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DIARY DATES

- 1st, 15th & 29th, Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
- 3rd Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, join social group 2-4pm. Call 01242 221170, or email info@insight-glos.org.uk
- 4th & 18th Bell ringing practice **StLC**, 7.30-9.00pm. 01451 810996.
- 6th Friends of Bourton School, Duck Racing and Cake Sale, The Green, 11am-4pm.
- 6th-7th Gift Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm, all welcome, Tel: 07832195427.
- 8th Volunteer Information Evening, 'Headspace', Unit 6, Old Station Yard, GL54 2RZ. 7-8.30pm See page 17.
- 9th WI, **VH**, 7pm. John Kinroy, 'The Life and Times of a Film Extra'. See page 6.
- 10th Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 3.
- 10th & 24th Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 10th u3a Scrabble, **GMCC**. 2-4pm. 07341 094206. peterdawson790@icloud.com
- 10th Horticultural Club, **BCH**, 7.30pm. "Home Grown Cut Flowers" by Robert Champion. See page 6.
- 12th & 26th Dementia Friendly Cafe, **GMCC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726. See page 5.
- 13th Worcestershire Saxophone Quar-

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish News

News from the Parish Council – June 2026



At the Parish Council's Annual Meeting on 6th May, Councillor Lynda Hicks was re-elected as Chairman and Councillor Andy Roberts was re-elected as Vice-Chairman. Membership of the Council's committees was also agreed at the meeting. The next ordinary Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 27th May.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2025–26 was approved at the Annual Meeting. Members of the public may inspect the end-of-year accounts from Wednesday 3rd June to Tuesday 14th July 2026. Further information is available from the Parish Clerk or on the Parish Council website: www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk/the-council/agar

There are currently two Parish Councillor vacancies to replace Councillors Roger Frampton and Sarita Tapper. Please keep an eye on Parish Council noticeboards and social media for details of how to apply. Any councillors appointed will serve until the May 2027 elections, which will mark the start of the next four-year term.

Residents are reminded that the best way to report highways maintenance issues or street defects is via <https://fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk>, which ensures reports are passed directly to the relevant authority for action.

Solar-powered compacting litter bins

Cotswold District Council will be trialling solar-powered compacting litter bins in the village centre over the summer. These bins have a significantly larger capacity than standard bins while taking up less space. As part of the trial, two of the existing large black bins will be removed, with one solar-powered compacting bin installed for each company participating in the trial. The pilot forms part of a wider review of litter bin provision in the village centre being carried out in collaboration with the Parish Council.

Acoustic panels at the George Moore Community Centre



The Parish Council has recently received a Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund grant from Gloucestershire County Council, which funded the installation of acoustic panels in the Windrush Room at the George Moore Community Centre.

The panels, mounted on the ceiling, have significantly reduced echoing and improved sound quality in this popular meeting space.

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson and Parish Council Chairman Councillor Lynda Hicks are pictured in the Windrush Room following completion of the works.

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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**

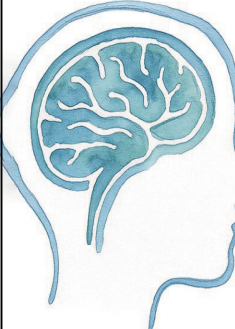
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Go to the "Get in Touch" tab and then complete the contact form to send **questions, articles** (max.300 words), **adverts & event details** to the team.

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- tet, **StLC**, 3pm. See page 7.
- 15th Rural Cinema, 'Ella Mc'Cay', Jamie Lee Curtis, Emma Mackey, **VC**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. See page 13.
- 16th Volunteer Information Evening, 'Headspace', Unit 6, Old Station Yard, GL54 2RZ. 7-8.30pm See page 17.
- 17th Parish Councillor Surgery, **GMCC**, 2-4pm. See next column.
- 20th The Cotswold School, Duck Racing & Cake Sale, The Green, 10am-3pm.
- 24th u3a, **BLH**, 10am-12noon, 'Antiques' by Peter Ashburner. All welcome to attend. See page 13. www.bourton.u3asite.uk.
- 25th Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Old New Inn. csandles75@gmail.com
- 26th Wellbeing Evening, Cotswold School, 6.30-9.30pm. Tickets £5. See poster page 12.
- 27th Parish Councillor Surgery, **GMCC**, 10am-12noon.. See next column.
- 27th St Lawrence's Church Fete, Duck Racing, & teas. 10am-4pm, The Green. See page 9.
- 28th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07980 080073.
- 30th-1st July Gift Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm, all welcome, Tel: 07832195427.

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Regular Weekly Bourton Events

- Mon.** Armed Forces Veterans Meeting, **BLH**, 10am—12pm, 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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Councillor Surgeries
 Councillor surgery dates for June are:

- **Wednesday 17th June, 2-4pm**
- **Saturday 27th June, 10am-12 noon**

Both sessions will take place in the Salmonsbury Room at the George Moore Community Centre and provide an opportunity for residents to meet their councillors and discuss local matters.

Reminder – Thames Water road closure
 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 a section of Station Road between the Fosseyway and The Furrows, with traffic closed in both directions. Access between the Fosseyway and parts of the village via Station

Road will not be possible during this period.

Alternative routes will be available via Lansdowne or Meadow Way.

The Parish Council has raised concerns with Gloucestershire County Council and the local police regarding the scheduled closure of Station Road in June.

Measures to mitigate the inevitable disruption were put forward to GCC, such as temporary signs to direct traffic to the village car parks, suspension of parking spaces on Lansdowne, clarification on the route coaches will take to leave the village and to consider the feasibility of introducing a one-way system through Lansdowne during the closure.

So far, these suggestions have not been taken up and the Parish Council's request for a traffic flow plan during the works remains unanswered.

Please rest assured that the Parish Council will continue to lobby for the least possible disruption for the local community during the period of the road closure.

Meetings and contact details
Parish Council Meeting
 Wednesday 1st July 2026, 7pm
 Windrush Room, George Moore Community Centre

All Parish Council meetings are live-streamed via Microsoft Teams and recorded. Joining links are included 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

Bourton Browser Team News

Bourton Browser Tea Party 2026: On 11th May, 47 volunteers from the Bourton Browser team enjoyed a visit to Birdland, followed by a delicious afternoon tea in their café. See page 20 for full details.

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

team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk
www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk



Bourton Panto Group

Unfortunately, Bourton Panto Group's planned summer show will no longer be going ahead this year due to some unforeseen personal circumstances. We'd like to apologise for any disappointment. The good news? It is absolutely still something we plan to bring back in the future, so don't let that excitement fade!

Now, onto the exciting stuff because it's certainly not quiet behind the scenes. Of course, panto brains never really switch off. The committee are already hard at work plotting, planning and organising (and having the occasional debate) in preparation for next year's show.

After the roaring success of this year's Beauty and the Beast we know we've got a tough act to follow. But we're thrilled to say that we've found a director for next year's production and we might just have decided on a show too!?? We're keeping the secret under wraps for now, but we promise there'll be more news before you know it.

As always, thank you for your continued support, Bourton Panto Group wouldn't be the same without our wonderful audiences and supporters!

Emily Franks



The River Windrush is our River

Thames Water has been routinely pumping vast quantities of untreated sewage into **our river** for years. And they haven't even asked **our** permission. Instead, our government – and previous governments – have given water companies carte blanche to continue polluting **our river** with sewage while they lamely discuss possible additional regulation.

The water companies are already breaking the law. The TV docudrama Dirty Business (which is still available to watch on Catchup) clearly shows how much water companies have already got away with polluting **our river** to give more profit to water companies' shareholders.

If you, like us, feel that, rather than the water companies, **we** should have a greater voice in how our rivers are protected, and indeed how the water we use is protected, please consider signing the following petition <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/762640> which reads:

Hold a referendum to bring the water industry into public ownership

Hold a binding national referendum on whether the water industry should be returned to public ownership. Water is a basic human necessity; we believe our privatised system has failed, so the public should decide who owns and controls it.

The deadline for this petition is 1st October 2026. If more than 100,000 people sign it, it will be considered for debate in parliament.

David Heitler and Anne Wegner

Thank You! I would like to thank my family, neighbours & friends, who helped me celebrate my recent 90th birthday. Also, to the Old New Inn for catering my party, and to Hugh for the poem. I am a true Bourtonian, having been born here and fallen (or been pushed) into the river. Are there any Bourtonians older than me?
Ruth Manning

The Charity Knitting Circle

We meet at Willoughby Place, Bourton-on-the-Water on the second Wednesday each month from 10am until Noon. Come along and enjoy Coffee/Tea and Biscuits. Knitted items still needed for charities.

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Thank you, Peter and Irene



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OUT AND ABOUT in June

- Mondays - Northleach Bridge Club, Cotswold Hall, Northleach, 7:15pm. Contact northleachbridgeclub@gmail.com
- 6th Fun Day and Dog Show, Naunton Recreation Ground GL54 3AS, 1-5pm, £2.50, under 12s free. Fun games and activities. See poster page 12.
- 6th Colour Fun Run, Cold Aston School, 10am-noon. See poster page 13. friendsofcoldastonschool@gmail.com
- 11th Guy Tortora Band, Cotswold Blues Club, Merrymouth, Stow Rd, OX7 6HR. www.cotswoldmerrymouth.co.uk 01993 256620. See advert page 5.
- 11th & 25th Bell ringing practice, Great Rissington Church. 7.30-9.30pm. 07711 867280.
- 11th- 23rd Burford Festival, (open gardens 13th & 14th, music, drama, talks, socials) for info <https://burfordfestival.org/>
- 12th-14th Royal Three Counties Show, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR13 6NW. 8am-6pm. Reduced tickets in advance www.royalthreecounties.co.uk/
- 13th Village Market, Great Rissington Club. 10am till noon. Do come & join us. Lots of stalls, teas and coffees & Bacon Baps. Contact Jackie Palmer 01451 822285
- 14th Open Garden & teas at Guiting Grange, GL54 5UD. in aid of church funds. 1-5.30pm. £10, children free, no dogs. See page 15.
- 14th Oddington Open Gardens & Church Flower Festival GL56 OXG, 2pm-5pm, Entry £10, U10s free. Dogs welcome on leads, teas, cakes, plant stalls, games. In aid of the Church. See page 18.
- 18th Special Italian themed menu night, The Lamb Inn, Great Rissington. enquiry@thelambinn.com
- 19th Rissingtons Local History Society, visit to Chavenage House near Tetbury. A beautiful Elizabethan House, still occupied by the Lowsey Williams family, popular film / TV Location. 07815 606770, information.RLHS@gmail.com. rissingtonlocalhistorysociety.com.
- 19th-21st Blenheim Palace Flower Show, Blenheim Palace, OX20 1UL. www.blenheimpalace.com or 01993 810530
- 20th Guiting Power Fete & Fun Dog Show, Village Hall, GL54 5GX, 12noon-4pm, teas, BBQ, stalls, live music. Free entry.
- 21st Classic Cars, Combe Mill (In Steam), Blenheim Palace Sawmills, OX29 8ET. Tea Room, gift shop, raffle & BBQ. 10.30am-4pm. Dogs welcome. Adults £9.50, seniors £8.50, Children free. Free parking. www.combemill.org 01993 358694.
- 26th-28th History Weekend, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. www.sudeleycastle.co.uk
- 26th Live Music from 8pm, The Lamb Inn, Great Rissington. enquiry@thelambinn.com
- 26th"A Night at the Opera", London Festival Opera perform popular arias & ensembles. Tickets northleachevents.co.uk.
- 27th Moreton in Marsh WI Craft and Produce Show, Redesdale Hall, Moreton in Marsh, Free entry, 12 noon-4pm. Coffee and cake available from 10.30am. www.mimewi.org
- 28th RNLI Open Garden, The Old Vicarage, Bledington, OX7 6UX, 11am-5pm, entry £5, plants, tea and cakes. Traditional English garden, over 300 David Austin roses. See page 15.
- 28th Elkstone Open Gardens, 2-6pm, teas, plant stall etc. www.elkstoneparish.gov.uk See page 18.
- 28th Naunton Open Gardens, 1.30-5.30pm, entry £10, u16s free, tea, cakes, ice cream, plant stalls. See page 18.



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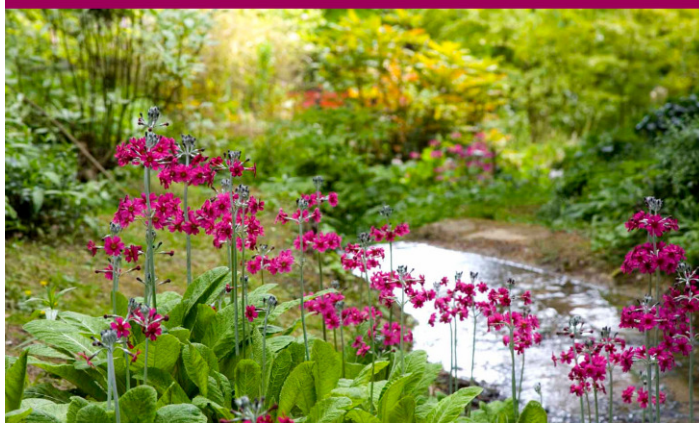
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North Cotswolds Rotary

Family Fun Day! North Cotswold Rotary Duck Race and Tombola

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In addition, there will be a Tombola where just £1 entitles you to 4 tickets and the chance to win an array of prizes. We are very grateful to our event sponsor, Brio Retirement Living for their continued support and all proceeds will go to Rotary Charities. So come and join the fun cheering on your duck in one of the many exciting races! **John Barber**

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAFE

Note, changing venue

As you can see, we enjoyed the Bourton Ukulele Band but the Music Men were unable to come to our 8th May meeting due to illness. They will come to a session later in the summer.

Coming up are:

- Motor Museum visit (followed by tea at 'The Willows Café'), at 2pm, on 12th June.
- Kate Holland 'home exercises', on 26th June.

Also, we are planning the visit to the steam railway at Toddington on the 9th July, details to follow.

VENUE: We are moving to the George Moore Community Centre from the 26th June, where parking will be available on site. We thank the Church for giving us our start in life!

Hasn't the white blossom been marvelous this year? **Bill Wragge**



BOURTON RESIDENTS' VOICE



BRV Update:

Bourton Residents Voice (BRV) is launching monthly meetings and informal socials to bring residents together, spark conversation and encourage wider involvement in the future of the village.

Alongside discussions around the strategic management of the village, tourism, infrastructure and community wellbeing, BRV also wants to create enjoyable opportunities for people to connect, share ideas and get to know others in the community. From relaxed socials to open conversations over tea and cake, the aim is to build a stronger, more connected and representative voice for Bourton and bond as a community in new ways at the same time!

Everyone is welcome to get involved, whether you want to contribute ideas, stay informed or simply meet more people in the village.

Please check out social media, local notice boards and future Browsers to stay up to date.

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We had a coffee morning for the Pancreatic cancer charity on Saturday April 25th, the weather was glorious, and lots of lovely people supported us, we raised an amazing £1250.

I would like to thank everyone who over the last 5 years have provided cakes, raffle prizes, nearly new clothes, and unwanted gifts, to help raise awareness of Pancreatic cancer. To the wonderful helpers who at each event, have been at my side making the events fun and successful, I give grateful thanks.

This will be the the last one, but am truly grateful to you all for the support and generosity over the last 5 years.

Sue Gilbert

Bourton WI



Hats and fascinators were brought out when Bourton WI held its Annual Race Night on Tuesday.



Cheering got louder with the wine, nibbles and some delicious home made spring rolls and fruit cake.

Bets were placed on some wonderfully named horses such as Major Roadworks and Silly Willy!!

Everyone agreed that it was a fun evening even though no money had changed hands!

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

Next month the speaker will be John Kinroy on The Life and Times of a Film Extra.

June

Bourton Vale Horticultural Society Your friendly garden club

It's the middle of May as I write this and it's still so cold!! We have had frosts, hailstones and gales in the last few days. Plants have been in and out of the greenhouse and don't know if they are on their heads or their heels. Luckily I haven't lost anything to

frosts – but I suppose there is still time. We didn't have a meeting in May as it was our annual outing. This year we went to Kingham Lodge. Despite a fairly tropical storm the sun did come out and we enjoyed the wonderful garden of Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell. There were swathes of Rhododendrons and azaleas in amazing colours and beautiful mixed borders and formal areas, including an Islamic pavilion which we were lucky enough to shelter in during the storm.

The competition was for a buttonhole, but as there were only three entrants Mr. Stockwell very diplomatically called it a tie shared amongst Antoinette, Marie and myself.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 10th June at the usual time of 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall and our speaker will be Robert Champion talking about and demonstrating "Home Grown Cut Flowers" and he will have plants for sale. The competition will be one stem of either a single or cluster rose.

I also just want to promote an Open Gardens and Church Flower Festival in Oddington on Sunday, 14th June, 2-5 pm. Hope you will be able to join us.

Let's hope June will be warmer and sunnier.

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During the second world war when all seemed lost people flocked to churches to pray and their prayers were answered. After the war was over the churches emptied but God did not leave. In fact, he calls upon his people to pray and involve him in our lives.

During May our church participated in the "Thy Kingdom Come" call to prayer.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension Day to Pentecost. Since it began in 2016 it has grown into a movement of more than a million Christians in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85

different denominations and traditions. We each pray for 5 people to come to know the love of God and come to faith in Jesus Christ who said "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Let's not stop there. Action is needed and needed now! History shows that things happen when people pray. Revivals are always preceded by prayer.

The Water Church/Bourton Baptist invites you to come and pray. On the first Saturday of every month there will be a prayer service at 10am. At other times the church will be open for personal prayer.

This call to prayer is to everyone. A call to pray for our world, our country, our government and to see God move once again in our community. We are in a battle, but the battle will be won on our knees!

Rev Sue Woodley



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13th June at 3pm - CONCERT with Worcestershire Saxophone Quartet

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6pm - Holy Communion with hymns - 7th June
6pm Contemplative Prayer - 21st June
8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion - 14th and 28th June

Breakfast Church - 2nd Saturday - 13th June - 9am start - Good for families

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

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SERVICES IN JUNE

Weekend Masses: Saturday evening: **Vigil Mass 6 pm**. Sunday morning: **9 am Sung Mass**, including Childrens' liturgy.

Weekday Masses: **At 9 am every day** (no Mass Saturday mornings). Mass on Tuesdays usually takes place at St. Lawrence's, Bourton at 9 am. (Check with website).

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

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Pentecost Sunday (Whit Sunday), Sunday 24th May: Vigil Mass 6 pm on Saturday evening 23rd, Sung Mass 9 am. Sunday morning.

Corpus Christi, Sun. 7th June: Vigil Mass 6 pm on Sat. evening 6th, Sung Mass 9 am. Sunday morning.

Visitation by Bishop Bosco Sunday June 14th with Reception into the Church of a new Catholic, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. **Mass this day will be at 10.30 am.**

Fr. Stephen is running a course teaching the basics of the Christian faith for people who want to know more.

Fr. Stephen

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For The Younger Generations



Cotswold Youth Theatre

As summer approaches, we're excited to share some of the brilliant things happening across our creative community - from upcoming camps and performances to exciting school and community projects.

Save the Date: Summer Camps 2026

Escape to Treasure Island

11th–13th August at Victoria Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water for Ages 7–12

Our much-loved Summer Arts Camp returns with an immersive pirate adventure packed with creativity, imagination, and theatrical fun. Across three action-packed days, young adventurers are invited to journey to a mystical tropical island filled with hidden treasure, creative discoveries and theatrical adventures.

Thanks to generous funding from Hacklings, we are offering 15 fully funded spaces for children from low-income families, alongside Supported, Standard and Pay-It-Forward donation-based places to help widen access to the arts.

Get ready to set sail for an unforgettable summer adventure!

Performing Arts Camp 2026

24th–26th August | Cidermill Theatre

We're also thrilled to launch our brand-new Performing Arts Camp for young performers. From musical theatre and Shakespeare to animation and filmmaking, this exciting camp offers opportunities to build confidence, develop new skills, and have fun in a supportive and energetic environment.

We're Off to Birmingham Rep!

We're incredibly excited that our Sparkhouse Ensemble will be performing at the Birmingham Rep this July, a fantastic opportunity for our members to showcase their talent on a profes-

sional stage. We currently have three spaces available for anyone aged 18–25 interested in joining the ensemble. We'd love to hear from you!

Exciting Things Brewing

There's been lots happening across our weekly programmes.

Our new Community Choir, led by Gil Robinson, has had a fantastic start, bringing people together through music, creativity and connection.

We've also launched a Free 6-week Acting for Screen workshop, funded by World Jungle, Community Fund and Cotswold Youth Network, giving participants the chance to develop on-camera performance skills. Meanwhile, our Youth Theatre groups are preparing for their showcase at the Cidermill Theatre this July, while our Seniors are getting ready for their upcoming LAMDA exams.

Home@cotswoldyouththeatre or [@sparkhousecreatives](https://www.instagram.com/sparkhousecreatives)

Sarah Dowie



Sparkhouse Creatives Arts in Schools

Creativity has been thriving in local classrooms through our Gloucestershire County Council-funded Schools Art Project.

Reception pupils have been creating a vibrant animal kingdom filled with snakes, fish and jellyfish, while older students are busy building large-scale papier-mâché totem poles now entering their final stages. "It is a delight to work with so many fantastic and talented local children," says Jenny Moss, Art Director and project lead. "We can't wait to show the community what they have created!"

Projects Supported by the North Cotswold Rotary Fund

Thanks to the North Cotswold Rotary Helping Hand Grant, we've been able to deliver creative projects in local primary schools, including Drama Transition Days and the 'Bringing Books to Life' project.

Pop-Up Sessions with World Jungle

During May Half-Term, we were also pleased to support two pop-up sessions with World Jungle, creating more opportunities for young people and families to engage in creative activities over the holidays.

We're incredibly grateful for the continued support that helps us expand access to the arts for young people across our community.

Sparkhouse Creatives

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Sarah Dowie

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Bourton Primary Academy

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In the sporting calendar we took over 80 children from Key Stage 2 to compete in the local round of the athletics competition. Athletics combines team and individual events which makes for a very exciting day of action! We were incredibly pleased with their efforts, sportsmanship and abilities in the track and field events.

We can't believe we are now heading into our final half term of the school year and what a busy term it is shaping up to be. The Year 5 and 6 children will soon start building their go-karts for their bi-annual 'Bourton Grand-Prix'. We have started to welcome what will be our new reception starters for some 'stay and play' sessions. Our PTA are gearing up for a busy half term with a Disco, Duck Racing Event and Summer Fair. If you would like to support the school, please pop down to the village green on Saturday 6th June to buy some ducks!

Tori Gainford,
Deputy Head

Bourton Vale Tennis Club

Sunshine, Smiles & a Fantastic Start to the Season!

Bourton Tennis Club's Opening Tournament on Sun. 26 April was the perfect start to the summer season. With glorious sunshine and a great atmosphere, players enjoyed a fun and competitive morning of tennis.

Pairs were drawn on the day and teams competed in a "best of 8" round robin format — with a twist! After four games, players switched sides, meaning half the match was played with their partner and half against them. The format made for some exciting rallies, close matches, and plenty of laughs.

After the tennis, everyone relaxed together over lunch and drinks in the sunshine.

Team News—Our teams have made an outstanding start in the Dunlop Gloucestershire Summer League 2026.

- The men's teams are currently 1st and 2nd in Divisions 3A and 5B.

- The ladies' teams are leading both Division 3B and Division 4A.

Congratulations to all players on some brilliant performances so far!

New Members Welcome—We're always delighted to welcome new members — whether you're a beginner, returning to tennis, or a future Wimbledon champion!

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THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

Dance Showcase

We hosted our first Arts Award Dance Showcase, featuring 38 performers in a one-hour performance to a packed audience. The evening highlighted an outstanding range of styles, including ballet, pointe, contemporary, tap, song and musical theatre.

The event was the result of seven months of hard work, and the professionalism, creativity and commitment on display were exceptional. Ms Buckley praised the “extraordinary level of skill and variety” and thanks Maria Blundell-Palethorpe for leading the Arts Award.

Selected performances can be seen at the Cadence Festival on 9th July at 5.30pm at The Cotswold School.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

35 Year 12 students completed the Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award practice expedition in the Black Mountains. Over four days they showed resilience and teamwork, navigating challenging terrain and developing expedition skills. Staff praised their positive attitude and feel confident that they are prepared for their qualifying expedition in the Yorkshire Dales.

98 Year 10 students took part in the Silver D of E practice expedition near Oxford, completing a 20km route around Wytham Woods and Farmoor Reservoir. Students demonstrated navigation, independence and teamwork. The weekend featured a team challenge day focused on problem-solving and collaboration.

Strong Performances in Sport

U12 football team delivered an outstanding performance at Kingshill School, going unbeaten across five matches against new opposition. With four wins and a draw in a back-to-back fixture schedule, the girls showed resilience, teamwork, and confidence throughout the day, being crowned overall tournament winners.

U14 girls’ rugby team enjoyed a fantastic achievement, reaching the EDF Cup Finals at Kingsholm Stadium. In a closely contested final, the team produced a memorable performance. Eight of the eleven players started playing rugby in September, making their rapid progress and team success more impressive.

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Salmonsbury Moot

A celebration of landscape, wildlife, and history

On Saturday 1st August 2026, join us to celebrate the landscape, wildlife and history of Greystones Farm nature reserve, Bourton-on-the-Water.

Visitors will get the chance to explore the reserve in new ways, discover its rich history, and take part in hands-on activities that celebrate both nature and heritage. Visitors will be able to :-

- Visit the Discovery Barn and Iron Age round house
- Try Iron Age activities like wattle & daubing making, bread making on an open fire & drop spinning
- Come on guided walks around the reserve to discover both its nature and archaeology
- Explore with a children’s trail around the site.
- Go on a Walk Draw—artist’s walk

Special guests: Miserden Morris dancing beside the oak beside the Hundred Stone

Activities will be taking place between 11:00 – 15:00 – specific timings for the activities available on the [facebook.com/Salmonsbury Moot](https://www.facebook.com/SalmonsburyMoot)

Whether you’re curious about the past, passionate about nature, or simply looking for a day out, this event offers something for everyone — come and be part of it!

The Salmonsbury Moot is the culmination of a yearlong project combining art and archaeology: a unique collaboration between artist, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, and the Corinium Museum. This event will be followed by an exhibition at the Corinium Museum of art created in response to the site, alongside artefacts from the archive - 10th Sept. to 11th Oct. 2026.

Our aim - to bring the archive into the community and the community into the archive

Quote from Corinium

We’re proud to be the latest custodians of Greystones, with its human and natural history stretching back thousands of years. We’re looking forward to this event giving people a chance to connect with the landscape and its wildlife on a deeper level. - Rhys Howell,

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There will also be a fully stocked PTA bar serving refreshments throughout the evening, plus a raffle with some brilliant prizes up for grabs - so don't miss your chance to get involved!

Tickets are available now via our social media pages for a discounted price of £5, or £6 on the door. Your ticket includes a complimentary glass of fizz on arrival, along with a goody bag (available on a first come, first served basis).

Bring your friends, take some time for yourself, and come along for what promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Bourton Roadrunners

Richard de Camps used all his experience to outsprint a quality field and secure victory in the **Bourton Mile**, in what was his third win in the event since 2018. In eight appearances in this race, the



36 year-old Health Club Manager has never finished outside the top three and this win in the pouring rain came after three years of finishing runner-up.

It was a podium clean sweep for Western Tempo. De Camps finished in 4mins 26sec, well clear of Dylan Gillett in second and another three-time winner and his own training partner, Ben Robinson in third. De Camps, who recently moved from Gloucester AC to the Western Tempo club, said: 'I've had enough of finishing second so I'm really pleased to get this win. Dylan led through the first quarter and kept winding it up but I know this course so well, I knew when to kick for home.'

Gillett, the runner-up, was gracious in defeat. 'Richard and Ben knew I was going to take the race out and those guys have more speed than I do,' he said. 'At the finish, Richard was the better guy. He was unbelievable.'

The women's race saw CLC Striders' Isabel Brinsden cross the line in 5 mins 2.8sec, adding the Bourton Mile title to her wins in the Bourton 10km, Linda Franks 5 and Gloucester Half Marathon so far this year. Brinsden, who returned to running after moving to Cheltenham from London last year, said: 'It was soggy in Bourton-on-the-Water than I expected and the time was not a personal best but I have to be pleased with the win at my first attempt.'

Defending champion, Abbie Milnes from Western Tempo was second in 5 min 6.5sec while her clubmate and last year's runner-up, Amber Watson was third in 5 mins 17.1sec.

Gloucester AC's Lily-Sienna Leon-Hodgson retained her Junior

Girls title while the boys' race was won by Toby Wood from Swindon Harriers.

The best performance on the night from a Bourton Roadrunner came with Steph Lane's fourth place finish in the women's race in 5mins 18.2sec.

A total of 157 runners completed the mile along the flat course which starts on Rissington Road and ends in the centre of the village. Race Director, Gill Carrick said: 'The runners took the weather in their stride and produced another fabulous race. The event was a triumph for everyone concerned and we're especially grateful for the local support on a night when the rain was relentless.' **Gillian, Tom & John**

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In recent weeks, volunteers have been busy enhancing displays and refreshing areas across the museum. New helmet stands have been added in Paved Paradise, bringing both practicality and a smart visual touch to the space. The much-loved animatronic blacksmiths have also been restored to full working order, once again pumping up a tyre and adding a playful moment of movement that always catches visitors’ attention. A beautifully polished portable gramophone has also been placed in the back of Clemmy, adding another layer of period detail to the vehicle and enriching the storytelling within the collection. The museum team has also been delving deeper into its displays and historical interpretation. The AA Hut has been carefully researched and re-created to reflect how it would originally have

looked, complete with a newly added light that allows visitors to peer inside as they make their way around the museum. This small addition has already made a noticeable difference, helping to bring the scene to life and offering a clearer glimpse into motoring history.

Items recently rediscovered in storage have been cleaned, restored and thoughtfully placed throughout the museum. These newly reintroduced pieces offer returning visitors a fun challenge: spotting what’s new, what’s been refreshed and what small details have been added to enrich the overall experience.

Thanks to the commitment and passion of its volunteers, the Cotswold Motor Museum continues to evolve, while preserving the charm, character and community spirit that make it such a treasured part of the local area.

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Headspace Volunteer Information Evenings

Headspace is currently supporting more young people than ever across the North Cotswolds and, alongside delivering services, recruiting volunteers, fundraising and opening new provision, the past few months have been incredibly busy for the team.

As demand for youth mental health and wellbeing support continues to grow locally, Headspace is now inviting local people to attend one of two Volunteer Information Evenings this June to find out more about supporting young people in our community.

The informal evenings will take place on:

- **Monday 8 June — 7:00pm to 8:30pm**
- **Tuesday 16 June — 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

You will have the opportunity to meet the team, learn more about Headspace's mentoring and wellbeing programmes, ask questions and explore the different ways volunteers can get involved.

Headspace is currently working with 49 young people across the North Cotswolds through mentoring, counselling and wellbeing support. However, due to

increasing demand, a further 39 young people are currently on the waiting list for support.

The charity says this growing need highlights the importance of local volunteers and community involvement to help expand services and ensure more young people can access support earlier.

No previous experience is required — just a willingness to support young people and be part of a positive local initiative.

Headspace currently supports young people through counselling, mentoring, wellbeing sessions, outdoor activities and parental support programmes. Volunteers play a vital role in helping these services continue to grow and reach more young people across the community.

And yes — there will be free tea, coffee and biscuits available. We can't guarantee life-changing biscuits, but they should comfortably exceed expectations.

Further information, including details about the volunteer evenings, can also be found in the News section of the **Headspace website** www.myheadspace.org.uk

Alternatively, anyone interested in finding out more can contact:

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Two pieces of news this month. At the

Rissington School, RotaKids have been busy. RotaKids is a fun and exciting way for children aged 7-12 to make friends and get involved with important activities in the community, all while having a great time in the process. They gain valuable experience in helping others and learning interesting, new things. Activities are designed to develop young minds and build confidence for what lies ahead. Locally the girls are fundraising for local, nationwide and global charities, they are working on a Peace Pole for the school grounds, and you will see them at the Upper Rissington fete.

Do you enjoy a great afternoon out with dancing, a superb afternoon tea with tasty sandwiches, savouries, scones and cakes. If you do, then the **RitR Tea Dance and Afternoon Tea** is for you. This is a new venture in Upper Rissington and will be held on **Sunday 19 July** from 2.30 to 4.30. Mum, Dad, Children, Grandma ..if you enjoy dancing from any era then you need to be in the Village Hall. On the other hand, if you have two left feet like me, the afternoon tea alone will be the highlight of your day. Tickets are from £15 each and can be purchased through Ticket Source. Watch out for adverts on Facebook and village publications which will give you all the details you need.

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Local girl is a finalist for Miss Great Britain Gloucestershire Pageant

Molly Evers, a young farm worker based in Gloucestershire, has been announced as a finalist for this year's Miss Great Britain Gloucestershire competition, which will take place on June 13th at the Cheltenham Chase Hotel.



The competition is part of the prestigious Miss Great Britain pageant system, one of the UK's longest-running beauty pageant. The winner of the Gloucestershire final will go on to compete at the national Miss Great Britain final in October. For Molly, entering the pageant is about challenging stereotypes and showing that femininity and farming can go hand in hand.

"I find that people often have a very fixed idea of what a farm worker looks like. I wanted to prove that you can spend your days working outdoors, getting muddy and working with livestock, and still enjoy getting glammed-up and feeling confident."

"I hope involvement in the pageant will encourage others not to feel limited by expectations surrounding careers, hobbies, or appearance."

"I am excited to meet the other contestants and represent both my county and the farming community on stage."

The event at the Cheltenham Chase Hotel on June 13th will see finalists compete in front of a judging panel in 4 rounds: an interview, little black dress, swimwear,

and evening wear. With the winner earning the title of Miss Great Britain Gloucestershire and a place at the national finals.

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North Cotswold Tri and Run

North Cotswold Tri and Run members have enjoyed a successful April of racing. Seven club members completed the London Marathon, with strong runs across the field from John Hancock (2:57:34), Nicole Edwards (3:20:39 PB), Craig Voisey (3:38:06), Janet Duffey (4:53:16), Simon Finley (5:05:15),



Helen Holden (6:01:58) and Helen Parry (6:59:51). Simon Finley described the event atmosphere as “a carnival from start to finish”, adding: “The support was amazing and I loved every minute.” Janet Duffey said she felt “so grateful” to receive the club’s London Marathon place, adding: “London, you were fabulous.” Nicole Edwards rounded off an “incredibly special day” by securing a new personal best. At the Tewkesbury Half Marathon, North Cotswold athletes achieved an impressive clean sweep of PBs. Christina Mason ran 1:55:31, Janet Duffey 2:00:55, Rachel Coley 2:01:14 and Leigh Hallendorf 2:20:09. Dennis Walmsley continued his strong form with impressive age-category performances at parkrun, running 21:41 for 2nd VM60-64 at Cirencester Parkrun and 22:27 for 1st VM60-64 at Tetbury Goods Shed Parkrun. **Polly**

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We would like to thank Simon Cox, Birdland Manager, Emily on reception, Shona and Charlie in the café, and all the staff for making it such an enjoyable afternoon. If you have not been to Birdland recently we would recommend a visit to see the wonderful work they do to help endangered species, meet the birds and sample their café. There are good value annual passes available, you can 'adopt' a bird and even arrange to feed the penguins! It's a lovely place for an outing, with something for all ages.



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Simon Cox