

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

November 2025



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Hi...

What a busy month it's been and now it's all about leaves and drying laundry indoors – excitement knows no bounds... 😊

The garden has been a hive of bird activity and our greatest excitement was seeing a Grey Wagtail for the first time (knowingly), it was very amusing to watch and it stayed around quite a while, flitting across the lawn and bobbing up and down as wagtails do.

Went to Claydon's monthly coffee morning – lovely to see everyone; cake is always welcome.

Now the darker nights are looming don't forget if you love seeing the bell tower lit then consider sponsoring it – brightening the village – even for no particular reason, always a good idea...

Thank you to the WFC team for the bulb planting – the Bourtons is going to be blooming lovely! Look out for the village poppy sellers – they'll be heading round to you soon! Be safe around fireworks everyone...

Sue xx

Ps Bourtons' Big Raffle tickets (pg 6) will be on sale - Church porch on **Sat 1st Nov 10-11^{am}**

Pps Watch out for info on Bourtons' Christmas Tree festival!

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 5th Nov 7:30^{pm} in the Village Hall. We welcome Russell Attwood for a talk on 'Soil – more than just dirt'. Refreshment will be provided after the talk.



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' Popup Wine Bar!

Thurs, 13th Nov 7:30-9^{pm} in the Village Hall. Meet with neighbours and friends and enjoy a glass of wine together. The theme this month is 'winter warmer reds' so bring along a bottle (or two) of a favourite! If you prefer something else to drink bring that instead. A chance to meet up and enjoy a glass together. No sales, strictly BYO. Just £2.00 (as a contribution towards hall hire). Want to know more?



Please contact Jane on 07498 761155
or janefostersmith@gmail.com



Bourtons' Music Society - Wed 19th Nov 7:30^{pm},
in the Village Hall. The theme is AGRICULTURE! People involved with and affected by Agriculture and the landscapes it creates often feature in musical pieces. See what you can pick out to highlight one of these connections.



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. Membership is £12pp pa. Information about the Music Society is available from Margaret on 01295 758519 or Paul on 01295 750596.

Belfry Light & Flag...

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Friends of All Saints

Messy Harvest was a fabulous and enjoyable success and thank you to everyone who took part and also for the generosity of items for the Foodbank – 8 large bags of non-perishable items were donated to 'Trussell' and some wonderful fresh produce passed on to the Banbury Larder.

Bourtons' Big Festive Raffle – Sunday, 7th December

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?



The list of great prizes is growing from chocolates to hampers, wines, spirits, pamper items and much much more!

To buy tickets please contact* any of the Friends below and tickets will be got to you:

*Ring or text whichever is easier...

Kate: 07900 625711

Sue: 07828 626503

Trudy: 07703 554338

Bobbie: 07730 570639

HelenC: 07890 915054

Clare: 07980 197507

Tickets are £1 each, £5 for a book. Cash is welcome or, 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 return your stubs (with cash or noting if you've paid on line) to any of the following addresses:

GB: Stoneleigh, Swan Lane; Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane;
Barnsend, Main Street.

LB: The Den, Chapel Lane; Buzzard Farmhouse, Chapel Lane.

Draw will be on **Sunday, 7th December, 6^{pm}** in the Village Hall.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT and should you have any prizes you wish to donate then please let any of the above know.

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

TmK's Christmas Party!

Friday, 21st Nov – 7.30^{pm}
with food from Kan's Kitchen

Join us for an enjoyable evening of good Thai food and great company!
View menu at www.kanskitchen.co.uk; or on Facebook and
village notice boards.

To book a table and order food please contact
Kaye: 07720 325979 or Trish: 07523 011913
by Thurs, 14th Nov

Please note, a **£2pp service charge** will be added to each order.
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THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Abstract of September Draft Minutes - Agenda & full minutes

available on line <https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/>

Rights of Way: OCC to investigate overgrown footpath/bridge by the M40.

Highways: 2 speedwatch sessions were recorded this month - highest speed recorded was 32mph. The PC is to determine if there can be a speed camera on the Southam Road as speeds there are concerning.

Openreach have been erecting telegraph poles for new broadband providers. It was **AGREED** to contact the Manor Close residents to see if they wanted their new poles to remain in place as some residents use Voneus. One pole was due to be erected on the Green but National Grid have been contacted to see if they can share a pole with Openreach to ensure there will still only be one pole on the Green.

Highways are investigating reports of some potholes incorrectly marked and not being filled correctly.

Planning applications: Several new applications are available for viewing on the CDC website and were discussed. The PC has **RESOLVED** to respond to CDC ref the Solar Farm (Hanwell) application.

Following Councillors discussions with LB residents, it was **AGREED** not to pursue an ACV for the Dirt House at this time but keep a watching brief.

Conservation area potential application: The PC **AGREED** to write to CDC Planning Dept to ask where we are on the list ref the application for GB.

Playgrounds and Public Spaces: PC are still trying to contact the landlord ref the GB park lease. LB park bench will be repaired in response to RoSPA's inspection report. RoSPA report also mentioned repair work in the GB park - this will be looked at.

Allotments: The PC are looking to get a pole erected for CCTV installation.

Village Hall: The lease renewal is being arranged and will be updated in-line with the Community Hall (CH) lease.

CH: Damage to the main door has been reported and also some 'dips' in the carpark surface that will be looked at.

Finance & Administration – 14 payments totalling £6,321.08 were approved.

To comply with the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are:

Replacement Laptop: £499; KC Graphics (website updates): £214.50;

RoSPA (playgrounds annual inspection fee): £278.40; Internal Audit: £150;

Castle Water (historic and current usage): £1,946.08; JA Electrics: £240;

Salaries: £1,472.10; SW Services (Jul & Aug mowing): £1,410. Insurance

quote has arrived and will be assessed to ensure it is sufficient. 2025 pay

awards have come through and a 3.2% increase was agreed backdated to

April; the PC **AGREED** for this to be automatically applied. The Parish

Remuneration has been received - the PC has previously decided not to take

an allowance but to claim expenses if appropriate - it was **AGREED** that this

continues. The current internal auditor is no longer able to audit our accounts.

The Clerk will be looking into options of who can take over this role.

New business: Cllr Duckworth has been made aware that the salt in LB is hardened and needs replacing. The GB bins will also be checked.

Abstract of October Draft Minutes

Minutes: The Sept 2025 minutes were reviewed and authorised to be signed.

Footpaths: OCC have temporarily closed the footpath down to Cropredy past The Stables/The Paddocks.

There have been reports of a damaged bridge and tree down on the footpath coming out of LB on Foxden Way. This will be investigated.

Highways: 5 speed watch sessions were recorded this month. The highest speed recorded was 44mph with 3 repeat offenders.

Enforcement: CDC enforcement continue to monitor The Stables/Paddocks.

Defibrillators: The 1st Nov training course has several villagers from the Bourtons attending. It was agreed to order replacement defibrillators

for both LB and GB. This will be paid for from the 2025 Fairport proceeds.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces: The PC are still trying to contact the landlord regarding the lease for the park in GB; the PC agreed to send a letter from the solicitors. The repair work in both parks is in hand and the PC are looking to send out a survey to see what is wanted for replacement play equipment.

Allotments: The Castle Water account is still under query and the Chairman is in contact with them.

Community Hall: The repairs to the car park are in hand.

Finance & Administration: The FIN REP and bank rec. were circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that the associated bank reconciliation be accepted and that 10 payments totalling £4,593.27 be approved. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed: Prysebros Ltd (weed control): £352.80; D Upton (maintenance to Burial Ground and Churchyard): £437.50; CDC (Dog Waste collections): £562.85; Zurich Insurance: £2,217.45; SW Services (Mowing): £885.

The Freedom of parish policy was reviewed and **AGREED** to adopt.

New business: Oxford City Congestion Charge permits are to be made available to residents of Oxfordshire to allow up to 25 days free travel in affected areas.

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When:		Service:	Where:
2nd Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Family Communion	Cropredy
	11^{am}	Morning Worship for All Ages	Bourtons
	4 ^{pm}	In memory service for those we love but seen no longer.	Cropredy
9th Sun 	10:50 ^{am}	Remembrance service	Cropredy Wardington
	3^{pm}	Remembrance service	Claydon Bourtons Mollington
16th Safeguarding Sunday	10 ^{am}	Seeker Service	Cropredy
	11^{am}	Family Communion	Bourtons
23rd Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Family Communion	Wardington
	11 ^{am}	Family Communion	Claydon
	6 ^{pm}	Holy Communion	Mollington
30th Sun 	10 ^{am}	United Benefice Advent All Age Communion	Cropredy

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

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
5 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Gardening Club	bVh
13 th Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Bourtons' Popup Wine Bar	bVh
14 th Fri	***	Thai Take Away Order deadline	***
19 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	bVh
21 st Fri	7:30 ^{pm}	Cheers & Chat Thai Take Away!	bVh
26 th Wed	10:30 ^{am}	Community Coffee morning	bVh
What's coming up... watch out for more info...			
7 th Dec	Festive Fun meets Cheers & Chat with Big Raffle Draw!		

Beyond the Bourtons...

Claydon Church Room:

Coffee, Cake & Company: 10^{am}-Noon - Wednesday's,
19th Nov and 17th Dec

Cropredy Post Office opening times: 9:30^{am}-1:30^{pm}

Wednesdays 29th Oct; 5th, 12th, 19th Nov (closed 26th Nov)

Wardington Memorial Hall: Bring & Buy Sale: 10:30^{am}-Noon, 15th Nov...
contact grace_coleman@outlook.com for more info.



Cropredy Christmas Tree festival 29th & 30th Nov – church open from 10:30am each day with stalls, refreshments and music!



Watch out for more Christmas Tree festivals - Bourtons and also Mollington events are being planned, to start 13th December!

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LittleB WhatsApp Group call Bobbie on 07730 570639 to join.

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