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Welcome ...

Firstly, an apology for the delay in getting this, the November issue, out to you – we've been on holiday so now rushing to get this done (if you see a mistake then that will be my second apology as my proof checker is also a little tired from a 10hr overnight flight! We don't seem to have the stamina these days \bigcirc).

We enjoyed a wonderful celebration of completion of the Bell Tower works and thanks go to those who were able to join in and to our generous benefactor who kindly funded the drinks and catering afterwards, and volunteers who helped on the evening – we are a fortunate community indeed.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Bourtons' Big Breakfast on Saturday, 4th November when the Friends of All Saints will be aproned up and ready to serve you - it's always a good fun morning.

Please don't forget to pass on your BBC Children in Need loose change contributions to either Pauline (Alnecot), Kate (Barnsend) in GB or Bobbie (The Den) in LB or drop through my door at Mulberry Corner before Sunday, 19th November. We've done well in past years so fingers crossed we will have a good sum to donate once more and hope that Pudsey will visit us again too.

Have a happy and safe November.

Sue

Love to hear from you...

Email: bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com Tel: 01295 758036

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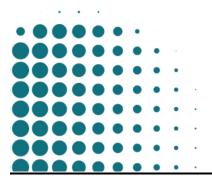
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Bourtons' Gardening Club – **Wed 1**st **November** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, when we welcome Duncan Coombs and his topic of "A Spring visit to Japan's Gardens and Countryside". We warmly welcome new members; if you are interested in joining the Gardening Club or would like more information please email annbrooks100@gmail.com

Bourtons' Music Society on **Wed 15th November** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Our theme this month is 'Drinks'. Fundamentally we all need water and there are a variety of drinks we enjoy in life. Select some music associated with these and bring your own drinks. Visitors, guests and prospective members are welcome to attend at £1.50 per person. This is an informal group who enjoy listening to recorded music together and new members are always welcomed from the Bourtons and beyond. For 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.

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MAGGIE's COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING – come for a cuppa, cake and a chat! YE OLD VILLAGE HALL GREAT BOURTON WEDNESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER

10:30^{am} - Noon



Poppy Appeal

Please be prepared and have some cash available for our community Poppy Appeal collectors – they'll be on their way soon...

The Village Hall AGM

will be held on **Thursday 18th January 2024 7pm** in the Village Hall

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LAND APP PROJECT

MAPPING GARDEN PONDS IN THE BOURTONS



It is important to record wildlife friendly areas, showing loss and gain over time. Residential gardens in England account for nearly 5% of the land* and are by far the easiest areas for us all to help increase biodiversity - we can and do make a difference and sharing good practice (such as having a water source for wildlife) is important.

We can't do this without you: anyone living in the Bourtons' parish is encouraged to help with this project and all you need do is **take a photo of your pond/patch of water/wildlife trough/barrel pond** as follows:

When taking the photo of your pond, make sure your camera device (e.g. smartphone) is 'location enabled' – that the GPS function is on, and that you have enabled it to track your location. For this you'll need to follow the instructions for your specific device whether it is Apple or Android. Then please send the photos to **bourtonslandapp@gmail.com** adding the approximate size of the water surface area in m² and we will upload them and embed them into the Land App layer showing garden ponds. We would like you to send photos in by the end of **November 2023** please.

We have the ability, using Land App, to make an accurate record of where all the garden ponds are in the residential parts of the Bourtons' parish. The main bodies of water (Mill Pond, the canal etc) already show up on the OS map layers, but we are keen to record various things in our local environment and think this is a relatively easy project to start with.

Thanks - from the WFC Working Group *Land Use Statistics, England 27th Oct 2022

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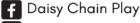
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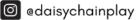
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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Karl June would like to thank everyone who contributed to their joint 70th birthday and Golden wedding celebrations.

The amazing amount of £1000 was raised for Dementia UK.

Thank you one and all for making it an amazing night.

Love Karl & June



Call for Tombola items!

This year the Friends of All Saints are joining up with the Dirt House team at their Christmas Fair on Saturday, 2nd December and will be hosting a tombola stall for adults and children.

If you are able to contribute a bottle (or 2), chocolates or indeed anything else for the tombola stall then please do drop items to Maggie, 1 Valley View; Kate, Barnsend, Main Str; Clare, Stoneleigh, Swan Lane – all in GB and in LB to Bobbie, The Den or Helen, Buzzard Farmhouse, as soon as you can.

Thank you!



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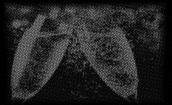
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THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 19:30hrs

In attendance: Cllr Mrs S Upton (Chair), Cllr Mrs G Duckworth,

Cllr A Johnson, Cllr Mrs J Beales, CCllr G Reynolds, Stephen Bowen (Clerk) and

Rachel Pheasey. **Apologies**: non received. **Declarations of Interest**: Cllr Johnson - Cluster Care

Public Participation: Three members of the public attended.

Minutes: The previous Council meeting (Sept) minutes were reviewed and

corrected [see below]; they were then approved for signature.

Public Participation: Three residents of Garners Field attended the meeting regarding their complaint that the draft Sept minutes had incorrectly implied they were representing Garners Field residents, when in fact they were speaking on their own behalf. This was noted, Council apologised for this misunderstanding, and confirmed that the minutes would be corrected and an apology would be published in the Broadsheet.

Footpaths - Progress Report: Concerns expressed by residents regarding the condition of the footpath near the bus stop on Main Street have been reported to OCC, who have expressed the view that this is a sufficient problem to warrant attention. This will be discussed with the Highways' Inspector.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report: Clerk reported that Bushnell handheld speed detector device has been ordered along with signs approved by TVP, delivery expected within next few days. It was AGREED that a meeting of current volunteers should be called so that they can be briefed, the detection sites can be agreed and advised to TVP, the co-ordinator can establish contact with TVP so that following approval of the detection sites speed monitoring can start.

Public Transport: Information requested from Ability CIC regarding usage of the minibus service had been received but only confirmed that there were 6 regular Bourtons users. What we wanted was the full analysis of the service so we can understand how beneficial it is across the North Oxfordshire parishes; this will be requested.

Planning applications:

New applications: 23/02716/DISC: The Stables, Main Street, GB: discharge of condition 5 imposed by the Planning Inspector as part of his permission for the Traveller site.

Decisions: 22/03125/PIP: Mr W Lombard/Fernhill Estates; Land west of School Lane and Foxden Way, GB: the appeal against the refusal by CDC of planning-in-principle has been **REFUSED**.

Conservation area potential application: A response has now been received from the CDC Conservation Officer, following the intervention of DCIIr Chapman on our behalf, for which Council expresses its thanks. This advises that no action can be taken in the current Council year, but that our interest will be put on the list for the forthcoming year 24/25. We will contact the Officer again in April 2024.

Cherwell Local Plan Review: The consultation period is now underway and responses must be submitted by 3rd November 2023. The document has been circulated to Cllrs and we are considering how a copy can be provided for public review if requested. The document runs to many hundreds of pages and will be available to view at Bodicote House and libraries across the District. All documents will also be available on the CDC's website and its Citizen's Space consultation platform. Our response will be created by the Chairman & Clerk, with submissions from all Cllrs who can be contacted by residents if they have any comments to make. Residents can also respond directly via the CDC website.

County & District Councillors report:

DCIIr Chapman absent. CCIIr Reynolds attended and advised that the main focus at OCC currently is on town centres, which are not performing well due to external pressures. He also advised that OCC had received a very negative report from Ofsted specifically regarding special needs pupils. He also said that control of the CC was now in the hands of the Liberals and Green Party.

Defibrillators: Both defibrillators reported working, but require new batteries. Replacement cost is £446+VAT; order placed.

Website: New bus timetables will be added after confirmation from Dave Harrison at OCC transport department.

Projects update: LB: the new village sign has been received, but posts are awaited. The old sign will be removed and the new one installed shortly.

Allotments: The Clerk & Cllr Beales presented information on the proposed rent increase. This will be the FIRST time that rents have been increased since the Claridge's Piece allotments were opened in 2017. An increase is required due to cost increases in water charges and mowing costs, due to inflation. Also there is now a need for some remedial work on items such as gate posts and the current rental income has not enabled a fund to be created to meet such costs. Broken posts will be replaced in the Spring, and it is likely that further rent rises may be required in order that ongoing maintenance work can be funded; it being a condition of the provision of allotments that they must run at no cost to the Parish Council. An increase of £10 per full plot and £5 per half plot was proposed and it was RESOLVED that this be implemented, at the end of the 6 month notice period in April 2024.

The rent invoices for the forthcoming season 23/24 will be issued within the next week, with further information regarding the above-mentioned increase being provided in the accompanying letter.

Earlier this month an inspection of plots was undertaken by the Clerk & Cllr Beales and the outcomes will be advised to tenants by letter later this month.

Halls: VH: Damp issues: A list of suitable surveyors has been developed and they have been contacted regarding the issue. A number no longer deal with "commercial" buildings but 2 companies recommended a damp specialist and it was RESOLVED to commission a survey from BSD Limited at a cost of £450 +VAT. The work identified will now be quoted for by suitable contractors. Roof tiles: several missing tiles have been identified and the lead work on the chimney needs to be mended. A contractor has been identified to do the work

on a "day-rate" basis if Parish Council purchase the materials directly. OSJ roofing are also specialists in lead work. As this will fall within Chairman authorisation limit it was **RESOLVED** to proceed on this basis.

Healthcare: The letter of support agreed last month has now been sent to the Surgery in Cropredy. A letter is being sent to all Parishes in the surgery catchment area advising them of the issues facing the practice and asking if they will consider sending a letter of support, and also consider writing to their MP requesting their support.

Finance & Administration: Appointment of a new RFO: the chosen candidate, Rachel Pheasey, who had previously circulated a resume of her experience to Cllrs, was welcomed to the meeting, and it was **RESOLVED** that she be appointed with effect from 1st November. This appointment will be funded by a reduction in the Clerk's hours, to cover the cost of her employment. Note that the appointment is subject to an 8-week probation period. A formal offer letter and Contract of Employment will be issued. The FIN REP was circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that the associated bank reconciliation be accepted and that 11 payments totalling £15,763.00 be approved. Note 2 invoices received the day after the Sept meeting payable to Smith's of Derby and Mr G Barrett & paid last month are included. Also 2 invoices received after this FIN REP was issued have been added and will be reported next month. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

Smith's of Derby: final payment re clock dial and hands refurbishment £4592.76. This payment was funded by a grant from the Bell Land Trust. Zurich Insurance: annual renewal of Parish insurance: £1844.35. Note that this premium is covered by a Long Term Arrangement.

Clerk quarterly & PAYE (2 cheques): £1428.00

Ability CIC: final contribution to minibus service: £5000. Note that this

payment is funded by the s106 public transport agreement.

WEL Medical: replacement batteries for defibrillators: £547.14

CDC: bi-annual dog bin emptying charge: £988.42 Prysebros Ltd: bi-annual weed treatment: £342

JACS Ltd: new village sign for LB: £518.40 SW Services: September mowing: £427

Correspondence: Email received from Cllr Johnson in his role as Chair of Cluster Care (a local charity providing weekly meeting, lunch and activity programme for qualifying older local residents) requesting a contribution towards running costs, note that we have previously donated £100 pa to this very local charity. In his letter he explains that they are being hit badly by inflation and asks that we consider the value of our donation. Cllr Johnson, having declared an interest (see above) absented himself during Councils' consideration of his request. It was **RESOLVED** that we would make a £100 donation in this FY, but that a review of the donation for the 24/25 FY would be increased, following our budget development process.

The next meeting will be held on 14th November 2023 in the Community Hall commencing at 19:30hrs.

Down at the Dirt House...

Little Bourton

Dickie / Michelle / Vicki look forward to welcoming you!

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



Sat, 4th: Race Night – 7:30pm... bet on the horses or Buy your

own horse before the night! 50% of the bets will go to

charity.

Sat, 11th The Dodgers, 9pm

Thurs, 16th Eyes down... Bingo! 7:30pm

Regular opening hours (food service hours in brackets) - for table or any other 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

Dates to note:

December: 2nd Christmas Fair Noon-4pm / 14th Bingo / 17th Carols /

22nd Quiz / 23rd Leigh Chambers / 31st New Year's Eve

party

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

Bourtons' Big Festive Raffle



It's that time of year again and the Friends are working hard to sell the Annual 'Festive' raffle tickets – have you bought yours yet? Want to buy more?

As in previous years tickets <u>are enclosed</u> with the Broadsheet, please pop your money, with your completed ticket stubs, in an envelope and drop to one of the 'Friends' below:

HelenC, 19 Garners Field;

Clare, Stoneleigh, Swan Lane;

Gina, Greenslade, Crow Lane;

Trudy, Meadow View; School Lane;

Kate, Barnsend, Main Street;

Maggie, 1 Valley View;

Sue, Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane; **Helen**, Buzzard Farmhouse, Little B.

Or call any of the below who will happily arrange to collect from you and also bring additional tickets should you wish to buy more. Please ring or text whichever is easier...

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For ease, should you wish to pay by bank transfer please pay 'Great Bourton Parochial Church Council (PCC)' at Lloyds: sort code: 30-96-26; account no: 80512768, quoting 'Raffle followed by your surname' and don't forget to pass your ticket stubs on as above, noting that you've paid online.

Please return unwanted tickets so they can be sold elsewhere.

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Shires' Edge Benefice - November

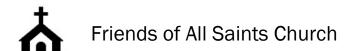
When:		Service:	Where:
5 th Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Cropredy
	10 ^{am}	Family service	Wardington
	11 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Gt Bourton
	4 ^{pm}	Evening prayer	Claydon
12th Sun 9:30 ^{am}		Holy Communion	Claydon
Out than 1999	10:55 ^{am}	Remembrance service	Cropredy
	10:55am	Remembrance service	Wardington
	3 ^{pm}	Remembrance service	Gt Bourton
	3 ^{pm}	Remembrance service	Mollington
	3:30 ^{pm}	Remembrance service	Claydon
19 th Sun	9 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Mollington
	10 ^{am}	Seeker service	Cropredy
	11 ^{am}	Sunday at All Saints	Gt Bourton
26 th Sun	10 ^{am}	United Benefice Holy Communion	Wardington

Please note that All Saints GB is open for services and morning prayer only. Every Tues Noon is the Iona Communion service at Cropredy. **Morning prayers 9am Mon Bourtons**; Tues Claydon; Wed Cropredy; Thurs Mollington; Fri Wardington. The Bourtons' bell tower is available for prayer and reflection.



Bourtons' goings-on... November

CH = Community Hall			DH = Dirt House VH	= Village Hall		
When			What	Where		
1 st	Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Gardening Club	VH		
4 th	Sat	9 ^{am} -11:30 ^{am}	Bourtons' Big Breakfast	VH		
4 th	Sat	7:30 ^{pm}	Race Night	DH		
11 th	Sat	9 ^{pm}	Live band	DH		
15 th	Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	VH		
16 th	Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Bingo	DH		
22 nd	Wed	10:30 ^{am} -12	Community coffee morning	VH		
What's coming up watch out for more info						
1 st	Dec	Cropredy School Christmas Fayre, 2-4pm				
2 nd	Dec	12-4pm Christmas Fair, Dirt House - book your stall with Vicki v.leonardi@btinternet.com				



The Bourtons' Big Breakfast!



Saturday 4th November 2023 at the Village Hall Great Bourton

(NOT the Community Hall)

from 9 am to 11:30 am

Sausage Bacon Fried Egg

Black Pudding Tomato Mushrooms

Baked Beans Toast Tea/Coffee

Veg Sausage Hash browns (v) Juice





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