

Bourn Parish Council Newsletter

March 2016

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Website: www.bourn.org.uk

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Jubilee Playing Field

On behalf of all Bourn residents, the Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers and local residents who regularly visit the field and play areas at the Jubilee ground and pick up litter, clear away broken glass and generally work to ensure that the area is kept in good order. This is done throughout the year without fanfare or fuss and deserves our appreciation. Thank you,

Parish Councillor Vacancies

There are currently vacancies for councillors on the Parish Council. If you would like to know more about the role and the work of the Council please contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the **third Wednesday of each month** (except August and December) **at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**. All parishioners 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 may be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting. If you want to raise a matter with the Council please write to or email the Parish Clerk.

Items for the Parish Council's consideration must be sent to the Parish Clerk seven clear days before the meeting.

Highways Working Group

The PC Highways Working Group is pleased to announce that the application we made to the County Council at the end of last year for a Small Highways Improvement Grant to create a 20mph zone on Short Street, Hall Close and Riddy Lane has been successful. The PC would like to thank all of you who signed the petition supporting this application.

The CC will be in touch with the Highways Working Group representative sometime in April to look at the project in detail, and will then give an indication of when the work is likely to be carried out. We will keep you updated on developments.

High Street (Chapel Hill) pavement

The main part of the first phase of the work has now been completed although the upper branches of the hedge above the new retaining wall still need to be cut back further and Balfour Beatty are in the process of moving the lamppost to the back of the pavement.

The upper part of the path which has the railings is “phase 2” and the PC will be looking at funding options in the near future, with the intention being to eventually have the retaining wall running the full length of the path.

Bus Stop Markings

The two “request” bus stops on the High Street and outside the Doctors' Surgery have now been officially marked. This is to enable the bus to pull in at the stops safely. Previously this was quite often impossible due to cars being parked in that area and people were unable to alight from the bus onto the footpath.

Cambridgeshire County Council Updates

#DanTheFraudster

Please be aware that fraudsters have been reported calling residents trying to get personal information and claiming they are from the County Council.

They say they are calling about an accident and may claim they have had the information from the NHS. They have gone by several names, including Daniel, but usually hang up when challenged.

Our advice to residents is always this:

- If someone says they are from the County Council, get their name and tell them you will call them back. Phone our General Enquiries line on 0345 045 5200 and ask to be put through to the named officer.
- Be wary of all unsolicited calls. They might start by asking about ‘your recent accident’ or ‘your recent fall’ or ‘your claim for PPI’ or ‘your computer problems’. They say it to everyone. They don’t know you.
- Don’t ever give out any personal or financial information over the phone.

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Be prepared for winter and beat the cold

Winter conditions can be seriously bad for our health, especially for those aged 65 or more, under 5 years old, and for people who have an ongoing health problem.

The cold weather can increase the risk of raising blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes. People with chest conditions are at particular at risk of becoming ill during periods of cold and damp weather, ice, snow and high winds.

But there are lots of things you can do to stay well this winter. Read below our simple tips about keeping warm and well.

- **Heat the home well:** Heat the home to a minimum of 18°C (65°F), and make sure you are dressed appropriately for the weather. Above this and people may be wasting money; below this and there is a risk health. This will keep the home warm and may lower the bills
- **Get financial support:** there are grants, benefits and sources of advice available to make the home more energy efficient, improve the heating, or help with bills. Find out about Warm Homes Grants for vulnerable individuals and families
- **Eat well and have plenty of fluids:** food and water are vital sources of energy; they help keep a person's body warm. People should make sure they and their family have hot meals and drinks regularly throughout the day
- **Get a flu jab:** certain groups can get free flu jabs to protect against seasonal flu, including the over 65s, pregnant women, people with a long term illness or if someone is the main carer of an elderly or disabled person. Free flu jabs are available from your GPs and some pharmacies.
- **Look after yourself and others:** on cold days try to avoid going outside. If a person does need to venture out, they need to wrap up warm and take care on slippery surfaces. Look out for an older or vulnerable neighbour or relative during this winter to make sure they are safe and well.

For further local information on staying warm and well this winter, including grants call 0345 6500 280.

Community Reach Fund

You can apply for up to £1000 from the Community Reach Fund to create positive activities for 0-19s and their families (up to 25 for young people with special educational needs or disabilities). There is no deadline as the fund is open all year round, so please contact your Youth and Community Coordinators (below) for an application form.

South Cambs - Amanda.Silvester@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

East Cambs - Darryl.Mcmurray@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Fenland - Donna.Barnes@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk or Lizzi.Wales@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Huntingdonshire - Alison.Preece@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or Julie.Gunn@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Cambridge City - Paul.Connelly@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Could you make a difference in 2016?

Cambridgeshire County Council has launched a campaign to urge anyone hoping to make a difference to the lives of others in 2016 to consider becoming a foster carer. [Continued overpage...]

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Across the county there is currently particular need for more people to care for older children and teenagers and more carers who are able to offer a home to two or more children from the same family are also needed to help prevent brothers and sisters being separated while they are in care. We welcome enquiries from people aged 21 and over who have a spare room in their home and feel they have the time, commitment and skills needed to foster.

To find out more, you can book a space at one of our forthcoming events, or request an information pack. Please call 0800 052 0078 or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering.

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