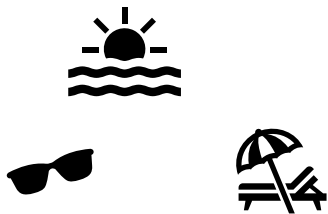


BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

August 2026



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Hi...

It's been a really busy July and a good mix of activities – starting with the continual chasing of pigeons out of the trees – I get they've a right to nest but when there's so much tree space around, over my front door or patio is not ideal!

Life did get more interesting as the month went on with a 007 agent Spectre trail in London – great fun and then a lovely gathering of our wonderful Broadsheet delivery team; they're such a good bunch, rain or shine, no complaints other than some rather snappy letterboxes! ☺

A lovely evensong service at Claydon in recognition of Bishop Jonathan's 50yrs celebration of entry into the diaconate – such a privilege to be there and to also enjoy hospitality afterward.

Despite the effects on the lawn and garden I have to say we're enjoying the seemingly reliability of nice weather; from the mundane of drying laundry to enjoying sitting in the garden – something we seem to do very little of. Enjoy Fairport, the music and the rest of the summer.

With love and best wishes to those amongst us who are having tough times – please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sue xx

ps Happy Yorkshire Day!

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

Love to hear from you...

Email: bourtonsbroadsheet@gmail.com

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Copy deadline: 17th of each month

Browse our Parish website for more local info:

<https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/>

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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 – Wed, 16th Sept, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is the start of our 27th season! The theme for September is 'Africa'. An opportunity to explore music associated with this diverse and amazing continent.



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.



Bourtons' Popup Wine Bar! No August Wine Bar, but returning in September – date to be confirmed.

Want to know more? Please contact Jane on 07498 761155 or jane fostersmith@gmail.com



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LittleB WhatsApp Group call Bobbie on 07730 570639 to join.

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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 Montgomery would love to hear from you...either text Sue on 07967 631770

Or email: Bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com

Facebook: The Bourtons Community Hall

**** SAVE THE DATE ****

Macmillan coffee morning
fundraiser

10.30am - noon
Friday, 25th September

Great Bourton House
Crow Lane, Great Bourton



All welcome

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We are very pleased to say that the coffee morning held on 14th June in aid of Katharine House Hospice raised **£541.75**! Thank you so much for everyone's generous donations, both cash and cake. And, special thanks to Alan & Gilly Duckworth for running the very popular Prosecco bar!

Barbara & Mike Spicer



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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 soon.

Please remember...

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



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



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commemoration (or anything else) by flying the Flag
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£20(£25) for a week

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/flytheflaglightthebelfry

The Bourtons' Parish Council (PC)

Extract from the **Draft** Minutes of the meeting on 9th July 2026

In attendance: Cllr Mrs Upton (Chair), Cllr Mrs Beales, Cllr Mrs Duckworth, Mrs Pheasey (Clerk/RFO), Mr Bowen (Asst Clerk, Planning).

Apologies: Cllr Martin; Cllr Johnson.

Declarations of interest: None. **Public participation:** None

Highways: OCC have informed the PC that the hoped for bus stop on the A423 at GB has been put on hold due to rising costs. The Chair will contact them to see if the money that was allocated could be put towards an island for the LB bus stop instead.

The PC agreed to order salt for the Bourtons' salt bins to prepare for winter. Highways have said they have completed their yearly parish grass cut, so if there are any areas within their boundaries that become overgrown they will need to be reported directly to them.

The Quiet Lane scheme that had been discussed for Foxden Way is not a viable site at the moment. There are too many entrances along the lane and the detour round it is too long.

A second defibrillator is now up and working at Wits End, LB. Thank you to Cllr Duckworth and her husband, Alan, for arranging. Thanks also go to Cllr Martin for fitting the one at the Community Hall in GB.

The RoSPA inspections are imminent on the main Bourtons' playgrounds and the PC will ensure any safety issues are addressed.

The replacement bench in Foxden Way was discussed and it will be put back in the original location as there are no other suitable sites.

Community Hall: the PC are getting costs to replace the front door lock and for signage to show the defibrillator location.

Village Hall: the lease is still to be completed and the Chair has been looking for solicitors to help draw this up.

Allotments: The Chair has been in contact with Castle Water regarding the ongoing billing issues.

Finance and Admin: The financial report and bank statements were circulated and **RESOLVED** that the associated bank recon. be accepted and that 5 payments totalling £1,300.89 be approved. The payments in excess of £100 are: SW Services (mowing): £840.50; Bourtons' Broadsheet (printing): £250. The PC considered the letter of engagement for this year's internal audit and agreed that Theresa Goss would be asked to perform this again.

The PC considered the burial fee costs and **RESOLVED** to approve them for the coming year. The PC considered the following policies: Members code of conduct, payments, public events, and audit management and **RESOLVED** to approve these.

Fairport: There are still a few tickets left if there is anyone still interested.

New business: One of the doors on the notice board at the entrance to LB has broken and the glass is hanging out dangerously. This will be looked at to ensure it can be repaired safely and quickly.

NB: There is no meeting in August; the next meeting is on Thurs, 10th Sept.



Shires Edge Benefice August

When:		Service:	Clergy:	Where:
2 nd Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Family Communion	Revd Sarah	Cropredy
	11 ^{am}	Morning Worship	Sue Upton	Bourtons
9 th Sun	10 ^{am}	All Age Seeker Service	Revd Sarah	Cropredy
	10:30 ^{am}	Family Service	Sue Upton	Wardington
	11:15 ^{am}	Morning Worship	Revd Sarah	Mollington
16 th Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Fairport Eucharist	Revd Sarah	Cropredy
23 rd Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Family Communion	+Jonathan	Wardington
	11 ^{am}	Family Communion		Claydon
	6 ^{pm}	Evening Prayer	Sue Upton	Mollington
30 th Sun	10 ^{am}	United Benefice Communion	+Jonathan	Bourtons

All Saints in the Bourtons is open daily until the Autumn clock change.

+The Right Revd Bishop Jonathan.

Please note there will be no Morning Prayer held throughout the Benefice during August. Tuesday's Eucharist is Noon at Cropredy.

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

Friends of All Saints...

Are you shopping through Easyfundraising? It seems many people have signed up but have yet to buy through the App – look out for the pop up 'reminder' button – prompts you to shop through the App.
Do consider this please... it's very easy...

All Saints Great Bourton



Thank you to those of you who use, and continue to shop through Easyfundraising toward the upkeep of All Saints 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!



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

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
26 th Wed	10:30 ^{am}	Community Coffee morning	bVh
What's coming up... watch out for more info...			
13 th Sept	WFC afternoon tea garden party with Owls!		
23 rd Sept	Community Coffee morning		
25 th Sept	Cheers & Chat + Beetle Drive!		
25 th Sept	Macmillan coffee morning – Gt Bourton House		
3 rd Oct	Bourtons' Big Breakfast!		

Beyond the Bourtons...

Claydon Church Room:

Coffee & Cake: 10^{am}-Noon – every 3rd Wednesday each month,
19th Aug, 16th Sept, 21st Oct...

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Did you know...

There are now 4 defibrillators in the Bourtons -

GB:

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

Village Hall – front door
(off Main Street)

LB:

The Dirt House (as was) –
back door

Wits End, Spring Lane

Defibrillator Heart Restarter

Anyone can use it
No training necessary



For an unconscious person
NOT breathing normally






Call 999
Start CPR
Switch on defibrillator
Follow its instructions

 Resuscitation Council (UK)



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