

# BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

April 2024



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## *Welcome ...*

Here we are 4 months into the year and Spring has sprung and the Gardening Club team has done a wonderful job in planning some fabulous gardens to visit over the coming months... it is a great experience to wander around other people's gardens and see just what and how they've done things. Some people are just amazingly creative and shamelessly I am quite happy to copy their ideas! 😊

Thank you to all who supported the Big Breakfast once again - fabulous effort by the Friends and their many loyal supporters and donors, especially Littlegood Farm for donating all the eggs and Fine Lady Bakeries for the loaves!

There's some new interesting things inside - enjoy reading about Benjy's Puerto Rico fundraiser alongside his Dad, Lee's, art exhibition - a couple of local events to enjoy in April.

A big shout of thanks to two youngsters, Immi and Tommy, who litter picked a full carrier bag of rubbish in the village recently - well done!

Take care everyone and hope your Easter weekend is/was good!

*Sue*

**Love to hear from you...**

**Email:** [bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com](mailto:bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com)

**Tel:** 01295 758036

*Copy deadline: 17<sup>th</sup> of each month*

**Browse our Parish website for more local info:**

<https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/>





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**Bourtons' Gardening Club – Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall with guest speaker Howard Drury "Gardening as we get Older".

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-  annual membership is £10pp; as well as guest speakers and organised visits to unique gardens\* you can enjoy...
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-  a 10% discount at the National Herb Centre when you show your BGC membership card;
-  BGC is an Affiliated Member of the RHS and as such receives benefits which may be passed on to members.

If you are interested in joining the BGC, or would like more information, please email [annbrooks100@gmail.com](mailto:annbrooks100@gmail.com)

**Bourtons' Music Society - Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The musical theme is 'FOOTWEAR' - something that is used on a daily basis for different reasons and activities. As a result, there are many forms of footwear, some appearing in musical compositions! This theme is likely to produce a diverse collection of choices. Bring your own drinks. Visitors, guests and prospective members are welcome to attend at £1.50pp. This is a small 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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## EASTER WEEKEND

**Easter Egg Challenge**  
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APRIL

## GRAND NATIONAL

**BURGER SPECIAL\***  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of April

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APRIL

## ST. GEORGE'S DAY SPECIAL

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## FATHER'S DAY LUNCH

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JUNE

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# Art Exhibition

Contemporary Animal Portraits

By Lee Atherton

April 3rd-30th

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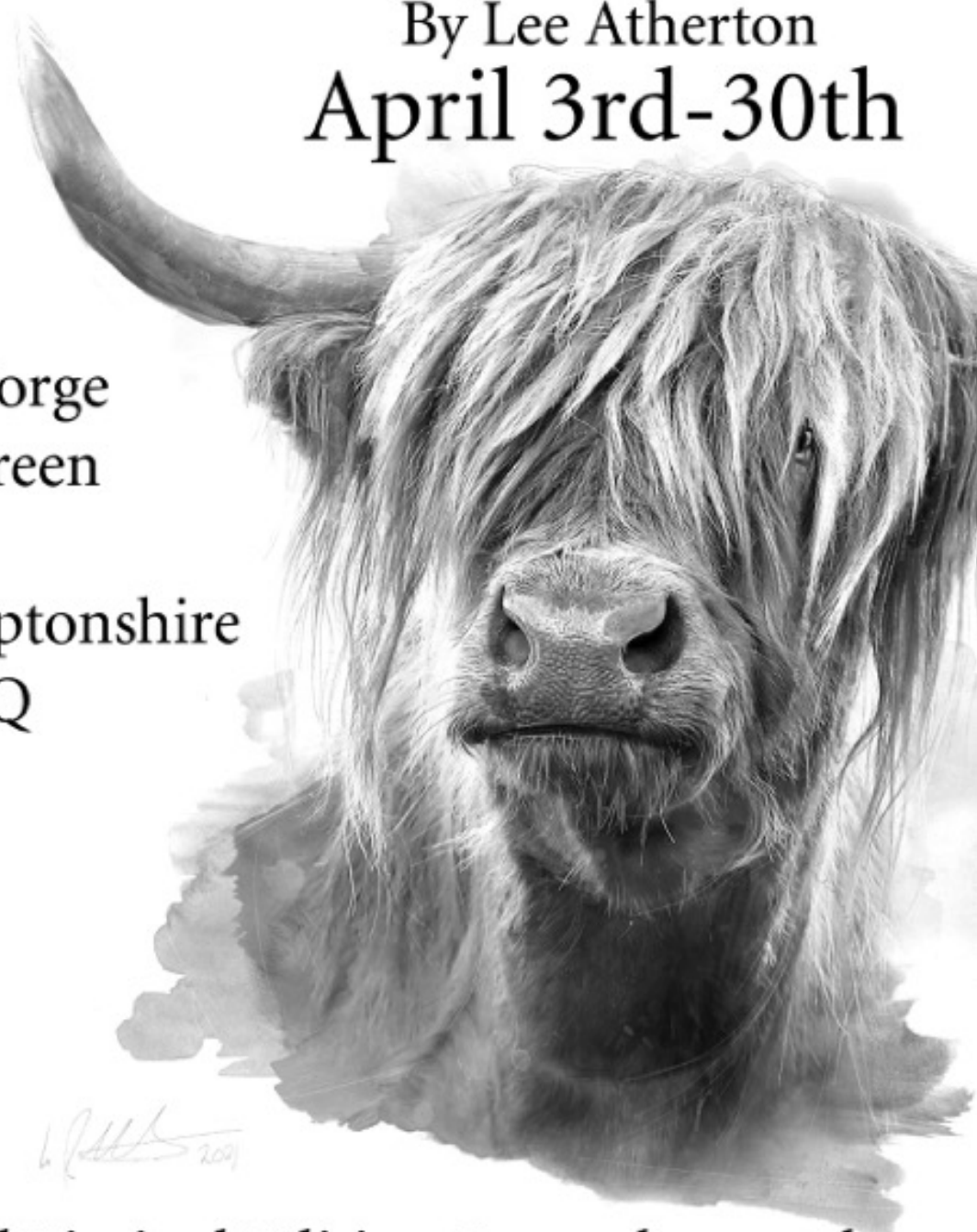
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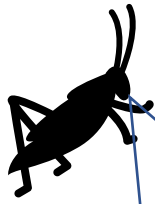
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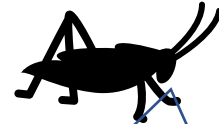
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Wildlife Day  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
2-4:30pm

## Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April is Earth Day!

No matter how you choose to honour nature, make it positive. We need a healthy Planet Earth to thrive, and Planet Earth needs us. The theme for 2024 is

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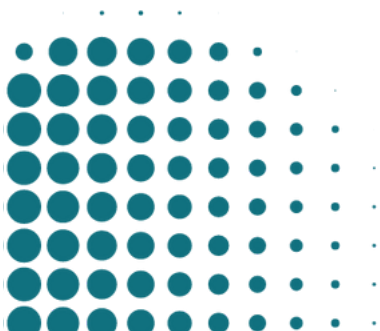
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## Maggie's community coffee morning

Join us on **Wednesday,**  
**24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**



**10:30am-Noon** in the  
Bourtons' Village Hall



Everyone welcome!

## Foodbank

contributions may be left in the Church porch (red box) or with  
Gina at Greenslade, Crow Lane, GB  
(Please leave under covered area near door)  
Please only donate items which are '**in date**'.  
Items are taken to the Banbury Foodbank

**Thank you!**

Check out [www.rimskypiano.org](http://www.rimskypiano.org) for Rimski & Handkerchief April dates and times at the Saucy Hound, Cropredy... not just evenings!



**Rimski & Handkerchief Wind Up At Home!**

**Rimski's Yard**

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## THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

*DRAFT Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Community Hall on  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 19:30hrs*

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**In attendance:** Cllr Mrs S Upton (Chair), Cllr Mrs G Duckworth, Cllr A Johnson, Cllr Mrs J Beales, Cllr Mrs G Brooks, Cllr S Martin, CCllr G Reynolds (part), Rachel Pheasey-RFO;

**Apologies:** DCllr P Chapman (mtg at CDC), Stephen Bowen-Clerk (unwell)

**Declarations of Interest:** none declared

**Public Participation:** no public attendance.

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

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### **Footpaths**

The clerk has written again to the OCC CAO re the footpath across The Stables site. Her response may be delayed because the landowner is currently abroad.

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### **Highways & Road defects - Progress Report**

Cllr Martin provided a comprehensive report on the Speed watch team's activities for the last month, the essence of which will be published on the Bourtons' Facebook page. Two of the team have now moved away from the village so we shall try to recruit some new members to take their place, anyone interested should contact the Clerk. A new initiative will be set up to work in conjunction with the Cropredy Speed watch team.

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**Public Transport:** Although the latest additions to local transport did not include the Bourtons directly, the new Hornton service will add another service to Little Bourton on Thursdays. Discussions are ongoing with the OCC Transport team (Stuart Kocan-Payne) regarding the addition of an approved Bus Stop on the A432 for Great Bourton. The proposed site has already been agreed by OCC Highways.

### **Planning applications:**

#### **New applications:**

23/00418/F: Mr & Mrs Hanschell, 6 The Close, GB: demolition of porch and replacement with 2 storey version. No objections from the parish council.

**Decisions:** Appeal launched re Vistry Homes 170+ housing application at Hanwell. Local parish councils were asked by Hanwell Parish Council to resubmit their objections to the Inspectorate which the chairman has done. Our concern is that if this is approved by the Inspectorate it will set a precedent and we know that there was a suggestion in the CDC local plan that Little Bourton could be joined to Banbury to which we would object.

**Enforcement matters:** Many residents were concerned about the open day planned at the Falconry Centre but it passed off without any issues as far as we can gather. The organiser of the Falconry Centre has been advised by CDC that he will need to apply for planning permission to run the centre but that planning permission cannot be granted for both activities – a traveller site and a Falconry Centre. We await an update for the enforcement team.

**Conservation area application:** No updates on this but we need to reapply again in June as no new applications can be registered before then.

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### **County & District Councillors report:**

No CDC update as apologies received from Cllr Chapman. Cllr Reynolds attended the meeting and said there was not a lot to report. He had met the new CEO of CDC who has come from a different leadership background so that may be helpful. He explained the increases in CDC charges this year.

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**Defibrillators:** Both defibrillators working. Cllr Duckworth, who monitors the LB defibrillator, will keep a diary on checking dates.

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**Website:** Amendments anticipated from the Village Hall for their page and possibly the addition of an online booking system. New pages will be added for the Friends of All Saints and the Wildlife group.

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**Projects update:** We await confirmation from OCC Highways on the siting of the new LB village sign.

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**Playgrounds & Public Spaces: GB Garners Field LAP:** update on legals re transfer from CDC – the searches being conducted by CDC re the transfer have now come back with no issues identified. The question of the boundary of the site remains unclear and further investigation will be completed to try and clarify. The issue being whether the hedgerow at the front of the site abutting the Main Street pavement is included or is part of the highway. We need to clarify this to establish what we as the parish council are responsible for with regards to ongoing maintenance.

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**Allotments:** No further communication has been received from Castle Water. We are paying the 2024 water usage charges only until the outstanding issues have been resolved.

A recent break in on the allotment site resulted in a tap being stolen and the need to turn off the water at the stop-cock on the A423. It was agreed to investigate a remote read meter which we had originally requested so we can monitor consumption safely, if this is not possible or expensive then we will consider installing our own meter on site.

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### **Halls:**

**VH:** We have explored the possibility of gaining grant monies, to address the damp problems, to no avail so councillors voted unanimously that we should use our reserves to carry out the work.

**CH:** any updates, issue with unauthorised parking and possible remedies. Cllr Brookes gave an update on the latest CH activities. We have previously agreed to erect a notice to advise that parking is for CH users only – this will be progressed.

### **Healthcare:**

Cllr Johnson presented an overview on the current Healthcare concerns about the future of the Cropredy Surgery. The latest Brasenose application 23/00977/OUT has now included a new medical centre – their application will be presented to the planning committee on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 4pm. This application is first on the agenda. We understand Dr Tom Holyoake will be speaking at the meeting.

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## Finance & Administration:

The FIN REP prepared by the RFO was circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that the associated bank reconciliation be accepted and that 9 payments [inc salaries] totalling £2,465.96 be approved. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below :

Lovells: VH Oil Tank Cladding £355.20

OALC Membership: £168.00

Sign Wizzard: additional Community Speed watch signs: £246.51

HMRC: PAYE £272.00

Churchyard Tree pruning: £200

A document has been drafted to support grant applications for the Parish Clock. We await advice from our insurers about how much we should insure the clock for.

The 2024/25 precept request has been accepted by CDC.

## Correspondence:

A request has been made to include the allotments as open for viewing on the Gardens Open Day – councillors are concerned about the insurance implications. None of the allotment holders have expressed a negative response but Cllr Duckworth will contact the Open Gardens organisation to see if they have any information which may be helpful.

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**New business:** There was no new business to consider.

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Meeting closed at 21:20hrs. The next meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in the Community Hall commencing at 19:30hrs.


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## April...Down at the Dirt House

Little Bourton

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look forward to welcoming you!**

What's coming up:



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**Thurs, 18<sup>th</sup> :**      **Bingo - eyes down!** 7:30pm

**Sat, 27<sup>th</sup> :**      Live music from **Fleetwood Creek** 9pm

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## Shires' Edge Benefice - April

When:		Service:	Where:
7 <sup>th</sup> Sun	9:30 <sup>am</sup>	Family Communion	Cropredy
	11 <sup>am</sup>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>Gt Bourton</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> Sun	9 <sup>am</sup>	Holy Communion	Mollington
	10:30 <sup>am</sup>	United Benefice service and Commissioning	Cropredy
	4 <sup>pm</sup>	Evening prayer - All Age	Claydon
21 <sup>st</sup> Sun	10 <sup>am</sup>	Seeker Service	Cropredy
	11 <sup>am</sup>	<b>All Age Holy Communion</b>	<b>Gt Bourton</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> Sun	9:30 <sup>am</sup>	All Age Holy Communion	Wardington
	11 <sup>am</sup>	All Age Holy Communion	Claydon
	6 <sup>pm</sup>	Evening Prayer	Mollington
30 <sup>th</sup> Tues	7 <sup>pm</sup>	<b>AGM: All Saints Annual mtg</b>	<b>Gt Bourton</b>

**A warm welcome awaits - Church is open to everyone - all faiths and none** - we gather as strangers and leave as friends!

**Daily prayer 9<sup>am</sup>: Mon Bourtons;** Tues Claydon; Wed Cropredy; Thurs Mollington; Fri Wardington. Every Tues at Noon is the Iona Communion service at Cropredy.

Do you ever wonder what happens during a church service? Below is a brief outline of a couple of services which include hymns, readings, a talk or sermon (something to reflect on), prayers, children's activities available, organ voluntary and refreshments:

**Family Communion:** you don't have to be confirmed to join - all are welcome to receive a Blessing or Communion. Communion may be received in the bread alone or in bread and wine as you prefer.

**All Age Worship:** A fun, informal, service for all ages.

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If you are, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Revd Sarah is anticipating offering sessions exploring the basics of Christian faith, it's never too late to explore or re-visit. Young people's sessions will also be available.



## Bourtons' goings-on... April

CH = Community Hall		DH = Dirt House		VH = Village Hall	
When		What		Where	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wed	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Gardening Club		VH
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	2 <sup>pm</sup>	Benjy's Bring & Buy - Shrub Cottage		Little B
9 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Parish Council meeting		CH
17 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Music Society		VH
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Bingo		DH
24 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10:30-Noon	Community coffee morning		VH
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	9 <sup>pm</sup>	Live music		DH
<b>What's coming up... watch out for more info...</b>					
23 <sup>rd</sup>	June	Wildlife Day - 2-4:30pm			

**Remember...** Please don't forget to cut the used stamps off your envelopes and save them for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society – stamps may be dropped in the box in the church porch or letterboxes at:

Pauline, Alnecot, School Lane;  
Sue, Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane  
Kate, Barnsend, Main Street

