



THE BOURTONS MUSIC SOCIETY

PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026



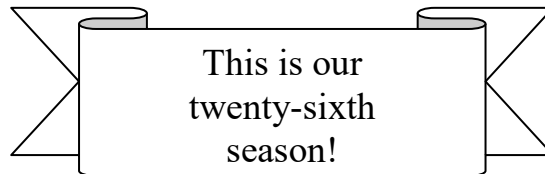
*The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,
Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils:
The motions of his spirit are dull as night,
And his affections dark as Erebus:
Let no such man be trusted*

..... 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!

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.



2025

Sept 17th THE SEA

Majestic, inviting, frightening, beautiful. The Sea has inspired music in so many ways. Find your choice of music for us to enjoy. A dramatic start to our 26th season!

Bring your own Refreshments.

Oct 15th WHAT ON EARTH!

Something a little unusual. What springs to mind for you? Maybe this has been hidden away for some time in the equivalent of your musical attic.

Bring your own Refreshments.

Nov 19th AGRICULTURE

People involved with and affected by Agriculture and the landscapes it creates often feature in musical pieces. See what you can pick out to highlight one of these connections.

Bring your own Refreshments.

Dec 17th FAVOURITE FOODS

Which food do you enjoy the most and can you find a musical match for it? Seasonal treats will be served!

Refreshments will be provided by the Committee.

2026

- Jan 21st** **AGM – Election of Committee for 2026 to 2027**
FOLLOWED BY: MONTHS OF THE YEAR. With nearly a whole year ahead of us, this is a chance to musically celebrate the variety of the months to come.
Bring your own Refreshments.
- Feb 18th** **A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**
Select a piece of music which enhances the cinematography of a movie.
Bring your own Refreshments.
- Mar 18th** **THE NATURAL WORLD**
This includes plants, animals, mountains, oceans and stars. A theme with so much to draw upon for our musical inspiration.
Bring your own Refreshments.
- Apr 15th** **THE ‘B’ SIDE**
On vinyl the ‘B’ side was an added bonus to the main reason for buying the record. It sometimes led to the discovery of something good. If you no longer have the original record we can see if your chosen track can be found in another format.
Bring your own Refreshments.
- May 20th** **PROTEST/POLITICAL**
Choose something which makes a strong point, using music to make the listener think.
Bring your own Refreshments.
- Jun 17th** **FESTIVAL**
Its Festival time! Let’s celebrate these sociable occasions with music from any type of festival you enjoy. To close our twenty-sixth season and as summer is here, strawberries and cream will be provided!
Refreshments will be provided by the Committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2025-26 is the twenty-sixth season of the Bourtons Music Society. A Committee elected from the membership runs the Society until the AGM in Jan 2026 when Hon. Officers and Committee will be elected to serve for the following year. Volunteers to join the Committee would be very welcome.

Chairman:	Paul Hodges	01295 750 596
Secretary:	Margaret Damen	01295 758 519
Treasurer:	Margaret Damen	01295 758 519
Members:	Janice Deas	01295 758 199
	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.

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.