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Greetings from Graham

Dear Friends,

The lettuce season?

Over the last few Sundays, we have been looking at some of the occasions in the Bible where the writer says 'Let us...' As this parish has the initials US (Upper Stour), we have considered what these phrases might mean for the way we try to live as disciples of Jesus in the 21st century.

'Let US approach the throne of grace.' (Hebrews 4:16). What opportunities do we take to come to God in private prayer, or together as His body on earth?

'Let US lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.' (Romans. 13:12). What are the works of darkness we need to reject, and what does it mean to be 'The Light of the World' in this parish?

'Let US not grow weary in doing what is right.' (Galatians 6:9). It is easy to give up when the going gets tough. Paul calls us to go through 'the wall' and keep going until the end.

'Let US lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.' (Hebrews 12:1). What do we need to give up in order to run better? And what is the race God is calling us to run in Upper Stour?

'Let US love one another.' (1 John 4:7) - We have the example of Jesus – what does it mean in practice to love one another as he loves us?

'Let US rejoice and exult and give him the glory.' (Revelation 19:7) – Our worship should be joyful and God-focused – as should our lives. How can we draw on God's Holy Spirit to inspire our worship and our lives?

Lots of questions...if you missed the sermon series, you will have missed a few possible answers. I'd love to hear yours...

And finally...

One Sunday a vicar found several letters awaiting him. He opened one and found it contained the single word, "Fool."

He shared the letter with the congregation and quietly announced: "I have known many an instance of a person writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name, but this is the only instance I have ever known of someone signing his name and forgetting to write the letter."

Your friend in Christ

Graham

Rev Graham Perryman

St George's 100 Club

July

1st Prize

June Griffin

2nd Prize

Peter & Mary Lewis

August

1st Prize

Jenny Morgan

2nd Prize

Roger Davies

All enquires to Ruth Burrows -
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St Martin's Millennium Club

Winners for July & August

M Dixon

J Ransome

C Williams

N Fowler

D Gatehouse

V Rowe

I Oldale

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Kilmington and Stourton Women's Institute

The September meeting will be on 25 September when the speaker will be Lt Cdr Geoffrey Carr on "The Loss of the Titanic and a Wiltshire Family". The meeting will be at 7:30pm in Stourton Village Hall

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

For further information contact:

Secretary: Caroline Harris 07795 180845 or Jane Parker 01985 844248

Stourton Village Show: 12th August

The 63rd Stourton Village Show was held on Sunday the 12th August. Irritatingly, after the year we've had with our parched gardens, it absolutely chucked it down on the day, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the entrants or the people who came to gasp at the quality and quantity of the fruit, veg, flowers, art, and crafts. After the blazing 2018 summer Tom Green won the fruit category with ...figs! No, really! Richard Higgs showed off a quite amazing salad crop, whilst Nick Hoare celebrated the World Cup with a football-boot shaped 'Man-Cake' studs and all. Sally Monkhouse took away the best in show for her flower arrangement and the Bridges Family won the Henry Hoare family cup for the most winning entries under one roof. Our Graham (the Rev Perryman) presented the winners with their cups and afterwards the crowd hoovered up roast lamb and salads laid on by local chef Bobby Keegan. A cracking day!

The Winners:

You've got to pickle a pocket or two (pickles and chutneys): **Catherine Spencer**

Pump up the jam (jam, marmalade and honey): **Chris Topham**

Milk and Alcohol (home made brews): **James Clark**

That takes the biscuit (biscuits): **Pat Booth**

Pat-a-cake (cakes): **Verity Parker**

Doh-a-deer (savouries): **Sara Hoare**

Man! I feel like a woman! (the man-cake!): **Nick Hoare**

All by myself (a single bloom): **Sara Hoare**

Eight days a week (8 of the same blooms): **Sally Monkhouse**

Let it grow (pot plant): **Caroline Harris**

Route 66 (root veg): **Pat Booth**

Bean meanz Heinz (beans): **Tamsin Holmes**

Polk Salad Annie (salads): **Richard Higgs**

Tutti Fuiti (fruit): **Tom Green**

You don't bring me flowers (arrangement): **Sally Monkhouse**

You need hands (crafts): **Trudi Clark**

Art for Arts Sake (art): **Bella Hoare**

My Camera never lies (photos): **Ashley Kemp**

Yummy in my tummy (children's cooking): **Mary Bridges**

Round and Round the garden (children's craft): **Emily Bridges**

Best in Show: **Sally Monkhouse** - for her flower arrangement

The Family Cup: **The Bridges Family**.

Johnnie Gallop

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News from Stourhead

Summer was a busy one in the garden, with lots of family visitors enjoying their holidays with us especially enjoying our new summer game, Bank or Bust, which has been inspired by Hoare's Bank. This game has proved so popular that we are extending its availability to include September weekends as well.

During the summer months our ranger team work hard to make hay across the property. Sadly this year they were unable to carry out this task at King Alfred's Tower due to the volume of dog mess in the area. Whilst topping the edges of the ride, in particular, where the grass meets the brambles, the amount of dog mess both bagged and unbagged meant that making hay in this location was just not possible.

September sees a big change happening for all of us at Stourhead. After 13 as the General Manager at Stourhead, Mike 'Mac' MacCormack will be retiring. This does mean that we will be welcoming a new General Manger to the property and Phillip Niemand will be starting his new role on 1 October. All of us at Stourhead are excited to welcome him to the team and help him settle in. We won't be losing Mac entirely though; he has already promised to volunteer with us during our busy October half term.

It won't be long until autumn is upon us, we are currently gazing into our crystal ball to try and decipher what the season will be like. Despite the hot summer, what comes of autumn very much depends on the weather we get in the next few weeks, particularly how much wind and rain and of course sun we have. We hope that it should be a very good display as the trees have been a little stressed due to the long hot summer, but this does mean that the season could pass quickly.

We hope that you will all join us in wishing for a great autumn season, one that is long and full of colour. I am sure that you enjoy walking around the garden, seeing the golden reflections on the lake and taking in the autumnal scents, including that of burnt sugar from the Katsura trees, as much as we all do.

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 & Communications Officer
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Kilmington Parish Council

Next Meeting is on Thursday 13th September
at 7.30pm at Whitesheet School Kilmington

Zeals Walkers

Lower attendance this month due to members' holidays and family events. We started our walk from the Red Lion, Kilmington, walking up White Sheet Lane turning right into the small car park. Taking in the beautiful scenery across the fields we continued on to the war memorial, stopping for a welcome break in the shade.

We descended down through the woods into open countryside via Search Farm to Stourhead. Following the path past the house we continued on, crossing at Stourton Lane. We walked across the fields into Long Lane and crossed the main road back to the Red Lion pub, where we enjoyed a drink in the garden before having lunch.

The next walk will be on Sunday, September 2nd led by Steve. We will be walking in Motcombe. If you would like more information about the walk or how to join the group please contact Rosalie rosalie@dandrwatkins.plus.com

Vicky Goodfellow



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Open the Book 2018

Picture the scene: A finely dressed king in front of a table laden with fruit, servants bring in gold and silver goblets (stolen from the Temple in Jerusalem), a hand appears and writes a message on the wall (actually blackboard and chalk). No one understands the writing; the king's mother remembers a man from Jerusalem who was clever and wise, he was able to understand dreams and solve difficult problems, his name was Daniel. So she tells the king to send for Daniel; he comes but it is not good news for the king and he dies that night. (*Read more Daniel 5*)

Whether they are stories from the Old Testament like this one or stories about Jesus or Paul, we as a team dramatize the story so it is memorable. We have just completed year 3 of a rolling 3 year cycle. We are a team of 7 from all over the parish. We are committed and love what we do. The church is responsible for the Wednesday assembly in both St George's and Whitesheet, and we help Graham by going in when he is busy or on holiday. It is a privilege to be able to go into the schools to share the Bible with them and we are grateful to both Heads for the warm welcome they give us. As Michael Salisbury recently reported, we are a strong team, and I would like to thank all of them for their support and enthusiasm over the last academic year in sharing this ministry.

Our team at present is: Vicky, Margaret, Sue Evans and Sue Todd, Berni and often Harry can be persuaded to join us. Maybe you too would like to join us - please get in touch.

Glenis Allen

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- Gillingham Library, every Tuesday 11 am– 12 noon
- Secret Garden Cafe, Thorngrove Garden Centre, every Thursday 11 am–noon

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07876 298695

website (www.coffeecompanions.co.uk)

Julia Skelhorn

Our Parish Administrator, Julia Skelhorn, will be leaving at the end of October, after four years as our Administrator.

Julia arrived in the summer of 2014 and spent her first year dealing with parish affairs during the interregnum, so without the help of Graham, who came to the parish in 2015. This would have been a difficult and challenging time for anyone, not least because of being somewhat isolated working in an empty Rectory. But she has been stoic, helpful and hardworking throughout, and an enormous help to Graham and to all of us.

We are extremely grateful to her and wish her well in her retirement.

Valerie Donell

Val Donell has delighted us with her skills playing the organ in our four churches for approximately 40 years. She has decided to retire from playing, although we are happy to know that she will continue singing in the choir. There is so much for us all to be grateful for, and we thank her very warmly for everything she has contributed to the parish by playing at services, weddings, funerals etc over the years. In addition to all that she was the prime mover in overseeing the restoration of the organ at St Mary's Kilmington.

Her invaluable contribution will be recognised at the October Service in Kilmington.

THANK YOU!

May I add my own thanks to Val Donell for her playing of the merry organ, and also her distribution of Bible reading notes, both for a considerable number of years. Her devotion to public worship and private study/prayer is a challenge to us all. May we all be so committed to His service if we are privileged to live out our 9th decade.

I would also like to record my thanks to Julia Skelhorn, who has been the Parish Administrator for the last four years. She set up many of the office practices that I inherited, and which have made the running of the parish so efficient. She has been particularly helpful in helping me meet deadlines, and in the smooth running of the fees and other finances that come through the office.

Thank you ladies!

Graham Perryman

Bourton Open Gardens: July

Our warmest thanks to all who supported this event as garden owners, as visitors, as cake makers and servers of teas. Together we raised £952 over the weekend. A great effort - well done to you all! THANKYOU

Margaret Martin and Harry Allen

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

*Please check website in case of late changes
www.upperstour.co.uk*

Sunday 2nd Trinity 14

8.00 am Holy Communion at St Martin's Zeals
10.00 am US@10 & Baptism of Rupert Phillips
at St George's Bourton
Preacher: Mona Tyler LLM

Sunday 9th Trinity 15

10.00 am Parish Communion at St Mary's Kilmington
Led by Revd Peter Lewis

Sunday 16th Trinity 16

8.00 am Holy Communion at St Martin's Zeals
10.00 am US@10 at St Martin's Zeals

Sunday 23rd Trinity 17

10.00 am Parish Communion & Baptism of Henry Cassell
at St Peter's Stourton
5.00 pm Songs of Praise at St Peter's Stourton

Sunday 30th Trinity 18 Harvest Festival

10.00 am Harvest All Age Communion at Home Farm Stourton

October 2018

Sunday 7th Trinity 19

8.00 am Holy Communion at St George's Bourton
10.00 am US@10 at St George's Bourton

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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 9am Morning Prayer (BCP) at St Mary's Kilmington
Fridays 8.30 am Morning Prayer at St Peter's Stourton

From the Registers

Baptisms

19th August at St Martin's Zeals: **Shelby Kathleen Paula Dunford**

Weddings and Marriage Blessings

14th July at St Peter's, Stourton (Marriage Blessing): **Joshua & Emily**

MacDonald

28th July at St Peter's, Stourton (Marriage Blessing: **Michael & Samantha**

Roffe

4th August at St Peter's, Stourton (Wedding): **Thomas Kennedy & Jessica**

Monkhouse

26th August at St Peter's, Stourton (Marriage Blessing): **Thomas & Victoria**

Price (née Hoare)

Funerals

1st August at St Michael the Archangel, Mere: **Ian Edward Flower**

Marriage: it takes two

A woman went away on a long weekend retreat. Halfway through the final Monday morning session she suddenly jumped to her feet and left the room. Concerned, a friend followed her to see what had made her leave the meeting so abruptly. She found the woman hanging up a telephone in the lobby. 'Is everything all right?' she asked urgently. 'Oh, yes,' the woman responded sheepishly. 'I didn't mean to alarm you, but I suddenly remembered that it's Monday morning bin day.' Her friend replied, 'Bin day? Isn't your husband at home?' 'Yes,' replied the woman, 'but it takes two of us to put out the bin. I can't carry it, and he can't remember it!'

The secret of a good marriage lies in learning how to live and work together. And here are ten suggestions to help you accomplish that goal:

- 1) Agree to pray together daily.
- 2) Find something good to say about each other every day.
- 3) Don't forget to snuggle.
- 4) Think of yourselves as a team – not just a couple.
- 5) Respect your differences.
- 6) Eat at least one meal together each day.
- 7) Submit your disagreements to God.
- 8) Develop a strong sense of humour.
- 9) Identify 'your special place', and 'your special song'.
- 10) Reminisce together.

Ironically, the number one reason given for divorce today is 'incompatibility'. Well, guess what? You are supposed to be different! When two people with different gifts decide to love one another and listen to one another, their differences can become a source of strength rather than a source of weakness. Marriage: it takes two!

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To all in the Parish of Upper Stour

A note to thank you all for making me so very welcome and giving me such an enjoyable two weeks whilst with you on placement. It feels rather like “now you see me – now you don’t!” – the time has flown, but the experience has been a valuable one. The placement has given me a fresh insight into the opportunities for rural ministry; statistics show that the percentage of faithful worshippers is more than twice that of urban areas, I hope you find that encouraging! As I am now in my third year of curacy I have to begin considering what and where the next step will take me. I shall not be going far as I am NSM and part time so perhaps our paths will cross again, I do hope so.

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rain fall soft upon your fields,

And until we meet again – may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

(Irish blessing)

Rev Gay Maynard

Gay was on placement with us for a fortnight during July. We are delighted to welcome another curate, Revd. Andy Muckle from Gillingham, into our parish for a fortnight in November.

New Daylight

A big thank you to Val Donell who has been delivering this for more years than she cares to remember, taking over from Jill Arnott. New Daylight provides 4 months of daily Bible readings and comment from a variety of contributors and is delivered 3 times a year at an annual cost of £13.50. Many find it useful in their walk with God, helping them to deepen their faith and knowledge of scripture. Your new contact is Glenis Allen: harry.glenis@btinternet.com



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Whitesheet Academy, Zeals

St Mary's Church, Kilmington

INSCRIPTIONS IN THE LEAD ON THE ROOF

The following are the inscriptions in the lead on the roof of St Mary's, which some readers may find interesting in case any of the names are familiar:

1. 1910 MANOEUVRES (*sic*)
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AERIAL
ERECTED HERE
21ST SEPTEMBER 1910

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P W Harris OPERATOR
H Stormer CENTL TLEPH OFFICE
(RED ARMY)
2. GEORGE THOROLD WATER AUG 20
3. V JINMAN 1936
4. J NEWTON Jul 23? 26
5. TG CAIRD 1940
6. NA SHUTE 1939
7. J HAWKIN
8. RE FARRAGE 1940
9. E NORRIS 1937
10. PBW
11. 10 x Boot and Shoe outlines, sometimes with initials.

The first inscription is from the 1910 Great Autumn Manoeuvres. It will be 108 years ago in September. It is believed the HQ for one side (the Red Army) was at Stourhead House, meaning that cavalry troopers waited at the foot of the church ready to gallop with messages to the HQ. The exercise ranged from Wilton to Kilmington.

Peter Booth

Does anyone know anything about the people who made the inscriptions? **Ed**

News from Parish Councils

Bourton

After a very busy period in the run up to the summer holidays I'm pleased to say things have been a little quieter over the past few weeks. But there have been many changes within the Parish Council. Our long serving Chairman, Major Simon Firbank, resigned from the PC after 29 years. Jenny Morgan has also resigned as a Parish Councillor. It was a pleasure for me to work with both Simon and Jenny. Our new Chairman is Mr Mike Withers. Mike has many years service as our Vice Chairman and also leads the Neighbourhood Planning Group. Other news includes the great success of the Bourton Village Day which took place on a beautiful, sunny day in July. And of course we have the Bourton Bash to look forward to on Saturday 25th August. Lastly, I have received reports of several incidents of dogs mess being found in the school field and play area, which is very unpleasant for both parents and children. Please note that this is strictly A NO DOG AREA, as stated by the sign on the gate. The next meeting of the Parish Council takes place on Monday 26th August at 7pm in the village hall.

Eve Wynn, Bourton Parish Clerk: 07702 709 557

Kilmington

The Playing Field Committee, together with the Clerk, has been sourcing new swings for the playing field, which they were hoping would be in place before the school summer holidays; a new 3 bay combination swing – including a basket seat – is now on order and we hope it will be installed during September. Darren Davis has been carrying out the outstanding jobs from last year's RoSPA inspection report and we are hoping the rotator dizzy disc will be repaired or replaced soon, as will the little spring rocker horse.

Chairman Graham Cotton has been chasing Wiltshire Council in connection with resurfacing The Street and advice on how best to improve parking for Brookside Terrace. In recent days he has been called on to assist Norton Ferris residents using the Coombe Barn Lane junction as the mirror which had been in place to help traffic coming out of the turning onto the B3092 had been removed, making it impossible to exit the lane safely.

The Speed Indicator Device has been installed on New Road. This SID will be used by rota with Stourton and Zeals.

Any residents who are worried about keeping their home warm or struggling with energy bills this winter, please see my Stourton with Gasper report – help may be available.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 13 September at Whitesheet Primary school. All are welcome to attend.

Ruth Burrows, Clerk

Stourton with Gasper

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 30 August and any key items from this meeting will appear in the October magazine. The new road markings in Bells Lane have recently been completed and we hope that these will go some way towards slowing the traffic on this busy section of road.

We have been informed of a potential 'near-miss' road traffic accident in Bonham Lane with the junction of Bells Lane due to the warning "Give Way 100 yards ahead" sign being totally obscured by hedgerow growth. The latter has now been cut back and the sign is visible again but if any resident is aware of hedgerows needing to be cut back to allow road traffic signs to be seen clearly, please do let your Clerk know so that these can be reported on the My Wiltshire app. This also applies to other highways issues including potholes, blocked road drains and defective manhole covers.

If any residents are struggling to keep their home warm or are worried how they will afford to pay energy bills this winter. Help is available by contacting **Warm & Safe Wiltshire** for free, impartial advice about keeping your home warm, using your heating system, understanding your energy bills and making energy saving improvements as well as registering for the Priority Services Register. Advice can be given through home visits as well as over the phone. Fire safety alarm and appliance checks can also be organised in partnership with Fire and Rescue for eligible residents. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from speaking to a trained energy advisor, then get in touch. Call **0800 038 5722**. Email warmandsafe@cse.org.uk www.warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk

Ruth Burrows, Clerk to Stourton with Gasper Parish Council

Zeals

Since the last edition of the magazine was published there has not been a formal meeting of the Parish Council: the minutes of the meeting held early in July are posted on the two notice boards and available to read on the hugofox.com/communities/zeals website. One feature I should like to draw to everybody's attention is the vital importance of knowing where the village's defibrillator is sited and how to use it. It came to my attention that residents from one local village journeyed elsewhere to try and access another village's machine, thus wasting very valuable time indeed when speed of action is always essential. As far as knowing how to use it is concerned, please remember that this year's Awareness Session is scheduled for 7pm on the evening of 9th October in Zeals Village Hall.

Roof repairs to the roof of the Village Hall will start on Friday 24th August, with scaffolding erected first, and then tile replacements will take up all of the following week. Inevitably there will be a slight reduction in car parking spaces but the Hall will still be open for business as usual.

The Parish Council meet next on 13th September at 7pm. Councillors are working hard on behalf of all residents to sustain and raise the quality of life for everyone and our local environment in the parish. You are most welcome to come and hear what the Parish Council is doing for the community. Members of the public are able to raise questions and concerns they may have in the Open Forum before the formal meeting commences.

Graham Edgar, Parish Clerk

Defibrillator Awareness Training
Tuesday 9 October Zeals Village hall at 7pm
Open to all

Country Calendar: July & August

*There he lay in the straw so deep, Raising his head to have a peep!
Standing for the very first time, Annie's expression says "He's Mine!"*



Albert weighed in at an amazing 57 kilos at 1.23 am. The vet was in attendance, Annie needed a little help in bringing Albert into the world, but he was definitely worth the wait and anxiety. Annie had a few problems but all well now, and she is proving to be a super mother. Albert has lovely markings and legs that seem to go on

forever, in fact a little giraffe like. He has mastered the art of galloping across the paddock and leaps into the air like a gazelle. Oh my goodness what have we let ourselves in for, I doubt there will be any dull moments with this little chap. We are so happy and relieved and Albert is a huge delight but such a time waster!

We did not pass our final TB test, we had **one** young cow in calf with a calf at foot fail. Only one cow, but now we are back to square one. I cannot find any words which would express how we feel. One clear test seems at this present time an impossible bridge to cross, so it is extremely difficult to even contemplate two consecutive clear tests ! We are trying to be positive but I can honestly say it is extremely difficult. Thank goodness for Albert ! *Jane Parker*
Many apologies that this was inadvertently omitted from the Jul/Aug magazine

Editor

Country Calendar : September

Who'd be a farmer, with days full of drama?

Poor harvest of fodder creates lots of bother.

No grass for the cows or sheep, exhausted from the lack of sleep !

Who'd be a farmer?

Thankfully farmers are a pretty resilient breed, but my goodness, has this year pushed the boundaries? Starting the year with the beast from the east, followed by a wet cold protracted spring, then into temperatures that reflect the equator! Grass and crops dying off, livestock being fed their winter rations, and the ground so hard for the want of rain. Then the dread that when it does rain it will be monsoon-like with floods everywhere! On top of all that we are still waiting to achieve a clear TB Test. So yes, who would be a farmer? Well there are a lot of them around and I do hope the effects of this extreme weather are not irreparable. We farmers are known for our grit and perseverance, but have we **ever** had everything thrown at us? I suspect many of us are feeling more than a tad fragile, but, as Churchill said, we must KBO !

Jane Parker

Green Fingers : September

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" wrote John Keats a long time ago. Well --- my orchard is groaning with the weight of apples on the trees, the mulberries are particularly sweet and we have a glut of runner beans and courgettes so perhaps not all that much has changed over the years!

Top tips for September:

- 1 Divide mature clumps of summer flowering perennials to increase your stock.
- 2 Continue to harvest your veg and soft fruit crops.
- 3 Try (I am never that organised) to order your spring bulbs and thus avoid disappointment of your favourite beauties being out of stock.
- 4 Do a bit of work on your lawns and, after scarifying and aerating, apply a lawn feed.
- 5 If you haven't yet seen the Hauser and Wirth perennial prairie garden at Bruton, it is well worth a visit as it was designed by Piet Oudolf and will be at its best in September.

Pippa Schofield

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The Snow Queen

The Bourton Players have chosen The Snow Queen as their Pantomime for February 2019 (O yes we have!). It is written directed by local wordsmith Elaine Chapman.

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Bourton's New Village Hall

Community Workshop Sat 15th September,
2.00 to 5.00pm & 7.00 to 9.00pm

Everyone is invited to a Community Workshop in the Village Hall on **Saturday 15th September**. During the afternoon, there will be the opportunity to view and comment on proposals for housing, new village hall and additional amenity space on the two sites approved in the Neighbourhood Plan. In the evening, there will be an independently chaired public discussion.

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THE WESSEX WINE SOCIETY
is looking for new members,
so make a date in your diary

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday each month between October and April, for tastings conducted by both wine trade professionals and our members, at Stourton Memorial Hall - it's informative, relaxed and not expensive!

We taste eight wines at each meeting with a break in the middle for a light snack of bread and cheese, and finish our season with an Annual Dinner.

COME AND JOIN US!

Please contact our Secretary, Trevor Knott, for further details at
trevork251@gmail.com or phone 01747 840279



1st Annual Dog Show
Sun 16th Sept 18
@ Home Guard Club, Kilmington

10 Classes will inc best puppy, best condition, waggiest tail, most adorable eyes etc and finishing the day with The Best in Show.
 Judging kindly Sponsored by Bellevue Vets @ Trudoxhill

Fun for all the family, gates open from 12 midday, registration from 12.30
 judging commencing @1.30pm

Refreshments inc Licensed Bar, BBQ, Tea. Coffee & Cake. Stalls by invited animal charities.

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Bourton Village Hall

Film Night, Tuesday 11th September, *Lean on Pete*

A traumatically beautiful drama about a boy and his horse. Starring Charlie Plummer (who played a young John Paul Getty)

Bar and Doors open 7.00pm film starts 7.30pm

Tickets available from Bourton and Zeals garages

Next film October 9th, On Chesil Beach

We look forward to welcoming you all back for a new season of films. Anyone wishing to be on our what's on data base please email nrhall@waitrose.com

Stourton and Kilmington Home Guard Club

A Vintage Tea Party

The Home Guard Club is holding a fundraising event in aid of The Poppy Appeal for the village and surrounding area on Saturday 15th September from 2pm until late. The event is to mark the centenary 100 years since the end of WW1, and includes afternoon tea, games in the garden, a Grand Raffle, and live music from group off the cliff, in the evening. Plenty for all the family to do. All welcome. Donations invited on the door

For more information call Annie 01985 845374 or Charlotte 01985 845074

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) daily 3.30 – 6 pm at Whitesheet school, Zeals. Contact Ross Coad 01747 841531</p>
Tue	<p>Pilates</p> <p>Tummies, Tiddlers & Toddlers</p>	<p>10 am – 11 am ZVH 9.30 – 11.00 am at St. George's School Hall (term time only); entrance across the field.</p>
Wed	<p>Pilates</p> <p>Bell-ringing practice</p>	<p>9.15 – 10.15 a.m. ZVH 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 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</p>

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