

Bourtons' Broadsheet

February 2019



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Sue's preamble...

I'd like to start by saying an enormous Thank You to the delivery team for their support in getting the January issue to you. Sometimes it is difficult to fit around the holidays, not to mention the weather, and we are very grateful for their efforts – do let us know if you are interested in helping as it is always useful to have additional support on standby.

It's lovely to see the snowdrops appearing and the bulbs pushing through and that we're beginning to enjoy the slightly longer days...the anticipation of Spring on its way. Although, last month's article 'preparing for Winter' is still very relevant so please do check on your neighbours during bad weather...

Whilst I wished everyone a happy new year last month – I'd like to wish you all 'gong xi fa cai' - Happy Chinese New Year, which starts on 5 February. Welcome to the Year of the Pig!

Take care and keep warm

Sue

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March copy deadline - Friday, 15th February 2019

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Advance notice:

CLAUDE BOURBON - MEDIEVAL & SPANISH BLUES:

Saturday 23 March in Bourtons' Village Hall. Doors open at 7:30pm, show at 8pm.

Claude has performed and studied guitar all over the world and plays a fusion of classical and jazz with ethereal Eastern influences, Spanish and Latin elements with strains of Western folk. Tickets £12, concessions £10, from Margaret Damen 01295 758519. Please bring a bottle if you wish. You can listen to some of the music on www.claudebourbon.org

Community Information

Need a Venue? - If you wish to book the Bourtons' Village Hall or discuss the possibility of using the Church for a gathering or event please contact George Ennis 01295 750522.

Bourtons' Art Group - Meet on Mondays, 10am to 1pm, in the Village Hall. £13pp.

4th Feb Week 1: Jack Vettriano style painting in Acrylic
(drawing and underpainting)

11th Feb Week 2: Jack Vettriano style painting in Acrylic
(top layer painting)

18th Feb Tower of Pisa in Pen

25th Feb Portrait in Gouache

4th Mar Seascape with Pier in Watercolour

Bourtons' Gardening Club - Wednesday 6th February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Nadine Bayliss will be speaking on "The History of Canons Ashby Gardens". Non-members welcome. Further details of the Gardening Club are available on www.bourtons.net

Bourtons' Music Society - Wednesday 20th February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. 'Trades and Employment'. Be it something you did, are interested in or enjoy learning more about, select a piece of music connected to working life, past or present. Visitors, guests and prospective members are welcome to attend at £1.50pp. New members are always welcome from surrounding villages.

More information may be obtained by contacting Margaret Damen 01295 758519 or Roger Holdom 01295 758300.

Cropredy Walking Group - All welcome

Meet at the Cropredy Sports Pavilion car park at 10am unless otherwise stated.

- ❖ Tuesday 5th February - Mollington/Farnborough - 4/5 miles, moderate (Dianne)
- ❖ Wednesday 13th February - Wardington, calling at Barn Farm for refreshments - 4 miles, moderate (Mark)
- ❖ Friday 22nd February - Shotteswell towards Edgehill - 4/5 miles, a bit hilly (Dianne)
- ❖ Tuesday 26th February - Eydon snowdrops walk - 4 miles, moderate (Mark)
- ❖ Wednesday 6th March - Shutford/Balscote - 4/5 miles, moderate (Dianne)

Please note that we are not always able to check the walks out just beforehand so may not be able to give completely accurate information about stiles, ground conditions etc. but we will do our best. For further information about any of the walks please contact the designated leader. Mark Christodolou 01295 758362, Trevor Burch 07445 957598 or Dianne Pearson 01295 758108.

Another successful Poppy Collection for Cropredy & District - District organiser, David Upton, has reported another year's splendid collection for the 2018 British Legion Poppy Appeal. A slight increase on last year, £2,034.64 was raised with house to house collections and donations from Cropredy, the Bourtons, Claydon & Clattercote. "Another great year" said David "only possible because of the wonderful volunteers who collect on behalf of the Legion and the residents who give so generously each year". Bourton's collectors included Dave Drummond, Maggie McAngus and Mrs Gill. Thank you also to The Bell Inn who agreed to provide a static collection point. Donations were also gratefully received from the Church and the School.

Children In Need – Throughout this year please consider saving your small change for the Children in Need appeal. A gathering of small amounts makes a difference to the whole with money handed in during January 2020. The 2018 collection will be announced in the next edition – it's not too late to add to this if you wish. Further detail from George Ennis 01295 750522.

Friends of All Saints Church – the festive raffle fundraising event held at The Bell Inn was very well supported and raised over £1000! The Inn was overwhelmed with people, the carol singing excellent and Santa did a brilliant job collecting more than 100 children's books which were gratefully received by the Sunshine Centre in Banbury (see below). Thank you to those who came along, donated gifts and all involved; perhaps this will become a traditional event...

Letter from Jill Edge – Sunshine Centre, Banbury:

"Dear Friends of the Church

I would like to thank you all for the enormous number of books you donated for the children and families. We know the importance of books in children's lives and your contribution has enabled us to ensure every child receives a book this Christmas. I enjoyed hearing about your event which sounded wonderful. Thank you for all your time in organising the event and delivering the books."

A helping hand for Cluster Care MUSIC, VIDEO AND PHOTOSLIDE CONVERSION SERVICE -

Do you have

- vinyl music discs or audio cassette tapes you'd like transferred to CD?
- old VHS tapes of family videos and you'd like them putting onto a DVD?
- 35mm photo slides but no projector to view them on?

Roger Holdom is offering a conversion service with all proceeds going to Cluster Care, a charity providing a day a week of entertainment, activities and lunch for those who are less able, of any adult age, from the cluster of villages around Cropredy. Typical costs: £3 - music CD; £4 - DVD; 5p per 35mm slide for digitizing a photo; £4 - DVD holding 100+ pictures. Please contact Roger - 01295 758300 for more information.

Age UK Oxfordshire – Generation Games

Mondays (term time) 11.15am-12.15pm in Cropredy Sports Pavilion, Williamscot Road, Cropredy. Cost: £4 - first session is free

Contact: Anna McKay 01235 849403

Ideal for people who are worried about their balance. The session includes evidence based exercises that focus on developing strength, balance, flexibility and mobility. Uses chair for support and a range of equipment. People can be referred by their GP or medical professional in which case they receive 6 weeks for free; or just come along to the sessions (first session is free; £4 per session after that).

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Superfast broadband update

Dear Parish

With regret, I need to advise the completion date for our coverage under contract with Openreach has moved out to June 2019. The Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme has delivered superfast broadband access to some 76,000 premises to date and the remaining delivery is in rural to very rural locations. This more challenging geography has meant some delays in completion of the necessary civils work, which has been compounded by civils contractors seemingly being in great demand. Across England, just about every similar local delivery programme is enduring a similar issue, whether the lead contractor is Openreach or other infrastructure operators.

Nonetheless, we are aware of the growing dependence of having access to decent broadband and we are working hard to ensure Openreach have made evidential arrangements to secure additional civils contracting resource available in Oxfordshire to deliver our remaining contracted coverage as soon as possible.

If you have specific queries about coverage within your area please contact the team at Broadband@oxfordshire.gov.uk and we will be happy to advise further.

Craig Bower
Programme Director

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Date for your diary – Saturday, 16 March: 9-11:30am
Bourtons' Big Breakfast - Village Hall.

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THE BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, GREAT
BOURTON ON TUESDAY JANUARY 8TH 2019 AT 19:30

Present : Cllr Mrs S E Leszczynski (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs S Upton, A Johnson, C Upton, D Walker, D Drummond

In attendance : S Bowen (Clerk), CCllr/DCllr G Reynolds Apologies : DCllr P Chapman (Other Council meetings)

Declarations of Interest : None

Public Participation : There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

Minutes : The previous meeting (November '18) minutes were received and **APPROVED**.

Minute ref	Item	Delegated to
Public Participation	<p>2 members of the public attended to raise their concern about the removal of a hedgerow in School Lane, and the lack of consultation of local neighbours by the new owner, although it was recognised that there might be no legal requirement to do so. They advised that on Sunday 6th January a man understood to be the new owner of the land had arrived to remove ivy from the hedge, but had removed the entire hedge. He confirmed he had purchased the land recently and was tidying and repairing the boundaries. The matter was noted and will be further investigated. The owner of the land is to be confirmed and written to regarding his actions.</p> <p>2 members of the church attended to liaise in discussion over commemoration in event of death of a senior person of state.</p>	<p>Clerk Chairman Cllr Mrs Upton</p>
1910-01	Footpaths	
1910-01.255	<p>Report received from Footpath Warden noting following concerns :</p> <p>Problems remain on Bridleway 14 across Peewit Farm & the Council is continuing to press OCC for action.</p> <p>Footpath 16 along the Oxford canal is starting to show erosion issues. To be referred to OCC and C&RT</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
1910-01.256	<p>Clerk reported that no further progress has been made by OCC in resolving the problems at Peewit Farm, principally due to no response from the Environment Agency. He advised that he had offered to take the matter up directly with the EA and awaits info from OCC.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
1910-02	Highways & Road defects - Progress Report	
1910-02.257	<p>No further update. Next highways inspection due mid March.</p>	<p>Information</p>
1910-02.258	<p>The proposal for OCC to erect signage on local roads warning against use by HGV's visiting Chipping Warden airfield, to be funded by OCC Highways with the support of the local fund administered by CCllr G Reynolds was warmly received.</p>	<p>Information</p>
1910-02.259	<p>The announcement by Oxford Growth Board to allocate funds to developing a new M40 restricted junction on the Southam Road was noted. CCllr Reynolds advised that the funds allocated would need to be spent within the next 5 years. Concern was expressed</p>	<p>Information</p>

	regarding potential increase in congestion on the Southam Road. Investigation and planning application awaited.	
1910-02.260	The ongoing lack of action regarding the Manor Road street light was noted and CCllr Reynolds was asked to provide details of the recently appointed new street lighting contractor who would be contacted by this Council.	CCllr Reynolds Clerk
1910-03	Village benches - Progress Report	
1910-03.261	Discussions have taken place with Mr A Taylor who has agreed to undertake this task and paint has been provided. Our thanks to Mr Taylor for his support in concluding this matter.	Information
1910-04	Defibrillators - Progress Report	
1910-04.262	Both inspected and OK	Information
1910-04.263	A quote has been provided to relocate the LB defibrillator to the former BT kiosk, and a second will be sought.	Clerk
1910-05	Website development - Progress Report	
1910-05.264	New pages for Community Hall in development and enhancements to ensure compliance with the Transparency Code.	Information
1910-05.265	All Cllrs now using the new .gov.uk email addresses, contact details to be communicated throughout the Parish.	Clerk
1910-06	Garners Field development - Progress Report	
1910-06.266	Progress continues but the pace has slowed due to lack of sub contractors and the market. A meeting is to be sought with HH to discuss progress on a number of issues. Available councillors and clerk to attend.	Clerk
1910-06.267	The resignation of Ms Gooderham from HH was noted and our thanks to her support was expressed.	Information
1910-07	Playgrounds & Public Spaces	
1910-07.268	GB inspection : all in order, small amount of litter.	Information
1910-07.269	LB inspection : all in order but there is still a significant litter problem. It is hoped with the reopening of schools this might reduce. The additional litter bin is to be ordered for the shelter.	Clerk
1910-07.270	A meeting was held recently with TVP PCSO's to discuss the litter/anti social behaviour problem and it was AGREED that additional patrols by PCSO's would be undertaken.	Information
1910-08	Allotments	
1910-08.271	All rents now paid. No vacancies and a waiting list for plots has been opened.	Information
1910-08.272	The winter delivery of manure is to be expedited.	Chairman
1910-09	Public transport	
	No updates.	
1910-10	Village Hall / Community Hall	
1910-10.273	A meeting was held recently with TVP PCSO's to discuss the anti social behaviour problem and it was AGREED that additional patrols by PCSO's would be undertaken.	Information
1910-10.274	Warning signs are to be ordered for the oil tank area concerning the dangers of flammable liquids	Cllr Mrs Upton
1910-10.275	It was RESOLVED to accept the original quote from Mr Stanley for replacement of the oil tank cover.	Clerk

1910-10.276	Mr Law is to be contacted regarding the repainting of white lines on the steps.	
1910-10.277	A meeting is to be arranged with Aplins to discuss the process for legal handover of the Community Hall. Clerk and chairman to attend.	Clerk
1910-11	Healthcare	
1910-11.278	No updates. Mr Fisher to be contacted regarding progress with the Keep the Horton campaign. Current pressures at Cropredy surgery were discussed.	Cllr Johnson
1910-50	Finance & Administration	
1910-50.279	4 payments were APPROVED totalling £1009.25. In compliance with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are detailed below : K C Graphics : meetings/support with website : £189.00 The Financial Report for December & January had been circulated and was APPROVED .	Information
1910-50.280	The situation regarding the continuation of the CTRS grant from CDC to PC's was raised at the last Parish Liaison meeting and clarification has been received from CDC that they intend to cascade the grant in the 2019/20 FY, subject to approval by full council in February, but that policy in future year's is under review. Our precept calculation has assumed that this will be approved.	Information
1910-50.281	The proposal to increase the Precept by £297 which represents 2.51% increase on the previous year was ACCEPTED . The principal reason for this increase is a reduction in Fairport ticket sales from 110 (our allocation) to 94. Due to the method of presenting the Precept on Council Tax bills by CDC, which takes account of growth in the local tax base this will appear as an increase of 2.41% on Council Tax bills. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk submit this precept demand to CDC.	Information
1910-50.282	The question of provision of support to the new Community Hall was discussed and it was noted that the Council has previously AGREED to earmark £10k from the general reserve account for capital spend on equipment. Grants are being applied for funding in support of the set-up of the new Community Hall, and a potential grant may be available from CDC, which should be applied for by the building owner, namely this Council.	Information
1910-50.283	It was RESOLVED that should this grant application be successful, but there was a delay in the physical transfer of the funds, the Council may make a loan, terms & conditions to be agreed at that time.	Information
1910-60	Planning applications	
1910-60.284	New applications 18/02030/F - Change of use, land on Hardwick Hill, for cemetery purposes : no objection 18/02010/Q56 - Home Farm Barn, barn conversion to dwelling : restate previous objections	Information
	Decisions no new decisions received.	Information

1910-70	Correspondence	
1910-70.285	The email advising of risks for traffic emerging onto Southam Road from Chapel Lane, LB was noted. Discussions with TVP, and OCC Highways indicate that there is a reluctance to enforce parking restrictions in former bus laybys, unless there is evidence of significant obstruction etc. It was RESOLVED that a quote be obtained, and accepted if considered reasonable, for cleaning the bus shelter to improve visibility.	Chairman
1910-70.286	Email received from a resident regarding a planning enforcement matter. This is to be investigated and the resident encouraged to report the matter directly to CDC Planning Enforcement.	Information
1910-70.287	Following withdrawal of the appeal regarding land adjacent to GB-Cropredy road, CDC advise that further enforcement action is anticipated shortly.	Information

1910-80	New business	
1910-80.288	A member of the PCC attended at our invitation to discuss the need to plan for the future regarding the demise of a senior member of royalty. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman would attend the next PCC meeting and both Councils would work to agree a suitable plan of action.	Chairman

1910-90	County Councillors report	
1910-90.289	CCllr provided his comments throughout the meeting and they are referenced above, where appropriate.	Information

1910-91	District Councillors report	
	Apologies have been reported from DCllr Chapman, so no further comments are available.	Information

Date of next meeting : Tuesday February 12th in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21:50 hrs

Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 09/01/19.

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Don't forget the Community Coffee morning



Thursday, 7th February, 10:30am to Noon, in the Village Hall.

All profits to charity.

	All Saints, Great Bourton	
Feb		
3 rd	Holy Communion	11am
10 th	United Benefice Communion	10am
13 th	Morning Prayer	9am
17 th	Sunday at All Saints	11am
24 th	Visiting Sunday (services elsewhere in the Benefice)	
	Methodist Church, Cropredy	
Feb		
Sundays	Morning Service except below	10:30am
17 th	Evening service	6pm
	Catholic Church	
Saturdays	Mass, St John's Church	4pm
1 st Sunday of month	Mass, St Thomas's, Wroxton	8:30am
Sundays	Mass, St John's Church Mass, St Joseph's Church	08:45am, 11:15am 10am, 5:30pm

Bourtons' Diary February 2019			
4 th	Monday	Art Group	10am
6 th	Wednesday	Gardening Club 'The History of Canons Ashby Gardens'	7:30pm
7 th	Thursday	Community Coffee morning - Village Hall	10:30-12 Noon
11 th	Monday	Art Group	10am
12 th	Tuesday	Parish Council Meeting	7:30pm
18 th	Monday	Art Group	10am
20 th	Wednesday	Music Society	7:30pm
25 th	Monday	Art Group	10am