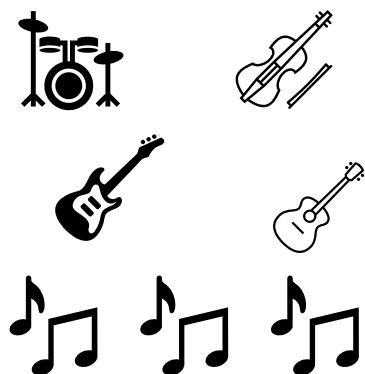


BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

August 2023



Welcome ...

Well, that was a bit of a blustery month! Soon saw off my roses albeit I have a few Champagne roses hanging on in there! Between rain showers we enjoyed a really lovely Gardening Club visit to Long Buckley Wharf - it was beautifully laid out and full of interesting features - lots of pots, cascading with colour, old lamp post, scales, railway heritage paraphernalia and sited alongside the canal. There was cake 🍰 too!

The Drop Inn at the Community Hall was busy with both locals and a large group of visitors from Barnstones across the road who were very complimentary of our lovely village.

💙 We were very sad to hear of the passing of our neighbour and regular supporter of the Broadsheet, Ricky Hume - may he rest in peace. Our thoughts and love go to his brother Alex. We were also saddened to hear Roger Gooding, our long time printer of the Broadsheet, is also now resting in peace. 💙

Hope to see many of you at Fairport; cracking line up this year!

Take care...

Sue

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**Bell Tower fund
is £73,600 !!**

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Bourtons' Gardening Club - two visits during **August**:

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Wed 23rd, to Rousham, nr Bicester OX24 4QX. Arguably the most important historical garden in the UK, Rousham was designed by William Kent in the 18th Century. Includes a walled garden, herbaceous borders, fruit and veg, parterre and a beautiful walk which takes you down to the Cherwell. Joint evening visit with Boddington Gardening Club and is open exclusively for our enjoyment. BYO picnic. Charge £10 and must be booked in advance.

Meet at the venues at 6:45pm. Car sharing encouraged, call Ann 07957 436273.

Bourtons' Music Society - will next meet in September. An informal group who enjoy listening to recorded music together. For info contact Margaret on 01295 758519 or Paul on 01295 750596.

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MAGGIE's COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING –

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WEDNESDAY, 23rd AUGUST

10:30^{am} – Noon





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SAVE THE DATE

- **WHEN?** Sunday Sept 17th 2-4pm 📅 17
- **WHERE?** On the front lawn of Great Bourton House 🏡
- **WHAT?** Bourtons Wildlife Friendly Community afternoon tea 🍰
- **WHO?** Everyone is welcome ❤️



Oxfordshire Treescape Project

Message from Ann Brooks...

*"Please join me in the Village Hall on Monday, **11th Sept 7:30pm** for a talk from Marcus Simmons from the Oxfordshire Treescape Project) about a mapping device called Land App which he describes as 'a free, browser-based mapping tool that makes it easy to interactively view, update and share maps of your area. We provide maps pre-loaded with extra information layers, useful for planning nature recovery, community amenities etc. Many parish councils are starting to use it (with our added information) to help with their Neighbourhood Plans/updates, or other planning work.'*

Marcus will be talking about its use in Oxfordshire but if you live outside the county it does cover the whole of the UK so you should find it interesting.

Marcus will cover how it is utilised by parish councils and to what benefit and also what scope it has for citizens/residents in terms of improving local nature recovery and maybe also dealing with local planning applications.

The talk, with Q&A, will be followed by tea and coffee."

Please let annbrooks100@gmail.com know by 8th September if you will be coming along.



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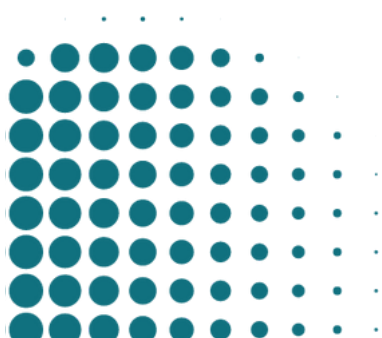
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Message from Phil Goldsworthy, Headteacher, Cropredy School:

"I'd like to start by thanking the Editor of the Bourtons' Broadsheet for kindly allowing me to introduce myself and Cropredy Church of England (CofE) Primary School.

The Governors and I realise that even if you don't have a child at the school, family or friends may have. So, we thought it was a good idea to let Parish members know what is happening at the school and hope to bring you news of our activities and successes once a term.

The big news is that we will become part of the Eynsham Primary Academy Trust (EPAT) in the Autumn of 2023. This started with the Government's Department for Education (DfE) initiative which the Governors and I responded to. We looked into several local Academies and felt that EPAT would be the most suitable.

Our school will remain a CofE School. We will keep our core values and ethos and our curriculum that we have worked so hard to develop. The key change is that EPAT will provide the services that Oxfordshire County Council provided in the past, such as legal and HR support, and school improvement work. The funding will come directly to EPAT for the school from the DfE. In short, the school will look and feel much as it always did.

Over the past few years our school has gone through some challenging times, but significant changes and developments made in school have been recognised by Ofsted and the Local Authority, helping to improve opportunities and outcomes for our children. We now very much look forward to working closely with EPAT to make our school an even better place for all our children to learn.

Our school has some fabulous resources that our children enjoy. We have a large open grassy area, with a part of that dedicated to Forest School where children can learn in the outdoor environment. Taking learning outside is good for promoting children's self-esteem, well-being, behaviour, co-operative learning, and problem solving. These skills feedback positively into classroom work and other settings.

This term, Mr Parsons and the staff team took Year Six children to Barton Hall, a PGL residential facility in Devon. The children took part in many activities designed to build self-reliance and self-confidence. One parent reported that his daughter had matured amazingly in the few days she was at the residential.

Another highlight was Year Five's production of Macbeth. In half an hour the class entranced its audience with a mature and self-confident performance of one of Shakespeare's most complex plays

Finally, we had a Local Authority monitoring visit a couple of weeks ago and the overall view of the experienced headteacher who formed part of the team, was 'this is a good school'.

*Please visit our school website to find out more. www.cropredyprimary.co.uk
We warmly welcome tours of the school; please contact
01295 750210 for more information."*

THE BRASENOSE FRINGE 2023

WEDNESDAY 9TH – SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST 2023

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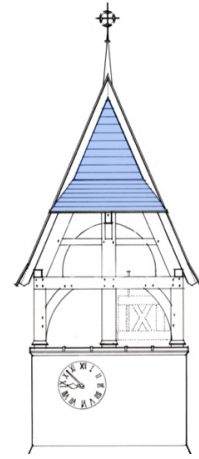
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BRASENOSE ARMS, CROPREDY, OXFORDSHIRE

Bell Tower Conservation project Great Bourton

...update July 2023

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)



- Work is progressing well
- Further to the update in the July Broadsheet:
 - the roof tiles containing chrysotile fibres (asbestos) have been safely removed and disposed of by a specialist company, albeit at a much higher cost than originally budgeted for;
 - the oak roof batten coverings had to be replaced although the oak roof battens themselves did not;
 - the crumbling stonework in some of the higher areas although worse than expected is being dealt with;
 - a full survey of the wooden belfry structure has been undertaken and although some minor areas are to be attended to, and others monitored, the overall structure, considering its age, is in good condition.
- J G Restorations have continually scrutinised the costs and, as anticipated, there have been changes in requirements - some items were priced and included in the tender on a 'just in case basis'. As work has progressed costs have been removed, or reduced, and we continue to be hopeful to come in within the 2022 £72,300 target and budget.
- We are grateful to James Rowe of Glyme Structures for providing the structural survey free of charge.
- We are on track for an end of July completion with the scaffolding being removed early August.
- Please continue to be safe and mindful of the area around the Bell Tower whilst work is underway.

Diary Date:

Friday, 22nd September - 6-8pm - Bourtons' Big Bell Tower
celebration **thank you** for everyone!

Church Council update...

Following our new vicar's message last month - here we have a note from our Area Dean, Revd Sarah Sharp:

"I am writing to you on the appointment of your new vicar, the Revd Canon Sarah Fenby, former Residentiary Canon of Chester Cathedral. Having sat on several such panels, where I act only in an advisory capacity, I can tell you that you were in the privileged position of having several fine candidates to choose from.

Sarah's personality, gifts and experience were deemed by your representatives to be the best fit for your benefice and Sarah is clearly delighted to have been offered the post. She will be licensed on the 6th September. At this service Sarah will say:

*'I pledge myself to care for the community that gathers here, to share with them the Word of God and the work of ministry, to celebrate with them the sacraments of the new covenant, and to encourage them in their discipleship. **Together** may we make this a place where Christian people are equipped for their life and witness in God's world.'*

I invite you to look closely at the last sentence. Sarah is not going to minister in the benefice on her own but **with** you. Be kind to one another and begin to lay the foundations of togetherness in your prayers for one another and for her."

The Licensing of the Revd Sarah Fenby will take place on **Wednesday, 6th Sept, 7:30pm** in Wardington Church. Please join in this happy occasion.

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Bourtons' Parish Council DRAFT minutes:

Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 19:30hrs

In attendance: Cllr Mrs S Upton (Chair), Cllr Mrs G Duckworth, Cllr A Johnson, Cllr Mrs G Brooks, CCllr G Reynolds, Stephen Bowen, Clerk;

Apologies: Cllr Mrs J Beales (holiday), DCllr P Chapman (personal).

Declarations of Interest: None **Public Participation:** 1 member of the public attended.

Minutes: The previous Council meeting (June) minutes were reviewed and approved for signature.

The meeting was attended by Mr Tony Skwirzynski who spoke about the need to help resist the anticipated planning application for a 200 acre solar farm between Hanwell & Shotteswell. Due to its location on high ground alongside the B4100 this will be widely visible, with GB residents being able to see it. He stated that they are looking for support to their group to facilitate the appointment of expert consultants to advise them.

Footpaths - Progress Report - Confirmation received from OCC that the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan [LCWIP] has been finalised and will be presented to Cabinet at the next meeting when it is expected to be approved. This Council remains concerned that the plan included extension of the cycleway through LB and along Foxden Way, to GB where it ends. This appears to be confusing as there is nothing to do except turn around and return. Concern was also expressed about an increase in walkers and cyclists on a narrow lane with a 60mph speed limit.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report - We have been advised that our application for 20mph speed limits in both villages is planned to be implemented later this year. Council is concerned that an "automatic" speed detection device that records offenders' vehicle details is not approved by TVP, although other Police Authorities do so. We have written to the TVP Police Commissioner asking for his help in getting this approved, as it removes volunteer speed monitors from potentially dangerous position at the roadside, and support adherence to the speed limit, which TVP have confirmed they are unable to enforce due to lack of officers.

Public Transport: The Chairman attended the meeting of the OCC PTR to request their help in getting timetable information about buses that stop at our villages. She expressed her thanks to Dave Harrison, senior transport planner at OCC who provided current information and confirmed that Stagecoach were not efficient in communicating this. New timetable info will be published on the website.

The Chairman has also had discussions with OCC Highways about the feasibility of installing a bus layby in GB at the junction with Southam Rd to facilitate services stopping. It has been confirmed this should be possible, and we are investigating using the remainder of the GF s106 funds to enable this.

Planning applications:

New applications:

23/01454/F: 11 Valley View, GB: new single storey porch: no objections, no comment.

23/00887/F: Avon Cottage, Chapel Lane, LB: replacement conservatory, no objections, no comment.

23/01748/F: The Poplars, Spring Lane, LB: 2 storey rear extension, no objections, no comment.

22/03215/PIP: Fernhill Estates: Land West of Foxden way, GB: development of up to 5 dwellings: appeal by applicant against refusal.

Decisions

23/00839/F: The Rickyard, Church Close, GB: 1st floor extension over existing conservatory: **PERMITTED.**

23/00976/F: Land behind Old Dairy Farm, School Lane, Cropredy: development of 70 houses: this application has been withdrawn following publication of the Officer's Report recommending refusal. It is anticipated that the application will be revised and resubmitted.

Conservation area potential application: Council await a response from the CDC Conservation Officer. A map has been prepared to enable Cllrs to understand and define the boundaries of the proposed area, prior to the start of a full consultation with residents involved. This will only proceed if there is a significant majority in support.

County & District Councillors' report: CCllr Reynolds confirmed that as no working agreement between parties at CDC could be reached, the DC continues as a Conservative led Council, albeit with a hung cabinet. This effectively slows down decision making, and will likely encourage focus on key topics where agreement is possible.

Website: Further documents have been uploaded to ensure compliance with Transparency Code. Revisions have been made to some policies, and a number of new Policies have been drafted as recommended by our Internal Auditor, these are being considered by Cllrs and following approval will be adopted and uploaded in September. Details of specific Cllr responsibilities have been added as required.

Garners Field: a revised Client Care letter has been received from CDC Legal and this was discussed. It is still felt to be inappropriate and Council authorised the Clerk to request a meeting with CDC Law Officers to try and reach agreement.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces: The Clerk proposed to appoint a specialist consultant to assist in identifying and locating all necessary legal documents to facilitate registration of all Council owned land including playgrounds and public spaces. An initial survey is provided FOC with further work required specified and quoted. Council **RESOLVED** to appoint the consultant.

Playsafety have confirmed that the annual playground inspections will take place this month. Cllr Duckworth advised that some remedial work is required. The appointment of a "handyman" to deal with required maintenance was authorised and a list of jobs will be created.

The matter of the public open space in Manor Close was discussed and the Chairman advised that she had been in contact with some residents to try and establish what reference to this space is included in surrounding property deeds. Council will then consider the best approach, as the original management company has long ceased to exist. This could be to take the area into Council ownership to protect as public open space.

Allotments: The Clerk and Cllr Beales have conducted an assessment of plots to determine their condition. A letter has been drafted for circulation to tenants, and where plots are assessed as being insufficiently cultivated, the tenant will be asked to confirm their future intentions. Following a recent spate of plot resignations, the wait list has been reduced to 2, and remains closed. Following the outcome of the assessment and tenant responses, it is anticipated that the wait list can be re-opened to residents of our Parish. Reports of a theft of property were received in the month, and this was reported by a tenant to TVP. Council was delighted that a detective constable attended, and provided advice. Following this provision of CCTV at the site will be investigated. Reports of difficulty in operating the gate lock have been received and a new lock will be fitted.

Village Hall: The VHMC Chairman has written to our Chairman advising of damp problems, identified by a survey they commissioned, supported by a quote. This is recognised as very concerning, and further details will be sought to understand how long the damp has been a problem. Work of this magnitude requires that Council obtains a minimum of 3 quotes and this process will be commenced. Once completed a decision can be taken regarding action required. The Chairman has requested that the VH Trustees consider whether they are able to contribute towards the cost of repairs, as they are in receipt of significant pandemic grant funds yet to be allocated to projects. Otherwise it is inevitable that work of this magnitude will require an increase in our Precept in the next year.

Healthcare: Cllr Johnson had no updates on wider health matters but reported to Council concerns expressed by the surgery at the recent public meeting hosted by Cropredy PC in response to the recent planning application from Obsidian off Claydon Road. It was made clear that continuing to operate the Practice in the current buildings would become unviable after about 4 years, as no progress had been made in investigations into expansion of the current building. Further concern was expressed by the apparent lack of support being received from the Integrated Care Board, so the opportunity of a new medical centre building potentially available through the Obsidian planning application could be of interest, subject to extensive and ongoing discussions. Fear that the Government is in favour of a more centralised GP provision such as the Chipping Norton & Banbury Cross Medical Centres, in preference to village

surgeries. Council RESOLVED to write to our MP asking her to obtain urgent clarification of official Government policy regarding this matter.

Finance & Administration:

The FIN REP was circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that the associated bank reconciliation be accepted and that 3 payments totalling £2,629.99 be approved. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

P Bradley: tree work in Churchyard : £1,836.00

SW Services: June mowing: £750.00

Work continues to assess opportunities to replace Barclays as our bankers due to their truly terrible customer service. Information on a specialist provider of deposit accounts for local authorities, inc small PC's was circulated for consideration. This may enable transfer of our current account to Unity Bank who do not currently provide suitable deposit facilities.

A review of the Internal Auditor's report was circulated identifying all recommendations, seeking agreement to adopt them, including the creation of a number of new policies, which will be considered at the September meeting, having been circulated to Cllrs.

A revised budget monitoring report, previously circulated, was discussed and it was RESOLVED that this be accepted as an accurate presentation of current budget performance.

The Chairman reported that sales of Fairport tickets had exceeded our expectation as all 100 tickets allocated were sold. Council is sad to report that a further 20 ticket requests could not be satisfied, despite speaking with the organisers. She expressed her thanks to Cllrs Beales, Duckworth and Brooks for their support on the sales night.

New Business: Enquiries have proceeded following a request to consider parking on green space at Manor Close. Thanks to the assistance of a resident, we now have confirmation that the Manor Close green space was formally registered as a Village Green in 2006. This provides protection against any demands for alternative uses in perpetuity.

Next meeting will be on 12th Sept, 19:30hrs in the Community Hall.

Down at the Dirt House...

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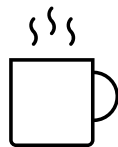
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Special events/what's coming up in

August:



Thurs, 10th : 11am-1pm Coffee morning



Sat, 12th: Band Night - The Medicine Men, 9pm

Sat, 26th : Band Night - Get Loose, 9pm

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

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| 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 (no food service) |

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

Heads up for September live music nights with Leigh Chambers (16th) and Katie Wickham (30th) AND 'eyes down' ready 28th and the return of Bingo!!

See you with the Badgers on 28th July, 9pm

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



Shires' Edge Benefice - August

| When: | | Service: | Where: |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 6th Sun | 9:30 ^{am} | Holy Communion | Cropredy |
| | tba | Songs of Praise | Wardington |
| | 11^{am} | Holy Communion | Gt Bourton |
| | 6 ^{pm} | Evening Prayer | Mollington |
| 13 th Sun | 10 ^{am} | UBC - Fairport service | Cropredy |
| 20th Sun | 8:30 ^{am} | Holy Communion | Claydon |
| | 10 ^{am} | Seeker Service | Cropredy |
| | | Family Communion | Wardington |
| | 11^{am} | Sunday at All Saints | Gt Bourton |
| 27 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.



Bourtons' goings-on... August

| CH = Community Hall | | DH = Dirt House | | VH = Village Hall | |
|--|--|---|--|--------------------|--|
| When | | What | | Where | |
| 2 nd Wed | 6:45 ^{pm} | Gardening Club visit | | | |
| 10 th Thurs | 11 ^{am} - 1 ^{pm} | Coffee morning - all welcome! | | DH | |
| 10-12 th | | Fairport's Cropredy Convention | | | |
| 12 th Sat | 9 ^{pm} | The Medicine Men | | DH | |
| 20 th Sun | 3 ^{pm} | Len Gillett ceremony followed by refreshments | | Burial Grd then VH | |
| 23 rd Wed | 10:30 ^{am} - Noon | Maggie's Coffee morning - all welcome! | | VH | |
| | 6:45 ^{pm} | Gardening Club visit | | | |
| 26 th Sat | 9 ^{pm} | Get Loose | | DH | |
| What's coming up... watch out for more info... | | | | | |
| 6 th Sept | 7:30pm Revd Sarah Fenby Licensing Service, Wardington | | | | |
| 11 th Sept | 7:30pm Marcus Simmons (Oxon Treescape Project), VH | | | | |
| 17 th Sept | 2-4pm WFC afternoon tea, Gt Bourton House | | | | |
| 22 nd Sept | 6-8pm Bell Tower Celebration event | | | | |
| 4 th Nov | Autumn Big Breakfast, Village Hall | | | | |
| 2 nd Dec | 12-4pm Christmas Fair, Dirt House - book your stall with Vicki v.leonardi@btinternet.com | | | | |