

# BOURTON BROWSER

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October 2026

## DIARY DATES

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Bell Ringing Practise, **StLC**, 7.30-9pm. 01451 810996.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bourton Residents' Voice Meeting, 6.30pm, **GMCC**. All welcome. See page 12.
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, join social group 2-4pm. Call 01242 221170, or email [info@insight-glos.org.uk](mailto:info@insight-glos.org.uk)
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Dementia Friendly Café, **GMCC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726. See page 14.
- 13<sup>th</sup> WI, **VH**, 7pm, 'Wiltshire Farm Foods'. See page 2.
- 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 14<sup>th</sup> u3a Scrabble, **GMCC**. 2-4pm. 07341 094206. [peterdawson790@icloud.com](mailto:peterdawson790@icloud.com)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Horticultural Club. **BCH**, 7.30pm. 'Growing Vegetables: making the most of your efforts', by Marion Stainton, See page 14.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12 noon. 01451 820259. See page 2.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Councillor Surgery, **GMCC**, 2-4pm. See page 3.
- 15<sup>th</sup> The Royal British Legion Branch Annual General Meeting, **BLH**, 7pm. All members are welcome to attend.
- 16<sup>th</sup> RNLi Pop-In Social, A'Moore Coffee House, Moore Road, 10am-12

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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

### Parish Council Update - October 2026

The Parish Council met on 2nd September to discuss a wide range of local issues and projects affecting our village.

We were delighted to welcome Councillor Nic Thomas, who was co-opted to the Council at the meeting. With his appointment, the Parish Council now has its full complement of 13 councillors, all serving until the local elections in May 2027.

### Meadow Way Traffic Order

Councillors received an update on the Meadow Way Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. At the time of the meeting, Gloucestershire County Council had not yet reached a formal decision on its future. It is currently anticipated that the arrangement may end in November, although this will depend on suitable coach parking facilities being identified and available ahead of next summer's visitor season.

### Plans for the Village Green

The Council considered recommendations from the Residents' Village Green Task and Finish Group and agreed in principle to explore an exciting programme of environmental improvements, habitat restoration and safety enhancements for the Village Green. The project will now move into a feasibility stage to examine options in more detail. Councillors also agreed to request that Tourist Levy funding currently allocated for re-seeding and re-turfing be redirected to support biodiversity testing and development work for the wider project.

As the seasons change, residents are also advised that the Village Green railings will be erected on 5th October for the autumn and winter period.

### Protecting Our Riverbanks

Concerns were raised about damage to historic riverbank walls after stones were removed and used to construct dams in the River Windrush. The Parish Council has already been taking steps to replace stones where possible and will continue working with the Police and monitoring conditions along the riverbanks.

### Exploring a Public Spaces Protection Order

The Council discussed the possibility of introducing a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in the village centre. A PSPO is a tool that can be used to address persistent anti-social behaviour and protect public spaces. Councillors agreed that the proposal should be investigated further. Any future introduction of a PSPO would require public consultation and involvement from Cotswold District Council and the Police.

### Meet Your Councillors

Our regular councillor surgeries continue to provide an informal opportunity for residents to speak directly with councillors, raise concerns and ask questions. No appointment is necessary.



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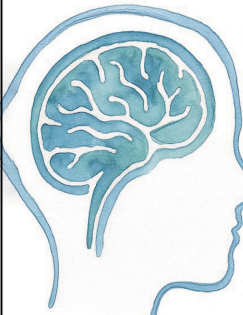
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Go to the "Get in Touch" tab and then complete the contact form to send questions, articles (max.300 words), adverts & event details to the team.

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- Noon, 10451 824187. See page 3.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Parish Councillor Surgery, **GMCC**, 10am-12noon. See page 3.
- 17<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Rotary On-line Charity Halloween Auction, bid for Spooktacular Prizes! See poster page 13.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Rural Cinema, 'The Devil Wears Prada 2' C12, £4pp, **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm, see page 13.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> The official start to the Poppy Appeal 2026.
- 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Gift Fair, **VH**, 10-5pm, all welcome, 07832 195427.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm. 07980 080073.
- 28<sup>th</sup> u3a, **BLH**, 10am-12 noon. 'Hans Holbein the Younger' by Sally Ferrers. See page 6.  
[www.bourton.u3asite.uk](http://www.bourton.u3asite.uk)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Old New Inn.  
[csandles75@gmail.com](mailto:csandles75@gmail.com)
- 31<sup>st</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. Gift Fair, **VH**, 10-5pm, all welcome, 07832 195427.

### Charity Knitting Circle

We meet at Willoughby Place on the second Wednesday of each month from 10am-12noon. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Do come along, bring your knitting and join us in making much-needed items to donate to charities here and abroad.

If you have any queries please contact Eunice Mulholland on 01451 820259.

Eunice



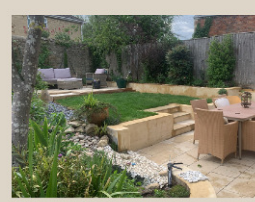
### Regular Weekly Bourton Events

- Mon.** Armed Forces Veterans Social Group, **BLH**, 10am-12pm. 07714 852364.  
[bourton.secretary@rbl.community](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- Thurs.** Flexercise, **BLH**, 10-11am. 01993 882350 [kathy.kirk@live.com](mailto:kathy.kirk@live.com)

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### Bourton WI

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On Tuesday evening Bourton WI were entertained by Angela Dunsby from the John Moore Museum in Tewksbury. We all thought that nursery rhymes were lovely poems for children. Well think again, Angela told us all about the Dark Side of Nursery Rhymes! Who would have thought that Humpty Dumpty possibly referred to a huge canon used during the Civil War that fell over and was unrepairable. Or, that Lucy Locket, who lost her pocket, was a lady of ill repute. Or, that the Three Blind Mice were the three prominent churchmen who were executed by Mary Tudor. We will all look at nursery rhymes in a very different way in future!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th October - a talk by a representative from Wiltshire Farm Foods. **June**

## NAUNTON'S BEETLE DRIVE!

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The next surgeries will take place in the Salmonsbury Room at the George Moore Community Centre:

- Thursday 15th October, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- Saturday 17th October, 10.00am to 12 noon
- Wednesday 18th November, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- Saturday 21st November, 10.00am to 12 noon

We look forward to seeing you there.

#### Remembrance Day Parade

The annual Remembrance Day Parade will take place on Sunday 8th November 2026. Organised by the Bourton-on-the-Water Royal British Legion in partnership with the Parish Council, the parade will leave the British Legion Hall at 10.30am and proceed to the War Memorial, where a short service will be held from approximately 10.45am. Everyone is warmly invited to attend and pay their respects. Please note that there will be road closure in the High Street and Sherborne Street during the event so please plan any journeys accordingly.

#### Supporting Local Organisations

The Council was pleased to award grants to a wide range of local charities, clubs and community groups. Funding will support projects including youth activities, sports equipment, dementia services, school facilities, digital inclusion programmes and community infrastructure improvements. These grants help strengthen the many organisations that contribute so much to village life.

#### Your Parish Council: More Than Just Meetings

Many residents contact us about issues such as potholes, parking, planning applications and playgrounds, but fewer realise the breadth of services that the Parish Council provides.

Parish councillors are local volunteers who give their time to represent the community and help improve life in Bourton-on-the-Water. Working alongside council staff, they make decisions about local services, facilities and projects that directly affect residents.

The Parish Council manages a range of important local assets, including the Village Green, George Moore Community Centre, playgrounds, allotments, cemeteries and the War Memorial. We also support community events, biodiversity projects, youth activities and local voluntary organisations.

Councillors review planning applications, help set the budget, consider local projects and work with partner organisations to address community concerns. Most importantly, they listen to residents and help ensure local voices are heard.

While services such as highways, education and social care are delivered by Gloucestershire County Council, and planning, housing and waste collection are managed by Cotswold District Council, the Parish Council works closely with both organisations to represent the interests of Bourton-on-the-Water.

Residents are always welcome to attend Council meetings, either in person or online, and learn more about how local decisions are made. We are proud to

serve our community, and our councillors remain committed to helping Bourton-on-the-Water stay vibrant, welcoming and sustainable for everyone.

#### Next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 7pm in the Windrush Room, George Moore Community Centre.

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

A calendar of all Council and Committee meetings is available on our website here <https://www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk/the-council/meeting-calendar/>

Contact Sharon Henley, Parish Clerk  
[clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.gov.uk)

01451 820712



### RNLI Pop-In Social

RNLI Souvenirs and Christmas Cards for sale  
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View Menus



## OUT AND ABOUT in October

- Mondays - Northleach Bridge Club, Cotswold Hall, Northleach, 7:15pm. Contact [northleachbridgeclub@gmail.com](mailto:northleachbridgeclub@gmail.com)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Mazaika' live music, Igor Outkine & Sarah Harrison, Westcote Village Hall, 7.30pm, Tickets £18, westcote.bookings@gmail.com or 07834 493637. See page 6.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rotary car Treasure Hunt, £25 per car, start Upper Rissington Village Hall, 1pm. See page 16 for details.
- 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Bell ringing practice, Great Rissington Church. 7.30-9.30pm. 07711 867280.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Ross King returns to give an illustrated talk on Leonardo and The Last Supper, 7.30pm, Northleach Church. Tickets at [northleachevents.co.uk](http://northleachevents.co.uk)
- 9<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham Literature Festive, GL50 1UL. [www.cheltenhamfestivals.org/festivals/literature-festival](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.org/festivals/literature-festival)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Village Market, Great Rissington Club. 10am till noon. Do come & join us. Lots of stalls, teas, coffees & Bacon Baps. Contact Jackie Palmer 01451 822285.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Tea & Dancing, Upper Rissington Village Hall, 2.30-4.30pm, £15pp, includes full afternoon tea, 01451 821 932. [ritrinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ritrinfo@gmail.com). See poster page 16.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Free screening of 'The People's Emergency Briefing', (climate change film, with intro by Chris Packham), Sports & Social Club, Great Rissington, 7.30pm. See page 18.
- 15<sup>th</sup> 'The Bluecasters' (Blues), Merrymouth Inn, Stow Rd, OX7 6HR. 01993 256620. [www.cotswoldmerrymouth.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldmerrymouth.co.uk) See advert below.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Rissingtons Local History Society, 7.30pm. 'The Mitford Sisters' by Gillian Cane. Short AGM prior to talk. Village Hall, Upper Rissington, GL54 2QW. Visitors welcome £3.50 includes refreshments. [information.RLHS@gmail.com](mailto:information.RLHS@gmail.com) 07815 606770. [rissingtonslocalhistorysociety.com](http://rissingtonslocalhistorysociety.com)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Starlight Hike, 10k Walk, in aid of Sue Ryder, Ashley Manor Preparatory School, Cheltenham, 01242 246270, or search Sue Ryder Hike. See poster page 19.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Woodcraft, Autumn Market Stalls & Morris Dancers, Combe Mill (In Steam), Blenheim Palace Sawmills, OX29 8ET. Tea Room, gift shop etc. 10.30am-4pm. Dogs welcome. 01993 358694. [www.combemill.org](http://www.combemill.org)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Michael Bochmann & Orchestra Pro Anima, play Autumn Serenade featuring Corelli, Elgar, Saint Saens and Mozart. 7.00pm, Northleach Church, [northleachevents.co.uk](http://northleachevents.co.uk)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> November, Halloween at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL. [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com) 01993 810530.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Naunton's Beetle drive, 7pm for 7.30pm start, Naunton Village Hall, £15pp with jacket potato supper. Tickets & information from Pat, 07887 553571. See page 2.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party, 8pm, Merrymouth Inn, Stow Rd, OX7 6HR. 01993 256620. [www.cotswoldmerrymouth.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldmerrymouth.co.uk)



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## What a transformation!

As part of our 30th anniversary celebrations, we have transformed a space in the heart of Bourton-on-the-Water into a beautiful Memory Garden.



The garden is a lasting tribute to Kate's Home Nursing and to 30 years of providing hospice care at home for local families.



## A place to reflect and remember

The before and after photos show just how much the space has changed.

We wanted to create a colourful and wel-

coming place where residents and visitors can sit, reflect and remember loved ones. The garden is filled with flowers, attractive planters and planting designed to bring colour throughout the year.

It also celebrates the many patients, families, volunteers, supporters and friends who have been part of the Kate's Home Nursing story over the past three decades.

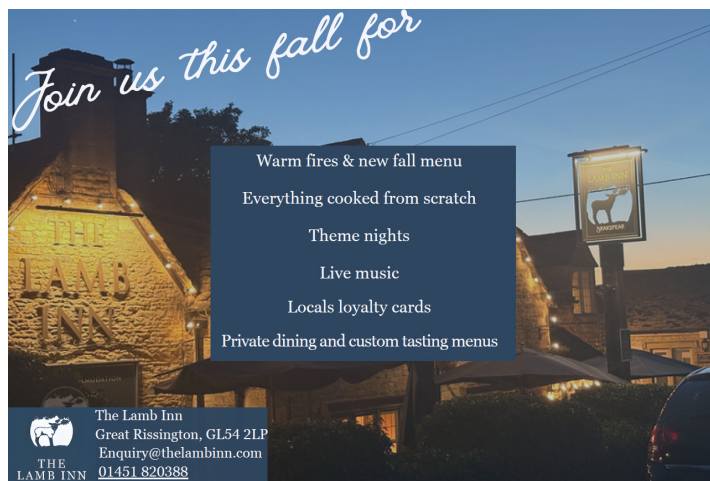
## Letters to Heaven

One of the most special features of the Memory Garden in Bourton-on-the-Water is our 'Letters to Heaven' letterbox. Anyone can write a private letter to someone they have lost and place it in the box. The letters will never be read. Instead, they will be respectfully composted and used to help nurture the garden. In this way, those private words and precious memories can become part of something that continues to grow.



## Thank you for helping our Memory Garden bloom

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated, supported the project and helped turn our idea into this wonderful space.



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## Dates for your Diary:

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** We'd love you to join us at the Kate's Home Nursing Reflections Service, St Lawrence Church, Bourton-on-the-Water. This is a beautiful tribute to patients we've nursed and an opportunity for their loved ones to come together and remember and celebrate their lives. It is always a poignant and uplifting service.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Save the date for one of the highlights of our calendar – the Kate's Home Nursing Carol Service. This is a truly special Christmas Carol Service at St Edward's Church, Stow-on-the-Wold, at 6:30pm.

[www.kateshomenursing.org](http://www.kateshomenursing.org)

## Bourton Browser Team News

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

**Bourton On-line Village Diary:** To see what's going on in Bourton for this, and future months, use the QR code or go to our website, see below. If you are planning a **Bourton based** event, email the details to the address below. We will add them to the on-line village diary and include them in the "Diary Dates" column in the relevant month's Browser. The on-line diary is a useful tool that can prevent major events clashing, so check it before scheduling your event! Remember we can only put events in if you tell us about them!



**The Bourton Browser Team**

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[www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk](http://www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk)

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**Indoor Kurling**   **Lawn Bowls**   **History**   **Mahjong**  
**Mexican Trains!!**   **Nature walks and Talks**   **Photography**  
**Reading Plays**   **Reading Poetry**   **Quizzes**  
**Playing the Recorder or Ukelele**   **Playing Scrabble**  
**Playing Skittles (in a pub!!)**   **Country Walking**  
**Eating Sunday Lunch!**   **Short Discovery walks**  
**Walking Basketball**   **Watercolour Painting**

Our next Meeting is on

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2026

from 10.00 am to 12 noon  
in the Royal British Legion Hall in  
Bourton on the Water

New members always welcome.

We will be entertained by Sally  
Ferrers who will talk about Hans  
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The approved development represents an investment of more than £7 million in the local economy and will create up to 60 jobs, alongside additional employment opportunities during construction and through the wider supply chain.

The scheme includes a total of 127 parking spaces, including accessible and parent and child bays, alongside ten electric vehicle charging points with capacity for additional chargers in the future. Attractive landscaping will be incorporated throughout the site, helping to create a high-quality development that complements the surrounding area.

The plans received strong support throughout the planning process, reflecting local demand for greater choice in food retail provision and investment in the village. The development will deliver significant economic and community benefits while expanding access to Aldi's award-winning range of affordable groceries.

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He delivers the message that life is not worth living when it is lived without God and that only he can bring satisfaction to the human heart. How is this possible?

Here is the good news God made a way for us by sending his Son.

We all have a picture of Jesus in our heads. It may be of a baby born at Christmas. It may be of him beaten and hanging on a cross. And that is him.

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He said: I am the way, the truth, and the

life.

Come to me and I will give you rest. How we need that in our chaotic world. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever.

Jesus himself told us about the kingdom of God and showed us how to live.

He said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" and promises us a full and satisfying life: He said: I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly John 10:10.

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Harvest Festival Service— 11am – 4th Oct with a collection for the Foodbank.

Other services: **Every Wednesday** > Midweek Holy Communion @ 10:00am  
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**8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 11th and 25th Oct**

**6pm - Holy Communion with traditional hymns - 4th Oct**

**Breakfast Church celebrates Harvest - Saturday 10th Oct - 9am start**

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## The Water Church/Bourton Baptist Church

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**Sunday Morning Service 10.30am All Welcome**

**Wavemakers 11th and 25th October 10.30am**

**Communion Sunday 18th October 10.30am**

**Prayer Meeting 10am Saturday 3rd October All welcome**

**Apologetics Evening Wednesday 21st October 7-8.30pm**

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## Services in October

Weekend Masses: Saturday evening: **Vigil Mass 6 pm.** Sunday morning: **9 am Sung Mass, including Children's' Liturgy,** (except in school holidays).

Weekday Masses: **At 9 am every day** (no Mass Saturday mornings). **Mass on Tuesdays usually takes place at St. Lawrence's Anglican Church, 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 Notices

**Young children:** *Every Sunday there is a special facility for young children from 3 years old upwards at Sunday 9 am Masses. During the first part of the Mass they gather in the Webley Room upstairs and receive some simple teaching about the Gospel of the day and then they create or paint something to show the congregation what they have learnt. Non-Catholics are very welcome. Parents often find it difficult to teach young children the basics of the Christian faith at home and this is where we can help. It is so important that they have something they can fall back on in later life when difficulties and challenges arise. Email Fr. Stephen for more information.*

**Fr. Stephen**

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## For The Younger Generations



### What a Summer!

#### Celebrating an Incredible Season of Creativity, Community & Performing Arts

From creative camps and community celebrations to festivals packed with performance, music, drama, dance and imagination, the last few months have been filled with opportunities for children, young people, families and our wider community to get creative, try something new and, most importantly, have fun.

#### Escape the Island Arts Camp



Our summer kicked off with our Arts Camp, an exciting arts camp designed to get young people creating, collaborating and thinking outside the box. This camp was kindly **funded by Hacklings**, and allowed us to provide free, funded spaces.

Participants explored different creative disciplines, developed characters and stories, worked together as a team and created something completely their own. There was plenty of laughter, imagination and a few unexpected twists along the way!

But the fun doesn't stop there, we are excited for our...

**Halloween Arts Camp - 28-30th October | Book your spot now!**

#### Camfest | A Weekend of Creativity in Chipping Campden

August saw us head to Camfest, Chipping Campden's youth and community festival, for a fantastic weekend celebrating creativity and community. Sparkhouse Creatives delivered a whole day of varied creative workshops, from art to theatre, at Cidermill Theatre. It was fantastic to see young people and families getting stuck in, trying something new and discovering just how much fun creative participation can be.

And that's exactly what we want our community events to do, open the door to creativity and make it accessible to everyone.

#### For the Community:

#### Heritage Craft Community Event | 3rd October 2026 (Victoria Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water)

A free, hands-on community event celebrating traditional heritage crafts. Come along and discover the fascinating world of traditional crafts, meet local craft practitioners and have a go for yourself!

#### The Cidermill Free Performing Arts Festival

And then came one of the highlights of our summer...our very own Cidermill Free Performing Arts Festival!

Over three days, young people had the opportunity to explore the performing arts through workshops, activities, performance and collaboration, completely free to participants

thanks to the support of Rockspring Trust. This festival was about giving young people the opportunity to find their voice, build confidence, meet new people, develop new skills and discover the joy of creating something together.

#### Exciting News!

We are delighted to announce that Cotswold Youth Theatre has been selected to take part in the prestigious National Theatre Connections Festival 2027. This is an exciting opportunity for young performers to be part of a national theatre festival, working on a professionally selected play and developing their acting, teamwork and performance skills.

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## Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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| B'n Vale Equestrian Centre           | Leanne Launchbury             | 821101       |
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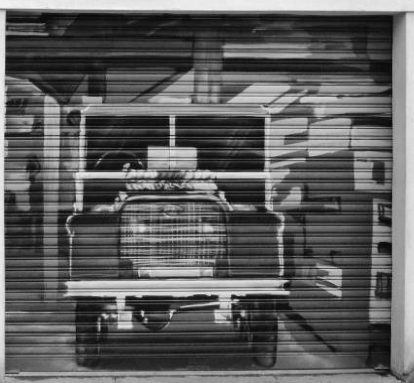


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Reception are learning all about themselves to start their education journey and we can't wait to learn all about them too. Our KS1 classes are learning all about their local environment this term with a 'Beyond the school gate' topic, focusing on our beautiful village. A big thank you to The Model Village for letting them see the village at scale! Lower KS2 are focusing on the explosive planet this term; lots of geography including where volcanoes and earthquakes occur and looking at different types of soil and rocks in science. Our Upper KS2 are also all about Bourton this term and the impact of tourism to different localities. They are hoping to use the greenscreens to create adverts as well.

We will soon be kick starting our sporting calendar with football tournaments, indoor athletics and cross country events.

We are looking forward to welcoming all parents in again for our first open morning of the school year. It will be a special one with the harvest performance being entwined with it.

**Tori Gainford,  
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A pair of Dartford warblers have successfully raised two broods this year in a carefully managed area of the Forest of Dean, marking an exciting milestone for one of the UK's most distinctive heathland birds.

The breeding success was confirmed after the pair were observed nesting and successfully raising young. They went on to raise a second brood later in the season.

Dartford warblers are small, dark brown-grey warblers with a distinctive long tail and red eye ring. They nest close to the ground, typically among dense heather and gorse, and feed on insects and spiders. The mix of scrub, gorse and heather at the site provides ideal conditions for the birds, offering both nesting cover and a plentiful supply of food.

The exact location is being kept confidential to protect the birds and their young.



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### A marvellous moot at

#### Greystones Farm Nature Reserve

Last month, Salmonsbury Camp, at Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's (GWT's) Greystones Farm, saw its first moot in centuries. In the medieval period, moots were gatherings where the community would share knowledge and discuss local issues.

Bourton's first modern-day moot offered a smorgasbord of activities – to learn about local history and wildlife and get creative. Visitors tried their hand at Morris dancing, wattle and daubing, learning about Iron Age textile-making and checking out the Corinium Museum's artefacts.



Caroline Morris, artist and organiser of the Salmonsbury Moot project – a year-long project of activities exploring local heritage and wildlife - led an archaeology walk of the nature reserve. This was followed by a wildlife walk with Will Masefield from GWT and an artist walk with Ruth Broadbent - linking together the history and ecology of this special place.

Caroline said:

Corinium Museum are privileged to be the custodians of archaeology from across the Cotswolds. The archaeology of



Bourton-on-the-Water is very special, and the Salmonsbury Moot project is providing a great opportunity to share the remarkable archive on Salmonsbury Camp."

The atmosphere was buzzing, with families from the local area and further afield enjoying a sunny day outdoors. Over half were visiting Greystones nature reserve for the first time, and everyone felt like they learned a lot.

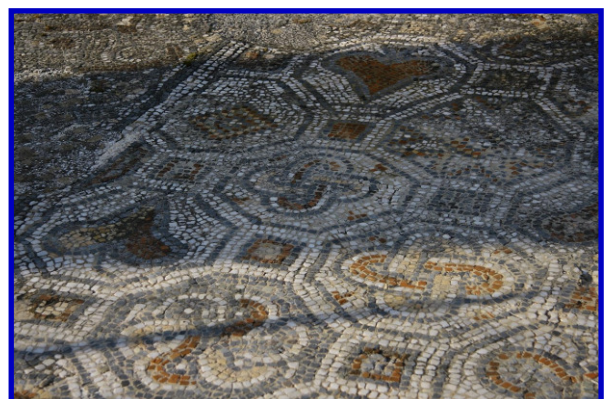
One visitor said, "my daughter and I had a wonderful time. The archaeology walk was both informative and fascinating, and Caroline was excellent... Ruth really helped us to visualise and capture the essence of the site, sparking our imagination and bringing to life its many years of history and significance."

Given the success our 2026 moot, we certainly hope it won't be the last.

Delivered with support from GWT and the Corinium Museum, the event is preceding a month-long exhibition. Visit

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## BOURTON RESIDENTS' VOICE



**Bourton Resident's Voice Update**  
It has been a busy summer for Bourton Residents' Voice (BRV).

Over the past few months, residents have continued to come together to raise concerns, engage with local organisations and push for positive changes for our village.

At the heart of BRV is a simple belief: **Bourton is a place where people live, not simply a place for people to visit.**

### Keeping the pressure on

Traffic, parking, coach movements and pedestrian safety have continued to be key concerns.

We have also continued to argue that residents should have a meaningful voice in decisions affecting the village — including decisions about parking, traffic, public spaces, tourism and the future management of Bourton.

### Our village, our public spaces

During the summer, BRV also organised a peaceful community action on the village green.

Residents came together with picnic blankets, chairs and mobility aids to make a very simple point:

**Our public spaces are for local people too.**

It was a positive reminder that behind the discussions about visitor numbers and tourism are real people who want to be able to enjoy their own village.

**Working together**

BRV has continued to engage with local organisations and representatives, putting forward residents' concerns and ideas and asking for action where it is needed.

We know that many of the issues facing Bourton cannot be solved overnight, and no single organisation can solve them alone.

That is why BRV will continue to work constructively with those who have a role to play — while making sure that the interests and experiences of residents remain firmly on the agenda.

### Get involved

BRV is only as strong as the community behind it, and there are lots of ways to get involved.

We are still looking for residents who would be willing to **lead a WhatsApp group for their street or road**. The aim is to create a simple network that allows us to communicate quickly and effectively with residents when something needs to be shared, discussed or acted upon.

You don't need to be an expert or commit lots of time — just be willing to help keep your neighbours connected.

If your street doesn't yet have a group and you'd be happy to help, please get in touch.

We are holding our next meeting to shape our priorities and plans for the coming months

- When? 6:30pm, on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Where? Windrush Room, George Moore Community Centre.

**The more residents who get involved, the stronger our collective voice becomes.**

Gemma

### A new project

There is a small, rather shabby, unloved courtyard in Bourton. It is outside the Public Toilets in the centre of the village. I would love to make this little courtyard a place of peace and beauty. Many people from across the world pass through this courtyard every year to use the toilets. Others wait here for the buses to come, or just to meet friends.

In 2007 the Cotswold Council bought this property from the church. It used to be the Church Rooms, where children sang and learnt about Jesus.

Many people do not know that over the door to the toilets, carved in the stone are the words LAUS DEO, meaning Praise be to God. I feel that in memory to the historical significance of this there should be a small plaque on the wall explaining. Then, I asked myself, where is the Glory to God in this place? Public toilets and two seats in an unattractive courtyard. Into my mind came a beautiful picture of a cornfield with poppies and daisies, framed by trees with blue sky above and the words of the stone carved letters LAUS DEO, Praise be to God, beautifully written at the top of the sky. This was to be on the large dirty wall adjoining the China shop. (Does anyone know a good street artist?). Instead of weeds around the edges of this little courtyard, flowers and healing herbs.

I have already been in touch with the Council and shared my ideas with them. They thanked me and replied 'However, we are not currently considering any improvement works for this area.' If any of you would like to support me in this project please do get in touch. Thank you.

**Jennie Heming**  
(email: [Jennie@rainbowshalom.co.uk](mailto:Jennie@rainbowshalom.co.uk))

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**Donate an item or service:** We are seeking gift cards, merchandise, or unique experiences to feature in the auction cata-

logue.

**Bid and share:** When the auction goes live on 18th October, we would love you to browse, bid, and share the link with your friends.

#### Looking Ahead to Christmas

**The Christmas Charity Band Concert** is taking place at The Cotswolds School and is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. The magnificent Waterloo Band and Bugles of the 7<sup>th</sup> Rifles will be leading a festive programme. Please make a note in your diary. There will be more details in November's Browser.

**The Tree of Light** – This year we will be rekindling our Tree of Light scheme which enables us to remember loved ones during the Christmas Season. Further details will be published in November.

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Our speaker for the September meeting was David Cropp with an interesting talk on Defensive Gardening at a time of Climate Change

Three things to consider .

- Stop weeding (apart from real bad-dies). Annual weeds will provide ground cover which will help the ground retain moisture.
- Leave stones on the soil. Soil remains cool under stones and again helps ground retain moisture. Only problem with stones is that slugs and snails like hiding under them but pick them off and put in compost bin.
- Opportunity to grow different vegetables. It's worth trying relatively exotic vegetables and Mediterranean plants.

David also suggested that we should ignore traditional times to sow seed as shown on seed packets and plant any time of year.

Plants like root vegetables, which need moisture, didn't do so well this year, so it might be worth planting them in tall bins which will retain moisture.

Pauline Chaplin won the competition of 3 cosmos flowers.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm at the Baptist Church Hall and our speaker will be Marion Stainton talking about "Growing Vegetables: making the most of your efforts".

The competition will be Three Dahlia Flower stems.

Don't forget, members get 10% discount at Burford Garden Centre off plants, bulbs and seeds on production of your membership card, but you have to show your membership card in advance to get a Burford discount card.

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### **Bourton Roadrunners**

This weekend proved to be a busy one for Bourton Roadrunners Club, with members covering several events across the country.



John, Melissa and Linda at Great North Run.

Three ventured north to Newcastle for the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Great North Run**, running from Newcastle to South Shields, with over 63,000 participants making it difficult at times for the runners to get into a rhythm.

It was Melissa Samuel running for Diabetes UK who stood-out, covering the 13.1 mile distance in a time of 2 hours, 33 minutes and 24 seconds, knocking over 10 minutes from her personal best time. Also running were Linda Edwards (2:20:35) and John Gibson (2:20:33).

Of course, no weekend would be complete without a **Parkrun**, and this week a number of our members could be found participating at **Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh**: Lily King – 22:20 (2<sup>nd</sup> woman overall), Paul Delicata – 23:18 (MV45/2), Stephanie Holton – 25:26 (VW60/2), Louise Colwyn – 27:40, Michael Balfour – 28:13, Cath Nesbitt – 28:52 (VW60/3), Gary Holton – 29:17,

Liz Hulcup – 29:46 (VW70/1), Gill Carrick – 29:48 (VW65/1), Gillian James – 32:27, Giles Canning – 35:53 (VM65/2), Jenny Evanson – 36:51, Val McKay – 36:52, Alison Tighe – 36:54, Imogen Cox – 36:55, John Conway – 40:37.

**Gillian, Louise and John**



Bourton Roadrunners team with friends at Fire Service College Parkrun

### **Dementia Friendly Cafe**

Here we are boarding the train to the Racecourse from Toddington. Over 20 of us enjoyed the day on the steam railway and the weather was kind. The views to the Malverns were beautifully clear and we had eats in the cafe and on the train.

Remember we now meet at the George Moore Community Centre and have joined together with the Stow cafe members. We are still meeting on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 2pm till 4pm. We are going to have visits from the Music Men (and the dog!) and Olly, the Shetland pony. There will also be table top games and chat as usual.

**Bill Wragge**



**Parent & Baby Groups at  
George Moore  
Community Centre**



**Baby & Me:** Final call for our free, weekly postnatal support group which starts again this October. The group is for parents with babies aged up to 6 months, and it's a great opportunity to meet others, build your confidence as a parent, share experiences, and learn more about your baby's development.

- **Thursdays, 1pm - 2.30pm**
- **15<sup>th</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2026 (8 sessions, no group in half term)**



**Reconnect:** We are also running our Reconnect group for Mum's with children aged 0-2 years, who are experiencing feelings of anxiety, stress, worry or postnatal depression. It's a safe space to talk, develop coping techniques, have a go at some crafting and meet other Mums facing similar challenges. We offer a creche place for your child (in a room nearby) to give you 2 hours to focus on yourself and gain support.

- **Fridays, 10.30am – 12.30pm**
- **9<sup>th</sup> October – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2026 (9 sessions, no group in half term)**

Places for our groups are free but need to be prebooked, please get in touch to find out more, telling us which group you're interested in and the age of your child.

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**Volunteering at  
Home-Start Cotswolds**

Our annual volunteer training course starts in January and this year we're holding the sessions in Bourton-on-the-Water. If you have parenting experience and can offer 2-3 hours each week to support a local family in their own home, perhaps this could

be the volunteering opportunity for you? You'll find all the details on our website. In addition, we're holding a coffee morning for prospective volunteers on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am in Northleach. Staff and a current volunteer will be on hand to let you know all about our volunteering roles – if you'd like to join us, please get in touch and we'll send you the details, we'd love to hear from you!

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**Come and join us,  
says North Cotswold Foodbank**

Do you have a few hours to spare and would like to volunteer for North Cotswold Foodbank?

The charity provides almost 1,800 food parcels every year from its seven outlets in the Cotswolds, and is run almost entirely by volunteers.



If you live in or near Bishop's Cleeve, Bourton, Moreton, Stow, Chipping Campden or Winchcombe, you might be able to help. There are also vacancies for team leaders in Bourton and Chipping Campden.

NCFB Development Manager Kevin Carden said: "We're a very friendly bunch and every year we help more than 4,000 people who can't afford the essentials.

"Volunteers are at the heart of the food bank community. Without them we wouldn't be able to do what we do and the many people facing hardship wouldn't get the support they need." Volunteers help in a variety of roles:

stacking and packing groceries, meeting clients, helping in the warehouse in Guiting Power, or driving. They are usually on a rota with others and don't have to commit to helping every week. "We don't ask our volunteers for many qualifications but there can be a bit of lifting involved and it's helpful if you can manage a computer," said Kevin. North Cotswold Foodbank, set up in 2011, is a charity and part of the Trussell community.

"As global events drive up the cost of essentials like food and energy, more people are being forced to turn to a food bank, and living in the Cotswolds doesn't mean that people are immune from that," said Kevin.

"Our food banks are a lifeline for people facing hardship. We know they're not the long-term solution. That's why, as well as providing emergency food and practical support, we're working to build a future where no one needs a food bank to survive."

Anyone interested in volunteering should apply via the website

<https://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/volunteer/>



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**Rotary**  
The Rissingtons



I shall be lucky if my marriage survives October.... RitR (*Rotary in the Rissingtons*) has four events planned, all of which seem to have my name on them!

So, we begin the month with the **Rotary Treasure Hunt on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**.

Being run for the sixth year, cars will be rolling through 38 miles of the best country lanes of the North Cotswolds seeking to unravel cryptic questions leading to "treasure". I say "cryptic", they are not too clever as I wrote them! From the Upper Rissington Village Hall at 1pm it should take two hours to get to the Cotswold Barn for afternoon tea and prize giving. Just turn up at the start with £25 in your hand and you will be very welcome. Our current charity is the Cotswold Foodbank who are seeking to buy a new electric van.

On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October** we roll into the RitR **Afternoon Tea with Dancing**. Come and enjoy a unique afternoon of fun whilst enjoying an excellent full-on afternoon tea. If you are left footed like me, it matters not a jot; we are there to enjoy ourselves and the cream buns. This is a family event so the kids will be able to show you how to get on the dance floor. See the adverts and book through the QR code.

Now, **Tools for Africa**, our annual collection of old hand tools, mains powered electric tools and of course, the jewels in the crown, sewing machines all of which will find a new home in Tanzania. On **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** we shall be at **The Prison, Northleach** and **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October** in the **High Street, Moreton-in Marsh** between **10.00 am and 12.00 noon**. Look out for our trailer and smiling faces!

Hopefully still married, I will see you next month! **Andrew**

**Rotary The Rissingtons**

**Afternoon Tea & Dancing**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, from 2.30 to 4.30 in the Upper Rissington Village Hall Entrance only £15

Full Afternoon Tea with sandwiches, savouries, scones and cakes. Join us for an afternoon of delicious food and dancing. Scan the QR code to get tickets, or for more information contact ritinfo@gmail.com or ring 01451 821932.

**Any Old Tools?**

**Rotary in the Rissingtons are holding 3 Tool Collections for Tools For Self Reliance on;**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Bourton on the Water, British Legion, 10.00 to 12.00  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Northleach Old Prison, 10.00 to 12.00  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Moreton in Marsh High Street, 10.00 to 12.00

Look in the garden shed or in the garage to seek out any old **hand tools** or **sewing machines** which others may be able to use. It does not matter what condition they are in, they will be cleaned and repaired before they are sent to hard working people in Africa. No rechargeable tools please.  
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### Thank You to Our Community

Headspace is incredibly busy. More young people are being referred to us, our waiting list remains a challenge, funding is increasingly difficult to secure and we regularly hear from parents who are at their wits' end trying to find the right support for their child.

Behind every referral and every number is a young person and a family who need someone to be there.

That is why, this month, we simply want to say **thank you**.

Thank you to our staff, who work incredibly hard every day to support young people and families. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who give their time to mentor young people, support our groups and help us provide opportunities that simply wouldn't exist without them.

And thank you to our wider North Cotswolds community.

Whether you have volunteered, organised a fundraiser, made a donation, shared one of our posts or simply told a family that we are here – you have played a part.

A special thank you also goes to **Bourton Parish Council**, who have recently provided funding towards our mentor-

ing programme. Support like this helps us continue providing vital one-to-one support for local young people when they need it most.

As a small local charity, community support makes an enormous difference. It allows us to keep adapting, keep opening doors and, most importantly, keep being there.

Our mission at Headspace remains clear:

**"We hope you never need our services, but when you do, we need to be there."**

If you think you can help us in any way – or you or a young person you know needs our support – please visit [www.myheadspace.org.uk](http://www.myheadspace.org.uk).

Thank you for helping us to be there.

**Paul Heming**, CEO, Headspace

### Tai Chi and a sense of Bourton community

When I joined Val's Tai Chi group at the Leisure centre I was surprised to find some familiar faces. There's Myra, who organises our Bourton Browser delivery round and Sue, who runs the U3A Book Club. It turns out that many of them have been doing Tai Chi for years. There must be about twelve such stalwarts in the group – and then there are people like me.

I had done Pilates for a good fifteen years (occasionally running the group

myself (by cribsheet) when the teacher was away). Then came covid and my Pilates fizzled out, so I took up jogging instead.

When we moved to Bourton at the beginning of last year there were so many footpaths to explore, that I simply put in the steps instead. A decision that left a gap in my exercise programme, however.

In the late Dr Michael Mosley's 'Just one thing' TV programme, he said that Tai Chi is moving meditation. It improves balance, the immune system, brain health and heart health. It also helps lose weight, especially around the tum. In short, it sounded like just the thing for me.

I've now been doing it for around nine months and can say that it definitely requires patience and determination. But I can also say that I have noticed lots of little, unexpected benefits. I am getting a sense for meditation in movement as I become aware of how parts of my body work together and how the different parts of my feet contact the ground. I feel that I am getting a better sense of balance and am less likely to fall over. I also have fewer cramps in bed at night.

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## North Cotswold Tri & Run (NCTR)

North Cotswold Tri & Run (NCTR) athletes enjoyed another busy month of racing, with strong performances across triathlon, swimming and park-run.

The fourth and final round of the Cotswolds Lake 62 Evening Triathlon Series saw seven NCTR athletes competing among almost 200 entrants.

New member, Imo Sneath, made an impressive triathlon debut, recording the fastest swim of the NCTR contingent and 14th quickest in the field, before finishing 77th overall.

Will Banks led the club home in 19th place in 57:54, showing increasing strength on the bike as he prepares for Ironman Wales. Ally Stirling followed just 39 seconds later, finishing sixth female and 22nd overall. A consistent first season in triathlon also earned Stirling second place in the overall series standings.

Tim Heming finished 23rd and secured third place overall in the series, while Esther Phipp placed 89th, third in her age group and fifth female in the series.

Charles Perkins was unfortunately disqualified after taking a wrong turn on



the bike course, while Jon Francis, managing a knee issue, opted for the aquabike and finished 13th.

Francis also completed the 13km Thames Marathon swim from Henley to Marlow in 4:03, placing 75th of 300 swimmers.

Elsewhere, Tom Renton Rose continued his comeback from injury with 21:00 and sixth place at Fire Service College parkrun in Moreton-in-Marsh. Jessica Snow introduced one of NCTR's youngest members, Jasper, to running with their first buggy parkrun at Witney, while Dennis Walmsley ran 21:32 at Llanerchaeron parkrun in Wales, winning the VM60-64 category – despite being pipped in the sprint finish by son Bertie! **Polly**



## Chris Packham backs Great Rissington screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing*

A free public screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing* will take place at the Sports & Social Club in Great Rissington on 13th October at 7.30, followed by a facilitated community discussion. The screening forms part of a growing UK-wide programme of events designed to help ensure that both the public and decision-makers are clearly and honestly informed about the climate and nature crisis – and what it may mean for communities across the country. In November 2025, more than 1,200 MPs, peers and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media gathered at Westminster Central Hall for the National Emergency Briefing – a landmark event bringing together leading experts to assess

the UK's exposure to climate and nature risks. The briefing, introduced by Chris Packham CBE, set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for food security, public health, infrastructure, the economy and national security, alongside evidence-based actions that could reduce these risks. This national event has now been adapted into a 50-minute public film, *The People's Emergency Briefing*, which launched nationwide on 7th April and is now being screened in communities across the UK.

The film brings together leading scientists to present a clear picture of the challenges ahead, while creating space for local communities to consider what these issues may mean in their local area, and how they can support their MP to call for stronger action.

Chris Packham said (**approved by Chris**): "I'd encourage people everywhere to attend a screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing*. It creates exactly the kind of honest local conversation we now urgently need, both about what these changes mean where we live, and about what we can do together to address them."

Following the film, attendees will be invited to take part in a structured discussion, designed to support open, constructive conversation about the issues raised and what they may mean locally. Organisers emphasise that the event is intended as a **civic space**, bringing together residents, community leaders and decision-makers. Local MPs, councillors and other influential people have been invited to attend and take part in this important community event. With screenings taking place nationwide, local events form part of a broader effort to build a shared understanding of climate and nature risks across the UK, and to support constructive public dialogue about future choices.

This event is not ticketed, but please let me know if you are coming so I have an idea of numbers –

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## Bourton Panto Group



### All aboard for Peter Pan!

What a QUACKING day we had at our annual fete during summer! The sun shone, the ducks raced, the puzzles flew off the table... seriously, shoutout to our puzzle-selling superstars — we started the day with over 100 and left with just 5!! A huge thank you to everyone who helped us raise money towards *Peter Pan*. Every penny brings us one step closer to the stage!

Talking of *Peter Pan*... rehearsals are underway and our show is starting to take shape. But there's still some room on the Jolly Roger! We're in need of Natives, Lost boys and Pirates to join our merry crew.

Never been in a panto before? Even better - you don't need to be a seasoned performer, just a willingness to have fun, get involved and enjoy being part of a fantastic local group. There's plenty of laughter, a little bit of chaos and hopefully just the right amount of fairy dust! So, if you fancy treading the boards, why

not hop aboard and join the adventure? We'd love to have you! Contact us on our socials or email Ann @ [rye.close@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rye.close@hotmail.co.uk)

We're also delighted to announce **Iain Bradley** as the new Chairman of the Bourton Panto Group. We're very excited to have him at the helm as we set sail towards another fabulous show!

Of course, your support is just as important as our cast, and we're always hugely grateful to our wonderful Patrons. For just £15 a year, you can become a patron, support BPG and enjoy some special benefits too. Interested? Get in touch with our patrons' secretary Nicola @ [nickyfranks74@gmail.com](mailto:nickyfranks74@gmail.com)

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