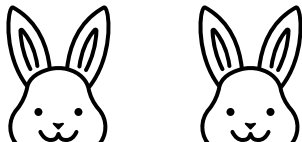


BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

April 2023



Happy Easter!

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Welcome ...

It was really good to see so many of you at the recent Community Hall Drop Inn! Looking forward to the next one.

John and I enjoyed a great experience recently - we made spoons from a sycamore log! Who knew (Martin Damen does!) just how fascinating this whole process of axing away unwanted bark and wood and then carving and shaping - it was tiring, physically, but amazingly compulsive! I had to stop before my spoon began to resemble something you might use in a mustard pot! 😊

Sorry this continues to be a 'compressed' issue. I'm hoping next month to be able to include more content - we're grateful to our existing and new advertisers for helping to keep the Broadsheet going whilst we sort out our printing arrangements.

Enjoy the lighter evenings and Easter season and look forward to seeing folk out and about as the better weather arrives.

Sue

ps Thank you for all the used stamps that dropped through my door recently - very happy hedgehogs 🦔

Bell Tower fund to date is £69,800 - £2,500 still to go!

Love to hear from you:

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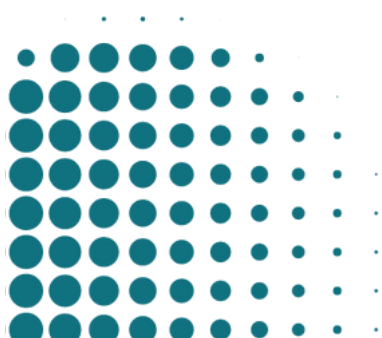
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Bourtons' Gardening Club - on Tues 25th April, visit to RHS Wisley - essential to pre-book with Jan - 01295 758113. £15 charge for coach service. Annual membership is £10.

Bourtons' Music Society - on Wed 19th April, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. This month's theme is 'Origins'. Have a dig around and see if you can find a piece of music associated with your county or place of birth. 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, 26th APRIL, 10:30^{am} – Noon**

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1st-7th April : Thank you for the warm welcome to the village.
Priscilla & Tim, Crow Lane

The Friends of All Saints wish to thank Littlegood Farm, Steve Betts the Butcher, Fine Lady Bakeries and everyone who donated and also came along to eat at the Big Breakfast recently - we raised over £630 toward the Bell Tower conservation project. Fantastic support once more!

...please don't forget:

Foodbank items may be left
at Gina's, Greenslade, Crow Lane
and from Easter, also in the red
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Highlights from the Bourtons' Parish Council March Meeting

Footpaths/rights of way

The Clerk has contacted the new Countryside Access Officer and she will let us know when she plans to visit our area so we can meet her. We have submitted a response to the Local Walking and Cycling proposals.

Highways

The contractors for the installation of faster broadband, Voneus, attempted to erect a wooden pole on the Green despite the meeting we had with them resulting in an agreement that this would not happen; Chairman has spoken with their Regional Manager for an update and a map or where any further poles may be erected.

The Clerk has reported our concerns to OCC regarding the condition of roads and verges following completion of Thames Water works. The condition of the verges in Crow Lane are particularly bad and really require major attention, possibly realigning and reseeding. This also applies to Main Street outside Wedmore House where serious erosion has occurred and the property owner is concerned. We originally had an agreement that their Technical Manager [Nick Watson] would visit. Nick then decided this is not necessary and delegated it to the local inspector, however it was decided at the meeting that we should contact Nick again as there are other highways' issues we need to discuss.

Public transport

Despite our many emails and messages to the Stagecoach Regional Manager, we still have not received confirmation of exactly what our timetable is and will be after 1st April. Chairman will contact the Divisional Director.

Planning application

No new applications have been received but we are aware of a proposal to develop land belonging to the Old Dairy Farm in Cropredy next to the Railway Bridge. We have contacted the would be developers to receive hard copies of all of their presentation material. There are several concerns which we shall need to address once the application has been lodged.

Work is progressing on the response to the CDC draft local plan which has not yet been published, also the Bourtons' Community Plan. We aim to hold a public meeting as soon as our draft Community Plan is complete and this may coincide with our response to the draft local plan.

Village Hall:

New tenancy agreement with 3-year period has been drafted and will be sent to the VHMC Chairman for their signature following his advice that they are happy with a 3-year renewal period.

Community Hall:

Approach received from the CHMC asking if they can proceed to install solar panels on the roof. Councillors are in favour of exploring the options for this as long as we are kept informed of progress, plans and designs.

Finance and administration

- All necessary expenditure for March was approved.
- Information has been circulated on the forthcoming May elections.
- The Clerk is attending a presentation regarding the detailed CDC process following this. Details will be published on the Bourtons' website and Facebook page.

Correspondence

All correspondence has been received and circulated to councillors. The Clerk is creating a correspondence log.

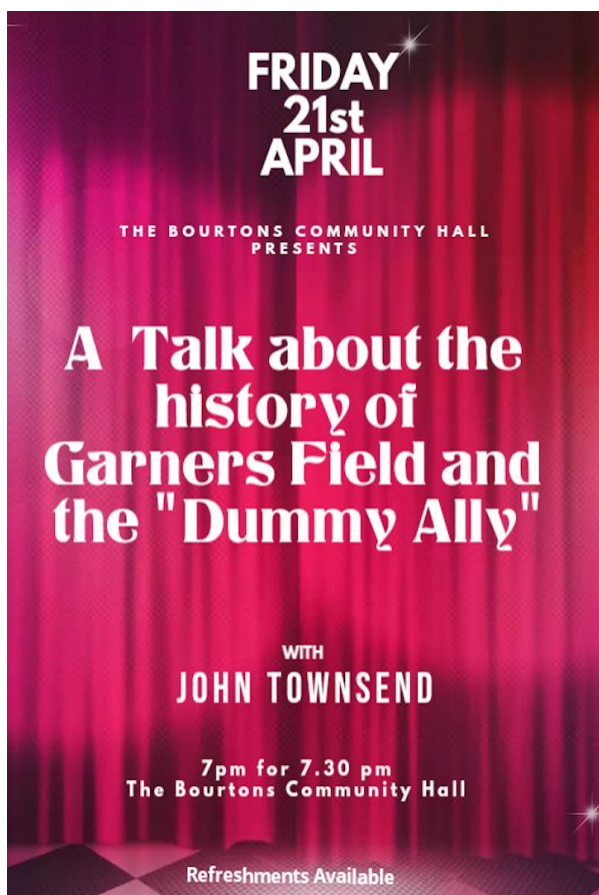
A full set of minutes will be lodged on the Bourtons' website shortly.

www.bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/

Date of next meeting : Tuesday, 11th April 2023.



Friends of Foxden - thank you to Andrew Bradbury and John Melrose for their recent litter picking efforts! It's pleasing to see that it is continuing to be litter free, perhaps with other walkers and maybe fellow Friends of Foxden picking up litter too and helping to keep it pristine - keep up the good work!



Cropredy Short Mat Bowls Club

We are holding an open day at Cropredy village hall on **Saturday 15th April, 10am to 4pm.**

Pop in and have a go at short mat bowls, no experience necessary and all welcome. You just need to bring flat indoor shoes.

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Special events/what's coming up in April:



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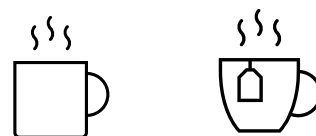
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Thurs, 6th: Prize Bingo - book your table for eyes down at 7:30pm

Thurs, 13th: Coffee morning, 11am-1pm



Sat, 22nd: Live music from The Coopers - 9pm



Sun, 30th: Classic Motorcycle Run - 8am onwards (all welcome)

Regular opening hours (food service hours):

Monday-Wednesday: Closed - available for functions.

Thursday & Friday: **Open 4-11pm** (4-8:30pm)

Saturday: **Open Noon-11pm** (Noon-8:30pm)

Sunday: **Open 1-8pm** (1-4pm)

For table bookings please call 01295 758329 or 07921 512404

Dickie / Michelle / Vicki
look forward to welcoming you!

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



Shires' Edge Benefice - April

When:		Service:	Where:
2 nd Palm Sunday	9:30 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Claydon
	10 ^{am}	Family service	Wardington
	11 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Gt Bourton
	12:30 ^{pm}	Holy Communion	Cropredy

As you know we are currently interregnum (without a Vicar) and we are being well supported by both local and visiting clergy, throughout the Benefice. Easter is a particularly busy time and with the many services, at differing times, arrangements are being finalised across the five churches.

Do please watch out for service updates on Facebook, notice boards and the banner which will be displayed, as usual, for Sunday services at All Saints, GB.

Please bear with us during this time - thank you.

Please note that All Saints GB is open daily from Easter until the clock change in October.

The Bell Tower/Lychgate is available for prayer and reflection - a prayer is posted on the notice board each month.



SAVE THE DATE

The Bourtons' Car Event
The Bourtons' Community Hall
Main Street, Great Bourton
Sunday, 16th July 2023
12:00 to 16:30hrs
To support All Saints Church



Bourtons' goings-on... April

CH = Community Hall		DH = Dirt House		VH = Village Hall	
When		What		Where	
5 th	Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Gardening Club	VH	
6 th	Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Prize Bingo	DH	
13 th	Thurs	11 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Coffee morning	DH	
19 th	Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	VH	
21 st	Fri	7 ^{pm}	History of Garners Field	CH	
22 nd	Sat	10-11:30 ^{am}	Charity coffee morning in aid of Warwick Paediatric Diabetes team	VH	
		9 ^{pm}	Live music: The Coopers	DH	
26 th	Wed	10:30 ^{am} -Noon	Maggie's community coffee morning	VH	
30 th	Sat	8 ^{am}	Classic Motorcycle Run	DH	
What's coming up... watch out for more info...					
4 th	May	*Local Council elections*			
6-8 th May		Look out for more 'goings-on' over the Bank Holiday weekend			
7 th	May	**Coronation Barn Dance, Old Manor Farm, LB; 7 ^{pm}			
17 th	June	Wildlife Day, 11 ^{am} -3 ^{pm} , All Saints churchyard			
2 nd	Dec	Christmas Fair, Dirt House - book your stall with Vicki v.leonardi@btinternet.com			

***Important** - you now need photo ID to vote; ie driver's licence, a blue badge, bus pass, passport. Visit www.gov.uk for the list of IDs that will be accepted.

****Buy your Barn Dance tickets from the Dirt House - £10pp (under 18s free). Sunday 7th May, 7pm** : licenced bar; food may be purchased from the Fish & Chip van on site at Old Manor Farm, LB.