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Message from Rev Mac

November starts with All Saints day and then All Souls day which is a celebration of those who have died. I have no idea how you may have coped with the loss of a loved-one or might still be coping. It may help to remember that before there can be life *after* death there must be life *before* death. These things I do see clearly, Christ says that God gave us life to live to the full, to live it abundantly, to love ourselves and share that love with others. So let's give thanks for the lives of our loved ones; our friends and family who have left us and dwell on the mark they made.

And yes, they made a mark, some more obviously than others, some in church and community, some at work or at home... maybe in all of these places, maybe more in the past, maybe more in recent times or maybe right through the journey we call life.

One day I got lost on a run...not truly lost and not unusually lost...running is like life...you start, you run and whether you get lost or not you finish... it has no great meaning or purpose other than to run...to run for pleasure; for the feel of the sun, the wind and the rain...the views, the air and the feeling of myself...alive in God's created world. On the way, usually not from A to B, but from A to A I go quickly...or slowly...I go directly, or I divert, lose my way, look at the view or down at my feet...I feel great, I feel lousy.....but I keep running and I keep living and if running is like life, so life is like running... it has no single purpose; it has good days and bad days; great times and lousy times...but it is life and the only life on earth you will get so make the most of it...live it to the full...make your mark as those you love made theirs. And if it is a test, we might ask how is it marked; how is it measured?

It is marked in many ways, measured by our movements and interactions; our relationships and our faith and trust and love. If you should feel you need to look to see how your loved one left their mark you can look in many places, our lives are always defined. On that run I stopped and asked a farmer the way and for the time ... his watch was battered and the strap threadbare, but it was he said..."my life and every time I look at it I am reminded of a person, a place, a moment or an occasion...they have all made a mark

Rev Mike MacCormack

St George's 100 Club

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and
November
draws
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St Martin's Millennium Club

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C Spencer
E Kemp
D Rose

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		Zeals Rise	10.45-11.05 am
Nov 3, 17	Kilmington	Home Guard Club	11.25-11.35 am



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News from Stourhead

As the nights draw in and the weather cools, a brisk walk around the lake at Stourhead followed by a delicious hot drink in our café is the perfect way to spend a morning. The change in the weather also sees us looking ahead to winter and, of course, the excitement of the festive season.

The house will be closing its doors on 7th November as the team begin decorating the showrooms for the Christmas opening. This year will be the biggest visitor route open for Christmas, with almost all the showrooms decorated. Hundreds of decorations which have been handcrafted by a team of volunteers will embody the theme of 'Togetherness'. It's not to be missed, so plan a visit after 25th November to enjoy the wonderful festive house.

Father Christmas himself will be making a special stop at Stourhead this year too. Book your half hour session, and listen to a magical festive story followed by gifts and a photo.

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

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Country Calendar: November

We are nicely drilled up and the cattle are indoors. Winter work mode is now in full swing: feed, clean, repeat. Days are noticeably shorter light wise, but not for us hour wise, so we do have to turn the lights on in the sheds. As we flick the switch, we are aware that this is now a major expense. It makes one realise how much we took that flick of a switch for granted. This also applies to our food supplies. There has been an over emphasis on the environmental side, re-wilding, and carbon off-setting, a means by which environmentally damaging practices are mitigated by making bogs or planting trees, but these companies still continue to pollute! Money for public goods is the phrase constantly used, but the missing link in the “money for public goods” is FOOD. Pre the war in Ukraine food production was not on the government’s agenda. We are now faced with a highly volatile food and commodity crisis. The stark reality has hit home, highlighting the fragility of producing power and food at affordable prices. There is absolutely no reason why we farmers cannot produce and deliver high quality food in an environmentally sustainable way. Re-addressing this is long overdue. Relying on other nations to provide the two most important commodities of living is recklessly irresponsible.

To grow a crop takes planning, investment and a year to grow. We need a farming policy that helps produce **quality sustainable food alongside good environmental practice**. No one knows better than the farmer that sustainability and the environment is as important to them as to environmental groups. But this will come at a cost: farmers and food producers have to have a viable profitable business. Buying cheap from abroad with little or no environmental or animal welfare standards, cheap being the main criteria, is simply **wrong**. Environmental groups accept that farmers can and will work side by side to produce food with the best possible practices. We have a chance to make a huge difference. I was feeling a tad confident that the government would move forward with all haste to back our industry. Then the Defra Secretary outlined his vision for the future in his finalising of trade deals with India, America and others. There are now grave concerns amongst farmers and environmentalists, that standards will be dropped to accommodate trade with these countries - in particular the use of chemicals to wash food in post-production, once the meat or veg are ready to be packaged. The reason is that **hygiene is not sufficiently high to reduce the bug count due to dirty production standards**, which are well below our own regulations. Deals like this are extremely bad news for farmers, environmentalists and the consumer. Following the announcement from Jacob Rees-Mogg of the scrapping of all remaining EU aligned legislation in Dec 2023, will undoubtedly result in the lowering of hygiene standards and open up trade for cheaper sub-standard

foods. Allowing the use of certain pesticides, chemicals and additives which up to now have not been allowed in from such countries and certainly does not apply to our food production, proves that they are prepared to trade with these countries at a huge and damaging cost to our own farming industry. Double standards, hypocrisy, betrayal are only a few words that spring to mind. The others, I am sorry to say, are not printable!

Jane Parker

Silton Surgery

Silton Surgery would like to thank Bourton and Silton Charity for their very generous donation to help us buy life saving equipment in the form of a new defibrillator and a 24 hours ECG machine.

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Green Fingers: Notes from a Fairweather Gardener

November 2022

November can seem a gloomy month and it is tempting to think that the garden is going to sleep with little to tempt one outside. However, with some careful management, it is possible to have a riot of colour all through the month. Chrysanthemums seem to have gone out of fashion somewhat, apart from the ubiquitous 'pot mums' which are the staple of supermarkets and garden centres. These look great in pots, as their name suggests, and will often carry on blooming through the winter in a hanging basket or outdoor pot. If you only grow these, you are missing out on the wonderful array of colour and form to be found amongst the more traditional varieties. These days you have to search these out, and they do take more effort to grow, but it's worth it! There are early and late flowering varieties, and they come in all shades of yellow, red and orange as well as white and even green. The taller varieties need staking, but there are plenty of smaller plants to provide joy for the gardener and flower arranger.

If the autumn colours of chrysanthemums aren't bright enough for you, consider growing nerines. These bubble gum pink flowers bloom late into the autumn and early winter and are equally happy in pots as in the ground. *Nerine Bowdenii* is probably the best hardy variety to grow outdoors, and once established is easy to maintain; other varieties are more fussy and will need to be overwintered indoors. Plant some in early summer for an eye-catching display next autumn.

Looking forward to early spring, hellebores need some attention if you are to get the best display. These delicate flowers tend to hang their heads, so some gardeners grow them in a raised bed so that they can see them better. If you already have a low level hellebore bed planted, you should cut off this season's leaves now so that the flowers can be seen more easily later on.

Some spring and summer bulbs need to be planted now for the best effect. Lilies can be planted in pots to overwinter for a summer display. But beware! Do not keep your lily pots close to anywhere you might walk as their pollen will stain your clothes. You could cut off the stamens, but really, life's too short for that.

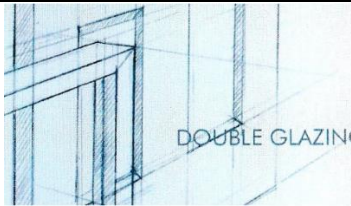
Daphne Knott



Kilmington & Stourton Women's Institute

The Christmas Party will be held at
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For further information contact Secretary Bernie Isted 01985
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Parish Catering Days: Oct 2022

This annual fundraiser for church funds was in part disrupted by the weather. On Friday 21st we had relentless rain and very, very few passing visitors; so we decided to shut up shop at lunchtime. Saturday 22nd however was a very different story, and we were fortunate enough to have a marked increase in the footfall and an extremely busy day. The forecast for Sunday 23rd was again dire, and we had sold almost everything, so we decided not to open that day.

We took an excellent total of **£2,500** out of which came modest expenses.

On behalf of myself, Jane Parker and Sue Evans, may we offer our most grateful thanks to everyone who helped on the day(s) and to all who baked wonderful cakes etc and those who offered jams, marmalades etc for our very popular and successful Home Produce stall. Particular thanks perhaps to all those stoics who helped set up and also especially clear up at the end of proceedings. This latter was and is easily the worst job and we are very grateful indeed.

Celia Cotton

Advent Windows



In Bourton village, for a number of years we have decorated windows to herald the coming season - one window in someone's home which people can see as they pass by. Please contact Caroline Worthington if you would like to take part: 07754 882454

The Rectory in Zeals

The Diocese has let the Rectory to Sue and Stephen Hackney. They have settled in now and have been very helpful to us all in various respects. And - for everyone's information and for clarity - the rent is being paid to the Diocese and not to the Parish of Upper Stour.

Harvest Praise and Pet Service

We had a good service at home Farm, Stourton as usual - with lots of noise and smiles and have had excellent feedback from many people on the enjoyment and informality etc. Charles Spencer did a sterling job as auctioneer. Ashley Kemp kindly took care of the proceeds and has informed that we raised the sum of **£282.47**. This has been donated equally: £94.16 to each of the following charities: Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI), Cinnamon Trust, and Pets As Therapy.

I am most grateful to everyone who attended for their generous support and of course those children who participated.

Barbara Borwell

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday 6th **3rd Sunday before Advent**
10.00 am Morning Worship at St George's Bourton

Sunday 13th **Remembrance Sunday**
10.00 am Remembrance Service at St Mary's Kilmington
Followed by Gathering and and Act of Remembrance at
the War Memorial in Kilmington

Sunday 20th **Christ the King**
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Peter's Stourton

Sunday 27th **1st Sunday of Advent**
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals

December

Sunday 4th **2nd Sunday of Advent**
10.00 am Parish Communion 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

Wedding:

On 15th October at St Peter's Stourton: **Alex Bartlett and Alice Shearman**

Baptism:

On 16th October at St Peter's Stourton: **Carter Mason Blue Palarm**

Interment of Ashes:

On 29th October at St Pater's Stourton: **David Andrews**



Zeals Bellringers

Zeals ringers worked well together on Monday 19th September. This is the team in St Martin's church, and several others also rang around the Upper Stour Parish to mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Ten year old Rene joined the Zeals ringing team on this occasion. Not only was she ringing but she lead the tolls with the tenor bell. A great achievement for a 10 year old.

Christmas 2022 at St Peter's Stourton

St Peter's Church Stourton will be open over the Christmas period to coincide with the Illuminations at Stourhead. For this we will again need help in various ways in the church on the December evenings of Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th, then Fri 9th, Sat 10th, Sun 11th, then the week of Fri 16th-Fri.23rd inclusive.

We would like again to sell homemade produce to the public, so if anyone is prepared to donate jams, marmalades, chutneys and/or baked goods such as small whole cakes, flapjacks, brownies, biscuits etc, these would be extremely welcome. Contact Jane Parker on 01985 844248 or Celia Cotton on 01985 844613.

Also on these designated nights we will require stewards to be in the church, to guide the public and to engage with them a little. If you can help with this, please get in touch with Jane Joyce: 01747 840149 / j-joyce@dircon.co.uk

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News from Parish Councils

Bourton

Since my last report there have been two busy parish council meetings. By the time this is published an oak tree, the gift of Parish Council Chairman Andrew Cattaway, will have been planted in the Jubilee Meadow (opposite the Church) at 11.00 on Saturday 22nd October. This tree forms part of the Queen's Green Canopy and celebrates both the Platinum Jubilee and the life of our late Queen Elizabeth II.

Councillor Gillet has submitted the Speed Reduction Petition and it has been received by Dorset Council Highways and they have confirmed that the next step will be speed surveys which will be conducted at four strategic places within the village.

A new bench has been installed and is situated near the telephone exchange. With help and guidance from Councillors Paul Curry and Peter Williams, the bench was purchased by The Bourton and Silton Charity trust and installed by our parish contractor, Phil Cowell, with help from his son Bailey. A plaque on the bench will read "Bench kindly donated by The Bourton and Silton Charity, Queens Jubilee 2022".

After stoic determination by Councillor Mike Chapman, the village now has another Royal Mail post box, which has been installed on Church Track.

The parish council have agreed to fund another defibrillator and St George's Church Trustees have kindly agreed that the new machine can be installed on the wall beside the car park. However, due to a global microchip shortage, there will be a delay in sourcing another machine via SWAST. I am currently speaking to other suppliers in the hope that a machine can be installed as soon as possible.

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 Wynn clerk@bourton-pc.gov.uk
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Kilmington

The Bonfire and Firework Display will be held in the Playing Field on Saturday 5 November commencing at approximately 6.45pm and all are welcome to come along and support this annual event.

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In case some Kilmington and Norton Ferris residents may not have noticed, it was agreed in September that the frequency of parish council meetings should be increased to six per year plus any extra which may be necessary to discuss planning applications. One of the reasons for doing this is to try and shorten the meetings, as there have been occasions this year when they have not finished until 10.30 pm. Dates for the remaining meetings for this financial year are on the noticeboard and on our website.

An extra meeting has been called for Monday 24 October to consider the revised, scaled down, plans in relation to Planning Application PL/2022/03915 – A R Diesels and the erection of a workshop building and provision of an extended service yard.

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14 November when the budget will be discussed and agreed so that a Precept figure for the 2023-24 financial year can be submitted to Wiltshire Council. So far this year, we have had to dig into our reserves to fund the pruning of trees for which the PC has agreed to be responsible and which were not budgeted. In future years, an amount will be included in our budget figures to take account of this work.

Ruth Burrows, Clerk parishclerk@kilmingtonwiltshire.org

Stourton with Gasper

Armistice Day Service - 11 November at 1100hrs: As is tradition a short service of remembrance and wreath laying will be held at the war memorial wall at Stourton Memorial Hall on 11th November. Those wishing to attend may meet at the Memorial Hall from 1040 am, where coffee and tea will be available. At 1055 we will gather in silence to the rear of the Hall (outside) by the memorial. Please note the road will be temporarily closed for the period of the service.

The Parish Council and the National Trust are working together to plant a tree in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The planning of this has been ongoing but in order to plant at the right time has been delayed until the autumn. Once we have a date for the planting we will add an invitation to the website <http://www.stourton.org.uk/> and the notice board situated in the archway into the Spread Eagle Courtyard.

The survey Councillors have been busy putting together should now have arrived on your doorsteps. Please respond to the envelope to give us a true record of the requirement for a mobile coverage.

Our next meeting will be held on 30 November. Members of the public are always welcome to attend meetings.

Fran Hill, Clerk clerk@stourton.org.uk

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Zeals

We are delighted that the defibrillator at Whitesheet School has been placed outside the building and is now available 24/7.

The Parish Council have had two planning meetings to discuss the applications PL/2022/06702 Zeals Garage, which has since been withdrawn and PL/2022/07519 The Old Cress Beds. Our response to the latter application will be on Wiltshire Planning Portal in due course.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 24 November at the Village Hall starting at 7 pm. 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.

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

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

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FILM NIGHT – OPERATION MINCEMEAT (12A) – WED 9th NOV

The remarkable true story of the elaborate plot cooked up by British intelligence in 1943 to fool Nazi Germany into thinking the allies planned to invade Greece and Sardinia, rather than their actual target, Sicily. Stars Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen, Penelope Wilton and Kelly Macdonald. 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.

DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 5th Dec – Lunch at the Hall

Wed 14th Dec – Film Night. The Railway Children Return (PG) with Jenny Gutter, Sheridan Smith & John Bradley

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Large hall with raised stage and fully equipped kitchen perfect for parties. £8 per hour for Bourton residents, otherwise £10 per hour. Contact Heather - 07849 673670 or h.j.ransley@outlook.com

BOURTON VILLAGE HALL CHARITY

Could You Be a Trustee, a Volunteer or our New Treasurer?

The Trustees who look after Bourton Village Hall are looking to increase their number. We are looking for residents with knowledge of being a Trustee, with a relevant skill or experience or simply with the enthusiasm to help sustain the hall and the events and facilities it provides. Trustees meet once a month and also get involved in some of the events the Hall puts on.

If you don't want to be a Trustee but have ideas for events or would like to help out then we'd love to have you join our Volunteer group.

The Trustees are also looking for someone to take over as Treasurer for the charity. The role of Treasurer demands about an hour every week to keep straightforward records, raise invoices and make any necessary payments. There is plenty of support and training available.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities to benefit the communities of Bourton and surrounding areas, please contact Heather Ransley on 07849 673 670 h.j.ransley@outlook.com

Regular Weekly Events

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
	Craft & Chat	2pm-4pm Bourton Village Hall Contact Angela Ambrose 01747 841336
	Beavers	contact Anne Martin (ZAZU) anne.martin9@btinternet.com or by text to 07368 588270
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	Friday Fun Club	10.00 - 11.30 Whitesheet School Hall <i>[temporarily suspended]</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/07967100106

Gillingham Rotary Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone in Upper Stour who supported the Macmillan coffee morning on 30th September, opened by our Mayor, Cllr Sharon Cullingford, who gave a brief talk on the history of Macmillan. Together we raised £750 towards much needed funds - Brilliant!

The wonderful donations of cakes, books and bric à brac were very much appreciated. Thank you to all who came along to enjoy a cuppa with delicious cakes, whilst picking up bargain books and surprise treasures. Also special thanks to all of you who helped on the day.

The Fundraising Page is still open for those who couldn't make it: <https://thyg.uk/BUS006695537>.

Muriel Shean

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**All items for the Dec 2022/Jan 2023
by Friday 18th November 2022 at noon**