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September 2022

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	Kilmington	Home Guard Club	11.25-11.35 am

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by Friday 16th September 2022 at noon**

Do Not Bristle

When my husband Anthony and I arrived in the Parish eight years ago he had just retired and was so looking forward to taking on the challenge of converting the field that surrounded the cottage into a garden. After all he had spent his much of his working life doing exactly that.....but for other people. And so we set to work.

The first job was to net the perimeter to preserve his vision from possible invasion by any four-legged, vegetation chomping local inhabitants: and that is how I ended up crawling to do the job in the places where apparently HIS frame could not reach.

Flash forward a few years and the garden was completed - except of course it wasn't because now we have to maintain what he has created. And what I have omitted to mention is that this man of mine has a penchant for hedges.

It will be no surprise to many of you that hedges GROW- and they have to be cut - and this task results in a painstaking clearing up process: and maybe you will not be surprised that much of this process appears to be my department! I began by using rakes of varying kinds as recommended by this same dear man but I quickly discovered that though the answer for me lies in the power of bristles.

They can venture where other things cannot reach to deal with anything that has gathered where it has no right to be. Corners in inaccessible places, generally overlooked in the everyday clean, are explored with vigour when the bristly brush gets going to seek out minute debris and dust.

Bristles are amazing and they come in all shapes and sizes too. Hair brushes, nail brushes, clothes brushes and even shaving brushes depend on their bristles to achieve a thorough job well done for bristles poke and pry and persevere in their allotted task – they just can't help themselves!

So it is that people can make full use of bristles but surely they are not intended to *have* bristles themselves. They are not intended to *be* bristly for when they overreact to every small thing that crops up, as they persist in their exactitude, they choose to completely disregard the needs of others.

Bristly people must learn that their bristles, in attempting to disquiet others, ALWAYS end up turning INWARD and the sad truth is that they are the ones who suffer too as the problem is perpetuated.

Only those who are slow to take offence are relieved of this discomfort, for then there are no bristles to harm either others or themselves.

To bristle or not to bristle - that must surely be the question and just a little something to consider when once again the hedges need cutting and somebody has to clean up the mess!

Every Blessing,

Mona Tyler LLM

St George's 100 Club

Results for September

First Prize
Faith Braunton

Second Prize
Cindy Hallett

August and September Draw
results will be in the
October Magazine

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St Martin's Millennium Club

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M Hart
I Snook
C Holman

August Winners

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M Garrett

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Green Fingers: Notes from a Fairweather Gardener

September 2022

As I write this, my garden is looking very sorry for itself. Like many of us, I try to be eco-friendly and use water from the water butts for the garden, but this ran out some time ago. The washing up water has saved the patio pots, but some of the garden plants are fading. However, nature is very resilient so I am hoping that most of the perennials will survive once we have a few good downpours.

After the dry summer we have had this year, it is likely that the trees will be starting to shed their leaves. If you have a pond which is close to a tree, now is a good time to put a net over it to catch the leaves as rotting leaves can spread diseases which can be especially harmful to fish. Before doing so, remove the dead leaves from water lilies and divide any water plants that are taking up too much space or outgrowing their pots. You should aim to have no more than half the surface area of the pond covered by plants. It's also a good idea to thin out underwater oxygenating plants.

As autumn approaches, it is time to start tidying up in preparation for next year. Once you have harvested all your crops in the greenhouse, give it a good clean to ensure a disease free environment for next year. It is then free for any tender plants that need to be protected in there.

As well as all the tidying tasks, there are some new beginnings in the garden: shrubs of all sorts to be planted, new lawns to be sown or turfed and a variety of seeds to be collected for the future. This is the ideal time to plant new shrubs or move existing ones. Make sure you dig a big enough hole, about twice the size of the root ball, and add plenty of well-rotted compost to give the plant a good start. Shrubs often benefit from autumn plantings as they have all the winter to establish themselves.

Surprisingly, this is also the time to sow sweet pea seeds in the greenhouse or on a warm window sill for an early display next summer. As long as you don't forget about them, you can look forward to a fragrant display next summer.

Daphne Knott

Zeals Village News

The new Editor of ZVN is Peter O'Brien, who can be contacted by email on peter_obrien@hotmail.co.uk

For many years now Ros Wheare has very ably edited, written for and published the wonderful Zeals Village News. So a very big Thank You to Ros. She has kept alive a vibrant record of people, places and events in and around Zeals. I can only admire her perseverance and talents. She leaves big boots to fill, but I'm sure that Peter O'Brien will do so with the support of the many contributors to this wonderful local "rag".

Sue Evans

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by Stephanie Bebbington Dyke, Founder & CEO of Blue Fox Wealth, Chartered Fellow FCISI, DipPFS

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Country Calendar: September

What a summer - a record temperature for the UK reaching 40.2 C although thankfully not with us. We reached a mere 32 C. Now we are dealing with drought conditions which is extremely serious. Grassland is drying up at a rapid pace: no green pastures, and with the lack of grass, cattle have to be fed to supplement their diet. This is taken from their winter rations. For many farmers this will result in a shortage of fodder to keep them going through the winter months, so yet another concern for livestock farmers on top of everything else. We were quite concerned for the cattle in these temperatures, thankfully they were able to shelter under the trees. Things might have been very different if the extreme heat had continued.



One young bull had a lucky escape. On this particular morning we had our TB testing. We were out early, gathering the herd in from the valley; the cows were stood around the lake, and we were pleased they were all together, so it would be easy to get them all up to the farm. They were reluctant to move but everyone continued to try and push them on. Harry then heard a calf's call coming from the lake; he looked and looked but could see nothing. Then amazingly he noticed a movement amongst the reeds all that was visible was the calf's head with the rest of his body submerged in the mud. The poor thing could not have been there too long as he was on the point of going under totally. Everyone was horrified at the situation, as the animal was in the most inaccessible place. Harry and our son-in-law from NZ went off to get ropes slings boards – it was very obvious with such dangerous ground conditions it would be impossible to get a vehicle near enough to winch him out. Time was of the essence as the calf was in a very precarious state, and it was silly and possibly dangerous to try and wade out into the

sinking mud. However, Paul and our daughter Verity managed to walk onto the reed clumps trying to avoid slipping into the water to get as close as they could. Paul who has great experience in dealing with our cattle, started to bang the ground with a stick to try and shock him to move forward, and Verity tried coaxing him by slapping his side as she was stretched out over the reed clumps. The little chap flapped about like a grounded fish.

It was all very distressing and time was running out. Again, and again Paul and Verity kept banging the ground and tapping his side coaxing him on. Then miraculously he took one enormous lunge forward, taking every last ounce of his strength, but this enabled them to manoeuvre him onto the reeds where he could get a foothold and eventually drag himself out to safety.

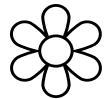
He is called Stark – what a name – and the stark reality was that Paul and Verity saved him from drowning. He is quite a strong little bull (which was probably what saved him), and is none the worse for his escapade. Verity and Paul were exhausted and covered in mud but their efforts were rewarded in seeing little Stark re-join his mother.

All in all a good day's work as we also tested clear of TB, for now !

Jane Parker



DON'T FORGET



September Show

at Bourton Village Hall

Saturday 3rd September: 2 - 4pm

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The day-to-day management of the Parish is the responsibility of the Churchwardens and the PCC.

Our Parish Administrator, Emma Chandarana, works part time and **she should be contacted by email:**

parishoffice@upperstour.co.uk

For urgent matters such as arranging a funeral etc, you could contact your churchwarden in the first instance. All contact details are below:

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From the Registers

Baptisms

On 2nd July at St Peter's Bourton: **Margot Sita Vanessa Runima Miller**

On 17th July at St Peter's Stourton: **Vivienne Carey Farrington**

On 24th July at St Peter's Stourton: **Rory Charles Harry White**

On 31st July at St George's Bourton: **Aralynne Sade Monksummers, Lenora Christine Monksummers, Tristan John Monksummers**

On 14th August at St Mary's Kilmington: **Anastasia Rosie Leah Bartlett**

Weddings

On 30th July at West Knoyle: **Ryan John Osborne and Hannah Debra Vincent**

On 8th August, at St Peter's Stourton: **Christina Firmin and Christian Vogler**

On 13th August at St Martin's Zeals: **Alex Ross and Emma Pike**

On 20th August at St Peter's Stourton: **Reece Rock and Caitlin Maidment**

Funerals

On 25th August at St Martin's Zeals: **Michael Norman Grey**

Interment of Ashes

On 10th August at St Mary's Kilmington: **Valerie Mary Donell**

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday 4th **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 Family Service with Baptism at St George's Bourton

Sunday 11th **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Worship at St Mary's Kilmington

Sunday 18th **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals

Sunday 25th **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Harvest Praise and Pet Service at Home Farm Stourton
See page 13 for details

October

Sunday 2nd **Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Worship at St George's Bourton

Weekday Services

Mondays: 9.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's Bourton
Wednesdays: 4pm	Midweek Service at St Martin's Zeals
Thursdays: 9.00 am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's Kilmington
Thursdays: 2.00 pm	Toddlers Half Hour at St George's Bourton

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

The Rose Pedestal will be created for Sunday 6th November 2022

The pedestal of red roses is in Remembrance of our loved ones, family or friends. Names are recorded in our Commemoration Book which is on display.

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 30th October 2022

Lay-led Services

Another vacancy has come sooner than expected, and some wonder what the future holds for the churches in Upper Stour, not least your Church Wardens, who shoulder the responsibility for organizing worship every week, as well as Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals. Many will already have noticed that on some Sundays there is a lay-led Worship service - ie not a Parish Communion; this is because of the unavailability of a priest. [For those unaware, I have had to relinquish formal ministry for health and family reasons].

Lay led worship may not appeal to everyone, but it is important: it can include those who are not able to receive Holy Communion and who are less certain of God's love for them; it also encourages 'regular' church goers to discover that they may well have a God given gift to offer, as yet unrealized [vicars can get in the way sometimes]. Naturally this needs some proper oversight, and after conversations with your Church Wardens and those already involved in Worship, I am happy to offer advice and support to anyone who would like to talk about taking part in lay-led worship, or to listen to possible concerns.

So this is not a time to be discouraged, but rather to believe that God's Kingdom can still grow amongst us, even in the absence of a fulltime vicar!

With every blessing,

Rev'd Vickie Goodman

A Service of Harvest Praise & Celebration of our Pets
Sunday September 25th 2022 @ 10 am
at Home Farm, Stourton, BA12 6QL
(By kind permission of Jane & Harry Parker)

Donations of Harvest Gifts will be gratefully received. Do please come along and enjoy this special celebration service of harvest praise and all creatures great & small, whether they have fur, feathers or scales. For those who no longer have a pet, please bring a treasured photo and share your memories with us. This service is suitable for all ages.

The Service will be followed by pet treats, light refreshments, and an Auction of Harvest Gifts.

This is a working farm please follow the directions for parking and venue. And please be responsible: keep your pet under control & clean up after your pet

Contact: Barbara Borwell 01747 840141

Parish Catering Days 21-23 October

A little advance notice that we will as usual be operating from Stourton Memorial Hall all day on each of Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October, providing parish produce plus food and drink to the parish and the public going into the Stourhead gardens.

Any contributions will be very much welcomed, including home made jams, marmalades, chutneys etc. and cakes - plus of course your time and energy if you feel you can join us to help out on any of the three days. More next month



Craft & Chat

The Craft & Chat Group will be meeting in Bourton Village Hall from 2.00 – 4.00 pm **13th September.**

Future dates will be announced in October

BOURTON GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday 21 September ~~ Bourton Village Hall

Doors open at 7pm ~~ Meeting starts at 7.30pm

AGM followed by a talk by Mike Chapman on Bonsai.

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Zeals Village Lunch –

Monday 19th September 12.30 - 2 pm : Zeals Village Hall

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News from Parish Councils

Bourton

Bourton Parish Council have had two meetings. The New Cemetery field will now be referred to as the Jubilee Meadow. The existing cemetery was deemed still to have enough capacity to enable plans for land management of the Jubilee Field but once the existing cemetery becomes full then all or part of the Jubilee Field, once consecrated, would be utilised as an overflow cemetery.

A new working group has been set up to address land management issues throughout the village, including the future management of the verges and the Jubilee Field.

Nick Hall has requested that the PC discuss the future management of the village website and this will be discussed at the next meeting. I would like to thank Nick for his sterling work and dedication of managing the website for many years and also for his support to me over the past 6 years.

The Speed Reduction Petition documentation is ready to be submitted to Dorset Council. Thank you to everyone who returned their completed forms.

Planning applications continue to trickle through and can be viewed at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/planning-application-search-and-comment>

Eve Wynne clerk@bourton-pc.gov.uk
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/639361217139818>

Kilmington

Ash Dieback disease is becoming very common all around us and this is a reminder that landowners are responsible for identifying and taking action to cut back any dead branches that are below 5.5 metres growing alongside the highway (village roads), public rights of way and public spaces. Trees on private land can be left, the resulting dead wood will continue to provide essential habitat for a range of wildlife. Wiltshire Council can offer advice to landowners on tree management and replacement including funding opportunities – the Clerk can be contacted to help with this if necessary. Quotes have been obtained for pruning the Copper Beech tree in Church Road/junction with Harepit Lane and this will be discussed and agreed at our next meeting which will be held on Monday, September 5th commencing at 7.30 pm in the Stourton & Kilmington Home Guard Club. The Agenda will be placed on our website and on the noticeboard approximately one week beforehand and all are welcome to attend. ***Ruth Burrows, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer 01747 840371***

Stourton with Gasper

Over the summer the Parish Council have been involved in a consultation to bring a new mast to the village. At a recent planning meeting it was resolved to object to the current proposed location but to welcome the opportunity to pursue this idea. The application is currently on hold whilst the companies involved look at alternative venues.

We are delighted that we have a new parish councillor who at the time of writing will attend the meeting on Wednesday 31 August.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend meetings.

Fran Hill, Clerk: clerk@stourton.org.uk

Zeals

I am delighted to join Zeals Parish Council as the new clerk. I can be contacted on my email clerk-zealspc@outlook.com or on telephone number 01747 823699. Please be aware that I only work part time so feel free to leave a message or email me.

Over the summer we have been looking at the process for cleaning the War Memorial and hope that once we have obtained the go ahead from the conservation team at Wiltshire we will have a much fresher looking memorial. The Parish Council meet on 22 September at the village Hall for the bi-monthly full council meeting. All are welcome to come along.

Fran Hill, Clerk

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News from Stourhead

National Trust

Summer is just around the corner, and with it brings stunning botanical highlights across the grounds. The mighty *Liriodendron tulipifera* (tulip tree), found beneath Apollo Hill, will soon begin to show its yellow-green tulip shaped flowers, as well as the *Magnolia hypoleuca* (Japanese big-leaf magnolia) beneath the Temple of Apollo, with its large and very fragrant clotted-cream coloured flowers. Within the Walled Garden, expect to have your senses tingled with a visit to the pelargonium collection in the glass house. For the very first time, our pelargoniums are being displayed in order of their introduction to the England. Stourhead's connection to pelargoniums began in the early 1800s, when Sir Richard Colt Hoare built up a collection of more than 600 varieties. Today, we have a diverse and wonderfully scented collection of 103 varieties, and they are sure to make you appreciate why Colt Hoare was so inspired by them.

Are you looking for a family adventure over the school summer holidays? Join us for 'Let's Play at Stourhead', our special summer play pavilion. Available until the end of the summer holidays, you can use the look-out point to survey the surroundings, listen out for nearby wildlife, or invent your own way to play.

Three Inch Fools are back with a bang in August, for four nights of open-air theatre at Stourhead, performing Twelfth Night on 12 & 26 August at 7pm, and The Gunpowder Plot on 13 & 27 August at 7pm. Visit our website for more details and to book.

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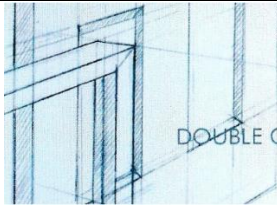
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Bourton Village Hall

We hope you've all had a fantastic summer enjoying (or enduring!) the hot weather! Thanks to everyone who came to our Summer Party - the BBQ was a great success and the kids had fun decorating their own baseball caps.

The Village Hall Trustees have been busy choosing new sound and projection kit for the hall which will improve your experience at film nights and will also be available to those who hire the hall for parties, meetings etc. The Trustees would like to thank David Reed of RSD Music (who lives in Bourton) for his expert help and advice. The kit is on order and David is kindly loaning us his own equipment for film nights in the meantime.

So, September is upon us. Village lunches start again on the first Monday of every month and our films this season begin with The Duke followed by Downton Abbey: A New Era, Operation Mincemeat and The Railway Children Return.

LUNCH AT THE HALL – MON 5TH SEPT

A choice of homemade soups, bread and cheese, cake and coffee. Still only £3! Doors open 12:30pm until 2pm. Pay cash or contactless on the day.

FILM NIGHT – THE DUKE (12A) – WED 14TH SEPT

A delightful, gentle British comedy starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver, stole a portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery and sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly. An uplifting true story about a good man who set out to change the world.

Doors and bar open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Tickets £6 from Bourton or Zeals shops or pay cash/contactless on the door.

HIRE THE HALL

Large hall with raised stage and fully equipped kitchen perfect for parties, quiz nights, live bands, meetings. £8 per hour for Bourton residents, otherwise £10 per hour. Contact Heather for more information - 07849 673670 or

h.j.ransley@outlook.com

Wincanton Choral Society

Wincanton Choral society will be starting rehearsals on Monday 5th September at King Arthur's School in Wincanton. We are a non-audition choir and welcome all levels of experience. Please contact Louise Harris for more information on 01985 844227.

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Kilmington & Stourton Women's Institute

The meeting on 27th September will be at Stourton Hall at 7.30pm as usual, and the speaker will be John Jameson Davis, who is a Handwriting Expert

For information contact

Secretary Bernie Isted: bernieisted@gmail.com or Jane Parker 01985 844248

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Dates for your Diary: September 2022

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Regular Weekly Events

Weekdays	<p>Pre-School 08.45 -15.15 at the Preschool Playing Fields, West Bourton <i>[term time only]</i></p> <p>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</p>	
Tuesdays	<p>Tummies, Tiddlers & Toddlers 09.15 – 12 noon at Bourton Village Hall</p> <p>Craft & Chat 2pm-4pm Bourton Village Hall Contact Angela Ambrose 01747 841336</p> <p>Beavers contact Anne Martin (ZAZU) anne.martin9@btinternet.com or by text to 07368 588270</p>	
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	<p>Friday Fun Club 10.00 - 11.30 Whitesheet School Hall <i>[temporarily suspended]</i></p> <p>Choir Practice Most Fridays (18.00-19.00) at St Martin's Church Zeals. New singers welcome. Contact Tom Wheare 01747 840 622</p> <p>Cubs Contact Lesley Love GSL lesley1ump@hotmail.co.uk/07967 100106</p>	

Deadline for the October issue: Friday 16th September