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**Bourton**  
**Kilmington**  
**Stourton**  
**Zeals**



## April 2022

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## Mobile Library Times : April 2022

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	<b>Kilmington</b>	Home Guard Club	11.25-11.35 am

## Message from Rev Ben

**'Proud pined April dressed in all his trim'**

Finally - sun with some warmth! It is amazing how fast bulbs begin to poke out of the ground, leaves begin to sprout, and the garden furniture emerges once more from the garage. Spring has well and truly sprung and what a relief to see it! We are inextricably linked with the seasons, in a way that we simply cannot avoid. As much as we use artificial light to keep us working into the night, we are tuned into the sun, the length of days, and the warmth of an afternoon, almost as much as we are tuned to our stomachs and their appetites! We always have varied weather in our part of the world. However, when the weather is good, anything is possible.

Such weather makes it harder to comprehend the challenges that we see throughout the world, and particularly at the moment in Ukraine. In the face of the beauty of creation, it is hard to discern why we allow ourselves as humans to 'lord it over' one another. We are all born equal, and yet... In a life of faith, what is central is the understanding of giving glory not to ourselves, but our creator. Not gilding the lily, but admiring the creation we have, and sharing it with those around us. On a spring morning when there is such life coming from the depths of the ground, it makes one wonder how, when we have the gift of breath and life, we can sometime use it in such selfish ways.

In the face therefore of new life that we are offered in the springtide of creation, may we have generosity to those in need, and compassion and concern for those who wish others harm.

### ***Giving to Ukraine***

Although we may want to give practically, there are increasing messages from aid agencies stating that unless there are key contacts in Ukraine or neighbouring countries, any collections of provisions may get in the way of planned responses. Therefore, the best way to give is financially.

Disaster Emergency Committee charities, which include Christian Aid, World Vision and the Red Cross, are in Ukraine and neighbouring countries meeting the needs of all refugees and displaced people:

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Please give to places such as the Disasters Emergency Committee

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

**Ben**

***Rev Ben Rundell-Evans***

## **St George's 100 Club**

**Results for  
March 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
Linda Curry

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
Finlay Moorby

A new subscription year starts in April and anyone not currently a member can join. Full details available from Ruth Burrows on

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## **St Martin's Millennium Club**

**March Winners**

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K Holden  
K Ramsay  
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# **Green Fingers:**

## **Notes from a Fairweather Gardener**

### **April**

Once again, Easter is late this year, so there should be plenty of early spring flowers to decorate your Easter bonnet! Most of the plants blooming now are easily grown bulbs or perennials which well-organised gardeners will have planted in the autumn.

However, all is not lost, you can still buy pot-grown primulas of all sorts to brighten a dull spot and they are especially useful plants as they are happy to grow in the dappled shade of deciduous trees. You can also buy pots of auriculas; purchasing them in bloom will enable you to pick colour mixtures you like. These colourful and rather dramatic plants with their array of unusual colours were great favourites of the Victorians. They used to build plant theatres to display their collections. You could do the same for any favourite collection of plants that you have grown in pots. All that you need is something which will make an array of shelves that will withstand outdoor weather, or perhaps you would prefer to display some of your greenhouse specimens or indoor plants such as orchids in this way.

Traditionally, Easter weekend is the time to start gardening in earnest, and this is often the busiest weekend of the year at garden centres. The new spring flowers probably encourage us to look forward to summer. A trip to the local garden centre will undoubtedly entice you with a tempting array of plants that will bloom throughout the summer months. However, this could hurt your pocket, so perhaps sowing some seeds for annual flowers or dividing your existing perennials might be a better and certainly a cheaper option. The variety of annual flowers is astonishing and most are easy to grow. You could just mix several packets of assorted seeds together and scatter them through your flower beds. They will not make an orderly display, but you will probably get some happy surprises.

For a more sculptural look, try planting some sweet peas. Seedlings should be available now if you haven't grown your own. They will look splendid growing up a cane wigwam to give height to a bed or border, or they will climb a pergola with a little help or ramble through a lattice on a wall. They make wonderful fragrant posies for the house, so make sure you can get to them to cut them regularly so that you have blooms all summer long.

***Daphne Knott***

# FOXED BY ESTATE PLANNING?



By Stephanie Bebbington Dyke, Blue Fox Wealth Founder & MD, Chartered Fellow FCIS, DipPFS

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## Country Calendar: April 2020

I just love early spring mornings as I am a lark. For me it is the best part of the day: the early morning chorus coupled with the sun rise - what can be better? It certainly sets you up for the day and helps you face farming's daily trials and tribulations. We have just failed our TB test after being clear a year ago. No showing at the Agricultural Shows for us and our sales of pedigree bulls a nonstarter. But this is nothing compared to what our fellow farmers in the Ukraine are having to deal with. My heart goes out to them. Where this will all end or what the future holds, for the Ukrainians or the rest of the world, does not bear thinking about. I listen to Farming Today, and a Ukrainian farmer was explaining how the war was affecting them: quite a few of their staff had gone to fight and they were struggling to get their crops in. The Ukraine is the bread basket of Europe and Russia's destruction of several grain stores has exacerbated the world price of wheat to record highs. Fuel and fertilisers have followed suit, the cost of production of the world's staple grain is extremely concerning. Bread rationing might not be relegated to the history books. Even though bread was not rationed in WW11, it was rationed in July 1946 through to 1954 due to a world shortage. This was when the extraction rate on flour was raised to produce the wholemeal 'National Loaf' a nutrient-dense whole wheat bread first produced in 1942. At the time it was not popular as it was bitter and grainy — it has had a resurgence during lockdown after flour shortages and panic buying. Fortunately, the present-day ingredients include yeast and salt which makes it much more palatable. I have copied you the recipe as it might come in useful !

### INGREDIENTS

600 milliliters warm water	1.5 teaspoons salt
5 teaspoons easy blend yeast	1 tablespoon rolled oats for top
0.25 teaspoon sugar	1 teaspoon vegetable oil
900 grams wheatmeal flour/ wholemeal flour	

### INSTRUCTIONS

Place flour in large bowl, mix in all dry ingredients except the rolled oats. Drizzle in vegetable oil. Pour in warm water and mix thoroughly. When dough comes together knead for 10 minutes until dough is silky. Place back in bowl and cover. Let dough rise somewhere warm for around an hour until doubled in size. Knead dough briefly again

Place dough into 4 x ½ lb tins (or 2 x 1 lb tins) that have been floured

Brush top with a little water and sprinkle on some rolled oats

Leave to rise for around 20 minutes, then place in oven at 180 C for around 30-40 mins (depending on the size of the loaf)

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My grandfather was in the Royal Navy in the war and was on the Atlantic Run protecting the merchant ships carrying the grain to England. Torpedoed twice, he survived both sinkings, but his two brothers were not so lucky. He would be turning in his grave at what is happening today. At the start of the Second World War in 1939, the United Kingdom was importing 20,000,000 tons of food per year, including about 70% of its cheese and sugar, nearly 80% of fruits and about 70% of cereals. A harsh lesson was learnt as we steadily increased production and decreased our reliance on other nations. Shockingly, our present-day government's policy on agriculture does not even mention food production, rewilding, tree planting access for the public. I even heard it on the radio asking people to apply for grants to plant trees. Europe is at war - one can be forgiven for thinking this cannot be happening again. As I write horrendous scenes of destruction and loss of life are unfolding a whole country, with serious shortages of food and fuel becoming a reality. We all feel utterly useless but we must hold fast. Churchill's description of Hitler fits Putin perfectly "the foulest and most soul-destroying tyrant ever to blacken and stain the pages of history". We just have to brace ourselves and do the best we can. We can only hope our own crops will produce reasonably well and our concerns for shortages of fuel and other commodities will not implode any further.



On a brighter note we have been very busy with calving. Our amazing cow Jezabelle gave birth to an absolute whopper of a calf; the heifer weighed in at a staggering 62kg (138 lbs) wowee! The average birth weight is normally a mere 42kg. In these sad and worrying times this beautiful cow and her calf gave us a very special moment as the mother licked her newborn. As you can see mother and daughter (Tinkerbelle) are doing extremely well, and I hope it makes you smile too.

***Jane Parker***

## School News

### Whitesheet Primary



Whitesheet  
CE Primary Academy

With the sun shining this week there is a real feeling of spring coming - there are buds of flowers beginning to emerge, daffodils beginning to open and newly planted trees in our secret garden. The children have also enjoyed the warmth of the sunshine this week and have had great fun playing

outside; a huge contrast to the wet and windy days we had this term!

It has also been wonderful to see the Whitesheet family continue to flourish over the last week with the start of our new Gardening Club (exciting plans are developing with new plants, seating areas and rejuvenating the pond) and the School Council fundraising with a cake and toy sale - both of these will enable the school family to enjoy our outdoor spaces even more.

Looking ahead, we have a few more exciting events planned including a rescheduled welly walk (hopefully the winds will be calmer this time!) and our Easter Service at St Martin's Church at 9am on Friday 8th April.

*Ros Baker, Head of School*

## Pop up café

Stourton Memorial Hall

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> & Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

All proceeds in aid of

Whitesheet Primary Academy, Zeals

### **Kilmington & Stourton Women's Institute**

Kilmington and Stourton WI next meets on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April when the speaker will be Charlotte Popescu "Keeping Hens in the Garden"

The WI meets every fourth Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise stated)

at Stourton Memorial Hall @ 7.30 pm.

For further information contact

Secretary Bernie Isted: [bernieisted@gmail.com](mailto:bernieisted@gmail.com) or Jane Parker 01985 844248

## **School News**

### **St George's School, Bourton**

This is one of my favourite terms in school. The days are getting sunnier with signs of spring and new life all around us. Many Covid restrictions are no longer required in school: face coverings are not needed; classes will no longer need to operate in bubbles and social distancing is not required; parents, carers and visitors are allowed into the school building again; our Achievement Assembly on a Friday is open again to parents, carers, and families.

There has been much enjoyment in school as each class immerses themselves in their new topics. Foxes enjoyed a maths day out at Wincanton Races and Badgers enjoyed turning school into an Italian restaurant as they cooked homemade pesto, pasta, and Italian salads.

The children are making the most of enjoying competing alongside other schools once again. This is something we have really missed throughout the pandemic. We have had teams represent school in football, hockey, and athletics this term. Our children are such great ambassadors for school when they head out – we are immensely proud of them.

The first week back this term was extremely busy with so many opportunities for our children. We all enjoyed our House team pancake races on Shrove Tuesday, well done Sandways the winning House team. World book day was also an enormous success, with some fabulous story spoons being created along with our “drop everything and read sessions” each day proving popular with children and staff alike. Reading for pleasure is something that is so important to all children so spending time in school absorbed in different texts was a fantastic opportunity. We also held our Picture Book World Cup throughout the week with the winning book being “There’s a dragon in your book” by Tom Fletcher – it comes highly recommended by each class at St George’s.

Finally, our thoughts and prayers recently have been with the people in Ukraine. Following a request from the children we held a blue and yellow non uniform day alongside a cake sale organised by our Year 5 & 6 children. The kindness and generosity of our St George’s families was outstanding and we raised an incredible £728.52 for the DEC appeal to support the families in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who donated.

***Jill Farndale, Head Teacher***

## ***More coming up in Zeals***

**ZEALS COFFEE MORNING - SATURDAY 2nd APRIL**

10.30am - 12noon in Zeals Village Hall

Join us for coffee & cake or a warming hot chocolate, Simnel cake & Easter biscuits

A chance to catch up on the local news with neighbours and friends.

Don't forget the popular bring & buy produce and cake table.

A few flowers or rhubarb from the garden would be welcome.

**ZEALS VILLAGE SOUP LUNCH - MONDAY 25th APRIL**

12.30 - 2pm in Zeals Village Hall

A choice of homemade soup & crusty bread, cheese & biscuits, fruit, and tea & coffee. All are welcome and for you to relax and share with friends.

Dates to remember.....

**OPEN GARDENS: 18/19th June with Jubilee theme.**

Art in the garden, vintage car collection and cream teas served in the garden.

**TRASH & TREASURE 23rd July.**

Collect your Trash & Treasures for others to buy.

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## **Jubilee Service at St George's Bourton Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

In planning this service for the village we would like to include a display in Church of items residents may have from the Coronation in 1952. These may be mugs, mats, plates,

brooches, flags, photographs or newspapers. Our intention is to have a display in church on 5<sup>th</sup> June. It will probably be in the morning but all details next month. If you have items you can bring to the service please let us know so we have some idea of the size of our display. Memorabilia from any of our readers, not just from Bourton, will be very welcome. (If you are unable to be present at the service but have a suitable item contact me and we can arrange for you to leave it securely with me.)

**Margaret Martin** (Churchwarden)  
01747 840433 / [bookworminbourton@gmail.com](mailto:bookworminbourton@gmail.com)  
or leave a message at the Parish Office.

### **Kilmington Curry Supper**

Kilmington LCC is organising a Curry Supper on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at Stourton Memorial Hall 7 for 7.30pm. Everyone is most welcome. Tickets (£12.50) available from Elizabeth Hames 01985 844971 / [elizabeth\\_hames@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth_hames@yahoo.com) or Celia Cotton 01985 844613 / [celiabeale@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:celiabeale@globalnet.co.uk).

### **From the Registers**

#### **Funeral**

9th March at St Martin's Church, Zeals: **Ivan Thomas**

# SERVICES FOR APRIL 2022

**REMINDER: EARLIER START TIME OF 9.30 AM FOR SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Passion Sunday**  
9.30 am Parish Communion at St George's Bourton

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**  
9.25 am Processing from Kilmington School building  
9.30 am Parish Communion at St Mary's Kilmington

## ***Holy Week Services***

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday**  
7.00 pm Holy Communion with foot washing at St Peter's Stourton

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**  
11.00 am Churches Together Service, Castle Hill, Mere  
2.00 pm The Last Hour Service at St George's Bourton

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Day**  
6.00 am Dawn Service followed by breakfast at Search Farm, Stourton  
9.30 am Easter Day Service at St Martin's Zeals

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Easter**  
9.30 am Parish Communion at St Peter's Stourton

## **Weekdays**

Mondays: 9.00 am  
Wednesdays: 4.00pm

Morning Prayer at St George's Bourton  
Midweek Communion at St Martin's Zeals  
*(with masks & social distancing)*

Thursdays: 9.00 am  
Thursdays: 2.00 pm

Morning Prayer at St Mary's Kilmington  
Toddlers Half Hour at St George's Bourton

## **Lent Groups**

### **Journeying with John's Gospel**

These sessions, led by Rev Ben, will prayerfully focus upon his personal explorations of John's Gospel over the last three years or so. We will discover a little of the community which first heard the Gospel of John, and what that may mean for us as we journey.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**St Martin's Church, Zeals, 6pm**

### **Henri Neuwen for Lent and Beyond**

The 6<sup>th</sup> and final session of Margaret Martin's course will be on 6<sup>th</sup> April at Bourton Village Hall at 2.30pm

### **Rest & Refreshment in Lent**

The final session of Mona Tyler's Course will be on 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am in the Parish Room at St Martin's Zeals.

## **Church Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll is due for revision this year. If you are **NOT** already on the roll and wish to be included for 2022/2023, forms are available in the churches or from me 01985 844971 / [elizabeth.hames@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elizabeth.hames@hotmail.co.uk) or from the parish office [parishoffice@upperstour.co.uk](mailto:parishoffice@upperstour.co.uk).

The last day to complete a form is 21<sup>st</sup> April and the revised roll will be displayed in the churches on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022. If you miss this date, you can always put your name on after the Annual Parish Church Meeting, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

*Elizabeth Hames*

## **Parish Quiz Night in aid of Seeds4Success**

This event on 5<sup>th</sup> March was a very enjoyable and successful occasion. Around 70 people attended for a fairly action-packed evening, with 2 lots of Quiz questions and a fairly substantial table of refreshments served in the interval between the two sessions. There was also and a table quiz for each table during the interval, and some jollity with Heads & Tails, also during the interval. In addition there was a well-supported Raffle.

George Bullivant was responsible for setting the many questions, and was of course also the Question Master. We are extremely grateful to George for all his hard work and effort.

The organisers very much want to thank everyone for their support for this enjoyable event, which took just over £1,000, from which some modest expenses were taken. The proceeds have been sent to Seeds4Success.



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# News from Stourhead

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## National Trust

It has been more than 30 years since Stourhead experienced the level of devastation like that which storm Eunice levelled on the estate last month. We have lost over 50 large trees in the countryside, and 15 large trees within the garden. Fortunately, our most cherished and notable specimens remain standing. We are extremely grateful that none of our buildings were damaged.

The loss has been substantial, but we will take this moment to plant a succession of trees next to those sadly gone so that we continue to preserve the essence of Henry the

Magnificent's (Henry Hoare II) landscape design.

Stourhead House has now opened its doors for the season, and thanks to the generosity of the Burton family, we are fortunate to have acquired a new addition to the Stourhead collection – 'The Flowers of Stourhead'. Painted by St George Hare, this portrait of Lady Alda Hoare can be viewed in the Saloon and is adorned with daffodils, making it a lovely addition for spring.

Our guided garden and estate walks have now begun, offering visitors the chance to find out more about the Genius of Stourhead, its history and the family who created this special place as you walk through the gardens and wider estate.

Between 30 April – 2 May 2022 Planted Country will be holding a sustainable design event at Stourhead. This three-day event will consist of a botanical market, and wellness and practical nature-based talks and workshops. The aim is to connect people, brands and businesses seeking to effect positive environmental change.

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# News from Parish Councils

## Bourton

It was a very quiet PC meeting in February but still busy for this time of year. With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee fast approaching this was one of the longer items of discussion, including oak tree planting, lighting of the beacons, coordination of Bourton Jubilee activities and the sourcing of bunting. The PC have had a superb response to their Speed Reduction Petition, with the numbers now having been collated. These will be discussed at the March meeting.

The Bourton Parish Council Facebook group is proving to be successful, with just under 100 members. I post regular updates on the group including the agendas, minutes, ward reports, planning applications and Dorset Council updates to name just a few. If you would like to become a member of the group, please use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/639361217139818>

There are still copies of 'Bourton – A Dorset Village', a lovely book by B.Martin. These can be purchased for £5 from Councillor Simon Firbank. Please call him on 01747-840848.

I also have a digital copy of the Bourton Cemetery Burial Register, dating from 1870. So if you are interested in your family tree and connections to Bourton please do contact me [clerk@bourton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bourton-pc.gov.uk)

**Eve Wynn, [clerk@bourton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bourton-pc.gov.uk)**

## Kilmington

Minutes of the PC meeting held on 7 March are now available on the noticeboard and website but some highlights are included in this report. Cllr Wester was able to report some progress on Broadband and a Community Fibre Partnership has been established with Openreach and the next stage will be to fine tune how many properties might be eligible for the government backed voucher scheme (£1500 per residential and £3500 per business premise). Cllr Webster is also pursuing the issue of Voice over internet Protocol (VoIP) which is a technology that allows voice calls using a broadband internet connection instead of a regular landline phone. A new radio mast has been erected and powered on the Deverills which will serve Kilmington and surrounding areas with a more robust and higher bandwidth 4G mobile telephone service.

Regarding parking outside of the playing field, it was agreed that Cllr Cotton should proceed with enquires with the National Trust to find out what conditions they might apply if we revert to the original plans of creating a parking area inside the playing field.

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WC have asked the PC if they have any interest in the land they own at the back of the closed Whitesheet school. The PC agreed that the land could be of future use and WC have been informed accordingly. However, it has come to light that there is interest from a private school to purchase the whole site and convert it to a special needs school. The PC agreed that they very much liked the idea of another school taking over existing buildings and land and it was agreed that a Working Group (chaired by Cllr Cotton) be formed to try to bring together all the relevant parties involved in the selloff of the site as they did not appear to be communicating with each other.

We were advised at the meeting that Mr Kingsbury is retiring and will no longer be able to undertake the grass cutting of the playing field. He has done this job for very many years and the PC would like to thank him very much for his past service. It was agreed that this job should be put out to tender and if any person reading this report would like to submit a quote to the Clerk, please contact her as soon as possible, for full details.

The PC agreed to contribute a sum of £500 to the Home Guard Club towards the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations they are planning for Sunday 5 June. Full details of the event will be available on our website and in the May/June edition of this magazine.

**Ruth Burrows, clerk** ([parishclerk@kilmingtonwiltshire.org](mailto:parishclerk@kilmingtonwiltshire.org))

## Stourton

At the meeting of the Parish Council, we were joined by 7 members of the public. We had a fascinating talk from Steve Tonkin from the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty who gave a presentation on the International Dark Sky Reserve accreditation for Cranborne Chase.

The minutes of the meeting on 2 March can be found on the website and the notice board.

The Parish Council has bought an external cabinet for the defibrillator and it will be housed temporarily outside the WC block near the Visitors Centre so that it allows for 24-hour access. Discussions with the National Trust are ongoing as to how best serve the whole community with access to a defibrillator.

Our next meeting will consist of:

Annual Parish Meeting                      Wednesday 18 May 6.00 pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting      Wednesday 18 May after the APM

General Council Meeting                  Wednesday 18 May after the APCM

The Annual Parish Meeting is where members of the parish are welcome to come and meet their local representatives. With four new members of the Parish Council why not come along and meet them?

**Fran Hill, Clerk** [clerk@stourton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stourton.org.uk)

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## Zeals

Councillors are holding their public meeting towards the end of March. Amongst the local issues to be covered are some recent planning applications, namely at Stag Cottage, High View and at Boyes' Transport Depot. Also, and of great interest especially to youngsters, are the developments taking place at Green Pastures following the departure of the Spitfires soccer team at the end of last season. Bells Lane will have a Speed Indicator warning device placed from time to time at its northern end in an attempt to persuade speeding motorists to slow down as they approach from Stourton, as this has become a very serious problem recently. Full minutes, as usual, will be published as soon as possible on our website and on the village's notice boards.

The Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the AGM of the Parish Council, and then the usual, regular bi-monthly meeting will all occur in succession on the evening of 12 May from 6.45 pm onwards in the Village Hall.

**Graham Edgar: Parish Clerk ([kqedgar1@outlook.com](mailto:kqedgar1@outlook.com))**

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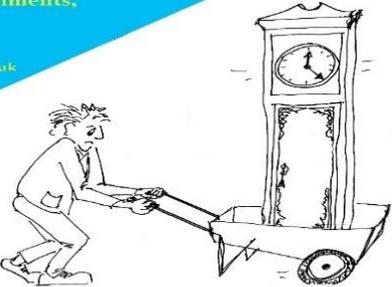
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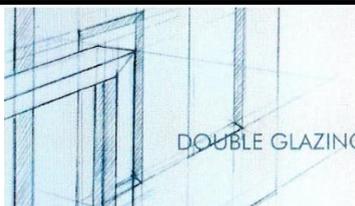
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	<b>The ZAC (Zeals AfterSchool Club)</b>	Daily 15.15-18.00 (17.00 Fridays) at Mere Youth Centre, off White Rd, Mere 01747 840077/ <a href="mailto:info@thezac.org.uk">info@thezac.org.uk</a>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Tummies, Tiddlers &amp; Toddlers</b>	09.15 – 12 noon at Bourton Village Hall
	<b>Craft &amp; Chat</b>	2pm-4pm Bourton Village Hall Contact Angela Ambrose 01747 841336 <i>Everyone interested in crafts welcome</i>
	<b>Beavers</b>	contact Anne Martin (ZAZU) anne.martin9@btinternet.com or by text to 07368 588270 <i>Tuesday Night is Beaver Night 6-7pm</i>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Bell ringing practice</b>	19.30 – 21.00 at St Martin’s Zeals <i>Contact Georgina Muir 01985 844245</i>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Toddler Service</b>	St George’s Church Bourton at 2pm <i>Caroline Worthington (07754 882454)</i>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>Friday Fun Club</b>	10.00 - 11.30 Whitesheet School Hall <i>[temporarily suspended]</i>
	<b>Choir Practice</b>	Most Fridays (18.00-19.00) at St Martin’s Church Zeals. New singers welcome. Contact Tom Wheare 01747 840 622
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## Police & Crime Commission

PCC Councillor Philip Wilkinson has launched a New Police and Crime Plan “Making Wiltshire Safer” which sets out the direction for policing focus and priorities until 2025. After wide consultation, the new police and crime plan is as closely aligned with the public’s concerns and aspirations as possible - and this has been balanced with advice from the Chief Constable, as well as from those national priorities.

Making Wiltshire Safer can be downloaded from the PCC's website: [Police and Crime Plan 2022 - 2025 \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)

## Dates for your Diary: April 2022

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## Bourton Village Hall

### LUNCH AT THE HALL – MON 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL

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