

# BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

March 2026



*Hi...*

Wet, wet, wet... phew, so fed up with it but at least it's not snow! Thinking positive thoughts here ☺ and 'hurrah' for clock change! 29<sup>th</sup> March spring forward one hour!

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Please welcome our new advertiser, Liliana and Spanish lessons – part of your holiday preparations?! We also welcome back Barn Farm Plants – with spring approaching it's the perfect time to do some garden planning, planting or even re-shaping.

This month brings the Great British Spring Clean initiative – many folk litter pick throughout the year; perhaps more of us could meet up and have a Village Tidy-up just to show we 'love where we live'!

Wherever you are, or plan to be, enjoy all that March brings – St David's day, St Patrick's day, World Book day, World Wildlife day, Mothering Sunday to name just a few along with the delights of longer days and better opportunities to be out and about!

*Sue xx*

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

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**Copy deadline:** 17<sup>th</sup> of each month

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To book or make an enquiry:

Sue Montgomery would love to hear from you.... Either  
text Sue on 07967 631770 Or email:

[Bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com](mailto:Bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com)

Facebook: The Bourtons Community Hall



Join us in celebrating  
**“Village Halls Week”**



**Bourtons' Community Hall**

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2:30–5pm**

Lots of fun activities and refreshments for all  
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This year's theme is

**‘Health and Wellbeing’**

What would help you and yours?

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## **Bourtons' Gardening Club (BGC) – Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March 7:30<sup>pm</sup>**

in the Village Hall with guest speaker Graham Padden –  
"Bees, Flowers and Honey"

New members always welcome - contact one of the team:  
Ann Murray: 07843 327773 Clare Steans: 07492 165565



**Interested in joining the BGC?** Membership is £12pp pa.  
Current members please note your Farnborough Garden Centre 10%  
discount card expires at the end of March.

**Bourtons' Music Society - Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March 7:30<sup>pm</sup>**, in  
the Village Hall: 'The Natural World' - This includes plants,  
animals, mountains, oceans and stars. A theme with so much to  
draw upon for our musical inspiration. 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, 12<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:30-9<sup>pm</sup>** in the Village Hall. Meet with  
neighbours and friends and enjoy a glass of wine together.  
The theme this month is '**South African wines**'; is there a  
particular one you enjoy?! A chance to meet up and enjoy a  
glass together. No sales, strictly Byo. Just £2.00  
(contribution toward hall hire).

Want to know more? Please contact Jane on 07498 761155  
or [janefostersmith@gmail.com](mailto:janefostersmith@gmail.com)



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Cropredy Post Office – opening times 9:30am – 1:30pm on

Wednesdays : 4<sup>th</sup> March; 11<sup>th</sup> March; 18<sup>th</sup> March;  
**CLOSED 25<sup>th</sup> March**

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## Message from...

**Barbara Spicer**



**KATHARINE  
HOUSE  
HOSPICE**

*"I was asked in May 2025 by Katharine House Hospice if I could possibly make*

*some hospital gowns. The staff felt that the existing very dull gowns (all the same) were a bit depressing and uninteresting. They felt that both patients and relatives visiting would be cheered up by more striking gowns.*

*I agreed and quickly discovered that the gowns have to be made in one very large piece of fabric so there are no uncomfortable seams. The best fabrics for the gowns are, in fact, duvet covers! I can usually get 1 out of a single cover and 2 out of a double, king or super king.*

*My problem is supply of duvet covers! I wonder if you have any duvet covers you no longer want (in reasonable condition) and would you be willing to donate them?*

*If so, please leave them in the plastic tub behind the hedge at the front of Heywards House, Spring Lane, Little B (OX17 1RJ).*

*Thank you"*

## **Garden hosts needed for 2026–27**

Does your garden fill with snowdrops in late winter, burst into colour with spring daffodils, or shine at another time of year? KHH is looking for garden owners to take part in Open Gardens during 2026–27. Gardens can open at any time of year, either individually or as part of a village trail, helping to raise vital funds for local patients and their families. The fundraising team will support you every step of the way, with guidance and resources to help make your event a success. To find out more or register your interest, visit: [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens)

## **Take on a challenge in 2026**

Looking for a new challenge? KHH has a fantastic programme of events for 2026, from local favourites to once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Get involved in the Banbury Triathlon, the Oxford Half Marathon, a 13,000ft skydive, or take on the unforgettable night-time Snowdon trek, finishing with a sunrise at the summit.

For something truly special, KHH is also offering an exclusive trek along a remote section of the Great Wall of China. Whatever your goal, you'll be supported every step of the way while raising vital funds for Katharine House Hospice. Find out more at: [www.khh.org.uk/events](http://www.khh.org.uk/events)

# 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](mailto:m.macangus@sky.com)

**Dates for your diaries!** TmK present...

## **Maggie's Easter Bingo –**

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**, 7pm – Eyes Down 7:30pm!  
£10 for a book of 10 games

## **Pop up 'Take away' –**

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April**, 7pm – Kans Kitchen by popular demand!  
Request for orders will be out soon...

Here's a quick reminder of what's going on in the Village Hall  
in the coming months:

### **March:**

Every Tuesday	2:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Knit, Craft and Natter
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Bourton's Gardening Club
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Wine Bar
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>pm</sup>	Music Society
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 <sup>am</sup>	Community Coffee
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>pm</sup>	Easter Bingo – see above

### **April:**

Every Tuesday	2:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Knit, Craft and Natter
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Bourton's Gardening Club
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>pm</sup>	Music Society
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 <sup>am</sup>	Community Coffee
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	TMK Food Night – see above

## Invitation from....

**Claire Howard**

*"I have been asked to take part in 'Strictly Banbury' – the charity this year is Katharine House Hospice – a charity close to my heart.*

*My partner, Simon, has never danced and I have 6 weeks to teach him ready for the show on 26<sup>th</sup> March. I am organising a social evening **on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm, in the Bourtons' Village Hall** to raise my partner's sponsorship for this worthy charity – I would love to see residents from the villages there supporting us. **£15 a ticket includes a chilli & jacket potato supper, there will also be a raffle and fun casino.***

Tickets available from Claire on 07779 026242 or email: ce227howard@gmail.com

***Thank you for your support!***

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## Friends of All Saints...



Thank you to those of you who used, and continue to use, the Easyfundraising initiative which, during the last 15 months, raised £669.70 toward the upkeep of All Saints. This is a fantastic sum and all donated by the retailers you shopped with through Easyfundraising... If we can get more online shoppers to use this it would really help... please scan the QR code below for easy access. There is also an option to enable a 'reminder button' to help you easily remember to use Easyfundraising for your next shop!

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## Shires Edge Benefice March

When:		Service:	Where:
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sun</b>	9:30 <sup>am</sup>	Family Communion	Cropredy
	<b>11<sup>am</sup></b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Bourtons</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Sun	9 <sup>am</sup>	Family Communion	Mollington
	10:30 <sup>am</sup>	Morning Worship	Cropredy
		Family Service	Wardington
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday</b>	10 <sup>am</sup>	Seeker Service	Cropredy
	<b>11<sup>am</sup></b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>Bourtons</b>
	4 <sup>pm</sup>	Songs of Praise	Claydon
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	9:30 <sup>am</sup>	Family Communion	Wardington
	11 <sup>am</sup>	Family Communion	Claydon
	6 <sup>pm</sup>	Evening Prayer	Mollington
29 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	10 <sup>am</sup>	United Benefice Communion	Cropredy

**9am Morning prayer:** until 28<sup>th</sup> March – looking to grow our understanding of Holy Communion **Mon@Bourtons**; Tues@Claydon; Wed@Cropredy; Thurs@Mollington; Fri@Wardington



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## **Bourtons' Goings-On 'at a glance' :: March**

CH = Community Hall

Village Hall = bVh

<b>When</b>		<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>
Every Mon & Tues	2 <sup>pm</sup>	BEAT – Mon: Yoga Lite - £5 Tues: Strength - £5	CH
Tuesdays	2:30-4 <sup>pm</sup>	Knit, Natter and Craft!	bVh
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Gardening Club	bVh
6 <sup>th</sup> Fri	7 <sup>pm</sup>	Claire & Simon's Strictly 'Social' evening	See page 9
12 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Wine Bar – Byo	bVh
14 <sup>th</sup> Sat	9-11:30 <sup>am</sup>	Bourtons' Big Breakfast	bVh
18 <sup>th</sup> Wed	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Music Society	bVh
20 <sup>th</sup> Fri	2:30-5 <sup>pm</sup>	Community Halls Week – celebration afternoon	See page 3
25 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10:30 <sup>am</sup>	Community Coffee morning	bVh
27 <sup>th</sup> Fri	7 <sup>pm</sup>	Maggie's Easter Bingo	bVh
<b>What's coming up... watch out for more info...</b>			
9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Wine bar - bVh		
24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Kan's Kitchen - Pop up take away night! bVh		
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Wildlife Day		

### **Beyond the Bourtons...**

Claydon Church Room:

Village Breakfast: Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 10<sup>am</sup>-Noon

Breakfast Bap, Pastry & Hot drink £8

Breakfast Bap £5

Coffee & Cake: 10<sup>am</sup>-Noon – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month,  
18<sup>th</sup> Mar, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> May...

Mollington Fete & Dog Show: Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 12:30-5pm

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