

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

July 2026



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Hi...

An evening with 'Hugo' tonight – as determined to embrace the month and believe it's a hot summery evening. Why Hugo? Well, sad to say that I don't like Aperol Spritz! ☺

The monthly pop-up Wine bar evenings, in the Village Hall, are fun – just bring along anything you enjoy drinking (and nibbling) and socialise – it's the next best thing we have to a pub and it's easy to drop in!

We had a fabulous Wildlife Day and Eco Messy Church recently which were really well attended – particularly as the weather wasn't good! We also enjoyed trips up the Bell Tower – thanks to Martin our clock-keeper.

July feels a little quieter albeit we can enjoy an Indian meal on 24th and a Greek evening on 30th – I look forward to seeing you at one or other or both! All in the Village Hall – see inside for info.

Fairport ticket info is out now – we did some of the fringe last year and it was great fun. I'll give a shout out now for the Badgers – a great local band and very popular with folk in the Bourtons! See you around...

Sue xx

July challenge - Refuse single use plastics!

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 – 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 – 27th season will start on Wednesday, 16th September, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Join if you enjoy listening to Hi-Fi quality recorded music or to live music, in the congenial company of others, the Society has something to offer you, whatever you enjoy. From Classical to Jazz, Opera to Folk, Blues to Pop, we cater for all musical tastes!



New members are always welcome, so if you would like to come along to see if it is for you, the evening costs £1.50pp for non-members. Membership is £12pp pa. Information about the Society is available from Margaret on 01295 758519 or Paul on 01295 750596. Watch out in the August issue for more detail of the September evening.

Bourtons' Popup Wine Bar! Greek theme!

Thurs, 30th July 7:30^{pm} in the Village Hall.

Join us in celebrating all things Greek and sample some tasty Greek delights – keep an eye on Facebook and the village notice boards for more details.



Want to know more? Please contact Kaye on 07720 325979 or email: kj@reallybusy.co.uk

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LittleB WhatsApp Group call Bobbie on 07730 570639 to join.

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24th June...

Flying the Flag and lighting the Belfry in memory of Sarah Prew, on what would have been her 60th birthday
Always Loved and Always Missed.

Love Maurice, David, Emily and all the family X

The Bourtons' Community Hall



For information on the facilities,
please go to

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

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**!! Sunday, 13th September !!
 'WFC afternoon tea party
 with Owls'**



Ever had tea with an Owl?

Do join us on Sunday afternoon, 13th September, when owls will be visiting the Bourtons. Of course, they may always be around and about, possibly heard but rarely seen, but here you will be able to see and hear first-hand about these beautiful birds, courtesy of the **Owl Conservation Project**.

This will take place at Great Bourton House, Crow Lane, GB – timing will be announced shortly.

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July is a busy month! It is packed with global environmental events, awareness weeks and observances dedicated to sustainability, conservation, and climate action.

Here are the key Earth and Environment dates to note:

All Month: Plastic Free July – a global movement challenging millions of people to refuse single-use plastics.

- 3rd: International Plastic Bag Free Day
- 7th: International Soil Conservation Day
- 11th: World Population Day
- 15th: World Youth Skills Day / Arctic Sea Ice Day
- 23rd: World Whales and Dolphins Day
- Late July: Earth Overshoot Day – this is the estimated date when humanity's demand for ecological resources exceeds what Earth can regenerate in a year.
- 28th: World Nature Conservation Day

If you can manage one thing for the environment in July, please think about reducing single use plastics.

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<p>Please remember...</p> <p>Please cut the used stamps off your envelopes, leaving a 2cm margin, 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</p>	
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Message from Will Reeves, Headteacher - Cropredy CofE Primary School – Celebrating a Busy and Successful Term...

"It has been another exciting and enriching term, filled with memorable experiences and opportunities that have brought learning to life for our children.

One of the highlights has been the wide range of educational visits across the school. Our youngest pupils in Cygnets enjoyed a magical trip to Tumblestone Hollow, immersing themselves in imaginative play and exploration. Year 2 visited Cotswold Wildlife Park, where they experienced African wildlife up close, deepening their understanding of animals and habitats. Year 3's visit to the Ashmolean Museum provided a fascinating insight into Egyptian history and artefacts, while Year 5 stepped back in time during their visit to Sulgrave Manor, bringing their historical learning vividly to life.

Our Year 6 pupils rounded off their SATs journey with a fantastic residential visit to Torquay, where they demonstrated independence, teamwork and resilience while creating lasting memories with their peers.

These trips are a vital part of our curriculum. We firmly believe that learning extends beyond the classroom, and these real-world experiences enrich children's understanding, spark curiosity, and help to embed knowledge in a meaningful and memorable way. The enthusiasm and engagement we see following these visits reinforces just how important they are in supporting both academic development and personal growth.

We would also like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils for their hard work and dedication during the aforementioned SATs in May. They approached this important milestone with determination and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of their effort, perseverance and positive attitude. As they move into their final weeks at primary school, we wish them a heartfelt well done and every success for the future.

Looking ahead, we are incredibly excited for the summer, where Years 4 and 6 will take to the stage at the world-famous Fairport's Cropredy Convention. After a year of dedicated practice, they will be opening the show on Friday 14th August – a truly special opportunity and one we are very proud to be part of. Do look out for them if you are attending!

Finally, I would like to recognise the outstanding work of our SENCO, Miss Godsell, in championing inclusion across the school. A recent review highlighted the strength of our provision, noting the "clear and consistent use of adaptive strategies" and "very strong behaviour, with all pupils engaged in purposeful learning". The report also praised the "particularly effective use of colourful semantics and task management", alongside the fact that "all SEND children are included and supported within whole-class learning".

It was especially pleasing to see recognition of the "strong and purposeful leadership" driving rapid improvements, the "evident impact of CPD in changing classroom practice," and the "very positive relationships between staff and children" which underpin our school community. We are incredibly proud of this feedback and the inclusive ethos it reflects.

As always, we are grateful to our pupils, staff and families for making Cropredy such a vibrant, supportive and inspiring place to learn."

Bourtons' Village Hall

For more information go to:
Bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/bourtons-village-hall. For bookings and info contact Maggie on 01295 750497 or email to m.macangus@sky.com

bVh

TmK - Join us on the **Friday, 24th July, 7.30pm in bVh** for good food and great company. This time it's Indian food cooked by G Kitchen.

There will be a Raffle on the night raising funds for the upkeep of our lovely Church and Bell Tower and our local Katharine House Hospice.

Please note there is a £2pp service charge.

See below for menu – please select your meal, place and pay for your order by contacting either: **Kaye: 07720 325979 or Trish - 07523 011913.**

Orders must be received and **paid for by the 12th July.**



Boxed meals include:	£15.00
Naan bread, Rice, Samosa and 2 curries:	
Meat: Butter chicken, Korma, Madras	
Vegetarian: Paneer Butter Masala, Lentil curry, Bombay Potatoes mix	

Starters: 4 pieces meat Samosa	£5.99
2 pieces Seekh Kebab	£4.99
Side Dishes:	
Lentil curry	£6.95
Bombay Potato Mix	£6.95

Noodle Bowl:	£9.99
Chilli Chicken or Chilli Garlic Broccoli	
Prawns Special:	£11.99
South Indian Prawn	
House of Curry:	£10.95
Chicken Madras or Chicken Jalfrezi	

Tawa Biryani:	
Chicken	£10.95
Lamb	£11.95
Prawn	£11.95
Vegetable	£10.95

Signature dishes:	£11.99
House of Lamb	
Special Butter Chicken	
Chicken Kebab Bhuna	
Special Chicken Korma	
Paneer Butter Masala	

Clay Oven dishes:	£12.95
Rice, Salad, Homemade Chutney with either...	
Chicken Tikka skewer or Paneer Tikka skewer	

Rice & Breads:	Basmati Rice	£3.95	Madras Masala Naan	£3.95
	Plain Naan	£2.75	Butter Masala Naan	£3.95

The Bourtons' Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2026 at 7:30pm

In attendance: Cllr Mrs Upton (Chair), Cllr Johnson, Cllr Mrs Beales, Cllr Mrs Duckworth, Cllr Martin, Mrs Pheasey (Clerk/RFO), Mr Bowen (Assistant-Clerk - Planning), DCllr Brant.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Brookes. **Declaration of Interests:** None declared.

Public participation: Two members of the public. One of whom expressed an interest in helping with the GB Park - as minuted below.

Footpaths: The footpath and stile at the end of Stanwell Lane is still an issue and an email will be sent to Highways.

Highways: One Speedwatch session this month which had 9 people caught speeding with a top speed of 38mph. The Chair noted our thanks to all the team involved.

The bus layby on the Southam Rd was discussed - with the costs raising from £75k to £225k. There was also mention that the verge on the far side of the road may not be wide enough so will need extra work. The Chair will discuss this at the next transport meeting .

The Quiet Lane scheme was discussed as it is down to the PC to register their interest to be able to see what schemes would be available and how each of them would impact the surrounding area. It was agreed to contact OCC and express an interest for Foxden Way. It was noted that there are businesses, the burial ground and the allotments that would need to be considered, but as not all of the schemes would close the roads completely the options would be explored and discussed. Once we have received all the information, the PC will hold a consultation with local residents.

Planning: 26/00498/F - Crockwell Farm. This has been approved, but it was noted that Manor Rd 'road surface' will need to be considered for any future applications as the road surface is not in good repair. The boundary line was also noted as it differs from a previous application.

There were no updates in the meeting in regards to the enforcement issues in the village.

Conservation Area: a date for the walkaround is to be finalised and the results of this this will be discussed with residents and councillors.

District Council Report: DCllr Brant wanted to pass on his thanks to everyone involved in the Wildlife Day as he enjoyed his visit and he appreciated all the hard work that had gone into it. There was no update to the adoption of the CDC local plan and it was feared that it won't be adopted until Autumn now. He also mentioned that there had been several thefts of cars around the Shutford area involving the cloning of keys.

Defibrillators: A sign to show the location for the new defibrillator on the Community Hall (car park side door) will be purchased.

It was noted that the former Dirt House is up for sale so a new site for the LB Defibrillator may need to be found. PC will discuss with the current owner.

Playgrounds: GB - Legal costs are still being looked into regarding contacting the landowner. The Clerk will contact OALC and CDC legal team

to see if they can help. Mr Matsuyama who was present at the meeting offered his help

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 July meeting.

The annual inspections will be taking place in July and the repairs are ongoing. A pressure wash of all the equipment will be arranged.

Village Hall: The new lease has been drafted by the Chair but will be finalised with a solicitor to ensure it is legally correct.

The Garners Field LAP money is hopefully near completion. It was agreed that the transfer documents will be signed by the Clerk (R Pheasey) as the Proper Officer and Cllr Upton (Chair) and Cllr Johnson (Vice-Chair) on behalf of the PC.

Healthcare: There was no news on any update to the Doctors new surgery, but they did report that the roof is leaking again on their existing building.

OHC are awaiting the publication of Baroness Amos's report into Maternity care. This should be available at the end of June and the 'Keep the Horton' group will look at the findings to discuss the care and services available at the Horton

Churchyard: The South retaining wall to the Churchyard was mentioned in the Quinquennial review of the Church although the East wall was not mentioned which requires more urgent maintenance. It was confirmed that it is a dry-stone wall. Maintenance will be completed to ensure it remains in a good condition.

Finance: The financial report and bank statements were circulated and RESOLVED that the associated bank recon be accepted and that 8 payments totalling £2,914.87 be approved. The payments in excess of £100 are:

PAYE and Salary costs - £1,595.70; Prybestos (weed killing) - £363; SW Services (mowing) - £840.50.

The following reports had been sent to Councillors before the meeting: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and budget monitoring review for 2025. It was RESOLVED to approve these.

The 2025/6 internal audit report and the responses to the recommendations were considered and noted; the PC RESOLVED to approve them.

The following were circulated: Bank reconciliation, notice of public rights, variances, annual accounts and explanation of reserves reports. These were noted and RESOLVED to approve them.

The Annual Governance Statement was circulated and considered. It was RESOLVED to approve and was signed and dated accordingly

The Annual Accounting Statement was circulated and considered. It was RESOLVED to approve and was signed and dated accordingly.

Fairport: - tickets had been advertised on Facebook and the website. Payment will be made by bank transfer this year and details on how to do this and when the wrist bands will be available for collection will follow. Tickets will be £60 for people who live in the Bourtons.

Friends of All Saints...

Thanks to everyone who helped to create Messy Eco Church on Wildlife Day – linking the two events together worked well and was perfect timing for Environment week. We must recognise and thank the efforts of many generous members of the community for their help and support in staging the day from baking to loaning crafting tools/tables, collecting items, tidying the churchyard, creating posters to drying out gazebos! We are blessed with great team working!

Are you shopping through Easyfundraising? Do consider this please... it's very easy...



Thank you to those of you who use, and continue to shop through Easyfundraising which, during the last 17 months, raised £853.77 toward the upkeep of All Saints. This is a fantastic sum and all donated by the retailers you shopped with at no extra cost to you. If we can get more online shoppers to use this it would really help... please scan the QR code 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!

Diary note: Big Breakfast will be on **Saturday, 3rd October!**

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Shires Edge Benefice July

When:		Service:	Clergy:	Where:
5th Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Family Communion	Revd Sarah	Cropredy
	11^{am}	Morning Worship for All	Sue Upton	Bourtons
12 th Sun	9 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Revd Sarah	Mollington
	10:30 ^{am}	Morning Worship	Sue Upton	Cropredy
		Family Service	Revd Sarah	Wardington
19th Sun	10 ^{am}	All Age Seeker Service	Revd Sarah	Cropredy
	11^{am}	Family Communion	Revd Sarah	Bourtons
26 th Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Family Communion	Revd Sarah	Wardington
	11 ^{am}	Family Communion		Claydon
	6 ^{pm}	Evening Prayer	Sue Upton	Mollington

All Saints in the Bourtons 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' :: July

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
22 nd Wed	10:30 ^{am}	Community Coffee morning	bVh
24 th Fri	7:30 ^{pm}	TmK's pop up Indian restaurant	See page 7
30 th Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Pop up Wine Bar – Greek night	bVh
What's coming up... watch out for more info...			
26 th Aug	Community Coffee morning		
13 th Sept	WFC afternoon tea garden party with Owls!		
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,

15th July, 19th Aug ...

Big Butterfly Count: Saturday, **25th July**, 11am-3pm – activities and refreshments, discover more about butterflies and how to help them! Raise funds for Butterfly Conservation.



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Did you know...

There are 3 defibrillators in the Bourtons:

Community Hall – side door
(as seen from the car park)

Village Hall – front door
(off Main Street)

The Dirt House (as was) –
back door

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Resuscitation Council (UK)



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