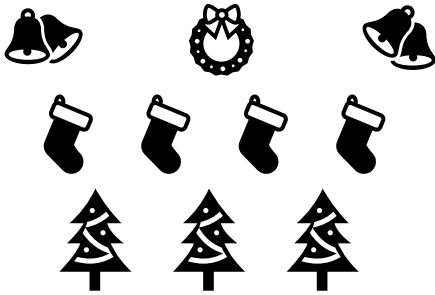


# BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

December 2025



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*Hi...*

From a wonderful evening of Hamlet – solo performance by Suzy Eddie Izzard (amazing feat in so many ways) – tasting menu dinner at Chapel Down in Kent (preferred fizz/Christmas Day staple). Those who know me well will laugh given they know of my penchant for the Greek tippie of retsina! Oh, dreaming of warmer weather... I digress... what a fabulous Halloween evening with lots of wonderful visitors enjoying the dressing up, a personal favourite being a little fat pumpkin accompanied by a gorgeous witch! I gave in with the treats and avoided the tricks – all seemed to be having an enjoyable time around the village.

...and then there was the task to get the poppy waterfall finished and up! It was a great team effort and brought lots of the community (and wider) folk together! We are lucky to have some creative masterminds in the Bourtons! Now we're all into creating Christmas trees/displays for the TreeFest! More info inside but do come along on the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> December, vote for your favourite display and allow the youngsters to create and post their letters to Santa too.

With best wishes for a wonderful peaceful Christmas.

Love from all your Broadsheet team.

*Sue xx*

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

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**Tel:** 01295 758036

**Copy deadline: !! 10<sup>th</sup> December !!**

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## **Bourtons' Gardening Club (BGC) – Christmas Party!**

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 7:30<sup>pm</sup>** in the Village Hall. Essential to pre-book for catering purposes, please contact any member of the team:  
Ann Brooks: 07957 436273 Clare Steans: 07492 165565  
Ann Murray: 07843 327773



**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](mailto:annbrooks100@gmail.com)

**Bourtons' Music Society - Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30<sup>pm</sup>,**  
in the Village Hall. The theme is FAVOURITE FOODS! Which food do you enjoy the most and can you find a musical match for it? Seasonal treats and refreshments will be provided. New members are always welcome, so if you would like to come along to see if it is for you, the evening only costs £1.50pp 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...**

**13<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> November**

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**On the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025 we will have been doing community speedwatch in Great Bourton for 2 years.**

### **Why should you volunteer to do Community Speedwatch?**

#### **Personal and community safety**

**Concern** for vulnerable road users: Villagers are motivated by the desire to protect pedestrians, cyclists and children playing or walking to school from the risk of speeding vehicles.

**Reducing accident risk:** By visibly monitoring and deterring speeding, volunteers help to reduce traffic speeds. Slower speeds mean a shorter braking distance and a lower chance of fatal or serious injury in the event of a collision.

**Preventing a tragedy:** Many volunteers join after a specific incident or out of fear that a serious accident could happen in their area.

#### **Desire for direct action**

**Empowerment:** The programme provides residents with a legitimate and police-supported way to address speeding issues that concern them, giving them a sense of control over road safety in their community.

**Collecting evidence:** Volunteers help to collect data on local speeding hotspots. This information is passed to the police and can be used to justify targeted enforcement or push for permanent traffic-calming measures, like speed bumps or lower speed limits.

#### **Enhancing community and environment**

**Improved quality of life:** A reduction in speeding leads to a more peaceful environment with less noise pollution and driver stress. This makes villages more pleasant places to live.

**Building community spirit:** Participating in Community Speed Watch strengthens neighbourhood bonds. It gives residents a shared purpose and provides an opportunity to work together to solve a local problem.

**Educating drivers:** Volunteers believe in an educational, rather than punitive, approach. They want to raise awareness about the dangers of speeding and change driver behaviour for the better. The warning letters sent by police to offenders are part of this educational process.

#### **Supporting the police**

**Supplementing police resources:** Volunteers recognize that police have limited resources and cannot monitor every road. By conducting regular monitoring sessions, they can supplement police efforts and allow officers to focus on other crimes.

**Providing data for enforcement:** The data collected by volunteers helps the police identify repeat offenders and informs where to place mobile or fixed-site enforcement cameras in the future.

**Would you be willing to volunteer? Please join us by emailing Ian on [iscooper@sky.com](mailto:iscooper@sky.com)**

# The Bourtons' Community Hall

For information on the facilities, please go to

[bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/the-bourtons-community-hall/](http://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/the-bourtons-community-hall/)

To book / enquiries, please contact Sue Montgomery on [Bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com](mailto:Bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com)

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## Friends of All Saints

An enormous thank you to the Motor Home, Caravan & Camping Club during their recent stay at Barnstones. Their gathering raised £75 toward the upkeep of All Saints – we look forward to them returning to the Bourtons again soon!

Another big thank you goes to the Barnstones' team for their continued sponsorship of the Bourtons' Christmas Tree – an initiative started by our late benefactor, David Boddington. The festive lights 'switch on', by Santa, will be on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 4:30<sup>pm</sup>**, and after a few carols we will gather in the Village Hall for more festive fun and the big draw!

## Bourtons' Big Festive Raffle – Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December

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 beautiful jewellery (thanks to Michael Jones Jeweller) to hampers, wines, spirits, chocolates and much much more! Thanks to all our generous prize donors!

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 online) 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, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 6<sup>pm</sup>** in the Village Hall.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT and TO SEEING YOU!**



## THE FAMILY YOGA STUDIO

### *Mondays Kings Sutton Memorial Hall*

- 10:30 - ADULT YOGA FLOW
- 12:00 - PARENT AND BABY YOGA
- 13.30 - EARLY YEARS YOGA
- 15:30 - KIDS YOGA
- 16.45 - TEEN YOGA FLOW

### *Tuesdays Horton View Sports Ground*

- 08:30 - ADULT YOGA FLOW
- 10:00 - PARENT AND BABY YOGA
- 11:30 - EARLY YEARS YOGA
- 14:00 - EARLY YEARS YOGA
- 16:00 - KIDS YOGA (SEN SESSION)
- 17:00 - KIDS YOGA
- 18.30 - TEEN YOGA

### *Wednesdays Great Bourton Community Centre*

- 08:00 - ADULT YOGA FLOW
- 09:30 - PARENT AND BABY YOGA
- 11:00 - EARLY YEARS YOGA
- 13:00 - EARLY YEARS

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or email [m.macangus@sky.com](mailto:m.macangus@sky.com)

**Message from...** Geoff Tyler  
Chairman, VH Management Committee

*"The Bourtons' Village Hall AGM will be held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7<sup>pm</sup> in the Village Hall – all are welcome. Your support is essential to the longer term viability of this wonderful asset in our community and I look forward to seeing you on the 19<sup>th</sup>".*

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## Update from the Save the Bell Inn Group...



*"The village's campaign to Save the Bell Inn continues!*

*You might know that following the appeal against the Planning Committee's decision to unanimously reject the application to turn the Bell Inn into a house, an appeal hearing will now happen on 15th January.*

*The decision to move to this step feels positive, and in continued acknowledgment of the high level of public interest and support to retain our village's last remaining public house. A big thank you to everyone who submitted further representation!*

*The Save the Bell Inn Group will share further information in due course – meanwhile check out our website for the latest: [www.savethebell.co.uk](http://www.savethebell.co.uk)"*

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## **Abstract of Bourtons' Parish Council November Draft Minutes...**

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**Footpaths:** Repairs have been made to the foot path and bridge from Foxden Way near Little Bourton.

**Highways:** Three speed watch sessions were recorded this month. The highest speed recorded was 38mph with one repeat offender who was caught twice.

Concerns have been raised about the turnout of Crow Lane as an accident has been reported. The PC don't think any action can be taken but have highlighted the need to ensure the cars parked in the layby are in as far as they can be and anyone pulling out of the turn must do so carefully.

**Planning applications:**

New: 25/02365/F: Mr T Hardacre/Milne, Treeloven, Main Street, GB : Retrospective renew external staircase & other minor changes. The Chairman will discuss with the neighbours to see if there is any issue with visibility.

Existing applications: 24/03218/F: Change of use application re The Bell Inn, Manor Road, GB: an appeal has been made and the PC will be writing a letter.

**Enforcement:** CDC enforcement continues to monitor The Stables/Paddocks.

**Defibrillators:** Two new defibrillators have been received and will be installed as soon as possible. The PC are looking into retaining the existing ones if possible and it can be confirmed they can still be used and having the new ones at new sites in the villages. The training course was well attended and there are now several people in each village who know how to use them.

**Website:** A call is to be arranged with existing email provider to see if the ongoing issues with the emails can be resolved .

**Playgrounds & Public spaces:** The PC are still trying to contact the landlord regarding the lease for the GB park which is due in 2026. An email address has now been provided to the Chairman. The maintenance work to both parks should be underway soon and unsafe equipment will either be repaired, if possible, or removed.

**Allotments:** There has been another break in at the allotments. The CCTV camera has been repositioned to ensure better coverage. The Chairman has managed to source some posts that may work for the fence posts. The PC agreed to get a single pack to see if they will work.

**Halls:** VH: All the damp should now be resolved.

CH: The repairs to the car park should be completed soon.

**Healthcare:** Keep the Horton Local have reported that Baroness Amos will be coming to the hospital as part of the maternity investigation in response to the Birth Trauma Dossier published last year. Cropredy surgery is still working with the developers with a view to a new surgery.

**Finance & Administration:** The FIN REP and bank rec. were circulated, and it was RESOLVED that the associated bank reconciliation be accepted and that 8 payments totalling £1,072.37 be approved. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

Castle Water: two months usage £119.40;

Accounting package – 1yr subscription £108;

Defibrillator training: £200 donation; SW Services: October mowing £480.

A potential new internal auditor has been selected and they will be contacted. Changes to the reporting process and procedures to ensure proper practice are to be implemented and the Clerk will work to ensure the PC is compliant.

**New business:** Two members of the public came to the meeting to ask about providing an outside book exchange in GB. The PC will look to find an appropriate site for this.

**NB** There is no PC meeting during December – next meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026



## Shires Edge Benefice December

When:		Service:	Where:	
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun</b>	9:30 <sup>am</sup>	Family Communion	Cropredy
		10:30 <sup>am</sup>	Family Service Christingle	Wardington
		<b>11<sup>am</sup></b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Bourtons</b>
		6 <sup>pm</sup>	Carol Service	Claydon
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun</b>	9:30 <sup>am</sup>	Family Communion	Mollington
		11 <sup>am</sup>	Advent Worship	Cropredy
		6 <sup>pm</sup>	Carol Service	Wardington
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sun</b>	11 <sup>am</sup>	Family Communion	Claydon
		<b>4<sup>pm</sup></b>	<b>Carol Service</b>	<b>Bourtons</b>
		6 <sup>pm</sup>	Carol Service	Cropredy Mollington
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wed</b>	3 <sup>pm</sup>	Crib Service	Cropredy
		3:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Crib Service	Claydon
		4 <sup>pm</sup>	Crib Service	Wardington
		<b>5<sup>pm</sup></b>	<b>Crib Service</b>	<b>Bourtons</b> Mollington
		11:15 <sup>pm</sup>	Midnight Service	Cropredy Mollington
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10<sup>am</sup></b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>Bourtons</b>
			Family Service	Wardington
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun</b>	11 <sup>am</sup>	United Benefice Family Communion	Claydon

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

**NB** there will be no Morning Prayer between 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec and 19<sup>th</sup> January.

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## Bourtons' Goings-On 'at a glance' :: December

CH = Community Hall

Village Hall = bVh

When		What	Where
Every Mon & Tues *	2 <sup>pm</sup>	BEAT – Mon: Yoga Lite - £5 Tues: Strength - £5	CH
Tues *	2:30-4 <sup>pm</sup>	Craft & Chatter	bVh
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Gardening Club	bVh
7 <sup>th</sup> Sun	4:30 <sup>pm</sup>	<b>Bourtons' Christmas lights Switch on followed by Festive Fun and the Big Raffle Draw!</b>	Bell tower & bVh
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> Sat & Sun	11 <sup>am</sup> -4 <sup>pm</sup>	Christmas TreeFest 'visit & vote' and enjoy refreshment...	All Saints
17 <sup>th</sup> Wed	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Music Society	bVh
<b>What's coming up...</b> watch out for more info...			
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wine Bar – cheese & wine evening (byo) - 7:30 <sup>pm</sup>		
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Village Hall AGM – 7 <sup>pm</sup>		
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Community Coffee morning – 10:30 <sup>am</sup>		

\*excludes Christmas and New Year weeks.

### Beyond the Bourtons...

Cropredy School Christmas CropFest: Sat, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Noon-4pm

Mollington Village Hall Christmas Fayre: Sat, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Noon-3pm

Mollington Church Christmas TreeFest: Sat, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Claydon Church Room:

Coffee, Cake & Company: 10<sup>am</sup>-Noon - Wednesday's,  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec, 21<sup>st</sup> Jan, 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.

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**LittleB WhatsApp Group** call Bobbie on 07730 570639 to join.