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Message from Rev Ben : Keep on Keeping on!

As we look this month toward the second half of this year, it is clear the impact that Covid19 has had throughout the world. Toward the beginning of April the Queen reminded us of three characteristics which define how we as a nation react to difficult times: “I hope in the years to come everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this challenge, and those who come after us will say that the Britons of this generation were as strong as any – that the attributes of self-discipline, of quiet, good-humoured resolve and of fellow-feeling still characterise this country.” Self-discipline, quiet and good humoured resolve, and fellow-feeling. Three ways for our communities to continue to care for one another. All of the four village hubs are still going strong and have during this time, provided our four villages with a valuable resource. I am grateful to the individuals, groups and shops that have continued to make this care for our communities possible – thank you.

There are glimpses of life returning to something more recognisable, but possibly not normal. With discussions of schools opening, the A303 getting busier again, and even discussions about opening churches in some shape or form in July (possibly...), perhaps we can start wondering with a little more certainty about what we have begun to learn during this time. What can we add to our three attributes of self-discipline, quiet and good humoured resolve, and fellow-feeling? The Nationwide Building Society has included in its recent advertising a series on “A Message to Myself in 6 Months’ Time”. Participants record themselves and recall for the benefit of their future self what they can be grateful for, and what they learnt during this time. Here are two snippets:

“Remember that you did not get through this alone and there really is no place like home”

“Hello me in six months’ time. Firstly sorry about all the weight gain... but in my defence, I was housebound and not wearing work trousers... so, hope you’re on top of that. How are you? I mean that, because we actually mean it at the minute, when we’re asking. I don’t know if you remember, when we are checking in with each other, we really actually care about the answer – how are you? How’s your health? How’s your kids? How’s your family? How’s your head? Are you keeping it together? Keep looking out for each other, okay? Don’t take each other for granted. How’s Mum? Listen, we are really missing her – don’t take her for granted. We are really missing her – and not just the child care! ”

I wonder what you would say to yourself in six months’ time? What are we grateful for from this time, and what is worth remembering?

Please stay safe, sane and compassionate, and I hope to see you all soon!

Ben

Rev Ben Rundell-Evans

St George's 100 Club

I am delighted to report that we were able to enrol 18 additional members to the new season of the St George's 100 Club. We lost 10 members so there is a net gain of 8 which will allow a monthly prize a fund of £58 (£35 1st and £23 2nd). Due to the unprecedented current restrictions and the Covid-19 pandemic, no draws have yet taken place but all the outstanding draws will be made as soon as it is possible to do so. The results will be of course be published in this magazine, on the www.bourtondorset.org website and pinned to the Church and Post Office noticeboards. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Ruth Burrows
01747 840371

St Martin's Millennium Club

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Firstly, I hope you are all keeping safe in these extremely worrying times. Covid 19 will affect so many for quite some time to come, and we all look forward to better times.

Before this virus took over all our lives, I read that the Treasury adviser Tim Leunig had implied that the UK did not necessarily need its own farmers and could rely solely upon imports to feed our nation; that the “food sector is not critically important and we should be like Singapore which is rich without having its own agricultural sector”. Fast forward a few weeks and we find ourselves in a situation where countries across the world are in lockdown, and all but essential trade has come to a grinding halt. Our supermarket shelves are being emptied at a rate never seen before in Britain. Suddenly sourcing our food has become something most people have had to seriously think about, to an extent which many people have, in all likelihood, never considered before.

Perhaps Tim Leunig will realise that instead of making UK farmers and producers obsolete and reliant on other nations to feed us, this is the time to take stock and support the British farmer. What is clear to me is that it has never been more important that we continue to feed our own nation. We absolutely must continue to enhance our soils and our natural environment in order to provide high quality nutritious food which can help keep our nation as healthy as possible.

I hope the government does not take Mr Leunig’s advice. Now is a turning point and it is crucial that a lesson is learnt that the role of the British farmer is undoubtedly essential and pivotal to the health and wellbeing of our country

Jane Parker

Margaret Newberry

Margaret Newberry died on 30th April after a period of failing health. She came to live in Zeals with her friend Joan after retiring from teaching in the mid 1980s when her home, Fair Steadings, was built. They were faithful worshippers in the parish and great supporters of St Martin's. Margaret's craft skills live on in her two intricate canvas embroidered kneelers in the sanctuary and many of the white Christmas tree decorations. In 2000 having won a competition for where a millennium weather vane might be placed she gave it to the village hall.

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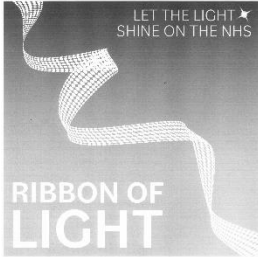
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Shimmering Ribbon of Light



Local artist Bruce Munro of Kilmington is transforming Long Knoll into a shimmering "ribbon of light" using 120,000 old CDs in tribute to the NHS. In 2013, Mr Munro transformed the chalk hill into a beacon for a UK cancer charity and in 2009 he created a "CD sea" using 600,000 old CDs. Of this current project, he said: "We've installed about 4,000 CDs but we've got a way to go" The 1,650m long light-reflecting ribbon, which runs alongside a public footpath, is a "tribute to the hard

work and dedication of our NHS workers and volunteers", and Mr Munro said he came up with the idea while walking on the knoll three weeks or so ago. "On the walk I do every day, I was looking at the fence and thought I could create something to raise people's spirits, having felt so useless sitting here listening to all those NHS people putting their lives on the line,"

Mr Munro and his two daughters have been carrying bags of CDs up one of the "highest points in Wiltshire" to tie discs to the wire fence over the last week. He thinks it will take around three to four months to complete. Currently they have about 4,000 installed and have just had 6,000 delivered "There's still a long way to go, but I'm hoping it will provide a bit of joy and a bit of light." he said. Once finished, the Ribbon of Light is expected to remain in place for a year. Along with an appeal for thousands of unwanted CDs and DVDs, the artist is also asking for donations to support NHS charities.



To donate CDs, please send them to: Bruce Munro Studios, Long Knoll Barns, Cokers Lane, Kilmington, Wilts BA12 7HU. And to donate to the NHS please go to [:https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ribbonoflight](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ribbonoflight)

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However, Rev Ben will be praying (alone) in each of our four churches during the week, and he is sending out a really informative newsletter by email every Sunday with, among other things, links to Services to watch online. You can see [past issues and sign up for the e-newsletter at www.upperstour.co.uk/covid-19/](#) Ben is hoping that somehow soon he can have a meeting with churchwardens to discuss the future pattern of worship once the lockdown restrictions are lifted or partially lifted.

Lockdown: Village Arrangements

Bourton Community Support Group

We are a group of volunteers supporting the people of Bourton including Chaffey Moor, West Bourton and Queen Oak. We can collect and deliver your food shopping and prescriptions from all local pharmacies. We can also deliver your pre-paid newspapers along with your daily milk or bread from the village shop. Either ring on 01747 840487, email bourtongroup@outlook.com or contact us via our website www.bourtongroup.org.uk. We are here to help.

Kilmington

There continues to be a great deal of neighbourly contact throughout the village but we are anxious that no-one should fall through the net. So our central contact point for those needing help, and for those willing to volunteer, is Sarah Booth: 01985 844264 or s.booth38@btinternet.com. Please contact Sarah if you need help of any kind and she will put you in touch with a volunteer. The village is indebted to Sarah for taking this on.

Stourton

Would volunteers willing to shop for Stourton residents please be in touch with the Stourhead Farm Shop to arrange to collect and drop off provisions for them outside their houses. Anyone requiring support, or who is self-isolating, or who is unwell, and therefore needing support should contact the Farm Shop who will put them in touch with a volunteer who will help them. The Farm shop telephone no is 01747 841164, or email shop@stourhead.com. The shop is open 9am-5.30pm seven days a week.

Zeals

A huge thank you to all of you out there who are helping neighbours and people of Zeals who are finding life very restrictive at the moment. I have had great feedback from those who are being helped, they are so grateful. You are all super stars!

Of course we still need each other so if you require help, please ring me on 01747 840600, or David at Zeals garage on 01747 84032. We will connect you to someone who will help.

Sue Evans

Others who can help

Mere and District : Emergency Pop-up Foodbank - with increased need, Mere has started a Pop-Up Foodbank

Using the Pop-Up Foodbank

Are you in need of food or toiletries because of a change of circumstances during Covid-19 crisis, or perhaps you know someone who is in need? Food collection point is in St Michael's church porch Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 2pm to 4pm Please contact Richard Wilson on 07966 244373 for more information. Note we are only able to issue boxes to those who have made contact prior to collection. On collection there will be a simple form to sign to confirm receipt.

Giving Donations to the Pop-Up Foodbanks

The Mere and District Foodbank is in desperate need of the following donations to keep supplying the boxes we are distributing locally: tinned, packet and boxed food items, toiletries and pet food. There will be a collection bin for all your donations: 9am to 11am every Tuesday and Saturday in the porch at St Michaels Church, Mere or 10am to 2pm Every Thursday in the quiet room at The Butt of Sherry

We will be observing the 2 metre physical distancing guidelines. All donations are gratefully received!

Andrew Morgan from **The Red Lion Inn Kilmington** will supply and deliver groceries (fresh food products such as fruit, vegetables, dairy products, bread, butchery etc) and real ale and cider. Contact Andrew directly to place your order and arrange delivery: redliontakeout@gmail.com. Please do not telephone the pub.

La Chasse in Zeals will help those who cannot get out for food shopping. They are offering a 10% discount on minimum orders (over £80) and require payment upfront. Delivery times are inevitably flexible. This company sources an unusual range of food and delivers to a wide area from Exeter to London, from the South Coast to north of Cheltenham, which could interest those wishing to send food to relatives Tel: 01747 840996 www.lachasselimited.co.uk, and orders@lachasselimited.co.uk

The Bell & Crown in Zeals (currently closed of course) are making and selling pies out of the Grosvenor Arms kitchen in Hindon for people to enjoy at their leisure. They will be doing daily deliveries to addresses in Zeals and surrounding areas, so if you'd like to get in on the pie action please give us a call on 01747 820696.

They have also started a #pieitforward scheme, based on the pay it forward concept. For every pie that is 'paid forward', they add another, and these get distributed to struggling families in the local area. So, for £6 you can buy two pies for someone else.

Sprout and Flower of Mere are doing home deliveries. Ring in an order, they ring you when it is put up and you pay over the phone. Their service is great, and the quality of food is good. Telephone 01747 860300

Richard Read of ADE (Home Solutions) would like it to be known that if there are any house problems eg dripping taps etc. he has protective equipment and would be happy to sort things for anyone in the area.

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Ringling bells for the NHS in Zeals



Zeals has seen a group of enthusiastic handbell ringers appearing each Thursday to ring for the NHS. They also rang for VE Day, standing around The War Memorial on Zeals Green. As church bells are silent this is a great way to send a message of THANKS from Zeals to our wonderful NHS, care workers, postmen, bin men and all the others working away to

keep the country running and its residents safe.

St Peter's Church Roof

St Peter's has a new roof – again – but this time it is a shiny steel roof, which is not attractive to thieves as it has no resale value and is more difficult to remove than lead. Work progressed fast and we are now hoping to start the interior redecoration as soon as possible.

Don't delay seeking medical help because of Coronavirus

People living in Wiltshire are being advised not to let worries about coronavirus stop them asking for medical help for themselves or their children if they become ill, or if they have a serious accident or have a concern about their health. They are also being warned that not seeking medical help for symptoms that could be the early warning signs of serious conditions such as cancer could be putting lives at risk.

The warning comes as new data shows a considerable drop in the number of people coming forward to ask their GP for help and advice during the coronavirus outbreak.

Dr Ruth Grabham, Medical Director at BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG, said the statistics made for worrying reading because the drop in numbers "is not because people are not experiencing symptoms". "While it may seem that coronavirus has put a stop to most aspects of everyday life, the one thing it hasn't stopped is what's going on inside our bodies," she says. "Now more than ever, we need to pay attention to anything that isn't normal and seek help early on."

Although GP practices across the region have adopted new ways of working, such as establishing isolated clinics for potential coronavirus patients, the practices themselves are still open to offer care, treatment, advice and peace-of-mind.

The same also goes for emergency departments at the three hospitals in Bath, Swindon and Salisbury, all of which continue to be open 24 hours a day for people with a genuine and life-threatening health concern.

Additionally, all healthcare facilities in the region, as well as those elsewhere in the country, have put in place stringent infection control measures to ensure that the risk of contracting coronavirus while visiting a hospital or GP surgery remains low.

- Details of which services continue to open, as well as how to get in contact, can be found online by visiting www.bswccg.nhs.uk
- For information about local hospital services visit <https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/>, www.gwh.nhs.uk or www.salisbury.nhs.uk
- Further information on how to stay well throughout the coronavirus outbreak can be found at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19.

Bourton Village Hall

Still closed at the moment...but we are putting books and jigsaws in the Bourton bus shelters. Help yourselves or put some in for swapping.

The 100 club draws from April onwards will take place at the first Lunch back in the Hall

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Green Fingers: Notes from a fair weather gardener

June 2020

A few years ago, I attended a talk about garden design where the speaker said she generally wouldn't design a garden with June in mind because everybody's garden looks good in June. Certainly, this is the month when everything bursts into life and the hard work we have put into the garden brings its rewards. Roses are a particular joy at this time of year, not only do they look beautiful, but the old fashioned roses especially bring perfume into the garden.

All this flowering abundance might make the gardeners amongst us think that we can rest on our laurels, sit in a deckchair and enjoy the sights and smells of summer. However, as Kipling once said: 'gardens are not made by singing, "Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade', so there is still work to be done!

One of the easiest, but also most frequent, tasks is dead heading. Most roses will benefit from this, as will many other flowers in the garden. Getting rid of spent flowers will encourage the plant to produce more blooms rather than putting all its energies into producing seeds. I always think that this is quite a pleasant job to do as it provides the opportunity to look at the garden in detail and perhaps think about how your plot might develop in the future. Perhaps there are plants that could be moved to a better spot in the autumn or maybe there are plants that you would like to repeat elsewhere.

This is a good time to look at your shrubs and think about some light summer pruning. Deutzia, Weigela and Philadelphus are all candidates for this treatment as they bloom on the previous year's growth, so if you leave this too late you may not get many flowers next year.

This is also a good time to sow seeds for some winter colour and for next spring. They may be a bit old fashioned, but wallflowers provide a wonderful display in the spring and should be sown now. If you want a more modern look, you could start off some ornamental cabbages, which look great in pots outside.

There may not be a Chelsea Flower show this year, but we can all enjoy our own version in our gardens, whether we weeding, pruning or just enjoying the view.

Daphne Knott

Found !

A bracelet was found at the bottom of Kites Nest Lane, Bourton, on Wednesday 20th May at approx 10.15 am. If you are the owner of this bracelet please contact Lyndi d'Ambrumenil on 01747 840594 or lyndi_dambrumenil@hotmail.com



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News from Stourhead

**National
Trust**

Springtime at Stourhead is both a magical and an inspiring time of year. Eight new cygnets have joined the Stourhead swan family, lambs abound in the hay fields and the flora is erupting with colour and smell. Sadly, we have not been able to share this natural splendour with you all this year and this will unfortunately be the same for the remainder of spring.

The Government's roadmap to enabling society to return to a 'new normal' is built of a phased approach of reopening various communal and business entities. Stourhead, together with other National Trust properties, RHS places (excluding their garden centres) and places like Kew Gardens are all categorised as Ticketed Outdoor Leisure Venues. This means that we are part of the third stage of the Government's roadmap and, depending on the success of stages 1 and 2, we will be hoping to reopen Stourhead on 4 July.

When we do open, it will have a very different look and feel. To give our staff team, volunteers and you, our local community, the reassurance that your safety is foremost in our minds, we will be operating a pre-booked ticketed system for the foreseeable future. This means that anyone wishing to visit Stourhead will need to book a time-ticketed slot the day before arrival.

As part of this new way of working, we are also keen to create opportunities for you, our local community, to have the space and time to enjoy Stourhead as well. Once we have clarity from the Government on exact opening dates, we will let you know how and when you will be able to access Stourhead.

For the time being, we want to wish you and your families well, and we look forward to welcoming you back to Stourhead as soon as it is safe for us to open once again.

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

News from Parish Councils

Bourton

In April, Bourton Parish Council held a technically successful virtual meeting using Zoom. Several members of the public joined the meeting and the feedback received was generally very positive. Our next meeting will take place virtually at 6pm on Thursday 28th May and will include the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Meeting and the usual regular meeting.

The signs I placed on the dog waste bins seem to have been effective but I would reiterate that owners should still take their dogs waste home with them as it can be placed in their blue household waste bin.

The play area within the school field will remain closed until government guidelines advise otherwise.

Eve Wynn, Clerk

Kilmingington

I am pleased to report that despite all the various challenges the current situation re Covid-19 is bringing, the Parish Council is still functioning well, albeit in a slightly different way.

Our website has been re-vamped by our local computer consultant, Tim Thornley who lives in Bourton and is now compliant with the new accessibility requirements coming into force later this year. There are still some slight modifications needed and these are ongoing but one of the benefits of the change is that I will be able to access the website to load documents and notices once I have received some basic training. Please have a look and let me have your comments, photographs and additional information for possible inclusion – it is now a secure site and may be accessed at <https://kilmingingtonwiltshire.org>

Revised regulations extending accounts and audit deadlines for our 2019-20 Annual Governance and Accountability Review have been published and I am working towards having everything ready in good time. Our internal auditor, Mr Eugene Reed, has checked and approved the accounts and we are extremely grateful to him for completing this so quickly. The PC is again planning to certify itself exempt from a limited assurance review (external audit) which saves a fee of £200 but this still has to be agreed and recorded in the minutes of a meeting. As our Annual PC meeting was cancelled last month and there are no plans to hold any normal meeting in the near future, we are going ahead with a “virtual” meeting using a remote conference internet package. This is provisionally planned for Tuesday, 2 June at 8pm - full details will be published on our website and on the village noticeboard.

Ruth Burrows, Clerk

Stourton with Gasper

The Parish Council has had to postpone all meetings for the moment and we have introduced a temporary delegated powers system like most other councils. This suspends our Standing Orders for the interim but we will revert back to normal when we are able to. Wiltshire Council send out regular updates and variations on government legislation to deal with the wider situation. This allows us to deal with planning applications or new information as it comes out. Our website is updated when relevant and we are still able to be contacted via email or phone.

Fran Hill, Clerk

Zeals

During these difficult and strange times the parish council is able to function on a daily basis: your councillors continue to operate closely as a team by working remotely. Perhaps we may be able to return to having our usual open meetings sometime in the month of July, that is, should the lifting of restrictions continue. However, instead of the usual, formal minutes of council proceedings, for the time being newsletters from the parish council are being displayed on our notice boards and on the hugofox.com/communities/zeals website, giving very detailed information for residents.

Even though the Annual Parish Meeting had to be cancelled earlier this month, I am still fortunate to be able to compile the Annual Parish Review, because representatives from all 14 of our village groups and activities have submitted an annual review on behalf of their particular group. Consequently, this vital summary of life within our village can be stored within the archives and the record kept going.

Of the more relevant tasks ahead for our councillors to undertake, I am pleased to report that plans are underway to give the swings at the playground a much-needed new coat of paint, only possible now after some essential repairs were carried out. Even though it is costing the parish council considerable sums to up-grade the playground and bring it up to the best standard possible, it is rightly regarded by councillors that this is an asset that needs to be kept in as good a condition as funds will allow: it is for the benefit of the whole village now and for the future too. It is recognised that the public seat by the Rectory needs replacing, and that the bus shelter is beginning to appear rather tired. We continue to enquire from Wiltshire Council as to when the damaged build-outs are going to be fixed, and for more information on the fate of the Old Watercross Beds to come our way. There are 2 planning applications that need to be assessed by councillors. A development is planned at Lower Zeals Farm and the other proposal is for a development at Fountain Cottage. Full details of these proposed projects can be viewed on Wiltshire's Planning website.

The accounts of the parish council and the financial procedures used throughout the past financial year have been approved by the Internal Auditor. Now the task of completing the lengthy Annual Governance and Accountability Return can begin.

Graham Edgar: Clerk to Zeals Parish Council

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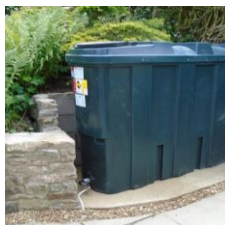
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Gymnastics in Lockdown!

The lockdown has brought out the best in nearly everyone: helping others, contacting vulnerable people, fantastic rainbows appearing in windows, plant swapping, shopping for others- the list is huge, wonderful and so varied and thoughtful.



Isabella 11, having lived with her grandparents in Zeals for a number of years is now a pupil at Port Regis, nr Gillingham, where gymnastics has become a huge love and great discipline for her.

She is at the moment in London with her parents, living near the famous cancer hospital, the Royal Marsden. Upset to think that patients have no visitors and of course cannot leave, Isabella

decided to help. First she cooked biscuits and now has a project of doing gymnastic poses in front of famous London land marks. This started with summersaults down an empty Bond Street! Since then The London Eye, Horse Guards, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, The National Gallery to name but a few have had handstands, cartwheels and the odd backflip done in front of them! Her target is 50 different London landmarks.

She has an early start of 530am for her hour's exercise, take photos and be back in time for school work. Weekends are being plotted to cover more of London, and ideas of which monuments to go for are also more than welcome! The photos go to the hospital for a bit of fun from the outside world!

From this the idea of fundraising for the patients evolved. Her target was £300. Amazingly her Just Giving page has reached nearly £1000 in a week!

Issy has an Instagram account :
lockdownlondongymnastics.
She would love followers please?

Or

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/isabellacocojw.



Lyndi d'Ambrumenil, Zeals



VE Day Memories

My two sisters and I lived four miles out of Carlisle in Cumbria. Our father was a boys prep school Headmaster for 55 pupils. We were away from the horrible blitzes of London and the shipbuilding towns. My sisters remembered on 8th May Maypole Dancing on Wetheral Green.

I cannot remember much as an 8 year old except going to Holy Trinity Church for a service at 6pm. Two things have stuck in my mind about that evening as we all sat in a different place to where we sat on every other Sunday. The other thing, I noticed was that our gardener/groundsman, Mr. Bell, was there in Church and I had never seen them there before. My Mother who produced a feast of lillies and blanchmanges was not only Headmaster's wife, but also Bursar, full time Cook for 60 people as well as playing the piano at morning Assemblies with my elder sister turning the pages and saying "Last verse, Mummy"!

I remember the iron railings at the front of the School being cut down for munitions. I can also remember two German Jewesses, Lottie and Gerda, who worked as domestics in the School, and had fled the Holocaust in Germany. I remember too bombs exploding in the village of Scotby - two miles away - as people were leaving a dance.

But what scarred a very young boy's memory were seeing two different flying accidents: firstly a low flying British plane hitting a tree in Wetheral and exploding and secondly seeing another British plane crash into the sea while we were on holiday camping in West Cumberland.

Colin Holman

On 4th June 1940, four days before D-Day, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made his famous speech to the House of Commons

*“... we shall fight on the beaches,
We shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields
and in the streets,
We shall fight in the hills
We shall never surrender”*



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On 1st April 2020 a small initiative was started to collect food donations from people living within the Parish for the Gillingham Foodbank. Collection points have been set up at the Stourhead Farm shop, Bourton Garage, and Zeals Post Office where food donations can be dropped off. Donations can also be delivered directly to the Gillingham Foodbank (Mondays and Thursdays only – 10am-12 noon.)

From 1st-14th April 120kg of food was donated and £650 in cash donations. This enabled the Foodbank to feed 49 people for 3 days.

From 15th April-18th May a further 483kg of food has been donated and a staggering £5,786 has been received in cash donations. This has enabled the Foodbank to feed 379 people for 3 days.

So, from 1st April-18th May your generous donations have fed 428 local people in crisis for 3 days.

This is a remarkable start for which we send you our deepest, heartfelt thanks. Please keep the donations coming. If you would like to make a cash donation, please do so through the website and reference your donation "Stourton Parish". www.gillinghamfoodbank.org.uk

Thank you all for your continued support.

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 1.30 – 3.00 pm 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

Thank You!

I am extremely grateful to Nick Hart for his considerable help with the collection and delivery of the May and June magazines. Nick and the Bourton Support Group have been invaluable in their help and I do thank them very much indeed

My thanks also to Carol Affleck and Sue Evans for helping to manage the complicated distribution process during this difficult time. It is very much appreciated.

Celia Cotton, Editor

**The next edition of the Parish Magazine will be for
July and August combined. Please send all contributions by
Friday 19th June at noon**

KEEP ON KEEPING ON !