

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

January 2023



Welcome ...

As we roll into 2023; keep a look out later this month for snowdrops – such a lovely sight! We're especially looking forward to seeing the outcome of the snowdrop bank planted a couple of years ago – keep your eyes on the East bank of the church yard!

Disappointing to hear December was marred by a suspected oil theft from the village and the realisation it had all gone just as the weather was at its coldest – please do be vigilant, lock your tanks, hamper access in some way perhaps with a gravel (noisy) walkway – check out certasenergy.co.uk for their 'handy guide to avoiding heating oil theft'.

Do consider joining the Gardening Club – they've had a great year of visits and talks and the comfort food enjoyed at the December Xmas gathering was wonderful! Last but not least BINGO! – what an evening, who'd have thought it could be so much fun, John and I had such a laugh 😊 as relative bingo novices!

It's wonderful to read the note from Mark McCann (see page 5) regarding the Bell Tower project – such a challenge but so worthwhile – after all we don't want to see it fall into disrepair.

Sue

Happy New Year!

In this issue...

- 5 Bell Tower update
- 16 Bourtons' "Goings-on!"
- 16 Church Services
 - 7 Fly the Flag
 - 5 Friends of All Saints
 - 7 Friends of Foxden
 - 3 Gardening Club
- 14 Little B News
 - 3 Music Society
 - 9 Parish Council minutes
- 15 Primary School
 - Place Application

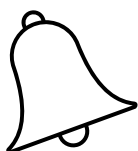
Bell Tower fund to date is **£62,300**

Love to hear from you:

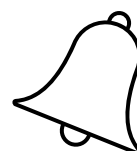
Email: bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com

Tel: 01295 758036

Copy deadline: 17th of each month



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 01865 634956.

Saturday: Burger night: any burger from our menu for £10

Watch out on Facebook for other goings on at the Bell!

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!

Bourtons' Gardening Club – please note that the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 11th January in the Village Hall has been altered; in a unanimous vote at the November meeting, it was agreed that members are happy to receive the papers for this year's AGM by email.

We have some interesting visits pencilled in for spring/summer of 2023 – RHS Wisley, Pettifers in Wardington and a summer picnic at Rousham are all under consideration. Meanwhile, Janice Deas, kindly gives a review of 2022 –

"BGC members have enjoyed summer visits to some of the area's beautiful private gardens including Primrose Gardens (Steeple Aston), Old Rectory (Quinton), Claridges Barn, Kings Cottage and Bolters Farm (Chipping Norton). A combined joint visit was made with the Boddington & District Gardeners' Association to historic gardens at Broughton Castle, which was well attended and much enjoyed. During the darker evenings we were informed and entertained by Andrew Woodall from Broughton Grange and Victoria Logue who chatted to us about 'The Highs and Lows of Growing Vegetables'.

An Autumn social, cheese and wine party, took place in September and in December the annual Christmas dinner was held in the Village Hall. Members brought along wonderful tasty dishes plus jacket potatoes and delicious desserts and mince pies. Many thanks to all who provided the food and to Maggie for decorating the Hall and Christmas tree. The evening was rounded off with a mind-bending garden related quiz ending a super evening."

Come and join us - we warmly welcome new members – membership is only £10pa; if you are interested or would like some more information please see the Bourtons' website... you don't have to know weeds from Wisteria or a Daisy from a Dandelion just socialise, pick up hints and tips and enjoy your own, and others', gardens.

Bourtons' Music Society Information about the next meeting and the society may be obtained by contacting Margaret on 01295 758519 or Paul on 01295 750596. Visitors, guests and prospective members are welcome to attend at £1.50pp. New members are always welcome from the Bourtons and surrounding villages.

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



Accounting, Bookkeeping & Tax for small businesses with personal, non-judgmental, easy to understand advice and support.

Take your financials from the thing you can't avoid, to the thing you can't live without.



Our clients include:

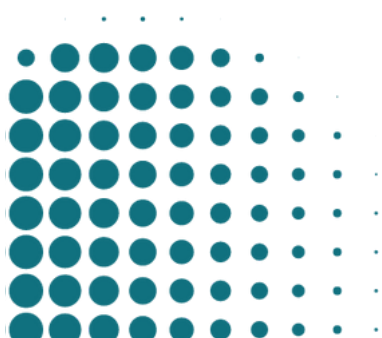
Limited Companies
Sole Traders
Partnerships
Landlords

More details including our pricing, services and our knowledge centre can be found on our web site.

Telephone: 03332 248643
Mobile: 07895 068643
hello@add-worth.co.uk
www.add-worth.co.uk



5 Star Google Rating



On behalf of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Note from Mark McCann...

- We have raised £62,300 since 2019; we need to raise a further £10,000...
- The target sum is now £72,300 – this includes essential professional fees
- A letter of intent to fix the costs with the Contractor has been issued and signed
- As mentioned before the increase in costs is really disappointing but we are determined to finish what we started!
- Fundraising events will continue and we have to thank the Friends of All Saints and the wider Bourtons' community for their tremendous support.
- We plan to commence the works in Spring 2023 - more details will be available following the on-site planning meeting with Acanthus Clews Architects and JG Restoration scheduled for 20th January 2023
- As ever, **thank you** for your continued support!

Things to note...

All donations made to this project are ring-fenced in a designated Bell Tower fund. This fund is held apart and in a separate account to the Church general operational funds, all held by the charity that is 'All Saints Church Great Bourton PCC'.

Friends of All Saints - Bourtons' Big Festive Fun Day – thank you to everyone for supporting the Village Hall activities, the tombola and crafting alongside the lovely artisan stalls, and our legendary Maggie for the wonderful festive decorations and refreshments. The evening at the Bell Tower went like clockwork 😊 so thank you Santa and all who helped and participated in whatever way. The raffle was well supported once again, we had some marvellous prizes and the whole day raised around £1,600 which is fantastic! Thank you to the generosity of those who donated prizes and those who supported it and well done to the winners!

Thanks once again to DJ Phil Stevens for the loan of the sound equipment and the Bell Inn team for hosting our evening. Thanks to David Boddington for the Xmas trees including the Bell Tower tree and Julian Aldred for the lighting and of course the children at Cropredy School for their wonderful decorations. The carolling led by David Upton was, as ever, a lovely start to the evening.

Watch out for the next Big Breakfast date – coming soon!



THE BRASENOSE



We serve food 7 days a week.
12 – 3 pm and 5.30- 8.30 pm Monday to Friday
Saturdays 12 pm - 8.30 pm
Sundays 12 pm - 6 pm (Sunday lunch menu only)

Please note last food orders are 15 minutes before the end of the foodservice.
Please call on 01295 750244 to book, and avoid disappointment

- STARTERS -

Leek and potato soup with crispy chorizo | £8.00
Italian scotch olives with confit garlic mayo and crisp sage | £8.50
Pierogi dumplings with caramelized onions and sour cream | £9.00
Vegan fried chicken with slaw and BBQ sauce | £ 8.00
Pea and corn salad with polish sausage | £8.50

- A LA CARTE -

Goats cheese and barley risotto with winter greens | £16.50
Spiced salmon with coconut and cashew and cauliflower rice | £18.00
Vegan butternut and chickpea tagine with brown rice | £16.50
Chicken meatballs served with penne pasta and a creamy mustard sauce | £18.00
Korean braised short ribs creamy mash kimchi and shredded carrots | £19.00
Panang Thai Curry. A thicker sweet and salty curry served with coconut rice,
(contains peanuts) (ve)(gf) | £14.00 . Add chicken | £3.00 or prawns | £4.00

- DESSERTS -

Marmalade and whisky bread and butter pudding with homemade custard | £8.00
White chocolate rice pudding with stem ginger and fruit | £8.00
Chocolate honeycomb brownie with vanilla ice cream | £ 8.00
Apple strudel and vanilla cream | £8.00
Lotus Bischoff cheesecake with vegan cream (ve) | £8.00

The bar/garden menu is also available. Menus are subject to change.
The Brasenose Arms, Station Rd, Cropredy. OX17 1PW | Tel: 01295 750244 . www.thebrasenose.co.uk

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

£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

FRIENDS OF FOXDEN

Note from Andrew Bradbury...

on behalf of the Friends of Foxden

"Foxden Way is the corridor which joins the two villages of Great Bourton and Little Bourton together. It's a place of relative peace and quiet for walkers, runners, horse riders and dog-walkers, people on mobility scooters, those pushing buggies and cyclists.

The views are truly spectacular, and the hedges, trees and verges are an important wildlife haven.

During the pandemic, I don't think there was a single resident of the Bourtons who wasn't reminded daily just what a wonderful and important road it is to all parish residents, young and old.

Records show that the lane was called Foxton or Foxden Way from 1697 onwards, and connects with Mill Lane, which runs eastwards past Littlegood and Pewet (now spelt Peewit) Farms to the site of Slat Mill. In more recent times, it has acquired a red heart, thanks to our resident Bourtons' Banksy.

We have set up an email account, friendsoffoxden@gmail.com so that anyone in the parish who would like to receive news on anything which involves Foxden can be updated. This will include any Planning Applications which might impact the lane, the introduction of Twenty's Plenty, community litter-picking and Quiet Lane status. It is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of road which we should all be keen to protect.*

While the community group Facebook page is a great resource to keep people in touch with village matters, by no means all people are on it, and we want to make sure nobody is missing out on Foxden-related news.

Please email if you would like to be added to the list of friends, and we will be in touch.

Foxden Way is special, let's make sure it remains that way.... Thank you"

*Do ring the Broadsheet if you can't contact Andrew by email.

MAGGIE's COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING –

come for a cuppa, cake and a chat!

YE OLD VILLAGE HALL GREAT BOURTON

WEDNESDAY, 25th JANUARY :: 10:30^{am} – Noon



**Donations welcomed
to the Bell Tower
fund**

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!



**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

THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Community Hall
on Tuesday, November 22nd 2022 at 19:30hrs

In attendance: Cllr Mrs S Upton (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Beales, Cllr Mrs H King, Cllr Mrs G Brooks, CCllr G Reynolds (part), DCllr P Chapman (part) & Stephen Bowen, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs G Duckworth (Personal), Cllr A Johnson.

Declarations of Interest: None

Public Participation: No members of the public attended

Minutes: The previous Council meeting (October) minutes were reviewed and signed.

Footpaths - Progress Report: The appointment of a replacement Country-side Access Officer (previously Rights-of-Way Officer) has been confirmed and she is expected to start later this month.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report:

Reports of a serious traffic accident and occasions of road rage near Valley View Thames Water roadworks have been received from a resident. No-one was seriously hurt it is understood but a van has been written off. The PC believes this is, in part, caused by poor siting of the temporary traffic lights. The incidents have been reported to Thames Water and to OCC Highways and we await further updates. Concern has also been expressed about the narrowness of the road and serious erosion of the verge alongside Wedmore House, causing concern about the stability of the retaining wall.

The two volunteer FixMyStreet observers have requested training but further information has not yet been received. This will be chased.

The trees causing concern on Main Street continue to be at risk and no help has been offered by either OCC or CDC. This will be reported to the area Highways Inspector.

The replacement seat for Foxden Way has been delivered. Location has now been approved by OCC Highways. The working party has been formed and will construct the base.

Serious surface water run-off is still emerging from the Claridge Gardens development. This has been reported to Planning Enforcement with a request for their support in bringing this matter to the attention of CDC Drainage staff and to the developer who could be in breach of the planning permission.

Manor Road parking: this remains a concern with missed bin emptying as lorry could not gain access, failed oil deliveries with additional charges imposed and general inconvenience. Further investigations to determine the owner of the illegally parked blue Nissan sports car will be undertaken. This vehicle has already been reported to the Police and DVLC. With the impending start of construction at Crockwell Barns this can only get worse without urgent action.

LB parking issues: Spring Lane. Concerns continue. Particularly ref emergency vehicle access. The feasibility of developing some parking spaces on a nearby verge will be investigated with OCC Highways.

Public Transport: No response has been received from Stagecoach and confusion remains about service provision. Differing information appears on the bus stop timetables. Further attempts will be made to clarify.

Planning applications: New applications -

22/03380/F: 11 Manor Close, GB, front extension. Council has no objections to this application and no resident objections have been posted on the CDC website.

22/03215/PIP: Land west of Foxden Way. New permission-in-principle request for 4-5 bungalows. A response deadline extension has been granted and our submission will be posted this week.

Decisions - 22/00467/F: Bankside, Main Street, GB loft conversion, new roof etc; **PERMITTED.** This application is still causing concern regarding access and loss of light; the matter will be raised with Officers.

CDC Local Plan Review response: Our response is nearing completion and will be submitted shortly. We await publication of the OGNA housing numbers to finalise the response.

The Bourtons' Community Plan: Work continues alongside finalisation of our response to the CDC Local Plan Review as some of the information will be common.

Great Bourton Conservation area: Interest continues and it was **AGREED** that a project plan be developed and initial investigations commenced. The plan will include community engagement proposals, area determination and a process review. It is recognised that this issue cannot be actioned without significant support of residents in the proposed area.

Enforcement: No updates.

County & District Councillors report: DCllr Chapman reports that difficult discussions continue re budget setting, but agreement on rise not yet finalised. CCllr Reynolds reported that OCC have determined that they will impose the maximum increase in Council Tax (3% general & 2% adult & social care).

Defibrillators: Both defibrillators reported working.

Website: Work continues on new pages for Wildlife project. Demand for payment following advice of illustration copyright breach received from Alamy. Relates to picture published three years ago! Negotiations reduced demand. Website policy clarifying responsibility for copyright breaches will be with the article creator in future, being developed for publication in January.

Projects update:

Garners Field: CDC have requested confirmation of our intention to proceed with adoption of the LAP & 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: Work yet to start on bulb planting.

Community Speedwatch: Volunteers have been contacted and to date three have confirmed their continuing interest. Three others have declined due to issues preventing the required time commitment. A notice will be put in the

Broadsheet and on the noticeboard appealing for further volunteers. We really need a minimum of two teams of three to start the project. Anyone interested please contact the Clerk.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces:

GB playground: The replacement swing seats have been received and installation is being arranged; we are still searching for a contractor who has the requisite level of public liability insurance.

Allotments: Tenancy agreements and rent payments continue to be received with approx. 50% now paid. Reminders will be issued to those outstanding. The site was attacked by vandals/thieves earlier in the month and damage was done to fences. It is believed that the culprits were interrupted as no items appear stolen but some minor damage caused to some sheds.

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

Healthcare: Nothing to report.

Finance & Administration: The FIN REP for November previously circulated was **ACCEPTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that six payments requested totalling £2,236.00 be approved. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

K C Graphics: web hosting services - £468.00

Bourtons' Broadsheet: agreed annual contribution - £250.00

Qtrly salary payment: £1,158.00

HMRC PAYE costs - £270.00

The budget paper was discussed and the Clerk's recommendation that in order to achieve a balanced budget it would be necessary to request a 5% increase to cover the inflation increases being notified. This was **AGREED** but a final decision will be taken at the January meeting, when the appropriate resolution will be passed.

New Code of Conduct: this has been updated with the introduction of a specific version for Parish Councillors and it is recommended by the Monitoring Officer that this be adopted. The Clerk is attending training on this tomorrow evening and will report back in January when it is anticipated that Cllrs will adopt the new version.

Civility & Respect project: this is a national project being delivered by the Society of Local Council Clerks & National Association of Local Councils following too many instances of Clerks and Councillors being verbally and physically abused by colleagues. A pledge has been created and it is requested that all Councils sign up to this. The Pledge will be circulated and considered at our January meeting.

The draft meetings calendar for 2023, previously circulated was **AGREED**. This will be posted on the noticeboards and website.

Correspondence:

No new correspondence requiring attention has been received.

New business: No new business was introduced.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, January 10th 2023 at 19:30hrs in the Community Hall. Meeting closed at 22.00hrs.

The All Saints Bell Tower Conservation project



IF YOU TAKE A NEW POLICY ON YOUR HOME,
CAR OR VAN INSURANCE WITH
A-PLAN BANBURY THEY WILL DONATE £50 TO
THE BELL TOWER PROJECT AND FOR EVERY 10
POLICIES WE WILL RECEIVE A FURTHER £100.

A-plan insurance

9-10 Market place, Banbury
Tel: 01295 278278
or Email: banbury.admin@aplan.co.uk

Quote "ALL SAINTS" when
you speak to an advisor.

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.

* * * *



Thank you for your loose change! The
Bourtons' Big Pudsey
"Children in Need" collection in 2022
raised an amazing £222.20. 💖

This means over the last 4 years the
generous Bourtons have donated over
£1,000!!

Thank you...

love Pudsey xx



Malcolm the Magician...

bringing magical excitement to
any celebration!



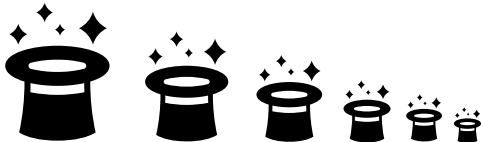
Full-time Professional Magician,
Children's Entertainer & 'Close Up'
Magician

Contact 07734 925330

malcolmboxall@aol.com

www.malcolmthemagician.co.uk

Based in Great Bourton



Ricky's Decorating Service

GB resident, Ricky Hume –
no job too small

Contact Ricky -
07837 747221
for a free quote



Serving your family

Complete Traditional,
Contemporary, Preplanned
Funeral Service and
Monumental Masons.

01295 265 424

32 Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 5DG



www.humphrisfunerals.co.uk

Dawn 'til Dusk Landscapes

Landscape gardener
RHS Advanced with over 20yrs
experience available for all
aspects of gardening:

Lawns Borders Hedges
Pruning Weed control
Design and re-design

Private and commercial
customers. Fully insured and
reliable.

**Call Dawn for a site visit and
free quote**

07786 557518

Dawneosborne@outlook.com



News from Little Bourton by Jan Williams...

Happy New Year everyone! Here's hoping 2023 will be a really good year here in our little community and further afield too!

January goings on down at the Dirt House...

Thursday, 5th January - 7pm Prize Bingo - last month saw a very good turnout for this fun event so do come along this evening and give it a try! Just £1 a game or £5 for a book of 6 games. Fun to be had and prizes to be won.

Wednesday, 11th January - 11am Our first monthly Coffee Morning of 2023 will take place this morning. Anyone from The Bourtons is welcome so, if you haven't yet come to one of our gatherings, please do join us to meet new people or simply catch up with old acquaintances. We are a very friendly crowd and there will be coffee, cake and biscuits to enjoy. Menfolk invited too!

Saturday 14th January from 7pm Cheese and Wine evening - bring your left-over cheeses, chutneys, etc. and savour them at the pub!

Saturday, 21st January - 9pm Enjoy great live music from The Inter60s Band this evening. Sing along to all those great pop, rock and soul hits from the 60s!

Wednesday, 25th January - 7pm Burns Night: Hooray!! Jake makes a return this evening to cook a meal for us all! Further details of this celebratory event will be announced at the beginning of January. **Save the date!**

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

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2018** and **31 August 2019**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2023**.

Apply online at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.



For help and information:

Web: **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions**

Email: **admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

Tel: **0345 241 2487**





Shires' Edge Benefice

Church services across the Benefice during January:

When:		Service:	Where:
1st Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Cropredy
	10 ^{am}	Family service	Wardington
	11^{am}	Holy Communion	Gt Bourton
8 th Sun	10 ^{am}	United Benefice Communion	Cropredy
15th Sun	8:30 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Claydon
	10 ^{am}	Seeker Service	Cropredy
	10 ^{am}	Family Communion	Wardington
	11^{am}	Sunday at All Saints	Gt Bourton
22 nd Sun	10 ^{am}	Morning Worship	Cropredy
	10 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Mollington
29 th Sun	10 ^{am}	United Benefice Communion	Claydon

Please note that All Saints GB is open only for services 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.**



Bourtons' goings-on... January

BI = Bell Inn		DH = Dirt House	
CH = Community Hall		VH = Village Hall	
When		What	Where
11 th Wed	11 ^{am} -Noon	Coffee morning	DH
12 th Thurs	7 ^{pm}	Village Hall AGM	VH
25 th Wed	10:30 ^{am} -Noon	Coffee morning	VH
What's coming up... watch out for more info...			
1 st Feb	Gardening club - VH		
24 th Mar	Concert evening - CH		
tbc	Bourtons' Big Breakfast		

See **page 14** for more **Dirt House** events.