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### Village Clean-up Day

This village clean-up event was postponed because of the snowy weather, but has been re-arranged for Saturday 6 March. Enthusiastic volunteers are invited to come along, armed with a pair of sturdy gardening gloves and a large plastic bin bag. The aim is to clear the verges and hedges of litter. Free tea and sandwiches will be served in the pavilion afterwards.

**VILLAGE CLEAN-UP DAY  
SATURDAY 6 MARCH  
10.00am**

**PAVILION, JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS**  
Further details: [robinmbourne@btinternet.com](mailto:robinmbourne@btinternet.com)

### Boxing Day Events

Once again, the village enjoyed perfect winter weather; brilliant sunshine with snow underfoot. A group of 20 walkers of all ages met at the Pavilion for a 4 ½ mile walk across the meadows and fields to Caldecote church, through the nature reserve, passing the golf course and following the brook back to the village. Back at the Jubilee Playing the annual football match was organised and refereed by Rob Bourne. Mince pies and mulled wine were provided by the Sports Committee.

### Newsletter Delivery

Residents should receive their October newsletter at the same time as this issue. We apologise for the delay and any inconvenience caused by a change in delivery arrangements.

**PUBLIC MEETING & DISCUSSION  
FUTURE HOUSING NEED IN BOURN  
THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY  
7.00pm  
VILLAGE HALL**

### Public Meeting - Future Housing Need

The 2007 parish survey highlighted a need for more affordable housing in Bourn for local people. A subsequent housing needs survey identified an immediate need for 10 new homes. Bourn parish council has accepted the results of the survey; for the past two years it has worked with District Council Housing and Planning departments to find a suitable and sustainable site for new homes. The options already explored are detailed in a report on Affordable Housing on the Bourn website [www.Bourn.org.uk](http://www.Bourn.org.uk).

The parish council is keen that any new housing in the village should be appropriately located; within walking distance of local amenities (particularly the school, shop, surgery and public transport) and close to playground facilities).

A public meeting will be held in the village hall in February during which councillors will review the sites considered and present proposals for consideration.

Residents are urged to take this opportunity to consider the options and contribute their ideas and opinions to the debate.

### Neighbourhood Watch

The aims of Neighbourhood Watch are:

- ❖ To make you as a resident, feel safer
- ❖ To promote a sense of community
- ❖ To improve the communication amongst residents about local crime
- ❖ To raise Bourn's profile with the local police
- ❖ To encourage the reporting of suspicious incidents
- ❖ To give you instant feedback about crimes that are happening in the village

After a recent burglary on the Broadway many participating residents were alerted within 24 hours. To benefit from the scheme please provide your local coordinator with your email address. For coordinator details contact Gill MacNamee (718860).

### A reminder:

- ❖ If you see a crime taking place call 999
- ❖ If you have information regarding a crime that is urgent, call 999.
- ❖ If your information is non urgent, but **won't wait** call 0345 456 4564 (non emergency police no)
- ❖ If your information is non urgent and **will wait** call your local NW coordinator

**If in doubt call 999 and let the operator assess the urgency.**

### Traffic Speed Surveys

Many residents have noticed "Speed Watch" volunteers monitoring traffic through the village. Speeding traffic was identified as the most pressing concern in the 2007 parish survey.

The trained volunteers have gathered valuable data since starting regular traffic speed checks last spring. However the "Speedwatch" project has been temporarily suspended due to lack of volunteers.

A surprising number of cars pass through the village at peak times; 340 vehicles in a single direction between 7.45 and 8.30am on a weekday (passing the surgery, travelling towards the village).

Around 100 vehicles/day access Bourn Hall Clinic, the largest employer in the village.

On average, whether in the 30mph or 40mph zones, 20% of all vehicles exceed the speed limit, regardless of time of day or direction of travel. The greatest volume of speeding traffic was recorded travelling towards the village along High Street in early evening. Of those vehicles, the majority turned into Short Street. This could mean most speeding offenders live in the village rather than being "through traffic".

The registration numbers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit by more than 15% are passed to police and drivers receive a warning letter. The presence of the "Speedwatch" team in their yellow high-visibility jackets has the beneficial effect of slowing down traffic.

The scheme has been of real benefit to Bourn; volunteers have received much support from local residents. **If you can spare a few hours of your time please contact Rita Charter (719561) or Maureen Winch-Furness (717397).**

### BOURN YOUTH PROJECT QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY  
7.30pm**

### BOURN VILLAGE HALL

Tickets: Suzanne Armitage 718688  
brooklandsbarn@vfemail.net

### Walking Group

The walking group continues to meet every alternate Friday at the Pavilion at 9:15am for a 9:30am start, finishing at the Source in time for coffee. 2010 dates are 8, 22 January; 5, 19 February; 5, 19 March and 2 April (Good Friday).

Contact [macleancaxtonend@btinternet.com](mailto:macleancaxtonend@btinternet.com) for further details.

### Bourn Players – Kiss me Kate

Tickets are on sale for Bourn Players' production of Cole Porter's Kiss me Kate at Comberton Village College. Performances will be held on 18, 19 and 20 March, including a Saturday matinee. Tickets from Kris Stutchbury (718554) or the village shop.

### Sports club update

The Cyril Crow cup for outstanding sportsmanship was presented to James Davenport at the club's AGM in November.

The club reported healthy finances and Rob Mellors-Bourne was elected Chairman.

### Friends Reunited?

We have been asked to help trace a woman whose maiden name was Alex Barber; she would now be around 45 years and her parents were known to have lived at Riddy Lane in 1979 or around that era. If you can help with information please contact Michael Peck directly [michaelpeck1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:michaelpeck1@hotmail.co.uk)

### BOURN VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES

|                     | Main Hall | Cherry Tree Room |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>Daytime</b>      |           |                  |
| Bourn residents     | £45       | £22.50           |
| Non residents       | £60       | £30              |
| Commercial Lettings | £80       |                  |
| <b>Evening</b>      |           |                  |
| Bourn Residents     | £65       | £32.50           |
| Non residents       | £90       | £45              |

*Concession rates for meetings, regular hire, fundraising for charity events and parties for primary school children are half the above session prices. Sorry, no concessions on Saturday evenings.*

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