BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

December 2022

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Bell Tower fund to date is **£61,400** (see page 12)

Welcome…

This does seem to come round very quickly, as I'm pulling together the December issue, today is a blustery, and more typical, Autumn day. Once more there's lots inside this issue, loads to read and do alongside socialising across the Bourtons – I need another few hours in each day 😊 to enjoy it all!

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday 4th December at the Bourtons' Festive Fun day, during the day in the Village Hall and/or at the Bell Tower in the evening – see next page and don't forget to bring your lanterns (there's glow sticks too!) and help create a Christmassy atmosphere whilst carolling around the tree! Santa will be there too! Come early to get your spot!

I'm looking forward to 8th December and having another go at making something that might actually resemble a Festive wreath to hang on the front door.

Take care when putting up the lights for the LightFest and enjoy your festive preparations.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone and very best wishes for 2023.

Enjoy...

Sue

Love to hear from you:
Email: bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com
Tel: 01295 758036
Copy deadline: ***10th December***

Bourtons festive fun

at the Village Hall!

Join us for festive community fun and a chatter in aid of the Bourtons' Bell Tower Conservation project!

- Childrens tombola
- Childrens craft activities
- Stalls from local artists & makers
- Mulled wine, mince pies, & other refreshments

The fun will continue from 6pm at The Bell Inn - come along for carols, Santa magically lighting the tree, and the big raffle draw!

4th December Sunday 11am - 3pm

Bourtons' Gardening Club – **Wednesday, 7th December**, 7:30pm in the Village Hall – Christmas Party. Charge: £4 for members; £6 for guests. (BYO). We warmly welcome new members; if you are interested in joining the Gardening Club or would like some more information please email annbrooks100@gmail.com

Bourtons' Music Society will meet on **Wednesday, 21st December,** 7:30pm in the Village Hall. 'Circuses, Fairgrounds and Pantomimes'. These are flamboyant and lively events during the Christmas season. Let's try and capture some of the atmosphere by bringing music you link to them. If you have a CD/DVD you no longer want, we will have a Lucky Dip for a mystery swap. Seasonal treats will be served! Bring your own drinks. 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 on 01295 758519 or Paul on 01295 750596.

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 and/or lighting the Belfry. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/flytheflaglightthebelfry

Flag OR Light	**Flag AND Light**
£5 per day/night	£8 per day/night
£10 for 3 days/nights	£16 for 3 days/nights
£20 for a week	£25 for a week

Foodbank

contributions may be left with Gina Cumming, Greenslade, Crow Lane, GB

(Please leave items under covered area near door)
Please only donate items which are **'in date'**.

Items are taken to the Banbury Foodbank

Thank you!

THE MULBERRY CAFE

Camp as Christmas Boozy Bingo
With A Fabulous Drag Host

Nothing says Christmas quite like a drag queen hosting bingo.

Saturday, December 10th
Cropredy Village Hall
Doors open 6pm; Eyes down 6.30pm

Tickets can be purchased from the café - £20
As is tradition BYOB
Free drink on arrival
18+ only

Christmas Jumpers are Strongly Encouraged

Christmas At The Mulberry

Bookings minimum of 8, includes
Free Private Hire
Afternoon & Evening bookings – BYOB
November 28th – December 23rd
2 courses £19 3 courses £22

Starter

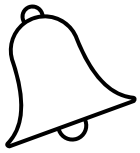
Prawn Cocktail
Roast Parsnip Soup & Sliced Ciabatta (vg)
Duck Pate with Toast & Red Onion Chutney

Main

Salmon en Croûte with Gravadlax Sauce
Beef Wellington
Roasted Beetroot Wellington (vg)
All served with
Crushed Rosemary New Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

Dessert

Profiteroles & Cream
Chocolate Tart & Vanilla Ice Cream (vg)
Lemon Cheesecake



The Bell Inn
Great Bourton

Monday – Closed

Tues, Wed & Thursday – opening hours: 5:30–10pm;
food hours: 6–9pm.
Friday & Saturday – opening hours: Noon-11pm;
food hours: Noon–2:30pm & 6–9pm.
Sunday – opening hours: Noon–8pm; food hours: Noon–5pm.

Offers

Tuesday: 2 main meals for £22.00 (steaks not included)

Wednesday: Free starter or dessert with any adult main meal purchased

Thursday: Dining Lucky Dip: choose from 5 envelopes containing 10%, 15%, 20% or 25% off your whole bill. One envelope will contain "better luck next time" **Happy hour from 6–9pm**

Friday: Watch our Facebook page for special offers or call on 01865 634956.
Saturday: Burger night: any burger from our menu for £10

DECEMBER EVENTS:
Our Christmas menu is available until 24th December – booking essential! Service hours as above – excludes Sundays. 2 courses £21/3 courses £27

Saturday, 3rd December, 8pm Epic Karaoke Disco Party! With DJ Phil Stevens

Sunday, 4th December, 6pm – Light-up Festive Fun with Santa, light switch on, carol singing and Bourtons' Big Raffle Draw

Tuesday, 13th December, 8pm – book your table for the Bourtons' Big Christmas Quiz – no limit on team members!

Christmas Eve – open as normal; **Christmas Day** – 11am-1pm

New Year's Eve party, 7pm 'til late; Dress to impress – black & white theme; buy your tickets - £10pp; DJ, live music, buffet and fizz at midnight

The Bell Christmas Menu

Available from 21st November – 24th December.

2 courses £21.00 – 3 Courses £27.00

Starters.

Baked camembert with warm crusty bread and cranberry sauce (V)(GF available)

Curried parsnip soup with warm crusty bread and butter (VG)(GF available)

Classic prawn cocktail with brown bread and butter (GF available)

Mains.

Roast turkey served with pigs in blankets, stuffing balls, sprouts, honey glazed carrots and parsnips, roast potatoes and gravy (GF available)

Topside of beef served with pigs in blankets, stuffing balls, sprouts, honey glazed carrots and parsnips, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding and gravy (GF available)

Butternut squash and lentil wellington served with stuffing balls, sprouts, honey glazed carrots and parsnips, roast potatoes and gravy (VG)

Desserts.

Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy sauce (V)

Apple pie with custard, cream or ice cream (VG available)

Sticky toffee pudding with custard, cream or ice cream (GF available)

Christmas

THE BRASENOSE

Available from 21st November 2022
2 courses £26.00 | 3 courses £32.00
Booking essential on 01295 750244

- STARTERS -

Winter root vegetable soup served with crisp vegetable ribbons
and sour dough bread (v) | £9.50

Oven baked mushrooms with truffle oil and a garlic cheddar sauce. Served with
toasted rustic pumpkin seed bread (v) | £8.50

Chicken liver parfait served with toast, garlic butter, Brasenose chutney
and crisp beetroot | £9.00

Black pudding and blue cheese croquettes served with apple sauce and fresh salad | £9.50

- MAIN COURSE-

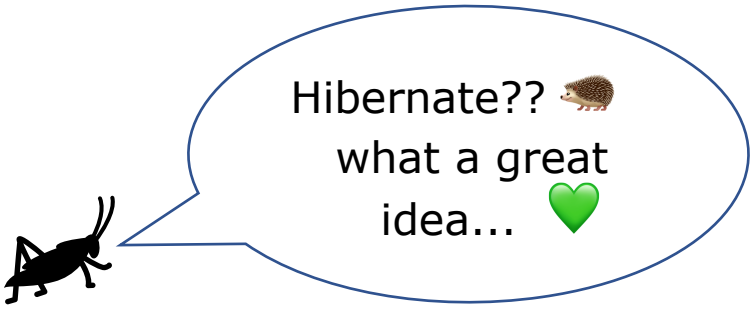
Bacon wrapped turkey, stuffed with sausage and cranberries | £19.00
Pork Belly with cider and pears | 18.50
8oz Sirloin steak | £25.00 (£5 supplement)

All the above served with rosemary roasted potatoes, crispy bacon
brussell sprouts, maple glazed carrots and parsnips, and braised red cabbage

Beetroot and squash wellington with kale pesto (ve) | £17.50
King prawn and pea risotto served with a parmesan crisp | £18.00

- DESSERTS -

Homemade Christmas pudding with brandy cream | £8.00
Traditional sherry trifle | £8.00
Salted pecan and chocolate pie | £8.00
Lemon posset with homemade shortbread biscuit | £8.00



Note from Michelle Hemstedt...

As I write this in early November, 2 or 3 hedgehogs are still showing up for dinner each night. Thankfully they look to be a good size so are probably just making the most of the mild weather to fatten up. It can be a difficult time of year for hogs, with temperatures varying by several degrees from week to week and affecting their hibernation – that said, last year the last of 'our' hedgehogs didn't hibernate until the first week of December.

Although hedgehog charities are concerned that the population is declining, we've had another bumper year here in our garden in Swan Lane, with 9 or 10 regularly showing up together to feed in the height of summer. Feeding is, of course, not all that hedgehogs do in summer, and many a warm night was disturbed by the sound of our prickly little friends mating noisily under our open windows.

The long hot spell this year didn't have a noticeable effect on our local hog population, thanks, probably, to lots of lovely people with feeding stations ensuring that there was always a supply of food and water.

In the past it was assumed that hedgehogs just hibernate through from November to March but recent studies have shown that, while some hedgehogs will hibernate for 3 or 4 months, others can wake up about once a week. It's now known that very few of them use the same nest for the whole winter and new nests are built on mild nights.

We are lucky to rent a house with a wonderful, mature garden, which means that there are plenty of leaves and hiding places for hedgehogs to make their winter nests. We know that there is one behind our oil tank and at least one other in the thick hedge that separates our garden from the footpath. Hopefully many of our hogs are already tucked up in cosy hedgehog houses dotted around the village. But, as last year, we'll be following the recommendation of hedgehog charities and leaving a small amount of food and a dish of water out during the winter, just in case any of them wander out for a snack.

Used Postage Stamps

Many charities benefit from 'used postage stamps' – why don't you save yours? Drop them into Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane, GB and they will be sent to...

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society

THANK YOU to those who kindly left a big tin (💛 Tony & Sue), and envelope, full of used stamps.

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FESTIVE FUN – YE OLDE VILLAGE HALL

Maggie will not be hosting her usual monthly Community Coffee morning but instead is looking forward to seeing you on

Sunday, 4th December; 11am – 3pm
mulled wine, tea, coffee, soft drinks, mince pie and cake!

Poppy Appeal – Thank you all in the Bourtons who kindly supported the RBL Poppy Appeal!

Thanks of course to our volunteers - Maggie MacAngus, Nan Gill, David Drummond and David Upton (RBL coordinator).

The generous Bourtons donated £705.94 - £219.34 from LB and £486.60 from GB.

Come along and join us for Cropredy Pre-School's Annual

Christmas Wreath Making!

Thursday 8th December 2022
7-9pm at Cropredy School Hall
£30
Come along for an evening of crafting, mulled wine and mince pies!
Includes all the materials you'll need to make a beautiful wreath – we just ask you to bring a bag of foraged foliage and some secateurs!
All money goes towards fundraising for the Pre-School
Email: Cropredy.preschool.committee2021@gmail.com
to book!

Friends of All Saints

We are so close and yet we still have a way to go! The brilliant news is that Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust have agreed to increase their contribution to the **Bell Tower fund** by a further £3,000 bringing their total contribution to £10,000 – this is fabulous news and the efforts of our grant 'researchers' is very much appreciated.

Struggling for a Christmas present? Why not Sponsor a Shingle (roof tile) - donations are hugely welcome, and your £1(s) will be matched as there is still some match funding available. To donate simply scan the QR code to go direct to the JustGiving page or contact Kate (01295 758045 / 07900 625711) for more info.

Thank you **thank you** **thank you…** for your support of the Quiz nights in the Bell Inn with special mention of DJ Phil Stevens for kindly giving up his evenings to provide the sound system, free of charge, over the last 2 years for both Bell Tower and Katharine House fundraising evenings. Thanks Phil – it certainly wouldn't be as good without you!

Bourtons' Big Festive Fun Day - Sunday, 4th December
11am-3pm – drop in at the Village Hall for activities and tombola for children and enjoy mulled wine, mince pies, cakes and refreshments whilst browsing the craft stalls... great chance for a community catch up!
And...
6pm – do join us as we gather round the Christmas tree outside the Bell Tower where Santa will switch on the Christmas lights at 6pm followed by carol singing – do bring your lanterns and let's give it a real festive feel! This will be followed by the **Bourtons' Big Festive Raffle Draw**.

Bourtons' Big Festive Raffle – have you got yours?

The Friends continue to work hard to sell our Annual 'Festive' raffle tickets – have you bought yours yet? Want to buy more?

To pay for tickets, please pop your money, with your completed ticket stubs, in an envelope and drop to one of the 'Friends' below:

HelenC, 19 Garners Field;
Clare, Stoneleigh, Swan Lane;
Gina, Greenslade, Crow Lane;
Helen, Buzzard Farmhouse, Little B.
Kate, Barnsend, Main Street;
Maggie, 1 Valley View;
Sue, Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane;

Or call any of the above who will happily arrange to collect from you and also bring additional tickets should you wish to buy more. Please ring landline or text mobiles whichever is easier...

HelenC: 07890 915054
Clare: 01295 758488
Helen: 07940 117174
Kate: 01295 758045 / 07900 625711
Gina: 01295 750730 / 07771 756780
Sue: 01295 758036 / 07828 626503

For ease, should you wish to pay by bank transfer please pay Great Bourton Parochial Church Council (PCC) at HSBC: sort code: 40-09-02; account no: 71375423, quoting '**Raffle** followed by your **surname**' and don't forget to pass your ticket stubs on as above, noting that you've paid online.

Please return unwanted tickets so they can be sold elsewhere.

Thank you to our supporters so far, also...

Broughton Castle
Mulberry Cafe
Michael Jones Jeweller
Majestic Wine
Wines
Cosy Creative Crafts
Spirits
Mindful Touch Massage
Martin Damen
Nothing But Footprints
Hook Norton
Hampers
Bourton Drains
Gifts
The Bell Inn
Champagne
Banbury Pets
Olive & Greene
The Dirt House

The Bourtons' Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Community Hall on Tuesday, October 26th 2022 at 19:30hrs

In attendance: Cllr Mrs S Upton (Chair), Cllr Mrs J Beales, Cllr A Johnson & Stephen Bowen (Clerk). **Apologies**: CCllr G Reynolds (Holiday), Cllr Mrs H King (Holiday), Cllr Mrs G Duckworth (Personal), Cllr Mrs G Brooks (Business). **Declarations of Interest**: None
Public Participation: No members of the public attended
Minutes: The previous Council meeting (Sept) minutes were reviewed and signed.

Footpaths - Progress Report
The issue of the possible use of the canal towpath, which is a public right of way and a declared part of the Oxfordshire footpaths network, being upgraded to become a viable cycling route into central Banbury was again raised. It was **RESOLVED** that we would write to CCllr Reynolds to ask what support OCC may be able to provide in this regard.
The steps on the footpath at the bottom of Stanwell Lane have been reported to OCC Countryside Access Officer, but we were advised that Beth Rutterford has left OCC, and no further info re the report was provided. This will be raised again and reported to CCllr Reynolds.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report:
Now that we have two volunteer FixMyStreet superusers the Chairman will pass details of the online training to both.
Following the delay in implementing the 20mph speed limits the Community Speedwatch project will be reinvigorated; we will write to the volunteer group.
The trees causing concern on Main Street, GB, continue to be at risk and as no help has been offered by either OCC or CDC we will speak with local contractors to obtain a quote and then reapproach both OCC & CDC, requesting the help of our District & County Cllrs.
The replacement seat for Foxden Way has been delivered. We have received no response from OCC Highways re our request that they had no concerns about the new location and it was **AGREED** that we should proceed. A working party will clear the area and cast the slab prior to mounting the seat.

Public Transport: No response has been received from Stagecoach and confusion remains about service provision. Further attempts to obtain a reply will be made.

Planning applications: New applications:
22/02952/F: Mrs V Fisher, Hill House, The Green, GB: demolition of garage & erection of extension to house: BPC will comment on this application.
22/03104/F: Ms L Sockett, Old Orchard Cottage, Manor Road, GB: erection of 2 bed dwelling in the rear garden; need to understand impact on rear neighbours.
22/03036/F: Regentsgate Ltd, Former wig factory, Southam Rd, LB: revised submission following withdrawal of previous application; our views remain principally the same as before with concerns about access onto Southam Road and further development on that side of the road.

22/03215/PiP: Mr W Lombard, land west of Foxden Way. New permission-in-principle request for 4-5 bungalows.
Potential erection of Broadband 'pole' nearby The Green, GB: no application submitted and may not be required. Surveyors representing Voneus advised it is permitted development, advice from CDC is that this may be correct. Council is very concerned and is seeking guidance.
Decisions: 22/02544/Q56: Mr & Mrs Aries, Home Farm Barn, Crow Lane, GB: conversion to dwelling: **REFUSED**
CDC Local Plan Review response: The Chairman and Clerk attended the CDC meeting to update on progress with the Review. It was confirmed that publication of the first draft is scheduled for December 19th which will be the start of the public consultation period which has been extended from 6 to 8 weeks due to the Christmas period intervening. There will be significant changes to the previously published Plan but details are not yet finalised.
The Bourtons' Community Plan: work continues alongside finalisation of our response to the CDC Local Plan Review as some of the info will be common. The consideration of applying for a Conservation Area for GB was also discussed and it was **AGREED** that the potential area be identified and residents within that area be canvassed for their views.
Enforcement: No updates

County & District Councillors report:
Apology received from CCllr Reynolds. DCllr Chapman did not attend.

Defibrillators:
Both defibrillators reported working. Following info received Council will investigate whether signs identifying locations of units would be beneficial.

Website: Work continues on new pages for Wildlife project. Invoice received for web hosting payment shows increase. Query to be raised whether this price to be held for coming year.

Projects update:
Garners Field: CDC have requested confirmation of our intention to proceed with adoption of the LAP and grassed area. It was **RESOLVED** that this was so, as annual maintenance costs would be supported by the transfer of s106 funds. This will be enacted through CDC legal and this Council will not incur any legal costs.
LB Project: Cllr Beales confirmed that OpenReach have removed the former telephone kiosk and grass seeded the area at no cost to the Parish. Work on bulb planting will now proceed.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces
Grass maintenance: a new quotation has been submitted for this work for the coming year and reflects the significant increases in fuel and cost of living prices. Discussions taking place to minimise the impact which could result in reduced mowing frequency in some areas. A review of our decision to adopt responsibility for the verges inside the 30mph limits is also underway as the grant offered by OCC is based on 2016 costs and is not index linked. This would only provide for one additional cut over that provided by OCC.

GB playground: the replacement swing seats have been received and installation is being arranged.

Allotments: The Tenancy Agreement has been updated following the meeting with tenants, supported by explanatory notes and will be circulated with the rent invoices which will be issued before the month end. Any further increases in costs already budgeted for will require the rent to be increased; the situation will be monitored. Discussions with Castle Water regarding the meter reading are still on going.

Halls:
CH: Nothing to report
VH: minutes of meeting received. Handyman Chacombe has been contacted about the repair required for the oil tank.

Healthcare: Nothing to report.

Finance & Administration:
The FIN REP for October previously circulated was **ACCEPTED.** It was **RESOLVED** that nine payments requested totalling £6,481.07 be approved. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:
Moore: External audit fee - £240.00
Fenland Leisure Products: Replacement swing seats for GB Playground - £218.40
CDC: Dog bin emptying - £933.50
Prysebros Ltd: weed kill treatment - £336.00
SW Services: September mowing - £295.00
Zurich Municipal: Insurance renewal premium - £1,689.99
Street Furnishings Ltd: Replacement seat for Foxden Way: £882.60
CN Glass Ltd: Deposit for glass repair at LB bus shelter - £230.82
Last month we reported that Aviva were to be appointed as our insurance broker subject to a query re the Parish clock. They subsequently advised that they could not cover the clock as it was not installed in a building owned by the PC. Following a discussion with the Chairman and Cllr Johnson it was **AGREED** that we should appoint Zurich Municipal who were only £63.46 more expensive and had no issue with the location of the clock.

Correspondence: Reminder received from OPFA regarding renewal of membership. Following discussion it was **AGREED** that membership should not be renewed as their advice has never been sought and it seems to be an unnecessary expense in these challenging times.

New business: No new business was introduced.
Date of next meeting: Tuesday November 22nd 2022 at 19:30hrs in the Community Hall. Note change of date following the delay of the September meeting due to the period of National Mourning.
Meeting closed at 21:30hrs. Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 27/10/22

The All Saints Bell Tower Conservation project

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With thanks to Acanthus Clew Architects for the artwork

Friends of All Saints...

Ever wondered what lay behind that lovely little doorway in the Lychgate, under our magnificent All Saints Bell Tower?
Is your curiosity peeked and would you like to **see inside the old tower** and view the mechanics of the clock whirring?
The tiny space can accommodate 2-3 people at any one time and please do be mindful that it is a very narrow access with uneven stone steps (about a dozen) to the first level.
If you would like a 'look see' and more info then please get in touch...
bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com
No email? then please call 01295 758036.

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We've just received £50 from A-Plan – thank you to whoever took out a new insurance policy!
Don't forget to quote 'All Saints' when you complete on a new policy.

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Condolences...

Message from Gordon Boffin -

"My father, Peter Boffin, passed away on Saturday 5th November in Germany following a long battle with cancer aged 78. Peter was the adopted son of Albert and Ethel Boffin of Littlegood Farm. Some of the older residents of both Great and Little Bourton will remember Peter. His cremation service took place and his ashes will be buried in the local town graveyard near to where he lived, just south of Stuttgart."

Be MORE
KARL...
and JUNE!

The Bourtons' Big LightFest 2022
The hugely popular LightFest returns for another year – there might well be fewer lights, or lit for a shorter time, due to increased energy costs, but hopefully the parish will still shine out this December. Let's lift the winter gloom and bring some cheer -

with **TWO** competitions this year – **ONE for GB**, **ONE for LB. You can vote for either or both!** See next page to cast your vote ➡️ ➡️ ➡️ ➡️

CHRISTMAS CARDS – be ECO aware...
Why not use our **Christmas Bulletin Board** as an alternative? Available on Saturday, 10th & 17th December, 11am-3pm, there in All Saints Church for anyone to use so do pop in and leave a Seasonal Greeting to the Bourtons' neighbourhood. The Christmas Bulletin Board will also be available at Festive Fun on Sunday, 4th December in the Village Hall. Remember to come along to the Crib Service on 24th December at 6pm and enjoy all the messages.

You might also consider donating to the Bell Tower Fund in lieu of buying and posting cards this year. If you are sending cards, please consider FSC-approved, recycled, vegetable ink, carbon neutral printers and plastic-free greetings cards. Please also consider charity cards and support a good cause.

Thank you for your loose change! The
Bourtons' Big Pudsey
"**Children in Need**" collection was still being gathered at the time of printing.
See January issue for more info...

Over the last 3 years the generous Bourtons have donated over
£800!!
Thank you...
love Pudsey xx

BOURTONS' BIG LIGHTFEST COMPETITION 2022 VOTING FORM

Your Name and Address:

_____

_____

_____

The addresses of the Christmas lights which you think should win this year in:

Little B is: and **Great B** is:

_____ _____

_____ _____

NB: One form per Bourton parishioner.
Voting can be done using this form which needs to be put in the mailbox at Great Bourton House, Crow Lane, GB or WitsEnd, Spring Lane, LB.
or take part in the poll on Facebook (available mid-Dec)
or by email (using the information required on this form) to bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com

The deadline for all votes is 5pm on Friday, 16th December

Prizes will be awarded on Monday, 19th December.

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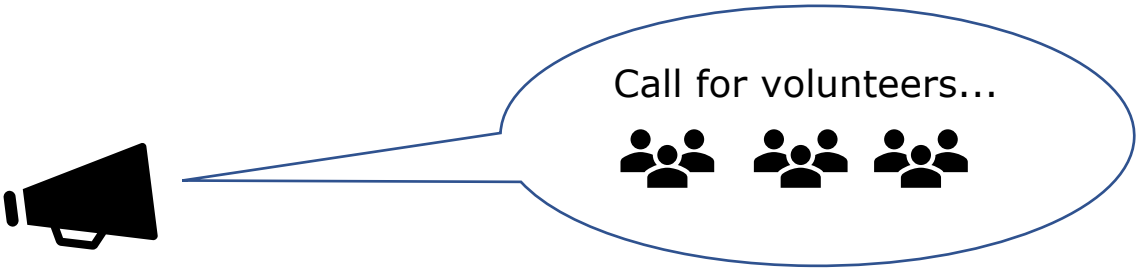
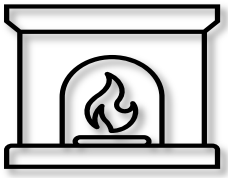


Bourtons' Village Hall : Warm Hub



The Village Hall Management Committee are willing to make the hall available as a Warm Hub for residents concerned about the heating crisis facing all of us. We are seeking the views of our community as to whether there is any demand if we were to do this?

We would also need volunteer(s) to assist with manning the hall during open times to comply with our insurance. If you are interested and willing to offer your time - or indeed would use the hall as a Warm Space, please make contact with me, Geoff Tyler, Chairman, on 07860 380342 or by email geofftyler49@gmail.com. All contacts will be treated as confidential.

Looking for a venue in the Bourtons?

For Hall enquiries and bookings:

Community Hall: 07967 631770
bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com

Village Hall: Maggie: 01295 750497

Village Hall AGM

Thursday, 12th January 2023, 7pm

All welcome!

Bourtons' Bunting

Did you know there are 20 different lengths (totalling 187.55 metres!) in the Bourtons' bunting library! In all, 777 pennants in a variety of colours and individual lengths. It's easy to borrow...

simply contact Ann annbrooks100@gmail.com who will send you the picture library and detailed info...

available to all parishioners, free of charge, in the Bourtons!

News from Little Bourton by Jan Williams…

By the time you read this Broadsheet edition Christmas will be almost upon us! The weather has so far been remarkably mild and a white Christmas looks unlikely, although we are all familiar with the vagaries of the British weather and in this rather strange year when we have said goodbye to HM Queen Elizabeth and have seen several prime ministers come and go, anything could happen! However, Little B and its community spirit have endured. We have witnessed many events at our lovely pub; coffee mornings, cake sales, charity events and entertainment to mention just a few and would like to thank Dickie and Michelle for all their time, hard work and generosity throughout 2022. In 2023 we can look forward to seeing new bulbs springing up in the village borders and the continuation of our work to improve the look of Little B as we move towards Spring. In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year!

Down at The Dirt House…

Bingo: Thursday, 1st December, 7pm – Eyes down! - £1 a book of 6 games or £5 a book for 6 books for 6 games. Come along for some fun, prizes and fundraising for Katharine House Hospice. Hopefully this will become a regular event.

Live Music: Friday, 2nd December, 9pm – the very talented local musician and acoustic guitarist, Leigh Chambers, will be playing live.

Apart from Christmas we do, of course, have **The World Cup** to look forward to in **December**. If you would like to come along and cheer on the boys with friends, The Dirt House is the place to be! Dickie will be showing the following:

Last 16 matches - 3rd,4th,5th,6th @ 3pm & 7pm

Q *finals* - ***9th,10th*** @ 3pm & 7pm ***Semi-finals*** - ***13th,14th*** @ 7pm

Final - 18th @ 3pm

Coffee Morning: Wednesday, 14th December, 11am - take a break from Christmas preparations and present wrapping to come for coffee (just £3), a chat and free cake and biscuits. A good opportunity to deliver your Christmas cards personally too!

Carols: Sunday, 18th December, 6pm - come along to sing some carols and generally get in a Christmassy mood. There will be seasonal beverages and a raffle in aid of Katharine House Hospice too.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day - The Dirt House will be open for merrymaking between Noon and 2pm.

New Year's Eve Fancy Dress - This year's theme is Pop/Rock Stars (not obligatory!) but get planning.

Shires' Edge Benefice

Church services across the Benefice during **December**:

When:		Service:	Where:
4th Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion	Cropredy
	10am	Family service	Wardington
	11am	**Holy Communion**	**Gt Bourton**
11th Sun	10am	Benefice Communion	Mollington
	6pm	Carol service	Wardington
18th Sun	10am	Benefice Communion	Wardington
	4pm	**Carol service**	**Gt Bourton**
	6pm	Carol service	Claydon
			Cropredy
24th Sat	3pm	Crib service	Cropredy
	4pm	Crib service	Claydon
			Wardington
	6pm	**Crib service**	**Gt Bourton**
	11pm	Midnight Mass	Cropredy
			Mollington
25th Sun	8:30am	Holy Communion	Claydon
	10am	**Holy Communion**	**Gt Bourton**
			Wardington

Please note that All Saints GB is open for services only now until the clock change in March 2023. **The Bell Tower/Lychgate is available for prayer and reflection - a prayer is posted on the notice board each month.**

Coming up at Katharine House:

Lights of Love – Thursday, 8th December

Tractor Run route – Saturday, 17th December

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

We're here to help...

If you have lost someone you love and would like some support, we have a team of trained Bereavement Support Workers waiting to help you. The support is free, can be carried out face to face or on the phone. And you don't need to have had any direct involvement with the hospice, we are here for anyone who needs us. If you'd like to find out more about how we can help support you, please take a look on our website: www.khh.org.uk/bereavement-services

Bourtons' goings-on... December

BI = Bell Inn CH = Community Hall		DH = Dirt House VH = Village Hall	
When		**What**	**Where**
1st Thurs	8pm	**Charity Bingo**	DH
3rd Sat	8pm	**Epic Karaoke Disco Party**	BI
4th Sun	11am-3pm	**Festive Fun** – children's entertainment, craft stalls, mulled wine and mince pies, etc!	VH
	6-7pm	**Festive Fun Light-up** with Santa, Carol singing, Raffle	Bell Tower BI
7th Wed	7:30pm	**Gardening Club Xmas party**	VH
13th Tues	7:30pm	**Christmas Quiz**	BI
14th Wed	11am-Noon	**Coffee morning**	DH
16th Fri	5pm	**LightFest** voting deadline (prize-giving Monday, 19th Dec)	
18th Sun	4pm	**Carol service**	Church
	6pm	**Carol singing**	DH
21st Wed	7:30pm	**Music Society**	VH
31st Sat	7pm 'til late	**Dress to impress!** DJ, live music, buffet & fizz at midnight!	BI
What's coming up...			
12th Jan	Village Hall AGM, 7pm		

See **page 22** for more **Dirt House** events.

Little Bourton WhatsApp Group is a swift, simple means of communication between people in the village. If you are not yet a member but would like to join the group, please contact: Bobbie Brown, The Den, Chapel Lane or call 07730 570639