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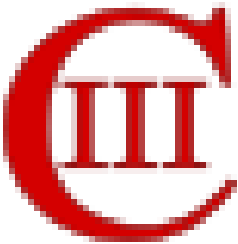
serving the villages of

Bourton
Kilmington
Stourton
Zeals



May 2023

God Save the King



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However you choose to mark the Coronation weekend, we hope this will be a time celebrating God’s love and generosity, and making that love known in our communities and national life.

Finally, our prayer is for the fruitful ministry of Jesus Christ through each of us in these next weeks. As we come together to celebrate this historic occasion in our national life, we pray that we would all know the empowering of the Holy Spirit in each of us, personally and in those with whom we minister. May this be a wonderful time of serving others, reaching out to our neighbours, and celebrating our unity in diversity.

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Archbishop of Canterbury

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All items for the June 2023 issue by noon on Fri 19th May please

St George's 100 Club

The draws for April and May will take place at the Bourton Village Coronation Barbecue on Saturday 6th May.

There is still time to join or renew your membership before then.

For details please contact
Philip Newton
on 07947 054534.

St Martin's Millennium Club

April winners

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A sustainable show garden to inspire and educate Sunday 28th May



Kilmington-based garden and planting designer Evie Pace would like to invite you all to her plant sale on Sunday May 28th, fundraising for her first show garden.

"I'm honoured to have had my design selected for Belvoir Castle Flower and Garden Show this July, and am now fundraising to try and make it a

reality. More and more we need gardens rich in wildlife and adaptable to climate change. I'd love to inspire others with my garden by demonstrating ways this might be achieved using a gentle touch, with an evocative mixture of native wildflowers, 'future-proof' perennials and nectar-rich blooms..

Many of us have an unloved corner of our garden that seems daunting. Feels like you'd have to rip everything out and bring in a tonne of soil to make it garden-like.

It's very important to me to show another way... to show the rich possibilities of an old gravel drive; the patch behind a gate where some building waste was left; the spot where a log store used to be.... to show the amazing biodiversity and resilience to drought, heatwaves and winter freezes achieved with the rights plants in the right place."

Evie's plant sale will include perennials and vegetables, all home-grown and peat-free. Sunday May 28th 3-5pm outside The Old Sawmill, The Street, Kilmington, BA12 6RG. Further details of Evie's show garden can be found at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/sustainable-show-garden>

Country Calendar: May 2023

Spring is definitely hotting up; the crops are growing well and hopefully will reward us at harvest. We have been occupied with delivering young bulls. Desmond Donkey's job is to accompany these animals as his presence reassures them, so they arrive at their new homes relaxed and totally stress free. It was a happy day when Desmond arrived at Home Farm, a bedraggled little brown thing no bigger than a large dog. I had always wanted a donkey but this was never on Harry's wish list. Then we went on a trip to Ireland visiting fellow Limousin breeders. The cattle on show always seemed to be very quiet "*It's the breeding*", we were continually told. Every time we went to a herd there was always a donkey. After many questions regarding breeding, sires, dams, birth weights, feeding, feet, testicles, showing etc. etc., I asked "Why do you all have a donkey?" My question may have been viewed as somewhat puerile, definitely blowing the host off his lively patter. I knew the Irish love their donkeys and it seemed too much of a coincidence there was always one hovering around. Our host was good humoured and liked to tell a tale or two with the most beautiful Irish brogue. He replied "*Well then, thine Mrs here is no Eejit (idiot). To be sure, she be knowing the luck of the Irish, or should I say the donkey!*" he said with a twinkle in his eye. He admitted the best kept secret for happy/calm cattle was indeed a donkey! Was this a touch of the Irish blarney?

Not many days after our return, I caught Harry hitching the horse trailer on, admitting he was off to pick up a donkey. Bearing in mind Harry's knowledge on donkeys was and is an absolute zero, I was relieved to hear he had contacted a breeder in the New Forest. He had nothing, but had an idea where to find one. On our arrival, as we were about to see our donkey for the first time, I asked where he had found him. I could not believe what I was hearing. The final "roundup" of the year of ponies and donkeys from the New Forest had taken place a couple of days earlier. Those to be sold for breeding, pets etc., commanded very high prices but those that are too small or just not good enough were sent to the abattoir. "*Donkey sausage that's what he was going to be*", said the breeder. I went to the abattoir straight after talking to Harry, as the next day was killing day... My thoughts were still processing 'Killing Day' as a small brown bundle, his ears large and out of proportion to his body, slowly and quietly appeared. I was utterly entranced as he lifted his head and placed it in my arms, his doleful eyes looking straight into mine. I could see Harry's eyes rolling, but he astutely realised any suggestion that he was not big enough was not up for discussion. I knew he wanted something the size of a bull and not



one that had no chance of seeing over a stable door! Ten years on our life without Desmond would be very dull and quiet - literally - for being a little chap he can and does let out the loudest, longest bray. It is his signature tune and we love it. He still cannot see over a stable door, so he has got a customised gate perfect for the little donkey with the biggest heart and ears. Whoever meets Desmond gets Desmond, and is totally hooked. He is adorable and gives us and others so much joy that he constantly lifts the spirits, I thank the day Desmond came into our lives. Donkeys can live up to the grand age of 40 years so all being well he will be around for quite a few more years giving so much love and pleasure, and never failing to let us

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Jane Parker

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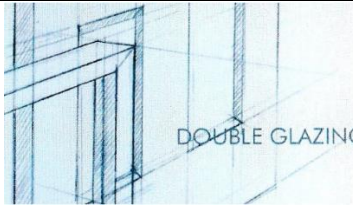
**Macmillan
Coffee Morning**
Friday 29th September

Gillingham Rotary Club will again be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning at The Methodist Church Hall, on the High Street (next to Lloyds Bank), from 10.30am on 29th September. Last year, with the wonderful support of Upper Stour residents, we raised £780.25! Let's make it four figures this year to continue helping Macmillan nurses care for adults and children suffering with cancer.

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Meeting dates in May: 2nd, 16th and 30th May



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News from Stourhead

**National
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May is set to be a month of celebration as the temperature starts to warm up and we can get outside and enjoy beautiful Stourhead. We'll kick off a very magical May with maypole dancing on the 1st, where visitors can skip and weave around a maypole instructed by a professional dancer. The second weekend in May will be a right royal affair as we celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III with face painting and willow crown making.

King Charles, President of the National Trust, has visited Stourhead on at least two occasions – in the 1980s with Princess Diana and then again in the late 2000s when he was treated to tea and a tour of the garden following a day at the Bath and West Show.

Also in May, talks will begin in the walled garden every Wednesday, and every second Saturday of each month. Visitors can take a detailed look at the function of this vital and often overlooked area of Stourhead with one of our knowledgeable volunteers. No need to book – just turn up at the walled garden at 12.30pm or 2pm and enjoy!

And finally, if you're looking for a way to get outside and enjoy some fantastic exercise, Nordic Walking sessions will be run by Nordic Walking UK from 20th May – sessions cost £6 and are a great way to see the beautiful countryside surrounding Stourhead. Visit our website to book.

We look forward to welcoming you at Stourhead soon!

For more information about our upcoming events for May, visit
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/wiltshire/stourhead/events

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SERVICES FOR MAY 2023

Sunday 7th 5th Sunday of Easter: Coronation Day
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Peter's Stourton

Sunday 14th Rogationtide
10.00 am Family Worship at St Mary's Kilmington
See page 15 opposite.

Sunday 18th Ascension Day
6.00 pm Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals

Sunday 21st Sunday after Ascension
Parish Communion at St George's Bourton

Sunday 28th Pentecost
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals

June

Sunday 4th Trinity Sunday
10.00 Family Service at St George's Bourton

Weekday Services

Mondays: 9.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's Bourton
Wednesdays: 4pm	Midweek Communion at St Martin's Zeals
Thursdays: 9.00 am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's Kilmington

From the Registers

No entries for this month



**Celebration of the
Good Shepherd &
Rogationtide
Sunday 14th May at
10am
St Mary's Church
Kilmington**

This will be a special service to ask God's blessing on the soil, seed &

growing crops, our farming community & shepherds. The Service will be held outdoors (with wet weather provision). Please bring your own seating. All children welcome (children under 11 with parent/guardian please). Dogs on short leads welcome. Refreshments provided.

Any enquiries to Barbara Borwell: 01747 840141/ barbaraborwell@gmail.com

Church Bellringing



Are you interested in learning to ring the church bells?

Four beginners and one lapsed ringer are now full members of the Upper Stour Bellringing team and there is now space on Monday evenings, for some new recruits! If anyone from any of the villages think they may be interested please contact David Gatehouse at Zeals garage or ring Georgina

Muir 01985 844245 or come along to the

**Ringling Open Day at Stourton Church
Monday May 1st 2pm - 4pm**

This will be an opportunity to chime a bell, watch experienced ringers, exhibitions and refreshments.

Wincanton Choral Society

The bright lights of Bath beckon for local Music Director

Wincanton Choral Society will soon say a sad but fond farewell to their much loved music director, Katrine Reimers, after an eight year association with the choir, as both accompanist and latterly music director.

Her lively and energetic personality coupled with outstanding musicality has enabled the group to deliver performances not often achieved by amateur, unauditioned choirs, and they will miss her seemingly bottomless pit of unusual and often amusing warm up routines.



Unlike some choirs, Katrine kept the choir together through lockdown through online video rehearsals and even an outdoor, socially distant, performance in a local barn. The happy faces at a recent Come and Sing Day personify the fun that she has seamlessly mingled with hard work, and even though she will be greatly missed, the choir wish her well with her prestigious new appointment in Bath. Past members may wish to say their own farewells at the choir's forthcoming concert of Summer Music, to be held on 21st May at St. Luke & St. Teresa's Church, Wincanton at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 on the door, students and U18s £6.



Kilmington and Stourton Women's Institute

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm

when the Speaker will be

Mike Spence on "Tales from the Dorset Coast"

Kilmington and Stourton WI hold their meeting every fourth Tuesday of the month unless otherwise stated. Venue Stourton Memorial Hall @ 7.30 pm. Contact Bernie Isted bernieisted@gmail.com or Jane Parker 01985844248

Ad Hoc Chorale Sunday 14th May

Ad Hoc Chorale is singing some good Church music in a short, informal "non-concert" at 5.00 pm on Sunday 14th May in St. Martin's, Zeals. Any donations towards St. Martin's Church

Zeals Village Lunches

Don't forget the monthly lunch in the Village Hall with delicious soups and fresh fruit etc. Service starts at 12.30 pm. In order to help with catering, please collect a numbered card from the shop and payment will be at the end of the meal. Upcoming dates: Mon 15th May; Mon 19th June.

Zeals Coffee Morning Saturday 29th April

The Coffee Morning will run alongside the plant sale at the Village Hall from 9.30 – 11.30am. Enjoy coffee & cake with friends & neighbours. Also this will be your last chance to get your tickets for the Coronation Big Lunch (*see page 19*)

At the same time we will be selling The Big Lunch Raffle Tickets with fabulous prizes to be won.
St. Martin's in the Community



KILMINGTON and STOURTON CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Kilmington Home Guard will be the *GoTo* destination for the Coronation celebrations on Sunday May 7th, bringing together the communities of Kilmington and Stourton for this fun-packed family event with the generous support of both Kilmington and Stourton Parish Councils.

The Club will open as normal on Sunday 7th at 12 noon with celebrations anticipated to commence from 2pm until about 10pm. Attractions include;

- Bouncy Castle,
- Morris Dancing,
- Local Stallholders,
- Local Produce, Coffees,
- Teas and Cake,
- Learn about the history of The Home Guard with the Wiltshire Living History Group,
- Fully Stocked Bar + BBQ food (two sessions 2-3pm & 6-7pm) and culminating with evening entertainment from our live band "Loose Connections".
- Children under 16 residing in the Parish of Kilmington and attending the event will be given a commemorative mug (limited availability).

All welcome!



CORONATION BIG LUNCH

SUNDAY 7TH MAY 12.30PM

ZEALS VILLAGE GREEN

Tickets £10 for non-residents subject to availability
on sale at Zeals Village Hall on Sat 29th April 9-11am
Or bring your own picnic and join the party on The Green

Lunch for those with tickets

Free Refreshments, Pay Bar, Tombola, Games & Bouncy Castle

Photo Competition Open to Everyone – see below

Free Zeals Souvenir mug for each child of primary school age in Zeals
with special ticket

Coronation Big Lunch Raffle: Draw 3.30pm - fabulous prizes to be won

Bells will be ringing, Flags will be flying to greet you

EVERYONE WELCOME

Further details from Carol Affleck: 01747 841359 carol@caffleck.com
or Sarah Bullivant 07721672125 sarahbullivant@co.uk
or Lyndi d'Ambrumenil 01747 840594 lyndi_dambrumenil@hotmail.com

PHOTO COMPETITION

TO BE JUDGED AT THE CORONATION BIG LUNCH ON 7TH MAY

4 Subjects: ~Red, White & Blue ~Crown(s) ~Special Celebrations ~Majesty

All photos must have been taken by the entrant. No digital entries. All photos must be printed off, either colour or black & white. Maximum of three photos per entrant.

Each entry must have the subject and entrant's name, age (if under 18), and contact details written on the back of each photo.

There will be a prize for each age category and also overall winner prize.

All entries to be delivered to Zeals Post Office no later than midday 29th April

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News from Parish Councils

Bourton

It was good to have some members of the public at the March meeting. But of course it would be great to see even more people attend and show an interest in their parish, as being there in person will give you more of an idea of how the parish council operates. I am always happy to answer questions about procedures and how the meetings run and would welcome any questions either by email or via my mobile number.

Some of you may have seen that we have a small flock of ewes and their lambs in the Jubilee Meadow. These are the best form of lawn mowers! It has been lovely to see them and I hope the school children have been able to watch the young lambs. The sheep belong to Nick and Rose Knott and Councillor Mike Chapman has been key in arranging this arrangement.

Plans are underway for Bourton to celebrate the Kings Coronation and Caroline Worthington has very kindly volunteered to lead on this event which will take place on the 6th May. And, after a hiatus of 4 years, we are pleased to say that Bourton Fete will be back this year. Heather Ransley has bravely taken the baton to lead on this event and further details will follow.

I am currently in the process of purchasing a second defibrillator which will be installed near the church.

We still have approximately 18 copies of the book "Bourton Village" written by Brian Martin. These cost £5 each and can be obtained by calling Councillor Firbank on 01747-840848 or by emailing the clerk.

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>

clerk@bourton-pc.gov.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/639361217139818>

Kilmington

Some items from our last meeting on 20 March are as follows:

*The Old Whitesheet School building in Butts Lane was recently sold to a private individual but we are currently investigating with Wiltshire Council whether the land they still own and previously used as a playing field for the school might be available to the PC as an asset transfer or leased to us.

*The speed limit assessment on Kilmington Common has still not been received but we hope it will be available for our next meeting.

*Village celebrations for Kings Charles III Coronation will be held in the Home Guard Club on Sunday 7 May from 12 noon until 10.30 pm. Souvenir Coronation Mugs will be given to all over 16 year olds who live in the parish who turn up at the event. Stourton & Gasper residents have been invited to join with Kilmington and full details of the programme are on page 18.

The **Kilmington Annual Parish Meeting** and the Annual Parish Council meeting will both be taking place on Monday 22 May at 7.30 pm. The **Annual Parish** meeting is not a Parish Council meeting but it is sometimes confused with a meeting of the Council because it is held on the same evening.

Some of the differences between Parish Meetings and Parish Council meetings are as follows:

- Any person on the electoral register of the parish is entitled to speak at a Parish Meeting. At a meeting of the Parish Council members of the public may speak for 3 minutes in the public session or at the Chairman's discretion.
- With the exception of the Chairman, councillors rank the same as other members of the electorate at the Annual Parish Meeting
- Agendas for Parish Council meetings must be published three days ahead of the meeting. For Parish Meetings a skeleton agenda is usually published ahead of the meeting.
- Only Councillors may request items to be placed on the agenda of PC meetings whereas any member of the electorate may do so at a Parish Meeting.
- Any matter pertinent to the parish may be discussed at a Parish Meeting, whereas at a PC meeting, subjects for discussion should be limited to those matters on which the council has the power to act (conferred by various Acts of Parliament)
- The press and general public have a right to attend Parish Meetings but anyone not on the electoral register of the parish is a "stranger" and does not have the right to vote.

In summary: A Parish Meeting is a meeting of the people of the parish

A Parish Council Meeting is a meeting of the parish councillors

If residents have any items for the agenda of the Annual Parish meeting, please email these to me at parishclerk@kilmingtonwiltshire.org as soon as possible.

Ruth Burrows, Clerk: parishclerk@kilmingtonwiltshire.org

Stourton with Gasper

The Parish Council are looking forward to the Coronation Celebrations at the Kilmington Home Guard Club on Sunday 7th May. We are joining with Kilmington Parish to mark this very special occasion. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Recently our defibrillator was deployed but thankfully not needed. It seems appropriate to post a reminder that our community defibrillator is now in situ under the archway to the Spread Eagle courtyard from the Spread carpark. The

defibrillator is accessible 24/7 and the 'What Three Words' address for its location is: [fish.traffic.unloaded](https://www.what3words.com/?q=fish.traffic.unloaded).

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 3 May 2023

- We will begin at 6pm with the Annual Parish Meeting. This is an opportunity for the parishioners to meet your councillors, and other organisations who represent them within the community.
- 3 May 2023 Annual Parish Council Meeting
- 3 May 2023 General Parish Council Meeting

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TO THE PARISHIONERS AND COUNCILLORS OF STOURTON & GASPER

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 6pm

Fran Hill, Clerk clerk@stourton.org.uk

Zeals

We look forward to seeing everyone at the lunch celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. It promises to be a wonderful day and a good chance for the community to come together. Thank you to the Church for taking the lead on organizing this event.

The defibrillator at Portnells Lane has received its annual check from the South West Ambulance Service and they have declared it rescue ready. One item from the recent meeting was to arrange for a training day open to everyone for defibrillator awareness. So a date for your diaries is **Thursday 26 October** which may seem a long way off at the moment but will be with us in no time. More details nearer the time.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30 March can be seen on the website. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 4 May 2023 at the Village Hall

- We will begin at 6.00 pm with the Annual Parish Meeting. This is an opportunity to meet your councillors, and other organisations who represent you within the community. Everybody is welcome. We will follow this meeting with the two Parish Council meetings which you are welcome to attend if you wish. Your councillors represent you.
- 4 May 2023 Annual Parish Council Meeting
- 4 May 2023 General Parish Council Meeting

Fran Hill, Clerk

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

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Mon 1 st	Bellringing Open Day, St Peter's Ch, Stourton 2-4pm	page 15
Sat 13 th	Silton Plant Sale, 10am-noon, Silton VH	page 7
Sun 14 th	Ad Hoc Chorale concert, 5 pm St Martin's Zeals	page 17
Mon 15 th	Zeals Village Lunch, 12.30pm ZVH	page 17
Sun 21 st	Wincanton Chorale Soc Concert, Wincanton	page 14
Tues 23 rd	K & S Women's Institute 7.30 pm, BVH	page 17
Sat 27 th)	Friends of Whitesheet School Pop up Cafe	
Sun 28 th)	all day at Stourton Memorial Hall	page 13
Sun 28 th	Plant Sale, 3-5pm Old Sawmill Kilmington	page 5

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
Mondays	Bellringing	New Learners Session at St Martin's Zeals at 2-4 pm Contact David Gatehouse, Zeals Garage
Tuesdays	Toddlers Group Craft & Chat	09.00 – 12 noon at Bourton VH 2pm-4pm Bourton Village Hall Contact Angela Ambrose 01747841336
Wednesdays	Bell ringing	Practice, 19.30 – 21.00 at St Martin's Zeals. Lapsed ringers welcome Contact David Gatehouse at Zeals Garage or Georgina Muir 01985 844245
Thursdays	Toddler Service	St George's Church Bourton at 2pm Contact Caroline Worthington (07754 882454)
Fridays (most)	Choir Practice	18.00-19.00 at St Martin's, Zeals. New singers welcome

Bourton Village Hall
CORONATION PARTY
SAT 6TH MAY
10am - 4pm



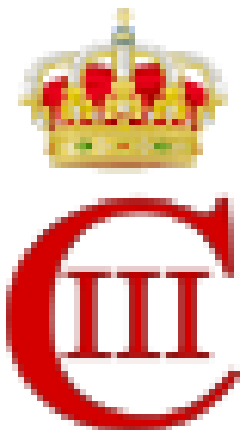
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Kids Craft Table

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CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

Upper Stour Celebrations

MONDAY 1ST MAY

3.30pm TEA AND PROSECCO hosted by
Kilmington LCC
at Home Farm Barn Stourton

SATURDAY 6TH MAY

From 10.30am CORONATION PARTY
at Bourton Village Hall Watch live on
big screen *see page 27*

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

From 12.30pm CORONATION BIG LUNCH
Zeals Village Green *see page 19*

From 2.00pm CELEBRATIONS
Kilmington & Stourton Home Guard
Club *see page 18*



All Items for the June 2023 issue by noon on Fri 19th May