



# THE BOURTONS MUSIC SOCIETY

PROGRAMME 2023 - 2024



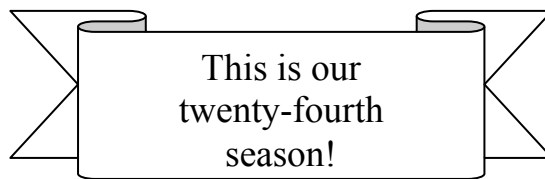
*The man that hath no music in himself,  
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,  
Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils:  
The motions of his spirit are dull as night,  
And his affections dark as Erebus:  
Let no such man be trusted*

*..... Portia, Merchant of Venice*

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If you enjoy listening to Hi-Fi quality recorded music or to live music, in the congenial company of others, Bourtons Music Society has something to offer you, whatever you enjoy. From Classical to Jazz, Opera to Folk, Blues to Pop, we try to cater for all musical tastes! Trips are occasionally arranged to concerts.

Meetings are held on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of each month from September to June in the **VILLAGE HALL, GREAT BOURTON**, starting at 7.30 pm prompt. Each month there will be an opportunity for one member to play a longer piece of 10 to 12 minutes, dependant on time available.



### 2023

#### **Sept 20<sup>th</sup>    THEME MUSIC**

Bring your choice of Theme music, be it from Film, TV, Radio or the Stage.

*Refreshments: Bring your own.*

#### **Oct 18<sup>th</sup>    FOUR NATIONS**

Within the Four Home Nations is a wealth of musical diversity. This is an opportunity for individual musical choices to showcase this. See what you can find.

*Refreshments: Bring your own.*

#### **Nov 15<sup>th</sup>    DRINKS**

Fundamentally we all need water and there are a variety of drinks we enjoy in life. Select some music associated with these.

*Refreshments: Bring your own.*

#### **Dec 20<sup>th</sup>    CHRISTMAS FAMILY FAVOURITES**

Music is all around us during the Christmas season. Pick out your Christmas family favourite and tell us the story about it. If you have a CD/DVD you no longer want, we will have a Lucky Dip for a mystery swap. Seasonal treats will be served!

*Refreshments: Committee.*

## **2024**

- Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**     **AGM – Election of Committee for 2024 to 2025**  
**FOLLOWED BY: Weather.**     Select your choice of music connected with Weather. Will it be fair or foul? What feeling will it create?  
*Refreshments: Bring your own.*
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**     **I REMEMBER FIRST HEARING THIS**  
See if you can find a piece of music you remember hearing for the first time and tell us your story associated with it.  
*Refreshments: Bring your own.*
- Mar 20<sup>th</sup>**     **MINE**  
Your interpretation of this theme could be Mine in the possessive sense, excavated or explosive! See what you can dig out.  
*Refreshments: Bring your own.*
- Apr 17<sup>th</sup>**     **FOOTWEAR**  
This is something used on a daily basis for different reasons and activities. As a result, there are many forms of footgear, some appearing in musical compositions. This theme is likely to produce a diverse collection of choices.  
*Refreshments: Bring your own.*
- May 15<sup>th</sup>**     **NAMES**  
Composers and Songwriters create music using names for various reasons. Bring along something from your collection that resonates with you.  
*Refreshments: Bring your own.*
- Jun 19<sup>th</sup>**     **MAKE UP**  
Your music could refer to a fictional character or story, cosmetics or making up. To close our twenty-fourth season and set us up for a good summer break, strawberries and cream will be provided!  
*Refreshments: Committee.*

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2023-24 is the twenty-fourth season of the Music Society. A Committee elected from the membership runs the Society until the AGM in Jan 2024 when Hon. Officers and Committee will be elected to serve for the following year.

Chairman:	Paul Hodges	01295 750 596
Secretary:	Margaret Damen	01295 758 519
Treasurer:	Margaret Damen	01295 758 519
Member:	Valerie Wiltshire	01295 750 374



## MEMBERSHIP FEE

The annual subscription is £12. Entrance is then free for members. New members are always welcome from the Bourtons and surrounding villages.

Members may bring guests and visitors to meetings at £1.50 per person. Prospective members are welcome to attend up to three meetings on this basis before deciding whether they wish to join the Society.

Information about the Society or any events can be obtained by contacting Margaret Damen on 01295 758 519 or [margaretdamen@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretdamen@hotmail.com).

## SPECIAL EVENTS

From time-to-time outings to concerts or other musical events are announced during the year, as information becomes available.

The Society breaks in July while the new programme is designed. The committee welcomes members' ideas for programme topics at any time.