

Bourtons' Broadsheet

December 2019 / January 2020



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Sue's preamble...

I hope by the time you read this your Christmas preps are well underway and you're looking forward to enjoying the last couple of weeks of 2019. Otherwise, I hope your Christmas festivities went well. December has been a bit up and down...good to enjoy the Festive Fun, to have the Bell Inn open again but sadly to have lost a village patriarch, George Ennis. A lovely gentle man who contributed so much to the community during his 40 years in the village – I know there are a lot of us who have fabulous memories of very happy times in his company – and in his garden at the annual Strawberry Fayre! He is greatly missed. Condolences to his family and many friends.

I'm pleased to give a very warm welcome to Richard & Emma, our new publicans at the Bell Inn – look forward to getting to know them (and hope they like us!).

Loving all the door wreaths – lots of creative people in the villages!

Best wishes for a Happy New Year! Keep warm...

Sue

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Did you know...

... as a community there has been a fantastic number of items donated, and taken, to the Foodbank; there is such a lot of generosity in the Bourtons – thank you!

... there is a DVD of historical film footage of areas of the village available from Maggie MacAngus 01295 750497. They are £10 each and money raised goes to the Bell Tower fund.

Community Information

Need a Venue? – Enquiries and bookings for the Bourtons' Halls should be made to:

Village Hall: Maggie MacAngus - 01295 750497
Community Hall: Claire Yates - 07810 518794 or email:
bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com for Claire's attention.

Bourtons' Art Group - Meet on Mondays, 10am to 1pm, in the Village Hall. £13pp. The group aim to start promptly at 10am; each session begins with a 30-45mins demonstration related to the topic. You are welcome to bring your own reference photographs related to the topic.

 6th Jan – Winter Trees (black ink and straws with watercolour).

 Topics for 13th, 20th and 27th Jan will be advised 6th Jan

Bourtons' Gardening Club (BGC) – Wednesday, 8th January, in the Village Hall, 7:30pm, AGM.

Bourtons' Music Society – Wednesday, 15th January, in the Village Hall, 7:30pm; **AGM – Election of Committee for 2020 to 2021** followed by the theme for the evening: “**V** is for

Visitors, guests and prospective members are welcome to attend at £1.50pp. New members are always welcome from the Bourtons and surrounding villages. Information about the society or any events can be obtained by contacting Margaret Damen on 01295 758519 or Roger Holdom on 01295 758300.

Friends of All Saints Church were really pleased to see so many of you at the Festive Fun evening! Hoping you all enjoyed it as much as we did – you helped raise almost £1,200 towards the Bell Tower fund and gifted just over 100 books (and a few toys) to Santa. Revd. Hilary handed the gifts to the Sunshine Centre, Banbury, where they were well received and quite overwhelmed by the generosity of the Bourtons' residents.

Thanks to Richard and Emma for accommodating us so early in their tenancy in the Bell Inn and for generously donating two prizes!

We have mentioned before, and need to say once again, that we couldn't do this without the support of many people both in and around the Bourtons; we are extremely lucky to have such benefactors and, to name just a few: David Boddington (for kindly donating the Christmas trees around the village), Karl & June (Bourton Drains), Rosy (Cakes for All UK), Jane (Cosy Creative Crafts), Carl (Mulberry Café), Ross (Mindful Touch Massage), Michael Jones Jeweller, Majestic Wine, Banbury Fish Bar, Broughton Castle, Hook Norton Brewery, Brasenose Arms and last but not least Jenny Eadon for the fabulous painting of the Bell Tower. Thanks also to Caroline and Helen for coordinating with Cropredy School for the tree decorations and the carol singing, Julian for lighting and David the musical accompaniment. Not forgetting thanks to the star of the event, Santa – very busy chap but can always find time to show up and magically switch the lights on!

See you all again at the Big Breakfast in March!

Age UK Oxfordshire – Generation Games – Mondays (term time) 11:15am-12:15pm in Cropredy Sports Pavilion. 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.

Cropredy Tots – will meet in the Chapel School Room, 10:30am to Noon on the following Mondays:

6 th , 20 th January	3 rd , 24 th February	9 th , 23 rd March
20 th , 27 th April	11 th , 18 th May	8 th , 22 nd June
6 th , 13 th July		

Come and join in the fun for the under 5s and those who love and care for them – it is free. There are lots of things to take part in: making craft items, singing, painting and lots more while learning to play and share with others. For more information please ring Helen on 01295 758759. **NB:** This is a small group, run by volunteers (DBS checked), for the benefit of local parents and carers and their under 5s.

Cropredy Walking Group - All welcome

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

- 👟 Thurs 2nd Jan – Wormleighton/Fenny Compton, 4 miles, moderate (Mark)
- 👟 Tues 7th Jan – Warmington village walk with treasure hunt. 1-1.5 hours ramble (Dianne)
- 👟 Mon 13th Jan – Bodicote/Bloxham 4/5 miles, easy (Dianne)
- 👟 Fri 24th Jan – Claydon/Appletree, 4 miles approx., moderate (Mark)
- 👟 Wed 29th Jan – Brackley town walk, 4 miles, moderate (Mark)
- 👟 Tues 4th Feb – Farnborough, The Slade, 4/5 miles, easy (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.

Community Coffee Mornings

Note from the Bourtons' coffee ladies...

"Hopefully everybody is now aware that there is a monthly Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall; every first Thursday of the month, it runs from 10.30am to Noon and everybody is most welcome.

Bourtons' coffee mornings have been happening once a week for many years, sometimes held at the pub, but more often in people's homes. We felt it was important to have one per month where anybody from the Bourtons could drop in, chat, drink coffee and eat lots of biscuits! There is a donation box and people put in whatever they like. It all goes to charity and the coffee, biscuits etc are provided by the Bourtons' coffee ladies themselves.

Over the course of 2019 this get-together has raised £1,000 for charity. Half of it was donated to Cluster Care, and the other half was distributed evenly to a handful of charities chosen by the coffee ladies.

In 2020 we will be donating half to Cluster Care and the other half to the maintenance and conservation of All Saints Church and Bell Tower.

Special thanks to Sylvie Hodge who kindly handles the admin side of things. We would like to also thank the Village Hall Committee who charge a very nominal sum for the use of the Hall once a month.

We really hope to see more and more villagers attending the monthly 'open' coffee mornings next year."

***'Open' Community Coffee morning – 10:30am
Thursday, 2nd January
Village Hall***

Hedgehog update

Note from Brian Cannon...

"There are at least two tribes of Hedgehogs up Crow Lane which were marked with harmless orange and blue spots respectively. They are the Mulberry Corner and High Acres Farm gangs but they have not as yet been seen crossing into each other's camps. The High Acres Farm clan do run the gauntlet of crossing the Cropredy road to Prospect Cottages. There are around seven in each tribe and it seems Hedgehogs have been seen throughout the village. A motion trip camera shows them coming and going throughout the night but they will be going into hibernation now.

We set up obstacles for them to climb to get at food and we put some on the patio high above the lawn. A Hoggy smelt it from below and standing on it's hind legs tried in vain to climb the deep steps. It then toddled thirty yards away from the food to where there was easier access to the higher level and then turned straight back to the food. One summer night I heard snuffling and grunting outside of the bedroom window and found two Hedgehogs mating. I thought it more likely to have heard OUCH-OUCH-OUCH! Since late summer there have been several reports of dead hedgehogs on roads around the village and one was found near the allotments dragging its back legs. It was taken to the vet but sadly had to be put to sleep. Hedgehogs really are the gardener's best friends mopping up slugs and other pests so we must try to preserve them. Please avoid using Metaldehyde slug pellets which are very toxic to all animals and birds. There are now other pellets such as Ferric Phosphate but I am not sure if they are completely safe."



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Dog poo bags...

Note from Sally Leszczynski...

(Chairman, Parish Council)

"Here we go, starting the new year with the celebratory subject of poo bags, and don't say you never get anything for free these days. Hopefully these won't be used to decorate hedges and verges. Dog walkers of LB, after a good few years of collecting your poo bags from Plumstones, Chapel Lane, the collection point is moving to Shrub Cottage, Spring Lane, opposite the end of Foxden Way, from a box just inside the gate, thanks to Amanda, once we get a new delivery of bags. Our thanks go to Ali and Keith for hosting the service and looking after the bags at Plumstones. Now we have lost the path down over the railway crossing, fewer walkers are going to the bottom of Chapel Lane, so this location was less appropriate. We hope you will find the new collection point helpful.

In GB dog-walkers can continue to collect bags from Jackie, 15 South View, or Sue, The Red House, School Lane. Sue would prefer to deliver to you if you ring her on 01295 758398 / email redhouse2006@btinternet.com

*In GB there are bins for the disposal of dog waste opposite Barnstones caravan site; in South View, opposite No.2; on footpath 15 between Swan Lane and Stanwell Lane; at the top of Bourton hill on the Cropredy road; at GB and LB ends of Foxden Way; in layby at bottom of Chapel Lane LB; and at the end of footpath 7, Chapel Lane, near The Dirt House and the post box. Bourton's parish tax pays about £800 pa to CDC for the emptying of dog bins once a week in winter and twice a week in summer, so although it is permissible to put dog waste in **your own** landfill bin, your fellow residents do appreciate you clearing up after your dog to make walking our paths safer and more pleasant."*





BE WINTER READY

Western Power urge customers to be 'Winter Ready'...

Winter approaches again, and it's important to prepare for the short days, dark nights and cold temperatures. Look after your personal resilience and well-being by making sure that you have prepared well in advance. Here are some tips to help you get ready for winter, and they're all free...

Know your free emergency numbers - in a power cut call 105 or, for a gas emergency, dial 0800 111999.

Keep your eyes open – keep an eye on the weather forecast and, if you have a power cut or a gas emergency, check on your neighbours.

Prepare your home – keep a torch handy and get your appliances serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Vulnerable households can also get extra support by signing up to the **Priority Services Register**.

Priority Service Register – utilities companies, such as your electricity, gas or water companies, have schemes to help priority customers. Contact your utilities companies and ask about their priority scheme for:

- parents/guardians/families with very young children;
- elderly customers;
- disabled customers and those with acute medical requirements.

How does this help? If, for example, there is a major power outage your electricity company will know about you and prioritise supporting you whilst you are without power.

What can they do? They can assist with hot meals or baby feeding, with home care equipment, even provide generator power if necessary.

To find out more information or to register, please call 0800 096 3080 or visit www.westernpower.co.uk/psr

Lions Charity 'Message in a Bottle' is a scheme offered by the Lions charity in Oxfordshire. It helps emergency responders or staff to know that you use medication or have medical needs, should they have to assist you. It's a simple scheme: the bottle contains your medical list and lives in your fridge, whilst the sticker goes on your door to alert emergency personnel. Be a good neighbour and promote the **Message in a Bottle** scheme to your friends who use medication. The Emergency Services will look for the GREEN CROSS SYMBOL and find the information in the bottle which is kept in the fridge.



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Bourtons' Pubs

The Bell Inn

The Bell Inn is now open 7 days a week and is serving food.

On Christmas Day the opening hours will be 11am to 3pm. Do check out the notice boards outside the pub for further information.

The Dirt House –

Dates for your diary in December are:

Saturday, 21st at 9pm the Leigh Chambers Live acoustic set

Sunday, 22nd at 5pm – carol singing

Tuesday 31st - New Year's Eve fancy dress party, disco and buffet - no theme for fancy dress...surprise us!

Foodbank

Items may be left in the blue box, alongside the notice board, in the North Aisle of All Saints Church. During the Winter months the Church is open service times only.

Alternatively, items may be left with Gina Cumming, Greenslade, Crow Lane, GB.

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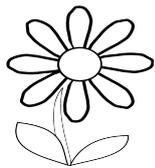
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**Don't forget the
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Morning**

**Thursday, 2nd January
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in the Village Hall**

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Poppy Appeal 2019

Note from David Upton...

(Cropredy & District Coordinator)

"A huge thank you once again to all those who made door to door collections for the 2019 Poppy Appeal. The Cropredy and District region, which includes the Bourtons, Claydon, Clattercote as well as Cropredy, raised £1,800. In GB a collection of £394.93 was made and £230.50 in LB, included in the total amount for the Bourtons was the Remembrance Day Church service collection of just over £91. Our very grateful thanks to Nan Gill, LB; Maggie MacAngus and Dave Drummond in GB and thank you to the Bell Inn and the Dirt House for their custody of the static collection points. The Dirt House collected the most money ever received from our public house static points, so well done to them and their customers!

Next year will be an awards year for our local Poppy Collectors so we'll bring you news about that nearer the time!"

Church Services		
All Saints, Great Bourton		
Dec		
22 nd Sun	Carol service	4pm
24 th Tues	Crib service	6pm
25 th Wed	Holy Communion	11am
Jan		
5 th Sun	Holy Communion	11am
12 th Sun	UBC at Mollington	10am
19 th Sun	Sunday at All Saints	11am
26 th Sun	Evening Prayer	6pm
Methodist Church, Cropredy		
Sundays	Morning service	10:30am
Catholic Churches *		
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	8:45am, 11:15am 10am, 5:30pm

*Please view banburycatholicchurches.org.uk for December services (information unavailable at the time of going to print).

Bourtons' Diary – Dec 2019 / Jan 2020

Dec			
19 th	Thurs	Drop in at the Vicarage, Cropredy	7:30-9:30pm
21 st	Sat	Live music – The Dirt House	9pm
22 nd	Sun	Carol service – All Saints Carol singing – The Dirt House	4pm 5pm
31 st	Tues	Fancy dress party – The Dirt House	
Jan			
2 nd	Thurs	Community Coffee morning	10:30am-Noon
6 th	Mon	Art Group Pilates	10am-1pm 6:30pm & 7:30pm
8 th	Wed	Gardening Club AGM	7:30pm
13 th	Mon	Art Group Pilates	10am-1pm 6:30pm & 7:30pm
15 th	Wed	Music Society	7:30pm
17 th	Fri	Zumba / Pilates	9am / 10am
20 th	Mon	Art Group Pilates	10am-1pm 6:30pm & 7:30pm
24 th	Fri	Zumba / Pilates	9am / 10am
27 th	Mon	Art Group Pilates	10am-1pm 6:30pm & 7:30pm
31 st	Fri	Zumba / Pilates	9am / 10am