



Christmas

December 2017
&
January 2018



ABOUT UPPER STOUR

Seasons Greetings to and from
the villages of
Bourton Kilmington
Stourton Zeals



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CHRISTMAS TO
EVERYONE
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Greetings from Graham



Dear Friends,

This (*see right*) is the Church of England Christmas campaign for this year. It is a simple translation of the word 'Emmanuel', one of the names given to Jesus. It is recalled in the first line of the lovely Advent hymn 'O come, O come Emmanuel', and the last line of the Christmas carol 'O Little Town of Bethlehem': 'O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.'

For me, living here, it has a special significance. The name of this parish is US (Upper Stour). Jesus promised that 'I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in...' (Rev 3:20). And St John claims that 'to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God' (John 1:12). It is my prayer that we may all know the presence of God with us this Advent and Christmas. Find out more at any of the special services - details in the centre pages. You will always find a welcome, and may even find 'God with us'.

Christingle

Our Christingle service takes place in Bourton church on Sunday 3rd December at 5pm. Every child will receive a Christingle – a visual aid that tells of the 'reason for the season', putting Jesus central at a time when the one whose birth we celebrate so often seems absent from the party.

Reflective Carol Service

If this year has been difficult for you, or if the jollity of this season seems shallow and unhelpful, why not try something different? On 21st December in Bourton Church, we are holding a Reflective Carol Service. This is a quieter, more peaceful moment at a hectic time of year. An opportunity to remember what really matters in our lives, and to ponder where God might be in all this noise around us. The theme of the service will be 'light in the darkness'. Do come and join us.

Christmas Day Lunch

If you and your family will find it hard to celebrate this Christmas, or if you are on your own, you are invited to the Churches Together Christmas Day Lunch in the Grove Building in Mere. There's no charge, but you will need to book by 10th December. Call Judy Bickerstaff on 01747 860335.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week runs from 18th to 25th January every year, and is an opportunity to remember that the church exists outside our own parish and denomination. This year, we will be joining our friends in Mere at the United Reformed Church (next to Jeans Electrical) on Sunday 21st January at 10.30am. It would be great to see a good representation of Upper Stour at this United service.

And finally...

A lady was visiting a church one Sunday. The sermon seemed to go on forever, and many in the congregation fell asleep. After the service, she walked up to a very sleepy-looking gentleman, extended her hand in greeting, and said, "Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn." And the gentleman replied, "You're not the only one. I'm glad it's done too!!"

Wishing you a joyful Christmas,

Your friend in Christ

Graham

Rev Graham Perryman

St George's 100 Club

October Winners

1st Prize – Robert Taylor

2nd Prize – Janet Moores

November and December winners will be announced in the February 2018 magazine.

Contact:

Mrs Ruth Burrows
Rowan Lodge, Olde Fairfield
Bourton, SP8 5YG

(01747 840371)

St Martin's Millennium Club

November Winners

C Blackmore

M Bullen

E Kemp

D Gatehouse

The December draw will take place on 7th December at Zeals Motors.

December 2017 / January 2018 winners will be announced in the February 2018 magazine

Contact Nigel Blackmore
01747 841110
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Zeals Parish Council

Meeting on Thursday 11th January 2018

7pm in Zeals Village Hall

Mobile Library Times

December 2017 & January 2018

Dec 21	Zeals	43 Zeals Rise	10.10-10.30 am
Jan 4, 18		School	10.35-11.15 am
Dec 21	Kilmington	Home Gd Club	11.25-11.35 am
Jan 4, 18		School	11.40 am-12.05pm

Bourton Village Hall

FILM NIGHTS

December 12th: MY COUSIN RACHEL. From the novel by Daphne du Maurier. Starring Sam Claflin and Rachel Weisz

January 9th LOST IN PARIS (tbc)

Doors and Bar open 7.00pm film starts 7.30pm. Tickets from Bourton and Zeals Garages

The Committee wishes all our customers and supporters a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Green Fingers : December/January

Tips from the not so green fingered!

Winter is here, but as I write in my garden it is all a bit bizarre. I have the last two passion flowers out on my south facing house wall and the first daffs (Rijnvelds early sensation) out in the orchard.

Garden tips:

- 1 Watch out for pale blotches and fuzzy grey mould on winter flowering pansies and remove affected leaves.
- 2 Apply a dry bark mulch to borderline hardy plants such as agapanthus.
- 3 Inspect stored dahlias and begonia tubers for rot.
- 4 Prune apple and pear trees.
- 5 Enjoy sitting by the fire, looking at the seed catalogues and dreaming what your garden is definitely going to look like next summer!

Happy Christmas and New Year to you all

Pippa Schofield

BOURTON GARDENING CLUB

DECEMBER MEETING: Wednesday 6th December

Trials & Tribulations of a Speaker

Derek Luther

JANUARY MEETING: Wednesday 17th January

7.30 pm Bourton Village Hall

The Plant Hunters

Christine Stones

Both meetings 7.30 pm Bourton Village Hall

Visitors welcome.

Any enquiries please call 01747 861121

Zeals Soup Lunch

The next Zeals soup lunch will be on **Monday 18th December**, when we will have mince pies and crackers to get us into the Christmas mood. The following one is on **Monday 15th January** 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.

The Stourton Memorial Hall

in Stourton Village, next door to the Spread Eagle

Please check www.stourtonmemorialhall.co.uk for availability for your event, as well as for dates of our wonderful film nights and suppers.

Also, take a look at details of our grant scheme to help the parish of Stourton and Gasper

Zeals Walkers

On a crisp sunny Sunday morning twenty of us started our 5 ¼ mile walk from the Fox and Hounds, The Green at East Knoyle. We paused to admire the panoramic views of the Blackmore Vale before turning towards the old windmill, then down through Milton. The walk was a mixture of woodland, fields and lanes including part of Monarch's Way at Cleeve Hill. There were other great views across Blackmore Vale and over West Knoyle church. As we descended towards the church we were lucky enough to see a pair of red kite, one near enough to us to be able to see the plumage patterns on its wings without binoculars. Having walked through West Knoyle village we turned into the Woodland Trust Nature Reserve, across lush green but muddy fields to Martha's Lane and then back up to The Green. Twelve of us stayed for a good lunch at the Fox and Hounds in their sunny conservatory.

The next walk on 2nd December, is being organised by Maggie Robinson and Vicky Goodfellow (01747 840443)

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Stourton Memorial Hall

The Stourton Memorial Hall held a fireworks evening on the old airfield on Saturday 28th October - about 160 local people, children, friends, and NT volunteers came along for a wonderful bonfire, Guy Fawkes competition (the winning Guy bore more than a passing resemblance to the current incumbent at the White House!), and the most fabulous fireworks display set to music. The weather held up for us, and the South and West Wilts Hunt supplied burgers and lollipops. It's a bit like the Oscars but.....the hall committee wants to thank: Nick Hoare, Charles Spencer, the S&W Wilts Hunt, everyone at the NT including Kim, Matt and Toby our master bonfire builders as well as Jacqui Smith who expertly coordinated car parking. And of course, our very own Graham Puxley! Thank you all! It's looking like this will become an annual event and we hope that Friday 2nd November 2018 will be our next one - pop the date in your diary/phone/calendar and we will be in touch with more details nearer the time.

Johnnie Gallop



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St Martin's Coffee Mornings
will be on 2nd December and 6th January
in Zeals Village Hall 10.30 – 12 noon

Glorious cakes & pastries

You are all welcome to join the festive gatherings

Zeals Village Hall

The Committee welcomes you to use your Village Hall, which is available at reasonable rates, and is perfect for children's parties, family functions etc.

Please contact Barbara Moodie at Zeals Village Shop



Friends of St Martin's Church **Christmas Drinks Party**

Saturday 2nd December 6-8pm at Zeals Green House

Drinks, Canapes and a very special Raffle

Tickets £10 in advance from Zeals Garage or
Lyndi d'Ambrumenil (01747 840 594) or Ross Coad (01747 840 797)

Deliverers' Coffee Morning

The annual get together will be held in the Parish Room on Saturday 20th January 2018 at 11 am. This is our opportunity to thank all the very kind people who deliver the parish magazine throughout the parish, and we hope as many of you as possible will come along to enjoy coffee and cake



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Monday 22nd January 2018

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Clouded with snow
The cold winds blow,
And shrill on leafless bough
The robin with its burning breast
Alone sings now.

Walter de la Mare

Winter is well under way, and Christmas and New Year nearly upon us. With all the cattle in their housing the daily routine of feeding, mucking out and bedding up is in full swing. "Feed clean repeat" is the order of the day. We are about to start calving and have a new toy, two cameras focused on the labour ward! We are now able to swivel and zoom in from monitor, laptop and mobile phone, anywhere in the world! Not having to go out in the middle of dark freezing nights to check on the ladies, is a definite plus factor. New calves born on the 1st January will have names beginning with "O". I am a little concerned that my husband is going to name the first female "Oh Jane"; he thinks this rather funny. I just might get in first if it is a male with "Oh no Harry"!

Jane Parker

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St Martin's Zeals Carol Service Wednesday 20th December 6.30pm

Carols by candle and torch light.
Please bring a small torch and join in.



Parish Catering

The two days at the end of October, at a time when the Stourhead colours are at their best, were extremely successful in every aspect. The parish came together and provided great help and support on both days, not to mention the wondrous cakes, flapjacks, fairy cakes, scones and delicious soup which were all consumed by the grateful public! Enormous thanks to everyone who contributed. The magnificent total of **£4,500** was raised for parish funds.

Celia Cotton

St. Martin's
New Year Supper
Friday 12th January 2018
Zeals Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm
3 Course Supper Tickets £10
from Zeals Motors Shop
or reserve via cam@caffleck.com



St Mary's Kilmington Carol Service on Monday 18th December at 6.00 pm

This traditional Service of carols and readings will follow the same pattern as last year. We (like Zeals) will attempt to conduct the Service by candlelight, so please bring a torch with you.

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2017

Sunday 3rd Advent Sunday

10.00 am Parish Communion at St George's Bourton
5.00 pm Christingle at St George's Bourton



Sunday 10th Advent 2

10.00 am Parish Communion at St Mary's Kilmington
Preacher: Ven Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum



Sunday 17th Advent 3

10.00 am Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals
with Sunday School
6.00 pm Carols on the Green at Bourton
led by Caroline Worthington



Monday 18th

6.00 pm Carol Service at St Mary's Kilmington



Wed 20th Carol Service at St Martin's Zeals

6.30 pm Led by Brian Martin



Thursday 21st

6.30 pm Reflective Christmas at St George's Bourton

Sunday 24th Advent 4 / Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Crib Service at St Martin's Zeals
6.30 pm Carol Service at St Peter's Stourton
11.30 pm Parish Communion at St George's Bourton



Monday 25th Christmas Day

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion at St Martin's Zeals

Sunday 31st Christmas 1

10.00 am Morning Worship at St Mary's Kilmington
Led by Brian Martin



SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2018

Sunday 7th Baptism of Christ
10.00 am Parish Communion at St George's Bourton

Sunday 14th Epiphany 2
8.00 am Holy Communion at St Martin's Zeals
10.00 am US@10 at St Martin's Zeals

Sunday 21st Epiphany 3 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
10.30 am Service at United Reformed Church, Mere

Sunday 28th Epiphany 4
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Peter's Stourton
Baptism of Amelia Isted

February

Sunday 4th 2nd Before Lent
8.00 am Holy Communion at St George's Bourton
10.00 am US@10 at St George's Bourton

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

From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 19th November at St Mary's Kilmington: Edith Mary Biddiscombe

Funerals

Friday 27th October at St Peter's Stourton: Elizabeth Christian Bullivant

Friday 24th November at St Peter's Stourton: Seymour Patrick Mowbray Blyth

Wednesday 29th November at Mendip Crematorium: Judy Doran

News from Parish Councils

Bourton

During the Open Forum at October's meeting a member of the public requested the Council's support to fill in the paperwork required by Dorset CC to re-apply to have a change of status from "Open Space" to "Public Footpath" for the current footpath which flanks New Close. The matter was deferred to sit within the agenda. There was much debate about this, and ultimately the Council agreed to assist with the paperwork.

Gullies in Brickyard Lane, West Bourton Road, Church Track, Millers Close and Breach Close have been emptied and the Council will cover the cost for 2 further days of gully emptying as and when required over the winter months at a cost of £450.00 per day.

Sharron McVie has kindly volunteered to run the Bourton Village Day which will bring together all aspects of Bourton Community life for a celebration and fundraiser on Sunday June 22nd 2018. All interested parties / volunteers should please contact Sharron who is keen to hear from you: s.mcvie@hotmail.co.uk

A new Clerk has been appointed. Eve Wyn takes over from Helen Bedford at the end of the year although the handover is now underway. There will be a new Parish Clerk contact mobile number in due course, but the email address will remain the same: parishclerk@bourtondorset.org

The anticipated date for the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum is forecast for 11th January 2018.

Ongoing work on the part of the NVH team is gathering yet more momentum with upcoming events, with consultations and questionnaires expected before the end of the year and into the spring. Please contact Mike Chapman for details: michaelbrianchapman@btinternet.com

And finally...The ongoing debacle of the overflowing dog waste bins has been tackled with thanks from the Clerk to Cllr Williams and Chairman Firbank's assistance. From now there will be twice monthly bin emptying specifically for the dog waste bins which BPC is footing the bill for.

Helen Bedford - parishclerk@bourtondorset.org

Kilmington

The Parish Council met on 1st November to consider the latest amendments to a planning application. They also considered a report on a recent meeting attended by several Councillors on the future of Whitesheet School, including the Kilmington site. There had been significant enthusiasm for finding uses for Kilmington school and ultimately it was hoped that it would be reopened. However, this would be subject to sufficient pupil numbers to make it viable.

In October three Council members attended a Wiltshire Planning Training Seminar in Tisbury, but nothing of much value or relevance was learned.

The Council supported the Kilmington fireworks evening on 5th November

Graham Cotton, Chairman

Stourton with Gasper

As has been the practice for the past few winters, we will be taking part in the Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme organised by Wilts Council and our Vice-Chairman, Harry Parker, will be collecting between 1-2 tonnes of salt to be used on the public roads and paths around the villages during icy conditions. Other than this, there is not much in the way of new information to report for this month but there are several Highways issues on-going.

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The PC will be meeting on Monday 4 December at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall, the minutes of the meeting will be posted on our website before the end of December and a full report will appear in the February edition.

Ruth Burrows, Stourton with Gasper Parish Clerk

Zeals

Work has now started on the traffic calming scheme along New Road. Here are the details:

Full closure 21/11/17 for approximately 10 days: Bells Lane – Chapel Lane

Full closure 05/12/17 for approximately 8 days (with the intention to do as much work as possible under temporary traffic signals): Fantley Lane – High Street

Temporary traffic signals 14/12/17 for approximately 8 days: Fantley Lane junction

Temporary traffic signals 08/01/18 for approximately 7 days: Chapel Lane/Portnell's Lane junction

Also there are to be **NIGHT (8pm-6am weekdays) closures of the A303** as follows:

Friday 1, Monday 4, Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 December 2017 – full closure of the eastbound carriageway between the B3081 Bourton and B3092 Zeals junctions.

Thursday 7, Friday 8 and Monday 9 December 2017 – full closure of the westbound carriageway between the B3092 Zeals and B3081 Bourton junctions.

Full details of the proceedings from the last Parish Council meeting can be read on www.hugofox.com/communities/zeals or seen on the notice board by the village hall.

Also there is now a vacancy on the Council. To qualify, a potential councillor needs either to reside or work within the parish of Zeals. Further details are on the website.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11 January 2018 commencing at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Graham Edgar: Clerk 01747 840990

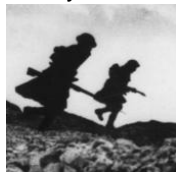
Kilmington Church Path

Thanks to the valiant small group who undertook this task, the pathway at St Mary's church has now been extended so that the Rector's Walk pathway (gate opposite the school) now joins up with the pathway outside the west door (main doors) of St Mary's. Parishioners may find this a better route into church as the parking is easier with the school park plus the road and the walk into church may be less messy.

Celia Cotton, Churchwarden

Bourton & District WW1 Exhibition

Do you have any family WW1 photographs, letters, documents which could be copied and displayed in an Exhibition early next year? The Exhibition will start at St George's Church, Bourton before moving on to other venues in North Dorset.



We already have remarkable, fascinating stories and exhibits, and always welcome more. Please contact us by phone 01747 840470 or email tony@eisw.org.uk or sue@eisw.org.uk.

Tony Bengé



News from Stourhead

National Trust

Stourhead has once again opened its doors to the beautifully decorated house. Creating the display is not an easy task, and work for the next one begins almost as soon as the previous Christmas ends. Early in 2017 the team were already busy planning the themes of the new decorations for this year, and sourcing the materials needed to create the wonderful display that is available for visitors from 25th November.

The house itself is decorated tastefully with Christmases throughout the eras on display using handcrafted decorations. There are wonderful flower arrangements throughout the house as well as ginger wine which can be sampled at weekends right up until the house closes its doors on 22nd December.

The decorations continue outside, and buildings across the visitor areas and garden will be decorated with festive wreaths and garlands once again, for visitors to enjoy right up until twelfth night.

As the years change over we are looking forward to the foundation of the garden being on display, from the lake edges to the views across the garden that only appear in winter when the trees are without leaves. As spring arrives, so will a new property story, showcasing the inspiration, creation and conservation of Stourhead.

As visitors explore the property from 12 March they will be able to see how the Hoare family rose from yeoman farmers to horse traders, goldsmiths and finally became bankers, leading to the creation of Stourhead.

Before this new story launches, we are offering visitors the chance to see behind the usually closed doors of Stourhead to see what goes on behind the scenes. If you want to take a peek, book your place by calling us on 01747 841152.

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

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Regular Weekly Events

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

Stourton with Gasper Parish Council
Meeting on 4th December 6.30 at Stourton Memorial Hall



*Supper and Charity Quiz in aid of
Wiltshire Air Ambulance
Tuesday 12th December*

**Sunday Lunch served
from noon until 5pm**

Christmas Menu available through December.
Please call Andrew for details: 01985 844263

Dates for your Diary December 2017

2 nd	Zeals Walkers, Zeals shop, 10 am	page 6
2 nd	St Martin's Coffee Morning, 10.30 am ZVH	page 8
2 nd	Friends of St Martin's Christmas Party, 6 pm Zeals Green Ho	page 8
4 th	Shortmat Bowls 1.30pm, BVH	
4 th	Stourton with Gasper Parish Council, 6.30pm SMH	page 21
5 th	Craft and Chat 2.00pm BVH	
6 th	Bourton Gardening Club 7.30pm BVH	page 5
7 th	Zumba, 7pm BVH	
11 th	Bourton Village Lunch, 12.30 pm BVH	
11 th	Shortmat Bowls, 2 pm BVH	
12 th	Film Night <i>My Cousin Rachel</i> 7.30 pm BVH	page 4
12 th	Supper & Charity Quiz, Red Lion Kilmington	page 21
14 th	Zumba, 7 pm BVH	
18 th	Shortmat Bowls, 1.30pm BVH	
18 th	Bourton Parish Council, 7pm BVH	page 9
18 th	Zeals Soup Lunch, 12.30pm ZVH	page 5

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1 st	Shortmat Bowls, 1.30pm BVH	
4 th	Zumba, 7pm BVH	
6 th	St Martin's Coffee Morning, 10.30 am ZVH	page 8
8 th	Bourton Village Lunch, 12.30 pm BVH	
8 th	Shortmat Bowls, 2pm BVH	
9 th	Craft and Chat, 2pm BVH	
9 th	Film Night <i>Lost in Paris</i> – tbc 7.30pm BVH	page 4
11 th	Zeals Parish Council, 7pm, ZVH	page 4
11 th	Zumba, 7pm BVH	
12 th	St Martin's New Year Supper, 7.30pm ZVH	page 10
15 th	Zeals Soup Lunch, 12.30pm ZVH	page 5
15 th	Shortmat Bowls, 1.30pm BVH	
16 th	Craft and Chat, 2pm BVH	
17 th	Bourton Gardening Club, 7.30pm BVH	page 5
18 th	Zumba, 7pm BVH	
20 th	Deliverers' Coffee Morning, 11 am Parish Room	page 8
22 nd	Shortmat Bowls, 1.30pm BVH	
22 nd	Bourton Parish Council, 7pm BVH	page 9
23 rd	Craft and Chat, 2pm BVH	
25 th	Zumba, 7pm BVH	
29 th	Shortmat Bowls, 1.30pm BVH	
30 th	Craft and Chat, 2pm BVH	

**Deadline for contributions to the February 2018 Magazine:
noon on Friday 19th January 2018**

Elizabeth Christian Bullivant

Elizabeth Bullivant died on 17th October aged 92. Until 2012 she lived at Stourton House, which she and her husband Anthony bought in 1957, when it ceased to be the Rectory. Together they created a four acre garden that became a regular in magazines and on TV. It was famous for its sculpted leylandii hedge, its collection of blue hydrangeas and daffodils and for her unique dried flowers, about which she also wrote a book.

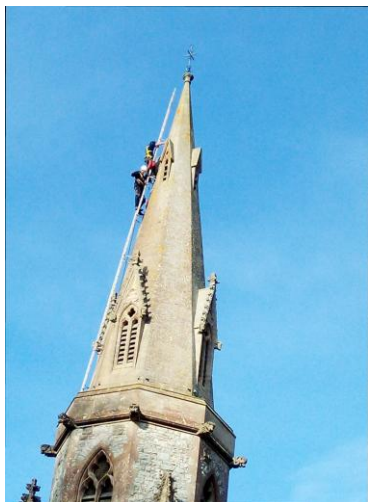


Around the village she was often seen with her signature black labradors collecting for the Red Cross outside

Stourhead. She was president of the Stourton WI and started the flower & hydrangea festivals in St Peter's Church. She was also a long-time member of the local church council.

George Bullivant

St Martin's Church, Zeals



Wednesday 1st November 2017 was a sunny day, perfect weather for three courageous young men to scale the tower and spire of the church. They arrived early and were soon taking their ladders up the spiral staircase to inspect the lightning conductor. They were also there to remove various elder tree shoots that were growing out of the stonework. We had thought there were two of these, however once up the tower the men confirmed there were about ten! If you ever wonder how the funds raised for the church are used, here is just one instance. Without everyone's support the magnificent spire that beckons as you approach Zeals village would be no more, so thank you all who help to raise money for the church's upkeep.

Sue Evans, Churchwarden

Steeplejacks at St.Martin's

Royal British Legion

Many thanks to everyone at the Remembrance Sunday Service at St Peter's, on 12th November, when the collection amounted to £690.90. A cheque for this amount has been sent to the Royal British Legion.





St George's Bourton



St Mary's Kilmington

**Happy
New Year!**



St Peter's Stourton



St Martin's Zeals