



THE BOURTONS MUSIC SOCIETY

PROGRAMME 2026 - 2027



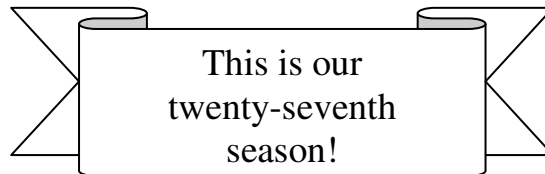
*The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,
Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils:
The motions of his spirit are dull as night,
And his affections dark as Erebus:
Let no such man be trusted*

..... Portia, Merchant of Venice

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If you enjoy listening to Hi-Fi quality recorded music or 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.



2026

Sept 16th AFRICA

An opportunity to explore music associated with this diverse and amazing continent. Music originating from or influenced by African sounds will give us a far-reaching start to our 27th season!

Bring your own Refreshments.

Oct 21st PIPES

Your choice does not have to be Bagpipes! See what music you can find involving a pipe instrument, or referring to the utilisation of a type of pipe, tube or cylinder.

Bring your own Refreshments.

Nov 18th ROYALTY

King Charles celebrates his birthday this month. Music has been written for royal occasions across the world and songs about Royalty. Choose any style of music from any time-period.

Bring your own Refreshments.

Dec 16th TOYS

Christmas is nearly here and new toys appear as gifts every year. Hunt down some music associated with toys you have known – maybe a favourite of yours in the past! *Seasonal treats will be provided by the Committee. Bring your own Drinks.*

2027

- Jan 20th** **AGM – Election of Committee for 2027 to 2028**
Followed by: A IS FOR.... We are starting the year with the alphabet again, which gives a broad choice of music connected with the letter A!
Bring your own Refreshments.
- Feb 17th** **MIX TAPE HIGHLIGHTS**
A theme built around intentional curation. The songs people used to place on tape to say something.
Bring your own Refreshments.
- Mar 17th** **DIVAS AND DIVERS**
Certainly diversification will provide plenty of variety for this month. From powerful singers and performers who take centre stage to divers who see our world from another dimension.
Bring your own Refreshments.
- Apr 21st** **GARDENS**
This could be music about the people involved in cultivating gardens, the plants, vegetables, trees found there, the pleasure of being in a garden.
Bring your own Refreshments.
- May 19th** **THE FOUR NATIONS**
Within the United Kingdom, our four nations have provided a wealth of different music to enjoy. See what you can find which has a strong link and sounds distinctly from a particular nation.
Bring your own Refreshments.
- Jun 16th** **COSMOS, STARS AND SATELLITES**
Little is known about the vast Universe in which we live. Cosmologists study and try to understand more. The movement of stars and satellites fascinate, providing rich musical inspiration – choose something to reflect this. To close our twenty-seventh season and as summer is here, *Strawberries and Cream will be provided by the Committee! Bring your own Drinks.*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2026-27 is the twenty-seventh season of the Bourtons Music Society. A Committee elected from the membership runs the Society until the AGM in Jan 2027 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
	Jon Pheasey	07427 599 322



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.