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DIARY DATES

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council Notes

- 1st Sight Loss Advice Hub, **GMCC**, drop in 1-2pm, appointments, 2-4pm. Call 01242 221170, or email info@insight-glos.org.uk
- 6th & 20th Mindsong, Sing 2 Remember **GMCC**, 10.30am & 2.30pm. 07764 212506 or 01451 821216.
- 8th u3a, Scrabble Group, **GMCC**, 2-4pm. 07341 094206. peterdawson790@icloud.com See page 17.
- 8th Irene's Charity Knitting Circle, **WP**, 10am-12pm. See page 17.
- 8th Parish Council meeting, 7pm, **GMCC**.
- 8th Horticultural Club. AGM, "Great British Gardens" by Vanessa Berridge **BCH**, 7.30pm. See page 16.
- 8th & 22nd Bourton Community Day Club, 10.30am - 2.30pm, **MC**, GL54 2HE. 01608 652019.
- 10th & 24th Dementia Friendly Cafe, **StLC**, 2-4pm, 07746 672726.
- 13th Probus, 10am, **GMCC**, "Rudyard Kipling" by Mike Bottomley. See page 12.
- 14th WI, **VH**, 7pm. See page 5.
- 15th Bourton Poetry, new group starting, 7pm, The Willow, c.groom187@yahoo.com See page 5.
- 17th Bourton Panto tickets for sale, 1-3pm, **GMCC**. See page 3.
- 17th-18th Tayler & Fletcher, Fine Art, Vintage & Interiors auction, from 9.30am, **NCS**, GL54 2AR. 821666.
- 18th Musical Interlude, including live organ music, Faure, Bach, ABBA,

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL



Notes from the Parish Council Meeting, 4th December 2024

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson recently chaired a meeting between residents of Melville and Springvale, Thames Water, Bromford Housing and other agencies to discuss elevated lead levels in the water supply at some properties. Thames Water is replacing lead pipework up to the property boundaries for affected homeowners and Bromford Housing is replacing pipework to the properties they own.

A residents' group has been formed for those affected. Grant funding may be available to assist with the costs of remedial works - please contact Cllr Hodgkinson for further information.

District Councillor Len Wilkins (Bourton Vale) reported that Cotswold District Council will increase their Council Tax Support Scheme for 2025-26 for residents on low income, or who claim benefits.

CDC's budget for 2025-26 is expected to include additional expenditure on disabled facilities using grant funding. Gloucestershire Firearms Licensing is not currently accepting new applications for shotgun certificates (excluding for work or elite sports) due to a nationwide staffing problem. The current focus is on renewal of existing licences.

Coach Parking: County Cllr Hodgkinson and local stakeholders continue to explore options for a short-term solution on the industrial estate. Investigations into costs for the longer-term solution are still underway at the Cotswold School.

Cotswold District Council's Tourist Levy Funding 2024-25: Funds have been transferred to the Parish Council towards additional parking enforcement, a Village Green refresh, the resurfacing project at The Chestnuts and a Village Warden budget, totalling £26,750.

Clapton Row Green: The Parish Council used Tourist Levy funds from 2023-24 for the installation of a low hedge around the perimeter together with the removal of large stones which has greatly enhanced the appearance of the Green.

Housing Needs Survey 2025: The Parish Council will progress plans with Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to create a survey for circulation later in the year by the district council to assess the requirements for affordable housing in the parish.

Thames Water is progressing upgrades to the sewage infrastructure in the parish. The new rising main between the pumping station and treatment works has been installed, with final testing underway. Challenges, including weather delays, have shifted some phases to spring 2025. Key timelines are:

- Sewage Treatment Works: Ongoing until summer 2026
- Pumping Station Upgrade: Autumn 2024–Spring 2026

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- Baptist Church Hall = **BCH**
- British Legion Hall = **BLH**
- Cricket Club Pavilion = **CCP**
- George Moore Community Centre = **GMCC**
- Jubilee Lodge = **JL Market Close = MC**
- North Cotswold Sale Room = **NCS**
- St Lawrence Church = **StLC**
- Victoria Hall = **VH Willoughby Place = WP**

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Gershwin & The Wurzels, **StLC**, 3-5pm. See page 11.

20th Rural Cinema, film title not known at time of going to print, **VH**, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Refreshments 2pm & 7pm, £4 on door. See page 5.

22nd u3a, **BLH**, 10am-12noon. "The 'taxing' subject of Estate Planning, covering Inheritance Tax, Wills and Powers of Attorney". See page 14 www.u3asites.org.uk/bourton

26th Farmers Market, **BLH** Car Park, GL54 2AR. 8.30am-12.30pm 07980 080073.

27th Probus 10am, **GMCC**, Annual General Meeting. See page 12.

29th-1st February Bourton Panto Group present "Aladdin & Abanazar", **VH**, 7.30pm daily, also matinee 2.30pm on Sat. 1st Feb. Tickets <https://bourtonpantogroup.com/box-office/> See page 3.

30th Book Club Bourton Book Club meeting, 7pm. The Old New Inn. dpayne056@hotmail.co.uk

31st Fun Quiz evening with Pringles and Puds, **StLC**, 7pm, £10pp, teams of up to 8. See page 7. To book, call 07823 887451 or [email Rachel75fisher@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Rachel75fisher@hotmail.co.uk)

Welcome 2025

In with the new year
Many memories made are dear.
Lots of stories to be told
From the young and the old.
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Some are too delicate to mention.
We raise a glass to 2025
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Carol Groom

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Regular Weekly Bourton Events

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. 07957 546067 cotswoldactivehealth@gmail.com
See page 18.

Mon. & Fri. Cotswold Yoga, **VH**, Mon 10-11am, Fri 5-6pm, 07490858775.
See page 18.

Tue. Drop in Digital Help Group, **GMCC**, 10.30am-12.30pm. 07707 281803.
See poster page 14.

Tue. "Together on Tuesdays", soup lunch, **StLC**, 12-2pm.

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

Christmas Tree Lighting and Late Night Shopping, 29th November

We would like to thank and congratulate everyone involved with organising the evening. It was busy, without being over-crowded, and felt like a real 'Village Event'. The Primary School children sang beautifully and seeing the magnificent tree burst into colour, with its reflections in the river, was a very special moment.

Ray and Susan Dodd

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- Gravity Sewer Pipe Installation: Spring–Autumn 2025

You can contact Thames Water for further details or concerns on 0800 316 9800 using ref BB 00426107.

Memorial Safety Testing: The second phase of memorial testing will be carried out at Bourton-on-the-Water Cemetery in January. If a memorial is found to be unstable, a letter will be sent to the grave owner at their last known address. If you would like to update your details or require any further information about the safety testing procedure, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Christmas Tree: We have all enjoyed seeing this year's tree which was individually chosen by some of our councillors. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank Hacklings Transport for transporting and installing the tree, Bourton Vale Parking Limited for funding the tree and for all the volunteers who helped with the installation and removal.

Date of next meeting: 7pm on Wednesday 8th January 2025 in the Windrush Room at the George Moore Community Centre.

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 .

Our schedule of meetings is available at www.bourtononthewater-pc.gov.uk/the-council/meeting-calendar/



Bourton Panto Group

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope you have enjoyed a blessed and joyful Christmas and, like us, are now looking forward to launching into 2025 and, of course, coming to see our pantomime, Aladdin, at the end of this month! If you have forgotten to buy your tickets, there just may be some tickets left. Visit the Bourton Panto Group website or try and find some via TicketSource. There is only one more opportunity to possibly purchase tickets face to face and that is on Friday 17th January from 1pm to 3pm. (Margaret's mobile: 07791 917684)

January is the month when we always feel we are way behind with rehearsals! Every department from Front of House to cast, backstage to costume department, scenery painting to props creating. We are working SO hard to be ready for opening night and the atmosphere can occasionally become quite tense! However, we always all work together and pull out all the stops to make the show happen on time.



This means I must get back to my trusty sewing machine, circa 1936, and complete some of the last minute bits that always seem to crop up! Jackie, Barbara and I are often busy with repairs or sometimes even additions!

We would also like to thank everybody who packed into the Victoria Hall, attending our fundraising Quiz Night last month. It was another fun evening, ably hosted this time by Gary, using Emma's sometimes tricky compilation of Christmas based questions. Your faithful support is very much appreciated.

I finally extend personal thanks to all those involved in erecting and decorating our village Christmas tree. It has become a well loved – and photographed – feature in Bourton at Christmas and is particularly beautiful this year. **Ann Chapman**

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Daily until 12th Jan, Aladdin Panto, Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, GL50 1HQ. www.everymantheatre.org.uk 01242 572573.

1st New Year's Day Racing, Cheltenham Racecourse, Prestbury Park, GL50 4SH. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/cheltenham/events-tickets/new-years-day/>

17th Rissingtons Local History Society, "Last Supper in Pompeii" by Dr Paul Roberts, An Arts Society Accredited Lecturer and Author. From the Grandeur of the banqueting hall to the simple flat or street take-aways. Village Hall, Upper Rissington GL54 2QW, 2.30pm. Visitors Welcome £3.50 to include refreshments. Enquiries information.RLHS@gmail.com / Kate O'Brien 07815 606770.

24th Sarah McQuaid in concert, Singer/songwriter/guitarist, Westcote Village Hall, 7.30pm, 'brilliant musicianship ... and a voice as rich, matured and knowing as the finest Irish malt whiskey' (fRoots magazine). Tickets £15 from 07834 493637 or westcote.bookings@gmail.com

25th-26th Snowdrop Weekend, Colesbourne Park, Colesbourne, Cirencester, GL53 9NP. 01242 870264. 1-4pm, £10 adults, U16s free. Dogs on leads welcome. Refreshments provided by local charities. <https://www.colesbournegardens.org.uk/>

1st February, Rotary Quiz, Upper Rissington Village Hall, from 7pm, £15pp includes refreshments, teams of up to 6. Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk See page 16.



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Our next screening will be January 20th, 3rd Monday of the month as usual, 2pm for 2.30pm and 7pm for 7.30pm. Sadly, due to rising costs out of our control, ticket prices in the New Year will be £4pp or £14 for a family of 4, tea and coffee remains £1pp. We look forward to screening a selection of the latest films for you in 2025.

As of yet we do not have the next film title. Please look out for the posters on The Victoria Hall Bill Board at the front of the building, Budgens, Post Office counter and other various public places. A warm welcome awaits residents and visitors.

Happy New Year.

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Bourton-on-the-Water WI

Bourton-on-the-Water WI have had a fun filled two months.

In November we celebrated our birthday with an excellent meal at Venezia in Bourton.

Two members laid a wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Our planned skittles competition was thwarted when snow caused cancellations but those of us who braved the weather had an enjoyable lunch and a good natter - who needs the skittles.

Into December and several members enjoyed a wreath making session with Rissington WI.

Our Christmas Party took place in the Victoria Hall.

There was an excellent spread provided by the Committee and members. The new President had made beautiful table decorations with a little assistance from the Men in Sheds.

Many antlers, some strange eyewear and Christmas jumpers were on display and we even had Santa Scratch Cards on the tables.

The entertainers were musicians Hands

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on Harps ably assisted by member "Ellen the Elf", in her wonderful green and red costume, who gave a spontaneous and hilarious rendition of The Twelve Days Of Christmas!

Secret Santa presents were handed out and everyone left for home feeling in the Christmas Spirit. **June Renshaw**

Bourton Rovers Forge Ahead Despite Winter Challenges



December proved eventful for Bourton Rovers' adult teams, with storm Darragh causing just one weekend of postponements, though it left its mark by toppling a record number of trees around Bourton!

Our Hellenic team continues to impress, currently sitting just 10 points off the top of the league with three games in hand. Their sights are firmly set on a top-table finish—and perhaps even claiming the top spot—as they charge into the second half of the season.

Meanwhile, our Witney team is thriving in an exceptionally tight division. Eight out of 12 teams are separated by just three points, and with two games in hand, Bourton is showing they're more than capable of holding their own after stepping up to Division 1 this season.

Off the pitch, the clubhouse has been

buzzing with activity. December saw a fun Christmas quiz, packed Boogie Bingo, and a lively New Year's party featuring local band "One Day Remains." Despite the cold, our regulars have been turning out to support the club. If you haven't been to Bourton Rovers yet, you're missing out! We welcome everyone—members and non-members alike—to catch a game or join us for one of our fantastic events.

As the second half of the season begins, the challenges mount, with rising costs for heating and training on all-weather surfaces. The club relies on local support, both through sponsorship and event attendance, to keep things running smoothly.

So why not come down for a coffee, a pint, or a match day experience? Every visit helps keep Bourton Rovers thriving—on and off the pitch. Together, we can ensure the club remains at the heart of our community.

Catherine Williams

Bourton Poetry

**Wednesday 15th January,
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Bourton Browser Team

Happy New Year: We hope you all had a peaceful Christmas, we wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2025.

Kit Gregory: Kit is retiring this month after being a Browser deliverer for about 20 years. We would like to thank Kit for all her efforts and we're very grateful to her for finding a replacement to take over her round. We would like to welcome the new deliverer, Robin, to the team.

Jennifer Stevenson: Jenny is also retiring after a number of years as a Browser deliverer and our grateful thanks go to her. We would like to welcome Pippa Arnott to the team. Pippa will be taking over the Station Meadow round.

Dawn White: Finally we'd like to thank Dawn, who is also retiring after several years of delivering the Browser. We'd like to welcome Ruth Holt, who will be taking over Dawn's route on the "Birds" Estate.

Extra Relief Deliverers: We can always use a few more volunteers. Our Relief Team fill in when one of our regular street deliverers are sick or on holiday. The deliveries usually take place during the last week of the month and vary in size from about 30-80 drops. If you could help us, please email us at team@bourtonbrowser.co.uk or call us on 01451 822431.

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

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Dear residents, Many of you will already know me, having been involved with the village in a number of roles with the football and cricket clubs, as well as the parish council. It is with a different hat I write to you today having taken on the running of Headspace, a mental health charity (www.myheadspace.org.uk).

Established in 2020, we provide free counseling, mentoring and therapeutic wellbeing support to young individuals aged 11-19 years old who are navigating mental health challenges.

It costs over £100,000 per year to run our services, which currently receive no government funding, meaning we survive on grants, donations, and the goodwill of parishioners who give up their time.

I am reaching out to all the parishes we support, so if you think you can help either by volunteering, helping fund-raise or having any brilliant ideas please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards, Paul Heming

CEO – Headspace.

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One Mum recently said: "My Volunteer has helped me get my life back together - I feel I can do anything now and I am finally parenting rather than just surviving"

Our **FREE** training course starts on **23rd January 2025**. It will run on Thursday mornings for 8 weeks (not including half term), from 9.30am – 1pm in Andoversford (GL54 4LA).

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Message from the Church

The Epiphany

'And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far,
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wheresoever it went.'
Who were these Wise Men sometimes
termed Three Kings?

St Matthew says they came from the East, the Land of Sunrise and termed 'Magoi' in the Greek text. The title is mainly found outside the Bible, sometimes connected to Zoroastrian priests of early religions of Western Iran, who were deep into alchemy, astrology and other form of esoteric knowledge. (The term 'magic' comes from Magus). But there is no suggestion that these men who came to the manger were anything other than genuine scientists, astronomers and philosophers.

They were fascinated by the powerful star, which astronomers confirm as historical fact, and which occurred in 6 BC, when the planets Jupiter and Saturn came very close together, giving off a tremen-

dous light. That date is now agreed by almost all commentators, to be the year of Jesus's birth.

As philosophers, they sought answers to the human predicament. Why are we here? Who and what is God? What is life after death? The Magi's search speaks of the instinctive search for the God, 'without whom our hearts are restless', as St Augustine famously said.

At the manger, their values were turned over. Their lives began all over again, for using the words of TS Eliot in his great poem *The Journey of the Magi*: 'We returned to our places, these kingdoms, But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation'.... The Wise Men found what they had journeyed for, but not what they envisaged. They found a helpless, vulnerable infant, but in that manifestation (or Epiphany) they instinctively recognised God, for whom their souls longed.

Fr. Stephen



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IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS:

Musical Interlude - A Journey through Time: 18th January 3-5pm Poster page 11
Family Quiz: 31st January See poster

Regular Services: 10am every Wednesday - Midweek Holy Communion – 8th Jan
Sunday at 8am - Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – 12th and 26th

Other Events: **Breakfast Church** - Saturday 11th Jan - 9am start – **everyone welcome**

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Fr. Stephen

Quiz
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To sign in your team contact:

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QUIZ!?

All proceeds to Church Funds

Quiz evening with Pringles & Puds

After a very successful quiz last year, we are hosting another in St Lawrence's Church on 31st Jan. at 7pm. Come along with your team of up to 8 people and enjoy an evening of food & fun. Entry is £10 per person at the door, & includes crisps & a selection of puddings, but please bring your own drinks & glasses. It costs £2000 a week to keep the doors of our beautiful church open 365 days a year, offering a warm & safe space for locals & visitors alike. Proceeds from the quiz will go towards ensuring this continues. Last time we had to turn teams away as the church was full, so please book your table ASAP to secure a place. Contact Rachel75fisher@hotmail.co.uk or ring me on 07823 887451.

The Cotswold Youth Theatre

What a busy term!

*21 students entered their first LAMDA exam including a performance to parents.

*Our new group 'Sunshine Stars' (yrs 4 and 5 at Bourton Primary School), joined our fantastic Junior Youth Theatre to perform to a full audience in the Victoria Hall for our 'Christmas goes Wrong' sketch show, taking inspiration from the brilliant Mischief Theatre.

* Both our brilliant home education groups performed a Christmas show with the Juniors creating their own story about Father Christmas delivering presents to Aliens on Mars and Unicorns in Unicorn land!



*The Senior group performed an immersive 'Commedia Dell'arte' style show around a treasure hunt in the market square. They also continue to work towards their LAMDA acting and Public speaking exams and their Silver Arts awards. Huge congratulations to Esme and Oliver who have been selected to join the United Nations Youth Council.

*Theatre trips to see 'War Horse' and 'Sherlock Holmes and the Christmas Mystery', as well as taking 3 of our members to London for the United Nations Climate and Sustainability Youth Summit at Imperial College.

The Cotswold Youth Theatre continues to grow with more groups, opportunities and trips planned. We are now a Trinity College Arts Award Centre which means that our members can now start to discover these brilliant set of awards, which are recognised on the National Qualification Framework, with the higher levels equivalent to an A level with University UCAS points attached. These will be available from January as well as rehearsals of new plays - including an alternative Macbeth commissioned especially for our Junior group!



As we start the New Year I want to say a huge thank you to all those parents and children who continue to support the Youth Theatre. A special thanks to the amazing Polly and Ella who have been with me over the past year and to the fabulous Jen who joined us recently to help run our sessions. Also a huge thank you to our student leaders - Noah who runs the tech and backstage, Ava, Ruby and Cherry who help me keep some sort of order in the lovely lively chaos!

All our groups are currently full but we hope to open up more spaces soon. If you are interested in joining please use the contact form on the website or email

sarah@cotswoldyouththeatre.co.uk

Sarah Dowie



I hope that you had a peaceful Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. Our pre-Christmas schedule was, as ever, full of buzz and activity - including our Christmas Concert at St Lawrence Church and Christmas Bonanza. The Careers and Futures Pupil Leadership Group organised a brilliant Christmas Market Day, with students across the school selling handmade cakes, cookies, keyrings, crocheted vegetables, jewellery, cards, and much more.

Comprehensive School of the Year in the Southwest 2025

The Cotswold School is delighted to announce that it has been named as 'Comprehensive School of the Year in the Southwest 2025' in this year's Sunday Times Parent Power Guide.



Published annually, the guide identifies the highest-achieving schools in the UK, ranked by their 2024 examination results. The tables are based on the percentage of A Level results at A*-B and GCSEs at 9-7.

We have featured strongly over the years, achieving the accolade of Comprehensive School of the Year in 2015/16 and Comprehensive School of the Year in the Southwest 2023, so to be top school again this year is an incredible achievement for all involved in our school.

I am always grateful to our school community - this accolade is testimony to the excellent teaching and support of our fantastic teachers and support staff; the hard work and commitment of our students towards their learning; the ongoing encouragement of families; and to our supportive governing body. I am immensely proud of the support - both academic and pastoral - that we offer to our students, as well as our extra-curricular activities, helping to create opportunities to enable our students to thrive.



A heartfelt thank you to every member of our school community for contributing to this award.

**Will Morgan,
Headteacher**

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Youth Club Youth Theatre	Lynda Hicks Sarah Dowie	07867 121122 sarah@cotswoldyouththeatre.co.uk

Bourton Rovers Youth: Kicking Off the New Year with Excitement!



December brought an exciting milestone for Bourton Rovers Youth as our new U15 girls' team played their first-ever 11-a-side match! After just a few months of training together, these talented young players, led by coach Charlie Fletcher, have shown remarkable progress and teamwork. Their hard work paid off in their debut game, where they demonstrated great skill and came away victorious—an impressive feat for a newly formed squad!

We're thrilled to see the team growing, but still have spaces for girls in school years 9 and 10. If you know anyone interested in joining this promising team, we'd love to hear from them! Training takes place on Thursdays at 6 p.m., and we're aiming to enter a competitive league in the New Year.

The winter season hasn't been without its challenges, though. December storms caused several postponed games, leaving our younger teams gearing up for a busy January. To keep the momentum going, many of our age groups will shift to all-weather pitches and indoor futsal to brave the cold and keep match-ready.

Off the field, December brought festive cheer with a Christmas

bingo and disco for our players, complete with a visit from Santa Claus. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the halfway point of the season.

As matches resume from January 4th, we're preparing for frosty mornings and the occasional weather delay. But spirits remain high as we look forward to spring when training can return to grass pitches and we can leave behind the chilly numb toes—for both players and coaches alike!

Here's to an exciting year ahead for Bourton Rovers Youth. Come rain or shine, we'll be ready!

Catherine Williams



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Over the past six months St James' Church has been fundraising for major restoration work to the exterior and interior of the building. This 12th century building is much loved by the residents of the village of Clapton on the Hill, the wider area and the many visitors we receive each year. The villagers and supporters of St James in the wider area have shown the most amazing generosity in raising funds. So far, of the £54,000 we need, we have managed to raise a huge £28,300. This includes grants from the Benefact Trust of £2,500 and the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust of £3,500. We continue to fundraise with events planned for 2025 and further grant applications. Clapton on the Hill is a beautiful place to visit and is on the Diamond Way Walking Trail, and St James' Church is part of the Small Pilgrim Places network. If you are interested in visiting the church, it is open daily from 9.30am to 4.30pm and we welcome visitors. If you

would like more information on the church, fundraising activities or would like to donate please contact kevan12taylor@gmail.com or you can donate using the QR code below.



You can also visit us at our facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesclaptononthehill>

Bourton Primary Academy

Firstly, we wish you all a very Happy New Year. We hope you all enjoyed the festive season and are feeling refreshed after the Christmas break! December was a very musical month for us at Bourton Primary as well as a month where we tried to really be part of our community. Our Reception children visited Jubilee Lodge care home one afternoon to interact with the residents, as well as our wonderful choir singing at The Dementia Friendly Café in the church one Friday afternoon. It was a special afternoon for all who attended and our children enjoyed being able to sing the songs they had prac-

tised so hard, and we had a very appreciative audience. Our younger children performed their Nativity to their parents and we were incredibly proud of all of them, but especially the Year 2 children for learning so many tricky speaking parts. Our junior children also performed a carol concert in the church one evening and did a fantastic job of learning all of their songs.

The Rotary Club came and judged our art and writing competition entries. As the subject was all about 'water' this year, our children had some fantastic ideas as we have such a beautiful river so close to us! The 2 winners of this will now go through to the next stage of this competition with other schools in our area. January is a time for fresh starts and new beginnings and we are looking forward to seeing what 2025 has in store for everyone at our school **Tori Gainford**

Thank you

Together with other grateful residents and businesses, I would like to thank everyone who helped in the clear-up after damage caused by Storm Darragh (and others) recently. A special thank you to two local young men Joe and Jake Clarke for clearing the tree that blocked Meadow Way. Happy New Year 2025!

Amanda Davis

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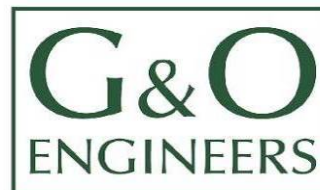
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Boudica Mindset Coaching Wins Best New Business at the North Cotswolds Awards

Boudica Mindset Coaching is thrilled to announce its recognition as *Best New Business* at the North Cotswolds Awards. Held on the 25th November, the event celebrated outstanding achievements within the region's thriving business community. Boudica Mindset Coaching stood out for its innovative and impactful work in empowering young people and supporting schools.

Founder Sarah Dowie accepted the award, expressing heartfelt gratitude: *"Winning this award is an incredible honour. I am deeply thankful to everyone who nominated me and for the many lovely, positive comments that were shared about my work. Knowing that I've made a meaningful difference in the lives of young people and their families inspires me to continue making an impact in our community."*

Since 2023, Boudica Mindset Coaching has worked tirelessly to help young people build resilience, confidence, and a positive mindset. Through personalised coaching sessions and partnerships with schools, the organisation equips students with the tools they need to navigate life's challenges and thrive.

The judges commended Boudica Mindset Coaching for its dedication to supporting young people's mental health and well-being, as well as its collaboration with schools to integrate personal development into the curriculum.

Sarah added:

"This award is not just a reflection of my work but also of the incredible community that surrounds me. To all the schools, families, and individuals who have trusted me on their journey, thank you. I am excited to continue this work and explore new ways to support young people in achieving their full potential."

For more information about Boudica Mindset Coaching and its programs, please contact sarah@boudicamindsetcoaching.co.uk.

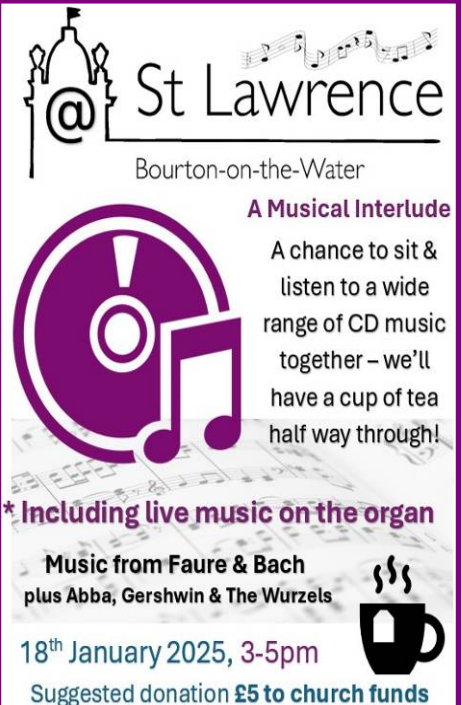


Winners

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Cotswold Radio

Flora —Senior
Entrepreneur

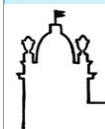
Sarah —Boudica
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We're thrilled to share that Cotswolds Radio is now a multi-award-winning radio station! On the 18th November, we were honoured to be awarded **Radio Broadcaster of the Year 2024** - South West Community Engagement Excellence Award, part of the Southern Enterprise Awards in partnership with SME News. The Southern Enterprise Awards, now in their seventh year, recognise the outstanding achievements of businesses and organisations across the South of the UK. This year's awards spanned diverse sectors, from creative consultancies to online wellbeing platforms. Amidst such a wide array of innovative enterprises, Cotswolds Radio stood out for its forward-thinking approach, community dedication, and consistent effort to stay ahead of industry trends.



We then followed up with winning the **Best Community Organisation Award** at the North Cotswolds Awards, an award scheme set up in 2024 to celebrate the fantastic local businesses operating in the North Cotswolds. This award is really special to us as it's voted for by the local community and so we'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of our wonderful listeners who took the time to vote for us. It's a huge pat on the back to our incredibly hard working team of volunteers who put so much effort into producing high-quality radio pro-

grammes for our community. Annabelle and Colin were delighted to attend the award ceremony and pick up the trophy on our behalf.

We love to hear from listeners, so get in touch! Message using our app or email 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, health and wellbeing, beauty, chat, local news and history, culture and the arts, sports and of course, our popular daily Breakfast Show.

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Bourton Probus Club



At our meeting on 25th November, our new member, Ray Tuck, gave us a fascinating talk on his life, starting with his army service in Germany, through to working for Colgate and Palmolive and then Spar. He discussed the development of the so-called "corner shop" and how Spar as a company developed that and are still going today. The meeting finished with a short presentation by Howard Jenkins about the company HH Martyn, originally a Gloucestershire stonemason and woodworking company who moved from designing interiors of luxury liners to the development of the Gloucester aircraft company in World War 1.

On 9th December we had a meeting, which for me, was the highlight of the year. Sue Black gave us a delightful history of her life in opera. She told us a great deal about the development of the voice and also played and sang several early music and opera extracts. As an opera goer of over 60 years, this meeting was an absolute treat.

I would like to remind all members that our meeting on 27th January is our AGM, so please could all members try and be present. Bourton Probus Club is for retired men and women who are interested in talks on a variety of subjects and various social events. If you are interested in joining us, come to one of our meetings (see diary pages) or contact our secretary Kevin Hick on 01451 860435. **Roger Harris**



North Cotswolds Rotary

Grant Applications Welcome From Small Charities and Community Organisations

Helping Hand is a small grants scheme set-up by North Cotswolds Rotary to help support the amazing work carried out by small charities and community organisations across the North Cotswolds.



Grants up to £500 are available; but must be for a specific project or activity. The grants are not available to support day-to-day running costs. Applicants must be based within the North Cotswolds area (defined as from Northleach up to Moreton-in-Marsh and surrounding villages) or carrying out activities that benefit people living in the North Cotswolds.

This is the fourth year of the grant scheme and in the first three years North Cotswolds Rotary have given grants to 24 charities and community associations totaling over £12,000.

If you are interested in applying please contact Steve Smith at originsteve@hotmail.com for more information or go to the North Cotswolds Rotary website at www.northcotswoldsrotary.org and go to the dedicated Helping Hand page. You will be required to complete a short application form. A short-list of applicants will then be asked to give a 10-minute presentation to a panel of two North Cotswolds Rotary members before the final awards are made.

The closing date for initial applications is 25th February 2024.

Christmas Charity Band Concert – Rising to the Challenge!

The Waterloo Band and Bugles of the 7th Rifles braved storm Darragh to perform at The Cotswold School on Saturday 7th December. Despite the chaotic weather conditions, and po-

tential power outages, the show did go on! And all enjoyed some great band music and singing. Moreover, we raised more than last year for our charities. We really appreciated the support of the audience who also enjoyed, mince pies, wine, festive raffle and a big helping of Christmas good cheer.



Happy New Year from North Cotswold's Rotary

Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust (GAT)

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We also collect used stamps and stamp albums, which go to auction.

Our remade greeting cards (Get Well, New Home, Sympathy, Happy Birthday, Age cards, and Blanks), are sold throughout the year at £1 each, great value for money, at Cheltenham and Gloucester hospitals, also from my house, Alice's cottage, come and have a browse.

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Bourton Roadrunners

Despite the best efforts of storm Darragh, round three of the **Gloucestershire Cross Country** league was judged safe to take place this weekend, despite the surrounding roads providing severe challenges. Held at Bushy Northwood Field, at the University of Bath, the event also played host for the County Championships of the four counties of Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Avon and Somerset.



Peter Carrick at the Gloucestershire AAA Cross Country Championships, University of Bath

Bourton Roadrunners' Peter Carrick was the club's sole representative in the highly competitive Senior and Masters men's race, which he was using as part of his strengthening training for next year's London Marathon. The 29 year-old had a brilliant race, completing the 10.3Km course in a time of 41 minutes and 43 seconds.

In the Senior and Masters women's race, which also incorporated the Men's Veteran 65+ categories, Bourton's Tony Goodwill dug deep to complete the 6.6Km course in a time of 34:35. Tony was also third qualifying man in the Gloucestershire AAA County Championship MV65 category. Also representing Bourton, Gillian Carrick ran strongly to finish in 40:21, achieving third qualifying woman in the Gloucestershire AAA County Championship LV65 category.

Earlier the same day, also braving storm Darragh, second-claim member Linda Edwards, who was representing her primary club, Running Somewhere Else, of Cirencester, took part at the **Castle Combe Chilly 10K**, where she was rewarded with a time of 55 minutes and 55 seconds, finishing second in the LV60 category.

Only the ever-present Susan Hunt was able to seek-out a park-run that survived the storm this weekend, running at her local

Stratford-upon-Avon parkrun, where she completed the 5Km course in a very respectable 27 minutes and 21 seconds, finishing third in the LV55 category. **Louise, Gillian and John**



Linda Edwards (race number 457) at Castle Combe Chilly 10K.

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Our main get-togethers are usually held on the 4th Wednesday morning of the month at the **Royal British Legion Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water, from 10am to 12 noon** and are ideal for prospective new members to sound us out.

The first meeting in 2025 is on Wednesday 22nd January, when we will receive a talk on the 'taxing' subject of Estate Planning, covering Inheritance Tax, Wills and Powers of Attorney.



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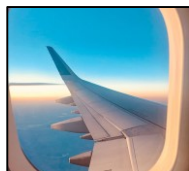
If you're already thinking ahead to 2025, January is the ideal time to book your holiday. The travel industry often launches its biggest sales at the start of the year, offering unbeatable deals on flights, hotels, and package holidays. Booking early not only secures the best prices but also ensures a wider choice of destinations and accommodations.

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It's been an exciting week for our team, too, as two staff members have just returned from an incredible Star Clippers cruise aboard a stunning tall ship, while another has been exploring the delights of Turkey—all in the name of research, of course! Their firsthand experiences ensure we can offer expert advice and insider tips to help you plan your dream holiday.

With EasyJet's exciting new routes and the upcoming January travel sales, now's the time to turn your holiday dreams into reality. Whether you're chasing sunshine, culture, or relaxation, let a travel agent handle the details, so all you have to do is pack your bags and enjoy the journey!

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Charity Event for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital

If December is the season of good will, it abounded on the 1st of the month when a charity event was held at Maxi's, the tipi behind the Dial House in Bourton. This was in aid of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, a world-class treatment centre. They are on a mission to raise £350,000,000 to upgrade services and buildings.

It was attended by fifty people and organised by Andrew Bill and myself. The event started with a short film highlighting a family whose daughter had been successfully treated there.

A delicious three-course meal followed. Andy then presented a talk accompanied by videos about entering the very popular Birdman of Bognor competition. This entails flying off Bognor Pier with a home-made flying contraption. The person who can fly the furthest can scoop a £25,000 prize.

Andy faced several obstacles. He sourced his components from B&Q but it's not easy to build a flying machine with a vast wing span in a two-bedroom house - or to fit it into a small car. However, he came up with different solutions and tested it out by running down Chosen Hill. Despite improvements to the design each time and his valiant efforts, sadly the prize was beyond his grasp.

After this entertaining talk, there was a raffle with many excellent prizes donated by local people and businesses. Two of the most popular were a Microlight flight and a hamper from Jeremy Clarkson.

The final sum raised was an amazing £2,176 which wouldn't have been possible without the support and generosity of so many people. Our very grateful thanks go to the people who attended and donated, the Dial House team including the kitchen staff, the local businesses and individuals for their raffle prizes, and all those who helped on the day. Thank you all.

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We certainly had a windy December with Storm Darragh causing havoc throughout the country. We had a couple of trees down and my greenhouse took a battering. But hopefully things have settled down now. And let's hope we have a calmer, drier rest of the winter.

We didn't have a speaker at our December meeting, but we had a fun evening with a quiz, lots of chatter and some yummy nibbles.

The competition of a Christmas tree decoration was won by Sue Pacini.


Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th January, 2025 starting as usual at 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall in Bourton. Following a very brief AGM, our speaker will be Vanessa Berridge who will be talking to us about Great British Gardens. The competition is winter flowering shrubs.

New members are very welcome. So why not come and see if you like us and if you do, why not join? Membership is just £15 for the year, which includes speakers, a plant and seed swop, GQT and a monthly competition, plus discounts at a couple of garden centres. Or come as a guest visitor for £3 per meeting. We also have a raffle with some lovely prizes, an annual garden party and outings often to beautiful private gardens which are not normally open to the public.

Wishing you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



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

WASSAIL !!

What do you know about Bourton's community Jubilee Orchard? It is owned and maintained by the Parish Council and our community volunteer tree warden, on behalf of our community. Jubilee Orchard contains various fruit trees and an abundance of bulbs. Situated near Bourton Vale Car Park on the main footpaths into the village, it is an important part of the green lungs of the village.

A small community event is being planned,

based on the local south west tradition of "Wassail". This toasts the orchard's trees literally, by placing toast among the branches of trees, during a gathering involving performance and song. The toast is soaked in cider (or juice) made from the apples harvested in August this year. The orchard's trees are "toasted" with the "Wassail!!". This tradition reflects the place of the south west in cider making and is based on respecting, thanking and encouraging the future fertility of the fruit trees.

As importantly, a wassail is the chance for local residents to gather in midwinter, traditionally around twelfth night (around 6th January).

Watch out for notices of the details and date on social media or by email at bourtonsnetwork@gmail.com

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We hope you will continue to support the 'shedders' next year.

Come down and see us behind the British Legion. We are there Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30 -12.30.

On behalf of all us at Bourton Men in Sheds, enjoy the holiday and we wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2025. Keep warm and stay safe.

Dave Birch



u3a Scrabble Group

Are you retired, or semi-retired, and enjoy a game of Scrabble? If so, come along to the George Moore Community Centre, on 8th January, 2-4pm and give our group a try. We'd love to see you. Give me a call on 07341 094206 or email me at peterdawson790@icloud.com for more details.

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Patsy Dawson



New Year

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Mike Marshall, Bourton Poppy Appeal Organiser.

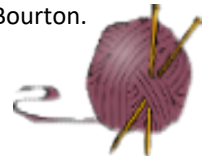
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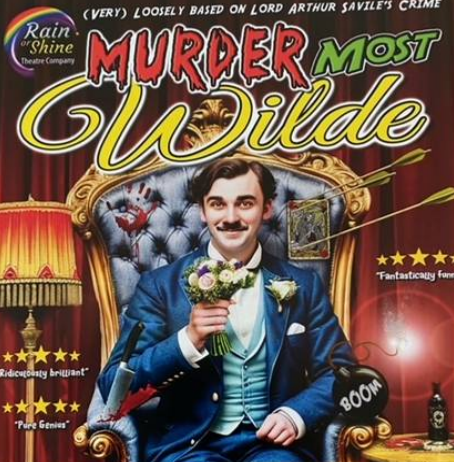
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