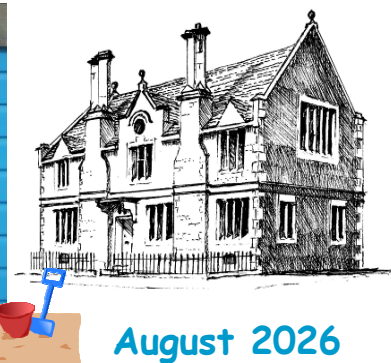


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DIARY DATES

- 1st Salmonsbury Moot, Greystones Nature Reserve, GL54 2EN, 11am-3pm. FREE EVENT. A celebration of landscape & History. See p. 12.
- 1st Bourton Panto Group, Duck Races & Fete, 10am-4pm, The Green. See page 5.
- 1st Breast Cancer Awareness Day, 11am-3pm, Shalom Rainbow Shop, Moore Rd, See page 14.
- 3rd Free entry to The Model Village, The Old New Inn, Rissington Rd. 6-7pm. For locals only (bring proof of a GL54 2 post code).
- 3rd, 17th & 31st Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
- 5th Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, join social group 2-4pm. Call 01242 221170, or email info@insight-glos.org.uk
- 6th & 20th Bell ringing practice **StLC**, 7.30-9.00pm. 01451 810996.
- 7th & 14th Free Craft Sessions, Bourton Library, **GMCC**. See page 6. More details from 01451 820964
- 8th Open air ABBA Angels Concert and Picnic on the Pitch, in aid of Kate's Home Nursing, Bourton Rovers Football Club, Rissington Rd, 3-9pm. See page 20 for ticket prices.
- 8th-9th Open Garden & Art Exhibition, Grey Gables House, Bow Lane, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 11am-4pm. £5 adults, children free. See page 5.
- 12th & 26th 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

Updates from the Parish Council – August 2026

New Parish Councillor and Vacancy

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome **Michael Goss**, who was co-opted at its meeting on 1st July.

The Council still has one remaining vacancy and will consider applications for co-option at its meeting on 2nd September 2026. No previous experience is required, and applications are welcomed from anyone committed to serving the local community. Any successful applicant will serve until the next elections in May 2027. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 25th August 2026. Please contact the Clerk for further information.

Coach Parking, Traffic and Transport Review

The Parish Council continues to press for improvements to coach traffic arrangements in the village.

Following concerns about the **Meadow Way Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO)**, the Parish Council advised Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways that the trial was not working. Following a stakeholder meeting, a recommendation was made to GCC Highways that the trial should continue and GCC is considering all feedback before reaching a decision on whether the trial will continue for a further 10 months.

GCC Highways has also rejected the Parish Council's request for a **new ETRO** restricting coach access from the Fosseyway onto Station Road, Rissington Road and The Steeps, citing enforcement difficulties and the need to allow access for businesses and school buses. The Parish Council will continue to challenge this position and press for solutions which better reflect the impact of coach traffic on residents.

Residents, businesses, commuters and visitors are encouraged to take part in the Bourton-on-the-Water **Transport and Parking Review**. The review is examining parking provision, coach services, traffic movements, pedestrian safety and opportunities for more sustainable travel, including cycle parking and electric vehicle charging points. The information gathered will help shape future transport proposals for the village.

You can complete the survey online via the link [Bourton-on-the-Water Transport and Parking Review](#) or collect a paper copy of the survey from the Parish Office, Library, Leisure Centre or Post Office or use the QR code provided. You can also speak directly with the project team at the next drop-in event on Thursday 3rd September between 5.00pm and 8.00pm in the Windrush Room at the George Moore Community Centre.

Work is also continuing on GCC's **Rural Mobility Pilot**, with smart cameras due to be installed within the village centre to monitor vehicle and pedestrian movements over a twelve-month period. The data collected will help inform the Visitor Traffic Management Strategy.



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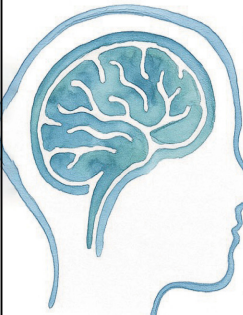
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Go to the "Get in Touch" tab and then complete the contact form to send questions, articles (max.300 words), adverts & event details to the team.

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- 12th u3a Scrabble, **GMCC**. 2-4pm. 07341 094206. peterdawson790@icloud.com
- 12th Horticultural Club. Members' Garden Party. See page 2.
- 14th & 28th Dementia Friendly Café, **GMCC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726. See page 6.
- 17th No Rural Cinema in August or September.
- 20th Parish Councillor Surgery, **GMCC**, 2-4pm. See page 3.
- 22nd Parish Councillor Surgery, **GMCC**, 10am-12noon. See page 3.
- 26th u3a, **BLH**, 10am-12 noon, Janine Kilroe, 'Working as an IT teacher with some of the country's most dangerous men'. See page 13. www.bourton.u3asite.uk
- 27th Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Old New Inn. csandles75@gmail.com
- 30th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07980 080073.
- 30th Live Music and BBQ, Old New Inn, from 7pm, no booking required, just turn up. See advert page 3.
- 31st Bourton Rovers Football Club, Duck Races, Tombola & Football in the River. The Green.

Anita Hunter

The family of Anita Hunter would like to thank family and friends for their support through this difficult time. They would also like to thank the Banbury and Carterton Co-op Undertakers for their professionalism.

Joan Minchin

Regular Weekly Bourton Events

- Mon.** Armed Forces Veterans Social Group, **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.
- Tues.** "Together on Tuesdays", soup lunch, **StLc**, 12-1.30pm. **NB: no meetings in August, restarts from Tuesday 1st September.**
- Thurs.** Flexercise, **BLH**, 10-11am. 01993 882350 kathy.kirk@live.com

Bourton Vale

Horticultural Society Your friendly garden club

Phew what a scorcher!!! In fact lots of scorches. I know we should be careful what we wish for but please could we have a few drops of rain.

Our speaker for the July meeting was Roger Umpleby talking about beneficial creatures in the Garden. Roger is an entomologist and certainly knew his subject. He explained the various roles beneficial creatures play in our gardens. Worms and millipedes improve soil fertility by breaking down plant material. Wasps and bluebottles devour

dead animal waste. Others enhance biodiversity. Bees and butterflies with their very long proboscises are very effective pollinators and wasps and ladybirds are good pest controllers eating aphids. Other pest controllers are toads, birds, hedgehogs, snakes and earwigs. Roger also suggested we look up Tardigrades (I can't remember what they do but crikey are they ugly!). We also saw some pretty gory details of parasite wasps laying their eggs in live caterpillars.

Lots of these creatures are in decline but we can help them survive by avoiding pesticides and mono cultures, leaving bare areas of soil, creating wild areas especially with stinging nettles which appear very early. All in all a fascinating and enlightening talk.

The competition of a Foliage display was won by Sue Davis.

There won't be a meeting in August as it is our Members' Garden Party on the 12th August. If you haven't already put your name down please ring Mike Marshall (01451 820866) or me on the number below. The cost is £5 and money will be collected on the day.

The competition will be a decorated hat.

Stay cool.

Sheila Thorpe, 07973 391741

sheila@bobbelfarm.co.uk



Help Shape the Future of Bourton's Village Green

More than 70 residents attended the Parish Meeting on 13th July to discuss the future of Bourton's Village Green. Concerns were raised about visitor pressures, biodiversity, maintenance, the condition of the Green and how this important community asset should be managed in future.

The Parish Council is now seeking volunteers to join a **Village Green Task and Finish Group** to help explore options and develop recommendations for future consultation. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Clerk.

Community Updates

Footpath resurfacing works at **St Lawrence Churchyard** will improve the condition of some of the churchyard pathways and are being partly funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy.

District and County Councillors provided updates on planning enforcement improvements, forthcoming changes to recycling services, parking enforcement activity and ongoing work relating to traveller incursions and licensing requirements within the village.

The Parish Council reminds householders and landowners of their responsibility to ensure that hedges, shrubs and trees do not obstruct pavements and footpaths. Keeping paths clear improves safety and accessibility for all users. Before undertaking any cutting, please check carefully for nesting birds.

Councillor Surgeries, Grants and Meetings

Councillor Surgeries will be held in the Salmonsbury Room at the George Moore Community Centre on:

Thursday 20th August at 2.00pm
Saturday 22nd August at 10.00am

Residents are welcome to attend and discuss local matters with councillors.

Grant applications from local organisations will be considered by the Parish Council in September. Further information and application forms are available on the Parish Council website. Applications must be received by **20th August 2026**.

Next Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 7.00pm, Windrush Room, George Moore Community Centre.

All meetings are livestreamed and recorded via Microsoft Teams, with joining details published alongside each agenda.

Contact Sharon Henley, Parish Clerk
clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.gov.uk | 01451 820712



Sunflower Week

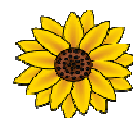
I would like to thank all shops, businesses and churches that took part in this year's sunflower week. They all decorated their premises with sunflowers to raise awareness for Sunflowers Suicide Support.

This year everyone taking part was a winner. **Carol Groom**



Above, Bourton Landover's sunflower decorated vehicle.

Below, Sunflowers in the Church.



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OUT AND ABOUT in August

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1st-31st August, Summer of Play the Roman Way, Chedworth Roman Villa (National Trust), Yanworth, GL54 3LJ. Fun filled family day, learn how the Roman's relaxed and played. 10am-5pm. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

1st-31st Medieval Moments, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. <https://sudeleycastle.co.uk/>

1st-2nd August, Guiting Power Music Festival, Church Road, Guiting Power, GL54 5TX. Mix of musical styles and acclaimed acts. Programme, details & tickets, www.guitingfestival.org/

1st-2nd August Gloucestershire Vintage and Country Extravaganza, South Cerney Airfield, Northmoor Lane, South Cerney, GL7 5QD. 10am-5pm. Family fun, vintage vehicles, rides, animals, dog show, dancing, music, food, etc. [@GloucestershireVintageandCountryExtravaganza](http://www.glosvintageextravaganza.co.uk)

8th Village Market, Great Rissington Club. 10am till noon. Do come & join us. Lots of stalls, teas, coffees & Bacon Baps. Contact Jackie Palmer 01451 822285.

13th & 27th Bell ringing practice, Great Rissington Church. 7.30-9.30pm. 07711 867280.

15th-16th Civil War Weekend, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. Re-enactments and Living History Village. <https://sudeleycastle.co.uk/>

16th Models, Collections and Mini Market, 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. See page 19.

20th American BBQ Night The Lamb Inn, Great Rissington. enquiry@thelambinn.com See page 5.

23rd GB Porsche Club Meeting, from 10.30, Merry-mouth Inn, Stow Rd, OX7 6HR. Brunch, Bar, All welcome. See page 4.

28th Live Music (from 8pm), The Lamb Inn, Great Rissington. enquiry@thelambinn.com See page 5.

30th Open Air Theatre, 'The Pickwick Papers', Naunton Dovecote, GL54 3AS. 3pm. Tickets 03306 600541 or 07887 553571 or www.bit.ly/Pickwick-Dovecote See page 17.

31st Car Boot Sale, St Mary's Church, Lower Slaughter, 10am-3pm. £30 per seller's car. To book a space 07515 252069 tonyrkeats@gmail.com See page 12.



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The advert should be no more than 15 words. It must be received **before 12 noon on the 15th of the month.**

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Bourton Cricket Clubhouse Bethany Grist
bvccbookings@outlook.com, 07772 7884358

Bourton Farmers Market Miles Salmon 07980 080073

British Legion Hall Branch Office 01451 824303

Broadwell Village Hall Tracey Spragg
broadwellvillagehall@gmail.com

Cotswold Hall, Northleach Steve Patrick
steve_patrick941@yahoo.co.uk 07837 345069

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

Lower Slaughter Village Hall annclass@yahoo.com

St. Lawrence's Mrs Gill Willett 01451 821484
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Panto season is underway!

What a fantastic turnout we had for our read-throughs and auditions! A huge thank you to everyone who came along and gave it their all. The talent, enthusiasm and confidence on display were simply brilliant, and our director certainly didn't envy the difficult decisions that followed. We'd also like to give a very warm welcome to the new faces who joined us—it's always wonderful to see our panto family growing.

While the cast may now be taking a well-earned breather before rehearsals begin in September, don't be fooled into thinking the magic has stopped. Behind the scenes, our production team is already hard at work, plotting, planning and sprinkling plenty of panto sparkle to make this year's show one to remember.

Before rehearsals get into full swing, we'd love you to join us at our Summer Fete on **Saturday 1st August** on the Village Green. The legendary duck races will be making a splash on the river throughout the day, alongside a few other stalls. Whether you're cheering on your favourite duck, trying your luck at a stall or finding your next puzzle to complete, there's something for everyone. So, keep your eyes peeled for more panto updates, keep practising your "He's behind you!" and remember—it's never too early to start booing the villain! We'll see you at the fete... **Oh yes we will!** **Emily Franks**

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In the garden of Judy Harden's house, Grey Gables, a hidden gem tucked away in Bourton-on-the-Water, the event is open to both locals and tourists alike.

Taking place on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of August from 10-5pm, entry is £5 for adults and includes a cold drink. Children are free and well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

This new project replaces the Greystones Fun Run in our fundraising calendar and all proceeds will be used towards supporting our ongoing charity activities.

John Barber

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North Cotswolds Rotary

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RNLI Lifeguards have been keeping our beaches safe since 2001. Over the past 25 years, our lifeguards have carried out over 48 million preventative actions and saved over 2,000 lives. To find out more about the 25th anniversary of RNLI lifeguards, visit RNLI.org/Lifeguard25. Look out for one of the 249 UK and Channel

Islands lifeguarded beaches and follow the lifeguard's guidance this summer.

If you get into trouble 'float like a starfish'. Call 999 or 112 if you see someone in trouble at the coast. Always swim between the red and yellow flags and stay together when in and around water.

Julia northcotswoldrnli@gmail.com

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAFE



Here we are playing scrabble at the George Moore Community Centre. We had to cancel the Train Trip because the coaches were too hot!! We hope to enjoy it on the 10th September instead now. On the 24th July we are going to be doing some craft work with Carol Pountney. So we look forward to seeing you all and hope you are keeping cool as possible.

**All the best
Bill Wragge**

Bourton-on-the-Water Library

The Library Challenge: Tales Through Time

Calling all readers, adventurers and story explorers! This summer, visit your local library and join The Library Challenge for free. Get creative, try out new activities, and earn rewards along the way as you travel through time and embark on this year's challenge.

There will also be a variety of special events taking place at libraries throughout the county, including the following events at Bourton-on-the-Water Library:

Fun Science Workshop

Wednesday 29 July, 14:30-15:30
Tickets £3 or Pay What You Choose

Free Craft Activities

Friday 24 July, 14:30-15:00
Friday 31 July, 14:30-15:00
Friday 7 August, 14:30-15:00
Friday 14 August, 14:30-15:00

Visit gloslibraries.uk/events to view full details and book tickets, or enquire at the library. Telephone: 01451 820964

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Message from the Church

Rissi News July 2026

July 2026 brought us to the end of the academic year. It is a joy to welcome all the year 6s from Bourton Primary to St Lawrence as we look back with thanks and forwards with hope.

Looking back with thanks is well documented as having a positive impact upon our all round sense of health and wellbeing. Whether it be at the end of a day, week, month, year, phase of life, or even in the present moment, gratitude can help ground us in the goodness of life, which determinedly persists alongside the sorrows and injustices.

Around 400 years ago Saint Ignatius of Loyola promoted a way of praying known as the Examen to be used at the end of each day. Whatever our faith, as a form of prayer or mindfulness why not try this form of gratitude at the end of a day:

Reflect & Ground: Take a moment to pause in the current moment

Cultivate Gratitude: Identify 2 or 3 things you are genuinely thankful for from the day, a warm cup of coffee, a productive meeting, the weather.....

Review the Day: Play back the events like a film. Notice when you felt most energized and alive, as well as when you felt drained or closed off.

Acknowledge Mistakes: Honestly assess where we fell short without dwelling on guilt

Look Ahead: as we make way for hope.....

Our service pattern in church is different over August as we make space for rest. Please check website for details <https://www.bourtonparishchurch.co.uk/>

May I wish you a peaceful and restful summer holiday season.

God bless you all.

With love and prayers,

Revd Hannah

revhannah@protonmail.com



The Benefice of Bourton with Clapton & The Rissingtons
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Email: admin@bourtonparishchurch.co.uk

All welcome on Sundays - 11am service every week

A slightly different service pattern in August:

2nd - 11am First Sunday Shorter Service & 6pm Holy Communion

9th - Songs of Praise - ALL WELCOME

16th - Holy Communion with Rev Brian

23rd - Morning Worship - NOT Holy Communion

30th - Benefice Holy Communion with Rev Hannah

BumbleBeez (parent and child group) Thursdays 9.30-11.30am –all summer!

Things on summer break during August - back in September > >

Together on Tuesdays restarts on 1st Sept - check Mike Marshall

Wednesday Communion at 10am - back on 2nd Sept

Breakfast Church back on 12th Sept

8am Holy Communion restarts on 13th Sept

St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill@ 9.30am: Just one service this month on 16th - BCP Holy Communion

Revd Hannah Allen 01451 822918



The Water Church/Bourton Baptist Church

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Manse: 01451 820055

Mobile: 07828 781246

Church Office: 01451 824225

E-mail: minister@bourtonbaptist.co.uk

ALL WELCOME

Sunday Morning Service **10.30am All Welcome**

Communion **Sun. 16th Aug. 10.30am**

Prayer Meeting **10am Sat.1st Aug. All welcome**

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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

Sunday August 16th Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Vigil Mass Saturday 15th 6 pm; Solemn Sung Mass Sunday 16th at 9 am as usual.

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A new course will start for adults who have never been baptised or who wish to be received into the Catholic Church next Easter. This course is also suitable for people (of any denomination) whose faith has lapsed or those who simply want to know more about Christianity. Text or email Fr. Stephen who will be in touch.

Fr. Stephen



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Sparkhouse Creatives is proud to be a recipient of the **North Cotswold Rotary Helping Hand Grant**. Thanks to this generous funding, we've been able to deliver meaningful creative projects in local primary schools, including our **Drama Transition Project** and the **Bringing Books to Life** programme.

Bringing Books to Life is an imaginative initiative that uses drama and storytelling to inspire a love of reading while building creativity, confidence, and communication skills in young learners.

We were delighted to work with four wonderful schools as part of our **Transition Project**. Through a unique blend of drama and mindset coaching, Yr 6 pupils explored their thoughts and feelings about moving to Year 7. The project helped children build confidence, develop resilience, and feel more prepared and excited for the next stage of their educational journey.

We're incredibly grateful for the continued support from **North Cotswold Rotary**, which enables us to broaden access to the arts and create enriching opportunities for young people across our community.

The Shared Canvas

This term, we launched our **Shared Canvas**, bringing people together to explore creativity on a larger scale. Participants experimented with contrast through concertina folds, embraced the freedom of large-scale painting, and completed the project by creating expressive portraits. It has been wonderful to see ideas, confidence, and creativity grow as each artwork came to life, celebrating both individual expression and the power of creating together.

Bringing Creativity into our Community

We've loved bringing **creativity into our communities** through a vibrant programme of free events for children and families. From hands-on arts and crafts activities at **The Big Lunch** in Cirencester to our own pop-up events in Moreton-in-Marsh and Northleach, it's been wonderful to see so many people getting involved, creating, and having fun together.

The excitement doesn't stop there! We're looking forward to an even bigger summer programme, including our free arts and theatre activities at **CAMFEST** on **15th August** in Chipping Campden. We can't wait to welcome more families for a day full of creativity and theatre fun as we continue making the arts accessible to everyone.

Sparkhouse Ensemble -



Tour and performance at Birmingham Rep

Our incredible **Sparkhouse Ensemble** has had an unforgettable time touring their original devised production, **The Anatomy of Evil**. The company delivered powerful performances at Cidermill Theatre, Victoria Hall and The **RepRising Festival at the Birmingham Rep** – a truly **exciting milestone** for the ensemble.

Performing at such a respected venue was an inspiring experience, giving these talented young artists the opportunity to showcase their work, develop their confidence, and experience professional theatre as they begin their own journeys into the arts. We're immensely proud of everything they've achieved and are excited about what's next.

Our ambition is to continue developing the ensemble and work towards taking a production to the Fringe Festival next year, creating even more opportunities for these exceptional young performers. If you're **aged 16+** and have a **passion for theatre**, we'd love to hear from you!

Email sparkhousecreatives@gmail.com to **book an audition** and become part of the next chapter of the Sparkhouse Ensemble.

Cotswold Youth Theatre End of Year Showcase & LAMDA

To round off an incredible summer term, we celebrated the amazing achievements of all our Youth Theatre groups with our end-of-term showcase at the Cidermill Theatre.

This term, our focus was on **creativity**, giving our young actors the opportunity to **devise and create their own original performances**. Throughout the process, they developed valuable skills in collaboration, communication, problem-solving, and performance, while growing in confidence and discovering their own unique creative voices.

The showcase featured a fantastic variety of original performances, each one bursting with imagination, individuality, and talent. It was a wonderful celebration of everything our young people have achieved, and we couldn't be prouder of their commitment, creativity, and courage to perform.

Our Bourton members also took part in their **LAMDA examinations**, studying a wide range of disciplines including **acting, public speaking, devising, reading, and musical theatre**. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and congratulate every student on their hard work and dedication.

We'd like to thank all of our members and families for another inspiring year. We wish everyone a wonderful summer break and can't wait to see what the next year brings!

What's On This August:

We are super excited for our **'Escape the Arts' Art Camp** (11–13 August), kindly funded by **Hacklings**.

You can also find us at the **Chipping Campden Festival** on **15 August** at **Cidermill Theatre**, where we'll be offering a variety of arts and theatre activities for all ages. Find out more at <https://www.camfest.org.uk/>.

We're also looking forward to our **Cidermill Performing Arts Festival** (24–26 August). This wonderful three-day festival has been generously funded by the Rockspring Trust, allowing us to offer the entire festival completely free of charge. There are still spaces available on our **'Composing for Film'** course (ages 12+). Book now to secure your place!

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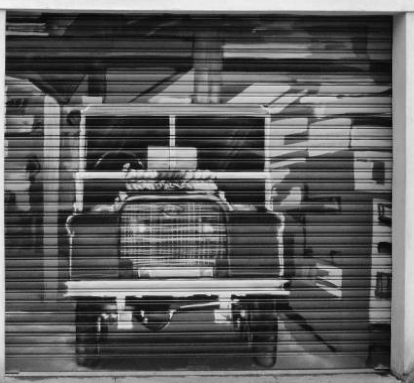


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Creativity on the Catwalk: Fashion Show 2026

The Cotswold School Fashion Show was a vibrant celebration of creativity, confidence and talent. Hosted by Noah and Rosie, the evening showcased an impressive range of fashion collections and designs, alongside dynamic dance performances, which enhanced the atmosphere throughout. Judges praised

the exceptionally high standard, making decisions difficult. Award winners included Sophie (Best Overall Collection), Amy & Jemima (Best Standout Outfit), Tilly & Sadie (Best Design Sketches), and Tilly (Best Model). Special recognition goes to Sophie for her growth since 2023. All participants contributed to a memorable event.



Gladesmore School Visit Strengthens Anti-Racism Partnership

12 students and teachers from Gladesmore Community School in Tottenham visited The Cotswold School as part of an anti-racism project. The day was a valuable opportunity to reconnect, share experiences and strengthen the partnership between the two schools. Students enjoyed tours and time on the fields, gaining insight into daily life here. A highlight was an Art and Photography project, encouraging creativity and collaboration.

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Scout Group Camps

Over two weekends in June, young members and leaders joined thousands of Scouters and Guiders at Cirencester Park for the Strategy, Evolution and Discovery events. The Scouts and Cubs camped on successive hot weekends in June. This was the Scouts' first visit to Strategy and the Cubs' fifth in a row at Evolution – which is as many years as it's been open to Cubs.

Both events involve teams using their scouting skills to navigate around the park to find activity bases on which they could gain points by completing tasks. Activities covered a wide range of skills, creativity, team work and just for fun. There was (plastic) axe throwing, inflatables, tent pitching to name a few.



This was the Squirrels' and Beavers' first year at Discovery, in the second year it's been run. When the Cubs left the campsite the Squirrels and Beavers moved in for the day. Our youngest group members played games, got creative and met some interesting creatures.

The scout group continues to go from strength to strength and we're looking to boost our leader volunteers. The younger sections in particular could do with some additional volunteers to allow more youngsters the opportunity to join the group, the older sections have full roster of members but need additional support to make sure they get the most out of activities. Future plans include camping, hiking and water activities plus more, but more people allows greater plans. We've plenty of experience within the group to help get you started and there's always a warm welcome.

If you enjoy adventures on any scale, you could make a difference to the lives of our youngsters and enjoy the myriad proven benefits from volunteering. Come and join our family and make a difference in the community.

For all enquiries please see contacts page for specific sections or email 1stbourtonscoutgroup@gmail.com for group enquiries.

Nick Hawke

Bourton Primary Academy

That's a wrap on another school year and what a year it has been! From an amazing Ofsted inspection to incredible progress across the school to phenomenal events all year!

We have ended our school year with sports day, performances at The Cadence Festival, the bi-annual Year 5/6 Go-Kart Race and a whole school community day. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in creating these amazing days or supporting the events as they are happening. The summer term seems to disappear so quickly, but so many happy memories are made along the way.

It is always a sad time of year when our Year 6 children leave, but we are confident that we have prepared them ready to continue their journey into secondary school. We wish them all well and hope they enjoy the challenges and rewards that come with moving through the year groups and we hope they will come back and visit us soon. They have been an amazing group of children to teach and we will miss their smiling faces around school. It does not seem that long ago that their first year of school was interrupted by the Covid pandemic and we are very proud of who they have all become and they have come so far, both socially and academically.

We have been very grateful to all members of our school community who have helped us over the last year, from all staff, governors, members of FOBS and to the many people who volunteer their time to listen to so many children at school read. We would also like to thank all of our parents for their continued support this year and we hope you all have a peaceful and relaxed summer.

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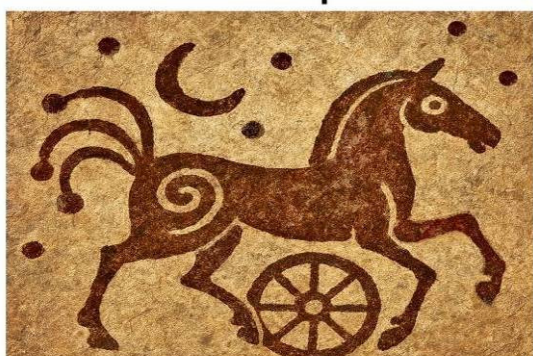
Bourton WI



On Tuesday, Bill Cowley came to speak to Bourton WI about Scams and Fraud Awareness. Bill told us about the many ways in which fraudsters can convince the unwary to do their bidding. It is not only the vulnerable and the elderly who can be caught out. Younger, savvy people can have a lapse of concentration and do something that they immediately regret. The golden rule online is to remember when you are about to click on a link - Take 5, Stop think fraud. If it doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. With a phone call, you can put the phone down. If it is someone at the door, be polite and close the door.

There will not be a meeting in August as it will be the WI Annual Garden Party for members only. **June**

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Before booking airport parking, check the airport and terminal match your trip exactly. Look at whether the car park is on-site, off-site or meet-and-greet, and whether you keep your keys. If there is a transfer bus, check how often it runs, how long it takes and what happens if your return flight is delayed.

For car hire, check the driver age rules, licence requirements and whether the payment card must be in the main driver's name. Look carefully at deposit wording, excess amounts, fuel policy, mileage limits and extra-driver charges. If you need a child seat, automatic car or extra luggage space, confirm that before you arrive at the desk.

The useful question is not just "is this cheap?" It is "what would make this awkward on the day?" Cancellation rules, collection instructions, opening hours and provider contact details are worth checking before paying.

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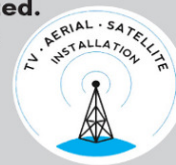
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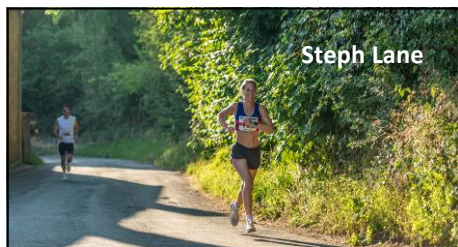
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Bourton Roadrunners



Steph Lane

A busy racing week got underway on a very warm Wednesday evening with the **Hawkstones 5K and 10K** around the villages of Upper and Lower Slaughter. In the 5K race it was Bourton Roadrunners' in-form Steph Lane who set a blistering pace, finishing first overall in a time of 17 minutes and 47 seconds. She was joined by Arianna Downs - 22:36 (SL/3), Oliver Craughwell - 25:19 (VM40/3), Mia Townsend (38:36) and Carolyn Coleman (35:47).

In the 10K race Kevin Goodwill provided a strong performance over the undulating course with a time of 42 minutes and 51 seconds. He was joined by Claire Cox - 48:44 (LV40/2), Jaq Underwood - 51:51 (LV60/1), Claire Carroll - 57:46 (LV60/2), Jemma Franzmann - 61:32, Janice Townsend - 75:28 running with Annie - 75:30. Liz Hulcup ran as the race's tail-marker, recording 80:40.

On Friday evening Melissa Samuel travelled to Coventry for the **Coombe Abbey Park Summer 10K**. Although the temperature provided another brutally hot day, Melissa managed to knock 17 minutes from her 2025 event time. Look out Great North Run she is on her way.

Further afield, Darren Long travelled to Spain, which has also been experiencing hot weather, for the **Banyoles Duathlon**,

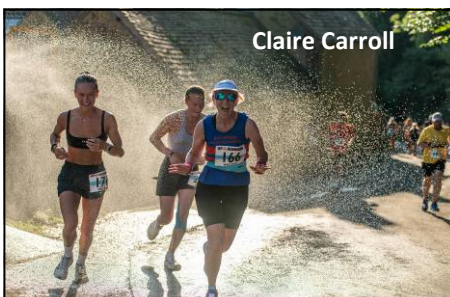
incorporating a 10Km run, 40Km cycle and a 5Km run. Darren always commits 100% and delivered a total time of 2 hours, 14 minutes and 16 seconds – a full five minutes reduction from his performance at the National Championships back in March.

Pippa Marsden took-on the **Black Mountains Half marathon** on Saturday, which incorporated 4000 feet of elevations, with lots it proving to be “unrunnable”. This event was all about the challenge rather than the time, surviving the heat and celebrating her birthday!

Also looking for a challenge was Michela Sartori at the **Holbrook Hill Race** in Derbyshire; a 5 mile multi-terrain event in support of Pancreatic Cancer. The run incorporated some tough climbs, but Michela survived the heat to record a time of 45 minutes and 34 seconds.

Megan Ratcliffe and Graham Lane took-on the **Upton Triathlon** again this year, with both achieving faster times than in 2025. Megan knocked-off a full 18 minutes, recording 2 hours, 59 minutes and 20 seconds, while Graham achieved 3:42:54. Both achieved first position in their respective age-categories.

Three Bourton runners travelled to the



Claire Carroll

Compton Verney 10K and Half marathon on Sunday. Lisa Braid took part in the 10Km race where she recorded a strong 52 minutes and 36 seconds. Meanwhile, Claire Carroll and Jaq Underwood took-on the half marathon, running together in a time 2 hours, 10 minutes and 39 seconds, with Claire achieving FV55/3.

Gillian, Louise and John

Bourton Browser Team News

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Bourton On-line Village

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On Saturday 3rd October the RitR Treasure Hunt, now in its sixth year, will be held. This is a motor car event starting at UR Village Hall and heading off on 52 miles of Cotswolds finest roads, through villages you may not have heard of. Along the way, if you look very carefully, there is "treasure" to be found. The event finishes up at the Cotswold Barn near Longborough where the amount of "treasure" collected will be assessed and the "valuable prize" awarded. It is great fun to take part; look for the advertisements and make a booking. **Andrew**



Great Summer Savings!!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Locals Sunset Safari** last Friday evening. It was wonderful to welcome so many familiar faces to Birdland Park & Gardens, and we hope you enjoyed exploring the park after hours while meeting our amazing birds in the evening sunshine. Your support for local events means a great deal to us, and we look forward to welcoming you back again soon.

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Sunflowers Suicide Support is inviting members of the community to its next Quarterly Meet-Up, taking place at the George Moore Community Centre in Bourton-on-the-Water on **Friday 18th September, from 11am to 1pm.**

The informal session offers an opportunity for anyone who would like to learn more about the support Sunflowers provides. Visitors will be able to meet members of the Sunflowers Liaison Team, ask questions, and find out about the tailored support available for individuals and families affected by suicide. A member of the team will also be on hand to offer general advice, guidance, and information in a welcoming and supportive environment. There are already a few members of the Bourton community that have attended smaller sessions so it will be a great opportunity to expand this group.

Whether you are looking for support for yourself, someone you know, or simply want to understand more about the services available, the meet-up provides a relaxed space to have conversations and access information without any obligation.

As part of the session, there will also be an optional sunflower rock painting activity. This creative element offers

those who wish to take part a chance to pause, reflect, remember a loved one, or simply express themselves in a calming and meaningful way. Participation is entirely optional, with the primary focus of the event remaining on connecting with the liaison team and learning more about the support Sunflowers Suicide Support offers.

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After what seems a life time in the sport of Gymnastics, we are happy to say that we have given hundreds of children around the county, including Bourton, the experience of our sport.

After starting in the sport as volunteers in the early 80's we took on The Gym Centre in 1991 as a going concern running classes in Bourton and Cheltenham.

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Gymnasts and have represented Great Briton in The Worlds Gymnaseastrada Festivals on several occasions. We do not look like we are going to be slowing down any time soon, still working 7 days a week. Our Gymnasts are achieving medals at the top of our sport recently achieving Gold medals in The Southwest League with our senior team and silver medal with our Junior Team.

What we love about our sport, is that Gymnastics is not just about Balance, Coordination, dedication and what you might see on T V, it sets a pathway for life with communication, cooperation, and discipline.

One of the most pleasing things is that we now have many children taking part that are sons and daughters of Gymnasts from earlier years, many of our Gymnasts family have gone on to very professional careers such as Doctors, Nurses, Teachers and even Stunt men and women and some in to high level sport, Rugby, Tennis and Football.

We are still running our classes all over the county in Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Gloucester and are very pleased that we are able to help one of our local Schools, (Northleach primary School) with Curriculum and after school FUN classes.

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Community Mentors Making a Difference Across the North Cotswolds

As another school year comes to an end, we'd like to celebrate the success of our Community Mentoring Programme and thank everyone who has helped make it possible.

Thanks to funding from **The National Lottery Community Fund**, Headspace has been able to deliver its Community Mentoring Programme in partnership with **The Cotswold School**, providing early intervention support for young people across the North Cotswolds. The programme has helped young people experiencing anxiety, low confidence, friendship difficulties, poor school attendance and other emotional challenges by matching them with a trusted adult mentor.

During the 2025/26 academic year, the programme supported **45 young people**, with **315 hours of one-to-one mentoring** delivered across six school terms. Every mentoring relationship is built on trust, providing young people with a safe space to talk, develop coping strategies and build the confidence and resilience they need to overcome life's challenges.

A significant proportion of the mentor-

ing was delivered by our **fully trained volunteer mentors** – local people who generously gave their time to support young people within their own community. Every volunteer completes Headspace's comprehensive mentor training programme before being matched with a young person and continues to receive regular supervision, guidance and ongoing support throughout their volunteering journey. Their commitment, compassion and willingness to invest in the lives of local young people has made a lasting difference to families across the North Cotswolds.

The programme demonstrates the power of early intervention. By providing consistent support before difficulties escalate, mentors help young people remain engaged with education, strengthen relationships and improve their emotional wellbeing. We are incredibly grateful to every volunteer who has contributed to the programme this year.

As demand for our services continues to grow, we are now looking to expand the Community Mentoring Programme into the **Chipping Campden** area, ensuring even more young people can benefit from this personalised support closer to home.

Our next volunteer mentor training programme will begin towards the end of September, and we would love to

welcome more members of our community to join our team. If you have a few hours to spare each week and would like to make a genuine difference to the life of a young person, we'd love to hear from you.

To find out more about volunteering with Headspace, visit www.myheadspace.org.uk and click on the **Volunteer** tab.

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North Cotswold Tri & Run JUNE RESULTS

Bolton Ironman 70.3

Ally Stirling's fantastic season continued with a 4th-place finish in her age group at Ironman 70.3 Bolton, earning qualification for the Ironman 70.3 World Championships in Nice.

Cotswolds Lake 62 Evening Triathlon Series – Round 2

Four NCTR triathletes returned to Cotswolds Lake 62 for round two of the evening triathlon series over a 400m swim, 16km bike and 4.5km run. All four improved on their May performances.

- Ally Stirling – 57:09 (12th overall, 2nd female)
- Tim Heming – 57:36 (14th)
- Charles Perkins – 58:41 (15th)
- Esther Phipp – 1:11:33 (54th)

UK Ultimate Triathlon

The UK Ultimate Triathlon in Shropshire has become an annual fixture for NCTR, with many members camping on site and providing enthusiastic support throughout the weekend. The club entered three relay teams in the Ultimate 100km event (2km swim, 78km bike, 20km run), finishing:

- **2nd:** Jon Francis, Ally Stirling & Tim Heming – 4:34:21
- **3rd:** Dawn Coley, Bart Finley & Elly Finley – 5:48:43
- **7th:** Tim Heming, Simon Mayo & Simon Finley – 6:53:47

The third relay team suffered drama when first-time competitor Simon Mayo broke a spoke just a few miles into the bike leg, leaving his race bike unrideable. After returning to transition, he set off on his quickly adapted "shopping bike", complete with chunky tyres and pannier,

before completing the 78km course and handing over to Simon Finley for the run.

Wychwood Fun Run 5K

- Mike Kelly – 23:46 (3rd overall, 1st MV50)
- Polly Kiani – 26:40 (6th overall, 1st female)
- Michael Mason – 27:49 (8th overall)
- 8K Shah Kiani – 43:28 (7th overall)

Stow-on-the-Wold 10K

- Nikki Hitchcock – 57:23 (6th V55)

Parkrun

Dennis Walmsley – Kilkeny Lane Country Park – 20:49 (1st VM60–64)



Cotswold Friends calls for more volunteers to help reduce loneliness and isolation

Cotswold Friends is calling on local people to consider volunteering and help support older and vulnerable people across the Cotswolds.

For more than 48 years, we have worked to reduce loneliness and isolation, improve wellbeing and help people remain independent within their own homes and communities. Much of this work is only possible thanks to the time, kindness and commitment of volunteers.

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Volunteer Befrienders provide regular companionship to people who may be feeling lonely or isolated. A simple visit, conversation over a cup of tea, shared activity or short trip out can make a real difference to someone's confidence, mood and sense of connection.

Carer Wellbeing volunteers support full-time unpaid carers by spending time with the person they care for. This gives carers a valuable opportunity to rest, attend appointments, see friends or simply take time for themselves, knowing their loved one has friendly company.

Volunteer Drivers support the Community Transport Service, helping people who are unable to drive or use public transport to reach medical appointments, shops, social activities and other essential journeys. For many clients, these journeys are not just about getting from A to B — they are a lifeline to independence, reassurance and community connection.

Volunteering with Cotswold Friends is flexible and rewarding, with full support and training provided. Whether someone can offer a regular commitment or just a few hours when available, their time could have a lasting impact on someone's life.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact Cotswold Friends to find out more.

To get involved, email
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Alexander Theodore Young (Percy)

Hello, my name is Mrs Valerie J Pattison-Bergson and I am hoping that someone can assist me. I am researching my maternal grandfather, Alexander Theodore Young, also known as Percy. Born in British Guiana (now Guyana South America). Date of birth 1893. I believe he went to Bourton-on-the-Water seeking family members and there was believed to be a connection to The Manor House, a Squire Young was also mentioned. I understand there are two Manor Houses in Bourton, would you be kind enough to give me the addresses So I can write to the current owners.

My grandfather met his wife to be at The Amberley Hotel in Amberley where they both worked, Dorothy May Robbins was born in 1895 in Avening. They married in Bournemouth in 1921 where they had 5 daughters, my mother being the eldest. I would be most obliged if any of your readers can help in any way at all. Contact details as follows:

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