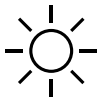


BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

August 2025



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Hi...

How lovely to be sitting in the garden enjoying a wonderful comfortable temperature today admiring how the showers of yesterday have amazingly perked up the plants!

You will have noticed that last month's issue had a different look and feel to it – that's because we are grateful to Kall Kwik in Banbury for helping us out with the printing at the last minute. They will be producing this issue too. However, the cost of 'commercial' printing is expensive and not costs that can be sustained by our current advertising rates. Our usual printer (Cropreddy PCC) has a broken machine and it's looking highly unlikely it can be fixed. Is there anyone out there who can help with printing? I can provide the paper. Meanwhile, to help afford the cost of printing, I've limited the number of pages, and curtailed my creativity until, and hopefully, I'm able to find a much cheaper way to print.



Happy August and enjoy Fairport!

Sue xx

Love to hear from you...

Email: bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com

Tel: 01295 758036

Copy deadline: 17th of the month

Browse our Parish website for more local info:

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



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Bourtons' Gardening Club (BGC) –

Wed 6th Aug 6:45pm visit to 69 Spring Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 2HD. Two gardeners, two distinct garden styles – English country garden meets prairie-style. A long, narrow garden behind late Victorian town centre house has water features and an interesting plantsman's greenhouse leading to backlands that have been turned into an unexpected treat. £8pp incl refreshments.



Heads up... September

3rd, visit to Broughton Grange Gardens, OX15 5DS

10th, annual Cheese & Wine (byo) party

Interested in joining the BGC? Membership is £12pp pa. You will receive a 10% discount card for Farnborough Garden Centre; and a 10% discount at the National Herb Centre may be claimed on production of your BGC membership card.

If you would like more information, please email annbrooks100@gmail.com

Bourtons' Music Society is on summer holiday now until September – look out for info in the August issue. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month from 17th September in the Village Hall, GB, 7:30pm. Membership is £12pp pa (byo drink).



Bourtons' Wine Club – no meeting during August – watch out for details of a September date. For info: contact Jane on 07498 761155 or janefostersmith@gmail.com



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Maggie's community

coffee morning

Wednesday 27th August

**10:30am-Noon
Village Hall**

All welcome!



Craft and Chatter

- £1

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2:30 'til 4pm...

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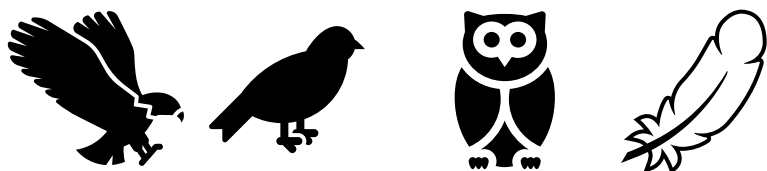


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Wildlife Day 5 - Update from Sunday, 22nd June...

Wildlife Day was super busy so thank you if you came along to support us and enjoy what we had to offer. The most important thing is people in the Bourtons and from Cropredy School attended, but we also had the pleasure this year of welcoming our MP and Banbury's Deputy Mayor, both of whom enjoyed understanding what we do and visiting our beautiful church.

There are now 24 swift, bat, bird and hedgehog boxes (all given away free) out there which will increase biodiversity and wildlife in this precious parish of ours.

Don't forget we would like to use some of our funds again this year to do something along similar/same lines as buying and planting daffodils (in 2024) and I would love to hear if you have any requests.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Ann Brooks

on behalf of the Bourtons' Wildlife Friendly Community

ps Don't forget the WFC can loan out bat detectors when they start flitting about. Just contact Ann on annbrooks100@gmail.com

Guess the number of Pine Cones in the jar...Well done to our 2 winners – the nearest guesses were 78 (adult) and 67 (child) – the answer was 73. Thank you for all your donations toward the refreshments – this raised £298 for upkeep All Saints Church and Bell Tower.

Remember...



Please cut the used stamps off your envelopes (leave a 2cm border around the stamp please) and save them for The British Hedgehog Preservation Society – stamps may be dropped in the box in the church porch or letterbox at Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane, GB.



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Friends of All Saints

Easyfundraising! This goes from strength to strength!

Thank you! Thank you!

We have 20 people signed up to use this and, so far, they have raised almost £400 simply by doing their online shopping! Lots of retailers donate against your purchases thereby contributing to the upkeep and maintenance of the church and bell tower. Retailers' donations are at no extra cost to you.

Please encourage family and friends to join - every little helps and it doesn't cost you anything over and above what you're already shopping for.

It's easy – scan the QR code below and then do your shopping as usual.



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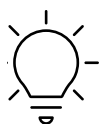
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Fly the Flag, Light the Belfry – brighten the village, bring joy, mark a memory – recognise a family anniversary, birthday or commemoration (or anything else) by flying the Flag.



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THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2025 at 19:30hrs

In attendance : Cllr Johnson (Acting Chair), Cllr Brooks, Cllr Duckworth, Cllr Martin, Mrs Pheasey (Clerk/RFO), Mr Bowen (Assistant Clerk - Planning), DCllr Chapman, DCllr Brant. **Apologies:** Cllr Beales, Cllr Upton (Chair). **Declarations of Interest:** None declared. **Public Participation:** None
Minutes: June 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed and authorised to be signed.

Rights of Way:

A tree down Swan Lane has been kindly cleared by one of the residents.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report:

There were 4 recent sessions of the Community Speedwatch and speeds recorded are increasingly under 30mph. There was one of the sessions seeing no speeding offenders at all. 2 more newly trained members have been welcomed and thanks was given to everyone involved.

Path by corner of Main Street/School Lane has been reported and Highways will be assessing it.

Planning applications: Decisions:

24/01885/F: Land behind Mole End: This was due to be heard at the July planning meeting, however due to the first two items on the agenda overrunning this has been postponed until the next meeting.

County & District Councillors report:

DCllr Brant mentioned that the gulleys in the parish should be given their yearly clean out by OCC.

DCllr Brant also mentioned Crime Prevention meetings are to be held at Hanwell and Cropredy due to recent issues and advised all were welcome.

Defibrillators: 4 volunteers have asked to be trained. Course times and dates to be confirmed. The life span of the defibrillator is to be checked to see if they need to be renewed.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces:

The PC are still trying to contact the landlord in regards to renewing the lease for the park in GB which is due in 2026 and are still looking to find any alternative sites that may be available as a backup.

A bench in LB park will be looked at as a plank is missing and needs to be replaced. RoSPA inspection had not taken place at the time of this meeting.

Allotments: A response has been received from Castle Water ref the bill and this will be reviewed. The Chairman is looking to speak to them to get this resolved.

The lock has been replaced as it was playing up. The location for the security camera and light has been agreed and a wooden pole will be purchased to be able to install this.

We were informed that a hose pipe was left running overnight and an email was sent to all tenants advising that as water is a precious resource we may need to review if we can allow hosepipes if this happens again.

Halls: VH: The length of the lease with the Village Hall is to be looked at

before the renewal date in 2026.

Healthcare: There had been rumours that the Surgery had been condemned. This was refuted by the Surgery as it was not true. 'Keep the Horton Local' welcomes the National Maternity Investigation.

Finance & Administration:

The FIN REP and bank rec. were circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that the associated bank reconciliation be accepted and 3 payments totalling £819.85 be approved. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below :

SW Services: June Mowing - £705

The following policies were reviewed and **AGREED** to be adopted: Freedom of Information, Code of Conduct, Document retention and disposal, General Privacy notice, Website publication, Public events, Grant awarding, Financial reserves, Audit management control, Internal control.

The PC needed to agree a non-signatory councillor to manage the internal controls policy. Cllr Martin was Proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Duckworth. Cllr Martin agreed to take on this role.

The internal review report had been received and the actions leading from this have been agreed and are being implemented.

New business: The churchyard strimmer has given up so will look to be replaced. Mr Clive Upton has been kindly using his strimmer while a replacement is sourced. Reimbursement for his expenses will be discussed with the Chairman.

Meeting closed at 20:25hrs. Minutes drafted on 11/07/25 by the Clerk.

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Looking for a venue...

Bourtons' Community Hall

For more information go to:

<https://bourtons-cherwell->

[pc.gov.uk/bourtons-community-hall/](https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/bourtons-community-hall/) and to

book, please text Sue on 07967 631770

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Please remember...

recycle your old printer cartridges for charity – drop them into the Village Hall (or into 1 Valley View, GB). This will help fund 'Standing in the Gap', a mental health charity for primary age children. Mental health support for young ones and their parents is always important - donations welcome too of course."

Bourtons' Village Hall



For more information go to:

<https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/bourtons-village-hall/> and to book, please contact Maggie 01295 750497 or email m.macangus@sky.com

A Big Thank You from TmK!

Back in April 2024, TmK came together with a simple idea:

- a) Let's hold some lovely social evenings so friends and neighbours can catch up, have a chat, and enjoy a bit of fun — especially now that we no longer have our village pub.
- b) Since we need to hire the hall, why not do a bit of fundraising while we're at it? Raffles, quiz nights, bingo etc!

Well, from **May 2024 to the present**, thanks to your fantastic support and good company, we've raised an amazing **£1,439.45** for charity.

Here's how your generosity has helped local causes:

Cropredy Pre-School and PTFA: £790.00 **Cluster Care:** £227.00
All Saints Church: £372.45 **Banbury Lions:** £50.00

See Bourtons' Goings On (back page) for more exciting events and 'Dates for Your Diary'...

We couldn't do it without you. So please keep coming along, bringing your friends, and supporting our brilliant village spirit.

Best wishes and thank you again!

TmK

No Cheers & Chat during August –
look forward to September!

BT Wi-Fi Now Available!

Is your Wi-Fi down?
Need a quiet spot to get online?

To book, contact:

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A friendly village space to stay connected...

Come work or browse in peace – book a session with us for just £5 per slot (weekdays only – no evenings).



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Shires Edge Benefice All Saints – Bourtons

Bourtons' Church services take place every first and third Sunday of each month at **11am: 3rd & 17th August.**

As always, **a warm welcome awaits everyone - all faiths and none** - we gather as strangers and leave as friends!

Refreshment served after Sunday services.

All Saints Church is open daily during British Summer Time.

We are pleased to welcome Archdeacon Jane Haslam, Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester, who will lead the **United Benefice service at Mollington on Sunday, 31st August, 10am.** Archdeacon Jane, was previously Area Dean of Sedgemoor and Rector of the Alfred Jewel Benefice, Bath and Wells. Jane, who began her role in 2023 and supports the mission and ministry of clergy and churches in the Dorchester Area which covers most of Oxfordshire, apart from the city of Oxford. The archdeaconry hosts 326 churches across 11 deaneries, making it one of the largest in the Church of England and larger than some dioceses.

Please check church noticeboards or refer to AChurchNearYou.com for more information about services throughout the Benefice or contact Revd Sarah for more detail.

There is no Morning Prayer in the Benefice during August.

Midday Tuesday Benefice Eucharist, 12 Noon at Cropredy.

For baptism, wedding or funeral enquiries
Contact Revd Sarah on:

01295 750486;

07747 181868;

vicar.shiresedge@outlook.com



Help sustain the presence of a church in the Bourtons? It's easy – scan this QR code - easy to give and to Gift Aid...

All support gratefully received.

Finished reading that book? Swap it for another! Drop by the **Village Hall**, check out the lovely new bookcase and swap! Lots to choose from...





Bourtons' Goings-On 'at a glance' :: August

CH = Community Hall

Village Hall = bVh

When		What		Where
Every Mon & Tues	2 ^{pm}	BEAT – Mon: Yoga Lite - £5 Tues: Strength - £5		CH
Every Tues	2:30-4 ^{pm}	Craft & Chatter		bVh
6 th Wed	6:45 ^{pm}	Gardening Club visit		see page 3
27 th Wed	10:30 ^{am}	Community Coffee morning		bVh
What's coming up... watch out for more info...				
6 th Sept	Big Breakfast!			
13 th Sept	Ride & Stride (Oxon Historic Churches Trust)			
26 th Sept	Cheers & Chat plus Beetle Drive			
4 th Oct	Messy Harvest			
24 th Oct	Maggie's Spooktacular Bingo!			
25 th Oct	Children's Spooky Party (for the under 7s)			
21 st Nov	TmK's Xmas Supper (Promise - no turkey or mince pies ☺)			
7 th Dec	Festive Fun meets Cheers & Chat			

Beyond the Bourtons...

Claydon Church Room:

Coffee, Cake & Company: 10am-Noon - Wednesday's,
20th Aug, 17th Sept, 15th Oct, 19th Nov and 17th Dec

Swallows Nursery, Evenley Road, Mixbury, NN13 5RR: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House: Wed 20th Aug from 10:30am

Come along for

- a talk on beekeeping
- an opportunity to buy some high-quality plants
- a chance to win wonderful hampers in a raffle

LittleB WhatsApp Group call Bobbie on 07730 570639 to join.