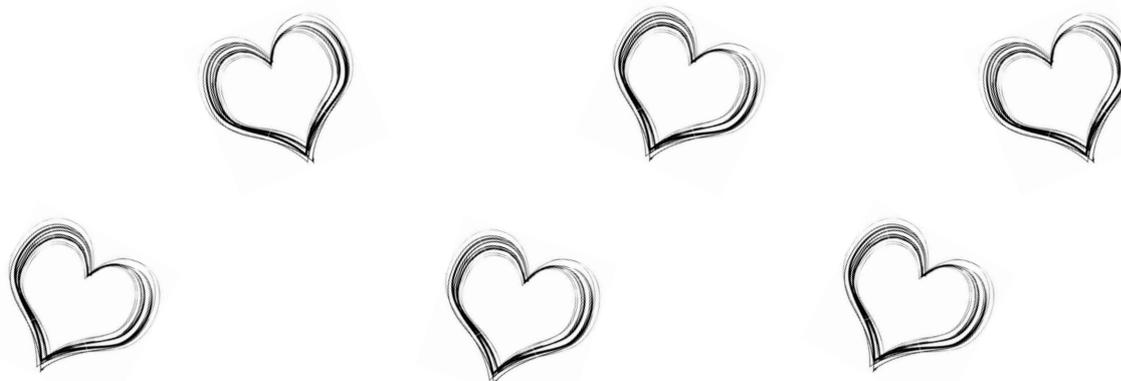


Bourtons' Broadsheet February 2020



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Happy Chinese New Year!

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Sue's preamble...

Happy February – so exciting to see the green leaves of Spring bulbs already pushing through and the days getting longer although still need to wrap up warm especially on those frosty days.

In this edition do check out pages 9, 10 and 11 which gives an update from the Parish Council of the bus service options from the Bourtons into Banbury and return.

I was very remiss last month in not mentioning a big thank you to 'Henry', a generous hedgehog, who very kindly left us a lovely bottle of wine! Aptly named 'Mud House'! This was a surprise, and very welcome, especially as we thought he was snuggled down and hibernating ☺. It is worth feeding them ☺ and we'll be watching out for their return soon...

Happy Valentine's and best wishes for Chinese New Year (year of the Rat).

Sue

ps Don't forget your loose change for Pudsey...

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Did you know...

...that for many years George Ennis encouraged the saving of 'loose change' in aid of Children in Need, collected around this time of year. This initiative is to continue and your contributions are welcomed. Donations of loose change, no matter how small, may be left with:

GB: Gina at Greenslade, Crow Lane
Kate at Barnsend, Main Street
Sue at Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane

LB: Helen at Buzzards Farmhouse, Chapel Lane

Donations will be collected at the 16th February Sunday At All Saints service taken by Sue Upton. In 2018 you raised £341.98!

...in GB dog-walkers can collect poo bags from Jackie, 15 South View, or Sue, The Red House, School Lane (Sue would prefer to deliver to you so please ring her on 01295 758398 or email redhouse2006@btinternet.com). In LB poo bags may be collected from Amanda, Shrub Cottage, Spring Lane.

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, 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.

-  3rd Feb – Red Moon over Stonehenge (Pastel)
-  10th Feb – Fox (Watercolour)
-  17th Feb – Portrait using black, red/sanguine and white
Pastel on brown paper.
-  24th Feb – Gypsy Caravan (Permanent pen & Watercolour wash).
-  2nd Mar – Dead Tree in the Evening Mist (Watercolour)

Bourtons' Gardening Club (BGC)

Wednesday, 5th February, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Guest speaker Dr Rosemary Collier "The Warwick Crop Centre".

Bourtons' Music Society

Wednesday, 19th February, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The theme is 'Seasonal Landscape' bring together any season of the year with an impression of the visible features of the land. See how your musical choice can reflect this.

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 are really pleased to share the exciting news that the Faculty (Diocese planning permission) has been approved for the Bell Tower conservation work, repairs to the Church gable, re-gilding and automation of the Bell Tower clock. This means that we are now also able to apply to funding organisations, such as the Heritage Lottery and, along with all the generous local donations, we should soon be able to get a date for the various works to start.

The Friends are volunteers (there is no need to attend Church to be involved) who help to raise money for the maintenance and conservation of the Church and Bell Tower. Funds are raised through events and activities. We welcome ideas, help and support from anyone interested in caring for the iconic 'centre piece' of our lovely village and community.

The next Bourtons' Big Breakfast is on Saturday, 21st March in the Village Hall – please note in your diaries and if you wish to don an apron and help then do let us know - clare.curnow@outlook.com

A big thank you to the Bourtons' Coffee Ladies, and of course all those who contribute at the gatherings, for their commitment in pledging half the money raised during 2020 toward the Church and Bell Tower maintenance and conservation.

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.

Please leave items under covered area near door.

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

Cluster Care Group

Are you, or someone you know, having difficulty getting out and about but would enjoy a day out every week in good company? We meet every Tuesday, 10am to 3pm, in the Cropredy Sports Pavilion hosted by our trained volunteers. We enjoy many different activities from board games and quizzes to visits by speakers and the local school (a particular favourite!). We love to celebrate birthdays and have fun with singalongs too. Each week we enjoy a welcoming tea or coffee on arrival plus a freshly cooked two course meal for lunch. Then we have tea or coffee, with home baked cakes, before we leave.

Cluster Care is a well-known and respected charity available to residents in the villages around Cropredy and our aim is to take good care of all of our members and provide a day of interest and enjoyment. We may be able to assist with transport too.

For more info: <https://clustercare.org.uk/Members/> or contact our qualified Lead Co-ordinator Mo Sayer 07814 083275.

A helping hand for Cluster Care

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- 35mm photo slides but no projector to view them on?

Roger Holdom is offering a conversion service with all proceeds going to Cluster Care. Typical conversion 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.

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

3rd, 24th February
11th, 18th May

9th, 23rd March
8th, 22nd June

20th, 27th April
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 - All welcome

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

-  Tues 4th Feb – Farnborough, The Slade, 4 miles, easy (Dianne)
-  Tues 11th Feb – Draycote Water, 5 miles, easy (Dianne) with lunch/snack option afterwards
-  Fri 21st Feb – Farthinghoe, 4/5 miles easy (Dianne)
-  Thurs 27th Feb – Horley/Wroxton, 4/5 miles, moderate (Dianne)
-  Wed 4th Mar – Banbury, starting from the Gateway Centre, 4/5 miles, easy (Mark)

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.

“Patients urged to help the NHS help them this winter”

Winter is traditionally the busiest time of year for the NHS and so patients are being reminded to only use Emergency Departments in Oxford and Banbury in an emergency. There are a range of alternative options available for non-emergency situations to ensure you get the appropriate care you need, and save an unnecessary trip to the Emergency Department.

What’s available?

- **Self-care** is the best choice for minor illnesses and injuries – a range of common winter ailments can be treated at home with a well-stocked medicine cabinet. Having a winter plan – such as keeping stocked up on medicines, keeping your home warm and looking out for neighbours – can also be beneficial.
- **Local pharmacies** can give advice on several conditions, such as coughs, headaches, upset stomachs and skin conditions, as well as advise on stopping coughs and colds from getting worse.
- **NHS 111** has call handlers who can help you choose the right health services for your needs, as well as a website. NHS 111 can put you in touch with a clinician, a GP, book you an appointment at your nearest minor injuries’ unit. You can also use NHS 111 online 111.nhs.uk
- **Minor injuries’ units** (MIU) can treat deep cuts, small burns, sprains, sports injuries and infected wounds. To find out your nearest MIU please visit the Oxford Health website [or ring 111 *Editor’s note*]
- Your local GP may offer extended opening hours into the evening or at the weekend.

Most importantly, only attend Emergency Departments when there is a genuine emergency, such as loss of consciousness, suspected heart attack or stroke, severe breathing difficulties, or severe bleeding that cannot be stopped.

For more information view:

<https://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/news/patients-urged-to-help-the-nhs-help-them-this-winter/102680>

Self-Care: Minor cuts / grazes / bruises / minor sprains / coughs / colds
Stock your medicine cabinet

Pharmacy: Minor illnesses / headache / bites / stings / stomach upsets

NHS 111: Feeling unwell? / Unsure? / Anxious? / Need help?

GP Advice: Persistent symptoms / Chronic pain / Long term conditions
Out of hours call 111

A&E or 999: Choking / chest pain / blacking out / serious loss of blood
Emergencies only

Buses for the Bourtons: (update from the Parish Council)

On **Tuesdays**, **Exclusive for North Oxfordshire Cluster Villages – Ability CIC Minibus** – from January 2020 a new bookable minibus service will be running on **Tuesdays** for residents who **register** to use it, **07799 522097** Mon-Fri 9am-2pm or on the website www.abilitycic.org.uk and **book ahead** for the journey they wish to make. Bus passes are accepted after 9:30am. Basic level registration FREE. More inclusive, more supported, Gold or Silver membership available. Leaflets with more information are available from Sally: 01295 750555.

BAN3 – To Banbury		TUESDAY
Mollington		09:30
Claydon Manor Park Bench		09:35
Cropredy Brasenose Arms		09:40
GB Bell Inn		09:45
LB Bus Stop A423 near Dirt House		09:50
BANBURY BUS STATION		10:00
BAN4 – From Banbury		TUESDAY
BANBURY BUS STATION		12:00
LB Bus Stop A423 near Dirt House		12:10
GB Bell Inn		12:15
Cropredy Brazenose Arms		12:20
Claydon Manor Park Bench		12:25
Mollington		12:30

On **Thursdays**, replacement of Catteralls coaches service, A&M Flexibus - Route No. 497
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http://www.flexi-bus.co.uk/497_dec19.pdf

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Extract from timetable:

To Banbury outbound		From Banbury return	
Claydon, Manor Park Bench	10:16	Banbury Bus Station, Bay ?	13:30
Cropredy, Brasenose Arms	10:21	Bridge St, Concorde Ave, Hennef Way	
GB, Bell Inn	10:24	LB, Dirt House	13:39
LB, Dirt House	10:26	GB, Bell Inn	13:41

Via Hennef Way, Concorde Ave, Bridge Str		Cropredy, Brasenose Arms	13:44
Banbury Bus Station, Bay ?	10:35	Claydon, Manor Park Bench	13:49
		Stops beyond Claydon by pre-booked request	

On **Saturdays, Stagecoach Midlands, (as before) 501 & 502**
<https://bustimes.org/services/501-leamington-harbury-temple-herdewyke-banbury?date=2020-01-18>

Extract from timetable:

501 To Banbury		502 To Banbury	
		Farnborough	10:49
Mollington Turn, opp Southam Rd	9:49	Mollington Turn, opp Southam Rd	10:54
		Cropredy, opp Brasenose	10:59
		Cropredy, outside primary school	10:59
		GB, opp Valley View	11:01
		GB, opp The Bell	11.02
LB, Dirt House, Southam Rd	9:53	LB, Dirt House, Southam Rd	11.04
Hanwell View, Crem	9:54	Hanwell View, Crem	11.05
Hanwell View, Hardwick Hill (South bound)	9:55		
Banbury, adj Canal Bridge	9:56	Banbury, adj Canal Bridge	11:07
Banbury, opp retail Park	9:57	Banbury, opp Retail Park	11:08
Banbury, adj Marley Way (Waitrose)	9:58	Banbury, adj Marley Way (Waitrose)	11:09
Banbury, opp Cemetery	9.58	Banbury, opp Cemetery	11:09
Banbury, opp Cooper's Gate	9:59	Banbury, opp Cooper's Gate	11:10
Banbury, Horsefair (South bound)	10:00	Banbury, Horsefair (South bound)	11:11
Banbury, George Str (East bound)	10:01	Banbury, George Str (East bound)	11:12
Banbury Bus station, Bay 2	10:02	Banbury Bus station, Bay 2	11:13

<https://bustimes.org/stops/340003336SOU>

501 From Banbury		502 From Banbury	
Banbury Bus station, Bay 2	12:15	Banbury Bus station, Bay 2	13:40
		Banbury, Calthorp Str opp 62	13:41
		Banbury, Horsefair (North bound)	13:42
		Banbury, Cooper's Gate	13:43
		Banbury, adj Cemetery	13:43
		Banbury, opp Marley Way (Waitrose)	13:44
Hanwell View, Crem	12:22	Banbury, adj Retail Park	13:45
		Banbury, opp Canal Bridge	13:45
		Hanwell View, Crem	13:47
LB, opp Dirt House	12.24	LB, opp Dirt House	13:49
		GB, Bell Inn	13:51
		GB, Valley View	13:51
		Cropredy, Station Rd (North bound)	13:53
		Cropredy, opp Brasenose	13:53
Mollington Turn, Southam Rd	12:28	Claydon, Manor Park Bench	13:56
		Mollington, Main Street (West bound)	13:59
		Mollington Turn, Southam Rd	13:59
		Farnborough, adj Inn	14:04
		Farnborough, adj Haypool	14:04

and onward ...

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THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held at the Community Hall, Great Bourton, on Tuesday, January 14th 2020 at 19:30hrs

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

In attendance: S Bowen (Clerk).

Apologies: DCllr P Chapman(business), CCllr G Reynolds(business)

Declarations of Interest: None

Public Participation: There were NO members of the public in attendance.

Minutes: The previous Council meeting (November extraordinary) minutes were received and **APPROVED**.

Footpaths - Progress Report

Due to the inclement weather footpaths have not been extensively walked, so no reports received.

It was NOTED that no response had been advised by OCC of their meeting with the Environment Agency re the footpath that runs across Peewit Farm, and the related flooding matter. To be expedited.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report

Conversations with OCC have not revealed any progress on a firm date for the commencement of the Crow Lane resurfacing. To be expedited.

The Chairman advised that the Spring Lane, LB drainage problem has been resolved by jetting by OCC.

Cllr Johnson advised that he had written to OCC, CDC & Network Rail following a visit by him and a resident to inspect the culverts close by the railway bridge on the Cropredy Road which has again been the subject of flooding; it was also reported that after extreme rainfall sewage can be observed running from drain cover. A response is awaited. Cllr Mrs Upton reported that Thames Water Inspector had visited to investigate reported problem. His report is awaited, and a further site meeting may be requested.

Defibrillators Both machines inspected and reported OK.

Website development - Progress Report.

The information concerning the Community Hall will be uploaded this week. The Chairman has created an information sheet regarding the bus services that serve the villages, including the new AbilityCIC service introduced this month. Residents are encouraged to register for this service, which has been supported by this Council using funds received from the Garners Field development, and make maximum use of it to ensure its long-term viability.

Garners Field development - Progress Report

Further clarification will be sought regarding the future maintenance of the grounds surrounding the Community Hall, and the LAP and surrounding grass area, prior to a final decision re the Council adopting the LAP and its maintenance obligations.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces

Both playgrounds inspected and reported OK.

Further investigation of the progress of the draft Byelaw previously presented to the Department of Communities & Local Government, now succeeded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, to establish progress or if representation is required.

Allotments

There are now 6 people on the allotment waiting list, with 2 from the new Hanwell View development on the Southam Road, which currently falls in the area specified in the Allotment T&C's. This situation will continue to be kept under review and will be discussed at the next Tenants' Committee meeting.

Public transport

The new Ability CIC minibus service has commenced and residents are encouraged to register and support this new Tuesday service to ensure its ongoing viability. An information sheet containing times for all the bus services will be uploaded to the website, and is available on the Bourtons' Community Facebook page.

Village Hall (VH)

The Council understand that the first meeting of the new VH management committee is to take place this week and looks forward to hearing about its plans for the continuation of the hall.

Reports have been received about a problem with the front door sticking, and as this is a potential safety matter this will be inspected and action taken to repair it.

Community Hall (CH)

It was RESOLVED to accept the quote received from J&A Electrics regarding installation of Wi-Fi access points in the new Hall.

A meeting has been arranged with the CH management committee to agree and finalise details of the operating lease.

Healthcare

Work to change the decision on the midwife lead maternity unit at the Horton hospital continues with investigations to see if the decision has been referred to the Secretary of State.

A Doctor will be joining Cropredy surgery at the end of this month bringing the total number of doctors to four.

Finance & Administration

The financial statement for January including receipts and payments had been previously circulated to Cllrs and was **APPROVED**. Ten payments totalling £5,587.84 were **APPROVED**. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

Aplins: legal fees in respect of transfer of CH: £1,438.20

Nisbets Ltd: equipment for CH: £461.36

Viking: consumables for CH (recovered from CH): £289.86

Community Hall: working capital (funded by Hayfield Homes): £2,710.14

[Note £3,000 less £289.86, as above]

Clerk: reimbursement of purchases: £161.56

Chairman: reimbursement of purchases for CH: £299.28

The decision to increase the Precept by £355 to £12,200 agreed at the November meeting was **CONFIRMED** and this will be communicated to CDC. The internal oversight by an independent Cllr, recommended in last year's internal audit report, has been implemented and Cllr Drummond has reviewed the cashbook and bank reconciliation up until November and confirmed all is correct.

The grant awarded by OCC Cllr Reynolds towards the work on restoration of the Parish Clock has been received and the Diocesan Faculty (*similar to planning permission*) granted, and work on automating the clock winding and regulation will commence as soon as possible.

The recently circulated and updated Financial Regulations and Standing Orders have been reviewed and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt them as presented.

Planning:

Planning applications

No new planning applications have been received

Decisions

No new planning decisions have been received.

No update regarding the deferred application in respect of Sharawle has been received from CDC and this will be expedited.

Enforcement matters

No enforcement information has been received.

Correspondence

An email in response to the reply sent by this Council to the letter received from the Gardening, Music and Art Clubs has been received.

As reported above the OCC grant to support the Parish Clock restoration has been received and with the confirmation of the Faculty from the Diocese, permission to commence works will be requested from the PCC. This will be announced on the website and residents should note that the Clock will not be operational for a period of up to two months.

New business

The resignation letter of Cllr Drummond was discussed and the matter of date clashes with other pre-arranged appointments was understood, being the only reason for his letter. After consideration it was discovered that by changing the date of the May meeting [already under consideration at the request of the Chairman] it was **RESOLVED** that the May meeting date would be changed to May 5th. Cllr Drummond has therefore withdrawn his resignation.

During the above discussion it was **AGREED** that emails that need to be read urgently be flagged as urgent and have read receipts so that responses can be monitored.

County & District Councillors' report

No County or District Councillors were in attendance (see apologies) so no contribution was made.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, February 11th at 19.30hrs in The Bourtons' Community Hall, to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 21:35 hrs

Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 15/01/20.

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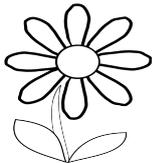
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Back in Time with Brian

Note from Brian Cannon...

"Occasionally people whose forebears left our Parish, many decades ago, attempt to trace their family history..."

...a lady from Cheltenham wrote saying that her ancestor, William Claridge, once farmed at Great Bourton but she did not know where. I sent her a plan of the fields he farmed including one still known as Claridge's Piece, part of which now holds our allotments. In the 1790's William Claridge was instrumental in the building of a Congregational Church on land he owned in Great Bourton. In 1923 it was acquired by the Methodists and in 1932 it was re-built but lower than the original which had a balcony inside. In the 1990s it was bought and converted into the Village Hall. The clock in the Village Hall is from the old School which closed in 1967.

...once a man from Skipton in Yorkshire stayed with us and asked the whereabouts of Bellevue Farm which had since changed to Prospect Farm. He said his Great Great Grandmother, Annie Adkins, got pregnant as a young girl and was taken in at the farm by her Uncle, Mr C E Mold. Annie had three daughters in three years but they all died and the longest living one reached just thirteen weeks. They were all given the same name Sophie as was the custom in those days.

Many years later a lady in Middleton Cheney was researching the history of elderly residents there. She said that a farmer, named Lord, had told her his family once farmed at Williamscot but he did not know which farm. She wrote to Cropredy Historical Society who passed the letter on to me. The Lords once farmed at Poplars Farm which has been occupied by the Wadlands since around 1910. The Lords also operated Slat Mill which was a Corn and Fulling Mill. Fulling is the cleansing and thickening of woollen cloth for Drapers. The 1881 Census shows the members of the Lord family at Poplars Farm and also included a 15-year-old housemaid named ANNIE ADKINS!"

Church Services - February

All Saints, Great Bourton

2 nd Sun	Holy Communion	11 ^{am}
9 th Sun	UBC Holy Communion at Cropredy	10 ^{am}
16 th Sun	Sunday at All Saints	11 ^{am}
23 rd Sun	Holy Communion	6 ^{pm}
26 th Wed	Holy Communion with Ashing	7 ^{pm}

Methodist Church, Cropredy

Sundays	Morning service	10:30 ^{am}
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Catholic Churches

Saturdays	Mass, St John's Church	4 ^{pm}
1 st Sunday	Mass, St Thomas's, Wroxton	8:30 ^{am}
Sundays	Mass, St John's Church Mass, St Joseph's Church	8:45 ^{am} , 11:15 ^{am} 10 ^{am} , 5:30 ^{pm}

Bourtons' Diary – February 2020

CH = Community Hall

VH = Village Hall

When		What	Where
3 rd Mon	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	VH
	6:30 ^{pm} & 7:30 ^{pm}	Pilates	CH
5 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Gardening Club	VH
6 th Thu	10:30 ^{am} -Noon	Community Coffee morning	VH
7 th Fri	9 ^{am}	Zumba	CH
	10 ^{am}	Pilates	
10 th Mon	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	VH
	6:30 ^{pm} & 7:30 ^{pm}	Pilates	CH
14 th Fri	9 ^{am}	Zumba	CH
	10 ^{am}	Pilates	
17 th Mon	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	VH
	6:30 ^{pm} & 7:30 ^{pm}	Pilates	CH
19 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	VH
21 st Fri	9 ^{am}	Zumba	CH
	10 ^{am}	Pilates	
24 th Mon	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	VH
	6:30 ^{pm} & 7:30 ^{pm}	Pilates	CH
25 th Tues	6:30 ^{pm} -8:30 ^{pm}	Pancakes at the Vicarage	Cropredy
28 th Fri	9 ^{am}	Zumba	CH
	10 ^{am}	Pilates	

Coming up...

21 st March	Bourtons' Big Breakfast
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