

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

December 2020



**Be MORE
KARL!**

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Welcome...

Well, where did that time go! Here we are with the December issue and there's been some wonderfully creative ideas for brightening this festive month whilst we all cope with the unknowns of Covid restrictions.

The annual community Raffle will be held on Zoom, the Xmas wreath competition and now 'Be More Karl' – I don't think we can compete with Karl & June's fabulous display, which gives so much pleasure year after year – but we can try!

Please spare a thought for our local charities – 2020 has been tough given major fundraising events haven't taken place including our own village Big Breakfasts, Strawberry Fayre etc... Whichever charity you support, your donation, no matter how small, will be welcome.

With best wishes for December and the festive season – I do hope you all manage to spend it where you wish to be.

Sue

...now, where did we put those lights...

**The December
Community Coffee
Morning is
cancelled.**

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Copy deadline: 12th December



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Community News

Bourtons' Art Group

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

Bourtons' Village Hall - Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, 10th December 2020, 7pm. Attendance is open to all within our Bourtons' communities. Normally the meeting would be held in the Village Hall, however with the current limitations on the number of people allowed in the Hall we have to look at alternatives. If the number of people wishing to attend exceeds the capacity, we will revert to a Zoom meeting. To ensure we can accommodate everyone please let me know if you wish to attend by emailing geofftyler49@gmail.com by Friday, 3rd December.

Thank you for your help.

Geoff Tyler, BVH Chairman

The Bell Inn will continue to offer a take away service Monday to Friday, 5-8:30^{pm}; Saturday, Noon to 8:30^{pm} and Sunday, Noon to 6^{pm}.

Opening hours are:

Monday to Thursday: 5^{pm} to 10^{pm}

Saturday: Noon to 10^{pm}

Friday: 3^{pm} to 10^{pm}

Sunday: Noon to 9^{pm}

Christmas Day Drinks – open: 11^{am} to 2^{pm}

Please call 01295 750862 for more information regarding menu and take away delivery options.

When visiting the pub please observe the one-way system and social distancing guidelines.

The Dirt House hopes to be open on **Christmas Day for drinks**, 12 Noon to 2pm.

Thank you Bourtons'
community for your loose
change donations of
£198.89
Love Pudsey x



Bourtons' Big **LIGHTFEST**

Let's Brighten the Gloom this December...

and **LIGHT UP** our gardens and homes with festive cheer!



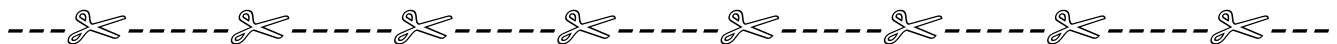
A prize for the **People's Favourite** lighting scheme

Voting closes 19th December – details will be posted on FB – if you don't use FB then please Vote by email to broadsheet@hotmail.co.uk or drop your vote into Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane, GB

"Be **MORE KARL** this Christmas!"



Please consider the environment - LED lighting preferred!



My name: _____

Address: _____

(Kids under 18 are allowed to vote!!)

Contact no: _____

I vote for _____

(Favourite address / house name, please also state GB or LB)



XMAS COMPETITION

THE BOURTONS' BIG WREATH OFF - 2020

Let's get creative this Christmas and see how much we can raise for Katharine House Hospice by giving our front doors some yuletide cheer.

* Your wreath must be fit for purpose (outdoor display). It can be any size or shape; traditional, upcycled, modern, foraged, flowery, amusing, vintage.....as long as it is an original work and you live in the Bourtons parish.

* Please make a donation (big or small) to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/BourtonsBigWreathOff and enter the competition by emailing bourtonsbigwreathoff@gmail.com with a photo of your Christmas wreath in situ on an external door, plus your name, age and address by **December 11th.**

* Lots of prizes in the following categories

1. Age 10 (on xmas day 2020) and under
2. Age 11 - 100

Judging will take place on
Saturday December 19th

Let's see how much money we can raise for



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

SANTA FUN RUN – 13th DECEMBER 2020

This year our Santa Fun Run is back, with a difference! Due to the current social distancing guidelines we have changed the way we run this year, but still expect lots of fun, festive cheer, and a little bit of fitness! Join team Katharine House wherever you are and be a part of #KHTeamSanta this year to help support those facing life-limiting illness in our community. To find out more head to www.khh.org.uk/santa20

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS – 1st-31st DECEMBER 2020

This year we are putting together a series of festive events to bring the community together and spread some Christmas cheer this December! Prepare yourself for Christmas Jumpers, Festive Challenges, a Virtual Balloon Race, a Christmas Concert and not forgetting the annual Santa Fun Run! (which is slightly different this year!). Join us as we celebrate making every moment matter this Christmas. www.khh.org.uk/12days

LIGHTS OF LOVE – 15th DECEMBER 2020: www.khh.org.uk/lights

CHRISTMAS SHOP 2020: www.khh.org.uk/christmas-shop

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Friends of All Saints



The Festive Raffle will be drawn on Sunday, 6th December at 4pm. As we're unable to gather together in person the draw will be done on Zoom and anyone wishing to

'watch' should email Broadsheet@hotmail.co.uk and you will be provided with the necessary link to join in. You will be able to watch/hear the raffle being drawn and also see the prizes to be won – do come and join us!

As you know, we have been and are continuing to work hard selling raffle tickets – have you bought yours yet? Do you wish to buy more?

Don't forget to return your stubs from the tickets enclosed with last month's Broadsheet – just pop your money, with your completed ticket stubs, in an envelope and drop in at one of the following addresses:

Liz, 41 Garners Field;	Kate, Barnsend, Main Street;
Clare, Stoneleigh, Swan Lane;	Carol, 1 Church Close;
Pauline, Alnecot, School Lane;	Gina, Greenslade, Crow Lane;
Sue, Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane;	Helen, Buzzards Farmhouse, Little B

Or call Sue on 01295 758036 (text to 07828 626503) and arrangements can be made to collect from you or deliver additional tickets if you wish to buy more.

Alternatively, should you wish to pay by bank transfer please remit to HSBC: 40-09-02 70401048, quoting 'Raffle followed by your surname' and don't forget to pass your ticket stubs on as above.

If our pubs are open then tickets will also be available from Richard at The Bell Inn, and Dickie at The Dirt House.

Please return any unwanted tickets so they can be sold elsewhere.

😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 **Thank You!** 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊

Big Thank You!

Although not being able to hold monthly coffee mornings – a fantastic £259 has still been raised for the Bell Tower conservation project. The majority of this has been Gift Aided which will add a further 25%!

Foodbank

Contributions may be left in Church or with Gina Cumming at Greenslade, Crow Lane, GB - please leave items under covered area near door. Items are taken to the Banbury Foodbank.



Under new ownership!

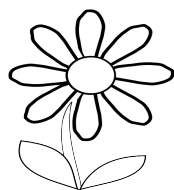
Many of you will know me (Carl) from working front of house for the 3 years the café has been open. I am now very happy to announce I have taken ownership of the café.

There will be lots of new and exciting things coming your way, from new menus, extended opening hours and, when allowed, new and improved options for all catering needs.

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Claire – 07810 518794

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Facebook page:

[https://m.facebook.com/
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Used Postage Stamps

Many charities benefit from 'used
postage stamps' – trimmed to a
1cm border – why don't you save
yours this December (or all year
round?) and send to:

**The British Hedgehog
Preservation Society,**
229 Blossomfield Road,
Solihull B91 1ST



Email:

info@britishhedgehogs.org.uk
www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the VIRTUAL meeting held online on
Tuesday, November 13th 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 Drummond and S Bowen (Clerk)

Apologies: DCllr P Chapmans (business). **Declarations of Interest:** None

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

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

Item

The meeting was addressed by Cllrs Andrew Johnson and Mrs Sue Upton, speaking on behalf of Cllrs and Clerks past and present. They expressed their thanks and gratitude for the tremendous service given to the Parish by the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Sally Leszczynski, over the past 25 years, who announced her decision to resign at a recent meeting, and this meeting being the last she will attend as Councillor and Chairman. A resume of the achievements of the Council under her Chairmanship will be published in the Bourtons' Broadsheet and on the Parish website.

Footpaths - Progress Report: Damaged stiles on footpath 138/8/30 have been reported by a resident. The landowners are being contacted.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report

Contact has again been made with Thames Water to discuss problems with raised water inspection covers, but no response has yet been received.

The chairman reported that the long-standing problem of exposed telephone cables where the verge has been eroded by traffic in Chapel Lane, LB, is now worse because the outer covering of the cable has now been worn away. This to be reported again to Openreach for urgent action.

We have confirmed that speed reduction temporary signs are available and suitable locations are to be identified and checked with OCC prior to signs being supplied.

Cllr Johnson reported a collision between a car and the 30mph sign and GB sign at the bottom of Main Street. To be reported to OCC via FixMyStreet

Defibrillators - Progress Report: Both units inspected and reported OK.

Website development - Progress Report.

Review to be undertaken re content and information updated where required.

Projects: Garners Field

The LAP remains closed; Hayfield Homes advise that opening is anticipated later this month. Hayfield Homes have confirmed that work will be completed on the grounds surrounding the LAP where some incorrectly located planting is to be removed and dead trees replaced, plus the wild flower meadow strip has been created. A request has been received from some residents

enquiring if the footpath that joins Main Street near the junction with Southam Road could either be protected with a pedestrian gate or be closed off. Investigations are taking place.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces

Both playgrounds inspected and reported OK but it is noted that adult litter [cigarette butts/alcohol drinks cans] remains a concern near the shelter. People using this area should collect and place their litter in the bin provided by the entrance.

Users of all our playgrounds are reminded to follow the Covid safety guidance to avoid the spread of infection. During the current lockdown 5.11.20 > 2.12.20 the outdoor gym equipment in LB playground must not be used. For the foreseeable month it is anticipated that safety notices will be required in the playgrounds and it was **RESOLVED** to authorise the purchase of appropriate permanent plastic signs up to a max value of £200.

Allotments

All 2020/21 plot rent invoices have now been paid. Thanks to all plot holders.

Public transport

The signed copy of the financial agreement authorising OCC to transfer the funds created by the Garners Field s106 agreement is now in our possession and we have been assured that funds will be transferred this month. The initial tranche of payment to support Ability CIC will then be made.

Village Hall:

Badly leaking guttering has been investigated and this will be repaired shortly.

Community Hall:

The draft lease has now been returned with comments and is now with our solicitors to be finalised.

Hayfield Homes have completed work to improve the heating performance in the main hall, but little improvement has been noticed; further attention will be required. The final acceptance documents will shortly be presented to be signed but this Council will not complete these until outstanding matters including the heating and car park surface issues have been resolved.

Healthcare: The flu vaccination programme has now been completed and work will shortly start to understand the needs for the anticipated Covid programme.

Finance & Administration

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

7 payments totaling £1,550.50 were **APPROVED**. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

K C Graphics: web hosting fees - £468.00

Bourton News: annual contribution - £170.00

Churchyard mowing: £312.50

Burial Ground Warden fee: £125.00

Castle Water: allotment water fees, interim payment - £200.00 [see below minute]

Correspondence has been received from Moore, the external auditor requesting further information about the acquisition of the Community Hall, and this is being dealt with.

An application has been received from a resident of Garners Field to fill one of the Councillor vacancies and this is being considered with the anticipation that co-option can take place at the January meeting. Two more councillors will be required before January.

An invoice has been received from Castle Water re the allotment water supply which is being disputed. An interim payment on account has been made to demonstrate good faith it is hoped this will be resolved shortly.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk will work on the registration of Council owned land to ensure we can comply with the requirement that it be registered with the Land Registry.

Planning applications

New Applications: No new applications have been received.

Decisions: 20/02479/F: Little Bourtons Acres, Hanwell Lane, GB - change of use to include storage: application withdrawn

Enforcement matters: no updates.

19/00161/ENFC: Sharawle, Main Street, GB - enforcement notice served.

Correspondence: Communication received from Mr Lombard re replacement of a street light in South View. Council has agreed that this should proceed and contact be made with OCC to ensure that type of light selected is approved and will be maintained by OCC.

New business: No other new business was discussed.

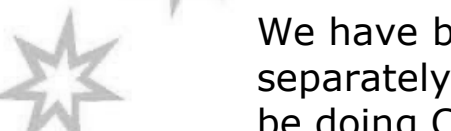
County & District Councillors report:

No District or County matters were discussed.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday January 12th at 19.30hrs as a virtual meeting unless current guidance is changed. Meeting closed at 20:50hrs
Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 12/11/20.

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Shires Edge 'Star Hunt'



We have been finding different ways to be together separately and to support those in need. This year we will be doing Christmas differently in some ways and finding our way into comfort and joy. Put a star in your window. It could be lit, or a picture made in your household. This symbol of Christmas hope can then be seen around the villages, and form a star hunt walk for the season.

May the gifts of Advent bless you into the joy of Christmas. *"Walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone"*
(George Fox)



Shires Edge Benefice Church Services

Note from The Revd Hilary...

"For the time being public worship will be available at those Churches listed below and are open to all across the Benefice. All welcome although I'm sure you'll appreciate that there is a need to limit numbers during the crisis and each church has a maximum capacity. More information available from the Church Wardens or me.

December

6 th	Sun	10 ^{am}	Cropredy	Holy Communion
		10 ^{am}	Wardington	Family Service/Christingle
13 th	Sun	10 ^{am}	Mollington	Morning Prayer
		11 ^{am}	Gt Bourton	Holy Communion
		4 ^{pm}	Claydon	Christmas music & readings Or Christingle - tbc
20 th	Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Claydon	Holy Communion
		4 ^{pm}	Gt Bourton	Christmas music & readings
		4 ^{pm}	Mollington	Christmas music & readings
		6 ^{pm}	Cropredy	Christmas music & readings
		6 ^{pm}	Wardington	Christmas music & readings
24 th	Thurs	10 ^{am}	Mollington	Holy Communion
		6 ^{pm}	Wardington	Christmas Holy Communion
		11 ^{pm}	Cropredy	Midnight Mass
25 th	Fri	9:30 ^{am}	Claydon	Holy Communion
		11 ^{am}	Gt Bourton	Holy Communion
27 th	Sun	10 ^{am}	Zoom	Prayers

For your comfort and safety please do read the notes displayed on noticeboards regarding what to expect if attending Worship.

Tuesday's Noon Zoom services continue – please call me for details and for telephone access.

Keep taking care of yourselves and others.

Love from Hilary"

Email: vicar@campbells.me.uk

Tel: 01295 750385



A free Church of England phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers. Do share the number, with those who may be feeling lonely and isolated.