

# Bourtons' Broadsheet

## March 2019



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## **Sue's preamble...**

With the arrival of March comes a mixture of celebration, reflection, thankfulness and self-discipline! Welcoming the month is St David's Day and the symbolic daffodil, St Patrick's Day, Commonwealth Day, Mother's Day, the colourful Holi (Hindu), Shrove Tuesday – looking forward to pancakes, Ash Wednesday, Lent and finally the clocks 'spring' forward...

What amazing neighbours we have - residents have lots to be proud of in donating small change to Children in Need which far exceeded previous year's donations – I had the pleasure of joining with Kate, George and John to count the money – see page 5. Whilst mentioning donating to charity I've heard that Paul Gallagher has set himself a target to run 621.4 miles before his 51st birthday next December. That's an average of 20kms (13miles) a week and is a tough challenge. Don't forget to cheer him on if you see him running and if you wish to donate to this fantastic effort in aid of Cancer Research UK go to <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PaulGallagher28>.

*Sue*

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**April copy deadline - Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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### **Did you know...**

...there is a Post Office in Cropredy and it is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am to 1:30pm in the Church Rooms, Church Lane.

...there is a new Stagecoach bus service, number B4, Hardwick Hill (Wardington Road) which appears to be within the new estate opposite the Crematorium entrance. Runs Mondays to Fridays, various times for Tesco/Banbury Cross/Bridge Street. Contact Stagecoach Customer Services 01865 772250 for timings or [oxford.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com](mailto:oxford.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com)

## **Community Information**

**Need a Venue?** – Whilst George Ennis is recovering from surgery, all enquiries and bookings for the Bourtons' Village Hall should be made to Maggie MacAngus 01295 750497.

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

4<sup>th</sup> Mar Seascape with Pier in Watercolour

Please contact Barry Whitehouse at The Artery on 01295

275150 for more information on the topics for the rest of March Monday gatherings.

**Bourtons' Gardening Club** – Wednesday, 6 March at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Andrew Mikolajski will be speaking on "March of the Women". Non-members welcome. Further details of the Gardening Club are available on [www.bourtons.net](http://www.bourtons.net)

**Bourtons' Music Society** – Wednesday, 20th March 'Surprise Discovery' - Bourtons' Village Hall, 7.30pm. Have you ever come across something which was an unexpected discovery when listening to music? Bring it along and share this surprise. 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.

### **Claude Bourbon – Medieval & Spanish Blues:**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.claudebourbon.org)

**Friends of All Saints Church** – as this goes to print the team of Friends are busy preparing for the **Bourtons' Big Breakfast** in the Village Hall on Saturday, 16 March, 9 to 11:30am. Thanks to the generosity of suppliers - James (Banbury Butchers) and Lynne & Bryan (Littlegood Farm) – the price remains at £5 for a big breakfast of bacon, sausage, mushrooms, egg, baked beans, black pudding, tea/coffee and toast.

## **Cropredy Walking Group - All welcome**

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

- ❖ Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Shutford/Balscote – 4/5 miles, moderate (Dianne)
- ❖ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Source of the river Nene – 4 miles, moderate (Mark)
- ❖ Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Farthinghoe with coffee/snack stop at Lime's Farm afterwards – 4/5 miles, a bit hilly (Dianne)
- ❖ Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Greatworth, 'walking for health walk' led by Andy Foreman – 3 miles, moderate (**Please note:** this walk will start at Greatworth at 10am so meet at Cropredy Sports Pavilion at 9.30am)
- ❖ Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Bluebell walk – details to be finalised

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.

## **Children In Need –**

A note from George Ennis...

*"On Sunday, 20 January the annual collection of small change took place during the 'Sunday at All Saints' service. This included a large plastic box left in the Tower porch, full of small change. To the anonymous family a sincere thank you for your generous 2018 collection. (The box, empty, is inside my conservatory door if you wish to collect). Thank you to members of the congregation who gave up a morning to sort, count and bag up the coins. Thank you, John, for banking the money. The total this year was **£341.98!***

*The collection was started by Mary Ennis, who ran a children's choir, with David Upton, around 30+ years ago. The idea being, that the children of the choir, should think of children in need throughout the year, not just one day. Most of the children now live away from the Bourtons, but the parents and friends have carried on collecting. So, get the jam jar ready for your 2019 odd coins which will be collected in January 2020. Foreign coins go to Oxfam."*

## **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).

### **Don't forget the Community Coffee morning**



**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30am to Noon, in the  
Village Hall**

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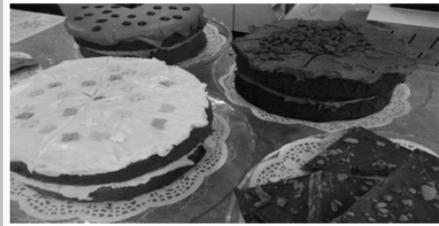
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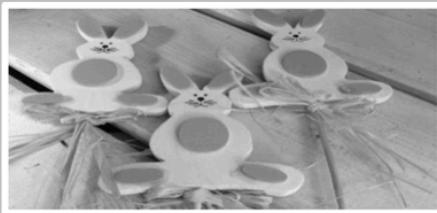
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**THE BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, GREAT BOURTON**  
**ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12TH 2019 AT 19:30HRS**

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Present: Cllr Mrs S E Leszczynski (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Upton, A Johnson, C Upton, D Drummond  
 In attendance: S Bowen (Clerk), CCllr/DCllr G Reynolds (part), DCllr D Webb (part), DCllr P Chapman (part)  
 Apologies: Cllr D Walker      Declarations of Interest: None  
 Public Participation: There were NO members of the public in attendance.  
 Minutes: The previous meeting (January) minutes were received and **APPROVED**.

<b>Minute ref</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Delegated to</b>
<b>1902-01</b>	<b>Footpaths - Progress Report</b>	
1902-01.290	No further progress on resolving the Peewit Farm issue so contact to encourage search for an acceptable resolution.	Clerk
1902-01.291	The hedge on the Stanwell Lane/Swan Lane link path has been cut by a local resident. Consideration will be given to relocating the dog bin to halfway along the link path closer to Stanwell Lane for ease of emptying by CDC	Cllrs
<b>1902-02</b>	<b>Highways &amp; Road defects - Progress Report</b>	
1902-02.292	We have been informed that a new pothole survey is expected end February. Residents are encouraged to report ALL severe road defects on FixMyStreet.com, which is the best way to generate an OCC response.	Information
1902-02.293	The condition of Foxden Way/Crow Lane has seriously deteriorated and is causing concern. To be raised again with OCC Highways.	Cllr Mrs Upton
<b>1902-03</b>	<b>Village benches - Progress Report</b>	
1902-03.294	A location list has been provided to the resident who has agreed to paint the bench frames which will be done once weather improves.	Information
<b>1902-04</b>	<b>Defibrillators - Progress Report</b>	
1902-04.295	GB & LB machines both inspected and no faults reported. Enquiries to be made with manufacturer re servicing of machines.	Clerk
1902-04.296	LB: the owner of The Plough will be contacted to confirm if he still requires the defibrillator to be relocated.	Clerk
1902-04.297	Reduced quote now received for relocation of machine; confirmation of move awaited.	Information
<b>1902-05</b>	<b>Website development - Progress Report.</b>	
1902-05.298	Work continues on pages to support Community Hall. Further training on uploads to be given to Chairman & Clerk.	Information
1902-05.299	Cllr Mrs Upton reported that neither CDC nor OCC had updated their information pages with our new email addresses as notified to them.	Clerk

<b>1902-06</b>	<b>Garners Field development - Progress Report</b>	
1902-06.300	Meeting held on site with HH to review progress of site and Community Hall with Chairman & Clerk. It was reported to us that the Hall should be complete by April and the site works concluded by end June. A detailed report was given to the Community Hall Steering Committee.	Information
<b>1902-07</b>	<b>Playgrounds &amp; Public Spaces</b>	
1902-07.301	GB inspection: All OK and very tidy. Thanks to local resident who is monitoring the area.	Information
1902-07.302	LB inspection: Equipment OK but litter remains a problem. PCSO's will be re-contacted to ensure playground is on their patrol now lighter evenings are approaching.	Clerk
1902-07.303	A new litter bin for location adjacent to the shelter is to be purchased.	Clerk
<b>1902-08</b>	<b>Allotments</b>	
1902-08.304	A new padlock & chain has been purchased to replace the one lost. This is the second replacement and Council will advise tenants that any future replacements will be their responsibility.	Clerk
<b>1902-09</b>	<b>Public transport</b>	
1902-09.305	A meeting has finally been arranged with Stagecoach Oxford to discuss potential opportunities for improving public transport provision into Banbury, by extension of the B4 service. Thanks to Cllr Mrs Upton.	Information
<b>1902-10</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	
1902-10.306	Communication to be sent to the VHMC to update them on progress with Community Hall.	Chairman
1902-10.307	Quote for repair of oil tank cover has been accepted, work being commissioned. A sign warning of dangers of smoking near the tank due to flammable substances has been erected.	Information
<b>1902-11</b>	<b>Healthcare</b>	
1902-11.308	We have received a reply from Dr B Holtof to our letter about delays in provision of incremental outpatient facilities at the Horton. A response will be drafted. Agreement on a co-ordinated approach to these issues would be sought with other parish councils in the North Oxfordshire cluster, to strengthen the effectiveness of local action.	Cllr Johnson Clerk
<b>1902-50</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Administration</b>	
1902-50.309	The financial statement for February circulated earlier was <b>APPROVED</b> .	Information
1902-50.310	7 payments totalling £344.07 were <b>APPROVED</b> . None exceed £100.	Information
1902-50.311	CDC have acknowledged receipt of our precept demand for 2019/20.	Information
1902-50.312	The issue of the Clerk's annual salary was discussed in his absence, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to implement an increase of £399, in line with increases to the national scale, recognising no increase has been paid since he started in Nov 2015.	Information

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**1902-52 Council Administration**

1902-52.313 With Parish Council elections approaching in April, the Clerk will attend a briefing at CDC about the legal process. People interested becoming a Councillor should initially contact the Clerk or CDC for nomination forms after March 4th.

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**1902-60 Planning applications**

- 1902-60.314 **New applications** Information  
18/02225/F: 4 Valley View; new porch & windows: no objection  
18/02228/F: Eastridge, Main Street, 1st floor extensions & balcony. Application subsequently amended to delete full balcony, replaced with Juliet balcony: no objections
- 1902-60.315 A reply has been received from Mr Lombard to our letter and following further information about the potential site behind School Lane, a further communication will be written. Clerk
- 1902-60.316 Land adjacent to Cropredy/Great Bourton road: the live enforcement notices have not been complied with and CDC have advised they will proceed with matters which could be via direct action, prosecution or both. Information
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**1902-70 Correspondence**

- 1902-70.317 Email received from resident ref contact from OCC RoW team regarding obstruction to footpath 138/8, now resolved by local action. Information
- 1902-70.318 No further information has been acquired regarding the potential M40 access slip roads on the Southam Road, research will continue. Information
- 1902-70.319 Related to the above, comment was made that development/improvement of infrastructure is not keeping up with the huge housing growth being experienced in Banbury, and this causes serious issues for residents trying to access the town centre at peak periods. Information
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**1902-80 New business**

- 1902-80.320 A meeting has been held with the PCC regarding plans to be implemented following the death of a member of the Royal family and it was **RESOLVED** that our 2 Councils would work together to develop a plan, potentially to include a memorial service and a memorial bench. Further meetings will be held when appropriate. Information
- 1902-80.321 This Council will collaborate with the PCC on a joint approach to acquire external funding to support restoration of the Church Clock face/mechanism and Lych gate tower. Information
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1902-80.322

**1902-90 County Councillors report**

- 1902-90.323 The long considered signs warning against access to the Chipping Warden industrial site using local lanes has been agreed by OCC and will be jointly funded by them, with support from CCllr George Reynolds local budget. Our thanks were expressed for this support. Information
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No new information

Date of next meeting: Tuesday March 12th in the Village Hall, at 19:30hrs.

Meeting closed at 21:30hrs

Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 13/02/19.

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<b>Church Services</b>		
<b>All Saints, Great Bourton</b>		
<b>March</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Communion	11am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	7pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mollington – United Benefice Communion (followed by Lent lunch)	11am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday at All Saints	11am
24 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	11am
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mothering Sunday - Family Communion	11am
<b>Methodist Church, Cropredy</b>		
<b>March</b>		
Sundays	Morning Service except below	10:30am
*	Evening service	6pm
<b>Catholic Church</b>		
Saturdays	Mass, St John's Church	4pm
1 <sup>st</sup> 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

\*information not available at time of printing

<b>Bourtons' Diary - March 2019</b>			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Art Group	10am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Gardening Club 'March of the Women'	7:30pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Community Coffee morning – Village Hall	10:30-12 Noon
11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Art Group	10am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Parish Council Meeting	7:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Big Breakfast	9am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Art Group	10am
20 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Music Society	7:30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturday	Music Society 'Claude Bourbon'	7:30pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Art Group	10am