

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

May 2021

1st-23rd May



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Welcome...

Here comes May, interestingly named for the Roman goddess Maia, who 'oversaw the growth of plants' and was 'considered a nurturer and an earth goddess' - a great thought as we look forward to cultivating our plants and sharing cuttings and seedlings this month.

Hopefully like me you are looking forward to putting out some unwanted treasures for the Bourtons' Big Give Away... and John is delighted at the thought of getting rid of some of my handbags! (see page 7)

Apologies there are no Parish Council minutes in this issue owing to the May meeting being postponed due to the Duke of Edinburgh's passing and therefore missing the printing date.

Lovely to be able to meet up with a few more people and enjoy some sunshine.

Keep safe and well...

Sue

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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.



*We celebrated the Ruby wedding anniversary of
Liz & Rick Carter – 18th April – Congratulations!*



*We remember Jon Michael MacAngus
10th March 1984-6th May 2014*



Happy Birthday to David Johnston – 17th May



Bourtons' Village Hall Reopens!

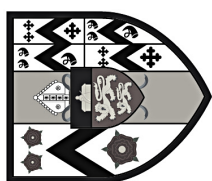
Note from Geoff Tyler, Chairman...

"Having entered the second phase of the easing of lockdown, the Committee have been looking to reopen the hall within the current COVID restrictions. We are pleased to announce that the hall will be reopened for bookings from 17th May.

The current government restrictions mean that we can only accommodate up to 9 individuals or 18 using the bubble principle. The government may change these restrictions before 17th in which case we will act accordingly. We are hopeful that the fourth phase will allow unrestricted capacity from 21st June.

In 2020 the hall was awarded "We're Good to Go" certification. This is the COVID-19 industry standard and issued by 4 national tourist boards. This has been renewed for 2021 as the committee continues to focus on providing a safe environment in the hall for our communities."

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Bourtons' Big Bunting Bee



We need your help...

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Can you help by:

- **Donating** fabric (cotton or poly/cotton) to make the bunting "flags" - a great use for that fabric stash...Plains, florals, gingham, spots, stripes, prints...
- **Cutting out** and/or **Sewing** bunting flags
- **Ironing** bunting flags made by others

Please contact Ann via Bourtons' Community Facebook or Julie on 750734 to be part of Bourtons' Big Bunting Bee. **Templates and instructions provided.**

No experience necessary!!!

We will finish sewing the flags to bunting tape in Bourtons' Big Bunting Bee in the Village Hall in late May/early June, Boris permitting.... All help welcomed.

Thank you!



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New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome:

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Ladies Club Social: Mon
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BOURTONS' BIG BELL TOWER BAKE OFF THANK YOU!

Note from the Friends of All Saints...

"The three stalls for the Bake Off were laden with homemade goodies – from cheese straws to Victoria sponges, from doggie biscuits to spelt bread, from gluten free Bara Brith to pecan pies and Easter eggs galore. There was also a highly successful book stall, some plants, jams and Quail eggs.



In just two hours a truly amazing £2,135, including some Gift Aid, was raised for the Bell Tower Conservation project. We really can't thank you all enough. It was a tremendous effort from the bakers, the donors, the poster designer, the stall holders and the organisers – and not forgetting the cake eaters!

Our passing Postie ensured treats were taken to the sorting office and the few items left over were distributed between Green Pastures Care Home, the Cropredy Surgery's Grimsbury vaccination centre staff and the Horton hospital.

Some of you who visited the stall on Crow Lane will have seen our new Fundraising Thermometer (thanks to Anne-Marie & Harry) which is now residing at All Saints. We need everyone's help to turn this red!

We look forward to seeing you again soon – check the back page for other events across the Bourtons."

Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell

Note from Howard Winfield of Little Bourton...



"A BIG THANK YOU from the Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell to all those in Little Bourton who donated their unwanted bags to the Rotary Handbag Appeal. The bags have been sent to the Philippines where they will be refurbished and sold on and the money raised will support the education of the poorest children in the Philippines, a country, where education has to be paid for. In less than an hour the Club collected over 70 handbags.

*This is an on-going charitable activity and, following the amazing support in LB, we are holding a similar collection in GB on **Saturday, 8th May between 11^{am} and 2^{pm}** in the car park of the Bell Inn (with thanks to Richard). Please bring your old handbags, computer bags and sports bags.*

For further information please contact Howard Winfield 01295 758149 or 07583 561034. Thank you!"

Howard.winfield.t21@btinternet.com

BOURTONS' BIG PLANT SWAP & GIVEAWAY .2021.

**Weekend of Saturday
May 8th and Sunday 9th
All day, both days**

Put any spare plants (must be labelled) and preloved things outside at the front of your house. From books to bricks, household, garden, and garage... everything is welcome!

Villagers can walk around the Bourtons collecting some goodies. All free.



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

If you would like to visit one of our open gardens please see below for the villages who have already signed up:

- Chadlington village – 23rd May
- Churchill – 3rd July
- Hornton village – 4th July
- Middleton Cheney – 18th July
- South Newington – by appointment only - Claire Ainley has kindly offered to open her lovely 1.5 acre garden. Claire offers a bespoke package to gardening groups and also individuals and families are very welcome with tea and cakes available at additional cost. Entry is a minimum donation of £5 for adults, children free of charge. Assistance dogs only. Please email Claire_ainley@hotmail.com to find out more.

WALK FOR KATHARINE HOUSE – 17th JULY

Back by popular demand the annual Midnight Walk returns! We've been working hard to create a 2021 COVID-safe event for you to enjoy this July, but it may look a little different this year... Take on the challenge and join us as we walk to remember those we love, and support patients and families who rely upon Katharine House. Visit www.khh.org.uk/walk21 and sign up today.

OXFORD HALF MARATHON – 10th October

Are you looking for something to work towards this year? Why not take on the challenge and sign up today. Katharine House will be with you every step of the way... to find out more just head to www.khh.org.uk/oxford-half-marathon

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

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.

Do you know something of interest about the Bourtons?

As you will be aware we continue to research the life and times of Charles Cubitt who funded the Bell Tower in memory of his Mother, Mary Anne Cubitt. This has led us to many interesting descendants and we will share more of this later. Meanwhile, we are lucky to have in our midst quite a few folk who do recall some interesting historical things of the Bourtons' history, not necessarily personally but passed down the line from relatives, friends and neighbours who are sadly no longer with us. If you have any snippet of information then please jot it down and let us know so we can build an interesting picture of life, past and present, in the Bourtons! We have our very own archivist in Maggie MacAngus who has long been exploring life in the Bourtons as well as the Cubitt family.

Some of you have already researched information – thanks to Gareth Logan who whilst checking out the history of the villages, discovered from www.british-history.ac.uk that there were three Inns in GB – The Bell, The Swan closed in the 1990s) and the Greyhound – anyone know where this was?

We will of course share what we learn here in the Broadsheet and enhance what's on the Parish website which already has some fascinating information <https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk>



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Shires Edge Benefice

Note from The Revd Hilary...

May Reflection – Among the Trees

"I grew up in a home with a garden where there were two great hawthorn trees as markers of the seasons. Though not just as things of beauty to watch and enjoy but physical objects of practical and playful use. They were fixtures for a home-made swing, and for the household washing line. In my childhood dreams of escaping gravity, I wondered what it might be like to climb high in the branches but was too scared to try. Now I live in a vicarage with a huge Wellingtonia (also known as a sequoia) outside. Still, looking up into its branches you cannot fail to have a sense of awe and respect, and passers-by often stop and look up at it.

May will hopefully take us fully into the season of summer, and also hopefully life will be opening up more as we continue to be in pandemic times. In creation around us buds, flowers and leaves will also be opening up. The poet Mary Oliver says: 'When I among the trees .. I would almost say they save me, and daily'. In the church calendar May is the season of looking up, with the celebration of Ascension. In the thinking of Ascension time heaven and earth are drawn together. We remember that we are rooted and reaching, we are earthly creatures and citizens of heaven, however we might understand this.

May those who look and strain their eyes, longing for signs of the kingdom, find the way of justice, hope, joy and love is closer than their next breath. Amen."

Church services across the Benefice during May:

When:			Service:	Where:
2 nd	Sun	10 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Cropredy
			Family Service	Wardington
9 th	Sun	11 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Gt Bourton
		4 ^{pm}	Evening Prayer	Claydon
16 th	Sun	10 ^{am}	Morning Prayer	Mollington
			Family Communion	Wardington
23 rd	Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Claydon
		10 ^{am}	Morning Prayer	Cropredy
30 th	Sun	10 ^{am}	Worship Group?	Cropredy
		10 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Mollington
		4 ^{pm}	Evening Prayer	Gt Bourton

All Saints in Gt 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 notice-boards 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.

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

8th & 9th May – Bourtons' Big Give-Away and Big Plant Swap
weekend – see the notices posted around the villages.

8th May, 11^{am}-2^{pm} – take your unwanted bags to Howard at the Bell Inn car park.

26th June – Bourtons' Big Wildlife Day! An exciting, interesting and educational day is planned in and around the Churchyard with all ages welcome, lots of activities planned from bug hunting to bug house building - encouraging life into the Churchyard. Also find out more about the Bell Tower Conservation project, meet the architect and enjoy a cup of tea and cake! More detail to follow in the June Broadsheet and on FB.

4th July – Bourtons' Big BBQ & Strawberry Fayre – in the Community Hall; arrangements are progressing and details will be shared soon. We're also really pleased to announce that **Malcolm the Magician** will be doing a family show for children and adults alike – tickets will be available shortly. All ticket sales will go to the Bell Tower Conservation project. Thank you so much Malcolm!

11th September – Bourtons' Big Breakfast will take place in the Village Hall.

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>

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

