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Message from Rev Ben

*No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! –*

November!

Thomas Hood

Of all the seasons of the year, autumn has to be the best. Our beloved jumpers and scarfs are pulled out from the draw (hopefully with the same number of holes as they went in with), the heating goes on, and the slow cooker is dusted off and used for yet another season. There is something about autumn which reminds us about the hospitality and safety that a home is there to provide. There are certain things which all people deserve as a fundamental human right, and for me autumn brings such needs to mind – food, warmth and comfort. November is the season of wrapping up warm and hibernating. And yet, the section from Thomas Hood's poem speaks more about what we do not have during the month of November, than what we have. Without much sun we don't see shade or shine, butterflies and bees are conspicuous by their absence, and fruits, flowers, leaves and birds are also reminiscent of past months. November is a season of looking back at past months, past years, past loves, and past memories as the nights draw closer. We remember loved ones past at All Souls, we remember the gunpowder plot (when was that again?!), at our War Memorials we remember those who have paid the ultimate price, and we give thanks for all that has gone past and given us life. November is a time of looking back at the past year, and indeed as a church, the ecclesiastical year ends in November and starts with Advent in December. However, while many of us can embrace the autumnal hibernation which November brings, it also reminds us of how many people do not readily get the food, warmth and comfort that should be a fundamental human right.

There are so many ways of supporting people around. If you are a landlord or are able to help Dorset or Wiltshire County Council to provide refuge for many families from Afghanistan, perhaps you could get in touch with them on either of these methods:

Dorset Email: afghanfamilieshousing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Wiltshire Survey :

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=163051361750>

Or when you go shopping, you could add some extra bits to your shopping to add to the Foodbank collection in Gillingham which serves Gillingham, Shaftesbury, Sturminster Newton, Stalbridge, Wincanton and Mere and the surrounding villages. ASDA and Waitrose in Gillingham collect, as do the Lidl in Gillingham and Wincanton, and the Morrisons and Co-Op in Wincanton also collect.

For many November is a cosy time to warm up and reminisce, however, for many more it is much harder to do so. How can we help to make the month of November filled with life and comfort, rather than a month of No-venber.

Ben

Rev Ben Rundell-Evans

St George's 100 Club

Results for October draw:

1st prize
Mrs Gill Whitehead

2nd prize
Mrs Cathy Moorby

For information contact
Ruth Burrows
01747 840371

St Martin's Millennium Club

October Winners

F Bex
R Pitts
S Perrott
A Etherington
K Ramsay

November draw on
Thursday 4th November 2021 at
Zeals Motors.

Whitesheet School News

In October the children are celebrating Black History Month, as they are learning about significant events across Black History. Rev Ben took Harvest Service on 15th October and talked about the things we must be thankful for; the school has supported the Trussell Trust again this year by bringing non-perishable food items into school. Breakfast Club is becoming popular, with Mrs Naylor running it. Book Fair will be in school from 25th– 30th November so please come along and join us and find some fantastic books for Christmas. Stories by starlight on 9th November from 5-6pm, which will be held in school, Pop on your pyjamas and bring your favourite teddy along to listen to some lovely stories. Please contact the school office if you want to attend.

Vanessa Higgins (head of School)

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Many of you will already know that Mrs Higgins will be leaving Whitesheet Academy at the end of the Christmas Term. She will be taking up a headship at another school in January 2022. Whitesheet will be sharing Miss Ross Baker, another Academy school from Trent Young's in Dorset, starting in January for 3 days a week. After Easter Mrs Emily Mullord will take up the shared headship with Shrewton School. Mrs Mullord was helping earlier this year.

Green Fingers

Notes from a Fairweather Gardener: November 2021

The weather certainly seems to have thrown everything at us just lately – glorious autumn sunshine, torrential rain and high winds, but so far, no frost. Although our winters seem to be getting milder, it is still a wise precaution to start protecting more tender plants from the cold. Very tender plants should be brought into the greenhouse, a sunny shed or just a more sheltered spot in the garden, perhaps next to a warm house wall. We probably all have some pots in the garden which will need some attention. All pots should be raised on pot feet or bricks to prevent them becoming waterlogged and perhaps splitting. Some more tender plants in pots may need to be wrapped in fleece or sacking to protect the roots from frost damage. Bulbs thrive on a cold snap, but will rot if the soil is too wet, so some precautions now will save disappointment later.

Autumn is always a good time to take stock and tidy up the garden. Over-enthusiastic perennials can be divided now to make space for new growth. You could plant some bulbs in the spaces you have made – November is an excellent time for planting tulips. If you have hellebores, cut off the old leaves to give the flowers maximum display space.

If you are feeling green-fingered, you could try your hand at taking root cuttings from perennial plants. Phlox and perennial poppies are especially good candidates for this. This is an economical way of increasing your plant stock, and if you are really successful, your friends' and neighbours' plant stocks as well!

Finally, looking forward to summer, from now until March is a good time to plant bare rooted roses. Roses like a sunny spot, but beware of planting them in a bed that has just been cleared of other roses. They may look happy for a couple of years, but they might suffer from replant disease later, which will weaken them. If you do want to replant an existing rose bed, you could exchange the soil or line the planting hole for each new rose with cardboard. Regardless of the location, remember that roses are hungry plants, so add plenty of organic matter and mulch well. Then sit back and look forward to a glorious summer display.

Daphne Knott



Farm Fresh Turkeys

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JAZZ

AT STOURTON

Live music returns to the Stourton Memorial Hall when four of the West Country's finest jazz musicians team up for a charity gig



on Friday 19th November

The Nick Sorensen Quartet will perform an eclectic set, with compositions ranging from Miles Davis to Elton John. The full line-up is Nick (tenor sax), Graham Dent (piano), Adrian Smith (double bass) and Greg White (percussion).

Profits from the concert will go to the Bosnian orphanages supported by Sam and Cindi, landlords of The Spread Eagle.

Tickets are just £10 and are already selling fast.

Contact Jane Joyce (j-joyce@dircon.co.uk /01747 840149) or Sally Monkhouse (sallymonkhouse2@gmail.com / 07979998186).

Doors and bar open at 7pm



**National
Trust**

News from Stourhead

October is a very busy time here at Stourhead as we “Listen, think, dream, remember with joy” – this was just one of the short poems created on our poetry board in October. The magnetic board in the garden featured several meaningful words which visitors could arrange and rearrange to create their own poem, and many budding bards were inspired.

“Listen, think, dream” seems a perfect way to spend time at Stourhead. The birdsong, the beauty and the history of this special place have inspired poetry, painting, performance and more.

And though we “remember with joy” the warmth of the summer sun, the arrival of November sees the nights draw in and a chill in the air. Here at Stourhead, though, that doesn’t mean the end of autumn – there’s still plenty of change in the garden as vibrant greens continue to give way to cosy coppers, rich reds and stunning golden hues.

The house will be closing its doors on 8th of November as the team begin decorating the showrooms for the Christmas opening, using hundreds of decorations which have been handcrafted by a team of volunteers. It’s not to be missed, so plan a visit after 26th of November to enjoy the wonderful festive house.

Preparations are also in full swing for the magical Christmas at Stourhead illuminated trail. Tickets are already proving very popular, especially at weekends, so do make sure to book yours well in advance to guarantee your place.

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.

Alice Moran, Marketing & Communications Officer
alice.moran@nationaltrust.org.uk or 01747 842021.

Country Calendar: October 2021

Here we are entering into winter, and we are facing a dark and gloomy time. The UK energy crisis has already led not only to suppliers going bust and struggling to keep up with increasing gas prices, but also to production issues in the food sector. The real consequences of the crisis are yet to be seen in the coming weeks and months, coupled with the recent threat from French fisherman to blockade ports and cut off Christmas supplies to Britain. Perhaps it is not all bad and can be viewed as a wakeup call not just for the government but all of us. For the past twenty years we as a country have achieved 60% self-sufficiency for our food. During the 1930s, the country was at around 30%-40% self-sufficient and we all know about rationing during the Second World War. In 1984, there was enough food produced in Britain to feed the nation for 306 days of the year. Today, that figure is 233 days, making 21 August 2021 the day that the country would run out of food if we were relying solely on British produce. Times are changing for farming. We are no longer going to be rewarded for producing food of the highest quality. The new ELMS (Environment Land Management Schemes) is all about sustainable farming, nature and landscape recovery.

The environment and our reduction of carbon emissions is extremely important, but we need to produce our own food and not be reliant on other countries to supply our need. Yet, shockingly, pig farmers have begun the UK's first cull of healthy animals not prompted by disease, slaughtering hundreds/thousands of animals after the government declined to intervene to help with an acute labour shortage and CO2. Under this new ELMS scheme, which has been heavily criticised by Minette Batters, President of the NFU, for lack of detail, not enough financial support, culminating in many businesses becoming unviable. Neither will we be able to achieve the 60% self-sufficiency, nothing like. The cost of food produced under the new regulations will increase costs, food prices have already started to rise before we even embrace these new rules. I would hate to see food that we farmers produce greatly decreased and only available for those who are able to pay - a niche market for an enviable few. It is extremely concerning that the majority of our food will come from other countries with very poor health, welfare and environmental standards, plus how can it be right that we have Company Carbon Offsetting where major **international** companies are buying farms throughout England and Wales to plant trees to offset **their** carbon footprint. This really perplexes me.

Perhaps with all the problems we are facing with rising inflation and shortages, surely the question of home-grown food production should be given priority. We cannot survive without food. Should not the question be asked why we are not promoting and encouraging our production of food and raise our self-sufficiency and reduce our dependency on other countries to feed us.

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On a happier note, our lovely herd of Stourhead Limousins won the South Western Limousin Cattle Breeders Club Large Herd Competition 2021. It is official -- our herd is the Best in the West!

Jane Parker

Kilmington & Stourton Women's Institute

The WI will hold their Christmas Party on Tuesday 23rd November
Stourton Memorial Hall 7.30pm

*The WI meets every fourth Tuesday of the month @7.30pm
For further details please contact Jane Parker 01985 844248
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Advent Windows in Bourton

In anticipation of the Christmas season, we are looking for 22 homes in Bourton which have a window which can be clearly seen from the road. Upstairs windows work well.

- Adopt a day by contacting me (details below) by the end of November.
- Light up your window by 6pm on the day you have chosen.
- Join us at The White Lion for a drink to start off the season on Wednesday 1st December

For any further explanation, contact Caroline Worthington on 07754 882454 or message the village Facebook page by the end of November.

**ZEALS 2022
CALENDAR**

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Harvest Praise

A service of thanksgiving for harvest was held at Home Farm Stourton on Sunday 10th October. The Service was combined with a short enactment based on The Wizard of Oz and the children of St George's school took part in the play and in the Service.

The Service was taken by Rev Ben and Barbara Borwell, who also masterminded the occasion. Chris Reeves played the music and Jane Parker kindly gave us the setting in one of the Home Farm barns and also provided an excellent tea after the Service.

There was a scarecrow competition and an auction of donated harvest gifts, which raised the splendid sum of £227 in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI). Charles Spencer was the excellent and insistent auctioneer.



Dorothy & Toto ↑



Chris, Jane and Rev Ben ↑



Christmas Illuminations at St Peter's Stourton

Plans are underway for the Christmas decoration of St Peter's by the parish. The theme for the windows this year will be Christmas Carols and there will be a nativity crib scene on the altar. If you would like to help with the decoration etc, please contact Crin Fearon (fearoncrin@hotmail.com/ 01747 841400).

There will again be a produce table where cakes, biscuits, confectionery and other Christmas goodies will be on offer. Please deliver your contributions to Jane Parker (jane.homefarm@gmail.com/01985 844248) or Celia Cotton ([celiabeale@globalnet.co.uk/01985 844613](mailto:celiabeale@globalnet.co.uk)) or directly to the church on any of the dates below

The dates we will be operating will be through December as follows: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd. We will need stewards (minimum of 3) every evening between 6 pm and 8.30 pm. If anyone would like to volunteer for this – it will include directing visitors and also helping on the produce stall - please contact Jane Joyce (j-joyce@dircon.co.uk/ 01747 840149)

This is an important parish fundraiser and your help and contributions will be enormously appreciated.

Recycled Christmas Craft Sale

Friday 12th and Saturday 13th November 2021 from 11-4pm

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(up the High Street from The White Lion)

10% of proceeds will be donated to the NHS

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Full details of product for sale can be seen online at

www.etsy.com/shop/catherinepottercraft

Or ring Catherine on 07818 088863 for more information

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday 7th Third Sunday before Advent
10.00 am Parish Communion at St George's Bourton

Thurs11th Armistice Day
10.45 am Act of Remembrance at
Stourton War Memorial
Zeals War Memorial

Sunday 14th Remembrance Sunday
10.00 am Remembrance Service at St George's Bourton
10.45 am followed by Act of Remembrance at Bourton War
Memorial

Sunday 21st Christ the King
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Peter's Stourton
05.30 pm Sung Evensong for St Cecelia at St Peter's Stourton

Sunday 28th First Sunday of Advent
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals

December

Sunday 5th Second Sunday of Advent
10.00 am Parish Communion at St George's Bourton

Weekdays

Mondays: 9.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's Bourton
Wednesdays 4.00 pm	Midweek Communion at St Martin's Zeals - with Masks & Social distancing
Thursdays 9.00 am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's Kilmington
Thursdays 2.00pm	Toddlers' Half Hour at St George's Bourton



**Chris Reeves :
25 years a Churchwarden**

At the Service at St Mary's Kilmington on 29th August, Chris Reeves' long service as Churchwarden was celebrated.

Chris was presented with a smart Emma Bridgewater mug inscribed 'Churchwarden' and a bottle of champagne. The parish offers Chris its congratulations and thanks for all his work over those twenty five years

**ROSE MEMORIAL PEDESTAL
St George's Flower Group**

The creation of the Rose Pedestal will be resumed this year.

For All Saints/All Souls on Sunday 14th November we will again create a pedestal of red roses especially as a Remembrance to loved ones in the parish whose names are recorded in our Commemoration Book

We will also especially be remembering all those who have been lost to Covid.

If you wish to remember a family member, friend or companion, please forward name(s) – printed please - in an envelope + donation to Barbara Borwell, 25 New Close, Bourton/01747 840141 no later than 5th November 2021



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**Open Day at Julia's House Devizes
children's hospice on Tuesday 9
November, from 11am to 2pm.
Booking is essential at**

www.juliashouse.org/event/wiltshire-hospice-open-day

Meet members of the Julia's House team and take a tour of the purpose-built children's hospice in Devizes on a special Open Day next month.

The free event on Tuesday 9 November will mark the first time that the charity has been able to open the hospice doors to the general public in this way since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each [bookable one-hour session](#) will include a tour of the charity's hospice building, where you can learn more about how your support makes a difference for seriously ill children and families in Wiltshire.

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Murder Most Foul

18th and 19th September 2021

at St Mary's Church Kilmington

A friend (David Sherriff) wrote the play at my gentle request last year while self-isolating on return from France. After advertising for cast and support staff, a script reading took place in St Mary's Church Kilmington before Christmas. We were fortunate that an experienced AmDram Director, Christine Dunn, decided to join us. She brought various actors with her from Bruton and Frome and Midsomer Norton; we had some local talent as well, including Carrie Baker and Phoebe Cross from Kilmington. One professional actor joined the team – Rose Keegan, lately of Kilmington. Mike Chapman, a retired publicity man, took on the promotion and some acting. Ashley Kemp took on the role of Treasurer. He persuaded the Church insurance company to provide cover, and he ordered many portaloos.

Rehearsals started in the spring and continued through the summer, meeting once a week. Props were acquired, including some hefty pikes and bills and a sword lent by the English Civil War Society regiment near Bruton. Roy Taylor, the Stage Manager, and his assistant, John Hooper, mustered all the tables, chairs, weapons, cloths, mugs, jugs, ropes, a gibbet, a scaffold and so on. They ensured the actors had the right kit at the right time.

For the performances, the sun shone, the pillory had buckets of water and sponges, the actors were in costume and raring to go. And the audience came – cheerful, chatty, carrying folding chairs and rugs and on time. They came in good numbers: around 360 people over the whole weekend.

That was it. People watched the play in the sunshine, drank beer and tea while eating cakes; actors ran round the Church leaving and entering the small grassy stage; children helped at the stalls; local people were in the audience, with people from Bristol, London, Somerset and even Dorset. It was a grand two days.

Peter Booth

For those who missed the original, Murder Most Foul 1557 will be available in a few days via the website: www.murdermostfoul.co

And for Rodney Wayman's photos and video go to :
<https://www.murdermostfoul.co/videoandphotos.php>

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Bourton Players Panto

The Bourton Players will be putting on a pantomime next year

- OH YES WE WILL ! -

although we're a bit late getting started this year. We're just deciding on a script but whatever we do, it'll be huge fun to be a part of, entertaining to watch and a great charity fundraiser.

Last year's Peter Pan was so well attended that we were pleased to be able to donate £1,000 to the Alzheimer's Society and £1,000 to the Stroke Association - we thank you all for coming!

Would you like to take part in the next panto either on stage or backstage, set building or costumes etc? Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings plus some weekends in the new year and performances will be in half term week in February.

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News from Parish Councils

Bourton

At the last Parish Council meeting held in September it was agreed that in future, starting from October, we would hold the meetings every 4th Wednesday of the month. Therefore, the remainder of this years meetings will be held on 27th October, 24th November and 22nd December, all starting at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Every year, the Parish Councillors put forward their suggestions for the recipient of the Thomas Mitchell salver and this year's nomination was unanimous – The Bourton Community Support Group. I am in the process of having the salver engraved and it is hoped that once this is done a representative of the group will come forward to receive the salver from the Chairman.

Some years ago the parish council purchased the old red phone box from BT for the grand sum of £1. This phone box is at the entrance to Tan Lane and is in need of a volunteer or volunteers to perhaps monitor the state of the box and to ensure that it doesn't become a dumping ground for unwanted items. If anyone is interested, or indeed if anyone has any suggestions for its future use such as a mini library, a place to swap plants, or even somewhere for locally produced fresh milk to be dispensed from! I know there will be some inspired ideas out there and I would love to hear from you with your suggestions.

Eve Wynn, Clerk (Bourtonparishclerk@hotmail.com)

Kilmington

There has not been a meeting of the PC since the last publication so there is little to report. The Clerk has received confirmation from the PC's insurance company that the risk assessment has been approved for the annual bonfire and firework display, planned for Friday 5 November.

The inspector from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) was due to undertake an annual inspection of the play equipment and playing field in September but at the time of writing this report, we have not heard anything from him.

We have no further news on the various outstanding highways issues but are hopeful that there will be at our next meeting, which has been rescheduled, and is now on Thursday 2 December at the Home Guard Club commencing at 7.30pm. Members of the public are reminded that they are welcome to attend and there is always a 20-minute session at the start of each meeting for questions and comments on any agenda items.

Ruth Burrows, Clerk (parishclerk@kilmingtonwiltshire.org)

Stourton with Gasper

The Parish Council are working hard to re-site the old defibrillator in a new case so it can have 24/7 access. In the meantime, it remains at the National Trust Visitor Centre for use during opening hours, 9am – 5pm every day.

Please put in your diaries the date of 12 February 2022 for the annual village Litter Pick. Further information will be available nearer the date.

Also, an extraordinarily special event next year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are currently discussing plans to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Queen's Accession to the throne during the extended bank holiday weekend Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 2022. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 1 December at 6pm.

Fran Hill, Clerk clerk@stourton.org.uk

Zeals

September's bi-monthly meeting allowed councillors, as its trustees, to meet with the Village Hall's management committee and hear about recent progress and their plans for the future. Later on in the meeting, there was much discussion relating to Wiltshire Council. Several requests for action previously sent through to Wiltshire for their attention remain incomplete, added to which is the serious problem of overgrown verges causing safety problems for pedestrians and vehicles along our quiet country lanes. Hopefully, action from our county councillor will lead to more frequent cutting by Wiltshire's contractors in future. Councillors also sent their comments on a total of seven planning applications from within the parish through to the Planning Department.

It is reported rather frequently that too many drivers are travelling above the publicised speed limits within the village. In particular the speeding vehicles travelling south to Zeals along Bells Lane from Stourton continue to annoy residents and present a real danger. We shall be erecting the Speed Indicator Device near the old control tower in an effort to deter these speedsters.

Hard copies of the minutes are on display on the village notice boards, as well as being able to be read on-line using www.hugofox.com/community/zeals-parish-council.

Meetings in future will be taking place on the third Thursday of each relevant month, at bi-monthly intervals. The next one will be on the evening of Thursday 18 November, again in the Hall. A wreath will be laid by the parish council on behalf of the village on Remembrance Day.

Graham Edgar: Clerk to Zeals Parish Council

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Weekdays	Pre-School	08.45 -15.15 at the Preschool Playing Fields, West Bourton <i>[term time only]</i>
	The ZAC (Zeals AfterSchool Club)	Daily 15.15-18.00 (17.00 Fridays) at Mere Youth Centre, off White Rd, Mere 01747 840077/ info@thezac.org.uk
Tuesdays	Tummies, Tiddlers & Toddlers	09.15 – 12 noon at Bourton Village Hall
	Beavers	contact Anne Martin (ZAZU) anne.martin9@btinternet.com or by text to 07368 588270 <i>TUESDAY NIGHT IS BEAVER NIGHT 6-7 pm</i>
Wednesdays	Bell ringing practice	19.30 – 21.00 at St Martin's Zeals <i>Contact Georgina Muir 01985 844245</i>
Thursdays	Toddler Service	St George's Church Bourton at 2pm <i>Caroline Worthington. (07754 882454)</i>
Fridays Hall, Zeals	Friday Fun Club	10.00 - 11.30 Whitesheet School <i>[temporarily suspended due to Covid]</i>
	Choir Practice	Most Fridays (18.00-19.00) at St Martin's Church Zeals. New singers welcome. Contact Tom Wheare 01747 840 622
	Cubs	----- Contact Lesley Love GSL lesley1ump@hotmail.co.uk or text on 07967100106

Vincent Ling Concert : 13th November

Local star Vincent Ling from Kilmington will be the solo pianist with Trowbridge Symphony Orchestra on 13th November at 7.30 pm in Bradford on Avon. The concert's theme is Russian Orchestral Delights, and includes Stravinsky's *Circus Polka*, Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No 1*, and Stravinski's *The Firebird*. Tickets are going very fast so for booking, or for information: <https://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk/whats-on/trowbridge-symphony-orchestra-2>

Dates for your Diary: November

Monday	1 st	Bourton Village Lunch, 12.30pm BVH	page 28
Tuesday	9 th	Film Night, 7 for 7.30pm, BVH	page 28
Friday	12 th)	Christmas Craft Sale 11am-4pm,	
Saturday	13 th)	at Ladyfield, Bourton	page 13
Saturday	13 th	Christmas Coffee, 10am-noon, Silton VH	page 15
Saturday	13 th	Winter Fair, 10am-1.30pm Wincanton	page 26
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Wednesday	17 th	Bourton Gardening Club from 7pm BVH	page 17
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Tuesday	23 rd	WI Christmas Party, 7.30, SMH	page 9
Friday	26 th)	Second Hand Book Sale.	
Saturday	27 th)	11am-5pm, Mere Lecture Hall	page 9

Bourton Village Hall

Here's what's on in November:

LUNCH AT THE HALL: MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Homemade soups, bread and cheese, cake and coffee. An absolute bargain for £3! Doors open 12:30pm until 2pm. All welcome. Pay cash or contactless on the day.

FILM NIGHT - DREAMHORSE TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER

The true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely racehorse bred by small-town bartender Jan Vokes. With very little money and no experience, Jan convinces her neighbours to chip in their meagre earnings to help raise Dream and compete with the racing elites. Stars Toni Colette and Damian Lewis. Doors and bar open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Tickets £6.

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