

BOURN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2012



Annual Parish Meeting

Every English Parish must have a Parish Meeting. This is not a Council meeting but a meeting of registered electors. The meeting will be held this year at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th May in the Village Hall. This meeting is open to all residents and electors of Bourn who may by Law discuss parish affairs, ask questions, put forward views and pass resolutions at the meeting. It is also your opportunity to hear reports from village groups and organisations and hear what's been happening, what is planned and how you can get involved. The agenda for the meeting will be published on the notice board seven clear days before the meeting.

Parish Council Budget 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013

At its January meeting the Parish Council approved its budget and set the precept at £33,540 which is the amount that the Council requires to provide its services and look after the village assets. Each year the Parish Council is able to support village groups and clubs which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants.

The Parish Council has agreed to give the following grants: Bourn Proms £50.00, Camsight £50.00, The Village Hall £470.25 towards grass cutting, Churchyard grass cutting £330.00 and The Merrybourn Club £240.00.

Parish Council Annual Audit

The external audit of the Council's accounts will start on 6th June 2012 and will be undertaken by Moore Stephens at Peterborough. Bourn residents have the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and supporting papers. For the year ending 31st March 2011 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the Clerk between 3rd to 31st May.

More ways to recycle in Bourn

A paper bank is located in the recycling area at the Car Park Area, Church Street, where you can take newspapers, magazines, catalogues, telephone directories, envelopes (with or without windows), junk mail, paper and shredded paper. Paper can be recycled using the paper caddy in your blue bin and excess paper will be collected if placed alongside your blue bin in a separate container. However, if you have a large amount of paper you may prefer to use the paper bank. When paper is collected separately it can be reprocessed into new higher quality paper products. For more information visit www.scams.gov.uk/recycling. If you have a query you can get in touch on 03450 450 063

South Cambridgeshire District Council Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is assessing the need for housing in the district for the period 2017-2031. Last year it invited landowners and developers to put land forward as possible sites for development in the future. SCDC is considering all the sites that were put forward and will publish an "Issues and Options" paper detailing the most suitable sites in Summer 2012. It will consult on this. Several of these sites are in Bourn.

- Gills Hill Farmyard, Bourn (Site 082)
- 45 High Street, Bourn (Site 084)
- Land west of Highfields Road & West Drive, Highfields Caldecote (Site 243)
- Land west of Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote (Site 247)

More information on this process and these sites is available on the SCDC website.

<http://www.scams.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/DistrictPlanning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/SHLAA.htm>

In the summer the Parish Council will be consulted on the Issues and Options paper which will detail the sites that SCDC think are most suitable for development. It is not known at the moment if the sites above will be included in the consultation.

Gritting during icy weather

Cambridgeshire County Council will offer advice, training and provide some equipment for volunteers to spread grit in their own villages. Although it is hoped that we are over the coldest weather, if anyone wishes to volunteer for next winter please let the Clerk know. More information on the scheme can be read on the County Council's website

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/winter/Volunteerforwintergritting.htm>

Bus Subsidies - What You May Like to Know

The County Council subsidise 20% of public transport in Cambridgeshire at a cost of around £2.7 million per year. Work is already underway with operators to see if changes to routes and timetables could make some marginal subsidised journeys commercially viable and therefore reduce this financial commitment. Before any

subsidy is removed it is planned to carry out consultation to find out people's public transport needs. For more information contact Dan Clarke on 01223 729079.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Tuesday 5th June is an extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Some areas of the village are planning street parties. You can publicise these for your group of neighbours but you may be wondering if other people have the same idea. I am happy to serve as a communication point so we can work out who is organising street parties for which streets. You can contact me, Gill Pountain, on pountain.holes@talk21.com or 01954-719266 at 13 Church St, Bourn.

Ballroom and Latin

Another intermediate course will start in Bourn Village Hall in May. In September we plan to continue the intermediate group and start another beginners group, for absolute beginners or those needing a refresher course. If you are interested in any of these courses, please contact Gill Pountain, pountain.holes@talk21.com, 01954-719266 to receive further details nearer the time.

Bourn Sports Club

Friday 25 May BSC Quiz night (tickets from Kris Stutchbury 718554)

Friday 15 June Summer sports evening & picnic

Sunday 15 July Mixed tennis tournament

Sunday 23 Sept 'Bourn to Run' 10k and 3k runs

Street Dance Lessons for Boys and Girls age 8-11 Monday 5-6pm for 8 weeks - 14th May – 9th July 2012 (excluding half-term) Cost - £40 for Bourn Sports Club members & £45 for non-members. To book contact Gill Pountain. (Sports Club Membership is £10 per year for Juniors & £40 for Families.)

Tennis at Bourn

The tennis season is upon us and we hope we have something to suit everyone. We had a minor hiccup with the tennis practice wall which collapsed onto the courts, but thanks to sterling volunteer efforts it has all been cleared off and the courts are in use again. Gill Pountain (719266) is running Mini tennis on Sunday mornings, 10am-12 noon starting 6th May, and for adults and teenagers there are sessions on Wednesday evenings with Simon Nathan, starting on 8th May. As a prelude to those coaching sessions there is an opportunity for adult beginners and returners to have a taster session with Simon Nathan on Sunday 15th April, 3-5pm. Please get in touch with Elinor Cole (01223 262897) to register interest. The mixed tennis tournament will all be held on one day as a social event, Sunday 15th July. Kris and Neil Stutchbury (718554) are organising the men's, women's and mixed tennis teams this year.

Parish Council Contacts

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Vivien Bruce	16 Kingfisher Close	718221
Shaina Galvin	66 High Street	
Jim Hansford	Mill House, 49 Broadway	718074
Steve Jones	Rosemary and Lavender Cottage, Caxton End	719329
Gill Pountain	13 Church Street	719266
Xanthe Rees- Howell	Maple Lodge, The Drift	710042

All members belong to a working group or have an area of responsibility. For more information please see the village website.

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The Parish Council meets on the third Thursday in each month except August and December. The meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in the Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Bourn matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter will be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

The Parish Council's agenda and minutes are available at www.bourn.org.uk