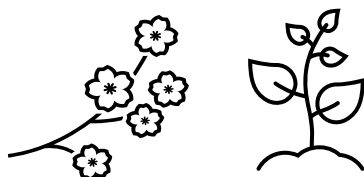


BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

May 2023

"No Mow May"



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Welcome ...

What an action-packed month May is looking to be - quite a list on the back page!

Enormous thanks to friends and neighbours for organising lots to do over the Coronation weekend - see the flyer and inside for details and we look forward to enjoying a fun and celebratory weekend!

The long-awaited Bell Tower works are planned with scaffold being installed w/c 24th April and work on the Tower starting on 9th May! As a community we have worked so hard with everyone, residents and businesses, helping to reach the target of *£72,300! This has been no mean feat and we should all be very proud and pleased with this achievement - especially given the curved balls we've had to manage over the last few years.

The **Bourtons' Big 'GiveAway'** is back! Don't forget to put your unwanted treasures out at your front gate/end of driveway on 20th & 21st May.

Oh and 'may the force be with you' when you vote on 4th May 😊 (couldn't resist that!). May be see you at a coffee morning, or two...

Sue

***Bell Tower fund to date is £69,862 - less than £2,500 to go!**

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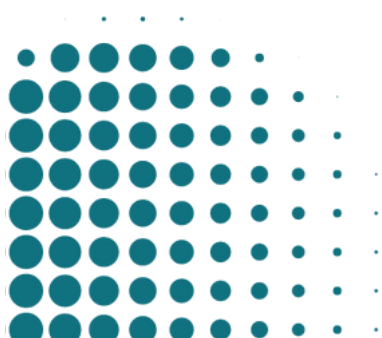
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Bourtons' Gardening Club - on **Wed 3rd May**, visit to Dean Manor, Dean, Chipping Norton OX7 3LD. Home to an abundant and varied selection of roses, clematis and hydrangeas. Formal yew hedges and herbaceous borders and much more with a wildflower meadow and water garden. Charge: £9 includes refreshments. Meet at the venue at 6:45pm. Car sharing encouraged, call Ann 07957 436273.

Sun 21st May 2pm: Gardening Club annual garden party courtesy of Jenny Eadon and John Melrose at Church Close House, GB. There will be homemade cakes, tea and coffee and plants for sale.

Bourtons' Music Society - on **Wed 17th May**, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. This month's theme is 'Teenage Memories'. Cast your mind back and find a musical piece you enjoyed during your teenage years which still makes you happy to hear it again. 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.

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.

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SATURDAY 6TH MAY FROM 8PM

Live Music from Cloud9 followed by a silent disco



MONDAY 8TH MAY FROM 12PM

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We have Coronation Weekend to look forward to in the Bourtons. Everything from the Barn Dance on Sunday, childrens' activities on Sunday and Monday, luncheon in the Bourtons' Community Hall on Monday, a raffle, quiz and Best Dressed houses competition.

Come and watch the Coronation all together in the Dirt House on Saturday. We are holding another community pub "Drop Inn" - see below, which was so popular when we last had one. There will be something for everyone to enjoy, so get decorating your houses for the Coronation!

The Bourtons' Community Hall

Kick-off the Coronation weekend with your friends and neighbours.



Drop Inn - Open Evening
The Bourtons' Community Hall

Friday, 5th May :: 7-11pm

****** Bring your own Bottles ******
(Tea and Coffee available)

Little Bourton News... from Jan Williams

Here's hoping the weather for May will be better than that which welcomed in April when we experienced such high winds and torrential rain! Despite the weather, more snowdrops have been planted in verges around the village. Our sincere thanks to Val Wiltshire in GB for allowing me to dig up her front garden for snowdrops "in the green"!

There is also some good news regarding our new village sign which has now been ordered and will hopefully soon be approved and located. Watch this space!

Don't forget that our popular playground at the end of Chapel Lane is available to all and does have exercise machines for adults. It's free and not too far to go if you feel a sudden urge to get active, lose weight or do some keep fit!

And please don't forget:

Foodbank items may be left		Hedgehogs love used stamps!
at Gina's, Greenslade, Crow Lane		Drop them into Mulberry Corner,
and also in the red in All Saints		Crow Lane or into the box
church.		in the Church porch for the BHPS.

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Highlights from the Bourtons' Parish Council April Meeting

Public Rights of Way: The new OCC Countryside Access Officer (CAO) has visited to inspect the damaged stile on the footpath (rear of Garners Field) and will contact the landowner to investigate whether the stile is required as there is no evidence of animals using the field. The stile will be removed if not needed.

Highways: A site visit has been arranged with Thames Water regarding the reinstatement of Main Street and Crow Lane verges. A permanent 'resolution case officer' will be appointed to ensure that the matter is dealt with by a single point of contact.

A complaint has been received concerning the barbed wire on the gate on the first field (from GB) on the right in Foxden Way. The complainant quoted the related Highways law and this has been referred to OCC Highways for their comment/action.

Planning and Enforcement: There are no new planning applications. An Appeal has been lodged against the refusal to planning application 22/01980/F - The Paddock (Change of Use of land to mixed use for keeping of horses (existing) and as a residential caravan site for 3 gypsy/traveller families, each with a static caravan/mobile home, together with storage of touring caravan and laying of additional hardstanding.)

We have been advised by DC Phil Chapman that the application of 60+ houses at the Old Dairy Farm, Cropredy, will be submitted next week. We have made no comments to the developer's request for comments on their proposed plans but will comment once the application has been received.

There is still no news about when the CDC draft Local plan might be published. In the meantime we are seeing a significant number of large housing development applications locally.

Website: Uploads to the website to support our compliance with the Transparency Code have been completed.

Local Elections: Current Parish Councillors remain in office until May 9th – this extended period is due to the Coronation. The PC will be looking to co-opt a further councillor.

Village Hall: The lease for the Village Hall is being extended for a further 3 years but the existing lease cannot be issued in its current format as it does not comply with current tenancy lease legislation. We have been advised by Aplins Solicitors to use the ACRE lease format which can be adapted without incurring any costs.

Community Hall: The PC have approved the CH committee's wish to explore the fitting of solar panels to the roof as long as the visual impact is minimised and maximum benefit is accrued possibly by reviewing whether the current boiler could be replaced by a heat source pump.

Finance: End of year accounts will include a statement of total spend and income to enable the PC to take the formal decision whether to proceed to a full external audit or gain exemption for the past year. Our annual turnover is just low enough to exclude the need and cost of an external audit.

Full minutes will be published on the Bourtons' website.

Message from the new OCC Countryside Access Officer responsible for the Bourtons' area:

"A good network of rights of way and open space and a landscape rich in wildlife improves physical and mental health and supports the local economy through tourism and leisure spending. They are very important to communities and their visitors. They also form an important part of an environmentally sustainable transport system, where paths are used for journeys to school, work, shops and local facilities.

With 2,640 miles of rights of way over 323 parishes, the Countryside Access Team are unable to proactively survey the network and rely on the public and volunteers to be their eyes and ears. You can find the Countryside Access Map online here <https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> where you can plan your walks and report any issues you may find on your way."

Message from Maggie MacAngus...

"Len 'ALGY' Gillett; 1918-1998 was a popular resident of Gt Bourton for over 60 years, living on the Green. He became a Gunner in WWII and had a very difficult time as a PoW in Burma, arriving back here as a broken man, very deaf and underweight. His grave in the Bourtons' Burial Ground is the only one without a headstone, a fact that has been remarked upon by visitors. I would love to rectify this and with the help of village residents and Barnstones Caravan Clubs have raised just over £600 to date, unfortunately, even with the generous help of the stone masons we need to raise a further £150.

*If you feel you can make a donation please drop to 1 Valley View.
Many thanks Maggie"*

Oxford Artweeks:

Jenny Eadon is opening her studio in GB for Oxford Artweeks and would be delighted to welcome you. The studio is in the garden of Church Close House and will be open from Noon until 6pm on the weekends of 13th & 21st May and during the week by appointment (07967 122139).

Jenny is happy that two of her paintings have been shortlisted for the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition and keeping her fingers crossed that she will make the final judging.

An extra attraction will be the Bourtons' Garden Club's annual Garden Party in the afternoon of Sunday 21st May.

Martin Damen, Maker of Hand-carved Spoons and Bowls, will be exhibiting and demonstrating as part of "**Artists in the Barn**", along with five other makers/artists. The Barn will be open on Fri 12th May, 5-8.30pm (preview); Sat 13th-Sun 21st May 11am-5pm at The Barn, The New Inn, Middleton Cheney, OX17 2ND. Entry is free. Call Martin on 01295 758519 for further information or visit <https://www.artweeks.org/v/martin-damen>

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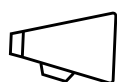
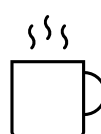
Special events/what's coming up in May:



Sat, 6th : Join us to watch the Coronation - open from 10:45am

Sun, 7th : Barn Dance from 7pm - tickets available

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



Thurs, 18th: Prize Bingo - eyes down at 7:30pm

Sat, 27th: Live music from Diamondback - 9pm



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Saturday:

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

Sunday:

Open 1-8pm (1-4pm)

Dickie / Michelle / Vicki
look forward to welcoming you!

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



Shires' Edge Benefice - May

When:		Service:	Where:
7th Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Cropredy
	10 ^{am}	Family service	Wardington
	11^{am}	Holy Communion	Gt Bourton
	4 ^{pm}	Evening Prayer	Claydon
14 th Sun	10 ^{am}	United Benefice Communion	Wardington
21st Sun	8:30 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Claydon
	10 ^{am}	Seeker Service	Cropredy
		Family Holy Communion	Wardington
	11^{am}	Sunday at All Saints	Gt Bourton
28 th Sun	10 ^{am}	Morning Worship	Cropredy
		Holy Communion	Mollington

Please note that All Saints GB is open daily 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.



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Bourtons' goings-on... May

CH = Community Hall		DH = Dirt House		VH = Village Hall	
When		What		Where	
2 nd Tues	7 ^{pm}	Annual PCC meeting		Church	
3 rd Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Gardening Club		VH	
4 th Thurs		*Local Council elections*		VH	
5 th Fri	7 ^{pm}	Drop Inn		CH	
6 th Sat	10:45 ^{pm}	Coronation live screening		DH	
	5 ^{pm}	Best Dressed house judging			
7 th Sun	2-4 ^{pm}	Childrens' activities		Old Manor Farm, LB	
	7 ^{pm} - midnight	**Coronation Barn Dance**			
8 th Mon	12:30 ^{pm}	Coronation luncheon - picnic, sharing table, refreshments, childrens' entertainment and "Coronation Hampers" Raffle Draw		CH	
11 th Thurs	11 ^{am} -1 ^{pm}	Coffee morning		DH	
17 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society		VH	
18 th Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Prize Bingo		DH	
20 th & 21 st Sat & Sun	All day	Bourtons' Big GiveAway			
24 th Wed	10:30 ^{am} -Noon	Maggie's community coffee morning		VH	
27 th Sat	9 ^{pm}	Live music: Diamondback		DH	
What's coming up... watch out for more info...					
17 th June	Wildlife Day, 11 ^{am} -3 ^{pm} , All Saints churchyard				
16 th July	Bourtons' Car event, Community Hall, Noon-4:30pm,				
4 th Nov	Autumn Big Breakfast				
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, 7^{pm}** : licenced bar; food may be purchased from the Fish & Chip van on site at Old Manor Farm, LB.