

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

October 2025

!...CLOCK CHANGE...!



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Hi...

Oh my goodness – clock change! How on earth did that come around so soon! There was a brief moment during the heat of the summer that I looked forward to cooler nights, particularly for a good night's sleep, now I'm fed up of the rain...

In this issue we welcome advertising again from Lee and his amazing photography – head down to Lock 29 and see some very lovely items.

See page 10 for the Barn Farm Plants advert with a **money off, special offer**, valid this month only! Once more, my apologies to BFP for omitting their advert last month.

Sorry, no draft Parish minutes as not available at time of going to print – you may find them on the Bourtons' website.

Hoping you all enjoyed the Big Breakfast, we served over 90 breakfasts! Raising a little over £500 toward the upkeep of All Saints – thank you everyone for your support and also those of you who sponsored provisions which includes Littlegood Farm and Fine Lady Bakeries. Next fundraiser is the Bourtons' Big Festive Raffle – you've got to be in it to win it! Tickets are available from the Friend's...

Happy days and nights... 😊

Sue xx

Love to hear from you...

Email: bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com

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Bourtons' Gardening Club (BGC) – Wed 1st Oct 7:30pm in the Village Hall. We welcome Emma Thick for a talk on 'Managing a National collection of Snowdrops'. Refreshment will be provided after the talk.

Interested in joining the BGC? Membership is £12pp pa.

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

Bourtons' Popup Wine Bar! - Thurs, 9th Oct 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Meet with neighbours and friends and enjoy a glass of wine together. This month we are celebrating **English wines**, so bring along a bottle (or two). If you prefer something else to drink bring that instead. A chance to meet up and also try English wines you haven't discovered yet. English wines have been successful in international competitions, so come and see what the country has to offer. No sales, strictly BYO. Just £2.00 (a contribution towards hall hire). Want to know more? Please contact Jane on 07498 761155 or [janefostersmith@gmail.com](mailto:jane fostersmith@gmail.com)

Bourtons' Music Society - Wed 15th Oct 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The theme is WHAT ON EARTH! Something a little unusual. What springs to mind for you? Maybe this has been hidden away for some time in the equivalent of your musical attic. Find your choice of music for us to enjoy. Bring your own drinks. This is a small, informal group who enjoy listening to recorded music together. New members are always welcome, so if you would like to come along to see if it is for you, the evening only costs £1.50 per person for non-members. If you would like more information please contact Margaret on 01295 758519 or Paul on 01295 750596.

TmK's Cheers & Chat! - Fri, 24th Oct 7.30pm, in the Village Hall
Byo drinks and nibbles, enjoy a good catch-up, and if you fancy it, have a go at Halloween bingo! We hope to see you there and to join in the raffle in raising funds for the upkeep of the Village Hall and All Saints.

The Bourtons Community Hall
Annual General Meeting 2024/25
will be held on Tuesday, 21st October 7pm
in the Townsend Meeting Room,
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Main Street, GB

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LittleB WhatsApp Group call Bobbie on 07730 570639 to join.

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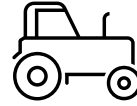
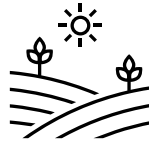
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Friends of All Saints



The **Bourtons' Harvest Festival** weekend in All Saints is planned for **Saturday** and **Sunday, 4th & 5th October**. There will be a 'Messy Harvest' afternoon, 2-4pm on Saturday with crafts, stories, singing, food and drink for both pre and primary school children. It's free to come along. All children should be accompanied by a parent/carer. Sunday service at 11am.

The Bourtons' Harvest giving will be to the foodbank – The Trussell Trust. Please gather your non-perishable items which may be left in the red box in the church porch. Thank you!

Tuesday, 28th Oct 2:30pm... in the Village Hall

How are you getting along with making poppies for the display?

Knitted, crocheted, felted – create from whatever medium you wish and bring them along and help pull together a display for November's Remembrance.



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

A big thank you to Jenny Eadon – we have some lovely new postcards of our iconic bell tower and these are in colour! Fabulous prints from Jenny's original painting are available in church (for a donation please).

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Please don't forget to recycle your old printer cartridges for charity – drop them into the Village Hall (or to 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."



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Sticking together and looking out for each other, progress so far...



Message from Ian Cooper

Bourtons' Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

Coordinator: iscooper@sky.com

Village coordinators to date are:

- 👁👁 Ian Cooper for residents of School Lane, Crow Lane and Claridge Gardens - out of 36 houses we now have 34 signed up.
- 👁👁 Kate Drummond for Main Street (West), The Close and South View.
- 👁👁 Kaye Johnston for Main Street (East), Valley View and The Green.
- 👁👁 Helen Caroline for Garners Field.

Both Kate and Kaye have recently delivered NHW leaflets, with contact details, inviting neighbours to join, Helen will deliver soon. When you receive a leaflet please let your respective coordinator know if you are interested.

All contact details are on the leaflets and joining NHW is FREE.

If you are interested in being a coordinator - we are looking for a volunteer(s) to cover Manor Road, Manor Close, Church Close and Swan Lane. Please let me know by emailing - iscooper@sky.com

Reported in the September NHW newsletter:

"The National College of Policing shared data with ITV news that areas where police work closely with NHW groups see a significant reduction in crime. Neighbourhood Policing focussed on reducing anti-social behaviour, burglary and car crime."

Please join up, working together as an NHW village, we can beat the criminals!

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Thank you to everyone who came along and especially those who donated cakes, prosecco and coffee to Barbara & Mike Spicer's fundraising coffee morning which raised a fabulous £332 for Katharine House.



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Shires Edge Benefice October

When:		Service:	Where:
5 th	Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Cropredy
		11 ^{am}	Gt Bourton
12 th	Sun	10 ^{am}	Mollington
		10:30 ^{am}	Wardington
		4 ^{pm}	Cropredy
19 th	Sun	10 ^{am}	Claydon
		11 ^{am}	Gt Bourton
26 th	Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Cropredy
		11 ^{am}	Wardington
		6 ^{pm}	Claydon
		Hymns & Pimms	Mollington

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 until mid-November.

9am Morning prayer: Mon@GB; Tues@Claydon; Wed@Cropredy; Thurs@Mollington; Fri@Wardington

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

“On the **18th & 19th September** the flag flew at half-mast and the belfry was lit in memory of John Alcock, long time serving member of All Saints Church Council as Church Warden, Treasurer and many, many other supporting roles to our Bourtons’ community. A generous individual and well respected ‘gentle’ man who is sadly missed. The belfry bell tolled for his journey onward.”

Beyond the Bourtons...

Claydon Church Room: Coffee, Cake & Company: 10am-Noon – Wednesday’s - 15th Oct, 19th Nov and 17th Dec.

St Mary’s Wardington: Sun 19th Oct, 4-5pm Concert – see page 7



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

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
Every Tues	7:15 ^{pm}	Scottish Country Dancing	CH
1 st Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Gardening Club	bVh
4 th Sat	2-4 ^{pm}	Messy Harvest	see page 5
9 th Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Popup Wine Bar	bVh
15 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	bVh
21 st Tues	7 ^{pm}	Community Hall AGM	CH
22 nd Wed	10:30 ^{am}	Community Coffee morning	bVh
24 th Fri	7:30 ^{pm}	Cheers & Chat!	bVh
25 th Sat	2-4 ^{pm}	Children's Spooky Party (for the under 7s)	bVh
25 th /26 th	Sat / Sun	!Clock Change!	
28 th Tues	2:30 ^{pm}	Poppy display creation	bVh
What's coming up... watch out for more info...			
21 st Nov	TmK's Xmas Supper (Promise - no turkey or mince pies 😊)		
7 th Dec	Festive Fun meets Cheers & Chat!		



The Bourtons' WFC working party have decided to buy some more Spring bulbs to be planted across the Bourtons this year.

About 800 bulbs including some snowdrops and Daffodil *Poeticus* (both chosen for being pollinator friendly) will be planted this Autumn. Areas for planting are The Green and also the Manor Close community space in GB and Chapel Lane in LB have been earmarked.

We are always happy to hear from you with suggestions; this is WFC's thank you to you all for supporting our endeavours.