

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

September 2023



Quilting by Julie Tomlin
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Welcome ...

What a relief to not have to water the garden throughout August and to get all that time back to do lots of other things - trying to be positive about it! I hear tourism has also increased with people coming to the UK to escape the searing heat in other parts of the world. That's my global overview so now to things more local...

We headed off to the horse racing at Sandown Park followed by Tom Jones (the real one!) giving the best of his hits and it poured with rain like we're beginning to get used to - at least we can truly say the Green, Green Grass of Home 😊. I mention this trip as we decided to start the day with a full English breakfast and who knew - we enjoyed this at 'The Place for Food' Cherwell Business Village (opp Amazon, Southam Rd) where we met chef James who is a fellow resident of Gt Bourton! Thanks James!

The Broadsheet team thank the Dirt House (and their customers) very much for the £200 contribution to printing costs - such a generous gesture alongside their similar donation to Katharine House.

Lastly, I'd forgotten just how exhausting Fairport can be - fantastic event though and lovely to bump into so many folk.

Sue

ps Don't forget to start putting any loose change to one side in readiness for Pudsey!

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Bourtons' Gardening Club - two get together during **September:**
Wed 6th, visit to Cedar House, Wasperton, Sth Warwickshire CV35 8EB. This large former vicarage garden is mature and exciting. It includes colourful herbaceous borders, a collection of mature Acer palmatum, a walled garden, lily pond, sculpture and statuary. During 2023 a major prairie garden project is planned. Newly opened through the NGS. For directions and parking info view <https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/gardening-club/> Charge £10 including refreshments. Meet at the venue at 6:45pm. Car sharing encouraged, call Ann 07957 436273.

Wed 27th, 7:30pm Autumn Cheese & Wine social in the Village Hall. Byo drinks - there'll be a quiz and a raffle.

Bourtons' Music Society - start their 24th season on **Wed 20th Sept** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall when we will be enjoying 'Theme Music' so bring your choice of theme music, be it from Film, TV, Radio or the Stage. Bring your own drinks. Annual membership of £12 will be collected at the September meeting. Visitors, guests and prospective members are welcome to attend at £1.50 per person. An informal group who enjoy listening to recorded music together. New members are always welcomed from the Bourtons and surrounding villages. For info contact Margaret on 01295 758519 or Paul on 01295 750596.

"A Talk in the Village Hall about the Land App - All Welcome"

As mentioned last month please don't forget to let Ann know on annbrooks100@gmail.com by 8th September if you are coming along to the Village Hall on Monday, **11th Sept at 7:30pm** for the talk from Marcus Simmons from the Oxfordshire Treescape Project. The talk, with Q&A, will be followed by tea and coffee.

MAGGIE's COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING –

come for a cuppa, cake and a chat!

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WEDNESDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER

10:30^{am} – Noon



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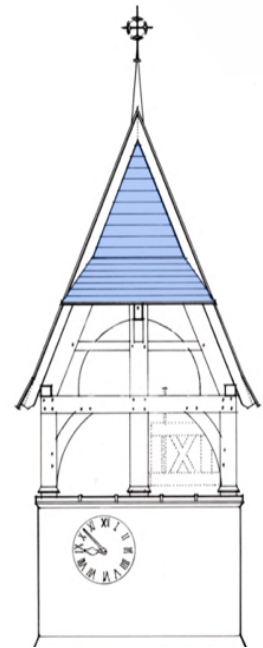
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Bell Tower Conservation project The Bourtons

...update August 2023

Hopefully by the time you read this the scaffold will have been, or in the process of being, removed and you will be able to admire our bell tower in all its glory 😊

Built in 1883 in memory of our Queen's great, great, great grandmother, Mary Ann Cubitt (née Warner) the roof has now been returned to its original style with oak shingles (tiles) showing off the refurbished finials, beautifully repaired and restored weathervane, and a bright and shiny refurbished clock face.



What we have also done is...

- replaced crumbling stonework
- used specialist lime mortar to reinforce the stonework
- surveyed the wooden structure (it is in good condition for its age)
- installed a new hatch door for easier access into the belfry
- completed all the work that required scaffolding

We are grateful to the generosity of the Upton family who have kindly agreed to cover the cost of the weathervane re-gilding in memory of their late father, Ronald Upton.

We do need to continue fundraising to ensure we have the contingency for additional costs for these works.

If you are able to help please contact Trudy our Treasurer on 07703 554338 or please consider a donation by scanning this QR code - its quick and easy AND if you are a UK tax payer we can increase your donation by 25%! This is at no extra cost to you.



Thank you and

do join us at **6pm** on **Friday, 22nd Sept**
at the Bourtons' Big Bell Tower
celebration **thank you** event, with
refreshment provided - all welcome!



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Everyone is very welcome to come to the afternoon tea Wildlife Friendly Community fundraiser at Great Bourton House, Crow Lane, on **Sun, 17th September 2-4pm**. This will be on the front lawn (gazebos if

the weather is inclement) and is a chance to talk to the Wildlife Friendly Community working group, collect your free wildflower seed (for sowing this autumn - info and advice available) and upgrade your no-mow butterfly at cost (£3). There might well be a few plants for sale.



The Bourtons' Community Hall Drop Inn!

We can't promise glorious weather again, but
come and meet your friends and neighbours
on this late Summer evening



Drop Inn - Open Evening

Friday 8th September; 7 - 11pm

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

(Tea and Coffee available)



Note from Julie Tomlin...

"I am grateful to Maggie McAngus for letting me hire the village hall to block my quilt. The Festival of Quilts, held at the NEC, is the largest in Europe and I entered the Novice Category and came 2nd! I have been quilting for only two years and with the guidance of an excellent tutor (Cathy Alsworth at The Fat Quarter in Banbury) I produced "Not aLone".

{Fabulous achievement - well done Julie! Sorry can't do justice to your beautiful quilting in the Broadsheet}.



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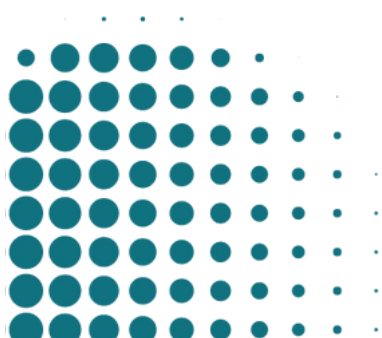
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Down at the Dirt House...

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look forward to welcoming you!**

Special events/what's coming up in
September:



Fri, 15th: Band Night - Leigh Chambers, 9pm

Sat, 16th : 11:30am MacMillan Coffee morning

Thurs, 28th : Eyes down... Bingo is back! 7:30pm

Sat, 30th : Band Night - Katie Wickham, 9pm



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:	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 October with Ocktoberfest (7th); Ladies Film Night (12th);
Bingo (26th) and Halloween Party (27th)

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



Shires' Edge Benefice - September

When:		Service:	Where:
3rd Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Cropredy
	10 ^{am}	Family service	Wardington
	11^{am}	Holy Communion	Gt Bourton
6 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Revd Sarah's Licensing service	Wardington
9 th Sat		Ride & Stride for churches	
10 th Sun	10 ^{am}	UBC	Mollington
17th Sun	10 ^{am}	Holy Communion Harvest festival	Claydon
		Seeker Service	Cropredy
		Family Communion	Wardington
	11^{am}	Sunday at All Saints	Gt Bourton
22nd Fri	6^{pm}	Bell Tower celebration	Gt Bourton
24 th Sun	10 ^{am}	Morning Worship Harvest festival	Cropredy
	4 ^{pm}	Harvest festival	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.



Saturday, 9th September:

Everyone is welcome to take part - as an individual, as a family or as a group of friends. Please register through ohct.org.uk or obtain the paperwork from Sue (via the Broadsheet) or Pauline, your local coordinator. Many churches will be open and welcome visitors, some also providing refreshments throughout the day.

The Bourtons' community is thankful to Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT) who pledged £7,000 to the Bell Tower Conservation project. This pledge was increased to £10,000 after the pandemic in recognition of the rising costs facing the project. OHCT raise funds through initiatives such as Ride & Stride to help support projects which preserve historic church buildings throughout Oxfordshire.

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.

Flag OR Light (Flag AND Light in brackets)

£5(£8) per day/night £10(£16) - 3 days/nights £20(£25) for a week

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Bourtons' goings-on... September

CH = Community Hall			DH = Dirt House	VH = Village Hall
When			What	Where
6 th	Wed	6:45 ^{pm}	Gardening Club (BGC) visit	Wasperton
8 th	Fri	7-11 ^{pm}	Drop Inn	CH
11 th	Mon	7:30 ^{pm}	Land App talk	VH
15 th	Fri	9 ^{pm}	Live music	DH
16 th	Sat	11:30 ^{am}	Macmillan coffee morning	DH
17 th	Sun	2-4 ^{pm}	Wildlife Friendly Community afternoon tea	Gt Bourton House
20 th	Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	VH
22 nd	Fri	6 ^{pm}	Bell Tower Celebration	Bell Tower
27 th	Wed	10:30 ^{am} -12	Community coffee morning	VH
		7:30 ^{pm}	BGC Cheese & Wine social	VH
28 th	Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Bingo	DH
30 th	Sat	9 ^{pm}	Live music	DH
What's coming up... watch out for more info...				
4 th	Nov	Autumn Big Breakfast, Village Hall		
tbc		Loose change collection for BBC's Children in Need		
2 nd	Dec	12-4pm Christmas Fair, Dirt House - book your stall with Vicki v.leonardi@btinternet.com		

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