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**March 2024**

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**by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 please**

**St George's 100 Club  
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at Zeals Motors on  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Contact Nigel Blackmore  
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**March 2024**

March 7, 21	<b>Zeals</b>	School	10.00-10.40am
March 7, 21	<b>Kilmington</b>	Home Guard Club	11.25-11.35 am

# Country Calendar:

## March 2024

Here we are on the cusp of spring and we farmers are looking forward to dry days and warmer climes after the persistent wet weather, followed by a mini freeze with temperatures down to minus 8 - not to mention a storm or two for good measure!

Spring gives us a new start and hope for better things to come. Farmers will be well into lambing and calving, but I was extremely concerned to hear that the disease Schmallenberg is on the rise in livestock generally, but more so with sheep. This is a dreadful disease which produces fever, diarrhoea and loss of milk production in adult cattle; it is much more of a problem in adult sheep, infection is apparently symptomless. However, when pregnant females are infected, the virus can damage the foetus, leading to a range of deformities at birth. Bluetongue is also on the increase, which has been identified in ruminants in Kent and Norfolk with 56 confirmed cases, this is a notifiable animal disease, which must be reported immediately. It causes inflammation of the mucous membranes, oedema and hemorrhage, and there is currently no vaccine for this new strain. Hovering on the brink is swine fever, and, just to remind us, we still have bird flu. One could be forgiven for liking it to medieval times with this pestilence and sickness. I have to remind myself it is 2024 not 1348 when diseases were endemic.

With recent media headlines reporting "The shocking discovery of illegal meat in lorries at Dover has intensified concerns about the threat of an outbreak of deadly African swine fever breaching the UK's shores" it all makes sense; very recently vast quantities of illegally imported meat were seized at the port of Dover.

Headlines in the media and press report that this is the "tip of the iceberg". Officials from Dover Port Health Authority inspected 22 lorries originating from Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Poland over a 24-hour period in early December 2023, finding illegal meat imports in 21 of the vehicles entering the UK, including 2.5 tons of illegal pork products. Dover Port Health Authority is urging Defra to reconsider plans for a 70% funding cut to its work in seizing illegal meat imports, a move the authority says will jeopardise efforts to keep African swine fever (ASF) and other diseases out of the country. So, we should not be surprised that these diseases are making appearances. Defra's proposed 70% funding cut on finding illegal meat imports is utterly shameful, and beggars belief! It is just more stress and worry for the farming fraternity.

Then I read all about the poor farmer from near Bridgwater in Somerset. I did not know whether to laugh or cry when I read that he had found bundles of white powder hidden in his regular animal feed delivery. He immediately called the police; the bundles were inspected by The South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (SWROCU) and the officers confirmed it was cocaine, a mere 189

kilos with a street value of more than £15million. The container had been shipped from Colombia to London Gateway Port, and then to the unsuspecting farmer. What a horrid situation to be in and how worried and fearful they must be at the thought of who might come after it, as I am led to believe that there would be some sort of trafficking device attached to the container, enabling the intended recipient or recipients to retrieve the exact co-ordinates of their ill-gotten gains. What a relief to then hear that arrests have been made and some of the culprits jailed. There is a lesson here which is: do not buy animal feed from Colombia!

*Jane Parker*

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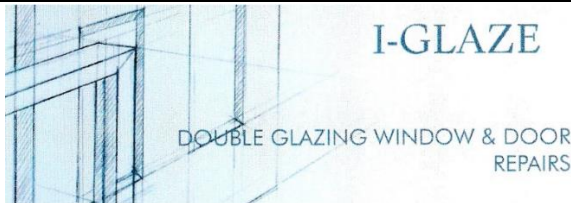
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# News from Stourhead

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After a wet and windy winter, the bright shine of the daffodils is a welcome sight as you arrive at Stourhead. The gardens are beginning to come back to life, with blooms of colour from rhododendron and pelargoniums peeping through the evergreens. From mid-March, the garden temples will also be looking their seasonal best, adorned with the florals and foliage of spring.

Stourhead House will be reopening on Friday 8 March and will be celebrating 300 years of Stourhead being a home. Visitors will be able to explore a new exhibition focusing on the lives of the women who live at Stourhead and the female makers and creators who helped turn the grand Country House into a home. Discover personal mementos, diary passages, and other fascinating stories told through the eyes of the women who played a part in Stourhead's history.

An exciting schedule of activities take place throughout March, with something for everyone to enjoy. Join us on Mother's Day weekend, 9-10 March, and make a beautiful bouquet with fresh spring flowers and foliage. Enjoy a stroll in the springtime on a guided walks and talks tour, resuming from 8 March. Those looking for an exciting new year challenge will be delighted to hear that the first Stourhead Trust 10 of 2024 will take place on Sunday 24 March. Don't miss the opportunity to take up a new challenge, get outdoors and explore Stourhead's wider estate.

Hop into the Easter spirit from 23 March at Stourhead's Easter trail. Enjoy egg-citing Easter-themed activities as you adventure round the garden – finishing with a delicious chocolate egg or a vegan and Free From chocolate egg.

We look forward to welcoming all visitors to Stourhead this spring. For more information about our upcoming events please see the Stourhead website.

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## **BOURTON GARDENING CLUB**

Bourton Garden Club's next meeting is on  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

where Mike Chapman is going to give a talk on Allotment Growing. It's going to be an interesting evening.

Come along to Bourton Village Hall from 7pm for a 7.30pm start, refreshments available.

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All enquiries through the Hon Sec at [cmetopham@hotmail.com](mailto:cmetopham@hotmail.com), or by post to The Secretary, Stourton Mem Hall, Greenlands, Gasper Stourton, BA12 6PY

### Zeals Village Lunch : Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm

The food is tasty with a variety of homemade soups and fresh fruit. Please collect a numbered card from the village shop to help with catering for the correct number. Payment for the food is made at the end of the meal.

Future dates : 22 April, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 17<sup>th</sup> June

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## CRAFT & CHAT

Welcomes all who crochet, embroider, knit, or have similar craft hobbies to all sessions

at Bourton Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm, £2 a session.

Tuesday afternoons in March: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Mothering Sunday Posy Making Workshop**

This year Mothering Sunday Service will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> March at St George's Church Bourton at 10am.

In preparation for this there will be a Posy Making Workshop on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** at 10am at St George's where helpers (young people & adults) are required. Refreshments provided. A selection of spring flowers/foliage would be gratefully received. Containers with water will be left in the church porch Friday.

If you can offer flowers etc but unable to deliver please tel/email Barbara on 01747 [840141 barbaraborwell@gmail.com](mailto:840141_barbaraborwell@gmail.com) for collection. Thankyou

### **Zeals Open Gardens and Local Art & Crafts: 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June**

If you live within Zeals you are welcome to join us and open your garden for a couple of days at the end of June. There will be a variety of gardens. Or perhaps you're an artist or craft person and would like to display your work. It will be a fascinating insight into the many gardens and talents we have in the village. Large formal gardens, small and intimate gardens, wild gardens, ornamental, productive or unruly gardens – we have them all in Zeals. There's still time if you feel you would like take part and show off your garden and/or artwork.

If you would like to take part please contact me soon:

**Carol Affleck**

01747 841359 / [cam@caffleck.com](mailto:cam@caffleck.com)

**St. Martin's in the community**

### **Parish Magazine Distribution**

I have been very fortunate to find a younger couple to help me distribute this magazine. Diana & Jim Tadd have very kindly offered to batch up and distribute all 1070 magazines for me. Until they feel confident and accustom themselves with the parish I will take care of the admin. For any enquiries or changes that may occur for the time being my details will remain as the point of contact.

I hope Diana & Jim will enjoy getting to meet all our distributors as I have done over the years.

**Carol Affleck**

# SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE OF UPPER STOUR WITH MAIDEN BRADLEY

## MARCH 2024

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Third Sunday of Lent**  
10.00 am Morning Worship at St Martin's Zeals
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday**  
10.00 am Parish Communion at St George's Bourton  
10.00 am All Age Service at All Saints Maiden Bradley
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Peter's Stourton
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**  
10.00 am Procession of Palms and Parish Communion for  
the Benefice at St Mary's Kilmington
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday**  
6.00 pm Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**  
2.00 pm Last Hour Devotion for the Benefice at St Mary's  
Kilmington
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Day**  
6.00 am Sonrise at Search Farm Stourton  
10.00 am Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals  
10.00 am Parish Communion at All Saints Maiden Bradley

## APRIL 2024

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Easter**  
10.00 am Morning Worship at St George's Bourton

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### Weekday Services

- Mondays:** 9 am Morning Prayer at St George's Bourton  
**Wednesdays:** 4 pm Midweek Communion at St Martin's Zeals  
**Thursdays:** 9 am Morning Prayer at St Mary's Kilmington

# G-O-D-D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D-T-H-E-E-N-E-M-Y

Do you like happy endings?

There are those who thoroughly enjoy the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah*, but who wouldn't dream of listening from the beginning to hear it. Others might love to listen to the cannons and bells in the finale of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, yet never listen to a complete performance. Is it hardly surprising then that far more people come to church on Easter Day than on Good Friday? Of course, people love happy endings, and Easter is without a doubt the happiest of endings.

The trouble with focussing all one's attention on the happy ending is that it doesn't last very long and soon gives way to an emptiness since there is nothing to sustain it. It's easy to imagine that we have received the best life has to offer by avoiding the worst, but the fact remains that there can be no 'best' unless there is also a 'worst'.

When the women went to the tomb in the darkness and fear of that first Easter morning, they had already experienced the worst. Jesus was dead. Besides, the death that he had suffered had been tortuous and horrific. Once death had come mercifully to him, they had seen his lifeless body taken down from the cross and wrapped quickly in strips of cloth; they had watched as his body was placed hastily in a nearby tomb; they had wept the bitter tears of grief as the grave had been closed. During the intervening time they would have suffered in the depths of despair as they awaited the time when they could return to the tomb and complete the job of anointing his body, thus consigning him to death forever.

In June 1815, at the end of the Battle of Waterloo, news of the result had to be brought across the English Channel by boat and then signalled overland by semaphore to London. High atop Winchester Cathedral the signal began to arrive, letter by letter: W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N-D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D. Then a dense fog blew across the city, as gloom and despair began to spread. Only when the fog lifted did the whole message become clear: W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N-D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D-T-H-E-E-N-E-M-Y.

On Good Friday a fog of despair settled on the disciples, such that they could only perceive a part of the message: GOD DEFEATED. However, on Easter Day the whole message became clear: GOD DEFEATED THE ENEMY. This news brought such joy to them because they had experienced such dreadful despair only days earlier. The power of Jesus' resurrection is especially clear to those who have reflected upon his suffering on Good Friday. Moreover, the power of Jesus' victory can be seen in that, even after two thousand years, Christians continue to experience its life-changing and life-giving effects.

Easter is therefore the most happy of endings that turns out not to be an ending at all, but rather a new beginning.

**Graham Southgate (Rector)**

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# News from Parish Councils

## Future Elections

For all the details of upcoming unitary division by-elections in the county please visit [Upcoming | Elections | Wiltshire Council](#). Don't forget you now need to show **photo ID** to vote at polling stations in some elections, including:

- UK Parliamentary elections, including general elections, by-elections and recall petitions.
- Local elections and by-elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections

**For more information on Voter ID and what to do if you don't have photo ID, please visit [Voter ID | Electoral Commission](#)**

## Bourton

We have received notification of two major planning applications this month: **P/OUT/2023/06654** Land at Sandways Farm - demolition of barns & erection of up to 30no. dwellings. Comment deadline: 27<sup>th</sup> February.

**P/OUT/2024/00603** Land at Chaffeymoor Farm - erection of up to 55 dwellings. Comment deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> March. To comment on these proposals, please go to

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/planning-application-search-and-comment>

More Parish Council news will be reported in the April magazine.

**Eve Wynn, Clerk**

## Kilmington

Apologies but an old report was included in the February edition of the magazine in error. Please find below what should have been printed.

Since the last edition of the magazine, two meetings of the parish council have taken place – in November and January. Details on current topics can be read in the minutes of our meetings which are now available on our website <https://kilmingtonwiltshire.org> under 'Documents', 'Minutes'.

The new Playing Field Committee have yet to meet but following the appointment of the two new members, Gillian Bowles who has been Chairman of the committee for a number of years, decided that it was time for her to step down and has resigned. Gillian has given much time and effort to the running of the playing field and the Parish Council are very grateful to her for all she has done.

The annual budget was discussed and a precept of £13,498 was set for the 2024-2025 financial year. This is £3175 more than the current year. On a Band D property this will equate to a charge of £94.44 compared to £73.09 this year – a 29.2% increase. The two main items which have increased the precept are our contribution towards the costs involved in the implementation of the speed limit reduction on The Common (£2500) and our need to start building

reserves to replace some of the 20 year old items of equipment in the playing field (£1000). Again, full details of the agreed budget is available to view on our website under 'Documents', 'Finance'.

I regret to advise that Cllr Chris Webster has resigned from the Parish Council. The Councillor Vacancy notice has been displayed on our noticeboard and on our website giving the details; no election has been requested so the vacancy can be filled at our next meeting on Monday 25 March at 7.30 in the Stourton & Kilmington Home Guard Club. If any local Kilmington elector feels that they would like to represent the village on the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk or check on the noticeboard or website for details of how to apply. Applications will close on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**Ruth Burrows, Clerk**  
***parishclerk@kilmingtonwiltshire.org 01747 840371***

### **Stourton with Gasper**

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent litter pick day and those unable to attend on the day but have done their bit.

Please note our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 March not as previously advertised. The time remains 6pm at the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend council meetings.

A date for your diaries. On 1 May 2024 we will be hosting our Annual Parish Meeting where we invite residents to come along and meet with the parish councillors together with local groups that make this a thriving community.

Are you looking for a fresh start in 2024? Would you consider becoming an emergency foster carer? There is a link to the dates for interest evenings on our website <https://stourton.org.uk/> **Fran Hill, Clerk** [clerk@stourton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stourton.org.uk)

### **Zeals**

At this time of the year, inclement weather causes problems with our roads and pavements that seem never to be sorted out. By reporting potholes, flooding, or even abandoned cars on the mywilts app, it will not only log the issue but the more people who do report it, will raise the priority status. <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting> is relatively easy to use as a guest or you can create an account.

Have you ever fancied working an allotment - bringing home your carefully cultivated produce for Sunday lunch, picking your own bunch of colourful blooms for a Mother's Day gift or just benefitting from working out in the fresh air? We have at least one half allotment available from 1 April at a cost of £15 per year. There may be more but we can always add you to a waiting list. Please contact me at [clerk@zealspc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@zealspc.org.uk).

There will be a village litter pick on Saturday 10 March.

Our next meeting is on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the village hall. Everyone is welcome to come along. **Fran Hill, Clerk** <https://zealspc.org.uk/>



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# Green Fingers : Notes from a Fairweather Gardener

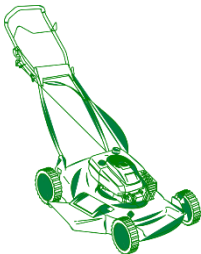
## March

March is the herald of spring and the daffodils are blooming to remind us of this. However, if we want them to bloom well again next year, it is worth dead-heading them before they form seed heads as this will divert essential nutrients from the bulb. All bulbs need to retain their leaves as long as possible. If you do not need daffodils to naturalise you could dig them up and plant them temporarily in an unused part of the garden. Alternatively, you could tie the leaves down so that they look neater as they die off. If neither of those solutions work, for example if you have naturalised daffodils in the lawn, then try to mow around them for at least 6 weeks after flowering to allow most of the leaves to die down.

Bulbs are almost magic plants. They take so little time to plant, require little attention after planting and reward one with a mass of colourful blooms. To top it all, they are so versatile as there is a bulb, tuber or corm for almost every situation and size of garden. Having enjoyed your spring display, now is a good time to plant some of these to enjoy later in the year. If you have a shady spot on the patio or near a doorway that needs brightening up, begonias are a good choice as they come in many colours and there are some pendulous varieties that work well in hanging baskets. Anemones make a wonderful display in summer planted in drifts in a rockery or narrow border. They also make excellent cut flowers. Finally, a favourite in cottage gardens - ranunculus. These too make good border plants or can be grown in containers, but choose a sunny spot to make the most of their riotous colours.

If the weather has warmed up a bit, there are vegetables that can be started now. I rarely bother with planting onions as they tend to be inexpensive to buy, but shallots are not always available in the shops. Both onion and shallot sets can be started now. Have you noticed how nearly all restaurant menus feature beetroot these days? Channel your inner chef and sow some beetroot seeds now. Just sow a few and then sow them in succession through the spring and early summer and you can get creative in the kitchen.

*Daphne Knott*



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# Bourton Village Hall

## LUNCH AT THE HALL – MON 4<sup>th</sup> MAR – 12:30 to 2pm

Join us for a choice of homemade soups, bread and cheese, cake and coffee. All welcome. £4 payable on the door.

## FILM – THE MIRACLE CLUB (12A) – WED 6<sup>th</sup> MAR – 7pm for 7:30pm start

It's 1967 in Ballygar in outer Dublin and close friends Lily, Eileen, Dolly and Sheila are given the opportunity to shake off the shackles of domestic life when they win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes. Stars Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates and Laura Linney.

Doors and bar open at 7pm for 7:30pm start. Tickets £6 on the door only.

## FILMS FOR APRIL & MAY

We are unable to show Oppenheimer in April as planned as the distributor has chosen to remove licence availability until mid April 😞. So...

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> April – One Life Based on the true story of British humanitarian Sir Nicholas Winton (Anthony Hopkins) who helped Jewish children to hide and flee German-occupied Czechoslovakia just before the beginning of World War II.

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> May – Oppenheimer Nominated for 13 Oscars. Stars Cillian Murphy, Emily Blunt & Matt Damon.

## SIX NATIONS RUGBY IN MARCH

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> England v Ireland. Doors & bar open at 4:15pm for 4:45pm kick off

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> France v England. Doors & bar open at 7:30pm for 8pm kick off

## HIRE THE HALL

Large hall (14 x 9.6m/46 x 32ft) with raised stage and kitchen. Contact Heather for more info - 07849 673670 [h.j.ransley@outlook.com](mailto:h.j.ransley@outlook.com)



The poster for the Spring Textile Fair is green with white and yellow text. It features a scalloped top and bottom edge. The main title 'Spring Textile Fair' is in a large, white, serif font. Below it, the date and time 'Saturday 23 March 2024 9.30am - 2.00pm' are listed. The event is described as an 'Exquisite Designer/Maker shopping event in support of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Service'. A circular logo for the Air Ambulance Service is visible. The poster lists various items for sale, including fabric remnants, quilts, and home accessories. It also mentions a £3 entry fee (including coffee) and provides the location: Silton Village Hall, Church Road, Silton, SP8 5PN. A small note at the bottom says 'Please do tell your friends.'

**Spring Textile Fair**  
**Saturday 23 March 2024**  
**9.30am-2.00pm**  
**at Silton Village Hall, SP8 5PN**

Exquisite designer/maker shopping event with raffle, coffee & cakes, in support of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Service and Silton Church.

£3 entry (includes coffee)

Do join us for a fun morning to pick up great deals on designer fabric remnants, to discuss your soft furnishings requirements and to see first showings of new Spring collections of handmade ladies clothing and textiles for the home.

Please do tell your friends.

**Dates for your Diary**  
**March 2024**

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Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Craft & Chat, 2.00-4.00 pm BVH	page 11
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Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Craft & Chat, 2.00-4.00 pm, BVH	page 11
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**Leaping Frogs Family Friendly**  
**Easter Bingo**

**Money raised will go to**  
**Leaping Frogs to buy**  
**new equipment for the children**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Whitesheet Primary School**  
**Doors open 6pm ~ Eyes down 7pm**

**There will be refreshments:**  
**Teas, coffees, cakes & biscuits**

*happy*  
  
*Easter*

**All items for the April 2024 issue by**  
**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March please**