

Bourtons' Broadsheet

April 2020



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Sue's preamble...

As Springtime emerges, this is a very difficult time for all of us, what to say and what to do for the best. Luckily, in the Bourtons we are blessed with great community spirit and many residents are being proactive in offering help. Hopefully you have already received a note through your letterbox providing a name and telephone number of someone local who is available to help you if needed. Please use this contact especially if you don't have access to social media. If you haven't received such a note do please feel free to give me a call – 01295 758036.

Please take care and do the right thing to keep yourselves and our community safe and also check that any activities advertised in this Broadsheet are still going ahead although perhaps in some other, innovative, way.

With best wishes for Easter – I think we all deserve an extra chocolate or two ☺

Sue

Email: broadsheet@hotmail.co.uk | **Tel:** 01295 758036

May copy deadline – Monday, 20th April 2020

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Did you know...

...if you have access to Facebook there is a lot of useful information being shared by Bourtons' residents. The two private groups to join are 'The Bourtons Community' and 'Bourtons Coronavirus Support Group'. If you have any difficulty joining these do let Sue know on 01295 758036.

...The Bell Inn and the Mulberry Café are endeavouring to stay open and both are offering 'take away' food and currently The Bell are offering a local delivery service (at time of print the Mulberry Café are considering this).

...the contributions of loose change for Children In Need increased to £250 as more loose change found its way into the collection – thank you everyone who contributed! It is planned to bring this initiative more in line with the BBC programme and collect during a late November service in All Saints so please keep saving your loose change.

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

Bourtons' Art Group

Meet on Mondays, 10am to 1pm, £13pp. Usually in the Village Hall/until further notice these sessions may be run on line – please contact Barry (The Artery) on 01295 275150 for further information.

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 Apr – Mushrooms/Fungi (water soluble pen)

 [Easter Monday – no session]

 20th Apr – Wildflower Meadow (acrylics)

 27th Apr – Lakeside Reflections (watercolour)

Bourtons' Gardening Club – will not meet during April.

Bourtons' Music Society – will not meet during April. Information about the society and future events can be obtained by contacting Margaret Damen on 01295 758519.

Friends of All Saints Church

As you'll all be aware of the fast-moving response to the new virus in terms of what we do and don't do together and in order to protect our communities it was decided to cancel the Bourtons' Big Breakfast. We were disappointed to have to do this and the decision was made out of a duty of care for us all. All being well, we hope to see you again, in person, on Saturday 6 June for another serving of tasty breakfast together. Thanks for your understanding and support.

Cluster Care – owing to the need to safeguard members Cluster Care on a Tuesday has been suspended until further notice. Contact Mo on 01295 369533 or 07814 083275 for information or advice.

Cropredy Tots – Please note that meetings will continue whilst schools remain open. We meet in the Chapel School Room, 10:30^{am} to Noon on the following Mondays:

20th, 27th April 11th, 18th May
8th, 22nd June 6th, 13th July

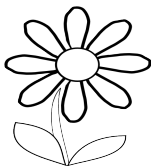
Come and join in the fun for the under 5s and those who love and care for them – it is free. There are lots of things to take part in: making craft items, singing, painting and lots more while learning to play and share with others. For more information please ring Helen on 01295 758759. **NB:** This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

Cropredy Walking Group – Walks are cancelled until further notice.

Bell Tower Clock Works...

Please note that, because of specific funding, some works associated with the Clock can commence soon and this will restrict, for a short time, access/egress through the Lychgate/Bell Tower. This may also mean that the clock will be out of action for a period of time. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

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Back in Time with Brian

Note from Brian Cannon...

"ROMAN VILLA

A Badger once dug a deep hole in an arable field and threw up Roman pottery. I found Tegulae and Imbrex roof tiles and also Pilae and Hypocaust flue tiles which confirmed there was once a Villa there with underfloor heating. I also found the lid of a pot which the Ashmolean Museum told me would have held trinkets or libations. I did not find any Samian Ware but one colour coated piece came from the Nene Valley.

When I look back at all the previous generations long gone it makes me realise that we are, all of us, insignificant and no more than tiny blips in the never-ending passage of time. Whilst we all work hard to achieve our goals in life we must also set aside time to relax and enjoy ourselves for 'life is not a rehearsal'."



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Note from Richard Long, The Bell Inn, GB...

"Hi, we will continue to keep open until the time we are forced to close, we currently do a take-away menu, see below, which we are happy to deliver free to local people in GB, LB and Cropredy; Mondays-Saturdays, 5-9pm, and Sundays, Noon-6pm. Unfortunately, we may suffer the same supply issues as residents; we hope to support the village as much as we can. Thank you."

Take away menu:

Fish and Chips - £10

Chicken Burger & Chips - £10

Burger & Chips - £10

Donner Kebabs - small £5.50
large £6.50

Any Pizza - £10

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Temporary Road Closure at Crow Lane, GB

Note from Oxfordshire County Council

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

In the interests of public safety it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to close a short section of Crow Lane to facilitate carriageway minor patching repairs/works.

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is being made to implement the temporary closure and will operate from 1st April up to and including 15th April 2020. Closure will operate between 09:30 and 15:30 hours.

(The maximum duration of a TTRO on a road is 18 months and on a footpath is 6 months, or until completion of the works, whichever is the earlier.)

Notice of intention to make the Order will be published in the local press.

Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor.

A copy of the drawing showing the extent of the closure and the alternative routes for traffic is attached.

Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Nick Watson, Oxfordshire County Council, on 0345 310 11 11.

T7379/AC TTRORequests@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Great Bourton – Crow Lane road closure and diversion route.



THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held at the Community Hall, Great Bourton
on Tuesday March 10th 2020 at 19:30hrs

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

In attendance: S Bowen (Clerk), CCllr G Reynolds

Apologies: Cllr Mrs S Upton (business), DCllr P Chapman (business)

Declarations of Interest: None

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

Minutes: The previous Council meeting (Feb) minutes were received and

APPROVED.

Item: Public Participation

Members of the public notified the Council that a potential future use of an agricultural building in Hanwell Lane is thought to be under consideration and have questioned if this will require a planning application to be made.

Council to investigate

Footpaths - Progress Report

No reports received

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report

Advice received from OCC that next highways inspection due end of March but that they are running approx 11 weeks late. Pothole problems should continue to be reported by residents on FixMyStreet website.

Defibrillators - Progress Report

Both machines inspected and reported OK. Severe downpipe leak noticed at Village Hall pouring water over machine - fixed, see report below.

Website development - Progress Report.

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Upton no update available. Community Hall pages with booking information have been added.

Projects

Garners Field

Quotes being sought for maintenance of LAP and surrounding grounds to support offer from CDC to assume responsibility for LAP.

Clock restoration

Permission to commence installation of the Parish Clock autowind mechanism has now been received from the Vicar and a date is awaited from Smith of Derby, the appointed expert contractor. This will necessitate the clock being out of action for approx 6 weeks and information will be published in the Broadsheet and website.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces

Both playgrounds inspected and reported OK. Grass in LB is now very long and first cut will be done urgently.

Bicycle reported abandoned last month remains and will be removed.

Allotments

Plot resignation advice received, plot inspected and it was **AGREED** that deposit could be refunded. New potential tenant at top of waiting list advised and new tenancy agreement issued, signed copy and cheque awaited. Further reports of vandalism/thefts received and reported to police. Urgent consideration of PIR lighting and CCTV to be progressed and raised at upcoming Tenants' Committee meeting.

Public transport

The draft Funding Agreement to transfer the Garners Field s106 monies for public transport to this Council has been agreed and we await bound copy for signing. It was **RESOLVED** that we would make the initial contribution now overdue to Ability CIC from PC funds immediately. Following receipt of funds and payments agreed to Ability CIC, there will be significant surplus remaining which can be used on other public transport projects. Residents are encouraged to propose ideas to Councillors for consideration.

Village Hall

Report received of failed downpipe above defibrillator causing large escape of water threatening machine. Cllr Upton has replaced the pipe and our thanks were expressed. Clerk to write advising VPMC of actions.

Availability of fire-resistant board to effect repair to damaged oil tank has delayed repair. It was **AGREED** to investigate the feasibility of covering the damaged area with aluminium checker plate as an alternative.

Community Hall

Final version of lease to TBCH CIO agreed and will be presented to them for agreement this month.

2 quotes now received for future grounds maintenance, but significantly higher than Ground Solutions offer, this is now time expired and an updated quote will be requested.

The first business rates demand has been received from CDC. This is for the full amount from 01.08.19. CDC will be advised that this date is incorrect and that they should address demand to TBCH CIO, to allow the application of the concessionary rate available to charities for community facilities.

It has been noted that residents' vehicles are being parked in the CH carpark, which is reserved exclusively for users of the Hall. Residents are requested to cease parking here unless they are attending events at the Hall. A notice will be erected to confirm this.

Healthcare

No update re Horton Hospital situation. Cropredy Surgery advise that a further new part-time Doctor, Elin Cox, has joined the practice. Investigations continue into provision of additional parking at Surgery to avoid damage to roadside verge.

Finance & Administration

The financial statement for March including receipts and payments had been previously circulated to Cllrs and was **APPROVED**.

7 payments totalling £3,584.76 were **APPROVED**. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed:

OALC: annual subscription: £150.34

K & C Graphics: website work to support CH: £133.32

Ability CIC contribution to new public transport: £500.00

Smith of Derby: deposit re clock autowind mechanism: £2656.80

Confirmation that date of May meeting (& AGM) has been advanced to 5 May.

Planning applications

2 new applications received and advice from residents that a potential change-of-use situation which may require an application, has been discovered on Hanwell Lane, Council to investigate with CDC.

20/00579/F: Mr & Mrs Martin, Stonelea, School Lane, GB: 2 bungalows

20/00429/LB: Mrs Damen: replacement back door (Listed Building Consent)

Decisions No new decisions advised

Correspondence: Further email from a resident requesting if they can advance purchase an ashes plot in the Burial Ground. Discussed and Clerk to confirm situation to applicant.

New business

Resident has asked if a solar powered speed warning sign could be installed at the bottom of Main Street. This has been previously raised with OCC (responsible as the Highways Authority), who rejected the request, and will be investigated with them again.

The APM will take place before the Council meeting next month and any residents who have suggestions to be included on the APM agenda should contact the Clerk, Chairman or a Councillor.

County & District Councillors report

CCllr Reynolds advised that Wroxton and North Newington PCs had successfully installed solar-powered speed sign and the Clerk will enquire with them regarding details and costs.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday April 14th at 19:30hrs, following the APM, in the Community Hall.

Meeting closed at 21:39hrs / Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 11/03/20.

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3.Pinch his fads	
4.Fleeces so bare	
5.A legal title	
6.Seems not	
7.Or bet noel	
8.Mean trowel	

know your bridges?

1.Which bridge was both the longest and tallest suspension bridge when it opened in 1937? It carries US Route 101.	
2.The Millau Viaduct, the tallest bridge in the world, spans the gorge valley of the River Tarn near Millau, in which country?	
3.The Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, which has the longest central span of any suspension bridge in the world, links which two of Japan's main islands?	
4.Which iconic bridge is located at Dawes Point in The Rocks area for the south end, and the northern end is at Milsons Point.	
5.Which bridge, one of the oldest roadway bridges in the United States, was completed in 1883 and spans the East River?	
6.Which major tourist attraction is the oldest of the four bridges spanning the Grand Canal in Venice?	
7.The Bosphorus Bridge connects which two continents?	
8.Which historic bridge that crosses the Vltava river in Prague, is famous for the series of statues across its length?	

Answers next month

**Public worship is on hold -
some Churches may open for private prayer – please
check locally for information.**

Note from The Revd Hilary...

"Hello all, I hope you are doing okay in these challenging and changing times. The Church is working to be part of the support to folk, especially those who have to isolate. In terms of church services, it has been decided that public worship will have to stop for a season and our pattern of Sunday services and other mid-week gatherings are now on hold. But this does not mean that the Church of England has shut up shop. There will be changes to the way we can gather as church.

We will seek to provide prayer and reflection resources that people can use at home and find ways to distribute including through social media; A Church Near You and the village websites, to advertise and so keep people informed and supported as best we can. Please feel able to contact me by phone 01295 750385 or email vicar@thecampbells.demon.co.uk

I am sure you will understand that it is vital for us to observe strictly the protocols of hygiene and, where necessary, self-isolation and social distancing and help the care of our community. Let's be careful out there!"

Foodbank

Items may be left in the blue box, alongside the notice board, in the North Aisle of All Saints Church.

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

Please leave items under covered area near door.

Items are taken to The People's Church, Banbury.

Bourtons' Diary - April

When			What	
6 th	Mon	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	Online
20 th	Mon	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	Online
27 th	Mon	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	Online

Pilates and Zumba classes are cancelled until further notice.

The 2nd April Community Coffee Morning is cancelled.

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