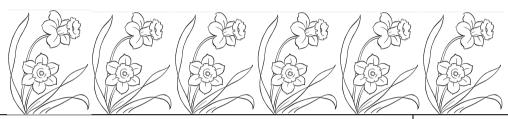
Bourtons' Broadsheet March 2020











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Sue's preamble...

As I write this in mid-Feb – in front of a lovely fire and with the wind howling and rain beating on the windows – I just checked what the March diary had in store for us and British Summer Time is not far away \odot - so roll on St David's Day and St Patrick's – I was curious about the Vernal Equinox, and it is described as **the** most important 'astronomical event' of the year! Hope all you Mums out there enjoy your day too.

I joined Debbie for one of her Pilates classes – can't say it was on my bucket list although this was my first time – great fun and good to be in the Community Hall – lots of space to spread out and a good buzz amongst the mixed class; had a laugh and not too painful on the joints/muscles the next day!

See you in the Village Hall on Saturday 21st March for a Big Breakfast – one week before the clock springs forward and British Summer Time begins!

Sue

Email: broadsheet@hotmail.co.uk | Tel: 01295 758036 April copy deadline - Friday, 20th March 2020

Did you know...

...your contributions of loose change for Children In Need amounted to £240.39 – and this was collected at the February 'Sunday at All Saints' service. Let me know if you wish to add to this, and don't forget to start your 'loose change' jar for the next collection!

...the Bourton's community coffee morning gatherings have already donated £100 to the Bell Tower fund!

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; the Church will open daily, dawn to dusk, from 12 April.

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.

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.

- 2nd Mar Dead Tree in the Evening Mist (watercolour)
- 9th Mar Panoramic Rural Landscape (acrylics)
- 16th Mar After the Storm (watercolour and pastel)
- 23rd Mar Dolphin jumping through a wave (acrylics)
- 30th Mar Silver jug (pencil)
- 6th Apr Mushrooms/Fungi (water soluble pen)

The Bourtons' Community Hall

Note from the Community Hall Management Committee...

"On Sunday, 26th January representatives of the Parish Council and the Bourtons' Community Hall Management Committee were delighted to open the doors of the Bourtons' new hall and welcome residents to view the lovely new facilities over a cup of coffee and some cake. The event was hastily arranged to coincide with the National Village Halls' Week, and many people braved the elements to visit the hall and chat about how they would like to see the hall used for the benefit of all villagers.

Work is still ongoing to fully equip the hall, but wi-fi is now enabled as a useful addition for hall users. A number of weekly classes already take place and private events are also being held there. If you didn't manage to see the hall in January, don't worry, we hope to arrange a bigger launch event in the Spring, when the weather should be better and we can take advantage of the outside space.

Booking enquiries can be emailed to <u>bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com</u> or call Claire on 07810 518794. Also you can see our Facebook page at https://m.facebook.com/bourtonscommunityhall/"

Bourtons' Gardening Club

Wednesday, 4th March, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Guest speaker Andrew Mikolajski – 'Shakespeare's Plants and Gardens'.

Bourtons' Music Society

Wednesday, 18th March, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The theme 'Desert Island discs – but not as you know it'. Travel to a desert island and enjoy an evening presented by Angela Adams from Badby Music Society.

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.

Thank you for your support so far – our fundraising will continue with renewed vigour! Please do join us at our next fundraising event – Bourtons' Big Breakfast, Saturday 21st March.

The Friends' team 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 and if you wished to assist at a particular event then do let Sue know – 01295 758036.

Don't forget the Community Coffee Morning Thursday, 5th March - 10:30am to Noon in the Village Hall

(profits to charity)

Lent time with the Vicar...

Note from The Revd Hilary

Vicar, All Saints' Church

"Lent is a time for doing important work, inner and outer, personal and collective. It is a time for attending to some faithful practice. I wonder what you are being drawn to this season? Maybe you would like a listening time with someone else. If so, get in touch. Come and have some tea or coffee with me and share what you would like about your journey in Lent time. Phone or email or speak to me to book a convenient time (tel: 01295 750385, email vicar@thecampbells.demon.co.uk). I also offer other Lent resources that can be used at home, eg Lent in a Bag, ideas for reflecting with star words, #LiveLent booklets for adults and children – a care for creation challenge (£2 each)."

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

9th, 23rd March 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.

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- 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?

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Cropredy Walking Group - All welcome

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

- Wed 4th Mar Banbury, starting from the Gateway Centre, 4/5 miles, easy (Mark)
- Tues 10th Mar Middleton Cheney/Thenford, 4.5 miles, moderate (Dianne)
- Fri 20th Mar Wroxton village and surroundings, 4/5 miles easy (Mark)
- Thurs 26th Mar Mystery walk with Trevor more details nearer the time.
- Fri 3rd Apr Greatworth, Stuchbury and Helmdon, 4/5 miles, moderate. Coffee stop at the Hole in the Hedge café (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.

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.

Note from Clare Curnow...

"Hi Bourtonians, I am running a marathon on 5th April in Manchester. As it is my first marathon, I thought I would try to raise some money for a charity. I have chosen CLIC Sargent as the charity, and set up a Just Giving page. I also have a paper form. If anyone feels able to sponsor me, I would be very grateful. CLIC Sargent does wonderful work supporting children and their families through cancer.

Tel: 01295 758488

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clare-curnow1

Thank you"

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.

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Open Gardens 2020 - Calling All Gardeners!

As the new year starts Katharine House is planning for sunnier days encouraging all you keen gardeners to open your gardens and raise money this year with every penny raised going towards your local hospice. Could you help and open your garden for us?

Please also tell your friends and neighbours – villages with several garden openings on the same day are particularly successful. Our team can talk through the options with you and help every step of the way to ensure your open garden event is a success. We can advertise your open garden, provide resources and signage, and give you a detailed information pack to help you plan. We can even offer an Open Gardens mentor – someone who has opened for them in past years – to support you as you organise your event.

Please get in touch at getinvolved@khh.org.uk or call 01295 816 484 to find out more.

Katharine House Community Choir - Open to All!

Everyone's welcome at our new community choir! Held at Katharine House on Tuesday evenings from 6-7.30pm, come along and join others for some singing and social. No experience necessary, simply turn up on the night and join the fun. Sessions cost £5 with a portion going to support the work of Katharine House in the hospice and in the community.

What's on in 2020:

This year there are more ways than ever to get involved and help make every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness.

- Wingwalking 2020: 21st May
- Midnight Walk 2020: 20th June hold the date.
- Oxford Half Marathon: October 2020

THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held at the Community Hall, Great Bourton on Tuesday, February 11th 2020 at 19:30hrs

Present: Cllr Mrs S E Leszczynski (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs S Upton, A Johnson,

C Upton, D Walker, D Drummond

In attendance: S Bowen (Clerk), DCllr Phil Chapman,

Apologies: CCllr G Reynolds (business)

Declarations of Interest: None

Public Participation: There were NO members of the public in attendance. Minutes: The previous Council meeting (January) minutes were received and

APPROVED.

Item

Footpaths - Progress Report: No updates received due to bad weather.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report: Confirmation received from OCC that repairs to Crow Lane will commence in April 2020.

Defibrillators: Progress Report: Both machines inspected and reported OK.

Website development - Progress Report

Cllr Mrs Upton reported that a review of our website had confirmed it was fully compliant with the Accessibility regulations.

Training has been arranged for 2 members of The Bourtons' Community Hall (TBCH) prior to website pages and calendar for Community Hall going live this month.

Garners Field development - Progress Report

Residents had held a meeting with Ground Solutions regarding grounds care at Garners Field, and a meeting is to be arranged with the Clerk to review maintenance of TBCH grounds.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces

GB inspected and reported OK, except for a bicycle with flat tyres being left in the playground. If it is not removed before the next inspection in March it will be scrapped.

LB inspected and OK. Grass reported as long, but it was agreed that it is too soon to start mowing.

Allotments

One shed reported blown over in high winds. A meeting of the Tenants' Committee is to be arranged soon to discuss current issues.

Public transport

Reports received that new Ability CIC bus service is appreciated and well supported. Contact to be made with OCC to chase up availability of s106 funds to allow sponsorship agreement with Ability CIC to be concluded.

Community Hall

Meeting held with Hayfield to review progress on defects. Work to start soon.

Healthcare

Cllr Johnson had had discussion with Dr P Fisher and reported an ongoing concern re parking at the Horton Hospital, where there is sufficient land for extension of parking if the willingness existed. He also made a brief report on

Finance & Administration

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

11 payments totalling £3,374.41 were **APPROVED**. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

Whitehill Direct Ltd: noticeboards for TBCH: £342.00

K C Graphics: website update: £390.72

J A Electrics Ltd: broadband installation & other minor works at TBCH:

£1311.31

I G & M Cobbe Estate: replacement cheque for GB playground rent, original

mislaid: £250.00

OALC: training course: £108.00

The issue of Members' right to allowances and expenses was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that Members would continue to not take their allowances but would claim travel expenses for journeys in excess of 10 miles.

The previously circulated Risk Assessment was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt this.

The Clerk's request that Council purchase a copy of the updated Clerk's Guide was **APPROVED**.

Planning applications

19/01217/F: Sharawle: re-consultation by CDC following discussions with developer. It was RESOLVED that Council would write to CDC expressing their concern about the unmet conditions previously imposed.

Decisions

19/00301/OUT: development on land at junction of Spring and Chapel Lanes, LB appeal decision: appeal dismissed, previous decision to refuse confirmed. No enforcement issues.

Correspondence

The Annual request for a parish Emergency Planning Strategy to be put in place has been received. It was agreed to form a subcommittee of councillors and other residents to draw up a plan. Including an emergency contact network and a review of available local resources.

The Great British Spring Clean has been announced and will run 20th March - 13th April. Residents are asked to look for announcement on website regarding local arrangements and are encouraged to participate.

New business

Following the sad and untimely death of George Ennis, the position of Burial Ground Warden is vacant. Any residents interested in applying for this post are encouraged to contact the Chairman or Vice Chairman to express their interest.

County & District Councillors' report

DCIIr Chapman presented information regarding the view stated by the Inspector in a recent appeal decision on a planning application in Sibford and

expressed concern about the potential wider implications for unrestrained village developments.

DCIIr Chapman reported that the current financial position of CDC was strong, but that further information was awaited following the recent general election result and expected changes to local government funding from central Government.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday March 10th at 19:30hrs in the Community Hall. Meeting closed at 21:15hrs.



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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 letter once arrived from Australia addressed to the Postman, Publican, Parson or Policeman, Great Bourton, England. It was from a lady whose family had emigrated way back in the past. The then Vicar looked at it first but could not make anything of it so it was handed to me and I immediately realised this lady had long lost relatives still living in our Parish. I contacted her and this weather beaten Aussie lady came and stayed with us for a week and was able to meet up with her relatives."

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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.)

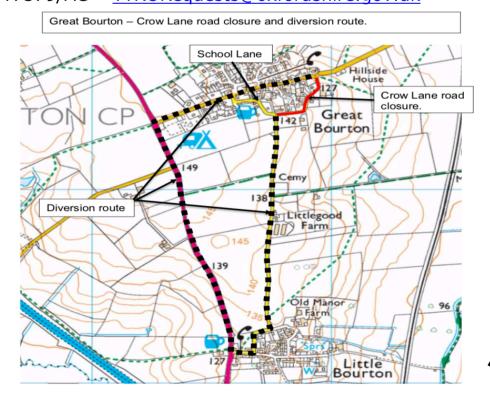
Notice of intention to make the Order will be published in the local press.

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.

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Church Services - March						
All Saints, Great Bourton						
4 th Wed	Morning Prayer	9 ^{am}				
6 th Fri	World Day of Prayer at Cropredy	4:30 ^{pm}				
15 th Sun	Sunday at All Saints	11 ^{am}				
22 nd Sun	Family Communion (Mothering Sunday)	11 ^{am}				
29 th Sun	Holy Communion	11 ^{am}				
Methodist Church, Cropredy						
Sundays	Morning service	10:30 ^{am}				
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	8:45 ^{am} , 11:15 ^{am}				
	Mass, St Joseph's Church	10 ^{am} , 5:30 ^{pm}				

Bourtons' Diary - March 2020							
CH = Community Hall VH = Village Hall							
When		When	What	Where			
2 nd M	Man	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	VH			
	Mon	6:30 ^{pm} & 7:30 ^{pm}	Pilates		CH		
4 th	Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Gardening Club	VH			
5 th	Thu	10:30 ^{am} -Noon	Community Coffee Morning	VH			
6 th	Fri	9 ^{am}	Zumba		СН		
		10 ^{am}	Pilates				
9 th Mon	Mon	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	VH			
	MOH	6:30 ^{pm} & 7:30 ^{pm}	Pilates		CH		
13 th	Fri	9 ^{am}	Zumba		СН		
		10 ^{am}	Pilates		CH		
16 th	Mon	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	VH			
		6:30 ^{pm} & 7:30 ^{pm}	Pilates		СН		
18 th	Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	VH			
20 th Fri	Eri	9 ^{am}	Zumba		СН		
) Fri	10 ^{am}	Pilates				
21 st	Sat	9-11:30 ^{am}	Bourtons' Big Breakfast	VH			
23 rd Mor	d Man	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	VH			
	МОП	6:30 ^{pm} & 7:30 ^{pm}	Pilates		CH		
27 th	Fri	9 ^{am}	Zumba		СН		
		10 ^{am}	Pilates				
30 th	Mon	10 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Art Group	VH			
		6:30 ^{pm} & 7:30 ^{pm}	Pilates		СН		