

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

December 2023



Welcome ...

Plans are coming together for Sunday, 3rd Dec for the Bourtons' Big Raffle draw which takes place in the Village Hall - after Santa has switched on our Christmas lights at the bell tower and we've had our community carol singing round the tree! Bring your lanterns and let's enjoy our annual festive tradition! (please see the back page for more info – thank you Hope Talbot-Waller for your creative poster!)

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Thanks also to Maggie MacAngus who once again has worked hard in pulling together the festive tombola – hope to see many of you at the Dirt House Festive Fair on Saturday, 2nd Dec.

November seems to have come and gone really quickly. Hopefully you've managed to leave "untidy / leafy garden space" creating winter hideaways for the many bugs and insects. Our hedgehogs also appreciate piles of leaves in which to snuggle down for the winter.

Enjoy your festive preparations and have fun over Christmas and New Year!

John joins me in wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2024.

Love and blessings *Sue*

Love to hear from you...

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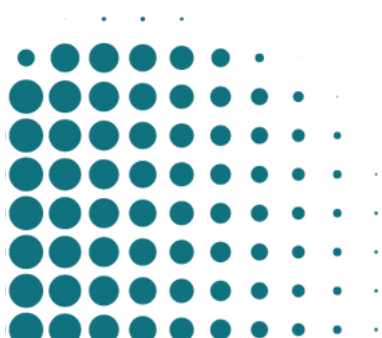
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Bourtons' Gardening Club – Wed 6th December at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. This is our Christmas dinner gathering and pre-booking/ payment is essential: £5 for members / £6 for guests. Please byo drink and some cash for the raffle. Please note there is no meeting in January (the AGM will be conducted by email). 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 20th December at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Our theme this month is 'Christmas Family Favourites'. Music is all around us during the Christmas season. Pick out your Christmas family favourite and tell us the story about it. If you have a CD/DVD you no longer want, we will have a Lucky Dip for a mystery swap. Bring your own drinks. Seasonal treats will be served! Visitors, guests and prospective members are welcome to attend at £1.50pp. 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.

Flag OR Light (Flag AND Light in brackets)

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

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/flytheflaglightthebelfry

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 Street; 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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Thank you

on behalf of the Church Council and the Friends of All Saints for your fabulous support of the fundraising Big Breakfast! As ever, despite awful weather, when you could have justifiably stayed indoors - you came and ate with us! From the comments received you enjoyed your breakfasts which is so good to hear! We raised over £500!

Thank you

The Friends' team were literally 'run off their feet' and well and truly earned their breakfast (of leftovers - no black pudding for them 😊 !!)

Thank you

Thank you's also go to the extended Friends' team who stepped in on the day to help out - Duncan, who braved the rain alongside Roger at the BBQ; Trish, Lorraine and our new vicar, Sarah, joined the front of house helping Kate and Trudy to keep the drinks and hot breakfasts coming. Gina once again did a grand job running two toasters (this is the job I was relieved of after setting off the smoke alarms 😊).

Clare kept the kitchen team in order, John frying over 90 eggs; Pauline had the washing up under control and Hope kept replenishing all the cooked food items and filling in what was needed, when and everywhere!

Importantly, big thank you's to Littlegood Farm and Fine Lady Bakeries who gifted eggs and bread respectively. Thanks also to Steve Betts the Butcher who did us a price on the meat but, with his rising costs, this wasn't as good as he'd wished he might be able to give us / managed in the past. All other food and refreshment items were kindly sponsored by parishioners including the hire of the Village Hall - thank you, we couldn't do this without your help.

We are endeavouring to organise another breakfast in the New Year so if you hear of anyone who might help us provide the food and refreshment items for that so we may maximise fundraising please do let us know.

Thank you from all the Friends of All Saints - we look forward to seeing you at our festive gatherings:

Saturday, 2nd Dec - Noon-4pm, Dirt House Christmas Fair

Sunday, 3rd Dec - 5pm outside the Bell Inn and afterwards
in the Village Hall



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Bourtons' Big Pudsey
"Children in Need" collection
of loose change.

Thank you for your donations of loose change which will be counted soon... if you still have any change that you wish to donate then please pass to either, in GB:

Pauline at Alnecot, School Lane;
Kate at Barnsend, Main Street
and in LB:
Helen at Buzzard Farmhouse

Donations will be banked on 1 December...

Over the last 3 years the generous Bourtons have donated over £800!!
Hopefully this year you'll reach £1,000!!

Thank you...
love Pudsey xx

Poppy Appeal –

Thank you to all in the Bourtons who kindly supported the RBL Poppy Appeal!

Thanks of course to our local volunteer coordinators

The generous Bourtons' donated over £850.



Remember, remember... If you receive greetings cards by post over the next month please don't forget to cut off the used stamps and save them for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society – stamps may be dropped in letterboxes at

Alnecot, School Lane;
Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane or
Barnsend, Main Street.

CHRISTMAS DINNER



"A three course festive feast"

BOOKING

BY PHONE

01295 750244

OR IN-PERSON

Two Courses - £28.50 - Three Courses £36.00

STARTERS

Baked ham hock and Montgomery cheese pot served with crusty bread
Chestnut and parsnip soup served with bacon and crusty bread (can be V)
Cured salmon with king prawns, pickled dill and crème fraiche
Game terrine, fresh sourdough, and dill gherkins
Sweet potato cakes with lime and avocado (VE)

MAINS

Bacon wrapped turkey escalope with a cranberry stuffing
Slow braised feather blade beef with shallot gravy
Lentil mushroom loaf and gravy (VE)
Lamb chop with a mint glaze

All served with:

Charred Brussels sprouts with marmite butter,
duck fat* roast potatoes and rosemary,
roasted maple glazed carrots and parsnips, and red cabbage.

**can be vegan roasted potatoes*

King prawn & pea risotto served with a parmesan crisp

DESSERTS

Homemade Christmas pudding with brandy cream
Ginger sponge pudding with a rum caramel and clotted cream
Black Forest trifle
Eggnog cheesecake & fruit compote (VE)
Cheese & biscuits

From 13th November throughout December 2023

NEW YEAR'S EVE



See the new year in
with us at

THE BRASENOSE

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DOORS FROM 6PM TIL LATE

BURNS NIGHT



*"Some hae meat and canna eat, and some
wad eat that want it; But we hae meat, and
we can eat, Sae let the Lord be thankit."*



Friday 19th January at 7pm

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STARTERS

Cullen Skin - or - Mulligatawny Soup

MAIN COURSE

Haggis Neeps & Tatties served with buttered leeks and whisky sauce
Vegan Haggis Neeps & Tatties served with tomato and leek salsa

DESSERT

Clootie Pudding - rich mixed fruit pudding with clotted cream
Coconut Cream Cranachan
both served with a dram of 10yo Laphroaig Single Malt

£35 per person - BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Online, by phone 01295 750244, or in-person

PLEASE NOTE - After New Year's Eve, we will be closed for meals until 12th January



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THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday, 14th November 2023 at 19:30hrs

In attendance: Cllr Mrs S Upton (Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Duckworth, Cllr A Johnson, Cllr Mrs J Beales, Cllr Mrs G Brooks, CCllr G Reynolds, DCllr P Chapman, Stephen Bowen (Clerk) and Rachel Pheasey;

Apologies: non received. **Declarations of Interest:** none declared

Public Participation: 2 members of the public attended.

Minutes: The previous Council meeting (Sept) minutes were reviewed and corrected [see below]; they were then approved for signature.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report: The Community Speedwatch team now has 9 members (8 trained), 6 sites identified and approved by TVP, and 2 initial training sessions held. On the advice of TVP we will formally start monitoring activity in January. All necessary equipment has been provided, and thanks to Ian Cooper, co-ordinator for his excellent work in establishing the group & logo-ing the Hi-vis jackets.

The Community Speedwatch signs have been erected, but it was AGREED that a further portrait sign be ordered for the Main Street, GB gateway, off the Southam Road as the initial one is a little small.

Public Transport: The Chairman attended the OCC public transport meeting where the recent publicity ref improvement in rural bus services north of Banbury was clarified; it would appear that we may get one extra bus per week, but timetabling has not yet been completed. Further info in New Year. Residents are reminded that the Ability Community minibus runs twice per week into Banbury, further details are on the Parish website, or contact your nearest Cllr or the Clerk. Cllr Duckworth has used the service recently to see how well it works.

Planning applications: No new applications.

Decisions: 20/01980/F: The Paddocks, Main Street, GB: Decision by the Planning Inspectorate to overturn CDC refusal for a 3 pitch traveller site, published as Decision Notice APP/C3105/W/23/3317383.

Cherwell Local Plan Review: The consultation period has ended with over 1000 responses received by CDC, these will take some time to analyse. The final public consultation is expected to be in September 2024.

Neighbourhood Plan: A simplified and lower cost process for parishes wishing to create a plan was anticipated as part of the current Government review of Planning, but it is understood this may have been delayed. This Council will therefore proceed to develop a Community Vision for our Parish and we plan to hold a public meeting to discuss this early next year.

County & District Councillors report:

Both CCllr Reynolds & DCllr Chapman attended and advised that work to develop the budget is proceeding, with no significant cuts or increases anticipated, however the following year is looking very challenging.

The public survey on the plan for Banbury 2050 has been launched and all are encouraged to complete it. Full details are on the Parish website, and hard copies of the survey are available for those without internet access.

Defibrillators: Both defibrillators have had new batteries fitted and been tested, thanks to Mrs Jane Foster-Smith for her support.

Website: New Bus timetables expected in February.

Projects update: The replacement bench on Foxden Way will be installed shortly and will be nearer to Little Bourton.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces:

Legal work continues on the transfer of the LAP at Garners Field, with completion anticipated before the start of the growing season in March.

Allotments: Rent invoices were issued last month, and 23 have been paid, 6 remain outstanding and reminders have been sent.

Village Hall:

Damp issues: The BSD survey has been completed and 2 possible solutions have been identified. The principal problem is that the outside ground level is above the floor level in places. The PC is now commissioning quotes from contractors who can undertake all the work involved, to avoid the need for multiple trades in the interest of efficiency and cost.

Roof tiles: A local contractor has been identified to do the required work on a "day-rate" basis, incl related lead work if Council purchase the materials directly. It was **RESOLVED** to commission this. The PC is also arranging for a local drone flyer to provide pictures of the entire roof to assess the extent of broken and missing tiles.

Healthcare: No updates.

Finance & Administration:

The FIN REP was circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that the associated bank reconciliation be accepted and that 9 payments totalling £4,173.40 be approved. Note that expenses to the value of £825.30 are to be paid to the Clerk; it should be noted that this sum includes 3 capital items: Bushnell speed detector gun [£188.93], 3 Community Speedwatch signs [£180.75] and a PC [£328.99] & software for the RFO all supported by invoices. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

K C Graphics: bi-annual web hosting; £468.00

BSD: VH survey work: £540.

Aplins: legal work associated with the CH lease: £1380.60

SW Services: October mowing: £352.00

Burial Ground Warden: bi-annual fee: £125.00

Churchyard maintenance bi-annual fee: £312.50

The budget for the coming FY, previously circulated, was discussed. Some numbers still require confirmation, but early indications are that a rise of circa 12% will be required in order to maintain services provided at their current level, due to inflationary increases experienced over the current year. It should be noted that the employment of an RFO has no impact on the budget, being funded by a reduction in the Clerk's hours. Further work will be done to identify any possible savings and the final budget will be presented at the January meeting, when it must be agreed to comply with CDC submission deadline.

The timing of the Clerk's annual appraisal was discussed and will be arranged for a suitable date in December.

The 2024 meetings calendar, previously circulated, was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that meetings would continue on the second Tuesday of the month. The schedule will be sent to the CH administrator to secure the CH meeting room availability. The calendar will be posted on the website and village noticeboards.

The Parish Administrative Year calendar, previously circulated, was discussed and Cllrs were encouraged to review to ensure it identified all regular events and dates applicable to the PC.

Correspondence:

The annual letter regarding Councillor remuneration has been received from CDC and was discussed with Cllrs unanimously **RESOLVED** to continue the historic practice of declining any attendance payments but being able to claim expenses for any travel or subsistence on Council business. The Clerk will confirm this to CDC.

An email has been received regarding the Good Neighbour Scheme, this was discussed and it was AGREED that we would review the list of those who offered support during the Covid pandemic and approach them to see if they would continue in that role to stay in contact with any vulnerable people in the Parish.

An email has been received from Mr Will Lombard regarding his proposal to use the land off Foxden Way, where planning permission was refused earlier in the year, as a Dog Walking enterprise. With the limited information available, Cllrs felt it was difficult to fully understand the impact, and would reserve their opinion until full details of this proposal were available to review. It is assumed that a Change of Use application will be required, and this will be confirmed with CDC Planning Officers. Mr Lombard did mention in his email that residents of The Bourtons would be allowed to make use of the facility free of charge.

New business: There was no new business to consider.

Meeting closed at 22:00hrs. The next meeting will be held on 14th Jan 2024 in the Community Hall commencing at 19:30hrs.

BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL – APOLOGY

In our September draft minutes we implied that 3 members of the public who were present, represented the Garners Field Residents, when in fact they were speaking on their own behalf.

We apologise for this error and any distress or concerns this may have caused. The minutes have therefore been amended accordingly.

Sue Upton, Chairman.

December...Down at the Dirt House

Little Bourton

**Dickie / Michelle / Vicki
look forward to welcoming you!**

Special events/what's coming up:



- Sat, 2nd :** Christmas Fair – Noon-4pm... local crafts, gifts and tombola
- Thurs, 7th :** Film night 'The Holiday', 7:15pm, £5pp incl Jacket potato with choice of either baked beans, cheese, tuna & mayo or veggie chilli – **orders by Sun, 3rd Dec** please.
- Thurs, 14th :** 👁️👁️ down... **Bingo!** 7:30pm
- Sun, 17th :** Christmas Carols, 5pm : mince pies and mulled wine – Hamper raffle draw.
- Fri, 22nd :** Fun for All Christmas Quiz, 7:30pm
- Sat, 23rd :** Live music with Leigh Chambers, 9pm
- Mon, 25th :** Xmas Day opening hours, Noon-2pm
- Sun, 31st :** New Year's Eve party!

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 1-6pm (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

**Don't forget to enter our Hamper raffle! Tickets £1 each
in aid of Katharine House Hospice.**

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

Bourtons' Big Festive Raffle

**Will be drawn on Sunday,
3rd December in the
Village Hall** (not the Church)
6pm - bring your own
drinks/nibbles with some
mulled wine and mince pies
available.



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?

Don't forget to 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...

Kate: 01295 758045 / 07900 625711

Clare: 01295 758488

Gina: 01295 750730 / 07771 756780

Sue: 07828 626503

Helen: 07940 117174

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.

Thank you to our supporters so far, also...

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Champagne

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Spirits



Shires' Edge Benefice - December

When:		Service:	Where:
3rd Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Carols & Holy Communion	Cropredy
	10 ^{am}	Family service Christingle	Wardington
	11^{am}	Carols & Holy Communion	Gt Bourton
10 th Sun	10 ^{am}	Carols & Holy Communion	Mollington
	3 ^{pm}	Christingle	Cropredy
	6 ^{pm}	Carol service	Wardington
17th Sun	10 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Cropredy
	4^{pm}	Carol service	Gt Bourton
	6 ^{pm}	Carol service	Claydon
24th Sun	3 ^{pm}	Crib service	Cropredy
		Crib service & carols	Mollington
	4 ^{pm}	Crib service	Wardington
	4:15 ^{pm}	Crib service	Claydon
	6^{pm}	Crib service	Gt Bourton
	11 ^{pm}	Midnight mass	Cropredy
25th Mon	9 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Claydon
	10^{am}	Holy Communion	Gt Bourton
		Holy Communion	Wardington
31st Sun	10^{am}	United Benefice Communion	Gt Bourton

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.

The Village Hall AGM

will be held on **Thursday**

18th January 2024

7pm in the Village Hall



Bourtons' goings-on... December

CH = Community Hall			DH = Dirt House	VH = Village Hall
When			What	Where
1 st	Fri	2-4 ^{pm}	Cropredy School Xmas Fayre	School
2 nd	Sat	Noon-4 ^{pm}	Christmas Fair & Tombola	DH
3 rd	Sun	5 ^{pm} -8 ^{pm}	Christmas Light switch on, Carols... followed by Drop Inn & Festive raffle draw	Bell Tower & afterward VH
6 th	Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Gardening Club Xmas social	VH
7 th	Thurs	7:15 ^{pm}	Film Night 'The Holiday'	DH
14 th	Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Bingo	
17 th	Sun	5 ^{pm}	Christmas Carols	
20 th	Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	VH
22 nd	Fri	7:30 ^{pm}	Christmas Quiz	DH
23 rd	Sat	9 ^{pm}	Live music – Leigh Chambers	
31 st	Sun		New Year's Eve Party!	

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Bourtons festive fun

Sunday
December
3rd 2023

5pm

Christmas lights
switch on

Carols around the
Christmas tree
outside The Bell

Visit from Father
Christmas

Afterwards
until 8pm in
The Village Hall

Christmas raffle draw

Mulled wine & mince
pies • BYO drinks

All welcome

