

# Bourn Parish Council Newsletter

## June 2016

**Welcome to our June newsletter.** In this issue we have information and updates on:

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The Chairman and Council would like to extend a warm welcome to our two new parish councillors, Annarita Demetriou and Mark Proud. Contact information for Annarita and Mark is provided at the end of the newsletter.

### **Chairman's report to the Annual Parish Meeting 18 May 2016**

#### **Councillors**

I would like to thank all the current councillors on Bourn Parish Council for all their hard work over the last year and welcome the two new councillors.

We still have some vacancies on the Parish Council, so please contact one of us or the Clerk if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

#### **Highways**

The first phase of work on widening the pavement and holding back the embankment on High Street opposite Chapel Bank has been completed, including resisting a poorly positioned lamp post. We have also been successful in obtaining a highways grant to introduce a 20 mph zone around Hall Close and Riddy Lane.

We have also had two 'Bus Stop' locations painted on the roads, which will help alleviate parking issues opposite the Willow Tree Pub and the Doctors Surgery. We have also erected a Parish Council notice board along Fox Road near the Old North Road to keep that part of Bourn informed.

Bourn to Run kindly donated the funds to replace the bench at Alms Hill.

#### **Play Equipment**

Frank Haxton and his team of volunteers have been continuing to carry out weekly checks on the various play equipment and make repairs as required.

We are now starting development of the Broadway Play Area after setting aside appropriate funds in our annual budget.

## Chairman's report to the Annual Parish Meeting 18 May 2016/Continued

### Finance

The parish precept for this year was set at £31,199. This is approximately the same as last year. The beneficiaries of the S137 donations this year were — Merrybourn Club, Bourn Scouts, Bourn PCC for the Village Hall and Churchyard grass cutting.

### Volunteers

BPC remains very grateful for the services of volunteers who assist us with our duties and give us helpful advice in their areas of expertise:

Engineering and maintenance:	Frank Haxton
Tree Warden:	Hilary Gretton
Bourn Brook:	Nigel Ball
Public Rights of Way:	Angela Marchant and Graham Bruce

**Neil Blair - Chairman**

## 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.**

## Planning Update

### Bourn Airfield/West Cambourne Proposed Developments

Bourn Parish Council convenes the Coalition of Parish Councils, a group of 20 parish councils formed to oppose new housing developments in the A428 corridor. We are concerned that if new housing developments like West Cambourne and Bourn Airfield go ahead life will become intolerable in Bourn and nearby villages as increasing numbers of commuters 'rat run' from the A428 to the M11 at Barton on their way to new employment opportunities at the biomedical park and other sites south of Cambridge. The Coalition is lobbying for construction of an all-ways interchange at Girton, which would enable A428 traffic to turn south on the M11, which it cannot do at present.

The Examination in Public starts again on 7th June with an examination of objectively assessed housing need. The 8th June sees a review of both Councils' 5-year housing land supply and the proposed Joint Housing Trajectory, and finally on 9 June 2016 there is further consideration of the Green Belt Review methodology. The summer will be taken up with an examination of Cambridge City's Local Plan. Watch out for updates on the SCDC plan in the Autumn.



## Electoral Review and Ward Boundary Changes

The Local Government Boundary Commission is carrying out a review of the South Cambs District Council area. The purpose is to "recommend ward boundaries that mean each councillor represents approximately the same number of voters". These arrangements are open for consultation. The consultation closes on the 25th of July. Details of the proposal and access to the online consultation are available here: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/eastern/cambridgeshire/south-cambridgeshire>

The current plan proposes Bourn becoming part the Caldecote Ward alongside Caldecote, Childerley, Kingston, Little Gransden and Longstowe. It was generally felt that Bourn made a better fit with surrounding villages rather than staying with a growing Cambourne. People are encouraged to look at the proposal and make any comments via the link shown above. Please do also share your views with the PC in order that our representation on this matter reflects local opinion.

## Annual Report from Bourn Sports Club

Bourn Sports Club continued in 2015/16 to pursue active participation by all in the village, with a focus upon children, in a variety of sports.

The high quality tennis courts remain the centrepiece of the club and many of the village's children have received coaching in the last year. Adult coaching courses are also available. An adult mixed-doubles competition is again running in 2016, after a break of a few years.

A cricket net was purchased in 2015. This has proven to be a success with regular organised nets for adults and teenagers. It is also pleasing to see the net being used ad-hoc by people at the recreation ground from beginners to county coaches.

Encouraging children's participation in sport is key to the club. Coaching in cricket and other sports is provided for children in during the summer months. Teenagers are active participants in Thursday evening football. And the annual village sports day in July has events for adults and children alike.

The finances of the club remain healthy with significant income streams being membership fees and a regular donation from the Bourn to Run event. A major revamp of the tennis courts will be necessary within 5-10 years. This is being planned for financially.

I would like to thank all those on the committee who give their time to make this all possible.

**Giles Nelson**  
Chairman, Bourn Sports Club

## Bourn Sports - Forthcoming Events

Sunday 26th June - Cricket Match v Longstowe  
Saturday 9th July - Summer Sports Event  
Sunday 18th September - Chariots of Fire  
Sunday 25th September - Bourn to Run

See the Sports Club section of the village website for details - [www.bourn.org](http://www.bourn.org)

## Hall Close Play Area

We would like to remind everyone of the need to keep all dogs on a lead whilst walking through the Hall Close/Riddy Lane Children's Play Area. A new sign has been put up to replace the previous sign which had been removed and destroyed by someone who, presumably, took exception to it.

The whole field, including the five-a-side football pitch and the undergrowth between the field and The Riddy track is for children to enjoy. They, and their parents, should not have to worry about what irresponsible dog owners allow their dogs to do, especially those who fail to clear up after their dogs in the area. There is a 'dog poo' bin near the school bus stop at that end of the play area for this purpose.



## Cambridgeshire Insight Annual Public Health Report 2015-16

Many of the factors that affect people's health start at a very local level, based on the opportunities and lifestyles in the communities where we live. The Annual Public Health Report for Cambridgeshire 2015-2016 looks at health issues at a local level, providing a series of 'health maps' of the county broken down into individual electoral wards. It also provides brief case studies of what can be done at community level to support healthy lifestyles and wellbeing. To access the report see our website [www.bourn.org](http://www.bourn.org).



Cambridgeshire Insight  
Health & wellbeing

## Cambridgeshire County Council Bulletin

### Have you put your items in the right recycling bin?

Residents are being asked to put the right things in the food and garden recycling bins after plastic and biobags, clothes, garden pots and even toasters have been found. Last year it cost the County Council £220,000 to address because people put the wrong thing in the bin.

Wrap your food in newspaper, put it in paper caddy liners or place it loose in the bin. Biobags do not break down fully in the fast composting process, and should not be used. In just 8 weeks we turn your food and garden waste into compost that can be used on gardens or by local farmers. To see how, watch our three minute video on [www.recap.co.uk](http://www.recap.co.uk).

If you are unsure what goes in the bin please visit our website [www.recap.co.uk](http://www.recap.co.uk). Thank you for recycling.

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## Cambridgeshire County Council Bulletin/Continued

### Cambridgeshire Shared Lives for Older People

Shared Lives for Older People provides overnight respite short breaks within the carer's own home rather than the traditional residential setting.

The scheme follows a careful matching process looking at carers' strengths, knowledge and personalities, matching these to the needs of the older person. This ensures the older person is comfortable and is given choice about who provides their respite care and that the carer feels able to fully support the person staying with them.

We provide visits for the older person to become familiar with the carer and their home before committing to an overnight stay. This alternative to residential respite service offers more choice and control over how the older person plans their own support.

### Do I need experience or qualifications?

We are looking for people who have patience, empathy, a sense of humour and the ability to help individuals meet the challenges presented by everyday life. You will need to have either some formal or informal caring experience - however you will receive professional training tailored to our service needs. In line with the Safeguarding Adults, all Shared Lives carers are required to undergo screening checks through the Disclosure and Barring Service and will include seeking references from relevant people that know you.

### Are Shared Lives carers paid?

Shared Lives carers receive an allowance of £75.00 for an overnight stay. One of the many benefits of being a Shared Lives carer is that you will be eligible for a tax break; you would be self-employed and registered with HMRC. Full information will be provided.

### Are you interested?

Please contact the Shared Lives Co-ordinator:  
Hayley Bradshaw

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## Planning Updates

### Examination of the Local Plan

On 20 May 2015, the Inspectors issued a [letter](#) outlining some preliminary conclusions following the joint hearings that have been undertaken as the first part of the examinations of the Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans. The examinations have been suspended to give time for further work to be undertaken by the two Councils.

The Inspectors' letter sets out their preliminary conclusions and allows the Councils scope to address their concerns as part of moving the Local Plans forward towards adoption. The Councils want to ensure that the next steps are fully considered, including any additional modifications and public consultation that might be required as a result of the additional work that the Inspectors have asked for. The Councils will be considering over the coming weeks the scope of the work required and a timetable for it in order to respond to the Inspectors' letter.



## Cambridgeshire County Council Bulletin/Continued

### A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

An application for a Development Consent Order to build the A14 improvement scheme was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by the Highways Agency (now known as Highways England) on 31 December 2014

The Planning Inspectorate has issued a notification (Rule 8 letter) to interested parties which sets out the timetable for the examination including deadlines for receipt of detailed written representations, the local impact report and for comments on others' representations. The timetable also sets out when hearings and site visits will be held. The notification is also published on the [project page](#) and available on request from [A14CambridgetoHuntingdon@pins.qsi.gov.uk](mailto:A14CambridgetoHuntingdon@pins.qsi.gov.uk).

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Strategic Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder at his meeting on 27 May 2015 considered a report about the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement Scheme Development Consent Order Application where he agreed the Council's response to the application to the Planning Inspectorate.

### Bourn Twinning Association - Village French Day

As our twinned village of St.Papoul hold an "English Day" each year, where the whole village enjoy an English meal and play various English games, the Bourn Twinning Association decided that, not to be outdone, we would hold a village "French day"! This is taking place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July at Manor Farm, with fun and activities for all the family.

The fun starts at 3pm with our Ooh La La for Kids. There will be various activities including a mini treasure hunt with a chance for children to learn some French words and to try their hand at both French and English games including Boules, French Cricket, Quoits and Giant Jenga. The cost is £3 per child (pay at door), and refreshments (soft drinks and cake) will be available. Parents are also welcome to take part.

The fun continues at 6:30pm for adults and older children, with our Ooh La La Dinner. There will be a glass of sparkling wine on arrival followed by a three-course French themed meal (don't worry, no frogs or snails) and live music. There will be a cash bar and you can also try your hand at Boules.

Tickets for the evening are £17.50 per person. Please contact either Jill & Gareth 01954 718946, Vivien & Graham 01954 718221 or Julie & James 01954 719395 to reserve your place. We look forward to seeing you.



## Cam Valley Forum Update

### CVF Summer Walk 24 May 2016 - The Bourn Brook

It is a truth universally acknowledged that the Cam and all its tributaries have been extensively 'channelised': widened, deepened, and straightened, usually with the result of pushing the problem of flooding further downstream. The direct evidence for this cannot usually be seen where stream banks are sandy or gravelly, or covered in vegetation, but in the photo, below left, the ruler-straight heavy clay bank of the Bourn brook bears the unmistakeable curved imprints of the scooping actions of a JCB stationed on the opposite bank, more than 30 years ago. Many CVF newsletters have illustrated projects designed in the last 10 years or so to try to return channel shape and stream flow to their natural states.

In the last two decades the Countryside Restoration Trust has buffered the brook against pesticides and fertiliser by returning arable on the floodplain back to permanent wildflower hay meadows (see the pink campion making its vivid contribution amidst other less welcome visitors, in the photo below right), and by planting willows harvested every two years for hedge laying and willow products. Topics ranged from mink control, crayfish and Himalayan balsam, to the thriving water voles, restoration of veteran willow pollards, a planted hedgerow, and local improvement to the dredged stream channel by infilling with cobbles to raise the stream bed and oxygenate the water. It was not practicable to reinstate an artificially cut-off meander because the dredged, straightened channel was now too low. One of the main polluters is the sewage works at Bourn.

Though the eager group was treated to a profusion of bird life, the resident barn owl decided not to appear. As refreshments were being served at dusk, bats began their darting and swooping overhead. Two days later one of the local elusive otters was spotted. Small parts of the Cam Valley are in good health; and in good hands.



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