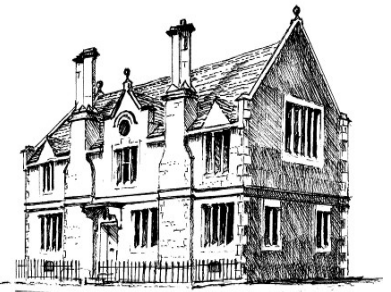


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September DIARY DATES

- 2nd Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, appointments, 2-4pm. Call 01242 221170, or email info@insight-glos.org.uk See p 16.
- 2nd Parish Council meeting, 7pm, **GMCC**.
- 5th Bourton Vale Secondary School Reunion, Bourton Rovers Football Club, 7pm. See poster page 5.
- 7th & 21st Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
- 8th WI, **VH**, 7pm. "Ghost Stories". See page 6.
- 9th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 2.
- 9th Horticultural Club, David Cropp, "New Plants from Old – Practical Demonstration of Dividing & Potting On". **BCH**, 7.30pm, See p 11.
- 9th & 23rd Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 11th & 25th Dementia Friendly Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726.
- 12th Barn Dance, 6-8pm, **StLC**, suggested £5 donation to church funds. See poster page 9.
- 12th-13th Gift Fair, **VH**, 10am-5pm, 07832195427.
- 14th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. "A Journey along the River Lot" by Grenville Burrows. See page 4.
- 17th Tayler & Fletcher, Fine Art & Antiques Sale, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.
- 18th RNLI Pop-In Social, A'Moore Coffee Hose, Moore Rd, 10am-

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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

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER
PARISH COUNCIL



Notes from the Parish Council Meeting 4th September 2024

Coach Parking, pick-up and drop-off: The Parish Council received emails from the Police, the MP, Gloucestershire County Council Highways and County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson. The police will continue with liaison and enforcement, although they stated that there was a need to balance this with higher priority crimes and incidents across the district. The MP Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown had visited Bourton to see a potential solution and was willing to arrange another meeting. GCC Highways are keen to continue discussions on the use of the Rissington Road car park. County Cllr Hodgkinson received a final report from CDC on the Rissington Road car park and will arrange a meeting with the Parish Council and Bourton Business Network to discuss the report and other related matters.

Installation of dropped kerbs: Tourist Levy funded work will go ahead at three locations in November: Outside the Cedars by Box Bush, outside Seasalt and at Clapton Ford outside The Painted House.

Housing Needs Survey: Cotswold District Council have given their initial agreement to including Bourton in the 2025 survey in relation to affordable housing. The Gloucestershire Rural Community Council plan to carry out a preliminary 'community snap survey' in March 2025.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24: The Council was pleased to receive the external audit report with no recommendations for action. The documents are available to view on our website <https://www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk/the-council/agar/>

Grants for 2024-25: The Parish Council awarded a total of £9,105 in small grants for organisations providing activities and services for the parish. Organisations benefitting were the Baden-Powell Hall, Bourton Art Uplift, Bourton Rovers Football Club, Bourton & Sherborne Hockey Club, Bourton Vale Cricket Club, Citizens Advice Stroud & Cotswolds, Cotswold Friends, 1st Bourton Scouts, Headspace and Home-Start Cotswolds.

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd October 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

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12Noon. See poster page 12.

21st Rural Cinema, Baltimore, PG 15A Thriller/Drama, 1hr 30mins, Imogen Poots, John Kavanagh. **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments 2pm & 7pm, £3 on door.

23rd u3a. 10am-12noon. Roger Browne, "The Great American Songbook". www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton **BLH**. See page 11.

24th Probus, Skittles, 11am, Farmers Arms, Guiting Power. See page 4.

26th-27th Craft Fair, **VH**, gifts & hand-made crafts, 9.30am-5pm.

27th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm 07986 085599.

27th Halloween Tractor Run, in aid of Sunflowers Suicide Support & Cancer Research, 10am start, Manor Field. £10 per tractor. 07481 498514. See page 11.

27th Clocks go back one hour.

28th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**. A local member will speak. See page 4.

31st Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Willows. Details from dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk

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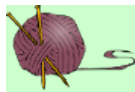
Mon, Wed & Fri, Bourton Men in Sheds, 9.30am-12.30pm, Behind **RBL**, 01608 692811.

Mon. & Thurs. Stay Strong & Steady, **BLH**, 1-2.30pm. cotswoldactive-health@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. "Together on Tuesdays", soup lunch, **StLc**, 12-2pm. Restarts 3rd September.

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



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).

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Bourton Browser Team News

Expansion of Bourton Browser: From the November edition we will be increasing the size of the Browser to 20 pages. This is due to us regularly receiving more articles than we can accommodate. Fortunately, we also have a huge demand for commercial advertising spaces, (which pay for the printing of the Browser), to support this. We are very grateful to our deliverers and distributors for accommodating the increased weight of the magazines. We are also grateful to our lovely printers for keeping the increase in price to a very moderate level. It is 8 years since we last increased the size of the Browser. Hopefully these extra pages will allow us to keep pace with demand. Do keep sending in all your group reports, adverts for community events, local interest stories, poems, photos etc. We do ask you to still keep to the 300 word limit as we want to encourage more contributions, not longer ones!

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 online 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

Dementia Friendly Cafe

20 of our members and carers enjoyed a visit to the Motor Museum (Thank you Museum), which brought back a great many memories for everyone. Smiles of recognition all round. What an Aladdin's cave it is and so well presented. Do go if you have not yet visited. We ended up with a cuppa at The Willow. Thanks Lynda for organising a really good event!

Bill Wragge



First Prize for Cemetery Lane Allotments!

The Parish Council was very pleased to receive first prize for the Cemetery Lane Allotments site at this year's Moreton Show.

We would like to thank our allotment holders for looking after their plots to a high standard.

MOORE FRIENDS

Sadly we held our final meeting last month. This ends a long period from when the Hospital League of Friends was formed. to support our Cottage Hospital.



Generous donations have meant we have supported many health-related organisations in the community since the Hospital closed, which is still very much regretted. Amongst the last grants was UPLIFT (formally Artlift) and we wish all those who we helped all the best for the future.

To our faithful members, PLEASE cancel your Bank standing orders. Our Account has now closed. So, this concludes a valuable piece of village history. Thanks for all your support, over and out!

Bill Wragge,
Trustee.

OUT AND ABOUT in October

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

4th-6th, 11th-13th, 18th-20th, 23rd-31st, Celebrate Halloween, Family Fun At Cotswolds Farm Park, Guiting Power, GL54 5FL. Dog-friendly Pumpkin Patch, carving, photos etc. 01451850307. <https://cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk>

4th-13th Cheltenham Literature Festival, Montpellier Gardens, GL50 1UL. Tickets: www.cheltenhamfestivals.org

12th Fun evening of 'Bangers & Bingo'. Bangers & Mash, onion gravy, Bingo, Bar. 7.30, Naunton Village Hall. GL54 3AS. Tickets £15, from 07887553571 / 850 586. See poster page 14.

13th Indoor Car Boot sale, Upper Rissington Village hall, 9am-12Noon. Free entry. Seller's bookings: dvevents21@gmail.com, from £5.

18th Rissingtons Local History Society, "Preservation of the Peace, foundation & early years of Gloucester Constabulary" by Dr Tim Brain who was Chief Constable of Gloucestershire. Short AGM prior to talk. 7.30pm, Village Hall, Upper Rissington GL54 2QW. Visitors Welcome £3.50 to include refreshments. information.RLHS@gmail.com / Kate O'Brien 07815 606770.

19th Village Market at Great Rissington Club, 10am-noon. Do join us, 01451 822285.

20th Coombe Mill 'In Steam' & Wood craft + autumn market 10.30am-5pm. Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough. OX298ET. www.combemill.org. 01993 358694. See page 13.

25th-27th & 30th-31st, Halloween trail, Chastleton House NT, GL56 0SU. 01608674355. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

25th-3rd November, Halloween Trail at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, OX20 1UL, www.blenheimpalace.com or call 01993 810530.

26th-3rd November, Cirencester History Festival, 01285 655611. www.cirencesterhistoryfestival.org/

26th-3rd November, Medieval Halloween adventure, Sudeley Castle & Gardens, Winchcombe, GL54 5JD. 01242 604 244. Daytime and evening tours. www.sudeleycastle.co.uk

Prize Bingo at the Royal British Legion Club, Bourton, on FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER. Doors open at 6.45pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. In aid of Jubilee Lodge Care Centre. Refreshments will be available to buy on the night. **Roger Mayo**



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Bourton Probus Club



On 9th September we had an entertaining talk on sub-zero China given by Peter Berry. Peter is a steam engine enthusiast and went with a number of colleagues to Northern China and Mongolia in 1998 to see the last remaining steam driven railway line. This was an amazing 800-mile railway solely for the transport of coal. However, we not only saw pictures of continual streams of coal trains, but also pictures of these remote parts, well off the tourist trail. Amazingly, in temperatures of -20, with westerners wearing double layers of warm clothing, the locals were so adapted to such temperatures that gloves were a rarity, and children played on the frozen rivers without gloves or ear muffs!

Bourton Probus club is designed for retired men or women who are interested in a range of talks and social events, and a social gathering with the chance to meet many from differing backgrounds. If you are interested in joining us, then either come to one of our meetings (as seen on the diary pages) or contact our secretary Kevin Hick on 01451 860435. **Roger Harris**



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Bourton Rovers Football Club: Autumn Weather won't dampen our spirits!

As autumn settles in, the freshly re-seeded pitch at Bourton Rovers remains green and flood-free, allowing us to enjoy some fantastic home games so far! Our Witney League team has moved up to Division 1 this season, and although the competition is tough, under the guidance of manager Steve Hartley, we're confident they'll rise to the challenge.

Our Hellenic League team is also in for another challenging season as they head into their second month in Division 2. Manager Andrew Herbert is hoping for a few more dry weeks so we can keep the fixtures rolling smoothly, and keep the players enjoying their games before the winter chill & dreaded rain starts to arrive.

Both the Hellenic and Witney teams play on our main pitch, with a home game every Saturday. We'd love to see more local support, so come on down to cheer for the teams! The bar will be open, offering freshly ground coffee, tea & hot chocolate, and if you're lucky, Mike might be grilling up his famous hot dogs helping to warm up your vocal cords, to cheer on our lads!

Once the final whistle blows and the floodlights dim, the fun continues in the clubhouse. September saw a lively Boogie Bingo night, and October promises even more entertainment with the return of "The Drop Outs" and our Bourton Vale reunion charity night featuring live music from the ever-popular Chelsea Millard and, Rovers favourites, "After Dark"! These are events you won't want to miss! Check out our website for more details on fixtures and events.

Come down and enjoy the action—both on and off the pitch! **Catherine Williams**

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AFTER DARK

Bourton Roadrunners

Upcote Autumn Trail 5-mile



On Sunday morning 22 Bourton Roadrunners' members descended on Upcote Farm, Withington, for what was billed as the last Upcote Autumn Trail 5-mile race. Upcote Farm, home of the 2000 Trees Festival, has been described as one of the most beautiful race routes in Gloucestershire, providing stunning views along bridleways, challenging climbs, flowing forest tracks and exciting descents.

Leading the club home was Dougal Hamilton-Smith, who finished second in the men under-20 category, and tenth overall, in a time of 36 minutes and 59 sec-

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onds. Rebecca Townsend was second senior lady, in a time of 41 minutes and 51 seconds, with Steph Holton second LV60 (43:15) and Graham Lane first MV70 (45:20).

Other club members running were Iain Cox (43:15), Ian Tolfts (15:00), Claire Cox (45:47), Barry O'Leary (45:55), John Harding (48:04), Gilliam Howell (48:49), Steve Howell (48:51), Giles Canning (49:34), Basia Legierska (50:00), Lee Smith (57:23), Louise Hamilton-Smith (58:18), Garry Holton (58:10), Imogen Cox (61:58), Catherine Price (66:19), Jenny Evanson (66:28), Annie (69:33) and Julie Smith (73:25).



Great North Run John, Linda, Allie, Sharon & David

On the same day five club members, having travelled north to Newcastle, took part in the **Great North Run**, joining a cast of 60000, running from Newcastle to South Shields, billed as the largest half marathon in the world. Bourton's five members started together in the rain, with John Gibson (two hours, 16 minutes and 36 seconds), Allie Quinn (2:16:37) and Linda Edwards (2:16:37) running and finishing together, while David and Sharon Rees, also ran together, finishing in 2:41:41 and 2:41:42 respectively.

Despite the rain throughout, the gang of five enjoyed the experience, supported around the 13.1-mile undulating course by the traditional northern hospitality, along with fellow club member Nicky Patterson and family members.

Louise Hamilton-Smith and Gillian Carrick



Bourton Panto Group

October, and autumn, has crept in. We're experiencing those darker evenings again. BUT! Are we downhearted? NO! The "silly season" is upon us and we're beavering away to create a sparkling spectacle to brighten a night (or four plus Saturday matinee!) and entertain our audiences in the New Year! Each Tuesday and Thursday evening from a prompt 7.30pm start we will be gathering at the Victoria Hall to support Director, Clodagh, with the very best possible acting, singing, movement, painting, sewing and every other requirement, to blend all those skills into a super show.

It's not too late to come and join us.....even if the cast has been chosen, there's plenty of opportunity to be a Chinese villager, Egyptian dancer or to swell the ranks of our lovely behind the scenes workers. These might include Front of House helpers, rehearsal stand-ins, dressing room assistants, refreshments makers.....you get the idea! Commitment and working together are key attributes.

Our annual group membership subs have been held at £20 for another year....tremendous value! Or consider joining our band of fantastic Patrons who enjoy early booking for the pantomime, free programme when they attend a show and invitation to our social events and annual dinner.

Just contact **Angela on 07767 237537** for further details of this.

Looking forward to meeting more of you willing to sacrifice some time,

plenty of energy (and sometimes personal dignity!) to experience the joy of hearing a village hall full of folk laugh heartily when faced with our quintessentially British phenomenon that is PANTOMIME!!!! Come on down, as the catchphrase goes!, there could be a complimentary cup of tea/coffee thrown in too! Did someone say "and a biscuit"! Oh, go on then. See you soon.

Ann Chapman rye.close@hotmail.co.uk

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Bourton WI

Those of you who have an avid interest in history may be familiar with the Tudor period and the historical events that took place.

Tudors are known for gruesome executions, Elizabeth I and Henry VIII, yet we may not necessarily think about the way they lived.

'Tudor Swearing, Sex and Loos', a talk by Kirstie Bingham from The Johns Moore Museum in Tewkesbury (well worth a visit!) was, let's say, a little too risqué to write about in the Browser, yet the ladies of WI thoroughly enjoyed having a giggle at some of the more naughty bits! (You know who you are, haha).

Kirstie developed the talk from "whispered questions following other talks" and she delivers it so brilliantly wearing Tudor costume. Kirstie answers - 'What did women do at 'that time of the month'? 'What were Tudor attitudes to sex?' 'Were the toilets really that awful?' 'Were they smelly?'

We have so many fantastic and knowledgeable talks at our meetings and I found this one to be the funniest so far! In fact, it will be quite hard to beat, thank you Kirstie for making us all laugh out loud

Next month's speaker talks about 'Ghost Stories'!

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Message from the Church

I write this on the day after 'Education Sunday', when the Catholic Church prays for all children, students and teachers as they return to school, university or other academies at the start of a new academic year. But what religious education are they going to get? In so many institutions there is no religious teaching or worship because as a multi-cultural society no one wants to upset different faith groups. So religion is largely ignored except in the church schools run by Anglicans and Catholics.

Does it matter that so many children have no religious teaching? Indeed it does matter very much. And even more so in this modern age when society and politicians question and overturn the basic religious codes that for centuries, and across the world, have created cohesion in society, and a sense of purpose and moral direction in peoples' lives. The resulting vacuum leads to unhappiness, insecurity and depression, especially

with teenagers. When all the basic tenets and values of Christianity (and other religions) are swept away society is left with no spiritual compass and no creed. Everything suddenly seems up for debate, even gender. No wonder so many children are experiencing mental health problems. And with all the emotional confusion and lack of religious upbringing, how can they begin to cope when life brings its challenges, as it always does?

Deep down, we are all searching for the answers to life: why do the innocent suffer, why is granny dying, is there life after death, how do I cope with stress, what is the point of marriage? The churches are not full of saints. But a considerable number of people have become Christians because they have learnt that God does indeed exist and that he is the key to everything, even our existence.

Fr. Stephen



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All are welcome every Sunday at 11am

Family Friendly Holy Communion for Harvest Festival – 11am – 6th Oct

with a collection for the Foodbank. Followed by Bring & Share Lunch.

BARN DANCE in aid of Church Funds on 12th Oct (6-8pm) £5 pp suggested donation on the day.

Regular services: **Every Wednesday** > Midweek Holy Communion @ 10:00am
6pm - **Holy Communion** with hymns – 6th
8am **Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion** – 13th & 27th
Breakfast Church Saturday 12th Oct - 9am start
Together on Tuesdays Lunch Club 12-2pm every week – all welcome
BumbleBeez (parent and child group) - every Thursday 9-11am

St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill—Harvest Festival at 5.30pm on 6th Oct

BCP Holy Communion at 9.30am on 20th Oct.

Welcome Space for primary children on Tuesdays after school begins again on 8th



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Minister: Rev Sue Woodley
Manse: 01451 820055
Mobile: 07828 781246
Church Office: 01451 824225

E-mail: minister@bourtonbaptist.co.uk

Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 am

We gather for worship every Sunday morning so do come and join us, everyone is welcome. Communion is usually celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month

Open4U

Open every Thursday from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm in the Church Hall, with a range of activities and time to chat. A light lunch is served and refreshments are available through the day. Everyone is welcome – just drop in and stay as long as you like.

Cafe' Tots

Every Wednesday from 9.15 - 11.30am

A group for parents, carers and tots to enjoy time together. Refreshments are served and there are lots of fun things for your children to enjoy. All welcome
See our website for this month's diary and more details of all our activities
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Fr. Stephen Lambert 07836 384932

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Weekend Masses: Sat. evening: **Vigil Mass 6 pm.** Sun. morning: **9 am Sung Mass.**

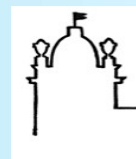
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The priest welcomes all enquiries about the Christian faith, and Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Blessing of houses etc.

Special dates: Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima: 7th-10th October. **All Saints Day,** Fri. November 1st. Solemn Sung Mass 6 pm. **Commemoration of all the Faithful departed.** Saturday 2nd November: Requiem Mass 9 am. (We pray for all our departed relatives and friends).

Young children: We now have a special facility for young children from 3 years old upwards at all Sunday 9 am Masses.

Fr. Stephen



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For The Younger Generations

Bourton Primary Academy

What a fantastic start to term! We have already been back in school for 4 weeks and are very proud of how well the children have settled back into the school routines. Everyone starts something new in September in schools, and our Year 6 children have started being fantastic role models for the younger children, and have already been on their residential visit. Our newest arrivals in Reception have a brilliant attitude and have settled into their classes very quickly.

We have started our new topics this half term with mainly a Geography focus, but Art, Science, ICT and History will be linked in at times as well. Our new Reception starters topic is called 'All about me'. Our key stage 1 classes are learning about our local environment in a topic titled 'Beyond the school gate.' In Year 3 & 4 their topic is 'Explosive Planet' and in Year 5 & 6 they are looking at 'Bustling Bourton'. There have been some very exciting amazing days already and the children's knowledge is growing on a daily basis!

We are starting a new club in school called 'Let's Get Together'. This is to encourage our pupils to be active members of their local community and support others. If you are part of an organisation that you think would enjoy a visit from our pupils, or feel we can support you in any other way, please contact us on the email address below.

We are very grateful to all of the members of the community who volunteered to listen to readers last year and are thankful that some are able to continue this year. Unfortunately, not all of the classes currently have a volunteer reader, so if you can spare 1 hour a week for such an important skill, please contact me by email on tgainford@bourton.school and we can arrange for this to happen!

Tori Gainford
Deputy Headteacher



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

Celebrating effort and achievement

I am delighted with the brilliant results that our Year 11 and 13 students achieved this summer. Their achievements are testament to the impressive commitment, energy, and enthusiasm that students have shown throughout their courses. Congratulations to all students, and thank you to our teaching and support staff for their unwavering dedication and to our families for their continued support.

In 2024, 46% of A level grades were either an A* or A, with 71% of all grades being A* to B. More than 90% were awarded A* to C, with an overall pass rate of 99%. Many students have now moved on to universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, Sheffield, Cardiff, Southampton, and St Andrews.

GCSE results highlights include:

85% of grades in all subjects at 9-4

80% of students achieved the benchmark of five or more 9-4

grades, including Mathematics and English

70% of grades achieved at 9-5

33% of grades achieved at 9-7

48% achieved the English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

I wish students all the very best of luck in their future studies and I have no doubt that they will continue to achieve as they go forward.

Awards Evening

A highlight of our new academic year is our Awards Evening, recognising students' progress, effort and achievement. Many thanks to our guest speaker, jockey and former Cotswold School student Sam Twiston-Davies. Awards include Subject Awards - given for excellence for each subject in each year group, and Headteacher's Awards - recognising students that have demonstrated commitment to school life, to their community, to other causes, or in recognition of their approach to certain challenges that they face.

Open Evening – 3 October

Sixth Form Open Evening – 14 November

Visit our website to find out more

www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/latest-news

Will Morgan, Headteacher



Bourton Tennis Club

The club held its annual Championships on Sunday, September 8th, under perfect weather conditions. The event attracted a large crowd of spectators who enjoyed a fantastic day of tennis, complemented by a great selection of food and drink.

In the Men's Singles final, Seb Wyatt faced Alex Peyton in a match filled with powerful shots and skilful play. Seb emerged victorious with a decisive 6-3, 6-0 win. The Ladies' Singles saw a fiercely competitive match between Yoko Peyton and Trina Pitchforth. Yoko claimed her third consecutive title, winning a hard-fought contest 6-3, 6-3.

The Men's Doubles final was another entertaining encounter, with Richard Hardy and Alex Peyton teaming up to defeat John Oliver and Tim Redding 6-2, 6-1. The Ladies' Doubles offered high drama as Gwyneth Simmons and Yoko Peyton took on Amanda Thompson and Debbie Jagla. Gwyneth and Yoko came through in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1, following some thrilling rallies.

The Mixed Doubles final concluded the day with a tense three-set thriller. Cath Wallace and Alex Peyton overcame Debbie Jagla and John Oliver 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, bringing the Championships to a dramatic finish.

Although the 2024 season has come to an end with this tournament, there's still plenty of tennis happening throughout the winter months, including Gloucestershire (mixed doubles) Winter League matches, singles box league, social tennis, and coaching sessions for adults and juniors. New members are always welcome, so if you're interested in getting involved, please visit our website for more information.


See you on court! Alex Peyton

Local Groups and Organisations for the YOUNGER GENERATION

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Bourton Rovers Youth Teams Kick Off the Season in Style!

The new season is off to an incredible start for Bourton Rovers' youth teams! Our U8s have kicked things off with round-robin matches in the Cheltenham Youth League, and the kids are having a blast. A big thank you to our sponsors – Clarke Construction Group, MG Systems, Bourton Barbers, Bellaboo Balloons, and Super Lemon – for providing the sharp new kits. You can catch the U8s playing their hearts out every Saturday morning at the cricket club ground.

Our U11s have embraced the challenge of moving up to 9-a-side, learning to navigate bigger goals and the introduction of the offside rule. Both teams have adjusted impressively and are a joy to watch. Meanwhile, our U13s have stepped up to 11-a-side football, tackling the bigger pitch and goals with confidence, despite the challenge for our 12-year-olds.

This season also marks the exciting debut of our U18s team. This talented group of players is competing under the floodlights on Tuesday nights, and we'd love your support! Come down and cheer them on – and you could even grab a hot dog from Mike behind the bar, a popular new feature at many of our home games.

Off the pitch, we're gearing up for some fun events, including a Halloween disco later this month. New members are always welcome, so check out our website for more details, get involved and support your local football club!

Catherine Williams



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Our next meeting is on Wednesday 23rd October 2024, when we will be entertained by Roger Browne and the Great American Songbook, Gershwin, Kern, Porter etc with live piano playing.



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



**Bourton Vale Horticultural Society
Your friendly Garden Club**

Autumn has well and truly arrived – 2 degrees this morning but promise of warm weather again next week so the dahlias may survive a few weeks longer.

Our speaker at the September meeting was Dr. Michael Jones who gave us a really fascinating talk about David Douglas, a Scottish botanist, and one of the less well-known Plant Hunters.

David wanted to be a plant hunter from the age of 19 and at 28 his first journey funded by the Horticultural Society of London took him to New York where he collected seeds from sunflowers, clematis and evening primrose.

His second journey was to Western North America which took 9 months by boat and landed at Cape Disappointment! For his 3 years there he took 2 shirts, a tent, a blanket and a coat. He collected White dogwood, Douglas Fir (named after him), Ribes, Penstemon, Delphinium and many more. There were always problems sending plants back to England and on one occasion the boat sank losing his plants and notes.

On his return from this expedition, he was feted as a hero but after 6 months he became bored so embarked on a third journey. This took him to California and

Hawaii where among his finds were California poppies and Garrya Eliptica.

Sadly, whilst out exploring he fell into a Bull pit and was gored to death at the age of 35 in 1834.

Whilst not well known he introduced to Britain 880 seed species, 200 of which were original and 130 were hardy in Britain.

Sarah Jones won the competition for six cosmos flowers.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 9th October. Our speaker is David Cropp on "New Plants from Old" and the competition is three dahlia heads.

Happy Gardening.

Sheila Thorpe,

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2024-25 National Youth Competitions



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If you know a student who may be interested, contact us at northcotswolds-rotary@gmail.com

We are delighted that three schools in the area have already agreed that their students will participate in one or more of the competitions and we are grateful to The Cotswold School who have offered their facilities to fund both the local and district finals of the Young Chef competition

Looking Forward to the Christmas Charity Band Concert – Saturday 7th December 7:30pm – Carols and Festive Tunes

There's nothing like a military band! North Cotswolds Rotary are delighted to welcome back the Waterloo Band and Bugles of the 7th Rifles to the stage at The Cotswold School in Bourton-on-the-Water. The Band will be playing their specially arranged Christmas programme which will include the opportunity to sing along to carols. There will be a fully licensed bar, a free mince pie at

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the interval and a raffle with prizes that include Christmas hampers. Come along and enjoy the warm atmosphere and festive spirit. Accompanied children under 15 are free and you'll be helping raise funds for the Royal British Legion and Rotary Charities. Tickets are available from:

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John Barber

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Days grow short and nights grow long,
Summer now really has gone.

Carol Groom



BOURTON SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK

BourtonSnetwork@gmail.com

A group of residents from Bourton and surrounding hamlets and farms are forming a network of people interested in:

- protecting and improving the local environment,
- promoting a more sustainable life-style
- connecting likeminded people.

This is not a group that has rules, committees and paperwork, unnecessarily slowed by bureaucracy and red tape. And we aim to have fun!

We are excited to have had contact from Bourton people interested in:

- Blue spaces ie rivers, citizen science water quality testing, flood prevention and management etc
- Allotments, gardeners, orchards, nature recovery, regenerative and other farming practices, beekeeping, harvesting, making juice, foraging, composting, swift boxes, beelines etc

We are interested in identifying people with a very wide range of skills and expertise in our respective communities, and would like

to encourage people to come forward with interest or skills in:

- Community energy, solar and battery storage, turbines, heat pumps, insulation and retrofit, greywater, rain-water harvesting etc
- Car sharing, EV charging, car clubs, public and community transport including the Robin, active travel etc
- Planning, biodiversity net gain,

neighbourhood plans, carbon literacy, greenhouse gases net zero, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" etc

Please email BourtonSnetwork@gmail.com for more information, indicating what issues interest and excite you, which you have knowledge and skills in, and any questions or comments you might have. No commitment at all.

"The Robin" now covers a bigger area!



I've written in the Browser before about the on-demand bus service called The Robin.

This covers the North Cotswolds from Northleach up to Chipping Campden and includes Bourton and surrounding villages of course. Lots of people are now using it and it costs £2.50 for any journey within the North Cotswolds zone. Bus passes are valid too.

The latest news is that there is now a new South Cotswolds Robin service covering the area from Northleach south through Cirencester, across to Fairford and down to Tetbury and the Water Park. It means that Bourton residents can link into that South Cotswolds service by getting to Northleach and then using the South Cotswolds bus by booking it in advance.

You can book the Robin online or by phone. The full details are here: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/the-robin

**Cllr Paul Hodgkinson
(GCC, Bourton and Northleach Division)
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Sunday 20th October 'In Steam', Wood craft & autumn market, 10.30am to 5.00pm.

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Batsford to Blockley & Moreton in Marsh – Tuesday 1st October – Moderate 3.5hr 7.5ml

A demanding walk from Batsford Arboretum to Blockley then a gradual descent to Moreton in Marsh and a leisurely stroll back to Batsford Arboretum.

Batsford Arboretum is a glorious place to visit, and lunch can be had after the walk in the grounds or in the café. Batsford Park belonged to the Mitford family and their colourful daughters – we'll enlighten you about the girls! Then on to Blockley where Father Brown is filmed, and the parish church of Saints Peter and Paul is renamed as St. Mary's Roman Catholic church for the programme. We then walk on to Moreton in Marsh, home of the Fire Service College and the shortest motorway in the UK. Market day will be in full swing, and walkers can leave us there if they want, as it is very straight forward to return to Batsford Arboretum, or have a quick look round and complete the walk back to the start. Bring a drink/ snack.

Start: 10.00am Batsford Arboretum, GL56 9AT. OS Map ref: SP 182 333.

W3W: shuttled.chitchat.chest

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS – may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

The Jubilee Lodge Great Pink Flamingo



Did you see one of our flamingos in Bourton recently? We have unofficially adopted flamingos as our mascot and we hid 20 little flamingo rubber ducks around

the village hoping people would find them and get involved in our "flamingo jail-break."

Each one of our flamboyant flock was given a name and number by the residents, and the idea is simple; people would find a duck and take it with them, hide it somewhere else and send us a photo via Facebook, which would give us the chance to start meaningful conversations and reminiscence activities with our residents.

We've been keeping an eye out on the birds' progress and so far we've had updates from Manchester, Glastonbury, and two ducks have even made it to Spain! You can follow their progress on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/osictjubileelodge).

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Mother Nature raises and understands
For their branches serve as her hands -
Keeping home for so many things,
Besides a haven for countless wings.

From green to gold turning in beauty,
And every century fulfil their duty -
From royal coaches to village churches
And into the heart lifts and reaches.

Tho', now, in turn, we must attend,
As trees on us more and more depend,
For they are the lungs of the earth
And what they give above all worth.

Hugh O'Connell



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North Cotswolds Awards – Best Community Organisation Nomination We've entered the 'Best Community Organisation' Award category of the North Cotswolds Awards. By voting for us, you can help us continue our mission of providing great entertainment, local news, fostering community spirit, while promoting regional events, businesses and supporting local charities. To vote, you just have to fill in a simple online form at www.northcotswoldsawards.co.uk

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Autumn

When dew drops shine like diamonds on spiders flimsy snare
Heads of teasel and cow parsley stand tall on stalks now bare
And sun rays filter through the leaves that shimmer in the breeze
Amid the verdant ivy's flowers the soothing hum of bees
Blackberries, crab apples, sloes, hips and elder too
Strings of bryony berry beads, bright crimson in their hue
A pair of kites the thermals ride, masters of all they see
In a spindle tree a robin sings as he marks his territory

Pam Clifford

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Are you worried about sight loss?

Insight Gloucestershire is a local charity dedicated to supporting people living with sight loss across the county. The Community Sight Loss Advice team offers information, guidance, and support to help individuals adjust to and manage living well with sight loss.

Insight Gloucestershire



Introducing our new Community Sight Loss Advisor, Joanne Hoy, who can provide support on all aspects of sight loss and offer demonstrations and training on various useful pieces of equipment to help with daily tasks.

Your nearest local Sight Loss Advice Hub details are:

**The George Moor Community Centre, The Salmonsbury Room,
Moore Road, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos, GL54 2AZ**

1st Wednesday of each month, drop in from 1pm to 2pm, Appointments available from 2pm until 4pm.

You can drop in or make an appointment by calling.

Volunteers are welcome to assist with the hubs. If you have time and would like to be a friendly face at one of these hubs, please call or apply at volunteering@insight-glos.org.uk.

In addition to the hubs, Insight Gloucestershire offers various other services, including social activities, technology training, a monthly e-newsletter and a biannual magazine. They also host Eye Can exhibitions, showcasing equipment, technology, and service providers. The next Eye Can will be held in Bristol on 9th October.



For more information, you can reach Insight Gloucestershire by phone at **01242 221170**, or via email at info@insight-glos.org.uk.

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