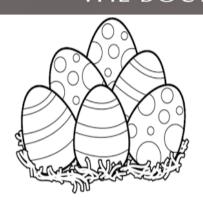
BREADSHEET THE BOURTONS April 2021



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The Community Coffee Morning is cancelled until further notice.

Welcome...

Hi all

There is lots inside here! March has been a busy month and here comes April – starting equally busy; and the Bell Inn will open on the 12th!

Fingers crossed for good weather over Easter for the Egg Trail and the Bake-off – it sounds as though there is lots being prepared; I was privileged to peek at Maggie's Easter treats for the kiddies – just one of the busy people in the Bourtons taking part and helping to make the Bake-off happen!

I believe we're almost in the position where 6 people can meet in a garden ©. I do struggle to keep up with what we can and can't do, when, where and how. However, more importantly, take care and stay safe whatever you do and I really look forward to meeting you out and about during April and enjoying some better weather.

Enjoy the longer daylight hours.

Happy Easter!

Sue



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Bourtons' Big Walk: Treasure Hunt

Congratulations to the winners, Henri and Cassie Senn, who receive the prize of a Hamper along with the joint title of 'Ms Marple of The Bourtons'!



Thanks to all those who helped facilitate the Treasure Hunt in late February. We had lots of positive feedback and it made getting out for some exercise a little more entertaining for those who took part. In the end we had a number of individuals who achieved full marks so a draw (invigilated by zoom) was held on the evening of 5th March.

This raised almost £200 toward the Bell Tower Conservation project - well done everyone!

Bourtons' Big Walk: Treasure Hunt

Note – where more than one answer was required this is shown in italics

Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5
1. Cropredy Cricket Club	1. 11	Rosemead (Stonehouse and Stoneleigh accepted)	1. Jacinda Ardern	1. Don't climb on framework or nets
2. Pewit Farm	1. 6	2. 13	2. 30	1. Don't hang on the basketball ring
3. Cropredy	2. Little House on the Prairie	3. Cheaper or earlier	3. Main Line Timber	1. Don't wear rings or other jewellery
4. Gt Bourton	3. BT 9M 03 3I	4. Fragile roof	4. 3	2. 4
5. Bell Inn (Red Lion accepted)	4. Rachel Mortimer	5. Chris Whitty	5. Owen Farrell	3. Telegraph pole
6. Cropredy	5. Tyson Fury	5. Jonathan Van-Tam	6. Cup Cake	4. Langton
7. Little Bourton	6. Gone to the pub	6. Opened the playground	7. Tom Hanks or Forrest Gump	5. Phil Spector
8. Red Lion Street	7. Penelope Pitstop	7. 3 (5 Accepted)	8. Winston Churchill	5. Kevin Keegan
		8. Bletchley Park		5. Whitney Houston
		9. Rihanna		5. Beverley Callard
				6. Railway
				7. 1894
Total 8 Points	Total 8 Points	Total 10 Points	Total 8 Points	Total 12 Points 1

The Bell Inn continues to offer a takeaway service on Friday and Saturday, 5-8:30^{pm} – menu published on FB. Please call 01295 750862 after 4:30pm for menu detail/to place your order. Richard and Emma are making plans to open on Monday, 12th April for outdoor drinking/eating only.

Fly the Flag, Light the Belfry – don't forget you can mark a memory, recognise a family event or anniversary by flying the Flag or lighting the Belfry. Contact Clare Curnow on 01295 758488 for more information, or email lightandflag.allsaintsgb@gmail.com and Clare will arrange for it to happen! Thanks to Clare and of course David Upton for his help with this.

Note from the Revd Hilary...

"We are so delighted at the recent support you have given to the Bourtons' All Saints' Church Snowdrop bank, Treasure hunt and Flag & Light activities. £2,531 (including some Gift Aid) has been raised to help us do the vital repair work on our iconic Bell Tower/LychGate. The snowdrops in particular will be a seasonal reminder of the way this community keeps coming together, especially in times of need. Thank you for the generosity and continued support that comes from this community."

Note from Bryan & Lynne Aries of Littlegood Farm...

"Please know that in the next few weeks we will be grazing cattle rather than sheep in some fields which are crossed by a public footpath. One field is located across the A423 at the top of the village (opposite Barnstones Caravan Park) and is the second field down, with the pond, towards the motorway. The other field is at the back of Littlegood Farm. Please be assured this doesn't present a safety hazard and the right of way is maintained. However, from experience, just a word of guidance - cattle may be curious if you're walking a dog. Although it is not recommended to let dogs run free, should cattle become too interested in your dog, and you, then you are advised to let the dog go - in that way, the cattle are distracted from you. A dog can run faster than cattle and you can rendezvous with your dog further on. Just a top tip whenever you encounter cattle. Please continue to enjoy the countryside."

Children in Need – we will be coordinating our community contribution in October – don't forget to pop any loose change to one side if you are able.





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BOURTONS' BIG BLOOMERS 2021

Note from Ann & Julie...

"The famous Bourtons' sunflower competition is taking place again this year, with money raised going to Katharine House Hospice.

Seeds will be available from Great Bourton House, Crow Lane, GB (the bench on the drive), and Shrub Cottage, Spring Lane, LB on Sunday & Monday, 4th & 5th April. Collect your pack of seeds and please make a voluntary donation to Katharine House Hospice -

<u>www.justgiving.com/fundraising/BourtonsBigBloomers2021</u> or (if cash) leave your donation in Ann's post box on her front gate (Great Bourton House).

Let's see how much we can raise this year. Last year we had storms to contend with and despite the seeds being called "Single Giant", many were multiheaded, some were tiny and mine (Ann) ended up keeling over and continuing to grow horizontally. With that in mind, this year we are adding a Bloomers' Booby prize!

Judging for the prize of tallest sunflower will take place in the Autumn. There are two categories:

Age 12 and under (on 3rd April) and over 12s

Let's see if the Bourtons can be a sea of sunflowers this summer."



OPEN GARDENS FOR KATHARINE HOUSE

As we move into Spring and look forward to Summer we hope that our annual Open Gardens can take place this year. If you are interested in opening your garden in support of Katharine House or for more information, please email getinvolved@khh.org.uk or contact our fundraising department on 01295 816 484 or visit www.khh.org.uk/gardens

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BOURTONS' SNOWDROP BANK

















Many thanks to all those who generously donated to the Bourtons' Snowdrop Bank.

1000 snowdrops "in the green" have now been planted - Thanks to Maggie, John, Hope, Clare, Trudy and Mark for helping us to plant them.

Snowdrops in the green are lifted en masse so are a mix of sizes. They will take a year or two to settle and some will not yet be of flowering size, but we hope the bank will start to look good next year and will be spectacular soon!

Fundraising exceeded expectations and reminded us, yet again, what a giving and supportive community we have here.

We thank all those who dug deep and touched us with their messages - some remembered a loved one, some a loved pet. Others recalled sheltering in the bell tower, waiting for the school bus. Some commemorated Weddings and Christenings. Some just loved the project or the bell tower. And others gave tribute to those working on the front line in the battle against covid and remembered all those who have lost their lives to covid. Your messages were reflective, joyful, hopeful...

It has been a lovely project to raise funds for our Bell Tower and will be a lasting reminder of how our community came together, at an extraordinary time. All those who donated will be contacted regarding their message for the Donor Book. Thanks to Amanda for offering to be our scribe.

The JustGiving site currently shows a total of £1,935 plus £363.75 gift aid. THANK YOU!

Ann, Julie and Sue and the Friends of All Saints Church.

Thank you for being a part of The Bourtons' All Saints Snowdrop Bank!

THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the VIRTUAL meeting held online on Wednesday March 10th 2021 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: Cllrs Mrs S Upton (Chairman), Cllrs A Johnson; D Drummond, Mrs H King, Mrs G Duckworth & S Bowen (Clerk),

DCIIr P Chapman Apologies: CCIIr G Reynolds [Council business]

Declarations of Interest: None

Public Participation: NO members of the public joined the meeting virtually. **Minutes:** The previous Council meeting (Feb) minutes were received and

APPROVED.

Item

Co-option of a new Councillor

Following an interview with Gilly Duckworth last month, Councillors unanimously RESOLVED to co-opt Mrs Duckworth onto the Council with immediate effect. The Chairman welcomed her on behalf of all Cllrs.

Footpaths - Progress Report

The Clerk reported he had received an acknowledgement of the report of water issues on Stanwell Lane affecting the footpath, from Beth Rutherford, OCC RoW Officer, who advised that there was a significant backlog of repairs caused by staff issues and Covid, but they would hope to attend to the problems later in the year.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report

The Chairman reported that she had met with the CDC Highways inspector who advised that Thames Water had rejected OCC's request to have the drain cover in Manor Lane lowered to remove the hazard. OCC will now undertake a temporary repair and pursue TW to provide a long-term solution.

A number of dangerous potholes have now been marked-up for urgent repair. Speeding signs previously ordered have been chased again but difficulties being experienced with OCC warehouse.

Defibrillators - Progress Report

The GB unit condensation problem has been resolved and is in working order. The LB unit is also good but Cllr Drummond noted that the location marking has become obliterated and action is required to correct this.

Website development - Progress Report.

Chairman has discussed website software update with K C Graphics [our provider] and agreed that they will proceed to update to the latest version of the operating software; the Clerk will manage the updates to the "Council" pages to ensure compliance with the Transparency Code, and the Chairman will manage the village pages.

Projects: Garners Field

Cllr King confirmed that initial work to resolve roof leaks on houses with chimneys has been completed and she understands that only 1 house is proceeding to have the chimney removed, to be completed later in the year.

Projects: Clock & dial restoration

Request received from PCC regarding the need to replace the Clock bell hammer & spring. This will be investigated and the costs investigated.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces

Cllr King provided a report of her inspection of the GB playground and noted that there is damage to the play tabletop. Repair to be investigated. She also reported that the wooden play equipment would benefit from treatment with a wood preservative to smarten it up. Investigations with the manufacturer to understand suitable materials prior to work being completed. Hedges need to be cut back to prevent interference with equipment.

LB playground is now without inspector since the resignation of our former Chairman. Cllr Duckworth will assess what is needed and confirm her involvement at the next meeting. Information to be provided.

The matter of creating a gravel path from the car park area to the bottom of the Burial Ground, proposed by Mr David Upton, the BG Warden was considered and Council agreed to await the estimate of costs to be prepared by Mr Upton, when it will authorise a budget to enable the works.

Allotments

Tenant of Plot 21 still not vacated plot. Phone contact to be made to encourage prompt release of plot. A further plot has also become available following the relocation out of the village by the tenant and contact to be made to understand release date.

The tenancy agreement is to be reviewed to tighten up the rules re resignation of plots and period of time to vacate; applications for new plots will only be accepted from Parish residents for the foreseeable future, at least until the wait list has substantially reduced.

Chairman has again had discussions with Castle Water re water meter but it would appear that promised inspection yet to happen. Further follow up at end of month.

Public transport

The small grant application from the Volunteer Driver Service to support provision of PPE required because of Covid was considered and it was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £75 would be awarded. OCC has recently announced a new grant scheme focussed on transport provision by the volunteer sector and the Clerk has communicated this to VDS and Ability CIC.

Village Hall:

Expiry of lease to VHMC noted and PC will start work to understand how to proceed. The Clerk will write to the VHMC Chairman to advise the outcomes.

Community Hall:

The heating efficiency report has been received from our expert consultants and is being reviewed by Cllrs. This will then be discussed with CDC and Hayfield to hopefully develop a solution to achieve acceptable performance.

Healthcare

Cropredy Surgery advise that they should be able to start vaccinating the next cohort [50+ age group] later this week. The Council agreed that the Surgery has been delivering excellent support to the community and offered its thanks.

No further progress on the retention of a consultant lead Maternity Unit at the Horton. Cllr Johnson proposed that this Council send a letter to HOSC confirming our support for this and encouraging them to press the Secretary of State for a decision.

Finance & Administration

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

5 payments totalling £1176.23 were **APPROVED**. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

OALC: annual membership renewal: £156.26

The Standing Orders previously circulated were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that the document be accepted.

The Financial Regulations previously circulated were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that they be accepted.

The Grant Awarding policy previously circulated was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that this be accepted.

The Code of Conduct, previously adopted in 2012 was reviewed and it was **RESOLVED** that it be re-adopted until the new Code is available from CDC. Work continues on progressing registration of Council owned land with the Land Registry in partnership with our former Chairman to ensure we capture her significant knowledge.

The CDC communication on Councillor remuneration previously circulated was discussed and it was RESOLVED that this Council will continue its policy of not accepting remuneration but will continue to support payment of correctly claimed expenses.

The Chairman updated the meeting on the Winter Resilience draft plan. Consultation is required with residents who have recently supported vulnerable villagers through the Covid pandemic to enlist their ongoing support. It is hoped that this will be available shortly. Also volunteers would be sought to manage rock salt spreading on road junctions in the event of bad weather.

Planning applications New Applications

21/00280/F: Mr & Mrs Walden, Stonesfield House, Stanwell Lane, GB: replacement conservatory rear extension 1 new window: **SUPPORT** Mr C Green, The Old Manor House, Manor Road, GB: we have been advised, as a matter of courtesy, by Mr Green that he is having a pre-app discussion with CDC regarding the creation of a rear sunroom to understand if planning permission is required. No application has yet been made.

Decisions

20/03301/F: Sharawle, Main Street, GB: application withdrawn.

20/03376/F: Barns on land behind Stanwell Lane Cottages, Stanwell Lane,

GB: **GRANTED**

21/00094/F: Land east of Southview and behind School Lane, GB: no decision yet published but the Senior Planning Officer has confirmed in his response to our letter that he sees no reason to refuse the application and it will be recommended for approval. DCllr Chapman has discussed the case with the Officer and reports that many of the issues raised by us in our objection will be addressed in the final Officer report, now overdue. This Council will carefully digest the report, when published, to decide whether any further action is required.

Enforcement matters

20/01808/F: Development of 3 bungalows behind School Lane, GB: this enforcement case is now effectively closed with the submission of 21/00094/F and the report that it has been recommended for approval.

19/00161/ENFC: Sharawle, Main Street, GB: enforcement notice has been served; this has potential significance for 20/03301/F above. Further information is awaited.

Correspondence - No new correspondence received

New business - No other new business was discussed.

County & District Councillors report

DCIIr Chapman provided some information about the recently installed electronic speed signs in Cropredy and Council **AGREED** that the installation of 2 such signs on Main Street in GB should be investigated now that OCC appears to have changed its position to one of support for them.

DCIIr Chapman advised that the end year financial position of CDC had been managed through a combination of savings and use of reserves so that a limited increase in Council Tax could be managed. But he reported that the situation for the coming year looked much bleaker and there was hope the central Government would provide some financial help to the sector.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday April 14th at 19:30hrs as a virtual meeting unless current guidance is changed.

Meeting closed at 21:35hrs Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 11/03/21.

Need a venue?

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Village Hall:

Maggie: 01295 750497

Community Hall:

Claire: 07810 518794

or **email**:

bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com

Foodbank

Contributions may be left in All Saints' 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.

Bourtons' Big Bell Tower Bake Off

There will be 3 stalls across the Bourtons:

Buzzards Farm House, Chapel Lane, Little Bourton

1 Church Close, Great Bourton

Great Bourton House, Crow Lane, Great Bourton

Please drop off cakes, bakes, breads etc to the stalls at 9.45am.

All goods need to be securely packaged so they are Covid-safe. Please bring lots of coins – we will be avoiding giving change.

All money raised will be for the All Saints Bell Tower Conservation Project.

> We need you to bring... We need you to buy...

Whole cakes, slices, tray bakes, biscuits, cupcakes – all gratefully received!



Saturday April 3rd 💥 10am - noon



Bourtons' Big Walk: Easter Egg Trail







This year let's brighten up the village for Easter by decorating our windows. Cut out eggs will be available from Barnsend, Main Street, GB, or do your own thing.



There will also be a Golden egg trail, if you wish to make and display a golden egg please let Kate know by texting 'Golden' and the 'first line of your address' to 07900 625711, and anybody who can find them all will win a small prize! List the locations, add your name and contact information and pop through Kate's letterbox before Tuesday, 6 April.

















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Shires Edge Benefice

Note from The Revd Hilary...

Daring to hope...

"Just over a year since life as we knew it was turned upside down by a virus, we enter another season, Easter, whose central theme is of new beginnings and a radical hope.

What is it we hope for? Do we answer that question differently now since living with coronavirus? We have continued to show real care for our places of belonging, our homes and the people we live alongside. We have found new and ancient symbols to bring inspiration, challenge and hope. We will need to continue the work of rebuilding and re-imagining in the days to come. From the writer Tim Watson: 'Together let's imagine a future: one where what once was is not taken for granted for tomorrow... A future in which rhythm and rest are attended to and welcomed; where a spiritual revolution is birthed, one that takes seriously the need to care for the soul... A re-imagined future in which all are enabled to flourish.'

May the Easter message of resurrection, may the practice of radical hope bless you always.

We are seeking to open Churches in the Benefice and are making plans as follows – all to be done in a Covid safe and distanced way.

When:		Service:	Where:
28 th March	10 ^{am}	Palm Sunday, Family communion	Wardington
		Morning Worship	Mollington
1 st April	7 ^{pm}	Maundy Thursday, Holy communion	Gt Bourton
2 nd	2 ^{pm}	Good Friday, Reflective service	Zoom
4 th	8:30 ^{am}	Easter Day, BCP Holy communion	Claydon
	10 ^{am}	Easter Day, Holy communion	Cropredy
		Family service	Wardington
11 th	10 ^{am}	Holy communion	Mollington
18 th	10 ^{am}	Morning Prayer	Cropredy
		Family communion	Wardington
	4 ^{pm}	Evening prayer	Gt Bourton
25 th 10 ^{am}		Morning worship	Mollington
	4 ^{pm}	Evening prayer	Claydon

All Saints in Great Bourton will continue to be open every Saturday from 10^{am}-1^{pm}.

For your comfort and safety please do read the notes displayed on noticeboards regarding what to expect if entering a Church.

Tuesday Noon Zoom services will continue – please call me on 01295 750385 for details and for telephone access.

Keep taking care of yourselves and others."

Bourtons' BIG 'Goings-on' in 2021...!

March – the Bourtons' Snowdrop Bank at All Saints – there is still an opportunity to donate, either in memory of someone or 'just because' https://justgiving.com/fundraising/bourtonssnowdropbank All your messages and support may be recorded in a beautiful book!

3rd April – Easter Saturday, 10am-Noon – the **Bourtons' Big Bell Tower Bake-off** – stalls will be set up in Church Close, GB, Great Bourton House, Crow Lane, GB and Buzzards Farm, Spring Lane, LB. For more information see page 11 and also the posters in the Parish noticeboards and FB.

Bourtons' Big Bloomers sunflower seeds will be available, **4**th **& 5**th **April** – see page 5 for the details. Donations to Katharine House Hospice please.

Join in another **Bourtons' Big Walk: Easter Egg Trail** – see page 12 for details. Many thanks to the prize donor!

8th & 9th May – Bourtons' Big Give-away and Big Plant Swap weekend. This month you will also be encouraged to try your hand at flower/plant arranging with the Bourtons' Big Basket & Bucket displays – details to be announced.

4th July - planning has started to organise the much-missed **Strawberry Fayre & BBQ** – watch this space for more information.

11th September - Bourtons' Big Breakfast has been provisionally booked - another note for your diaries and more information to follow.

Please note, if you're not able to donate to charities on-line then there are other ways – just let Sue at the Broadsheet know.

Don't forget regular event updates are also available on the Bourtons' Community Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/594008160776057/
or search for The Bourtons Community on Facebook.

More information about the Bourtons and its history is available on https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk