Funded Village Improvements

The following projects funded through the Tourist Levy are either completed or nearing completion:

- New gateway surfacing and a safety gate installed at **The Naight play area**
- Drainage works along the pathway adjacent to **Jubilee Orchard**
- Path repairs around the **Village Green**
- Installation of a metal side railing on the **George Moore Bridge** in Victoria Street to match the existing railing, which has also been refreshed

The **Village Green railings** are scheduled to be removed on **1st May**, by which time the newly turfed and seeded grass is expected to have begun establishing. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to make suggestions for future Tourist Levy projects. The funding must be spent on projects to mitigate the effects of tourism on the village.

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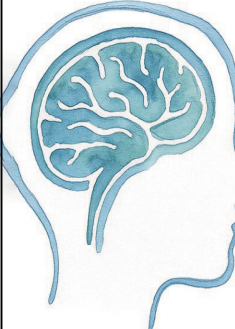
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Go to the "Get in Touch" tab and then complete the contact form to send **questions, articles** (max.300 words), **adverts & event details** to the team.

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- 13th u3a Scrabble, **GMCC**. 2-4pm. 07341 094206. peterdawson790@icloud.com
- 13th Horticultural Club Annual Outing Kingham Lodge Gardens, See page 5 for details.
- 17th Bourton Gymnastics Club, Summer Fun Day, 11am-3pm, games, gymnastics, freestyle. All ages & abilities welcome. Unit 20b, Bourton Industrial Park, GL54 2HQ. See page 13.
- 18th Rural Cinema, 'The Choral', Historical/drama, 12A, Ralph Fiennes, Mark Addy, Lyndsey Marshall. **VC**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. See page 18.
- 24th Live Music with Chris Slater, The Old New Inn, Rissington Rd, 7pm. See page 3.
- 27th Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, **GMCC**, all welcome. See page 3.
- 27th u3a, **BLH**, 10am-12noon, AGM. All welcome to attend. See page 6. www.bourton.u3asite.uk
- 28th Book Club Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Old New Inn. csandles75@gmail.com
- 28th Parish Councillor Surgery, **GMCC**, 2-4pm. See page 3.
- 29th-30th The Absolute Gospel Company "The Book of Life", Baptist Church, Sat. 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Free entry. See pages 7 & 8.
- 30th Parish Councillor Surgery, **GMCC**, 10am-12noon.. See page 3.
- 31st 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. & 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.

Tues. Drop in Digital Help Group, **GMCC**, 10.30am-12.30pm. 07707 281803. (see page 20)

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

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

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This is our fifth year of the grant scheme. In the first four years we have given grants to 39 local charities and community associations totalling over £18,000.

This year we were able to increase the maximum grant available from £500 to £750 with a total budget of £10,000. Of the 18 applications we received, we made awards to 14 local charities and community organisations. Beneficiaries included schools, youth organisations, village halls, and a number of small charities that are making a huge difference to people in our community who have disabilities, are struggling with the cost of living or suffering long-term illness.

John Barber

Windrush Room Improvements

Acoustic panels have been installed in the **Windrush Room** at the George Moore Community Centre to improve sound quality, addressing issues with echo and clarity. The Parish Council would like to thank **Gloucestershire County Council**, whose Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund provided the funding for this project.

Grounds Maintenance

The Parish Council's new grounds maintenance contractors commenced work in Bourton-on-the-Water on **1st April**. ODS employs sub-contractors, Tactical, who residents will see working around the village. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or feedback regarding grass cutting or grounds maintenance.

Councillor Surgeries

Thank you to everyone who attended our April Councillor Surgeries. The upcoming dates are:

- **2–4pm on Thursday 28th May**
- **10am–12 noon on Saturday 30th May**
- **2–4pm on Wednesday 17th June**
- **10am–12 noon on Saturday 27th June**

All sessions will take place in the **Salmonsbury Room** at the George Moore Community Centre. These sessions provide an opportunity to meet your councillors and discuss village matters.

Thames Water Road Closure – June

Gloucestershire County Council Highways has advised that a **road closure will be in place from 8th–22nd June** to allow Thames Water to carry out works.

The closure will affect the section of Station Road **between the Fosseway and The Furrows** and will apply to **traffic travelling in both directions** so access to parts of the village to and from the Fosseway via Station Road will not be possible. Residents will need to route via Lansdowne or Meadow Way.

District Council Update

District Councillor Len Wilkins reports that Cotswold District Council has recently reviewed key policy matters, including biodiversity, the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, Community Infrastructure Levy processes, housing policy and car park pay-

ment systems. Progress continues on the revised **CDC Local Plan**, expected to be approved in August following over **3,500 public responses**, alongside ongoing discussions about future combined authority arrangements for Gloucestershire.

Meetings and Contact Details

7pm, Wednesday 6 May 2026 Annual Parish Council Meeting
Windrush Room, George Moore Community Centre

At the Annual Meeting, the Council will elect the Chairman, Vice Chairman and committee members.

7pm, Wednesday 27th May 2026 – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Windrush Room, George Moore Community Centre

All Parish Council meetings are live-streamed via **Microsoft Teams** and recorded. Links are provided on the published agendas.

Meeting calendar:

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

Contact

Parish Clerk: Sharon Henley

✉ clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk

☎ 01451 820712

Dementia Friendly Cafe

In May we are having a social session on 22nd and the Music Men are coming on the 8th May. We are looking forward to hearing them again. On 18th May we shall be at Tesco's and the Co-op, giving out information as part of National Dementia Week. We have also been invited to speak on Cotswold Radio, on their Wednesday afternoon programme.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these events.

Bill Wragge

Bourton Probus Club

Sadly, I regret to inform readers that the Bourton Probus Club has had to close down. This was because of declining numbers, making it difficult to form a committee to run the club. This is very sad as Probus has been running in Bourton for well over 20 Years. The remaining money, after the closure, is to be donated to Kate's Home Nursing.

Roger Harris



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OUT AND ABOUT in May

- Mondays - Northleach Bridge Club, Cotswold Hall, Northleach, 7:15pm. Contact northleachbridgeclub@gmail.com
- 2nd-4th Lechlade Annual Vintage Rally & Country Show, Langley Farm, Langley Lane, Clanfield, Bampton, OX18 2RZ. 10am-4.30pm. www.lechladecollectorsclub.co.uk/
- 2nd-4th Western Weekend, The Ox Shed, Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5FL. Live Country Music & Western Parlour Games, 12 noon-8.30pm. 01451 850307. www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk
- 3rd Midlands Austin 7 Club meet & carvery (pre bookings only). Cotswold Blues Club, Merry-mouth, Stow Rd, OX7 6HR. www.cotswoldmerry-mouth.co.uk 01993 256620. See advert page 5.
- 7th-10th RHS Malvern Spring Festival, Three Counties Show-Ground, Malvern, WR13 6NW. www.rhsmalvern.co.uk
- 8th Ric Sanders (Fairport Convention) & Vo Fletcher, Westcote Village Hall, 7.30pm, Back by popular request! Tickets £16 from westcote.bookings@gmail.com or 07834 493637
- 8th Tango Calor, Argentine music & song. Tickets available from northleachevents.co.uk
- 9th Village Market, Great Rissington Club. 10am till noon. Looking forward to seeing you. Jackie Palmer, 01451 822285.
- 9th-10th Combe Mill, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, OX29 8ET. Sat. Amateur Radio Club, (Mill not in Steam), Sun. Mills Weekend, Mill in Steam. Tea Room, & BBQ. 10.30am-4pm. Dogs welcome. Free parking. www.combemill.org 01993 358694. See page 17.
- 15th Rissingtons Local History Society, 7.30pm, "William Tyn-dale's Gloucestershire" by Alan Pilbeam. Village Hall, Up-per Rissington GL54 2QW. Visitors welcome £3.50 to in-clude refreshments. information.RLHS@gmail.com 07815 606770.
- 21st Teed Up (Blues), Cotswold Blues Club, Merry-mouth, Stow Rd, OX7 6HR. www.cotswoldmerry-mouth.co.uk 01993 256620. See advert page 5.
- 23rd-25th Blenheim Palace Food Festival, OX20 1UL. www.blenheimpalace.com or 01993 810530
- 23rd-25th Cotswold Festival of Steam, Gloucestershire and War-wickshire Steam Railway, gwsr.com
- 24th Westcote Open Gardens, 2pm to 5pm, £5 entry, children free. Plants for sale, plus Tea & Cake in the Village Hall. In aid of St Mary's Church.
- 24th-25th Giant Plant Sale and Open Garden, Pasture Farm, Up-per Oddington, GL56 0XG. 11am-5pm. £8pp, children free. Dog friendly. Teas and home-made cakes. Everyone wel-come and all proceeds go to Kate's Home Nursing.
- 29th Robert Dover's Cotswold Olimpick Games, Dover's Hill, Chipping Campden, GL55 6UW. Early bird tickets on-line www.olimpickgames.co.uk/

The Charity Knitting Circle

The Charity Knitting Circle will still be meeting at Willoughby Place, Bourton-on-the-Water on the second Wednesday each month from 10am until Noon. Come along and enjoy a cup of Coffee/Tea and Biscuits. Knitted items still needed for charities, Peter will pick things up from Willoughby Place.

Email: peterdboxall@gmail.com.

Thank you, Irene and Peter



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Bourton Vale Horticultural Society Your friendly garden club

Having been lulled into thinking spring had arrived, Storm Dave showed us that we shouldn't "cast a clout till May is out". Don't put out those tender plants yet.

The March meeting was our annual Plant Swop and GQT. There were lots of assorted plants so everyone went away with a good selection. Thanks to all members for raiding their beds and greenhouses to make a successful and very social evening. Mike didn't have a question but he did make an "observation" which impressed us all. He has a pot of sweet peas which he has kept flowering for several years – we thought they must have been the everlasting sweet pea but not a bit of it. Something we will all be trying this year.

I sneakily reminded everyone of the Giant Plant Sale, once again being held in at Pasture Farm, Oddington on Sunday 24th and Monday, 25th May. Teas and home-made cakes. Everyone welcome and all proceeds go to Kate's Home Nursing.

Our next get together is for our Annual Outing. This year to Kingham Lodge gardens on Wednesday, 13th May. Cost is £12. If you haven't put your name down it's not too late. Let Mike Marshall or me know and bring cash on the day.

The competition will be a buttonhole.

Happy gardening.

Sheila Thorpe

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BOURTON PANTO GROUP AFTER SHOW DINNER

February may feel like a distant memory now, but not when it comes to our fabulous after show dinner! Following the roaring success of Beauty and the Beast, our members and patrons came together for a truly delightful evening at The Manse in Bourton.

While the cast and crew know each other very well (perhaps too well after weeks of rehearsals!), the evening was a wonderful opportunity to get to know our valued patrons—those generous supporters who help keep our group going but don't always get the chance to join us behind the scenes. It was lovely to finally put faces to names and share stories from the show.

The night itself was full of laughter, great company, and of course plenty of delicious food. The tables looked fantastic, complete with personalised name cards and thoughtful favours that added an extra sprinkle of magic. A huge thank you goes to Nicky Franks for organising such a fantastic evening—it really was the perfect way to celebrate a brilliant show!



SUMMER SHOW

Don't put away your singing voices just yet... because something exciting is on the horizon!

After almost 10 years, we are absolutely thrilled to announce the return of our Summer Show!! This year will be a little different, featuring an entertaining mix of songs from well-loved musicals alongside sketches from popular sitcoms. Performances will take place on Friday 3rd July (evening) and Saturday 4th July (matinee and evening).

It promises to be a fun-filled event with something for everyone, while still bringing that signature energy and spirit our audiences love.

If you're interested in getting involved, or would simply like more information, please email clodaghogden91@gmail.com or message us on Facebook—Bourton Panto Group.

So watch this space... the curtain is rising once again, and we can't wait to see you there!

Emily Franks



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<p>Music Events for 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All Welcome</p> <p>21st May - Teed Up (Blues)</p> <p>11th June - Guy Tortora Band</p> <p>17th Sept - Cadillac Kings (R&R/Blues)</p> <p>17th Sept - The Bluescasters (Blues)</p> <p>15th Oct - Split Whiskers (Blues)</p> <p>26th Nov - Cadillac Kings (R&R/Blues)</p> <p>★ 17th Dec - Christmas Party ★ with The Backbone Blues Band</p> <p>Tickets £12.50 online £15 on door Doors open 6pm for Food & Drink, music starts 7.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Merrymouth Inn - Events</p> <p>3rd May - Midlands Austin 7 Club Meet</p> <p>Sun 3rd May - Carvery Open from 1.30pm (pre-bookings only)</p> <p>Sun 23rd Aug - Porsche Owners Club Meet</p> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; text-align: center; color: red;"> <p>Why not book our beautiful venue for your party, anniversary or function</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Licensed Bar - Seats 70-100 Ample parking & outside space</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See website for details & booking</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scan QR for Events</p>
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Bourton Browser Team News

Bourton Browser Tea Party 2026: We look forward to seeing our deliverers at the tea party. If you are a deliverer and would like to attend but have not yet replied, please get in touch right away. The email address is below.

David Stanfield: We were saddened to hear the news of David's death on 29th March. Jenny and David have been Bourton Browser deliverers for over 20 years and were also Distributors for the South of the Village for some time. We would like to offer our condolences to Jenny and all of David's family.

Deliverer Changes: long time deliverer Anne Creed has retired, our thanks for her many years of stalwart delivering. Taking her place are Ian and Angela Kendal, welcome! Also, welcome to Mark Hough, newly, (in March) moved to Bourton from London, who will take the route advertised in last month's Browser for 'The Birds'.

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 the address below. We will add them to the on-line village diary and include them in the "Diary Dates" column in the relevant month's Browser.



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!

The Bourton Browser Team

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Group meetings are held throughout the week in Bourton, Stow, Moreton and The Rissingtons.

Our next General Meeting, held in the Royal British Legion Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water, is on

Wednesday 27th May 2026

from 10am to 12 noon.

This will be our AGM where we will briefly review the past year's activities and outline the new and prospective groups.

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Message from the Church


St. Thomas was absent when Jesus first appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection. On hearing their news of the Risen Christ, he said: 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails....and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later Jesus appeared once more to his disciples and Thomas was with them this time. Jesus addressed him personally and said: 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Doubt not, but believe. Thomas replied 'My Lord and my God.' Jesus asked him: 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

We are those people who have not seen the Risen Christ. Why, then, should we believe? Jesus never demands that we have faith in him; but he invites us to

trust what he said and what is recorded in the Gospels. He predicted his own resurrection, and he promised that there is indeed life after death, made possible for each of us through his own death and rising.

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Fr. Stephen



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6pm Contemplative Prayer - 17th May
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SERVICES IN MAY

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

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Ascension Day, Thursday May 14th: Sung Mass 6 pm. (No morning Mass that day). **Pentecost Sunday** (Whit Sunday), Sunday 24th May: Vigil Mass 6 pm on Saturday evening 23rd, Sung Mass 9 am. Sunday morning.

Fr. Stephen is running a course teaching the basics of the Christian faith for people who want to know more about it, or who have issues with Christianity, or who have given up on their faith. Email or text him for more information.

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We have had quite the exciting term at Cotswold Youth Theatre and Sparkhouse Creatives! Finishing off our spring term with a wonderful showcase, workshop and holiday arts camp.

Spring Showcase at Cidermill Theatre



We had an incredible day at Cidermill, presenting wonderful productions from all our classes. Highlights included our Home-Ed Juniors' devised Pink Panther performance, featuring choreography by Ellie O'Toole, and a joint Bourton and Cidermill production of Roald Dahl's *The Witches*. We also had some fantastic performances of *Wizard of Oz*, as well as a wonderful devised performance *Doorway into Adventure*, exploring what happens when the world of Peter Pan, *Wizard of Oz* and *Narnia* all collide.

Our Bourton Seniors delivered a strong performance of *Teachers*, and we were pleased to present a preview of the Cidermill Collective's reimagining of *Jekyll & Hyde*, which will tour the North Cotswolds this summer.

The Cidermill Collective is a theatre group based in Cidermill Theatre run by the Cotswold Youth Theatre. This is an invite, auditioned group, creating space for actors ages 19-25 interested in pursuing acting and bringing quality youth arts into the Cotswolds. Directed by Milly Nixon and mentored by Edward Bennet (RSC Actor) and Award-winning Box House Theatre. If interested in joining this group - please get in touch about auditioning.

We are beyond proud of all our wonderful actors and looking forward to what the next term brings!



'Spring into Arts' holiday camp

At the beginning of the Easter holidays we hosted another fantastic Arts Camp, this time led by Jenny Moss, our

Sparkhouse Director of Arts. We had an absolute blast learning new painting techniques, painting outdoors and exploring perspectives. We also created mobiles, clay models and Lego stop-motion movies. We were very lucky to enjoy some beautiful weather on our visit to the park during lunchtime.

Follow us on facebook & instagram to find out about more arts activities coming soon.

Launch of Sparkhouse Alternative Provision

Last month, our Director of Alternative Provision, Gemma Wingrove, launched a fantastic programme which offers a supportive and creative learning environment for children aged 5-12 who benefit from an alternative approach to education. Based on a Thursday and Friday at the Baden Powell Hall, we work with local primary schools and parents to provide a more flexible education approach centered around learning through the Arts.

For more information to see how your child could benefit, please contact: gemma.sparkhouse@gmail.com

Other exciting events & news:

- **Workshop with the award-winning Box House Theatre**
- **Commissioning Grant from Gloucestershire Council**
Jenny will be leading an Art-based project working with local primary schools and communities - continuing to make our mission of accessible, affordable and inclusive arts come true. Follow our journey on social media!
- **North Cotswold Rotary Grant**
We're thrilled to receive a grant from **North Cotswold Rotary!** This funding will help us bring our **Bringing Books to Life** project to local schools, supporting teachers in using drama to inspire and engage reluctant readers.

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Bumblebeez babies & pre-school tots	Pat Taylor	07518 457652

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National Victory for Year 11

Our Year 11 girls have enjoyed an outstanding run in the Sisters'n'Sport National Vase Netball Competition. Travelling across the country to face strong opposition, including fixtures in Cheshire and Bath, the team consistently demonstrated teamwork, resilience and growing confidence. Finals Day at Loughborough University brought a fantastic semi-final win (17-9), securing their place in the final against Colyton Grammar School. In a composed and determined performance, the girls triumphed 21-14 to become National Vase champions.



Senior Citizens' Tea Celebration

In April, our Year 11 prefects hosted a Senior Citizens' Tea

Party, welcoming over 100 local residents for a memorable afternoon. The event was organised by the students, who showed excellent teamwork, initiative and attention to detail. Guests enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, including sandwiches, homemade cakes and sweet treats, served in a warm and friendly atmosphere with live music. A raffle, supported by generous donations from local businesses, added to the occasion. The event provided a valuable opportunity for students and guests to connect and share stories. We are extremely proud of our prefects for delivering such a successful and community-spirited event.

Students Embrace European Cultures

Students recently enjoyed language trips to both France and Spain, gaining valuable cultural and linguistic experience. A record number joined the French immersion visit, staying with host families and exploring destinations including Saint-Malo and Mont Saint-Michel, while building confidence in their speaking skills. Meanwhile, students in Cádiz experienced Spanish life first-hand, attending school and exploring the historic city. Both trips offered a unique opportunity to develop independence and deepen cultural understanding. Students returned with increased confidence and a renewed enthusiasm for language learning.

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The 2026 season is in full swing at Bourton Vale Lawn Tennis Club—and it’s shaping up to be one of our most exciting years yet!

Team Highlights

It’s already been a fantastic year for the club! Both of our ladies’ teams topped their Gloucestershire Winter League divisions and earned promotion, while our mixed teams secured impressive second-place finishes.

The Summer League is now underway, with two ladies’ and two men’s teams competing—good luck to all our players!

Join the Club

Membership for the 2026–27 season is now open.

Whether you’re looking for relaxed social tennis, a great way to stay fit, or competitive match play, there’s something for everyone. Enjoy year-round access to our two floodlit hard courts—offering excellent value at around 40p per day.

If you would like to have a chat, look around the club and have a coffee with a committee member to learn more – drop us an email to bvtennisclub@outlook.com and we will arrange a date.

Visitors are always welcome too, with flexible holiday and pay-and-play options available.

Come along, get involved, and be part of something special this season!

Find out more and sign up here:

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/BourtonValeLawnTennisClub

We look forward to seeing you on the court

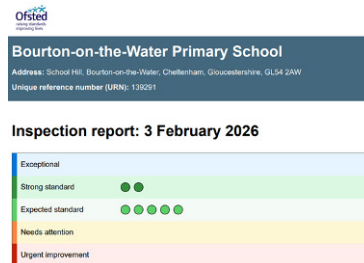
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Bourton Primary Academy

We are very pleased to finally be able to share with you the results of our recent Ofsted inspection in February. This inspection was under the new framework that only started in November.

During the inspection, we had 3 inspectors over 2 days and they routinely commented on how calm, sensible and polite the students are and how they showed kindness to everyone around them. The inspectors also mentioned that the pupils follow our CARE statement (Challenge, Amaze, Respect and Enjoy) in everything they do.

The process and the report are different to how it has been previously. The wording for the gradings has changed and they are now using colours to highlight how a school has achieved against the criteria. The report card you can see below indicates the overall gradings we have achieved. The report will be available online for anyone that would like to read it in full. We feel that the final report reflects a true and honest outcome of a school we are very proud of. To achieve strong standards in Personal Development & Well-being and Behaviour & Attendance is representative of the children and the community that we are all part of.



We have started the Summer Term with a Cricket coach for some of our KS2 classes and we are looking forward to seeing how their skills develop over the next few weeks. We are also very pleased to welcome the Play Rangers into school over the coming weeks to link the community and school together. By the time this has gone to print, our Year 4 children will have been on a residential visit and our Year 6 children are gearing up for their upcoming SATS tests.

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COTSWOLD MOTORING MUSEUM

A delightful new chapter has begun at the museum with the arrival of *Bertie*, the beautifully restored ice cream van now proudly parked by the River Windrush. Once forgotten and gathering dust in a barn, Bertie was rediscovered by Henry Cole during an episode of his much-loved television series *Find It, Fix It, Flog It*. What looked at first



like a tired relic of summers long past soon revealed itself to be a treasure worth saving. Recognising its charm and historical value, the museum acquired the van and set about returning it to its former glory.

The restoration has been nothing short of transformative. Bertie's cheerful colours, polished fittings, and nostalgic character have all been lovingly revived, allowing the van to shine once again as a symbol of simple pleasures and community spirit. Now, basking in the sunshine by the river in front of the museum, Bertie has quickly become a favourite sight for visitors. Its presence adds a whimsical splash of vintage charm to the landscape, evoking memories of childhood treats and long, carefree summer days.

But Bertie isn't the only newcomer making an impression. The museum's *Paved Paradise* gallery—dedicated to celebrating the vibrant style and spirit of the 1960s and 70s—has welcomed a striking Triumph T10 scooter. With its sleek lines, compact frame, and unmistakable retro flair, the T10 fits perfectly within the gallery's celebration of mid-century design and culture. More than just a mode of transport, the scooter represents an era defined by freedom, individuality, and youthful energy. Its arrival enriches the museum's growing collection of iconic British vehicles, offering visitors a vivid glimpse into the engineering, aesthetics, and cultural shifts of decades past.

Men in Sheds, Bourton

I recently dropped into Men in Sheds at the Royal British Legion. As part of the County Council's Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund I was really pleased to be able to give £2,500 this year to the Bourton branch to help them thrive.

Men (and women!) find the work they do really valuable for the community. When I met some of the villagers involved they told me that they've created seats, shop displays and planters amongst other things for the local community and of course everything they do is voluntary.

It's a great way of meeting other people, giving back to others locally and using skills which we may have never used since woodwork classes at school!

Bourton is actively looking for more people to get involved so if you'd like more information please contact Cotswold Friends via their email sheds@cotswoldfriends.org.

Pictured: Paul Hodgkinson with Desmond, Michael and Sheryl.

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson

(Bourton and Northleach division, GCC)



Paul Hodgkinson with Desmond, Michael and Sheryl.



BOURTON CHARITY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS Please support us in 2026

Kate's Home Nursing is a much-loved local charity providing hospice care at home, alongside bereavement and carer support. In 2025 we provided over 4,000 free nursing hours to residents in Bourton-on-the-Water and surrounding villages.

This year, we are proudly celebrating our 30th anniversary. As we mark this important milestone, we are asking for your support. We want to be here for the next 30 years and beyond – but we need your help.

Like many hospices and hospice-at-home charities across the country, Kate's Home Nursing is operating in a challenging funding environment. Most hospices are independent charities and typically receive only a proportion of their funding from the NHS, with the remainder needing to be raised through charitable donations, fundraising and retail income. Increasing demand and rising costs are placing significant pressure on the sector.

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Bourton Gymnastics Club

Here at Bourton Gymnastics Club, we offer a welcoming space where people of all ages and abilities can build strength, confidence, and skill. Whether you're taking your very first steps into the gym or training at an advanced level, our experienced coaches are here to support every stage of your journey.

Our core gymnastics program focuses on developing balance, coordination, flexibility, and technique in a fun and structured environment. For younger children, our toddler sessions provide a playful introduction to movement, helping little ones explore safely while improving motor skills and social interaction.

For those looking for something more high-energy and creative, our freestyle and parkour sessions are a perfect fit. These classes encourage freedom of movement, teaching participants how to navigate obstacles, perform tricks, and build agility in an exciting, non-traditional setting.

We also offer dedicated competition squads for gymnasts who want to take their training to the next level. In addition, we run exciting birthday parties and action-packed holiday camps, giving children even more opportunities to stay active and have fun during school breaks.

Above all, our club prides itself on creating a positive and inclusive community where everyone can thrive.

Join us on Sunday 17th of May for a Summer Fun Day 11am-3pm, including games, gymnastics, freestyle, and lots of sweet treats. All ages and abilities are welcome to come along and have some fun! Why not make a day of it and enjoy a lovely walk around Bourton-on-the-Water afterwards.

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North Cotswold Tri & Run

March Results

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March also saw some excellent half marathon performances. Ally Stirling achieved a half marathon personal best at the Berlin Half Marathon in 1:34:50. At the Bath Half, both Richard Walker and Charles Perkins achieved personal bests, with Walker finishing in 1:35:07 and Perkins close behind in 1:36:12.



At parkrun, Dennis Walmsley continued his strong return from injury with an excellent run at Kilkenney Lane Country Park on 22 March, recording 21:05 and finishing first in the VM60–64 category.

Polly Kiani also finished as second female in a time of 21:42.

Polly

Two pieces of news this month from the ever busy, Rotary in the Rissingtons.

In the past few years we have worked closely with Gloucestershire Young Carers (GYC) in the supply of laptops to young people, who through no fault of their own or their families, had their studies disrupted due to the lack of the appropriate technology. It was no surprise therefore when we were recently contacted again to help an 11yr old carer from a single parent family who was struggling with access to technology while caring for her sisters, one living with a genetic disorder and the other recently diagnosed with a brain tumour. RitR swung into action to find a suitable device. A RitR member, who also works with the Gloucestershire County Council sponsored DAISI charity (*Digital Access and Inclusion*) which has a large store of donated laptops and also provides mobiles and SIM cards to those in need, connected them to GYC. Two weeks later a DAISI employee delivered a Windows 11 laptop, phone and free Vodafone SIM card to the young carer which was most gratefully received. These devices will enable this person to be socially included with her peers at school, keep up with her studies and stay in touch with critical services. A job well done ... thank you Peter!

Helping even younger members of our community, our Chairman recently delivered 335 woolly hats for premature babies to the specialised Units at the John Ratcliffe, Worcester and Gloucester Hospitals. And whilst we are on the topic of knitting, I will say thank you again to Catherine who over the past few years has raised several thousand pounds knitting and selling her bobble hats, the "Wellington Wobblers".

See you next month.... Andrew

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Residents' Survey Highlights:

Tourism's Impact on Our Village Community

A recent survey conducted by Bourton Residents' Voice, based on 202 responses (around 6% of the adult population), provides the clearest and most reliable picture to date of how unsustainable tourism is affecting everyday life in the village.

Key Headlines

- **94.6%** of respondents believe there are too many visitors
- **90.8%** report a negative impact on quality of life
- **92.6%** say traffic and parking are not effectively managed
- **84.9%** are dissatisfied with the balance between residents and tourists
- **82%** feel the village has lost its sense of community
- **49.5%** feel less connected to other residents than a few years ago

Together, the results show a clear and widely shared concern: during peak periods, the village is no longer functioning as a balanced community.

Importantly, the survey also indicates that community cohesion is deteriorating over time, with residents feeling less connected to one another than in previous years. This should serve as a clear wake-up call for decision-makers.

Residents are not opposed to tourism, but are calling for better management and a more sustainable balance. The survey shows strong support for practical measures, including improved traffic control, better management of vehicle access to the village centre, protection of community space, and more effective enforcement, as well as the need for coordinated long-term action.

The survey provides an evidence-based picture of resident experience, helping to inform future discussion and decision-making.

For the creation of this strong evidence base, I would like to thank all residents who took part in the survey, and the Steering Group for their efforts in making it happen.

The findings will support ongoing work to ensure Bourton remains a thriving and balanced community. Residents interested in contributing to this work are encouraged to get in touch.

Jon Wareing, District Councillor, Bourton Village Ward

(to read the full report, please go to

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Bourton Roadrunners

Normally when the week starts with one chasing after the train it spells bad news. However, for Bourton Roadrunners' Michela Sartori it couldn't have been more fun. On Monday morning, while many were still contemplating their remaining Easter eggs, Michela was looking to beat the steam-hauled heritage rail service between Rowsley South and Matlock Riverside and back, at the **Peak Rail 7**. Caught behind a group of local regulars, Michela was just pipped by the 80-year old train, David Earl, which completed the route in 55 minutes and 20.1 seconds while Michela took 57 minutes and 8.2 seconds! Meanwhile, Michela's partner Richard *expressed* his satisfaction having let the train take the strain and was reliving his childhood!

Nearer to home, Bourton's Steph Lane fancied a 10Km road race and took part in the **Berkeley 10K**, comfortably finishing first woman in a time 37 minutes and 57 seconds, ahead of CLC Strider's Helen Knight who was second woman in 41:06, in very windy conditions.

Bourton Roadrunners were also mixing it amongst a large field at **Tewkesbury Half Marathon and 10K**. In the 10Km event in-form Niamh Shoemark gave another fine performance, achieving 42 minutes and 32 seconds, finishing second in the female vet-55 category and 25th overall from a field of more than 400 runners. Joining her was Lisa Braid, who also impressed with a strong run in 48:30 and winning the female vet-40 category.



Meanwhile, in the half marathon it was Gemma Franzmann who had the edge, completing the 21.1 Km course in two hours, five minutes and 50 seconds to earn herself a new PB. She was joined by Claire Carroll, who put in a Trojan effort to achieve 2:09:11



Louise, Gillian and John

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

CNL60 – Batsford: A journey of Three Churches – Tuesday 5th May – Moderate 3hr 5.5ml

Starting at the Arboretum we first visit the church in Batsford before continuing on to Blockley church where we will stop for a break. Blockley church is where Father Brown is filmed. Our return route is via Bourton-on-the-Hill where we will visit their church. Please bring a snack/drink.

Start: 9.30am Batsford Arboretum & Garden Centre, Batsford. Please use the lower car park.

OS Map ref: SP 183 334. W3W: [digs.padlock.convertor](https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk)

Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday starting from Tuesday 26th May to the end of September – Easy 1.5hr. Expected donation £5.00

We will walk along the High Street and provide a historical tour of the town. From the granting of Campden's Charter in the 1180s, the growth of the town and its magnificent buildings, to the arrival of the Arts and Crafts movement. Refreshments available in the town after the walk. *Start:* 2.00pm on Tuesdays and 10:00am on Thursdays. Meet at the Market Hall in the centre of town. OS Map ref: SP 151 392.

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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The Tea Room will be open for refreshments to enjoy in the Picnic area by the River Evenlode. You can browse our Mini Market and visit the Tombola and BBQ. Dogs are welcome. Parking is free. Tickets: Adults £9.50, Seniors £8.50 Children are now FREE.

Web Site combemill.org

Combe Mill is also, open every Wednesday from 18th March to End of October for self-guided tours and the tea room will be open. Tickets: £6.00 Adults, Seniors £5.00, Children now free.

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David's funeral was held on Friday, 24th April at St Lawrence's Church, followed by a wake at the Moreton Bowls Club. We are very grateful to the club for hosting.

Money donated in memory of David will be divided between Kate's Home Nursing and the Big Space Appeal at Cheltenham Hospital's Oncology Unit.

David was an active member of the community, belonging to many groups including, North Cotswold Rotary, Bourton and District u3a and Moreton Bowls Club. Along with Jenny, he was also a Bourton Browser Deliverer.

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Bourton WI



Bourton WI had a very interesting talk from a midwife this month.

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Dorothy had many amusing moments during her career and some harrowing ones abroad.

She was on night duty and one baby decided to put its hand out first. Needless to say, the baby had to be delivered by caesarean section.

One couple decided to take the placenta home and ceremoniously bury it in the garden. Their dog decided to dig it up and run down the road with it thus sparking a murder hunt!

On another occasion, Dorothy handed the baby to the "father" in the delivery room, only to discover that he was the taxi driver who had brought the mother in. She hadn't let go of his hand! He left saying that he didn't want payment and he couldn't get out quickly enough!

Dorothy has been to many countries and met many mothers during her time as a midwife. Her daughter is now a midwife.

Three members from Rissington WI joined us for the evening.

Next month we are having our annual Race Night.

We meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Victoria Hall at 7pm. New members are always welcomed.

For more information contact Pat Taylor (President) on 07518457652.

June

Bourton Men in Sheds



Well hopefully the cold, wet, wintery days have left us and we all look forward to warmer temperatures. Our chairman, Keith, has recently spent some time in hospital and now he is home and we all wish him a speedy

recovery. Thanks to Mike for taking the lead in Keith's absence.

We are planning to have an Open Morning on Friday, May 1st, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Hope to see many of you there. We can be found behind the British Legion on Mondays and Fridays 9.30am to 12.00 Noon. Come along for a chat and a cuppa and see the items we make. We are still selling large bags of kindling at £5 and large bags of off cuts at £2.

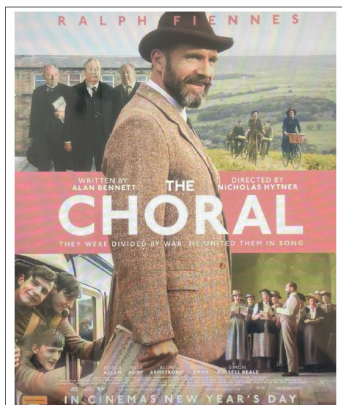
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