

# BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

July 2023



**Sprout!**

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**Bell Tower fund  
is £73,200 !!**

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## *Welcome ...*

to this issue and thanks to the Cropredy Crier team for the 'in-house' printing - hopefully, with this as a long-term solution and the reduced printing costs will mean we can continue and I don't have to restrict the pages as I've had to since Roger, our printer, retired. As you know it is the advertising fees which cover all the printing costs. Talking of advertising - this month we welcome Sprout - The Log Dog! 😊. Check out their website - see page 2.

We are delighted to hear the news of the appointment of a Vicar to the Shires' Edge Benefice - see page 7 and a message from the Revd Canon Sarah Fenby.

Thank you to all who organised and attended the Wildlife Day - creative activities for all ages, interesting speakers whetting appetites for sustainable gardening and a fascinating insight into the world of 270 types of Bee - who knew?! And... delicious cakes!

Hope to see you at the Drop Inn on 7<sup>th</sup> July!

*Sue*

**Please Note** - Due to a change of venue the July Bourtons' Car Event is postponed.

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**Bourtons' Music Society** - will next meet in September. An informal group who enjoy listening to recorded music together. 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. Lighting the Belfry has been put on hold until the Bell Tower works are completed.

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## **Bourtons' Parish Council**

### **Snippets from the June Parish Council Meeting...**

Following the Thames Water works in the parish, we held a meeting with their representatives, their contractors' representative and Nick Watson (OCC) to discuss the damage to verges during their operations and their inadequate communications to residents. After a 'walk-around' to assess the damage they ultimately responded by email to say that the reinstatements were carried out at the time when works were carried out. We have responded to explain, in no uncertain terms, that this is not the case. We await their reply!

We expect the 20mph restrictions throughout the parish, to be implemented by the end of October. It would be prudent therefore to begin the Community Speedwatch initiative at the same time but this will only happen if we can appoint a co-ordinator to manage rotas etc. More volunteers will be welcome to share the shifts. It has been noted in other parishes around the country, that carrying out a Speedwatch, even one day a week, makes a difference.

Cllrs Duckworth and Upton are working on getting a definite Stagecoach timetable. There are three published versions, none of which Stagecoach have confirmed. Currently the 77 service stops only at LB, on Thurs and Sat, although it would appear that it passes GB every day. If we can use the remainder of the Section 106 monies we have for transport to install a bus stop on the main road at the GB junction and Stagecoach agree to stop at GB, we can increase the provision to some extent. The Ability bus, which is subsidised by the PC (£5,000 pa), is still a useful option for all residents.

We are exploring the possibility of creating a Conservation Area and are awaiting a response from CDCs conservation officer regarding the process. Conservation areas carry some weight in opposing large scale development and protect areas of historic relevance and street scenes which have existed for over 100 years.

After several years of negotiation between CDC and Hayfield Homes, we are at last on our way to taking over the open space associated with the Community Hall in Garners Field. The delay has occurred because we have had to make sure that the PC is not liable for any of the legal costs.

**Allotments:** This is one of the most precious assets of our parish and we shall shortly be reviewing the situation with allotment plots which are not being cultivated. Tenants will be contacted to remind them of their obligations and where we can see that plots are not being cultivated we shall take appropriate action.

Finally, I'm pleased to report, that our clerk has once again achieved a perfect pass with our annual accounts and these will be published on the website and on local notice boards for your information.

For more details on all the above points and a complete version of the draft minutes, please see the Bourtons' website: <https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/>

**Additional Notes:** The chairman and clerk attended the Parish Liaison meeting recently and attended the planning and enforcement surgery on which

we shall report later. The most relevant information being the delay in the publication of the draft CDC local plan and the fact that CDC do have more than a 5 year land supply, which is good news for parish councils, since developers use a lack of a 5 year land supply as a lever to gain consent for their planning applications.

Sue Upton – Parish Council Chairman



## **The Bourtons' Community Hall**

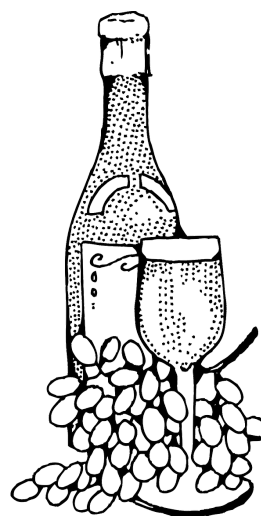
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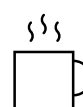


### **MAGGIE's COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING –**

**come for a cuppa, cake  
and a chat!**

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**WEDNESDAY,  
26<sup>th</sup> JULY  
10:30<sup>am</sup> – Noon**





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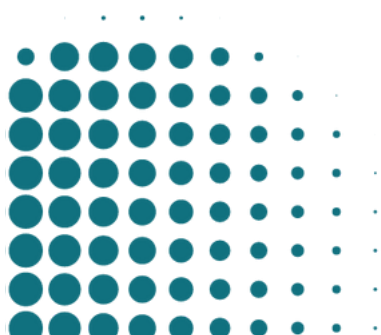
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## **We welcome our new Vicar...**

Message from Revd Canon Sarah Fenby

*"Hello! I'm delighted to introduce myself prior to my licensing on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September as the next Vicar of The Shires' Edge Benefice 😊.*



*I'm Sarah, and in my 23<sup>rd</sup> year of ordained ministry, mother of two fabulous young people, (a bookworm and a rower) and wife to Nick, a plant scientist and wonderfully supportive husband. As a family we enjoy listening to music, watching films, and eating together.*

*I grew up in Kent (one of 5 siblings), and have rural village life in my DNA. Summers were spent picking fruit and cycling country lanes aboard my trusted Raleigh Racer. I had come to faith in France as a teenager visiting family friends one Easter and grew up in faith in this rural Kent community nurtured by the wonderful life of my village church (aged 14, I was the youngest member on the PCC by quite a few years ;). I still cycle, love the outdoors, gardening, art, music, walking, and tennis too.*

*After some travelling, teaching, and theological training I was ordained in Bristol Cathedral, serving my curacy at St Michael's Stoke Gifford, on the outskirts of Bristol. I've since served a variety of communities of different kinds including a rural town and villages' incumbency in the Forest of Dean, energized by sharing the story of God's reconciling love with all ages and nurturing loving communities of faith. I've most recently been engaged in vocations work and in the life of Chester Cathedral, and currently am taking a short sabbatical whilst supporting a local parish and organizing our move. Joining in with the work of God in communities (wherever and of whatever kind) is a real joy.*

*I am very much looking forward to meeting and playing my part in all the communities of the Shires Edge Benefice, as Vicar, and to the next chapter of adventures in ministry alongside you. Until then...*

*My best wishes and prayers,  
Sarah*



## **Message from Maggie MacAngus:**

*LEN (ALGY) GILLET'S MEMORIAL FUND - I am so pleased to report to all the wonderful neighbours and friends including two caravan rallies, the generous amount of money I have been able to collect for Len's headstone which will be in place by mid-August at Bourtons' Burial Ground. Please attend a small celebration on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm, and afterwards at the Old Village Hall for tea and refreshments, and a viewing of some of Len's work, a copy of his film of GB and war records. Thank-you all again for your support.*

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## Save the dates!



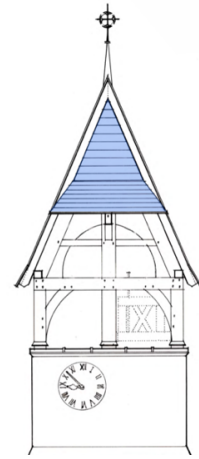
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# Bell Tower Conservation project Great Bourton

...update June 2023

## On behalf of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)



- Work has commenced!
- Further to the update in the May Broadsheet:
- Going forward:
  - As mentioned we continue with fundraising events and activities having reached our initial target of £72,300 as we need to have some contingency also. Now the scaffold is up the fabric of the tower has been re-assessed and findings are:
    - asbestos in the roof tiles contains chrysotile fibres which require removal and disposal by a specialist firm - this has been contracted to start 22 June latest.
    - oak roof battens need to be replaced.
    - stonework in some of the higher areas is crumbling worse than expected.
    - a full survey of the wooden structure is being considered now that closer inspection has been achieved - we are waiting the opinion of two structural engineers.
- This will mean an increase in the project costs to cover the asbestos removal and new oak battens and we have managed to contain this to £1,700, and so we will be exploring further avenues of funding.
- The stonework repair and wooden structure survey will incur additional cost and we wait for further news of this.
- We are currently still on track for an end of July completion, despite the delay for the asbestos removal.
- Please do be safe and mindful of the area around the Bell Tower whilst work is underway.

As always, **thank you** for your continuing support!

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Little Bourton

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Special events/what's coming up in **July**:



**Sat, 1<sup>st</sup> :** 9pm - Band Night with the 'Seven O'Clock Junkies'

**Thurs, 13<sup>th</sup> :** 11am-1pm Coffee morning



**Sat, 15<sup>th</sup> :** 3pm - Village BBQ: £5pp buy a ticket at the bar!

**Sat, 29<sup>th</sup> :** 9pm - Band Night with 'The Badgers'

**Regular opening hours** (food service  
hours in brackets) - for table bookings  
please call 01295 758329 or 07921 512404

Monday-Wednesday:	Closed - available for functions.
Thursday & Friday:	<b>Open 4-11pm</b> (4-8:30pm)
Saturday:	<b>Open Noon-11pm</b> (Noon-8:30pm)
Sunday:	<b>Open 1-8pm</b> (no food service)

**Please note the kitchen will re-open on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July.**

Are you looking for a venue for your next event? Please do not hesitate to contact us.... we love a good party!

Banbury United Lottery Tickets available for £1

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



## Shires' Edge Benefice - July

When:		Service:	Where:
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun</b>	9:30 <sup>am</sup>	Holy Communion	Cropredy
	10 <sup>am</sup>	Family service	Wardington
	<b>11<sup>am</sup></b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Gt Bourton</b>
	6 <sup>pm</sup>	Evening Prayer	Claydon
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>10<sup>am</sup></b>	<b>United Benefice Communion</b>	<b>Gt Bourton</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	8:30 <sup>am</sup>	Holy Communion	Claydon
	10 <sup>am</sup>	Seeker Service	Cropredy
		Family Communion	Wardington
	<b>11<sup>am</sup></b>	<b>Sunday at All Saints</b>	<b>Gt Bourton</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	10 <sup>am</sup>	Morning Worship	Cropredy
		Holy Communion	Mollington
30 <sup>th</sup> Sun	10 <sup>am</sup>	Patronal Festival	Claydon

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.



## Bourtons' goings-on... July

CH = Community Hall			DH = Dirt House	VH = Village Hall
When			What	Where
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	9 <sup>pm</sup>	Live Music - 7 O’Clock Junkies	DH
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	6:45 <sup>pm</sup>	Gardening Club visit	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	7-11 <sup>pm</sup>	Summer Drop Inn	CH
13 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	11 <sup>am</sup> - 1 <sup>pm</sup>	Coffee morning - all welcome!	DH
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	3 <sup>pm</sup>	Village BBQ	DH
26 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10:30 <sup>am</sup> - Noon	Maggie’s Coffee morning - all welcome!	VH
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	9 <sup>pm</sup>	Live Music - The Badgers	DH
What’s coming up... watch out for more info...				
TBA		Bourtons’ Car Event - <b>POSTPONED</b> from 16 <sup>th</sup> July		
10-12 <sup>th</sup> Aug		Fairport’s Cropredy Convention 2023		
20 <sup>th</sup> Aug		Len Gillett Memorial, 3pm Bourtons’ Burial Ground		
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Autumn Big Breakfast		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec		Christmas Fair, Dirt House - book your stall with Vicki v.leonardi@btinternet.com		