

# BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

March 2021



## Welcome...

Hi all

Have you got your clues for the 'Bourtons' Big Walk: Treasure Hunt' - it's not too late - see over for more info. Clues / answer sheet can be emailed or collected from Dave, Gilly and also myself. Entries to be returned by 5<sup>th</sup> March. There's a hamper of treats for the winner!

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Great to see the Snowdrop Bank is proving popular and that people are getting out and about to do the Treasure Hunt! Thankfully we can enjoy such lovely surroundings when the weather lets us!

See back page for more "goings-on" in the Bourtons! ☺

Please note the Broadsheet's new email address - [bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com](mailto:bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com)

Happy St David's Day, St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day and not forgetting that wonderfully colourful festival of Holi, heralding the arrival of Spring!

Take care, keep Covid safe and hope a  vaccination has got or is getting near to you...

*Sue*

**The Community  
Coffee Morning is  
cancelled until  
further notice.**

**Love to hear from you:**

**Email:** [bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com](mailto:bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com)

**Tel:** 01295 758036

**Copy deadline:** 17<sup>th</sup> of each month

# The Bourtons' BIG Walk: Treasure Hunt

15<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021



Exercise your mind as well as your body by taking a wander around our Parish to solve a range of clues. Complete the answer sheet any time in the two weeks starting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February and submit it for a chance to win the prize.



Please make a donation (large or small) to the Bell Tower Conservation fund

<https://justgiving.com/allsaintsgb> and then enter the

Treasure Hunt by emailing

[bourtonsbelltowerfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:bourtonsbelltowerfundraising@gmail.com) to receive a set of clues. Entries to be returned by 5<sup>th</sup> March. In the event of a tie a draw will be held to determine one winner.



Clues will be emailed to you or, if you would prefer, collect them from either **Dave** (07721 756203) at Barnsend, Main Street, GB, (next house up Main Street after the Bell Inn) or **Gilly** (07738 011708) at Wits End, Spring Lane, LB.

Good Luck!

## Community News

**The Bell Inn** continues to offer a takeaway service on Friday and Saturday, 5-8:30<sup>pm</sup> – menu published on FB. Please call 01295 750862 after 4:30pm for menu detail/to place your order.

### **Cropredy WI**

Note from Christine Garland...

*"We are still going strong despite all the current restrictions, with issue 38 of our 4-page weekly lockdown newsletter in preparation as I write. The newsletter contains, amongst other things, articles on local history, book, radio and TV recommendations, photographs of members' craft work (one member has knitted 200 hats for Syrian children in refugee camps) and, importantly, updates on the growth of our Christmas presents - each member was given an amaryllis! During this lockdown we have embraced Zoom, we have weekly Zoom coffee meet ups and in our monthly Zoom meetings have enjoyed a fascinating talk on bees, stretched our brains in a quiz and shown our artistic talents in a craft evening.*

*We are very much looking forward to meeting again in person and also to resuming our regular museum and gallery outings. We also have plans for the return of the WI Swap Shop, we will be collecting handbags for charity (please don't throw yours out, save them for us) and of course the popular Cropredy Scarecrow Trail will take place in the summer.*

*If you would like to sample Cropredy WI on Zoom then you would be most welcome. Just email me at [christine.2.garland@gmail.com](mailto:christine.2.garland@gmail.com) and I will send you the details. We hope we will be able to welcome you as a member when we get back to face to face meetings."*

#### **CROPREDY TENNIS CLUB**

**[www.cropredytennisclub.co.uk](http://www.cropredytennisclub.co.uk)**

#### **NOTICE of AGM**

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm



This year's AGM will be an online Zoom - email Simon Bright for login info: [bright@sbrights.co.uk](mailto:bright@sbrights.co.uk) Hopefully it won't be too long before we can resume playing tennis and welcome new and returning members of all ages.



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# BOURTONS' SNOWDROP BANK at ALL SAINTS CHURCH Great Bourton



With your help, The Friends of All Saints are planting a snowdrop bank at the eastern end of the churchyard, from the steps round to the Old Swan, opposite the post box.

We are inviting those with a connection to All Saints and/or the Bourtons to **sponsor a clump of snowdrops**, which will be planted in late February/ early March this year.

Perhaps your sponsorship will be in memory of, or a tribute to someone. Maybe your family just wants to be part of the project and enjoy what will hopefully become a spectacular display of snowdrops each year.

It is a lovely way to raise funds for the **Bell Tower Conservation Project** and a lasting reminder of our community coming together. Details of the donor(s) and why the donation was made can be recorded in a book held by the Parish.

The snowdrops have been donated by a villager, so everything you donate will go towards the Bell Tower Conservation.

If you are interested in being part of this project, please email us at

[bourtonsbelltowerfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:bourtonsbelltowerfundraising@gmail.com)

or make your donation at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/BourtonsSnowdropBank>

and we will be in touch with you.

**Fly the Flag, Light the Belfry** – brighten the village, bring joy, mark a memory – recognise a family anniversary, birthday or commemoration (or anything else!) by flying the Flag or lighting the Belfry!

See below for the detail and the next page for a tear out application form.

- ◆ Any resident, or anyone who has an association with the Bourtons, can mark a personal or family special occasion by sponsoring to fly the Flag or light the Belfry.
- ◆ Bring joy or mark a memory – recognise a family anniversary, birthday or commemoration (or anything else!) by flying the Flag or lighting the Belfry...
- ◆

<b>Flag <u>or</u> Light</b> £5 per day/night £10 for 3 days/nights £20 for a week	<b>Flag <u>and</u> Light</b> £8 per day/night £16 for 3 days/nights £25 for a week
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- ◆ Each sponsor together with the occasion will be acknowledged on the notice board in the Bell Tower Lychgate.
- ◆ This sponsorship scheme is a way of both supporting and enhancing the beauty of our Church. In 2021 these donations will go directly to the Bell Tower Conservation project.

**Here's how to do it...**

- ◆ Obtain an Application Form from:

**Clare Curnow, Stoneleigh, Swan Lane, GB – Tel: 01295 758488;**

or email [lightandflag.allsaints.gb@gmail.com](mailto:lightandflag.allsaints.gb@gmail.com);

or pick one up in Church;

or request/download from the Bourtons' Parish website:

[www.bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk)

- ◆ Complete and return the Form to Clare Curnow.
- ◆ If you pay Income Tax, please also complete the Gift Aid section of the Form so £5 becomes £6.25, £20 becomes £25 etc. at no extra cost to you.

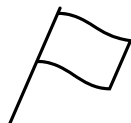
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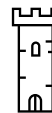


# All Saints' Church, Great Bourton

## Fly the Flag



## Light the Belfry



### SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I wish to sponsor the flag and/or lighting as follows:

Dates .....

Occasion .....

Name ..... (see note 2 below)

Address .....

Post Code ..... Tel no: .....

I agree the sponsorship donation (please tick your preferred option)

#### Flag or Light

- ☐ £5 per day/night
- ☐ £10 for 3 days/nights
- ☐ £20 for a week

#### Flag and Light

- ☐ £8 per day/night
- ☐ £16 for 3 days/nights
- ☐ £25 for a week

Payment may be made by (please tick your preferred option)

- ☐ [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/flytheflaglightthebelfry](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/flytheflaglightthebelfry)
- ☐ \*Bank transfer to HSBC sort code: 40-09-02 account no: 71375423 (quoting as reference your 'surname' and 'Bell Tower')
- ☐ \*Cheque payable to Great Bourton PCC

\*see over for Gift Aid declaration

Signed .....

Date .....

#### Notes:

1. Return this form to Clare Curnow, Stoneleigh, Swan Lane GB
2. Unless otherwise requested all sponsored occasions will be acknowledged and displayed in the Bell Tower Lychgate.
3. Even if a sponsored occasion (week or night) falls when there is already a sponsor, additional sponsorship is of course still welcomed and will be acknowledged and displayed.
4. The floodlighting will be on from dusk until midnight. ptol../..2

## GIFT AID DECLARATION

I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to Great Bourton PCC. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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## **OXFORD HALF MARATHON – 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

Do you want something to work towards this year? Sign up to the Oxford Half Marathon this October! #RunForCharity for Katharine House and support our patients and families at the same time! Secure your place on Team Katharine House by registering at [www.khh.org.uk/oxford-half-marathon](http://www.khh.org.uk/oxford-half-marathon)

## **LONDON MARATHON - OCTOBER 2021**

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### **Need a venue?**

For enquiries and bookings for the Bourtons' Halls, contact:

**Village Hall:** Maggie: 01295 750497

**Community Hall:** Claire: 07810 518794

or **email:** [bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com](mailto:bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com)

## **THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL**

*DRAFT* Minutes of the VIRTUAL meeting held online on  
Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 19:30hrs

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**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 Upton (Chairman), A Johnson,  
D Drummond, Mrs H King & S Bowen (Clerk), CCllr G Reynolds,  
DCllr P Chapman

**Apologies:** No apologies

Declarations of Interest: None

Public Participation: TWO members of the public joined the meeting virtually.

Minutes: The previous Council meeting (January) minutes were received and

**APPROVED.**

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### **Item**

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#### **Footpaths - Progress Report**

Following last month's request for reports of footpath problems two reports have been received:

- a) broken stile on path close to M40 underpass; reported to OCC RoW team.
  - b) severe water damage to footpath at bottom of Stanwell Lane, also reported to OCC who attended immediately to inspect, and we await their report.
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#### **Highways & Road defects - Progress Report**

Some potholes previously marked-up have been filled but very poor quality repairs which will be highlighted to OCC Highways' Inspector on next visit. Three drain covers previously reported to Thames Water will be reported again as damage now serious.

Speeding signs previously ordered have been chased again but difficulties being experienced with OCC warehouse.

CCllr Reynolds reported that OCC have included funds to support applications by PCs in next FY for money to create 20mph speed limits in villages. It is suggested that PC's might like to work together with another Parish to make joint application and this will be considered. CCllr Reynolds also said that Police had already confirmed that they do not have the resources to enforce such limits so impact may be restricted.

#### **Defibrillators - Progress Report**

GB unit OK, but lots of condensation, further supply of granules required.

Following the resignation of the former Chairman, a new monitor for the LB unit is required. It is mounted on the wall of the Dirt House and the landlord has been very supportive; Council will try and continue this arrangement.

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#### **Website development - Progress Report.**

Quote has been received from VisionICT but at £4.5k considered too expensive so upgrade will continue with current provider. Included in budget for next year but work will start asap.

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#### **Projects: Garners Field**

LAP now open and work completed. Conversation with CDC has confirmed that transfer unlikely to be completed before May. Council will confirm its

interest in taking over responsibility supported by accompanying s106 funds once transfer to CDC has been completed.

Hayfield Homes have been working to fix roof leaks around chimneys and have agreed to remove chimney from one property.

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### **Playgrounds & Public Spaces**

New playground warden for GB playground was discussed and Cllr Mrs King has kindly agreed to take this over, it was **RESOLVED** to accept her offer. Further report re broken dog bin posts received; CDC have agreed to empty bin and now mounting position will be located and bin remounted.

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### **Allotments**

Info has been received from tenant of Plot 21 advising that he will vacate plot as soon as seasonal plants can be removed. This has been noted and he will be asked to undertake this quickly as we have a significant waiting list of applicants.

Contact has been made with Castle Water by Chairman and inspection of meter has been agreed. Once readings and effectiveness of meter have been confirmed Council will settle correct amount due.

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### **Public transport**

Ability CIC to be contacted to request updated information for website.

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### **Village Hall**

Expiry of lease to VPMC noted and PC will start work to understand how to proceed. Request will be made to Chairman of VH asking for them to confirm their position. Negotiations can then be held.

### **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 Homes to hopefully develop a solution to achieve acceptable performance.

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### **Healthcare**

No further progress on the retention of a consultant lead Maternity Unit at the Horton. Cropredy Surgery advise that they have now vaccinated over 1000 of their patients and are waiting for authority to move onto next cohort.

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### **Finance & Administration**

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

Three payments totalling £317.22 were **APPROVED**. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

JACS UK Ltd: £172.22: new grit bin for CH

The risk assessment which had been previously circulated was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that this be accepted.

A Zoom meeting has been held with our new Internal Auditor and the Clerk reported that this has proceeded well and it was anticipated that the internal audit would be completed next month.

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 Chairman updated the meeting on the Winter Resilience draft plan. It is hoped that this will be available shortly. It was noted that further guidance had been received from OCC on this matter.

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## **Planning applications**

### **New Applications**

21/00079/F: Mr Dixon, 7 Valley View, GB; 2 storey extension: **SUPPORT**

21/00094/F: March Developments, Bungalow development behind School Lane, GB variations sought to regularise incorrect positioning and landscaping; **OBJECT.**

21/00186/F: Mr Warr, The Old Vicarage, Main Street, GB: erection of new garages: **SUPPORT**

### **Decisions**

20/03385/F: Ta Megara, Chapel Lane, LB: extensions. **PERMITTED**

It was noted that regarding 20/03301/F: Sharawle, Main Street, GB & 20/03376/F, Barns on land behind Stanwell Lane Cottages, Stanwell Lane, GB; neither of our responses (Objections) have been posted on the CDC website nor have decisions been published although the target dates have long past. This has been queried with CDC.

### **Enforcement matters**

20/01808/F: Development of three bungalows behind School Lane, GB: concerns continue regarding the review process on the complaint raised by a resident, and about which this Council wrote to the CDC Chief Executive. A reply has been received from the Corporate Director confirming that they consider no failure in process or decision making has been made by CDC. Further concerns about the incorrect positioning of the bungalows have been raised and a written response is awaited from the Senior Planning Officer with whom we are in contact.

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.

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## **Correspondence**

Emergency Planning guidance received from OCC - see above.

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### **New business**

No other new business was discussed.

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## **County & District Councillors report**

CCLr Reynolds confirmed that OCC had decided on a 3% increase in their budget in order to restrict the impact on Oxfordshire residents, but that CDC were likely to proceed with the maximum permitted increase of 5% due to their significant budget deficit. Yet to be confirmed at a forthcoming council meeting.

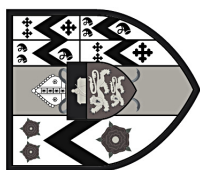
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Date of next meeting: Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 19:30hrs as a virtual meeting unless current guidance is changed.

Meeting closed at 21:08hrs

Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 13/02/21.

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## Shires Edge Benefice

Note from The Revd Hilary...

### **Good for the soul**

*"And so it begins... the season of Lent stretches ahead – again. It is a season for doing important work, inner and outer, personal and collective, which may be hard. Lent is also a source of good news as it has the potential to offer just what we need – maybe especially in these continuing pandemic days. In this season, one of the traditional practices is that of fasting. But what sort of fast, to echo words from the prophet Isaiah? And haven't we done more than enough giving up in our Covid restricted lives? Rather than giving up treats and pleasures perhaps we are called to another fasting. To fast from being strong and 'holding it all together' and allow our vulnerability and tenderness to grace our relationships. To fast from a reliance on privilege and discover creative ways to challenge injustice. To fast from the embrace of isolation and discover different ways into companionship – with others, with creation. To fast from endless list-making of things to fill the merging days and enter into the quiet, a listening, for what might be emerging, for new possibilities. To fast from a need for certainty and allow trust in the mystery of things. And then perhaps, I will arrive at Easter and realise those things from which I have fasted I no longer need to pick up again. Won't that be good for the soul?"*

"Our Churches continue to be closed for communal worship and open only for private prayer – All Saints is open on a Saturday from 10am-1pm.

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

Sunday 10am and Tuesday 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](mailto:vicar@campbells.me.uk) Tel: 01295 750385

### **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 'Goings-on' in 2021...!**

**February** – there's still time to get your clues and join the **Bourtons' Big Walk: Treasure Hunt** – see page 2 for how to obtain the clues and enjoy the Big Walk! At the time of writing this has raised a wonderful £150 for the Bell Tower Conservation project and we should like to thank Dave Drummond for his diligent research and organisation!

**February/March** – the **Bourtons' Snowdrop Bank at All Saints** – see page 5. This has raised over £845 so far for the Bell Tower Conservation project and there are still plenty more clumps available to sponsor. The generosity of support has been truly overwhelming. If you would like to help with planting, which will take place in March, please email [annbrooks100@gmail.com](mailto:annbrooks100@gmail.com) There is still plenty of time to donate and there is a beautiful book which will be available to record your messages. More detail to come.

**March** - the **Bourtons' Big Bloomers** sunflower competition is currently being worked on with plans for seeds to be available for sowing either late March or April and everyone in the Parish will have plenty of opportunity to get involved. Donations, as in 2020, will be to the Katharine House Hospice.

**April** – Easter weekend brings the **Bourtons' Big Bell Tower Bake-off** – more detail to follow in the April issue and notices will be posted round the villages.

During the 'Easter school holidays' there will be an opportunity to join in another **Bourtons' Big Walk: Easter Egg Trail**. Again, more info in the April issue.

**May** – looks like this will be the month to try your hand at flower/plant arranging and also to enjoy that Spring clear out with the **Bourtons' Big Give-away!** Watch out for more details of all these and also the **Bourtons' Big Plant Swap**.

As well as all this I hear there are hopeful plans to resurrect the Strawberry Fayre and that wonderful institution that is the **Bourtons' Big Breakfast** – all as and when restrictions allow...

Please note, if you're not able to donate to the Bell Tower fundraising through JustGiving 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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/594008160776057/)

or search for The Bourtons Community on Facebook.