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		Zeals Rise	10.45-11.05 am
Oct 6, 20	Kilmington	Home Guard Club	11.25-11.35 am

**Contributions for the November 2022 issue should reach the Editor
by Friday 21st October 2022 at noon**

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MAY FLIGHTS OF ANGELS SING THEE TO THY REST

*Gracious God, we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

St George's 100 Club

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September 2022

1st Bob Davies

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St Martin's Millennium Club

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News from Stourhead

October sees autumn really turn the garden ablaze with autumnal colours and, despite the threat of an early autumn caused by the dry summer, it looks as though in October the garden will be the star of the show once again. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of visitors over autumn and helping them to make memories at Stourhead. We hope that you and your families will also be visiting as the season changes.

The team in the house are pleased to have had their essential electrical repair works take place and are now back into the swing of things, welcoming visitors to the house once again. They are also looking forward to Christmas and are busy pulling together plans and working with our fabulous craft volunteers to refresh old and create new decorations for this year's Christmas house.

Talking of Christmas, we are pleased to announce that the jolly man in red will be back visiting us at December weekends. Tickets for this event are available on our website and, as in previous years, have been sell outs, so do book early if you want to enjoy Storytime with Father Christmas.

Over the summer months we have been carrying out surfacing works in the car park to improve our parking for visitors. This work is now almost complete, but you may spot the team making further improvements, introducing more trees into the area, and carrying out more planting. The resurfaced car park will be a welcomed by many of our visitors over autumn and winter.

You may be aware that close to the main car park, Stourhead has allotment plots. Three of these are currently available, so if you are interested in growing your own vegetables, fruits or flowers please get in touch with james.bradshaw@nationaltrust.org.uk to register your interest.

If you want to find out more about Stourhead or get involved in the work that we do, please do get in touch. We look forward to seeing you at Stourhead.

Charlotte Toop, Senior Marketing & Communications Officer
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by Stephanie Bebbington Dyke, Founder & CEO of Blue Fox Wealth, Chartered Fellow FCISI, DipPFS



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Country Calendar: October

We are well into Autumn - the days are cooler and shorter with a hint of winter on its way. News of constant doom and gloom coupled with the prediction of a dark cold winter is the last thing anyone wants to hear, but I have ordered a stack of hot water bottles just in case! My grandparents' voices echo in my head: "we never had it so good". They had to cope with a war and years of rationing, cold miserable winters and rising food prices. My grandparents are long, long gone and would be in disbelief at present day similarities. As a child my memories of winter are of snow - and lots of it. We had the best of times, and never seemed to feel the cold. I did not know anyone with central heating. We put another jumper on (even hat and gloves), another blanket on the bed, had hot water bottles in ready supply when it really did freeze. We survived - we knew no different.

I have heard the experts are predicting a harsh winter: how they know this far ahead baffles me. I am reminded of a few old wives' tales as to whether the winter will be harsh. Look at the leaves of the tree - the later the leaves fall from the tree the harsher the winter. It is also believed that the more peel on an onion, the harsher the winter will be. And - if a spider weaves unusually large spiderwebs or even two spiderwebs on top of each other in your house, you can expect a harsh winter. The classic old wives' tale is the one about rowan berries: if the rowan berries are out in force early, then a hard winter is on the way. I have to say I did notice that they were! I am wondering if, after extreme heat does extreme cold follow?

We have been feeding our winter fodder from early August because of the effects of the drought. We should have enough to get us through a normal winter but if it is a prolonged cold one, then that could be a different matter. We are getting ready for our busy time with the herd, as calving starts at the end of the month. This is a hectic time as we are on duty all hours of the day and night, but it is so rewarding bringing a new life into the world. If we are due a bad winter at least we have our cattle under cover and they will be dry and warm. Times are extremely worrying for so many, not just us farmers with daily rising costs, but we have to try to remain positive. Spirits are lifted when we can experience and enjoy the beautiful autumn colours. I am going to put my head on the block and predict a stormy wet winter rather than an arctic one.

Oops - spoke too soon. I have just noticed an enormous double spiders web - another omen? – time will tell...

Jane Parker

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Green Fingers: Notes from a Fairweather Gardener

October 2022

October is a month of glorious colour in the garden. The leaves are turning and the flower garden is a riot of red and gold. It seems that nature decides to have one final burst of glory before winter approaches. I particularly like the sunny flowers of coreopsis and rudbeckias. The latter seem to grow well in my garden, but sadly this year I have lost all my coreopsis plants, so they will have to be replaced for next year.

There are probably still blooms on the dahlias, but once the first frost has passed, the official advice is that they need to be lifted for the winter. However, we tend to have quite mild winters here as a rule, so you could risk leaving them in the ground unless you have some particularly prize specimens that you don't want to lose. If you are lifting them, make sure you cut away any diseased parts of the tuber and store them in a dry frost-free place. Alternatively, next year you could plan to grow your dahlias in pots and then take them into a dry shed to overwinter.

It might seem a bit early to be planning for Christmas, but if you would like a display of amaryllis for the holiday season, you need to plant them now. These tend to be 'marmite' plants – you either love them or hate them. I think their huge exotic flowers make a wonderful display and are easier to maintain indoors than the classic Christmas poinsettias as they don't seem to be so sensitive to the atmosphere of our centrally heated homes.

For the keen cooks among us, now is the time to plant garlic bulbs for next year's crop. Traditionally, garlic was planted next to roses as it was believed that the strong smell deterred the pests. This may or may not be true, but garlic certainly needs a sunny site and is best planted from now until January so that it gets a period of cold to help germination. Plant individual cloves that you have been bought for the purpose and cover to avoid the roots being disturbed by birds as they develop. Garlic needs to be kept well drained and does not like acid soil, so if you do not get a good harvest in the summer that may be the problem.

Daphne Knott

Following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth, a Book of Condolence has been placed in each of our 4 churches

Ringling for The Queen

The bells rang fully muffled, throughout the parish, to mark the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. As this is reserved for the death of the Monarch, the Bishop of the diocese and an incumbent Vicar, it was a unique experience for all the bellringers and particularly memorable for one of the newest recruits, 10-year-old Rene from Zeals.

Could you be a bellringer?

Anyone can learn to ring the church bells. The age of our current team of bellringers ranges from 10 to 80, many of whom learned in their retirement. If you think you might like to learn and would like to see what is involved first, have a chat with David Gatehouse the Tower Captain (at Zeals Garage) and come along to one of our Wednesday evening practice nights, as I did 5 years ago. I discovered a hobby, which is sociable, keeps me physically and mentally active and not only gives me great enjoyment but also a huge sense of achievement. I wish I had started earlier! One to one sessions are held on Monday evenings to get learners started.

Georgina Muir

Proclamation of King Charles III in Zeals



The chair of Zeals Parish Council read the official Proclamation on 11th September at 12.30 on the village green. There were a goodly number there to hear it and raise a hearty 'God Save the King'. Henry Spencer, the renowned trumpeter, played.

Sue Evans

and in Kilmington

The Proclamation was read by Parish Council chairman, Graham Cotton



SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2022

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

Sunday 9th Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Mary's Kilmington

Sunday 16th Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.00 am Family Service with Baptism at St Peter's Stourton

Sunday 23rd Last Sunday after Trinity
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals

Sunday 30th 4th Sunday before Advent / All Souls/All Saints
10.00 am Morning Worship at St Mary's Kilmington
16.00 pm Commemoration Service at St Martin's Zeals
*A short and reflective Service to remember loved ones,
family members and friends who have died in the past
year and beyond*

November

Sunday 6th Third Sunday before Advent
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

From the Registers

Baptisms

On 4th September at St George's Bourton: Frederick William Francis
Gilpin

Parish Catering Days Fri 21-Sun 23 October inclusive

As mentioned last month this major fundraising event will be taking place this year from 21st-23rd October, when we will serve refreshments and produce for sale to members of the public visiting Stourhead House and Gardens

We would be extremely grateful for contributions (cakes, biscuits, flapjacks etc) to serve and to sell, plus produce for sale such as marmalade, jam, chutney.

And of course we would very much welcome offers of help in the hall during the three days – preparing food, serving food, manning the produce stall, setting up tables and clearing tables, operating the dishwasher and taking the payments. We will operate in two hour shifts starting at 10am.

If you can help in any of these areas, please contact any of us:

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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 by 30th October 2022



Kilminster LCC : Harvest Lunch Sunday 2nd October

Kilminster LCC will be hosting a Harvest Lunch on Sunday 2nd October at Stourton Memorial Hall starting at 12.30 pm. Everyone from the parish is of course very welcome to come. tickets £15 adults, £10 children aged 11 and under, or £45 for a family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children. Tickets available from Elizabeth (01985 844971) or Celia (01985 844613), or Vanessa (01985 844297)

Points of Contact during the Vacancy

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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Zeals	Sue Evans	01747 840600	smebad@btinternet.com

Zeals Village Lunch

The September village lunch was cancelled because it was the day of Queen Elizabeth's funeral. We have also decided to miss out October and November and go for a celebratory village lunch on December 19th. We hope that many of you will come along and share a meal and chat together.

Sue Evans

Zeals Plant Sale & Coffee Morning

Zeals Village Hall on Sat. 8th October 9.30am onwards

We shall be serving Coffee & Cake in the Village Hall while the Sale of Plants will be outside. This is a popular sale with many interesting plants and a chance to find something for your garden and then relax with friends over tea, coffee or chocolate and a generous slice of cake.



Craft & Chat

The Craft & Chat Group will be meeting in Bourton Village Hall from 2.00 – 4.00 pm on Tuesday 4th October.

Future meetings will be at the same time every Tuesday in Bourton Village Hall

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Whitesheet
CE Primary Academy

Schools News

Whitesheet Primary Academy

Whitesheet pupils have all made a positive start to the school year! Our new reception children have settled in beautifully. We've only been back two weeks but we have already been busy learning. Over the holidays we had new bookcases installed to make our non-fiction books easy to access, we have had new interactive whiteboards installed in our classrooms to help our learning and had some areas painted to freshen them up. We are also having a whole school trip to Longleat to celebrate the new academic year.

We will be holding open evenings for Reception 2023 pupils this term so keep an eye on our website for more information.

Emily Mullord, Executive Headteacher

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News from Parish Councils

Kilmington

At the Parish Council meeting on 5 September, some residents from Kilmington Common were present to hear what might be done to slow down traffic. The results of the metro-count in New Road during a 7-day period in June had come through in August and fall within the permitted criteria so this data will not enable a 30-mph speed limit to be considered. However, it was agreed that the PC apply for funding of a more comprehensive traffic survey to be undertaken by Atkins Consultants, at a cost of around £2500. If agreed by LHFIG, the PC would only have to make a contribution of £625 (agreed by the PC). More information will be available after 30th November.

Other items on the agenda were an update on broadband and mobile phone signals, an agreement to support planning application (PL/2022/06380), agreement to go ahead with quotes for unbudgeted tree maintenance and approval for the annual firework display and bonfire to go ahead on 5 November. (Full details will be available in the draft minutes on the noticeboard and our website www.kilmingtonwiltshire.org)

In acknowledgement of the very sad news of the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II a book of condolence has been open in St Mary's church during the period of mourning, and Cllr Graham Cotton read the official Proclamation at the War Memorial on 11th September

Ruth Burrows, Parish Clerk

Stourton with Gasper

In unison with many other parishes and towns throughout the country we were saddened and shocked at the sad announcement of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We opened a book of condolence at St Peter's Church for people to express their feelings, thoughts and memories. Chairman of the Council, Cllr Spencer read the official proclamation in front of Stourhead Gardens in a short but beautiful ceremony. Cllr Spencer will also send a letter of condolence to Buckingham Palace on behalf of the people from Stourton with Gasper.

At our recent meeting of the Parish Council, we were delighted to be able to welcome a new councillor. Philip Niemand, whom many of you may know from the National Trust, has joined the Council. We are now back to a full complement of councillors. Members of the public are always welcome to attend meetings and meet them.

Following on from last month's planning meeting, councillors have been busy putting together a survey to assess the need for a mast to boost mobile

reception in the area. Please respond to the envelope that arrives on your doorstep to give us a true record of the requirement.
Our next meeting will be held on 30 November.

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

Zeals

Following the sad news that Queen Elizabeth II had died, the Parish Council liaised with St Martin's Church to have one central book of condolence and a place where flowers could be placed. Cllr Spencer, Chairman of the Parish Council read the Proclamation from the village green on Sunday 11th September. Cllr Spencer has written to Buckingham Palace to offer condolences from the parishioners of Zeals.

The defibrillator at Whitesheet School will be sited outside the school in September to allow 24/7 access to it.

Our Parish Council meetings are bi-monthly and members of the public are welcome to attend. There is a public session before the main meeting for people to raise any matters with the Parish Council. Details of meetings are posted on the website and on the notice boards.

Please note I only work part time so leave a message or email clerk-zealspc@outlook.com or 01747 823699.

Fran Hill, Clerk

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/zeals-parish-council-10408/home/>

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11 - 15 October 2022

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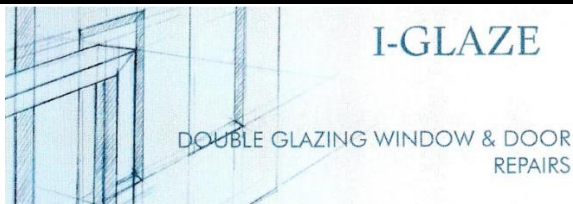
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BOURTON GARDENING CLUB

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Bourton Village Hall

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FILM NIGHT – DOWNTOWN ABBEY: A NEW ERA (12A) – WED 12th OCT

The beloved cast are reunited as they go on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess' newly inherited villa. Meanwhile, strapped for cash and faced with a leaking roof, Lady Mary decides to allow a film crew to use the Abbey as the setting for their latest picture.

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.

QUIZ NIGHT – SAT 15th OCT

Come and join us for a quizzing fun night out. Teams of up to 6. Bring your own picnic food. Raffle. Doors and Bar open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. £2 per person. Pay cash/contactless on the door. **See page 22**

FILM NIGHT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 9th Nov is Operation Mincemeat (12A) with Colin Firth, Kelly Macdonald & Matthew Macfadyen.

Weds 14th Dec is The Railway Children Return (PG) with Jenny Agutter, Sheridan Smith & John Bradley.

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Kilmington & Stourton Women's Institute

The meeting on Tuesday 25th October 7.30pm will be at Stourton Hall at 7.30pm as usual,

The speaker will be Iona Bloomfield who will talk about Flower Arranging.

For information contact

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

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Raffle

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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	<p>Bell ringing practice 19.30 – 21.00 at St Martin's Zeals <i>Contact Georgina Muir 01985 844245</i></p>	
Thursdays	<p>Toddler Service St George's Church Bourton at 2pm <i>Caroline Worthington (07754 882454)</i></p>	
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 Contact Lesley Love GSL lesley1ump@hotmail.co.uk/07967100106</p> <p>Cubs</p>	

Deadline for the November issue: Friday 21st October

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