

Bourtons' Broadsheet

May 2020



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Sue's preamble...

Endeavouring to be positive during these difficult days and, like a lot of people we've chatted to, we've been catching up on jobs and enjoying the sunshine. My husband, John, built a bug house from an old pallet and I spent many days gathering 'stuff' from around the garden and garage with which to fill it! Enjoying those lovely warm evenings where the quiet stillness was disturbed only by a frog in our pond – probably calling all her tadpoles to bed! We've so many this year.

Well done everyone on the Easter egg display trail – I do hope the kiddies enjoyed spotting them!

Living where we do it is good to acknowledge the many 'walkers' as they pass Mulberry Corner (enjoying the new tarmac!) – if you do see us in the garden do give us a wave. Talking of where we live, we've been taking part in the Thursday evening 'clap' – not sure the sheep appreciate our efforts but it's very moving to hear the 'noise' from across the village. We've also been enjoying very much the pub's 'take away' offerings – thank you Richard and Emma ☺.

So great to see the community pulling together with many residents being proactive in offering help – don't forget to contact your local 'supporter' if you need any assistance. If you didn't receive or you've misplaced your local contact information don't hesitate to give me a call. I've added other contact details/numbers on page 13.

As well as keeping in touch by 'phone we've been using Zoom and Houseparty (technology at its best!) to keep in contact with family and friends, including fun quiz evenings – not quite the same as personal contact but something to look forward to!

Unfortunately, I've heard that some members of our community are unwell – let's send them our thoughts, love and best wishes. Please do take care...

Sue

ps Thanks to my nephew, Sammy, for the rainbow

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

June copy deadline – Wednesday, 20th May 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.

NEW

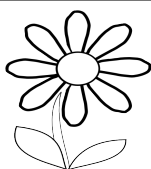
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Village Hall: Maggie MacAngus – 01295 750497

Community Hall: Claire Yates – 07810 518794 or email:
bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com

Bourtons' Art Group

Meet on Mondays, 10am to 1pm, £13pp. Until further notice these sessions are run online – please contact Barry (The Artery) on 01295 275150 for further information.

Bourtons' Gardening Club – will not meet during May.

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

The Bell Inn continues to offer a limited take away/delivery menu on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings - call 01295 750862 between 5-8pm to find out what is on offer and to place your order. Take away collection is done from the front door so as to ensure social distancing guidelines are observed.

Delivery is free to GB, LB and Cropredy. The menu differs weekly depending on supplies available, here is an example:

Beer battered Fish & Chips - £10 Whole Tail Scampi & Chips - £9
Quarter pound Bacon & Cheese Burger & Chips - £6.50 (upgrade to Half pound Burger - £1)
Southern Fried Chicken Burger & Chips - £5.50
Chicken & Mushroom pie with Chips or Mash - £8
Steak pie with Chips or Mash - £8

Stone-baked Pizza - £8

Margarita – fresh tomato, garlic & pesto

Pepperoni – loaded pepperoni & mozzarella

Greek special – fresh tomato, onion, olives & oregano

Chicken Caesar – sliced chicken, smoked bacon & drizzled

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Side Orders:

Hot Chicken wings (6 pieces) - £4.50

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Cluster Care – owing to the need to safeguard members Cluster Care on a Tuesday has been suspended until further notice.

Cropredy Walking Group – Walks are cancelled until further notice.

Not the Manchester Marathon

Note from Clare Curnow...

"Thank you to everyone who gave a donation for CLIC Sargent in return for me running the Manchester Marathon. I did all my training, kept fit and healthy. Then 3 weeks before it was due to be run it was cancelled due to Covid-19. That all seems a long time ago now – a different world. The marathon has been rescheduled for October, but I have deferred my place to next year.

I have sent all the donations, and closed the fundraising page, and you all helped raise an amazing £819 plus gift aid. CLIC Sargent are so pleased as they, like all charities, are struggling currently.

Thanks again for all the support – donations and encouragement. I'm sorry I couldn't run it, but in current circumstances a marathon is just a long run!

Keep safe, Clare"

Foodbank

Whilst the Church is closed 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.

The May Community Coffee Morning is cancelled.



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Here is the team we have to thank for doing the letterbox drop

GB: Garners Field – Liz
 Main Street (upper), The Close - Louise
 Manor Road, Manor Close, Stanwell Lane – Val
 The Green, Main Street (lower) – Anne
 Church Close – Carol
 Swan Lane – Clare
 Valley View – Maggie
 South View, School Lane, Crow Lane – Jan
LB: Doreen and Bobbie

And of course, not forgetting our printer, Roger Gooding, and last but not least, Glenys, who manages to pick up the printing, collate and bundle each issue and deliver to the team!

Lots of positive comments have been received about the Broadsheet, particularly whilst we are 'locked down' and how grateful residents are to have it.

Bourtons' countryside

Note from Brian Cannon...

"Spring is here and Hedgehogs are now being seen in the usual locations in Crow Lane but I fear numbers may be down since last autumn. A trip camera was set up in High Acres Farm wood shed and several were shown coming and going during the night and they enter the Hoggy house but as yet have not slept there. The camera was then set up on the patio where last autumn around six visited every night but now only one small Hoggy appears.

Please to not use Metaldehyde slug pellets as they are lethal to all birds, animals and dogs!

We now have birds nesting but the Magpies are watching and follow them back to their nests and take the eggs and chicks. They have already raided a Dove's nest. One year we heard screeching and found a Magpie attacking a fledgling Blackbird on the lawn. We rescued the poor bird and then made a cage by pegging a plastic washing basket upside down on the lawn. The Magpie could not get at it and we were then able to treat its wounds with farm medicines while its parents continued to feed it through the holes in the basket. After about five days it had recovered enough to be released and it flew away."

THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the VIRTUAL meeting held online on
Tuesday, April 9th 2020 at 19:30hrs

Note: The Local Authorities & Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority & Police & Crime Panel Meetings) (England & Wales) Regulations 2020 allowed Parish Councils to convene their meetings virtually online.

In attendance online: Cllr Mrs S E Leszczynski (Chairman),
Cllrs Mrs S Upton, A Johnson, D Walker, D Drummond; & S Bowen (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr C Upton, CCllr G Reynolds, DCllr P Chapman.

Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Johnson & Drummond; committee members of Cluster Care

Public Participation: NO members of the public joined the meeting.

Minutes: The previous Council meetings (March) minutes were received and

APPROVED.

Item

Important Coronavirus actions minuted below.

Footpaths - Progress Report

Reports have been received of some local landowners failing to clear cross field paths as required under the Countryside Act. If residents notice that paths have not been cleared following planting please notify the Council so that action can be taken.

Footpath users should take precautions when opening gates etc and use hand sanitiser as recommended by Government, but also be aware that farmland is the farmer's workplace and do nothing to endanger their safety.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report

Resurfacing work has now been completed in Crow Lane. This is to a very high standard and this Council would like to record its thanks to the OCC Highways team and their contractors. It is understood that further work on Foxden Way/School Lane may be completed shortly.

Defibrillators - Progress Report

Both machines reported to be operating correctly.

Website development - Progress Report

Nothing to report

Projects

Clock restoration: due to the Coronavirus pandemic the work scheduled to start in March on the installation of the auto-wind mechanism has been postponed until the crisis is over.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces

Playgrounds are closed, following Government instruction. No inspections have taken place this month.

Information to be sought from CDC/Hayfield Homes that the LAP at Garners Field has been formally closed, this still remaining under their control pending a decision regarding future ownership.

Allotments

A further application for a plot has been received bringing the waiting list to 6. Allotments are permitted to remain open at present, but advice has been issued to observe suitable precautions over distancing and use of shared facilities, main gate, lock, taps etc. and notices posted allowing entry by authorised persons only.

Investigation to be undertaken regarding the feasibility of CCTV/floodlighting at allotments following recent vandalism/thefts.

Public transport

The final edit of the funding agreement with OCC to release the s106 Garners Field monies in support of public transport has been received and circulated to Cllrs. It was **RESOLVED** that this should be signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Text for a letter to Ability CIC to be circulated for agreement once funding agreement has been signed.

Village Hall: Currently closed in line with Government instruction, to slow transmission of Covid-19.

The work scheduled to repair the oil tank cover has been postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Community Hall: Currently closed in line with Government instruction, to slow transmission of Covid-19.

The final version of the lease has been issued to CIO members for consideration and the return is to be expedited.

Both Halls remain closed for the duration of the social distancing regulations. Hayfield Homes have advised that they have ceased maintaining the Hall grounds. Repeated attempts to contact Ground Solutions have failed and quotes have been obtained from 2 local potential contractors. It was

RESOLVED to appoint SW Services, our current mowing contractor for this year and to review the situation at year end. Letters to be sent to all parties confirming this decision.

Healthcare

Cluster Care has ceased operations for the duration of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Cropreddy Surgery advise that Dr Tucker on annual leave but all other GP's working. Consultations initially assessed by phone, surgery remains closed unless by appointment, prescriptions can be collected from reception window.

Finance & Administration

Coronavirus Pandemic actions

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Chairman should be delegated power by this Council to undertake anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the Council and deal with mandatory undertakings to prevent the Authority from incurring liability during this period of delegation. This period will last until a further resolution is passed terminating these powers. Any such actions taken by the Clerk or Chairman will be reported at the subsequent Council meeting and be ratified.

It was **RESOLVED** that all future meetings of this Council be undertaken online during the Coronavirus pandemic.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Parish meeting will both be cancelled. Following the lifting of the current social distancing regulations both meetings will be rescheduled.

It was **RESOLVED** that both the Chairman and Vice Chair will remain in their posts until the rescheduled Annual General Meeting.

Finance

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

5 payments totalling £1693.00 were **APPROVED**. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

Chris Lewis Fire & Security Ltd: Security alarm at Community Hall, final payment: £660.00

Cluster Care: annual contribution: £100.00

I G & M Cobb Estate: annual rent for GB playground: £250.00

SW Services: March grass mowing: £205.00

CDC: winter half yearly dog bin emptying charge: £439.30

Planning applications

20/00757/F: Mr & Mrs Birkett, Hill Farm House, Manor Rd, GB: revised application accessibility extns: SUPPORT

20/00753/F: Mrs K North, Home Farm Barn, Southam Rd, LB: cladding & windows to barn: OBJECT

20/00787/F: Mr & Mrs Prestidge, The Old School, School Lane, GB: conservatory: SUPPORT

20/00908/F: Mr & Mrs Boxall, Holly Cottage, Main Street, GB: single storey extn: SUPPORT

Decisions

No new decisions

Enforcement matters

20/00096/ENF: Little Bourton Acres, Hanwell Lane, GB: investigation into reported work to support wholesale/retail activities closed. Confirmation that planning permission required should work proceed.

Correspondence

A letter was received from CDC requesting a suitable locally significant name for new service road to three houses to be built off School Lane. The councillors **AGREED** 'Claridge Close' to reflect the old field name for this area and the 'no-through-road' nature of the road. Neighbouring residents are being consulted.

Various communication from local official bodies providing information re Coronavirus, circulated and info published on website where relevant.

New business No new business raised.

County & District Councillors' report

In the absence of County & District Cllrs, no new information.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, May 5th at 19:30hrs as a virtual meeting unless current restrictions lifted.

Meeting closed at 20:35hrs. Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 15/04/20.

Note from The Revd Hilary...

"Dear Friends

If Easter is the season that turns everything upside down, then it is surely so in abundance this year. As you know going to Church to worship has been stopped but with the opportunities that technology presents there are ways in which we can gather as church. On Tuesdays we hold midday prayers using Zoom (an online platform) – please do join us, and feel able to contact me by phone 01295 750385 or email vicar@thecampbells.demon.co.uk for more information.

Please may I ask that, whilst taking your daily exercise, you all stay vigilant and keep an eye on the Church and Bell Tower? We hope our buildings stay safe during this time but if you do notice anything out of the ordinary then please let us know.

Thank you for all the care you are showing in and for our communities. Keep taking care of yourselves and others.

love from Hilary"

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Finding Support... Here are contact details of agencies that are available to assist either on a 24-hour basis or through specialist helplines and services:

Thames Valley Domestic Abuse Services:

Oxfordshire / West Berkshire 0800 731 0055

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse or are concerned for someone who is experiencing domestic abuse.

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 5000 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child.

Child-line: 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.

Samaritans Helpline: 08457 90 90 90 (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline: 080 8808 8141 (free phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm).

Rights of Women Helpline: 020 7490 0152. Provides women with free legal advice if they have been a victim of sexual harassment in the workplace.

Answers to last month's ... a bit of fun ...

food and drink anagrams

1.Sugared ambulances	Cumberland Sausage
2.No handy car	Chardonnay
3.Pinch his fads	Fish and Chips
4.Fleeces so bare	Beef Casserole
5.A legal title	Tagliatelle
6.Seems not	Eton Mess
7.Or bet noel	Toblerone
8.Mean trowel	Watermelon

know your bridges?

1.Which bridge was both the longest and tallest suspension bridge when it opened in 1937? It carries US Route 101.	Golden Gate Bridge
2.The Millau Viaduct, the tallest bridge in the world, spans the gorge valley of the River Tarn near Millau, in which country?	France
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?	Honshu and Shikoku
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.	Sydney Harbour Bridge
5.Which bridge, one of the oldest roadway bridges in the United States, was completed in 1883 and spans the East River?	Brooklyn Bridge
6.Which major tourist attraction is the oldest of the four bridges spanning the Grand Canal in Venice?	The Rialto Bridge
7.The Bosphorus Bridge connects which two continents?	Europe and Asia
8.Which historic bridge that crosses the Vltava river in Prague, is famous for the series of statues across its length?	Charles Bridge

Fairport's Cropredy Convention – a message from the Festival Office... [extract from website]

Hello Fairporters...

As you may have read on our website and social media, we've been carefully watching the Covid-19 situation since the onset of the outbreak in the UK.

I'm sorry to announce that we now have no alternative but to postpone Fairport's Cropredy Convention until 2021. As we have said all along, the safety of everyone – festival-goers, musicians, villagers, suppliers, and our fantastic Cropredy crew – *must* come first.

The dangers of going ahead would simply be too great, especially as so many of us are in the high-risk category. Covid-19 has already caused a huge amount of suffering and I know I'm not alone in having already lost a friend to this terrible virus.

I am sure that postponing this year's Cropredy will be as great a disappointment for you as it is for us – we have all been looking forward to our annual party in that field. Let's all look forward to making up for it over the same weekend in 2021!

The good news is – and it really *is* good – ALL of the artists booked to appear in August this year have agreed to switch to 2021 with us.

Tickets and refunds...

All 2020 festival tickets, camping stickers and Glamping Village bookings will be honoured in 2021. I would urge you to please take this option and hang on to them for Cropredy 2021.

We hope that moving to the same weekend next year will enable as many of you as possible to keep your tickets and join us for a great weekend of music.

As you can imagine, this postponement is a massive financial blow to Fairport Convention. It comes hard on the heels of having to reschedule this year's Spring Tour. Our many suppliers and crew will also be hit financially (as indeed, will Milly and myself here in the FC office). I will keep the office going on a part-time basis working in isolation to answer your queries as they come in.

I cannot stress enough how much you would be helping the festival by hanging on to your tickets for next year.

The Ticket Factory (who look after the Cropredy box office) will process your refund request. But please be patient – as you can imagine their staff (who are working from home) have been inundated with cancellations in recent weeks so there may be delays.

As an added incentive, all Fairporters who retain their 2020 tickets will be added into a prize draw and 5 lucky winners will each win a pair of festival tickets plus camping for Cropredy 2022. The winners will be announced before we go on sale in December 2021.

Finally...

Please look after yourselves and each other. We all need each other right now, more than ever. Thank you all so much for your continued support. Cropredy will be back next year, hopefully stronger than ever.

Warmest good wishes to you all,

Gareth Williams, Festival Director

Fairport's Cropredy Convention

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... a bit of fun ...

...a quiz for those with a sweet tooth 😊

Wobbly infants	Answer: Jelly Tots
Where refined people live	
Edible fasteners	
Nine, ten, eleven	
Home of alcoholic teeth	
Sounds like mother's local	
Generosity	
Belly dancer	
Bertie's oddments	
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