

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

March 2023



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Bell Tower fund to date is **£69,200**

Bourtons' Big Breakfast ~
Saturday,
4th March! 😊

Welcome ...

Hurrah! There are snowdrops showing on the Churchyard bank... so delighted to see them at last. At home we also have some daffodils in bloom - I was fearful that another cold snap would take away that spring is springing feeling.

We've also been excited to see our honeybees emerge and many returning with pollen laden legs - fingers crossed our queen is doing her job and re-stocking the hive.

We look forward to the social Drop Inn at the Community Hall on 3rd March - thanks to the organisers for this initiative and a Big Breakfast the following morning!

Then the clock change - I can't imagine we'd forget to 'spring forward' an hour overnight on 25th March 😊 but do try and remember to recognise the 'Earth Hour' initiative that evening - we must try and do our bit!

Sue

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You might have noticed the Broadsheet print format has changed - we are still exploring printing options so this may vary again.

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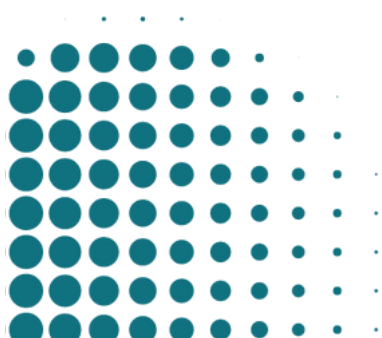
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Bourtons' Gardening Club - on Wed 1st March, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Guest speaker: David Edwards "Four Weddings and a Garden". We visited David and Jill's NGS garden in 2022 so it will be interesting to see how his children's weddings all worked out. Annual membership is £10. Non-members may attend one talk free of charge after which there is a £2.50 charge to attend subsequent talks.

Bourtons' Music Society - on Wed 15th March, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. This month's theme is 'Three'. Numbers are used in different ways in music. Some are in titles, timing, words, participants and instruments. Choose a piece of music related to the number Three. Bring your own drinks. Visitors, guests and prospective members are welcome at £1.50 pp. New members are always welcome. For more info contact Margaret on 01295 758519 or Paul on 01295 750596.

**MAGGIE's COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING –
YE OLD VILLAGE HALL GREAT BOURTON
WEDNESDAY, 22nd MARCH, 10:30^{am} – Noon**

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In case you didn't know...

Howe & Co Frankly Fish & chips van visits LB on Mondays: Buzzards Close 5pm; Pinson Close 5:30pm; GB 5:35-6:10pm Garners Field; South View; Valley View and it then goes on to Cropredy.

Mumford Butcher's mobile shop (meat, veg and homemade pies) visits the Bourtons on Wednesdays. If you know what you want and wish to pre-order, call: 01295 760212 or message 07831 556330

...and please don't forget:

Foodbank items may be left at Gina's, Greenslade, Crow Lane		Hedgehogs love used stamps! Drop them into Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane for the BHPS.
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MOTHER'S DAY SATURDAY

18TH MARCH 2023

BOTTOMLESS AFTERNOON TEA 12PM & BOTTOMLESS SUPPER 5PM

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL
FULL DETAILS ON WWW.THEBRASENOSE.CO.UK OR FACEBOOK**

SUNDAY LUNCH MOTHERING SUNDAY

19TH MARCH 2023

**£16.50 adult - with a gift for Mum
£12.00 children 's | £6.00 Under 5's**

Roast pork loin

Sirloin of beef

Slow roasted shoulder of lamb

Ballotine of chicken wrapped in bacon

Brasenose lentil loaf (ve)

**Broad bean falafels served with vegan pesto
dressed zoodles & roasted tomatoes (v)**

Sittings

11.30 - 1.45 | 1.45 - 4.00 | 4.00 - 6.15 | 6.15 - 8.30

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**17th June!
Wildlife Day...**



If anyone has any contacts who might be able to help or support us with Wildlife Day, please contact annbrooks100@gmail.com



Will YOU commit? Earth Hour is a worldwide movement organized by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The event is held annually, encouraging individuals, communities and businesses to turn off electric lights for one hour between 8:30 and 9:30pm on the last Saturday, 25th March, as a symbol of commitment to the planet.

What does Earth Hour achieve? It reminds us that even small actions can make a big difference. When we make changes in our own lives to reduce our footprint, we inspire those around us to do the same. And together, we are a powerful global movement that governments and businesses can't ignore.

We all need nature. And nature needs us to stand up for it every day. By 2030, nature and wildlife could be recovering all around us. Our leaders have promised to put nature at the heart of climate action, to secure a safer future for all of us. Now we must make sure they deliver on their promise.

We all have a part to play and it starts with a single switch. **Will you join us?**

DURING EARTH HOUR 8:30pm, 25th March - **Switch** off your lights and take an hour to reflect on what nature means to you; **Enjoy** a meat-free meal by candlelight with your friends and family; **Put** your phone on 'do not disturb' and enjoy some down time to yourself; **Share** how you're spending the hour on social media using **#EarthHourUK**.



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The Bourtons' Community Hall - Update

Note from Elizabeth Rowe-Jones...

Vice-Chairman

It's been a while since we updated you in the Broadsheet about our lovely Community Hall.

Information about the hall can be found via the Parish Council website. See <https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/the-bourtons-community-hall/> . If you scroll down the webpage you can read about the hall's facilities, pricing, terms and conditions of hire and also see the live Hallmaster calendar of bookings. Bookings can be made via the calendar or by emailing/ringing Sue Montgomery on bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com /07967 631770. There is also a Facebook page: The Bourtons Community Hall which also gives details of some of the classes held in the hall.

Not everyone may realise that the **Townsend Meeting Room** is also available for hire. This provides space for small meetings or interviews, or can offer a quiet change of scene for people working from home. Wi-Fi is available and hire rate for village residents is just £7 per hour.

Looking forward, we are aware that the latest closure of The Bell Inn reduces the opportunity for residents to socialise, so we are happy to invite you all to:

Drop Inn - Open Evening

The Bourtons Community Hall

Friday 3rd March 7pm - 11pm

**** Bring your own Bottles ****

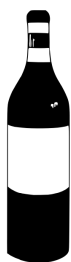
(Tea and Coffee available)

Bring your friends

Bring your board games, cards, dominoes, guitars.....

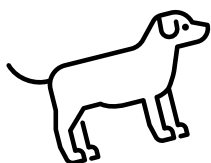
Bring some ideas about events you would like to see.

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The Bourtons' Community Hall is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, run by a small committee of Trustees and other volunteers. Anyone wishing to help form an Events' sub-Committee or able to volunteer in any other capacity should contact Sue as above.

It's all about Poo...



It's disappointing to hear that some dog walkers aren't picking up after their pets. Please, please do be considerate of others and clear up your dog's poo and place in the bins provided.
Let's keep the village pleasant for all - thank you.

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Footpaths The consultation paper by CDC on the Local Cycling Walking & Infrastructure Plan was discussed. It seems to have placed the priorities of cyclists and to a much lesser extent walkers, above all other road users and on local rural narrow lanes this creates extreme challenges for all such road users. The PC supports such concepts but cannot accept that essential rural lanes must meet such demands at the expense of other equally important users. The proposed extension of the cycling route up the Southam Rd to LB, along Chapel Lane, Spring Lane & Foxden Way to terminate in the middle of nowhere at its junction with Crow Lane in GB seems pointless. What are potential significant volumes supposed to do when they arrive at the end of the cycle way is unclear. The PC will draft a response to this proposal reflecting concerns but the current consultation deadline of Feb 26th does not allow adequate time for understanding the views of our residents and we will seek an extension.

Highways & Road defects Dangerous roadside trees on Main Str, GB: conversations are taking place with OCC/CDC about addressing the issues, as yet without conclusion; discussions will continue.

Reports have been received about the very significant damage done to the verges on Crow Lane and Main Str by Thames Water (TW) during their works. PC has emailed OCC Highways' Director and received encouraging support and a visit by their Tech Mgr is promised. The PC is concerned that reinstatement/repair works will become the responsibility of OCC and not TW which can only increase the demand on their very limited funds. TW works have also badly damaged the footpath to Cropredy and this matter will be brought to the attention of all parties and the PC will seek full and proper reinstatement

Parking issues - Manor Road - ongoing. Chairman has contacted Hook Norton Brewery to reinstate the arrangement for the relevant residents to use the pub car park for 2 spaces which has historically been the case.

Communication has been received from contractors planning to start work on water pipe repairs in School Lane, GB, in April and we have contacted them about access during the closure of the lane. Commitments have been received and these will be the subject of a brief article in the next Broadsheet. The agenda item re significant damage to the verge at the bottom of Main Str near the railway bridge layby will be addressed at the March meeting.

Public Transport No response has been received from Stagecoach and confusion remains about service provision. The PC will attend the next OCC PTR meeting to raise its concerns.

Planning applications: New applications: 23/00198/F: Mr & Mrs I Foster Smith, Little Barn House, Crow Lane, GB: replacement of existing conservatory with garden room - no objections. **Decisions** 22/02952/F: Mrs Fisher: Hill House, The Green, Main Str, GB: rear extension: **PERMITTED.**

Several applications submitted many months ago appear to remain undetermined and the PC has written to CDC enquiring about the reason. A response has been received stating that decisions are imminent, and that in one case

the statutory requirement to advertise an application had not been undertaken; this has been corrected and a decision is pending.

CDC Local Plan Review response Further delays confirmed by CDC with no new date for the start of the official consultation period. From the document seen so far it would appear the content has been diluted from that given in the October CDC presentation, therefore we will write to David Peckford.

The Bourtons Community Plan Work continues alongside finalisation of our response to the CDC Local Plan Review.

GB Conservation area It was **AGREED** that a project plan be developed and investigations started. The plan will include community engagement proposals, area determination and a process review.

Enforcement Jane Law (Snr Enforcement Officer) has been asked for update.

County & District Councillors' report Cllr Reynolds confirmed that OCC will officially confirm their precept increase shortly; it is anticipated to be 5%. He also said the CDC are anticipating an increase equivalent of an increase of £5 per Band D property. He commented on the recently issued LCWIP consultation paper and said that it had raised many points regarding the deliverability of the proposals.

Defibrillators are fully operational. Thanks to Jane Foster Smith for her continuing support.

Projects update:

Garners Field LAP: Further exchanges with CDC Legal re their request to assume responsibility for the LAP continue and they are in discussions with Hayfield Homes (HH) re the costs associated with this. The PC again confirmed it would not be possible for us to proceed unless we avoided all legal costs.

Garners Field Residents' dissatisfaction continues re the level of service provided by Ground Solutions (appointed by HH to manage the public areas). The PC Clerk met with a residents' rep to see how this matter can be resolved.

LB Project A meeting is planned to propose next steps.

Coronation celebrations Confirmation has been received from CDC that the PC will receive a £625 grant towards any parish events; a group of residents representing the Bourtons are working on proposals; more details next month.

Tree pruning The required pruning in the Churchyard has been completed. Physical review of residents' concerns about the trees in Manor Close will take place and a plan of action developed.

Community Speedwatch The conclusion of the TW works on Main St is awaited before reinvigoration of the project will take place.

Parish Clock: The clock has stopped and a visit by engineers, Smith of Derby, will assess repairs. Work is due to start on the Bell Tower and the opportunity to regild the clock face will be completed during that time. The PC obtained a grant from the Bell Land Trust towards the regilding.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces - GB: finding a suitable contractor to replace the children's swing seats continues to prove challenging.

Allotments: The water bill for the past year is being settled, but with consumption at this level it will be necessary for rents to increase in October. Benchmarking of rents will be undertaken to ensure that our fees are not

excessive, but as stated in the Tenancy Agreement, costs must be met by rental income.

Advance warning of a plot resignation has been received, and the next person on the waiting list has been approached with a plan for them to take over the plot in 2 stages.

Village Hall: Costs for repairs to window sills and oil tank cladding are now understood and work will be commissioned. The steps will also be relined. A review of the current lease document has been completed and a new lease for 3yrs, will be forwarded to the VHMC for their consideration and signing.

Healthcare: Confirmation that the patient list is at full capacity and that expansion on the site is not feasible. Options will need to be developed to enable ongoing demand from potential new patients to be accommodated.

Finance & Administration: The FIN REP for February previously circulated in the new format was **ACCEPTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that 6 payments requested totalling £825.53 be approved.

Correspondence:

A meeting was held with Voneus regarding the potential erection of a telecoms mast near The Green, GB and the PC is delighted to be able to report that the mast is no longer required. Voneus have agreed to underground cabling linked to the hub in Mollington.

OCC have confirmed the proposed location of the "free" tree to be planted this year as close by the junction of Crow Lane & Main Street.

New business Chairman confirmed discussions with CPRE and proposed that the PC should formally become a member. This was **AGREED**.

Date of next meeting : Due to a clash with another meeting to consider the appointment of our next Vicar the Tuesday, 7th March meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, 15th March 2023.

News from Little Bourton by Jan Williams...

Now that the weather is finally starting to warm up we are beginning to see some signs of Spring and evidence of the initial work last year to improve our village. We hope you've noticed the snowdrops showing their heads in the verges along Chapel Lane. Thanks to friends in Gt Bourton who gave us the bulbs and to Bobbie and Gilly who planted them! These will obviously multiply as time goes by giving a lovely display each Spring. We hope to acquire more bulbs this year along with primroses to add colour. If anyone is splitting clumps of Spring bulbs and has any spare, please let us know.

Now that the old telephone box has gone, we also want to keep the entrance and other areas of the village as tidy as possible. Please would anyone who might be willing to help with this or could trim verges near their own home speak to one of us so that we can develop a rota. We are waiting permission from OCC regarding the possible location of the new Little B sign at the entrance to the village - watch this space!

The Dirt House is open once more and functioning normally after a well-deserved break for Dickie, Michelle and Vicki. Look out for notices re all upcoming events at the pub, in the Broadsheet or online.



Shires' Edge Benefice - March

When:		Service:	Where:
5th Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Cropredy
	10 ^{am}	Family service	Wardington
	11^{am}	Holy Communion	Gt Bourton
	4 ^{pm}	Evening Prayer	Claydon
12th Sun	10^{am}	United Benefice Communion	Gt Bourton
19th Sun	10 ^{am}	Seeker Service	Cropredy
	10 ^{am}	Family Communion	Wardington
	11^{am}	Mothering Sunday	Gt Bourton
	4 ^{pm}	Family Communion	Claydon
26 th Sun	10 ^{am}	Morning Worship	Cropredy
	10 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Mollington

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... March

CH = Community Hall		DH = Dirt House	VH = Village Hall
When		What	Where
1 st Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Gardening Club	VH
3 rd Fri	7 ^{pm}	Drop Inn - byo	CH
4 th Sat	9-11:30 ^{am}	Bourtons' Big Breakfast	VH
9 th Thurs	11 ^{am} -Noon	Coffee morning	DH
15 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	VH
22 nd Wed	10:30 ^{am} -Noon	Coffee morning	VH
24 th Fri	7:30 ^{pm}	Choral Concert	CH
What's coming up... watch out for more info...			
19 th Mar	Banbury 15: lots of runners around in the morning		
21 st April	A talk about the history of Garners Field, CH		
7 th May	Coronation Barn Dance, Old Manor Farm, LB		
17 th June	Wildlife Day		

Little Bourton WhatsApp Group call Bobbie on 07730 570639 to join!