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**A PEACEFUL AND HAPPY EASTER
TO EVERYONE**

Mobile Library Times April 2018

April 12, 26	Zeals	43 Zeals Rise School	10.10-10.30 am 10.35-11.15 am
April 12, 26	Kilmington	Home Gd Club	11.25-11.35 am

Greetings from Graham

Dear Friends,

Easter or Christmas?

I remember hearing Arsene Wenger (at the time of writing, still the manager of Arsenal Football Club) once say in an interview, "Christmas is significant, Easter is decisive." He was, of course, talking about winning the Premiership (this was some time ago...!), but what an insightful statement about our faith too.

Christmas is significant. At Christmas we celebrate an amazing event in history. God came into the world as a human baby. So normal, hardly anyone noticed. The only visitors were a group of shepherds and some mysterious travellers from the east.

"Christmas is significant. But Easter is decisive." Easter changes everything. In his death on the cross, Jesus pays the price for our failures and sins. In his resurrection, he proclaims victory over death. Now it need no longer be the final enemy, but a gateway to eternity.

Why not come and hear more this Easter Sunday – 6am with breakfast at Kilmington or 10.00am at Zeals. It could be decisive!

Annual Meeting

What's been going on in Upper Stour in the last year? Where does all the money come from? And where does it go? What plans are there for the future of our churches? Who is going to represent you as Church Warden, and committee members?

Come and find out at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on April 26th at 7pm in Whitesheet School in Zeals (just past the Post Office and garage). If you would like to take part in the main meeting, you will need to join the Church Electoral Roll if you are not already a member. Forms are at each church, or available from the parish office (*see also page 15*).

And finally

A couple had been married for 25 years and were celebrating their 60th birthdays, which fell on the same day. During the celebration, a genie appeared and said that because they had been such a loving couple for so long, she would give them one wish each. The wife wanted to travel around the world. The genie waved his hand, and suddenly she had the tickets in her hand.

The husband paused for a moment, then said shyly, "Well, if it were possible, I'd like to have a wife 30 years younger than me."

The genie did his magic, and suddenly he was ninety.

Your friend in Christ,

Graham

Rev Graham Perryman

St George's 100 Club

February results

1st prize: Michael Salisbury

2nd prize: Jenny Lucas

The new subscription year starts on 1 April and all current members should have by now received their renewal notice.

New members welcome.

Contact:

Mrs Ruth Burrows
(01747 840371)

St Martin's Millennium Club

March winners

C Spencer

G Jackson

D Turner

J Rowe

The April draw will be on
5th April at Zeals Motors

Contact Nigel Blackmore
01747 841110
SDC Lott 842

The Stourton Memorial Hall

in Stourton Village, next door to the Spread Eagle

The Stourton Memorial Hall is looking for a new Hall Manager/Caretaker. This is a paid role which occupies about five hours a week in total - although it is rather bitty.

Suitable for a local person who is able to show people round and pop down to resolve the small issues that crop up. We are after somebody who is friendly, practical, can sort stuff out, is good at juggling things and computer savvy.

If that sounds like you then please ring/email

Johnnie Gallop 07930 531231 – 01747 841565 jgallop66@gmail.com

Kilmington and Stourton Women's Institute

The next meeting is on Tuesday 24th April when the speaker will be Liz Prest on "Using Colour and Style to Look Great".

The WI meets every fourth Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise stated) at Stourton Memorial Hall @ 7.30pm.

For further information contact:

Secretary: Caroline Harris 07795 180845 or Jane Parker 01985 844248

Green Fingers : April

Tips from the not so green fingered

Not much sign of spring yet, but let's hope it will arrive soon. You will know when it does as the weeds, being opportunist plants, will appear, so try and keep them under control.

Top tips for April:

- 1 Protect fruit blossom from late frosts.
- 2 Tie in clematis and roses.
- 3 Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wildflower seeds.
- 4 Feed hungry shrubs and roses.
- 5 Sow new lawns and repair bald patches.
- 6 Remove faded daffodil flowers.

And perhaps "April showers will bring the Flowers" to our gardens .
Happy Easter !

Pippa Schofield

BOURTON GARDENING CLUB

APRIL 2018 MEETING

Wednesday 18th April

7.30 pm Bourton Village Hall

Kingston Lacy through the year

Andrew Hunt

Visitors welcome

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contact Sharron McVie St Anthonys House, Bourton,
SP8 5AP

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Contact David Corbin (01747 840847) in the first instance to ask for details, answer a short questionnaire and discuss the arrangements.

Kilmington Home Guard Club Rescheduled Annual General Meeting

To be held on **Friday 6th April at 8.30pm.**

All welcome to attend to raise any matters or comments you may have and a chance to elect the committee members.

We hope to see you there.

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Zeals Soup Lunch

The next Zeals soup lunch will be on Monday 16th April in Zeals Village Hall at 12.30 pm. There will be homemade soup and bread, cheese and biscuits, fruit, and coffee or tea with cake or cookies. The cost is £3. If you would like transport to the hall, please contact Sue Evans on 01747 840600.

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News from Stourhead

The opening of the house for the season has been very successful, with many visitors complimenting the new presentation, and commenting on how different the house feels. Many of our teams are also commenting on elements of the collection that they have re-discovered and seen in a new light, as well as elements of the collection that have been in storage for a number of years.

In March, a pair of busts returned to the Pantheon. They were sent away to be conserved and then were kept in store, but they were a welcome return to the team here and we hope that our visitors will love to see them back where they belong.

This time of year signifies spring, but the last month has thrown harsh weather conditions our way, with snow bringing closures to the property. Whilst the snow brings a new level beauty to the property it also brings many challenges.



When adverse weather hits, there are miles of paths to keep clear, snow and ice free, as well needing to make sure that our staff, volunteers and visitors aren't putting themselves at risk by travelling to Stourhead. The commercial elements of Stourhead are also affected by the snow, with fresh deliveries from our suppliers also being affected.

If you are keen to find out more about Stourhead or get involved in the work that we do, we have lots of volunteering opportunities across the property. Please do contact me. We look forward to seeing you at Stourhead again soon.

Charlotte Toop, Marketing and Communications Officer
charlotte.toop@nationaltrust.org.uk or 01747 842021



VILLAGE UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

Bourton vs Kilmington vs Stourton vs Zeals
which village team is sharpest on the buzzer ?

SATURDAY APRIL 28TH
BOURTON VILLAGE HALL

Questions set and posed by our own Jeremy Paxman
aka **George Bullivant**

Doors and Bar open at 7.00
light refreshments

Tickets £10

from Bourton and Zeals shops

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proceeds to parish funds

Parish Magazine Annual Report

Given in church by the Editor on 4th March 2018

My aim has always been to give the magazine a somewhat wider appeal. In 2009 the magazine was 16 pages with the church services listed on the front and honestly not a great deal inside. It is now 24 pages (sometimes 28), which contain contributions about farming, gardening, cooking, local events, parish council reports etc. I think and hope this has helped to put an end to what I am assured was the fairly widespread experience of our distributors where the lucky recipients simply put it straight into the bin!

This is not to say that the church matters are not important – of course they most certainly are, and not just as a source of information on Services, church meetings, church fundraisers etc, but also for contributions from Graham and others on faith, worship and spiritual matters. It is after all a church magazine.

The balance of content versus advertising can be tricky, but a bonus has been that, with not much effort from me, the commercial advertising contained in the magazine has become extremely healthy, to the point that not only does the PCC no longer have to fund it, but last year the magazine account was able to give £1,000 back to the parish, and, even better, this year £1,500 was transferred to PCC funds. However I am mindful that we do not want the content to be overwhelmed with advertising, so if you feel the balance is wrong, please do let me know.

It is always excellent to receive articles/ideas from any of you, and I am so grateful to those who regularly contribute, and also to those who give me a steer from time to time on what they would like to see. I would like to have more from Stourton, Zeals and Kilmington. I receive a good deal from Bourton on upcoming events, not least because they don't have their own magazine, and of course that is splendid, but sometimes I think we need a bit more of a spread over our four villages.

I am always open to any suggestions as to how things could be improved, what else to cover etc. I really want to know and I can't know unless you tell me. I welcome criticism, suggestions, proposals etc., although maybe avoiding repetition of the remarks of a friend who was recently perusing our magazine and wanting to compare it with theirs. His comment at the end was along the lines of "the trouble with church magazines is that they are basically seriously boring". This was not exactly a boost to the self confidence, but if you think that of ours, please tell me – although perhaps express it more gently!

I am very indebted to Graham for his contribution, including checking and proofreading, and I also thank Carol Affleck for all her work on the distribution side, *and* to our stoical army of distributors who deliver to each of the homes in the parish in all winds and weathers. And also to Sue Evans for being deputy editor and for her contributions over school matters.

Please don't forget to let me know what you think.

Celia Cotton

Parish Fundraising

October Catering

This year the parish's main fundraising effort will be concentrated on three days at the end of October – Friday 26th, Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th October, when we shall be providing refreshments for visitors at Stourton Memorial Hall.

May Flower Gala and Teas in St Peter's

We will not be doing the parish catering in Stourton Hall at the end of May as we have before, but instead will be providing teas etc in St Peter's Church to coincide with the Flower Gala on 26th – 28th May. Also in church we will have a stall selling jams, marmalades, and plants. This stall will be run by Sue Evans who would like contributions from the parish if possible. Please contact her on 01747 860600 or smebad@btinternet.com



Thanks to the commitment and energy of many supporters, **Ride+Stride 2017** raised about **£54,000** for Wiltshire's Churches, and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust was able to make grants totalling £74,500. This year's Ride+Stride takes place on **Saturday 8th September**, and we are asking you to ensure that the date is in your church diary and to drum up support from your PCC and congregation. Any enquiries to Charles Graham, 3 Elcot Orchard, Marlborough, SN8 2BJ. Email: ctg100@hotmail.com, or local parish information from Jane Joyce j-joyce@dircon.co.uk or 01747 840 149

Samara's Aid : January collection

Thank you so much to all those who donated items to our January collection, especially for the really beautiful quality of the clothes. We received some wonderful care packs and dignity bags and it was with warm hearts (although in a slightly chilly St. George's), that we packed them. The rain held off for the lorry loading which left us almost full at 900 boxes, 100 of which were through this parish.

Unfortunately we had a very low turnout at our Information Evening in November, which was a shame as it is wonderful to see what is being achieved and what an extraordinary difference we can make. However, we received some very generous donations towards the hospitals at the time.

Our fund raising/donations given towards the costs of transit have not been very healthy this time. We would be grateful for any fundraising ideas.

The next collection will be in mid May.

Georgie Denison-Pender

SERVICES FOR APRIL 2018



Sunday 1st Easter Sunday
6.00 am Sonrise at St Mary's Kilmington
10.00 am All Age Holy Communion at St Martin's Zeals
followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 8th Easter 2
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St George's Bourton
led by Rev Peter Lewis
10.00 am US@10 Family Service at St George's Bourton
led by Caroline Worthington

Sunday 15th Easter 3
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Mary's Kilmington

Sunday 22nd Easter 4
10.00am Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals
Preacher: Mona Tyler LLM

Sunday 29th Easter 5
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Peter's Stourton
Baptism of Martha Finch (Harris)
4.00 pm Songs of Praise at St Peter's Stourton

May 2018

Sunday 6th Rogation Sunday
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals with
Sunday School

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Weekday Prayers

Mondays 9 am	Morning Prayer (CW) at St George's Bourton
Wednesdays 5.00 pm	Prayer Time at St Martin's Zeals
Thursdays 9 am	Morning Prayer (BCP) at St Mary's Kilmington
Fridays 8.30 am	Morning Prayer at St Peter's Stourton

A Farewell Service for The Rt Revd Dr Edward Condry, Bishop of Ramsbury

Sunday 15 April, 6pm

Choral Evensong at St John's Devizes, SN10 1PA

Refreshments will be served in church after the service.

If anyone wishes to donate towards a gift, please send a cheque made out to Salisbury DBF - marked 'Bishop Ed' on the reverse – to Lucinda Herklots at Church House, Salisbury SP1 2QB

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will be held on Thursday 26th April at 7pm at Whitesheet School Hall in Zeals. Everyone is most welcome to attend this meeting

Church Electoral Roll

Prior to the APCM the Electoral Roll will be updated. Any **NEW** person wishing to be entered should complete a form available from any of the four churches or from me. Forms will be collected or handed in to the Parish Office before 11th April 2018. This is not required if you are already on the Roll.

Elizabeth Hames 01985 844971 / elizabeth.hames@hotmail.co.uk

BOURTON 1914 - 1918

Commemorating & celebrating the men, women and children who contributed to the war effort.

Exhibition launch: Friday 27th April 2018 6 ~ 8pm

St George's Church, Bourton

Free entry – Glass of wine

For further details: t: 01747 840470; e: sue@eisw.org.uk

Funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, Dorset Rural Arts Fund & Bourton Parish Council

Armistice Centenary

On 11th November this year we are hoping to get our four churches to ring their bells twice for the Armistice 100 year anniversary. We would be grateful if any lapsed ringers would get in touch with David Gatehouse ([07973106470](tel:07973106470)) or Jenny Lucas ([01747 840 465](tel:01747840465) / lucas893@btinternet.com).

St George's Day Lunch

The St. George's day lunch will be held in Bourton School Hall
on Sunday 22nd April at 12.30pm

The tickets are £10 from Bourton Garage
or from Caroline Worthington tel 01747 840266

Bourton Village Hall

FILM NIGHT TUESDAY APRIL 10TH

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

Starring: Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz and
Derek Jacobi

ARCHIVE FILM NIGHT SATURDAY APRIL 14TH

Historic film from Dorset Somerset and Wiltshire with a folk singer and
instrumentalist

Doors and Bar open 7.00pm and Films start 7.30pm

Tickets from Bourton and Zeals Garages

Make Allowances for the Broken Ones

Tugging and tugging will sometimes help to pull laces through eyelets so that they can be tied that bit tighter. Sometimes....but not always. Sometimes laces that have been tugged and tugged can stand no more and they break.

Oh the frustration. Now there is only a bit of a bootlace which cannot do a proper job. The only work it can do is what its length, substantially reduced, can offer.

See the broken person. He cannot do a proper job: the only work he can do is what his state, now reduced, allows. Oh the frustration. Oh the temptation to become judgemental.

Make allowances for the broken people who do their best but fall short of what is expected of them or what is needed. Remember that you or others could have tugged and tugged at them until they could stand the strain no longer and now they have reached breaking point.

Have compassion on those who cannot cope, for one day this could be even you.

Mona Tyler LLM

Country Calendar: April

"A gush of bird song, a patter of dew
A cloud and a rainbow's warning;
Suddenly sunshine and perfect blue
An April day in the morning!"

Harriet Prescott Spofford

Thanks to the Beast from the East we were frozen solid for several days, having continually to carry buckets of hot water to unfreeze water troughs and pipes. Snow drifts everywhere coupled with the effects of the freezing rain made working conditions extremely hazardous. We were so relieved when temperatures started to rise again and normal duties were not such a challenge.

The weather certainly rules our lives and we are hoping for a dry and settled period so we can get on with the land work, drilling and fertilizing. Goliath, our ram, has duly done his duty, and the first spring lambs are now being born, I love hearing the first bleats of the newly born lambs and their mothers' call in return. The cattle are still inside and waiting patiently for turnout into the spring grass. My swallows usually arrive around the 14th April. I so look forward to their return, which will mark the end of this seemingly never ending winter!

We have had many kind words regarding our TB break down, and it is humbling to know that so many of you feel our pain and frustration too. We are about to have another test and we are trying to be positive. *Oh no Harry* is thriving and growing into quite a handsome little bull and he is already showing promise for next year's showing season, we hope ...!

Jane Parker

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News from Parish Councils

Bourton

The Secretary of State is to move forward with forming two unitary councils to replace the existing two-tier system of nine councils. The future plans for Dorset will mean the end of both North Dorset District Council and Dorset County Council and the formation of a new unitary council to cover most of Dorset. Further details can be found at <https://futuredorset.co.uk>.

Concerns have again been raised regarding the amount of dog mess, particularly on Brickyard Lane. There was a large amount of dog faeces left recently by the lower pedestrian gate at the school, just before the school run had begun. Dog owners - please pick up after your dog and either dispose of it in one of the many designated bins or take it home and dispose of it with domestic waste.

The future of the Parish Bier was discussed at the last Parish meeting. It is currently kept inside St George's church but the church will shortly be undergoing some renovations and the bier is taking up too much room. Therefore the bier will need to be stored elsewhere or sold. The final decision on what is to happen with the bier will be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting, taking place in the village hall on 26th March at 7pm.

Eve Wynn, Bourton Parish Clerk: 07702 709 557

Jack & the Beanstalk

The Bourton Players yet again surpassed themselves with all the hard work involved in turning out another first class panto. It could be the lighting man up his rickety tower at the back of the hall, it might have been the wardrobe mistresses with nimble fingers sewing away into the cold snowy nights, or perhaps the Rev 'Scott Joplin' on the P.I.A.N.O. But what about the enormous cast of the very old and very young, all trying hard to learn and remember their lines? The thespians and their back up teams worked so hard to put on another wonderful panto. Well done all: you came and gave us your best. For those of us who watched your riveting performances, well done and a huge thank you.

Simon Firbank, Chairman, Bourton Parish Council

Kilmington

The Parish Council met on 8th March, their meeting of 1st March having been postponed due to the snow. The Parish Clerk, Lindsey Wood, retired at this meeting, and the Chairman thanked her very warmly on behalf of the Council for her outstanding contribution, and as a token of their appreciation the PC presented her with a gift. Ruth Burrows was welcomed as the new Clerk. Among items on the agenda were the parking problem outside the playing field, the grant application for the SID, and the Wiltshire Local Plan Review. A full report of the meeting will be in the May edition of the magazine.

Graham Cotton, Chairman

Stourton with Gasper

The rescheduled meeting of the PC took place on Thursday 15 March. Discussions have taken place with Wiltshire Council regarding signs to reduce traffic speed on Bells Lane. It may be possible to have the word "SLOW" painted on the road in both directions before the entrance to the National Trust overflow parking area. The PC agreed this would be a way forward and Cllr Marks will now go back to David Button although, due to financial constraints, nothing will be possible until after April.

The Clerk has continued to chase Wilts Council regarding the outstanding narrowing lines for repainting in Stourton Lane but no further news is currently available. Cllr Parker said that the application for a SWW Area Board grant has now been submitted for £1500 towards the purchase of a SID to be shared between Kilmington, Zeals and Stourton and Gasper.

There is nothing further to report on our request for double white lines on the Drove Lodge section of the B3092. The roadworks and closure of the High Street/Bonham Hanging did not take place on 5-6 March due to the bad weather and will be rescheduled. One tonne of salt was eventually made available to the PC just before the recent bad weather. The Clerk will put together a Snow Plan for next winter and have it signed off by Wilts Council to try to avoid a repeat of the problems experienced this year.

Finally, it is with much regret that we have to announce the resignation of Cllr Harry Parker who has decided to step down after 35 years of loyal service to the Parish Council.

Ruth Burrows, Stourton with Gasper Parish Clerk

Zeals

At a well attended meeting earlier this month councillors debated a number of key issues of relevance to our community. Topics covered included responses from Wiltshire Council regarding maintenance tasks from throughout the village; an up-date on the defibrillator at Portnells Lane; the listing by Historic England of the War Memorial on the Green; a discussion of the possibility of temporary 20 mph speed limits within the vicinity of Whitesheet Academy; the formation of a 'Greener Zeals' group of volunteers; a community litter picking venture later on this month as part of the Great British Clean Up and, finally, issues associated with parking beside the allotments on New Road.

Very detailed minutes can be read on the website www.hugofox.com/communities/Zeals or viewed on the noticeboards in Zeals.

Please note that Wolverton Lane will be closed to through traffic for a period of 2 days starting on 24 April.

The next formal meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 10 May, this being the occasion of the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, finishing with the normal bi-monthly meeting afterwards. Proceedings will start at 6.30 pm.

Graham Edgar, Parish Clerk

Elizabeth Gittoes

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Zeals Walkers

We were unable to walk in March due to the snow. However the April walk around Shearwater is all booked and will be led by David and Jenny Hines.

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Snow, Snow and more Snow

I would like to thank all my neighbours who came to make sure I was OK during the bad weather: Richard Griffin who braved the blizzard and Karen Raymond who came bearing gifts from David Gatehouse. Right behind them were Chris and Graham Edgar to replace my milk order. I really appreciate their kindness.

It all reminded me of the winter of 1963. We lived in the hamlet of Simonsbath on Exmoor. All four roads into the village were blocked by snow. The Council tried to open them but as fast as they tried the snow blew back into bigger drifts. After a week the village was running short of supplies and the shop was nearly emptied. Supplies were reaching a farm about two miles away. Jack Hayes, the Fortescue Estate bailiff, and my father who ran the local pub assembled three tractors with trailer, the front one with a bucket on its front. We managed to get up onto the top fields where all the snow had been blown into the roads. When the wagon train came to a fence with a gate, the gate was taken off its hinges. The way was cleared and tractors chugged through until we reached the farm, where the supplies were waiting for us. We returned the way we came with the trailers full of supplies, and in the next few weeks the wagon train was repeated several times. It was not until the end of February that the Council managed to get one road open.

Colin Holman

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Regular Weekly Events

Weekdays	<p>Preschool</p> <p>The ZAC (Zeals Afterschool Club)</p>	<p>08.45 – 15.15 at the Preschool Playing Fields, West Bourton (term time only)</p> <p>daily 3.30 – 6 pm at Whitesheet school, Zeals. Contact Ross Coad 01747 841531</p>
Tue	<p>Pilates Tummies, Tiddlers & Toddlers</p>	<p>10 am – 11 am ZVH</p> <p>9.30 – 11.00 am at St. George's School Hall (term time only); entrance across the field.</p>
Wed	<p>Pilates Bell-ringing practice</p>	<p>9.15 – 10.15 a.m. ZVH</p> <p>7.30-9.00 pm at St Martin's Zeals fortnightly. Beginners and lapsed ringers welcome.</p>
Fri	<p>Friday Fun Club</p> <p>Beavers</p> <p>Cubs</p> <p>Choir Practice</p>	<p>10 – 11.30 am (term time) Whitesheet School (Zeals) Hall</p> <p>18.00-19.00 Bourton Village Hall Contact Anne Martin 07483 893006 anne.martin9@btinternet.com</p> <p>19.15-20.45 Bourton Village Hall Contact George Cadnam on 07718 785738 / gcadders@hotmail.com</p> <p>Most Fridays (6-7pm) at St Martin's Zeals. New singers welcome. Contact Tom Wheare 01747 840 622</p>

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Dates for your Diary : April 2018

2 nd	Shortmat Bowls 2.00pm, BVH	
3 rd	Craft and Chat 2.00pm, BVH	
5 th	Zumba 7.00pm, BVH	
6 th	Kilmington Home Guard Club AGM, 8.30 pm	page 7
9 th	Bourton Village Lunch 12.30pm, BVH	
	Shortmat Bowls 2.00pm, BVH	
10 th	Greek Dancing exercise Class 9.30am, BVH	
	Craft and Chat 2.00pm, BVH	
	Film Night <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> 7.30pm, BVH	page 16
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17 th	Greek Dancing 9.30am, BVH	
	Craft and Chat 2.00pm, BVH	
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24 th	Greek Dancing 9.30am, BVH	
	Craft and Chat 2.00pm, BVH	
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30 th	Shortmat Bowls 2.00pm, BVH	

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**Deadline for contributions to the May 2018 Magazine:
noon on Friday 20th April**