

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

January 2026



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Hi...

All a bit of a rush now... and can't believe I've just typed '2026' at the top of this page! What happened there then???

I'm presently sitting in All Saints church amongst the most wonderful display of Christmas 'trees' – some are trees and others creative but all are magnificent and a tremendous display of how the Bourtons' community never fail to engage and come together. By the time you read this we will know who's won – my personal favourite? Little B and how they've represented people from so many households depicting their interests, hobbies, professions etc... who knew?!

The Bourtons' festive light decorations are once again looking stunning and even the Crow Lane fairies are being 'more Karl' (remember that?) this year and not wishing to be left out of the TreeFest 💖 !

Happy New Year - with very best wishes for 2026 and many more Bourtons' events to enjoy.

Sue xx

P.s Since prepping this I've been able to add in the result of the TreeFest – page 5!

Love to hear from you...

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Bourtons' Gardening Club (BGC) – AGM January by

email. Next gathering will be **Wed 4th Feb 7:30^{pm}** in the Village Hall. BGC is a vibrant club with enthusiastic members – who have interests on many levels – it provides a great opportunity to find out more about different aspects of gardening from plants to design! A friendly group enjoying wonderful garden visits – some that you wouldn't ordinarily have an opportunity to see!



New members always welcome - contact one 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

Bourtons' Music Society AGM- Wed 21st Jan 7:30^{pm}, in the Village Hall. Election of committee members followed by the evening musical theme: 'MONTHS OF THE YEAR'. With almost a whole year ahead, this is a chance to musically celebrate the variety of the months to come. Byo refreshments. 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.



Bourtons' Popup Wine Bar!

Thurs, 15th Jan 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 'wine & cheese' so bring along a bottle and a bit of cheese to complement your 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](mailto:jane fostersmith@gmail.com)



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NB There was no Parish Council meeting during December – next meeting is 8th Jan 2026



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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Friends of All Saints

Bourtons' Big Festive Fun & Raffle – thank you to all who came and welcomed Santa to the village for the Christmas tree and bell tower lights 'switch on'. Despite it being a very windy but dry evening – Santa managed to find us! We enjoyed some carolling around the tree and a lovely rendition of jingle bells by the children. The raffle draw and festive fun was a great night and raised over £1650 – so thank you to all who organised the event, took part on the evening – including our wonderful Santa and TmK team, bought raffle tickets and donated prizes. Once more the generous Bourtons' community comes together.

We recognise and are grateful to many families, friends and neighbours for the support and of the following businesses:

Michael Jones Jeweller	Littlegood Farm
Banbury Fish Bar	Lee Atherton Art
Cosy Creative Crafts	Banbury Waxing Hut
Bourtons' Drains	Majestic Wine
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As an aside the Christmas tree plus high winds and soggy ground caused us some worries and it was therefore decided to move it to a more sheltered area of the churchyard – we do hope you were still able to enjoy it and our thanks go to Barnstones Caravan & Camping Site for their generous sponsorship of the tree. Thanks also to the children of Cropredy School for making the decorations once more.

Bourtons' Big TreeFest!

Such an impressive display – groups were literally knocking themselves out with creativity and ingenuity and participate in our first ever TreeFest! The many 'Friends' coordinating this event – and at quite short notice – were overwhelmed by the interest, support and participation and our lovely little church looked really magical. Folk could wander around whilst enjoying coffee, teas, mulled wine and of course the mandatory mince pies and festive gingerbread!

By the time you read this you will know that the tree/display voted most favourite was that created by the **Little Bourton community** – well done to them and of course everyone else who took part and made it such a success... trees were entered by the following groups:

Allotments	BEAT (Yoga Light & Strength)	Music Society
Parish Council	Community Hall	Cropredy pre-school
Cropredy after-school Club	Gardening Club	Knit & Natter
Garners' Field residents	Save the Bell Inn Group	
Wildlife Friendly Community		

The Trophy, kindly donated by Banbury Shoe Repair & Key Cutting Centre, will be presented at the carol service in **All Saints on Sunday, 21st December, 4pm.**

The Friends did a 'tree' display depicting their fundraising activities – bell tower, big breakfast, raffle etc...and there was also a Broadsheet tree! There was a bit of history alongside about the Broadsheet which, just in case you didn't see, appears on the back of this issue.

And last but not least our Memory Tree. Thinking of all those mentioned and who will be added to prayers and thoughts over the coming season.

Belfry Light & Flag...

29th November – 6th December

"In memory of our lovely Mum, Mother-in-Law, Nan and Great Nanna. Always in our hearts.

Love, the Steel family xx"

21st – 28th December

"Thank you to the family who have lit the bell tower for the Christmas period"



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"May I pass on my sincere thanks to the residents of the Bourtons for their wonderful contribution to the Royal British Legion's 2025 Poppy Appeal which raised £673.77 in Great Bourton and £185.79 in Little Bourton, a total of £859.56, an increase of over £60 on last year.



Thank you especially to Maggie MacAngus, David Drummond and Trish Cornley who braved the cold and wet weather to make the door-to-door collections. The total amount raised from Cropredy & District will be more than £2,216 when the collection from the Cropredy church service has been added. Many thanks."

David Upton

Cropredy & District RBL Co-ordinator

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**Reminder from the
Save the Bell Inn Group...**



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

*As a result of "significant public interest" the appeal will now be decided at the hearing at **10^{am} on 15th January** at The John Paul II Centre, Webb Court, 12 The Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW.*

We at StBIG feel this is a very positive decision and after communication with the council and the inspectorate office we have been given the opportunity to participate in the discussion in person to put forward our case for why The Bell Inn should be saved and to answer any questions that the Inspector may have.

We urge as many people as possible to try to attend the appeal to show your support. If you wish to attend the hearing then please email the council directly at submit.appeal@cherwell-dc.gov.uk to notify them in advance.



STILL...

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' Community Hall

For information on the facilities, please go to

bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/the-bourtons-community-hall/

To book or make an enquiry: Sue would love to hear from you...

Either text: 07967 631770 Or email: Bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com

Facebook: The Bourtons Community Hall

What's on each week...

Monday

10-11:15 ^{am}	Funky Pants Music & Dance	Hollie - 07974 204663
2-3 ^{pm}	BEAT: Fitness for over 55s (Yoga with Nina)	Matt 07930 726709
6:15-7:30 ^{pm}	Kundalini Yoga with Anne	Anne - 07835 086411

Tuesday

10-11:15 ^{am}	Funky Pants Music & Dance	Hollie - 07974 204663
2-3 ^{pm}	BEAT: Fitness for over 55s (Strength with Karen)	Matt - 07930 726709
6-7 ^{pm}	Yoga with Adele	Adele - 07963 646123
7:15-9:30 ^{pm}	Banbury Caledonian Society: Scottish Country Dancing	Sue - 07866 465533

Wednesday

8 ^{am} -2 ^{pm}	The Family Yoga Studio	Natasha - 07927 279691
6:30-7:30 ^{pm}	BBTA Martial Arts	Phil - 07877 971342

Thursday

10 ^{am} -Noon	The Pop Up Playgroup	Megan - 07715 585714
6-7:30 ^{pm}	Yoga with Nina	Nina - 07766 593066

Friday

9 ^{am} -5:30 ^{pm}	Seasons Art Class	Lindsey - 07891 002298
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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

There will be no Cheers & Chat gathering in January.

Message from... Geoff Tyler

Chairman, VH Management Committee

*"The Bourtons' Village Hall AGM will be held on **Monday, 19th January** at 7^{pm} 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 19th".*

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Shires Edge Benefice January

When:		Service:	Where:	
4 th	Sun	10 ^{am}	United Benefice service	Wardington
18th	Sun	11^{am}	Family Communion	Bourtons

Please go to www.achurchnearyou.com for details of services throughout the Benefice.

There is no Morning Prayer until 22nd January when the following pattern resumes:

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

For baptism, wedding or funeral enquiries
Chat to Revd Sarah on:
01295 750486 or 07747 181868;
Or email vicar.shiresedge@outlook.com



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

CH = Community Hall

Village Hall = bVh

When		What	Where
Every Mon & Tues	2 ^{pm}	BEAT – Mon: Yoga Lite - £5 Tues: Strength - £5	CH
Tues	2:30-4 ^{pm}	Knit, Natter and Craft!	bVh
15 th Thurs	10 ^{am}	Save the Bell Inn Appeal Hearing	see page 7
	7:30 ^{pm}	Wine Bar – cheese & wine (byo)	bVh
19 th Mon	7 ^{pm}	Village Hall AGM	bVh
21 st Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	bVh
28 th Wed	10:30 ^{am}	Community Coffee morning	bVh
What's coming up... watch out for more info...			
4 th Feb	Gardening Club, bVh		
12 th Feb	Wine Bar, bVh		
12 th Mar	Wine Bar, bVh		

Beyond the Bourtons...

Claydon Church Room:

Coffee, Cake & Company: 10^{am}-Noon - Wednesday's,
21st Jan, 18th Feb...

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LittleB WhatsApp Group call Bobbie on 07730 570639 to join.



The Bourtons' Broadsheet has been in monthly production since 1998 and was started by...

Tony Wiltshire, who launched the first issue of 4 (A5) pages in November that year (and we have a copy, thanks to Tony's wife Val).

Prior to this we understand that both **Daphne Lock** and **George Ennis** had produced newsletters in various formats – one of which we understand was called the Bourton Bugle!

We hear that George's newsletters were handwritten in his own beautiful italic style – much of which can still be admired today in All Saints church hymn books and Bibles.

Tony handed over editorial to **Jane Wimbury** of Little Bourton who edited for around 6 years eventually handing over to **Sue Ong** in January 2019.

It is understood that Daphne originated the first ever newsletter, thank you Daphne!

Currently, it is delivered to over 350 households and emailed to 60+ 'friends of the Bourtons' who live further afield – it is truly 'international' with readers in the USA, Australia and even Hong Kong!

The newsletter is funded by a few advertisers – not too many, just enough to ensure there's lots of space for info about what is going on around and about.

The Broadsheet is also available online, courtesy of the Parish Council <https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk>

It is produced and circulated solely by volunteers – with printing costs funded by the advertising fees.

Then TreeFest Christmas tree recognised that the Bourtons' Broadsheet is printed in black & white and is red all over...! 😊