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# Bourn Parish Council Newsletter

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## Bourn Airfield - Countryside Properties Consultation

Bourn Airfield developers, Countryside Properties, attended a consultation meeting with the Parish Council on 5<sup>th</sup> March. This was to discuss concerns regarding the impact to local roads and traffic presented by the new development.

The Parish Council is extremely concerned about the mitigation measures Countryside are proposing (which just include monitoring traffic through the village) and unconvinced of the accuracy of the traffic metrics upon which they are basing their mitigation proposals. Their proposal includes an intention to create a modal shift of commuting from cars to buses from 4% to 30% to ease congestion. To date this has not been achieved in comparable developments and seems highly ambitious.

Whilst seeking to assure the Parish Council on the one hand that there would be no adverse impact through the village and on local roads in rush hour, on the other they confirmed that the tolerance /capacity levels on the Cambourne and Hardwick-Dry Drayton roundabouts and routes into Cambridge will be much higher than they are now.

It is inevitable that these routes will become seriously congested when both West Cambourne and Bourn Airfield are built out. When challenged on this, their Transport Consultant confirmed that traffic would be adversely affected but said this would not be considered a problem unless the government's definition of "severe harm" was reached. This is a very low bar and is ill-defined. Essentially, we were told this is happening, traffic through the village and on access roads to employment centres will be significantly affected, and that we need to "live with it".

The Parish Council is continuing with steps to challenge the adverse impact on our village.

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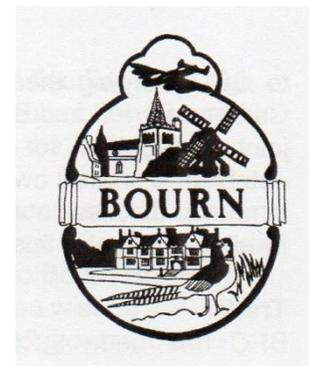
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## Village Defibrillators

### First Aid training and second defibrillator



The Parish Council is providing a second defibrillator for the village, which will be installed on the outside of the pavilion on the Jubilee Playing Field. Forty villagers attended two training sessions run by the East Anglia Air Ambulance last month. This popular event involved basic training in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) using dummies, followed by training in the use of the defibrillator. The Parish Council would like to thank Alan Ward for organising the two training sessions.

Our current defibrillator is located on the outside of the village hall and is easily visible from Short Street by the shop.

If you find you have to use it in an emergency, **please call 999 and ask for the ambulance service. If they determine that a defibrillator could be helpful, they will give you the access code to open the cabinet.** The shop, nursery school and surgery also have the code.

## Re-introducing Speedwatch

The Parish Council has committed to funding a new Speedwatch initiative in the village following concerns about an increase in speeding vehicles

through the village. Initiated and supported by local volunteers, the first training session was held in March. Further training dates are being added. If you would like to join the team of volunteers please contact the Parish Clerk (details below). The Parish Council would like to offer particular thanks to Bourn resident Natasha Dann for initiating this new initiative.



## Bourn Sports Club News

### Anyone for tennis?

The sun is out, the courts are dry, so come and play some tennis! Even Andy Murray is back on court after his hip surgery. The Sports Club is resurfacing the courts this month so they will be in pristine condition for the upcoming season. A number of women already play tennis regularly on Tuesdays and Fridays, so if you would like to join them, please contact Gill Pountain ([pountain.holes@talk21.com](mailto:pountain.holes@talk21.com)).



Gill also runs a mini-tennis and junior coaching on Sunday mornings in term time and Rilla Molnar ([rilluci@hotmail.com](mailto:rilluci@hotmail.com)) runs coaching for adults on Tuesday evenings and Thursdays until 6:15pm. Please

contact Gill or Rilla if you or your children would like some coaching.

We are also organising men's, mixed and ladies' teams in the Business House League this year, a friendly competition between local villages. We would love to hear from you if you would like to play. In addition to the ladies' sessions, we will be organising regular weekly sessions for the men on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm starting later in May, when the courts are painted and dry. If you would like to join in, please contact Neil Stutchbury ([neil.stutchbury@btinternet.com](mailto:neil.stutchbury@btinternet.com)) for the men's team, Andy Weise ([andyweise@btinternet.com](mailto:andyweise@btinternet.com)) for the mixed team and Alison Elliott ([apelliott60@me.com](mailto:apelliott60@me.com)) for the ladies team.

### Open Day

To celebrate the opening of the newly re-surfaced tennis courts, there will be an Open Day at the courts on Sunday June 2nd 2-4pm, for anyone, of any age, who wants to come along and have a go or meet the coaches.

If you would like to become a member or find out more about membership benefits, email Lottie Phillips at: [bournsportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:bournsportsclub@gmail.com)

## Parish Clerk Vacancy

Bourn Parish Council requires a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to provide professional support and guidance in all aspects of the Council's work. The job is based at home and for 13 hours each week. The job gives and requires flexibility on when the hours are worked with attendance required at each monthly meeting in Bourn (excluding August and December).

We are looking for an enthusiastic, friendly and self-motivated person with good interpersonal, verbal,

written and IT skills. This should include proficiency in MS Word and Excel and experience in taking minutes, book-keeping/accounts, preparing reports, dealing with correspondence and record keeping.

The successful applicant will hold the Certificate in Local Council Administration OR be willing to obtain it.

Salary is on the scale recommended for local council clerks (as agreed between the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) ) at LC2, typically SCP 26 (£12.16/hr) depending on experience.

For more information and an application pack (which includes job description, person specification and application form) please go to <https://bit.ly/2pK3pa5>

References will be required.

## 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 (please note that after this time, further comments or questions are not permitted when the meeting is in progress). 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 email the Parish Clerk.

Items for the Parish Council's consideration must be sent to the Parish Clerk seven clear days before the meeting. Minutes and agendas can be found on the Council's website <http://www.bourn.org.uk> and on the village noticeboards.

## Newsletter distribution

The Parish Council delivers a copy of the June newsletter to each household in the village. At all other times a limited number of printed copies will be available at the village notice boards, Hall Close Community Centre, the local shop, the Doctors' Surgery and Knibbs the butchers, for collection.

We are encouraging residents to sign up to receive our quarterly newsletters

by email. Please contact Cllr Jagers at [sarah.jagers2@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.jagers2@gmail.com) to be added to the email distribution list or if you would a large print copy delivered.

Alternatively they can be downloaded from the Parish Council's website -

<http://www.bourn.org.uk>

## Website

### New website for Bourn

Bourn is getting a new website! The Parish Council is developing the new website for the village to replace the current one that is rather dated and difficult to maintain. We hope to introduce a fresh feel to the pages, which will cover news, upcoming events, village clubs and activities, the goings on of the Parish Council, and links to local amenities and businesses. The team is led by Sarah Jagers, ably assisted by Les Rolfe and Neil Stutchbury and the Council has appointed local website company Yowly to build the pages. If you have an idea or want to be involved in testing the new website, please contact one of the team (contact details below).

In the meantime, do continue to visit <http://www.bourn.org.uk> for information on the village and local events.



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## Parish Clerk

While we appoint our new Parish Clerk, you may contact our temporary clerk, Cllr Les Rolfe, by email at [bournpcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:bournpcclerk@gmail.com)