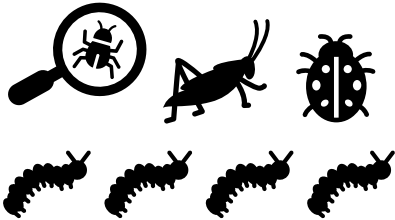


BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

June 2026



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Hi...

Here it comes, flaming June! Don't forget to get the SPF cream out ☺!

Excitement in our household with a Great Tit family – 8 eggs hatched, although we can see 7 actual babies with big wide-open beaks – feed me, feed me now! There's a film in there somewhere ☺. Dad and Mum are absolutely run off their feet (wings!?), back and forth. It's amazing to watch through the bird box camera – we're not getting much else done! Sadness also that, despite a net over the pond, we have lost well over 5 fish to the wily heron – he's sneaking in through the irises.

Hoping to see lots of you on Saturday, 6th June, at the Wildlife Day – tea and cakes will be available as usual courtesy of Pauline, who does an amazing job providing refreshments and also looking after our beautiful church! Have you taken a walk through the church yard? It's looking stunning with wild flowers at the moment – gorgeous sight.

Looking forward to the return of summer weather...

Sue xx



Love to hear from you...

Email: bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com

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Copy deadline: 17th of each month

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Bourtons' Gardening Club – Wed, 24th June; 6-7:30pm - visit to Old West Farm, Little Preston, nr Preston Capes, NN11 3TF (journey time: 25 mins / 13 miles). An NGS garden - highly celebrated for its rural garden developed over the past 43 years, featuring extensive hedging, shelter belts, and borders that provide brilliant bird and wildlife habitats.

Members wishing to attend please **let Jane know by midday Wed, 17th June**, either by text to 07498 761155 or email: [janefostersmith@gmail.com](mailto:jane fostersmith@gmail.com)

£10pp, payable on the night, includes refreshment.

If you haven't already paid your subs for this year then please do so.

Interested in joining the BGC? Membership is £12pp pa. You will receive a 10% discount card for Farnborough Garden Centre on production of your BGC membership card. If you would like more information, please email ann.murray233@gmail.com ; tel: 07843 327773; or call Clare Steans on 07492 165565.

Bourtons' Music Society - Wed 17th June, 7:30^{pm} in the Village Hall. It's Festival time! Let's celebrate these sociable occasions with music from any type of festival you enjoy. To close our 26th season and, as summer is here, strawberries and cream will be provided! Refreshments will also be provided by the Committee.



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. Watch out in the August issue for details of the September evening – the start of the 27th season!

Bourtons' Popup Wine Bar!

Thurs, 18th June 7:30-10:30^{pm} in the Village Hall.

A Hugo Spritz evening – or whatever 'fizz' based cocktail you prefer! £2pp to cover the hall hire, BYO only.

If you prefer something else to drink that's fine too, it's just a social gathering.



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

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LittleB WhatsApp Group call Bobbie on 07730 570639 to join.

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!! Saturday, 6th June !!



A Celebration of Citizen Science, Nature and Community

Residents of all ages are invited to discover the fascinating world of wildlife recording and citizen science at the **6th annual Bourtons' Wildlife Day**, this year including Messy Eco church on **Saturday, 6th June, 1–4.30pm**, at **All Saints Church, Great Bourton**.

After the success last Autumn of Messy Harvest and, as this event coincides with the start of the Great Big Green Week and World Environment Day, we are hosting **Messy 'Eco' church at 1pm**. Aimed at our young people, accompanied by parents/carers.

The focus for Wildlife Day explores a vital question: *Why is recording wildlife sightings important?* Visitors will learn how ordinary people can play an extraordinary role in protecting nature through "citizen science" — the collection of environmental information by members of the public to support conservation and scientific research.

Whether your interests are rivers, hedgerows, hedgehogs, butterflies, fungi, or wildlife closer to home, the event will showcase projects and opportunities to get involved with at every scale — from the Bourtons' parish itself to Oxfordshire-wide initiatives, national surveys across England, and even international conservation efforts.

The afternoon will feature two engaging talks inside the church:

- **2pm — Lisa Phipps:**
"Looking Out for Nature – Protecting Nature Through Citizen Science"
- **3.15pm — Banbury Water Vols:**
"Counting Caddis – Monitoring River Health by Surveying Fresh Water Invertebrates"

Families and younger visitors will find plenty to enjoy with a wide range of free activities, exploring all their senses – See, Hear, Touch, Taste and Smell:

Pond-dipping Bug-hunting Cardboard crafting Make a shaker

Feely bags

Biscuit decorating

Guess the aroma?

Admission is free. Light refreshments will be provided throughout the afternoon - donations are welcomed.

Diary note...

!! Sunday, 13th September !!
'WFC afternoon tea party'

Bourtons' Village Hall

For more information go to:
Bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/bourtons-village-hall

For bookings and more information contact
Maggie on 01295 750497 or email to
m.macangus@sky.com

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Max number in team 6. £3.50pp. •

To reserve your table contact:)
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The Bourtons' Parish Council

Minutes of the PC meeting held in the Community Centre
On Thursday 14th May 2026 at 7:30^{pm}

In Attendance: Cllr Mrs Upton, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Mrs Beales, Mrs Pheasey (Clerk/RFO), Mr Bowen (Assistant-Clerk - Planning),

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Duckworth, Cllr Mrs Brooks, Cllr Martin

Declarations of Interest: None declared

Public participation: - 3 members of the public. Two of whom came to discuss the Community Hall. The meeting was chaired by The Clerk.

Footpaths: The steps on the footpath at the bottom of Stanwell Lane will be looked at owing to reports that they are damaged and there has been water running down them.

Highways: There was only 1 Speedwatch session this month which caught 4 people caught speeding.

Reports of overhanging branches on The Green will be looked at. It was discussed that any branches over electric wires, the PC can ask the electric company to cut these back. The PC will get someone to look at the remaining branches.

There have been reports of workmen laying pipes on the road down to Cropredy and blocking the path down to the school also partially blocking the road. The relevant authorities were informed, however this has now been cleared.

Planning:

26/00039/OUT Fernhill Estates. An appeal has been launched against this refusal. This has raised concerns and the PC has had the confirmation that all communications and issues raised by comments to the application are still valid and will be considered by the Inspector before he makes his decision.

The Bell Inn - Enforcement issues - They have until the 29th May to lodge an appeal to the enforcement notice issued in April.

Enforcement issues - The Stables. The chairman is in contact with the enforcement team.

Conservation Area - the PC are hoping to proceed with this and the Asst Clerk for planning will arrange to have a walkaround with the relevant contact to help with this.

District and County Councillors report: DCllr Brant produced a report which included the work that is being done to improve the roads and highways, fly tipping and how the new tip scheme is working, the work being done to help with secondary school places and a reminder that rural crime is still an issue and that everything should be reported to 999 if urgent and in progress. If it has already taken place then to report via 101 or the Thames Valley Police website.

Defibrillators: The new defibrillator has been set up on the wall of the Community Hall by the back door.

Playgrounds: The Chairman is still trying to contact the Landlord ref renewing the lease for the GB park. The Clerk will look to contact a solicitor to see what costs are involved if we get help from them. This will be discussed in the next meeting.

The transfer of monies from Hayfield Homes for the Garners Field park area should soon be completed. The signing of this will be discussed in the June meeting.

Allotments: Castle Water billing issues will be discussed at the June meeting. The costs to engage a solicitor will be sought.

Village Hall and Community Hall:

VH - The new lease is being updated by the Chairman.

CH - There was an issue raised about the parking for events as there are only 23 spaces and frequently get full. This will be discussed to see if a solution can be found. There are a few maintenance issues to be looked at - a slipped tile, the porch and the guttering need repairing. There was also a discussion about having a sign to say the car park is for the users of the hall only.

Finance and Admin: The financial report and bank statements were circulated and RESOLVED that the associated bank recon be accepted and that 10 payments totalling £2,509.17 be approved. The payments in excess of £100 are:

WTG Consultants: Internal Audit £112.50; Castle Water: £311.11;

KC Graphics: website £624; SW Services: mowing £929.75

Vision ICT: email services £210; Expenses: £292.74, incl Copyright fee and Clerk and Council Direct invoice.

Correspondence: There has been a request for a new salt bin to be put in Buzzards Close, LB. This will be looked at to see if one can be purchased before next winter.

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Save the Bell Inn Group...

STBIG arranged a public meeting at the Village Hall on Friday 15th May which was very well supported with nearly 50 villagers in attendance. An update was given by Chris Handler, STBIG Chair, and then a Q&A session followed. As well as recognising the fantastic achievement of the Appeal decision back in March 2026, there were updates and discussions on, engagement with the



Developer (Mr James Day) by STBIG and with a 3rd Party interested in purchasing The Bell Inn, on-going communication and engagement with CDC, next steps and future actions. Further updates will follow in due course. Thank you for your continued support.

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Did you know...

June 2026 is packed with major international eco and sustainability observances, led by the UN's World Environment Day on 5th June and World Oceans Day on 8th June.

The most significant global and regional dates for your calendar include:

1st-30th June: 30 Days Wild (UK-wide nature challenge to engage daily with the environment)

3rd June: World Bicycle Day (Promoting sustainable, low-carbon transportation)

5th June: World Environment Day (The UN's primary global platform for environmental action)

8th June: World Oceans Day (Highlighting marine protection and plastic reduction)

16th June: World Sea Turtle Day and World Refill Day (advocating for the reduction of single-use plastics)

17th June: Desertification and Drought Day and Plastic Free Beauty Day

Please remember...

Please cut the used stamps off your envelopes and save them for The British Hedgehog Preservation Society – stamps may be dropped in the box in the church porch or letterbox at Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane, GB





Shires Edge Benefice June

When:		Service:	Clergy:	Where:
7th Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Family Communion	Revd Sarah	Cropredy
	11^{am}	Morning Worship for All 'Environment Sunday'	Sue Upton	Bourtons
14 th Sun	9 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Revd Sarah	Mollington
	10:30 ^{am}	Morning Worship	Sue Upton	Cropredy
		Family Service	Revd Sarah	Wardington
4 ^{pm}	Eco Church Songs of Praise		Claydon	
21st Sun	10 ^{am}	All Age Seeker Service	Revd Sarah	Cropredy
	11^{am}	Family Communion	Revd Lynda	Bourtons
28 th Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Family Communion	Revd Sarah	Wardington
	11 ^{am}	Family Communion		Claydon
	4:30 ^{pm}	Cropredy Bridge Commemoration		Cropredy
	6 ^{pm}	Eco Church Songs of Praise	Sue Upton	Mollington

All Saints is now open daily until the Autumn clock change.

9am Morning Prayer:

Mon@Bourtons; Tues@Claydon;
Wed@Cropredy Thurs@Mollington;
Fri@Wardington



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

BCH = Community Hall

bVh = Village Hall

When		What	Where
Mondays	2-3 ^{pm}	BEAT – Mon: Yoga Lite - £5	BCH
Tuesdays	1:30-2:30 ^{pm}	BEAT – Tues: Strength - £5	
Tuesdays	2:30-4 ^{pm}	Knit, Natter and Craft	bVh
6 th Sat	1 ^{pm} -4:30 ^{pm}	Messy Eco church/Wildlife Day	All Saints
14 th Sun	10-30 ^{am} - 1:30 ^{pm}	Coffee Morning in aid of Katharine House Hospice	See below Ad
17 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	bVh
18 th Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Wine Bar – Byo	bVh
24 th Wed	10:30 ^{am}	Community Coffee morning	bVh
	6-8 ^{pm}	Gardening Club visit	See page 3
26 th Fri	7:30 ^{pm}	Quiz Night	bVh
What's coming up... watch out for more info...			
16 th July	Wine bar – bVh (Please note this amended July date)		
24 th July	TmK's pop up restaurant		
13 th Sept	WFC afternoon tea garden party		
25 th Sept	Cheers & Chat + Beetle Drive!		
3 rd Oct	Bourtons' Big Breakfast!		

Beyond the Bourtons...

Claydon Church Room:

Coffee & Cake: 10^{am}-Noon – every 3rd Wednesday each month,
17th June, 15th July ...

Cropredy Church Fete in the churchyard – **Sat, 20th June:** 12:30-4pm -
BBQ, Teas, Bottle Tombola, stalls and games.

Claydon Church 'Claydon's own band – the Clay Hill Mob'.

Sat, 27th June: 7pm. Byo drink. Tickets £5 from Angela 07456 747784
and on the door.

Battlefield guided walk from Cropredy Church. Sun 28th June:
2:15pm. Book your place with Verna 01295 758222 / 07831 632206

Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House
Hospice – **Sunday, 14th June; 10:30am-1pm**
at Heywards House, Spring Lane, Little B.

Everyone welcome!

Donations of baked goods are welcomed!

Prosecco Bar, tea and coffee!

Come along to socialise.

Barbara & Mike Spicer

