

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

September 2026



30 years old

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Hi...

Welcome to the Pearl issue of the Bourtons' Broadsheet... 30 years in print! See middle pages for a look at 1996 by Daphne Lock. Courtesy of Tony & Val Wiltshire, I have a copy of that very first issue – called The Bourtonian.

There are many people to thank for keeping it going and ensuring it gets to letterboxes, alongside thanks to contributors and advertisers. As you may know advertising pays for the printing with all other aspects done free by volunteers.

Sadly, whilst printing costs remain high, advertising revenue has reduced of late although thankfully the Parish Council alongside many of our community groups and venues are contributing to help keep the Broadsheet in print.

Presently it works out at 42p for a 12 page copy. Most folk I speak to say they like the ease of a paper copy. Do you? If so and you wish to contribute to print costs I'd love to hear from you – every little helps.

This month I'm pleased to welcome the Banbury Waxing Hut's return to our pages not forgetting The Log Dog, Barn Farm Plants, Doggie Stylez and Grimebusters who continue their support; also welcome to Scottish Country Dancing!

Sue xx

Diary note: **Big Breakfast** will be on **Saturday, 3rd October**
bVh – 9-11:30^{am}

Love to hear from you...

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Bourtons' Gardening Club – Wed, 7th October, 7:30pm in the Village Hall for a Cheese & Wine evening. (No meeting in September)

Thank you to all the BGC members who kindly donated to Parkinson's UK during our recent gathering – you raised a fabulous £146!

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 or call Ann on 07843 327773; or 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! Returns... **Thurs, 10th Sept**, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The theme will be French wines. Of course, do bring whatever you wish to drink – it's a sociable evening!



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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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:

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Macmillan coffee morning fundraiser

10:30^{am} – 12:30^{pm}
Friday, 25th September

Great Bourton House
Crow Lane, Great Bourton



You are invited to a fundraising coffee morning at Great Bourton House. Come along and join us for a lovely get-together to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

There will be friendly faces, coffee and cake, and most importantly, a chance to raise money for this wonderful cause.

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Saturday 19 September 2026

at 7:00pm



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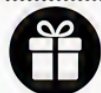
Jo Beales:
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07762 528774



Harvest Supper

Bring your favourite tippie or soft drink
to enjoy during the evening.



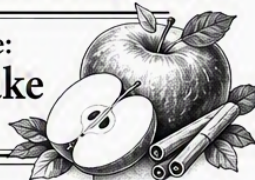
Harvest-Themed Raffle with Great Prizes



Back by Popular Demand! Gentlemen's Cake Competition

This Year's Challenge:
Spiced Apple Cake

Ask Jo for the recipe.



♥ Thank you for supporting this Harvest Supper
and helping us raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. ♥

*We look forward to welcoming you for an enjoyable evening of
food, friendship and fundraising.*

Charity Number: 261017

Here's a few pages from *The Bourtonian* – which includes some extracts from interesting and familiar topics as well as familiar names and goings on that are still going on... enjoy a read with some surprises – the Benefice is 30 years old; there was an Eco event in 1996; Rubbish and Recycle skips were provided and how wonderful that someone with a lovely name of Lindsay Flower should run the Gardening Club! Enjoy...

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Issue 1, dated 1st September 1996

"Hello and Welcome to the first edition of The Bourtonian. Initially, The Bourtonian will be published every three months and will be delivered to every house in the Bourtons.

The Bourtonian will contain information and reports from the Parish Council, the Church, any Clubs running and any other news of info that other villagers would find interesting ie Hatched, matched and despatched, Exam results, competition results, anyone ill or in hospital, special Birthdays or Anniversaries and lost and found.

It will also contain a Village Diary of all events going on in the villages covering the following three months.

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Summary of the minutes of the 14th Aug 1996 Parish Council meeting.

Matters Arising:

Churchyard Wall – Tenders have been received and site meetings to take place.

Village Hall – Following the Open Public meeting it was proposed that the Village Hall should be developed and improved using Option C. This is the option recommended by the Village Hall Steering Committee and agreed at the Open Meeting. The PC will make available £4,000 towards the rebuilding costs. (£4,000 being the shortfall between the grants and other funds available and the proposed costs).

PC Publicity – Concerns were raised about the publicity of the PC minutes. It was noted that the PC minutes will continue to be displayed on Notice Boards and circulated to the Banbury Guardian correspondent and The Bourtonian editor.

Public Session – Concerns were raised about why new lamp posts were installed in recently laid footpaths and it was pointed out that weeds were growing through the new tarmac paths in The Close. Cty Cllr Turner agreed to look into these matters with County Highways.

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Village Hall Management Committee:

A management committee under the chairmanship of Frank Thomas was formed in February with the object of preparing to take on full responsibility for running the Hall.

Bourtons' Workshop

The workshop was opened during the summer holidays on Wednesday and Friday mornings for children of both villages aged between 5 and 12 years costing 50p per session.

Avril, Claire and Maggie assisted and ran with help various activities for the children which included painting , glueing, puppet making, cold food eats and mask making. Older children had disco music, snooker and computer games to keep them entertained.

Mr Boddington gave the use of his field, where rounders and other outdoor games took place.

The workshop appeared very popular attracting as many as up to 36 children per session. Many thanks for everyone's help and support, we will try and repeat the workshop in half-term.

Maggie MacAngus

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All Saints Church... from the Vicar – Shires' Edge

Dear Friends,

The past 12 months have been extremely busy for the Churches in this area of N Oxfordshire. In August, a scheme formally creating a new grouping of parishes, took effect. The general view of most lay people was that the cluster should be called Shires' Edge. This was to reflect that the 5 parishes of Claydon, Mollington, Wardington, Cropredy and the Bourtons were wedged in between Northamptonshire and Warwickshire.

Inevitably, there is some settling down to do. Given the goodwill and mutual support people will get used to the new set up. There are various demands which are made of us all at different times. For many they are faced with having to make the worst of something or the best of something. Considerable energy can be invested in making the best of something, so as to avoid the worst. St. Paul thought differently. He had a Gospel which he wanted to share. He saw the Christian vocation as one in which 'in our sorrows we have always cause for joy; poor ourselves, we bring wealth to many; penniless, we own the world.' (2 Corinthians 6:10)

Paul was able to transcend this striving for the best to avoid the worst. His perception was different. When we see things in a different light, then we are released to see things as they really are. We can also apply our talents as God would have them exercised.

Local Ordained Ministry

The use of God-given gifts is important. As mentioned above, this has been a busy time for the Churches. As we begin a new stage in our pilgrimage together. I am delighted to say that Lynda Alcock of Gt Bourton has been recommended for training as an ordained minister. The sacrifice of time and energy will be considerable. Lynda will train as a 'local non-stipendiary minister'. What that means is that Lynda will not be paid and also her ministry will be exercised locally, in the Shires' Edge cluster. It is not intended that she should be deputy Vicar. This is a new form of ministry in the Oxford Diocese. It is highly suitable for rural areas...

...Over the last few years, a lot of thought has gone into encouraging rural parishes not just to make the best of things, but, like St Paul, to transcend them. A lot of energy went into the Archbishops' Commission on Rural Areas, which produced 'Faith in the Countryside'...

...The churches in this area will be busy, but it will be purposeful activity, as they grow together. Deep down though, every Christian needs to be able to project joy, that gift of God which shows to a wider world that there is more to life than making the best of things, so as to avoid the worst.

With all good wishes, Revd Peter G Atkinson". *

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Harvest Supper

Saturday, 28th September 1996 at 7:30pm in the Church Hall.

Food, Drink and Home-Grown Entertainment

Tickets - £5 adult

From: N Rexton, GB; H Clews, GB,

£2.50 child

J Hubbard, LB

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Village Fundraising:

Past Events – Fete and Eco Fair...

...the sun shone on 13th July when some 1500 grown-ups and children thoroughly enjoyed festivities on and off the field. A happy opening ceremony by Connie Allitt who made a spectacular entrance in an open top vintage car. Connie was celebrating her 92nd birthday.

Field events included fancy dress, dancing display, sports, numerous stalls and vintage steam engines. The Eco-theme was portrayed in the Village Hall as well as on the field.

The afternoon activities were rounded off by a concert at All Saints church which was beautifully decorated. Fete day festivities concluded at the Bell where villagers and visitors held a Ceilidh.

The fundraising target of £2000 was met and shared £800 each to All Saints and the Village Hall and £400 to the Parish Council's Amenities Fund.

Forthcoming Events – 6th October: Treasure Hunt; if you are one of the clever ones to complete the Hunt then your day will be rounded off with a barbecue and bonfire.

In Jan, Feb and Mar it is hoped to run a Latin American evening; a toy making workshop (half-term); and a Mrs Beeton's History of the World.

It is also hoped to hold a traditional British Evening with Beef & Beer Pie.

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and now on to the green fingered...

Bourtons' Gardening Club – in September there will be a trip to Waterperry Gardens. Those interested should speak to Graham Ness. October's meeting is a guest speaker and November a Xmas Decoration demo. Anyone interested should speak to Lindsay Flower.

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Christmas Bazaar – following last year's very successful bazaar it is hoped that this can be repeated this year. In preparation I have an appeal for all Crafty ladies or men or children.

Are you interested in giving up some spare time to make some craft items; do you have any spare items already made that you could donate to the craft stall? Do you have any teasels, poppy heads, dried flowers or cones? If you have please contact Janet Wallis or Gwenda Owen.

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Sunflower Competition – Congratulations to Sandra Jebbitt who won the senior section: 9ft 1in and also to Lawrence and Daniel Prestidge who won the junior section: 5ft 6ins.

However, it appears that (unofficially) the tallest sunflowers in the Bourtons are Jack Mawles that he grew from his own saved seeds. These sunflowers are so tall that Jack will soon need a decent chainsaw to fall them.

Pumpkin competition – these have yet to be weighed in.

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Moving on – Best wishes to Dawn & Roy Weller who moved to Scotland. and **Welcome** to the new owner of Kings Cottage. Also to Carol Massey and Hannah who have moved into Chapel Cottage.

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Village Diary

September	7 th	Bulb planting
	7 th	Charity Gala – Foxden
	14 th	Rubbish skips – High Acres, GB
	14 th	Recycle skips – Spring Lane, LB
	15 th	Gardening Club visit
	28 th	Rubbish skips – Chapel Lane, LB
October	30 th	PC meeting
	2 nd	Gardening Club
	6 th	Treasure Hunt
	12 th	Rubbish skips – High Acres, GB
	12 th	Recycle skips – South View, GB
	26 th	Rubbish skips – Chapel Lane, LB"

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NB: *Revd Peter was vicar of Cropredy, Bourtons and Wardington from 1991-1996 and Vicar of Shires' Edge Benefice from 1996-2003.

In November 1998 The Bourtonian became the Bourtons' Broadsheet, with a new editor – Tony Wiltshire.

I hope you enjoyed this step back in time! Thanks again to all involved. Good to read, see and feel a great community vibe continue...

!! Sunday, 13th September !!
'3-5:30pm afternoon tea
party'



We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Autumn fundraiser. On **Sunday, 13th September** from **3pm until 5.30pm** we will be holding an afternoon tea **with a difference** on the front lawn at Great Bourton House, Crow Lane, GB. Of course there will be tea, coffee, scones with cream and jam, prosecco and cakes. But there will also be OWLS. We are delighted to say that the Oxfordshire based Owl Conservation Project will be doing a talk and demonstration which will start at 3.15pm. The WFC will also have some activities for you, including dissecting owl pellets!

Please note, come rain or shine, this is an outdoor event. Cash or card. With the proceeds we are once again hoping to buy Spring bulbs for the parish which we will plant in November. Having said that, the WFC are always open to other ideas which would enhance the Bourtons from a wildlife/biodiversity point of view: suggestions welcome.

We look forward to seeing you on **Sunday 13th September**.

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Please remember...

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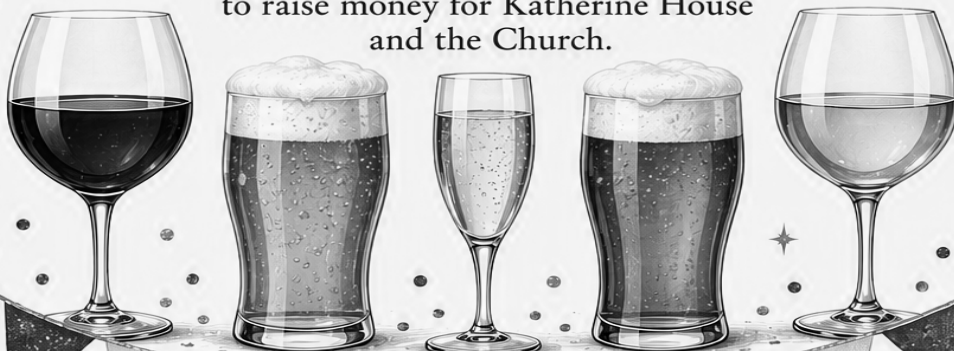
bVh

Imk's *Cheers* *and* *Chat* 25th September in bVh

Doors open at 6.30pm followed
by a presentation at 7pm
by the Parish Council
to a very special lady.

We hope you can join us to celebrate!
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There will be of course a Raffle
to raise money for Katherine House
and the Church.



**Help us to raise more money by sponsoring
an item on the Big Breakfast list – every little
helps... thank you!**

Let the editor know...

Friends of All Saints

Join us for a Bourtons' Big Breakfast !

Saturday 3rd October 2026

9^{am} to 11:30^{am}

in the Bourtons' Village Hall

£7 (£3.50 child's portion)

(Contactless payment facilities available)

Sausage	Bacon	Fried Egg
Mushrooms	Tomato	Baked Beans
Black Pudding		
Tea or Coffee	Toast	Juice/squash
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Shires Edge Benefice September

When:		Service:	Clergy:	Where:
6th Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Family Communion	+Jonathan	Cropredy
	11^{am}	Morning Worship	Sue Upton	Bourtons
13 th Sun	9 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Revd Sarah	Mollington
	10:30 ^{am}	Morning Worship	Sue Upton	Cropredy
		Family Service	Revd Sarah	Wardington
	4 ^{pm}	Harvest Thanksgiving		Claydon
20th Sun	10 ^{am}	All-Age Seeker Service	Revd Sarah	Cropredy
	11^{am}	Family Communion		Bourtons
27 th Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Family Communion	Revd Sarah	Wardington
	11 ^{am}	Family Communion		Claydon
	6 ^{pm}	Harvest Thanksgiving		Mollington

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

+The Right Revd Bishop Jonathan.

Weekly Morning Prayer resumes on Tuesday, 1st September at Claydon with the usual weekly 9^{am} schedule of **Bourtons Mondays**; Claydon Tuesdays; Cropredy Wednesdays; Mollington Thursdays; Wardington Fridays.

Tuesday Noon Eucharist at Cropredy.

Message from Revd Sarah...

"Can I offer a warm invitation to all parishioners to join us for any of our regular services, which are a blend of peaceful, joyful, and sociable, and to which all are made very welcome.

Your parish church is a unique treasure which seeks to serve all villagers at their point of pastoral need and request. We do very much need the support of villagers to sustain regular worship and pastoral presence."

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' :: September

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	
	2:30-4 ^{pm}	Knit, Natter and Craft	bVh
	7:15-9:30 ^{pm}	Scottish Country Dancing	BCH
10 th Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Wine Bar	bVh
12 th Sat	All day	Ride & Stride	All Saints
13 th Sun	3-5:30 ^{pm}	WFC garden party with Owls!	See page 11
16 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	bVh
19 th Sat	7 ^{pm}	Harvest Supper	See page 6
23 rd Wed	10:30 ^{am}	Community Coffee morning	bVh
25 th Fri	10:30 ^{am} - 12:30 ^{pm}	Macmillan coffee morning	See page 5
	6:30 ^{pm}	Cheers & Chat + Special presentation!	See page 12
What's coming up... watch out for more info...			
3 rd Oct	Bourtons' Big Breakfast!		
7 th Oct	Gardening Club – Autumn social		
8 th Oct	Wine Bar		
28 th Oct	Community Coffee morning – bVh		
4 th Nov	Gardening Club – guest speaker		
2 nd Dec	Gardening Club – bVh		

Beyond the Bourtons...

Claydon Church Room:

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

Wardington Memorial Hall: **Harvest Supper** raising funds for their church: 10th October, 6pm. Advance booking essential – call Clive/Philippa on 07836 557098

Film Night: 24th Oct 6:30pm Lasagne & salad; 7pm 'Life of Chuck'; pay bar; Advance booking ejuliecampbell@btinternet.com by 21st Oct.