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DIARY DATES

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

Mon, Wed & Fri, Bourton Men in Sheds, 9.30am-12.30pm, Behind **RBL**, 01608 692811.

Mon. & Thurs. Stay Strong & Steady, **BLH**, 1-2.30pm. cotswoldactivehealth@gmail.com

Mon. & Fri. Cotswold Yoga, **VH**, Mon 10-11am, Fri 5-6pm, 07490858775

Tue. Drop in digital help group, **GMCC**, 10.30am-12.30pm. 07707 281803.

Tue. NB No "Together on Tuesdays" during August. Restarts 3rd September

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

3rd-4th Gift Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm, 07832195427.

5th & 19th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.

6th The Great Rissington Fete, **VH**, 9am-4pm.

7th Parish Council meeting, 7pm, **GMCC**.

9th & 23rd Dementia Friendly Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726. See p. 12.

10th-11th Craft Fair, **VH**, gifts & hand-made crafts, 9.30am-5pm.

10th mobile Police Station visit to Co-op car park, 10am-2pm.

12th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. "The Rise and Fall of the English Country House" by John Hancock. See p 2.

13th WI, **VH**, 7pm. See page 6.

13th Digital Foundation Course begins, **GMCC**, 10am-12.30pm. See page 16 for full details.

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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 Council Notes



Notes from the Parish Council Meeting 3rd July 2024 and Parish Council Updates

Co-Option of new Parish Councillor: We are pleased to announce that local resident Andy Caley is now a member of the Parish Council, bringing the number of councillors back up to 13.

New Website: This went live on 1st July with the aim of being more accessible and easier to navigate than the old website as well as being legally compliant. It is a work in progress with further content still to be added. Visitors to the old site address will automatically be redirected to the new site which is a www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk.

Grants: A reminder that the deadline for small grant applications is 20th August. You can download a form from our new website at <https://www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk/the-council/grants/> or please contact the Parish Clerk.

D-Day 80th Anniversary 6th June: The beacon-lighting event on the Village Green was well attended with Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Andy Roberts, reading out a



Photo credit Cllr Madan Samuel
 picture shows:
 Cllrs Andy Roberts (Chairman),
 Lynda Hicks (Vice Chairman)
 and Martin Macklin.



Photo credit Sue Roberts

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- 14th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 5.
- 14th & 28th Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 17th Tayler & Fletcher, Monthly Auction Sale, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.
- 17th-18th Gift Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm, 07832195427.
- 22nd Probus Summer Lunch at the Inn for all Seasons. Secretary's details in "Local Groups" column, page 15.
- 25th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm 07986 085599.
- 26th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. A local member will speak. See column 3.
- 26th Bourton Rovers FC, Football in the River, 2pm. See page 4.
- 28th u3a. 10am-12noon. **BLH**. 'Inside the Crown Court'. See page 3. www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton
- 29th Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Willows. Details from dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk

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proclamation prior to lighting the beacon. Thank you to all who participated.

Brighter Bourton event: This event was postponed from July and will now take place from 6.30-8.30pm on Thursday 12th September at the Royal British Legion Hall. Topics for discussion will be Fundraising and Grant Applications. All are welcome to attend and take part.

Play Rangers Sessions at Melville play area: Summer Holiday sessions will run between 10am and 4pm on Wednesdays 31st July, 14th August and 28th August. These free of charge sessions are aimed at school aged children. Under 8s are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

Youth Club: The regular weekly sessions will continue to run during the school holidays, based at the Baden Powell Hall. Juniors – school years 3-6 from 5.30-7pm and Seniors – school years 7+ 7pm-8.30pm.

County and District Councillor Updates: There were no reports from County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson or District Councillor Jon Wareing at the July meeting due to the elections.

District Councillor Len Wilkins highlighted that Cotswold District Council is seeking volunteer fly-tipping guardians. The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) will run from 22nd July to 30th August for eligible children up to year eleven and the Holiday Activity Programme (HAP) will offer free holiday activities for children up to 16. Details are available on CDC's website www.cotswold.gov.uk

The mobile Police Station will be visiting the Co-Op store car park between 10am

and 2pm on Saturday 10th August.

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 7th August 2024 in the Windrush Room, The George Moore Community Centre. All residents are welcome to attend.

For further details and enquiries, please contact the Parish Council Clerk

Sharon Henley by emailing clerk@bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk or visit the Parish Council website www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk

Bourton Probus

At our meeting on 22nd June yours truly spoke on my 70 years of theatre and opera going. It seemed to be well received!

On 8th July Mike Bottomley gave us a very moving account of the life of Edith Cavell, interspersed with a film of her last letters whilst in prison. She is of particular interest to me as she was a nurse at The London Hospital at the turn of the 20th century, where I worked for 30 years, and she is still remembered there.

The Bourton Probus Club is designed for retired men or women who are interested in hearing talks and attending various social events. If you are interested, either speak to our secretary Kevin Hick on 01451 860435 or come to one of our meetings (advertised on the Diary page) and introduce yourself to us.

Roger Harris

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Events: If you are planning any events let us know as soon as possible, we can advertise them in "Diary Dates" and on www.bourtonbrowser.co.uk the on-line village diary,

It is well worth checking the village on-

line diary when scheduling events to avoid clashing with other events!

Articles: We welcome articles (maximum 300 words) & photographs, from adults, children and local community groups on any subjects of local interest. We only have room for one article, per community group, per issue.

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The Bourton Browser Team

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Ray Dodd, Advertising Manager

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Our next meeting is on

**Wednesday
28th August 2024,
from 10am to 12 noon**

Retired Court Usher, Marguerite Collins, will take us '**Inside the Crown Court**'.



If you'd like to find out more about us and what else we get up to, please come along, enjoy a tea/coffee, and see what we have to offer. We will be very pleased to see you.

Or look us up on:
u3asites.org.uk/bourton

OUT AND ABOUT in August

Daily - Lamb feeding experience, & Cotswold Wild Flower Festival, Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5FL. www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk

Daily - Summer Play at Snowhill Manor & Gardens, NT, Snowhill, near Broadway, WR12 7JU. 01386 852410. 11am-5.30pm. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/gloucestershire

Daily Join the Big Batsford Hedgehog Hunt! Find the hedgehogs hidden around Batsford Arboretum to win a prize! £3 per child, plus Arboretum admission fees. Visit www.batsarb.co.uk for details.

Mondays - Yoga for All, 9.30-10.30am, Pilates 10.35-11.30am, Wyck Rissington Village Hall. 07950 424037 Enquiries: franyoga@rocketmail.com

10th Village Market at Great Rissington Club, 10am-noon. This time Sadie from Upper Rissington will have a Homemade Bread Stall. Do join us, 01451 822285

11th Indoor Car Boot, Upper Rissington Village hall, 9am-12Noon. Free entry. dvents21@gmail.com for sellers' bookings. From £5.

17th-18th Fairford Steam, Classic & Retro Show, Lake Field, Fairford, GL7 4BT. <https://fairfordsteamshow.co.uk/> 9.30am-5pm. 0744 350 0744.

18th Models & Collections & Market Stalls, Combe Mill "In Steam". Blenheim Palace Sawmill, Combe Oxon. OX29 8ET.

18th "As You Like It", outdoor theatre, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, GL54 5LP. 5pm. Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/thedukestheatrecompany/

26th "The Little Mermaid" outdoor Theatre, Painswick Rococo Garden, Painswick, GL6 6TH. 11am & 2.30pm. 01452 813204. <https://www.rococogarden.org.uk/news/ikp-the-little-mermaid/>

28th-31st Salon Privé, supercars show, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, www.blenheimpalace.com 01993 810530.



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Exciting Times Ahead for Our Local Football Club

As summer comes to a close, a new football season is on the horizon, and Bourton Rovers is gearing up for action. Our two adult teams are eagerly preparing for the upcoming season, ready to dive back into competitive football.

Andrew Herbert and John Robson are leading the charge for our Hellenic League team, while Steve Hartley is at the helm of our Witney League team. With games kicking off in early September, all players are signed up and raring to go. We're all excited to see what the latter part of 2024 and the start of 2025 have in store for us.

Off the pitch, we've been exceptionally busy. Over £1,000 has been invested in the upkeep of our pitch, with countless hours spent ensuring it's in top condition. We're hopeful that this season will be drier than the last, which saw many games cancelled due to poor weather.

This summer was packed with activities at the club, including a mini 6-a-side league, several caravan rallies (to raise much-needed funds), the Euro 24 games, our first youth tournament, birthday parties, and live music events at our social club! With price rises and the general cost of living pushing our bills up higher, these events have given us a life line to keep running. We cannot thank our volunteers and committee members enough for their hard work and dedication.

As we approach the highlight of our season, our Vets team and Players team are eagerly anticipating their annual "Football in the River" grudge match. We invite everyone to join us for this exciting event and afterwards, come down to the football club for a fun family afternoon.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Catherine Williams



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North Cotswolds Rotary



Olympian visits The Cotswolds School

In this Olympic year, it was a privilege for North Cotswolds Rotary to arrange for Donna Fraser OBE, who competed in the Olympic games four times, to give two athletics training sessions to students at The Cotswolds School. Donna Fraser is a former 400m sprinter for Great Britain, with a successful athletics career which spanned over 20 years and has a host of European, Commonwealth and World medals. Donna, unfortunately, retired in 2009 due to being diagnosed with Breast Cancer.

Donna called upon her experiences competing in finals at the highest level to provide an inspiring morning of athletics which was really appreciated by the students. Hannah Joynes, Head of Physical Education at The Cotswold School, thanked North Cotswolds Rotary for approaching her and offering

students the fantastic opportunity they experienced. In Hannah's words "Our students were buzzing about how they enjoyed their training with Donna and what a fantastic experience it was! Donna was brilliant."

Record Greystones 10K



This year's Greystones 10k Trail Run, held on Sunday 23rd June, was our most successful since we started in 2017. The challenge of a warm day didn't diminish the enjoyment of the 147 runners. The winner, Michael Kallenberg, finished in a time of 35m 44s, and the fastest woman was Eleanor Amy Pudifoot in 41m 54s. Congratulations to them both. The course, which goes through the beautiful Cotswold countryside, is appreciated by all runners, irrespective of ability.

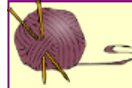
Stow Motor Club Collaboration

On 6th July North Cotswold Rotary provided 10 volunteers to help Stow Motor Club put on their magnificent car show. The weather was against us unfortu-



nately, but the Dunkirk spirit prevailed. North Cotswold Rotary ran the Raffle raising £400 for local charities. A bonus was a Rotarian's car won the People's Choice.

John Barber



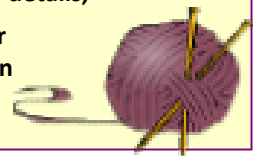
Irene's Charity Knitting Circle

.We meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 10.00am until 12.00pm at Willoughby Place, Station Road, Bourton-on-the-Water, (opposite the Co-op Filling station).

Why not join us or just pop-in with your knitting? Enjoy a coffee/tea with biscuits. Everything we receive will be donated to very worthy causes. Please note, there is no parking available at Willoughby Place, however, we are very happy to collect anyone who needs a lift within Bourton. Just give us a call.

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Bourton WI Meeting – July



Have you ever had a business idea that you wish you could see into fruition?

We had the opportunity to meet with someone who did.

Guest speaker from award winning Somerset company 'Goats of the Gorge' Nick and Ricky.



I wonder if you saw them on TV as they appeared on Dragons Den?

Nick and his two sons Ricky and Danny, work together making soap and skin-care made from goat's milk in their soapery in Chew Stoke.

Nick, a former police officer, founded the business after a minor traffic accident. Diagnosed with Osteoporosis, they advised him to drink goat's milk as it is high in calcium.

Taking calcium tablets and drinking goat's milk improved Nicks health and he was taken off the tablets but he continued to drink goat's milk.

He had discovered many other benefits of goat's milk such as how it contains

lactic acid, which breaks down dead skin cells and it also contains Vitamin A and minerals.

Fact: Goat's milk has the same PH level as our skin!

Nick thought it was a good idea to buy his own goats, starting with 2 and ending up with 24!

Fact: Nick went to the Cotswold SOAP school!

They no longer own their own herd so source local milk and have successfully grown their business, albeit without the help from any Dragons as they were unsuccessful in securing funding.

With sales and contracts in Europe and for major retailers, 'Goats of the Gorge' is successful in its own right and Nick took early retirement from the police force.

Last fact: They filmed for Dragons Den for one hour forty minutes but were only on TV for nine minutes!

We also held a small competition for the best home-grown roses. Nick chose the winner. Well done Lynne.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Victoria Hall at 7pm.

Please contact Pat on 07518 457 652 for further details. **Victoria Jackson**

Summer Exhibition

The North Cotswold Art Association are holding their Summer Exhibition in The Warwick Hall, Burford Church on Monday 26th August through to Saturday 31st August. We will be open from 10am to 5pm daily and have a delightful mix of paintings, cards and crafts including glassware and jewellery. Admission is free.

Jubilee Lodge Care Home

Jubilee Lodge Care Home is delighted to announce the launch of its new day care service, available Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm.

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Message from the Church

The story of the prodigal son is one of the most well known and most loved parables that Jesus told. The father was obviously a very rich man and his sons wanted for nothing, but the younger son rebelled—he wanted a different kind of life, so he asks his father for his share of the inheritance. Broken hearted, the father agrees. And so, the son leaves freed at last from responsibilities and constraints. He soon found new friends who readily taught him about life in the world. The money soon runs out and the friends disappear. He finds himself living as the lowest of servants eating with the pigs.

What he considered freedom and life was actually a fast track to bondage and death. Could his father ever accept him back? Anxiously, he makes his way home to find his father running toward him with open arms. His filthy rags are removed and he is given new robes to wear, a ring to restore his sonship and

sandals for his feet. A feast is given to celebrate his return. The father's words to the servants were very telling. "For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found".

The older son was very angry. He prided himself on working hard for his father's love and could not understand how his rebellious brother should receive such a welcome. He was just as lost as his brother.

The story of the Prodigal Son speaks of God's unconditional love. Whether we have wandered far, are trying hard to earn his love or whether we have just not realised how much we are loved, there is a Father in Heaven who is waiting for the prodigals to return to him. He sent Jesus to show us the way and when just one person does, Heaven rejoices and celebrates.

Rev Sue Woodley

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Fr. Stephen

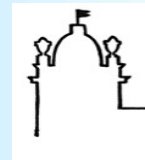


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For The Younger Generations

Thank you

The last weeks of term were packed with work experience, sports days, enrichment activities and the Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Trips included Silverstone and climbing experiences, as well as visits to Cheddar Gorge, Oxford, Rhineland, Paris, First World War battlefields of Northern France and Belgium, and a fantastic variety of in-school activities.

We are extremely grateful to the many employers, including local companies in Bourton, who made it possible for students in Years 10 and 12 to gain work experience. These experiences enable students to understand the career options available to them, as well as developing important skills and knowledge.

The Cotswold School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Our recent PTA Car Boot Sale was a great success, with lots of bargains to be had - thank you to Harrison Hardie for sponsoring the event. As always, we are grateful to the PTA volunteers and to the whole school and local community who have supported school events throughout the year.

Cadence Festival

Families, students and staff enjoyed a celebration of music, art, crafts, dance, design and technology, magic, student-led stalls, and much more at our Cadence Festival. It was a lovely evening showcasing the wonderful talents we have at The Cotswold School.

Open Days and Open Evening

If you're looking for a Year 7 place for 2025 or 2026, please come and join us at our September Open Days 17th and 25th or 3rd October for the Open Evening.

To find out more and to register, visit

www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk

To those children and families joining us in Year 7, we looking forward to welcoming you soon!



Have a great summer.
Will Morgan Headteacher

Bourton Primary Academy

Another school year has finished and what a fantastic year we have had. It has not been without changes and challenges, but we have continued to be amazed at the strength and resilience that our wonderful children show.

We rounded off the school year with a Sports Day, a residential visit for Year 6 to Croft Farm near Tewkesbury, a Grand Prix race amongst the Year 5 and 6 children, a Parisian inspired café for the parents of children in our Year 1 and 2 classes and of course an emotional farewell assembly to our Year 6 children.

It is always a sad time of year when our Year 6 leave, but we are confident that we have prepared them 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.

We have been very grateful to all members of our school community who have helped us over the last year, from all staff, governors 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.

Tori Gainford
Deputy Headteacher

Cotswold Youth Theatre

On the 6th July our Junior Youth Theatre group performed 'A Wind in the Willows' to two fantastic audiences in the Victoria Hall. I was so proud of our 10 - 12 yr olds who have been working hard since January and for most this is the first performance they have ever done! On the 13th July we then had a very different play - DNA - performed by our super talented senior group (12- 15yrs). A very different play exploring some difficult themes and challenging characters, and again they were just brilliant. Being involved in this type of activity for our young people in the village is so important for so many reasons. It develops their social skills, their confidence and challenges them to step out of their comfort zone.



By parents and the community supporting these activities we are allowing young people to grow and develop their own strategies for managing difficult and challenging situations and therefore reducing anxiety and fear of the future.

'M was so unconfident when she started with Sarah two years ago - I cannot believe I just watched her perform so well to such a big audience. It's definitely having a knock-on effect in her confidence in other areas of her life too'. (parent of a 13 yr old girl)

We are running our first Summer School - 'Just Originals' on 26th - 30th August only £30 a day. For more information and to book a space go to ticketlab - The Cotswold Youth Theatre or contact sarah@cotswoldyouththeatre.co.uk.

Sarah Dowie



The Wind in the Willows



DNA



Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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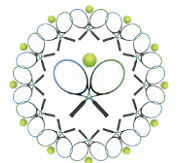
Bourton Vale Tennis Club

There's nothing quite like playing tennis on a nice summer's day. Members have been taking advantage of the two fantastic hard courts we have here in Bourton. It's great to see so many new members too, both young and old, with many benefiting from coaching, social tennis and the club competitions which are well underway.

Bourton Vale Tennis Club offers coaching and competitive play for juniors of all ages and abilities. Free taster sessions are available including all equipment. For further information, contact club coach Kingsley Harris: Tel: **07879644218**; Email: kingsleyharris@hotmail.co.uk

Team news: The ladies A team claimed their first outright win recently but will have a battle to stay in division 1 with three matches remaining. The B team sits in a similar position in division 3 now in fifth place after their recent win too. The men's team continue their unbeaten run after eight matches sitting five points clear at the top in division 4 with just two matches to go.

See you on court!
Alex Peyton







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Bourton on the Water Cubs

It's been a busy year for Bourton's cubs, with a whopping 90 badges awarded since January. These covered a wide variety of new skills, learning and social awareness. We made good progress towards several more, widening the eyes of our young members and giving them fun and confidence building experiences. Several badges were earned or completed during Camp Evolution at Cirencester Park.

The pinnacle of Cub badges – the Chief Scout Silver badge - was awarded to James T after he completed all 7 challenge badges and 11 activity or staged badges, almost doubling the requirement of 6. The badge just about made it on time to be presented at the end of our raft race meeting, having been sailed down the river especially before the summer holiday break. Great effort and achievement James, congratulations from all the members of 1st Bourton-on-the-Water Scout Group.



We have had a lot of outdoor activities this term and closed out for the summer with a doozy. Cubs joined the other group sections on a trip to the Fairford RIAT, with transport funded by the North Cotswolds Rotary. It was an exciting, educational and above all loud day out enjoyed by all.

Often at the end of a term we are a little sad as we say good-bye to some cubs. James H starts Scouts in September, building on his Cub skills and knowledge in exciting activities that our leaders, Phil and Peter, have planned - starting with a camp at Cranham scout centre.

However, we are looking forward to getting to know the Beavers joining cubs, after having a taster over the last couple of weeks as they approach or turn 8. They will be welcomed and guided by the more experienced cubs as they join the fun.

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Also thank you to everyone for their support with our recent Biggles Bingo and to those who supported our Duck Race on the 13th July .

The two events raised £1485. This will go to Sunflowers suicide support to help families bereaved by Suicide.

Wing Walk

I am doing a wing walk on September 19th, if anyone would like to sponsor me, I have a "Go fund Me" page set up at:

<https://gofund.me/228ddd8c>.

Carol Groom



Bourton Matters with Jon, Cotswolds Radio August 1st 4:00pm to 6.00pm

Following the 25th anniversary of the Bourton Browser in May, I'm delighted to welcome Susan Dodd, who is the editor of the Bourton Browser, and Ray Dodd, who is the advertising manager, to the Cotswolds Radio studio for the August edition of Bourton Matters.

The Bourton Browser is a key component of community life in Bourton, so I'm looking forward to hearing the inside story and how this vital communication vehicle kept going through COVID to ensure that people were kept on top of local news.

As usual, you'll hear more chat and commentary on local Bourton goings-on, interwoven with our own selection of music.

If you have any messages, dedications or questions that you would like me to explore, please get in touch at Jon.BourtonMatters@gmx.co.uk

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Our speaker at the July meeting was David Cramp who gave us a really interesting and informative talk on Swallows, Swifts and Martins. Facts such as Swifts are aerial, i.e. don't land for 4 years. This means they need strong muscles and so they take a long time to fledge. Also, they have small legs and toes that all point the same way so cannot perch and have to fly. Brooding swallows need 6,000 insects a day to survive. Up until the 18th century people didn't know about migration. It was believed that in winter swallows either flew to the moon or hibernated in mud under water! Over the last 25 years there has been a 60% decline in house martins and swallows due to fewer insects and nesting sites not being available, partly because on new houses wooden soffits and fascias have been replaced with plastic. Fascinating.

Congratulations to Marie Russell who won the competition for a rose with a beautiful Mary Berry rose.

There will be no meeting in August as it is our Members Garden Party where the competition will be a decorated hat.

Our next meeting will be on 11th September at the usual time of 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall when our speaker will be Dr. Michael Jones who will be talking about David Douglas, Plant Hunter. The competition will be Six Cosmos flowers.



Happy Gardening
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This year so far we have enjoyed the Primary School children singing and talking about their reading books, a visit to the Wildlife Park, much appreciated by everyone, along with a packed lunch from Edwardstow Court, many thanks to them.

We are supported by the CO-OP, thanks again and we all sat down to a delicious cream tea in July to celebrate summer!

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Janet Balinski at Mendips Classic Cycle

Meanwhile, Linda Edwards travelled to Newnham Park, just outside Plymouth in Devon, where she and a friend took part at the **Hope Trail Festival**. The 1550-acre country estate provided a five-mile trail course, which individual runners or teams, aimed to cover as many laps as possible within a 12, 24 or 36 hour period. Having chosen the 12-hour option, Linda completed six laps and her friend Cathy completed five laps, enabling the pair to achieve 3rd place team within their category.



Bourton's John Harding, together with his neighbours, took-on the **Thames Footpath Hike** for Macmillan. The route should have covered a 26.2 mile marathon distance, but the intrepid gang managed to "lose" half a mile somewhere en-route, completing 25.58 miles in nine hours and eight minutes. Experienced distance runner John said that he was particularly impressed by his incredibly fit and inspirational 80-year old neighbour, Richard.

**Best wishes, Louise Hamilton-Smith and Gillian Carrick
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Hope you find some sunshine this August. If you are heading to the beach check out the nearest lifeguarded beach on the RNLI website, there are over 238 around the coast. Look out for the red and yellow flags that show the safest place to swim and bodyboard. The black and white chequered flags show surfboard, paddle board, kayak and other non-powered craft. If you see a red flag

it's too dangerous so don't enter the water. Conditions change quickly at sea so stay safe and enjoy your summer.



Julia Stevenson
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Bourton Panto Group



Our allocated car parking day last month was a great success and our thanks must go to The Cotswold School for the opportunity to marshal the visitor's cars on the school field to boost our funds. As we are totally self-funded, these events enable us to purchase necessary props, make-up, nails and screws, backcloth material, paint and the like!

Also, we are open to receiving donations! Recently we have been the willing recipients of two such generous "gifts". One was a hooped dress, thank you, and the other a very large bale of golden material, immediately I was mentally designing outfits for Aladdin! We have been known to repurpose costumes, giving them another life and there's a challenge in converting Cinderella into Dick Whittington! Even though we are careful to source bargain fabrics, material is expensive, as are the materials for scenery and props construction.

There is lots of planning going on now behind the scenes to prepare the stage and decide what has to go where, allowing the story to flow in an understandable manner.

We are fortunate to include in our group an incredibly resourceful and dedicated constructor, an amazing team that comes together to manage the front of house duties, our lovely make-up ladies, refreshments volunteers, Doctor music maestro, admin workers, expert lighting technician and other helpers who undertake "hidden" tasks, but we are **always** pleased to welcome new members.

The first read through of Aladdin (and then rehearsals beginning at 7.30pm each Tuesday and Thursday) **start on Tuesday 3rd September. This time and date** is your opportunity to come along, meet and join us in the "madness" that is pantomime!

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Knitted Poppies for 80th Anniversary of VE Day, 8th May 2025

As many people seemed to enjoy the knitted poppy display for the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings we thought it would be nice to repeat the display to commemorate next year's 80th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2025 - only a bit bigger!


We hope that, with the help of local knitters and crocheters, we might be able to display strings of poppies across all of the village centre bridges, and put on a bigger display of poppies within the War Memorial enclosure, subject to again getting the go-ahead from the Parish Council in that respect.

Gemma, of The Lansdowne Guest House, has very kindly donated funds to cover the purchase of wool and other supplies needed - a big thank you Gemma! Although we've saved the poppies from this year's display, we're hoping that some local knitters might help in making additional poppies for next year's commemoration. It may seem like a long way off, but as a string across one bridge takes 170 poppies you can see why we might think it's a good idea to start early....

If anyone is interested in making some poppies - even a few will help - then we'd be very grateful if you'd contact either of us (Helen: 01451 822926, or Sue: 07305 612019) so we can have a chat. As advised, the patterns and wool will be provided so there will be no cost to the knitters.

We look forward to hearing from you, with many thanks in advance for any help you can give.

Helen Macklin and Sue Cretney



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This month we meet Matt Rowe, who presents the Matt Rowe Money Show every Wednesday at 10am. Matt, who has lived in the Cotswolds for 12 years, is an expert Certified Financial Planner with Piercefield Oliver. In his show, he chats with local people and business owners about the financial topics that matter most to our community. He and his guests give you local business insights and savvy tips for your personal finances.

Piercefield Oliver (who kindly sponsor Matt's show) is a Chartered and Accredited Financial Planning Firm with the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI). Established in Cheltenham over 30 years ago, as Independent Financial Advisors (IFA), they manage all aspects of financial planning and wealth management for individuals and families.

North Cotswolds Awards – Best Community Organisation Nomination

In other news, Cotswolds Radio is proud to announce its entry into the 'Best Community Organisation' Award category of the North Cotswolds Awards, an initiative celebrating outstanding contributions to the local community. By voting for us, you can help us continue our mission of fostering community spirit and providing a voice for local residents, while promoting regional events, businesses and supporting local charities. To vote, you just have to fill in a simple online form at <https://www.northcotswoldswards.co.uk>.

To get in touch with Cotswolds Radio, you can send us a message via our app or email at contact@cotswoldsradio.com.

Cotswolds Radio is a community radio station run entirely by volunteers of all ages – from under 8 to over 80. We broadcast over 30 shows from our studio at The Old Prison in Northleach covering a host of topics – all kinds of music, gardening, beauty, chat, local news and history, culture and the arts, sports and of course our popular daily Breakfast Show.

LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS for amendments, team@bourtonbrosner.co.uk 01451 822431

Archery Club	GRArcheryClub@gmail.com	North Cotswold Gymnastics Club	Caroline Gill	01451 263130
Badminton Club	clclare@gmail.com	OPEN 4U		01451 824225
Bell Ringers, BOW	Stephanie Hemming 01451 810996	Panto Group	Angela Layton	01451 821344.
Bell Ringers, Gt Ris	Sheila Jesson, 01451 820395	Pilates	Robert Cox	07500 188445
Bourton Road Runners	Nicky Patterson Brr.clubsec@gmail.com	Probus Club	Kevin Hick	01451 860435
Bourton Rovers Chairman	Liam Williams 07769 216528	Rotary Club Nth Cotswolds	Steve Whincup	07488 365908
Bourton Vale Cricket Club	Lourenza Hargreaves 07375 033609	Royal British Legion Bourton	Bill McKenzie	01451 824303
Bourton Vale Tennis Club	www.bourtontennisclub.org	Rural Cinema	Mollie Wise	01451 822365
Brass & Silver Bands	Stephanie Hemming 01451 810996	Scottish Dancing Group	Christine Bucknall	01993 830760
Bridge Club, Northleach	Tim Morris 01285 750288	Short Led Walks	Carol Price	01451 810305
Community Group Club	Bridget/Lorna 01608 652019	Stay strong & Steady	Cally Maxwell	07957 546 067
Cotswold Yoga	Nazuna Yeo 07490858775		cotswoldactivehealth@gmail.com	
Dementia Friendly Café	Kathy Chesters 07746 672726	Stow Textile Group	Julie Smith	01608 651006
Fitness League	Kathy Kirk 01993 882350	T'ai Chi	Valerie Ward	07779 746346
Gardening Club	Sandra Mitchell 07840 898472	u3a Bourton & District	www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton	
Glos. Advanced Motorists	Rod Harrison. 01451 821605	Village Warden	Steve Cotton	07729 114833
Hockey Club	Rhys Davies 07817 108970	Volunteer Help Centre		01608 651415
Jubilee Lodge	01451 823100	WI	Pat Taylor	07518 457 652
McTimoney Practitioner	Tina Hamer 07884 312559	Windrush Carers Support Group	Barbara Newstead	01451 821523
Men in Sheds	Keith 01451 831886	4 Shires Swimming Club	Jo Shaw	membership@4ssc.uk
Moreton Bowls Club	Brenda Dix 01451 821020			
North Cotswold Arts Association	Alexa Buffery 07999589387			

Digital inclusion and support

Do you struggle to use your digital devices?

Are you scared of being scammed or hacked?

Are you missing friends or family?

If so, we may have the answer.

GRCC is working with the NHS in the North Cotswolds to improve health outcomes for people via digital technology.

The service runs a drop-in digital support group in Bourton on the Water on **Tuesday mornings (10.30am-12.30pm) at the George Moore Centre** where people can call in with their devices to get help there and then. It is also hoped to expand the number of drop-in sessions to different towns and venues to ensure the whole region can access support. There is also a **FREE eleven-week course on digital basics** starting on **Tuesday 13th August** at the same venue. The course will cover topics such as email, online safety, storage and online banking.

Jason – the Digital and Technology Inclusion Social Prescribing Link Worker - can take referrals from GP's, individuals and organisations working in the area. Jason can offer 1-2-1 support to develop skills, knowledge and confidence. Examples of support include:

If using the NHS App might help to make getting prescriptions or appointments easier, he can assist with training to use the app.

If you lack confidence to get online and stay safe and this is negatively impacting things like income, anxiety levels, ability to manage your health or relieve isolation, the service can offer support in these areas too.

If you or someone you know might benefit from the course or 1-2-1 support, contact Jason via email at: Jason.Spinney1@nhs.net or via phone on 07707 281803. If you would like Jason to explain more to your group, get in touch.

Bourton Library

The George Moore Community Centre,
Moore Road, Bourton-on-the-Water,
GL54 2AZ. 01451 820964

Opening Hours

Tues 10am-1pm, Wed 2-5pm, Fri 10am-1pm & 2-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

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- ARE YOU SCARED OF BEING SCAMMED OR HACKED?
- ARE YOU MISSING FRIENDS AND FAMILY?
- FINDING THAT MORE AND MORE EVERYDAY TASKS INVOLVE ONLINE ACTIVITIES AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?
- UNSURE IF YOUR DEVICE IS SECURE AND SUITABLY BACKED UP?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above then fear not.
There is a "DIGITAL SAFE SPACE" course here in Bourton on the Water that will put you at ease over 11 weekly sessions.

Courses are held at;
George Moore Community Centre, Moore Road, Bourton on the Water GL54 2AZ

When:
Starting Tuesday 13th August 2024
The course runs every Tuesday morning for 11 weeks - arrive 10:00hrs - start 10.30hrs to 12:30hrs.

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