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September 2024

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Now Read On for Upper Stour

As we approach early autumn with dark nights and winter ahead I thought it was a good time to suggest we include book reviews for our magazine readers. We have some book clubs in our villages and I am a member of the Bourton Group. I know other members of our Group are happy to contribute a book review to the magazine which will be a nice change for readers! I gain great pleasure from reading widely which happens only because I take recommendations from friends. This means I read books I may never have chosen to read but find they are always a good read and often a delight! We will review mainly fiction but will cover a range of genres and for my first choice this month I have chosen a memorable read from historical fiction.

The Book of Days by Francesca Kay

(published by Swift Press
Spring 2024)

This is a wonderful read! It is set in a small village toward the end of the reign of Henry VIII. The young second wife of the Lord of the Manor is keeping a diary/Book of Hours recording events over an ecclesiastical year. Her older husband is dying and wants to build himself a lasting memorial so he embarks on the building of a chantry chapel attached to the village church. The details of Tudor building methods are intriguing as she describes the artistry of the carpenters and stoneworkers Her descriptions of the arrival of stained glass are vivid and memorable as she had never seen light reflected in coloured glass and was entranced by it. Her domestic life is complex and I am avoiding a spoiler here but her descriptions of the antics of her step daughter's pet monkey surprised me!

Her husband dies as does the King and we see the impact of the Reformation on social, political and religious life. Her own church suffers the ravages of the destruction of paintings and decoration and the removal of church silver to be melted down. Though fiction, this book is soundly based historically but it also reminded me of the unchanging challenges facing humanity – the challenges of illness, plague, bereavement, family relationships, oppression and poverty. Though set in Tudor times I felt real links with the sentiments expressed in this Book of Hours which made it a contemporary and thought provoking read as well as a really enjoyable one! Do try it! I would love to hear what you thought of it.

Margaret Martin (bookworminbourton@gmail.com)

St George's 100 Club

June Results

1st - Lucy Newton
2nd - Pat Ross-Hurst
3rd - Jock Ambrose

July Results

1st - Cindy Hallett
2nd - Sheila Williams
3rd - Ann Collins

August Results

1st - Peter Manley
2nd - Andrew Murdoch
3rd - Diane Davies

Contact: Philip Newton
07947 054534

St Martin's Millennium Club

July winners

N Fowler
B Moodie
J Snook
J Jeans
E Panton

August draw took place
on Thursday 8th August
the winners were

F Bex
M Shean
L Ives
L Durrant
K Bullen

September draw Tuesday 3rd
September at Zeals motors

Contact Nigel Blackmore
01747 841110
SDC Lott 842

Mobile Library Times

September 2024

Sept 5, 19	Zeals	School, Chapel Lane	10.00-10.40 am
		Zeals Rise	10.45-11.00 am
Sept 5, 19	Kilmington	Home Guard Club	11.20-11.35 am

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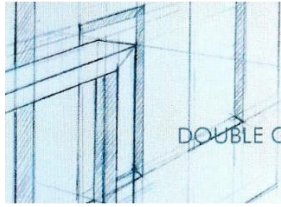


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Country Calendar:

September 2024

As we move into September, I take a pause and reflect on one of our busiest times on the farm: harvest. We still have some to do but so far, the weather has been kind to us at last after all the wet. As soon as the fields are cleared, we start the whole process again. We are committed to regenerative farming, drilling the seed straight into the field, with no disturbance of the ground. Regenerative agriculture strives to work with nature rather than against, reversing degradation and building up the soil to make it healthier. As a result of not disturbing the soil we have increased the number of worms and insects, which is all good for the environment.

However, one thing I have noticed driving around, whether in town or



countryside, is the explosion of ragwort. It is absolutely everywhere: tall clumps of yellow clusters of flowers. On the government website ragwort is listed as one of 'The harmful weeds' and I quote "*Harmful weeds, also known as injurious weeds, are native to the UK. Some harmful weeds are poisonous to animals, or can damage crops if they spread. The 5 injurious weeds stated in the 1959 Weeds Act are: Common Ragwort, Spear Thistle, Field Thistle, Curled Dock. Broad-Leaved Dock.*" Farmers and

landowners are responsible for controlling injurious weeds on the land, such as ragwort, but it is quite disheartening when you see this invasive weed growing at a rate of knots on the verges and highways, which will obviously spread to adjoining fields. The Ragwort Control Act confirms that local authorities and the Highways Agency are responsible for the control of these injurious weeds; the neglect of doing so has resulted in this eruption. Ragwort is particularly poisonous to livestock and horses; therefore, we are very quick on its removal. Unfortunately, we are fighting a losing battle if the relevant bodies neglect their obligations.

By the way, I am writing this at 4 am, as I was woken up yet again by the booming music of another rave. Oh my goodness I would love to go and pull the plug on these so-called ravers. What an irritant they are and definitely injurious to the peace and quiet of our environment. My husband came across a couple of young girls who were lost - they had been driving round all night looking for the rave, they did not know the area and said they had come all the way from Torquay! The only thing you can do is call 101 to report it, or contact the charity Crimestoppers, 100% anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Hey ho onwards and upwards, at least the dogs were happy with a very early morning walk.

Jane Parker

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BOURTON GARDENING CLUB

On September 18th Bourton Garden Club is hosting a
Common Garden Flowers charity event
for the Alzheimer's Society and the Brain Tumour Society
at Bourton Village Hall, 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Refreshments available.

Free to Bourton Garden Club members, £3.00 non-members.
As this is a charity event for the Alzheimer's Society and the Brain
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art, cookery, children's section.

Tea, cakes and raffle!

Show schedule and entry
forms available from August
at the village shop and on
Facebook





The Three Counties Choir

The Three Counties Choir will be meeting again this autumn. Rehearsals, which usually last for an hour, are at 7.30 pm on Thursday evenings, starting this year on November 7th through to December 12th. Most rehearsals will be in the hall at Whitesheet School. The December 12th meeting will be a

rehearsal followed by an informal concert – venue to be announced. The choir welcomes all new singers – there is no need to be able to read music (though great if you can!). And if you think you could sing tenor, you will be even more welcome!

If you are interested, or for more information contact Ros Wheare, on ros.wheare@gmail.com or 01747 840622.

Craft & Chat



This photo shows just a few of the one hundred hand puppets knitted by Bourton Craft & Chat group member, Frances Boarder, for the Wheels for the World charity. The puppets are on their way to Rwanda, alongside over 300 refurbished wheelchairs and other pieces of mobility equipment and given to children who have few or no toys. The puppets are loved by all and the whole family join in as children play with their parents or grandparents.

Clare Arber

Craft & Chat will meet at 2pm on Tuesday 10th September and on Tuesday 24th September in Bourton Village Hall.
£2 a session

Upper Stour Parish Catering Days

Call for volunteers and bakers - we need you!

Come and have a fun time at Stourton Memorial Hall

Friday 25th - Sunday 27th October

Please contact Emma Chandarana - parishoffice@upperstour.co.uk

or Jane Joyce j-joyce@dircon.co.uk - 01747 840149

Whatever you can do will be very much appreciated

In praise of fundraising – and fundraisers!

A few weeks ago, on June 29th and 30th, Zeals had another Open Gardens weekend. The weather stayed fine and dry, a good variety of gardens opened, and from midday to 5 pm each day, there were clusters of people walking up and down New Road, clearly having a lovely time. Some of the gardens had been opened two years ago at the first such event, others were new, and all had something to offer for residents and visitors alike.

The weekend was a great success by any standard, and as such was an apt swansong for Carol Affleck, its organiser and mastermind. Carol has been spearheading fundraising for St Martin's for more than fifteen years, having been co-opted soon after she retired, succeeding Joan Lane and others. Monthly coffee mornings, harvest suppers, New Year suppers, treasure hunts, quizzes, pop up cafes, 'trash or treasure' sales, and of course the Open Gardens weekends: Carol has done them all, cheerfully, efficiently and with grace, but on June 30th, she hung up her hat (or maybe her apron!)

A successful village fundraising event has to balance a number of potentially conflicting imperatives: it needs to make money, but it also needs to offer something in return to those it makes the money from; and it needs volunteers prepared to work hard, but in an atmosphere that is enjoyable and companionable. Carol's events achieved this balance brilliantly. As an organiser, she was efficient, unflappable, competent, and seemingly tireless. She knew how to marshal her troops, delegating but never asking anything of anyone she wouldn't or didn't do herself. And above all, she made fundraising fun. I am perhaps not the only person in Zeals who has kept on making cakes or scones, or helping in other ways, because it was Carol who asked it of me. Hopefully others will come forward to carry on Carol's work, continuing the life enhancing tradition of fundraising in Zeals that owes so much to her.

Ros Wheare

I think we would all like to endorse the above on behalf of the whole parish. For countless years Carol was part of the team of Jane Parker, the late and greatly missed Sue Evans and myself in organizing and running the fundraising efforts for the parish in Stourton Memorial Hall once a year. Carol's many attributes, as described above, were so welcome and so vital in that important fundraising effort and the parish was and is exceedingly grateful to her.

Celia Cotton

Rector's Supper

The next one will be Thursday 19th September 7.15 for 7.30 in St Martin's church, Zeals. Revd Mac will be leading on 'Healing – Physical, Mental & Spiritual.'

All welcome – tickets from Ross Coad.
ross@coadmedia.com tel 07802 278101

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE OF UPPER STOUR WITH MAIDEN BRADLEY

SEPTEMBER 2024

- Sunday 1st** **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 Morning Worship at St George's Bourton
- Sunday 8th** **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 Parish Communion at St Mary's Kilmington
10.00 Morning Worship at All Saints Maiden Bradley
- Sunday 15th** **Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Parish Communion at St Peter's Stourton
- Sunday 22nd** **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals
10.00 Parish Communion at All Saints Maiden Bradley
- Sunday 29th** **St Michael and All Angels**
10.00 Benefice Communion at All Saints Maiden Bradley

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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

From the Registers

Baptisms

- On 21st July at St Peter's Stourton: **Cressida Anne Nicholson**
On 3rd August at St George's Bourton: **India Lucy Phillips**
On 18th August at St Peter's Stourton: **Arlo Beau Rock**

Weddings

- On 27th July at St Peter's Stourton: **David Matthew Topham and Harriet Kay Warnock**
On 3rd August at St Peter's Stourton: **George David Colquhoun Sumner and Liberty Arabella Brown**

Parish Harvest Supper
Saturday 5th October 6pm for 6.30pm
at Bourton Village Hall

Open to all

Tickets, £10 adult, £5 children

from Bourton Garage, from September.

Any queries Harry & Glenis 01747 840948 / harry.glenis@btinternet.com

Service of Harvest Praise & Pet Celebration

Sunday 6th October 10 am

at Home Farm, Stourton BA12 6RB

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Advance Notice ... Make a note in your diary:

Choral Evensong

Sunday 13th October 5pm

at St George's Church Bourton

The Ad Hoc Chorale will be singing Choral Evensong in St George's at 5.00 pm on Sunday 13th October. This will be a liturgical service with three congregational hymns and will be finished by 6.00 pm.

The introit is O nata lux (Tallis), the Responses are set by Rose, the Canticles are Wood's Collegium Regale setting, and the anthem is Blessed be the God and Father by Wesley.



Halloween Dog Show

Saturday 26th October

including Fancy Dress - Dog & Owner

at Bourton Village Hall 11am - entries from 10.45

Refreshments available

Enquiries to Barbara Borwell 01747 840141 /

barbaraborwell@gmail.com

Kilmington & Stourton Women's Institute

The next meeting is on Tuesday 24th September
when Professor John Harrison will talk about

"The ageing brain: a user's guide"

John's expertise in this subject is well illustrated by his positions as Chief Scientific Officer at Scottish Brain Sciences, Visiting Professor at Kings College London, and Associate Professor at the Alzheimer's Center in Amsterdam

**THIS MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS FOR
A SMALL CHARGE OF £5**

Kilmington and Stourton WI hold their meeting every fourth Tuesday of the month unless otherwise stated.

*Venue Stourton Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. For more information contact
Bernie Isted bernieisted@gmail.com or Jane Parker 01985 844248*

Autumn Concert in Stourton Saturday 28th September at 7.00 pm

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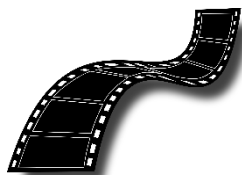
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Stourton Memorial Hall Film Nights

The next two film nights at the Stourton Memorial Hall will take place in September and October. A meal is also on offer! If you are interested please contact

Stourtonfilm@gmail.com to book your place.

6th September - Anatomy of a Fall

11th October - The Holdovers

Green Fingers: Notes from a Fairweather Gardener September 2024

The wet spring and summer we have had this year has been heaven for slugs, which seem to have eaten almost everything in the garden. Hopefully you have had more success than I have and your garden is a riot of colourful dahlias. Those of you with fruit gardens will be harvesting apples, pears and stone fruits by now. If we get some sunshine, there might also be some figs ripening. Vegetable gardeners will be harvesting squashes of all sorts and possibly wondering what to do with that inevitable glut of courgettes and marrows!

Happily, there are still plenty of colourful plants to enjoy, some of which you might want to propagate for next year. Fuchsias seem to grow well in this area and are quite easy to propagate. You can still take cuttings at the beginning of this month and watch them grow over the winter ready for planting out next year. Choose a healthy stem, preferably without flowers or buds. Cut a 7cm length from it and remove any flower buds and the lower leaves. Place your stems around the edge of a pot of compost which has had some extra grit added, water lightly and cover with a plastic bag. Keep on a warm window sill and in a couple of weeks you should have some healthy small plants which can be put into individual pots.

It may seem a long way off, but now is the time to start preparing for a colourful spring display. In particular, daffodils benefit from being planted early in the season. They naturalise very easily even under trees and in any areas of grass that you don't mind leaving unmown for a bit in the spring. The same is true of crocuses, which I think look particularly attractive grown in grass under trees. Bulbs grown in grassland involve a little more effort to plant as you need to be sure to avoid tree roots and replace the grass plug after planting. However, there are several nifty tools available to help with this.

Finally, if you really want to get ahead, sow some hardy annual seeds for early blooms next summer. Traditional cottage garden flowers such as cornflowers, love-in-a-mist and pot marigolds work especially well. You could even sow some marigolds in your vegetable patch as they are said to be helpful in keeping pests such as blackfly away from your crops.

Daphne Knott

Stourton Flower and Produce Show

held on 3rd August 2024

RESULTS

Many congratulations to all the winners:

Flowers and Foliage - **Vanessa Meeker**

Flower Arrangement - **Vanessa Meeker**

Fruit and Vegetables - **Jane Parker**

Cookery - **Katy Clutterbuck**

Jams - **Sally Monkhouse**

Handicraft - **Norman Rose**

Art - **Eliza Parker**

Photography - **Edward Hoare**

Family Cup - **The Hoare Family**

Best in Show for her arrangement of Moody Blues
– **Vanessa Meeker**



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News from Parish Councils

Bourton

In the clerking world July and August are supposed to be quieter months – however, this doesn't seem to happen for Bourton Parish Council!

The 30mph scheme has now been fully implemented and people have commented that they have noticed a marked reduction in the speed traffic passes through Bourton. Councillor Paul Curry put together some figures after a recent Speedwatch: Total vehicles: 290; Up to 30mph 246; 31 to 35mph 39; 36 to 40mph 4; 41 to 45mph 0; 45mph plus, just 1. The team have seen the positive impact the speed reduction has had on people's driving habits. Unfortunately, rather disgracefully, one of the village's Speed Indicator Devices has been sabotaged such that it has been removed prior to it being repaired.

The Parish Council took the difficult decision to remove all the timber play equipment from the play area within St George's School playing field. The equipment was nearly 20 years old and had been condemned by a recent independent play inspection. The PC is now working with all relevant parties to find a way forward, so that it can provide an inspiring area of play for the younger members of the community and is now a top priority for the councillors.

Finally, I am happy to confirm that all the parish councillors now have a .gov.uk email address. This means that the council is now fully compliant with national local authority guidance. I have also updated all of the councillor details on the website, where you can read a little bit of background for each one.

Eve Wynn, Clerk

Email: clerk@bourton-pc.gov.uk **Website:** <https://bourton-pc.gov.uk/>
Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/639361217139818>

Kilmington

The Playing Field Advisory committee held a coffee morning in the field on Saturday 13 June when we were able to gather information on what items the children like best and what they would like to see in the future. John Harrison who lives on The Common has joined the Committee and has a wealth of experience of applying for grants and funding of play programmes and we are hoping this will help us to kick start a plan to refurbish and replace the existing equipment, some of which is now over 20 years old.

The new defibrillator unit to be located on a wall of the Home Guard Club is now on order and we are waiting to hear when it can be installed. Several local businesses have made generous donations towards its cost, along with one from the Amenity Fund. Donations from local residents would be very much appreciated and if you feel you can contribute anything, please contact any of the councillors or the Clerk.

Some of you may have noticed that the PC owned bus shelters in Cote Lane and opposite the flats in The Street have both received a fresh coat of paint to the inside. This has been done by Tony Chubb a resident of the village who volunteered his time and services, along with obtaining the recycled masonry paint from the local civic amenity centre, at no cost to the PC.

Georgina Muir has informed us that there is a bus now calling at all stops in Kilmington each Friday morning. It is Service 82 from Mere to Warminster and the timetable is available on our website and will be displayed in the bus shelters. The council would like to thank both Tony and Georgina for their efforts in this regard which is another fine example of the community all helping each other.

The next parish council meeting will be held on 9 September at the normal venue of the Home Guard Club starting at 7.30 pm and all are welcome.

Ruth Burrows, Clerk
parishclerk@kilmingtonwiltshire.org

Stourton with Gasper

The next meeting of the full council will be 28 August at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join us. There will be a session before the main meeting for members of the public to have their say. A new calendar of meetings for the coming year is available on the website at www.stourton.org.uk

Our defibrillator is situated under the arch into the Spreadingeagle courtyard, near the council noticeboard. The what3words location is **fish.traffic.unloaded;** this is the information an ambulance will need to locate the person in need. There are further defibs at Stourhead House, Whitesheet School and Leaping Frogs Nursery.

Fran Hill, Clerk
clerk@stourton.org.uk

Zeals

At our last meeting it was agreed to accept responsibility for the defibrillator situated at the end of Portnells Lane. This means that the equipment will remain where it is for the duration of its useful life. The Parish Council will monitor it and replace pads when required. There is a second defib on the outside of Whitesheet School and one at Leaping Frogs when the nursery is open. We hope no-one needs to access any of these, but it is useful to know where they are in an emergency.

Our next full council meeting is on 26 September at the Village Hall when we hope to have further information and dates.

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

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News from Stourhead

As summer draws to a close, it's time to absorb the last of the greenery filled vistas and late summer colour in the walled and top garden.

This September, don't miss the chance to see behind the normally closed doors of Stourhead house on one of our Heritage Open Days behind closed doors tours. This guided tour will take you around areas usually closed to visitors, including the attic and basement storerooms, with plenty of chances to ask questions and discover more about the history of the 18th century Palladian house.

And speaking of history, for those looking for a little extra to accompany their walk around Stourhead, our brand-new audio introduction is available at visitor reception and can be downloaded on to your mobile device for you to enjoy as you journey through the landscape garden, or alternatively from the comfort of your own home or car.

The Earth Photo 24 exhibition comes to an end this month, and we have been proud to host this stunning and powerful collection of environmental photographs. Don't miss your chance to see this thought-provoking exhibition on our world, the environment and climate change before it closes on 9 September.

Out on the wider estate, why not join our monthly guided walk that will head out to Whitesheet Hill to look at archaeology, butterflies and wildflowers. And for those looking to enjoy the countryside at a running pace, join us for the penultimate Trust10 of 2024, a great way to take on a new challenge in the great outdoors.

For more details on all our events, please visit the Stourhead website.

Lucy Fenna, Communications & Marketing Officer
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Bourton Village Hall

LUNCH AT THE HALL – MON 2nd SEP – 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 FALL GUY (12A) – WED 4th SEP – 7pm for 7:30pm start

Ryan Gosling stars as stuntman Colt Seavers who, after an almost career-ending accident, must track down a missing movie star, solve a conspiracy and try to win back the love of his life (Emily Blunt) while still doing his day job. What could possibly go right? Doors and bar open at 7pm for 7:30pm start. Tickets £6 on the door only.

BOURTON SEPTEMBER SHOW – SAT 7th SEP

See separate piece on page 11

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS – SAT 14th SEP – Doors open at 6.30pm

Come and join in the singing and wave your Union Jacks at our live screening of the Proms on the big screen! Bring your own picnic. Bar available throughout. Corkage charges will apply if you bring your own drink. Free entry to all.

BOURTON PLAYERS QUIZ – SAT 28th SEP

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 2nd Oct FILM - Swede Caroline (15)
Sat 19th Oct Family Race Night Sat 26th Oct Halloween Dog Show
Weds 6th Nov FILM - Wicked Little Letters (15)
Weds 4th Dec FILM - La Chimera (15)

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

BOURTON PLAYERS PRESENT

QUIZ TIME

QUIZ & SUPPER EVENING

**SAT 28th SEPT
BOURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Expect a quiz like no other to challenge your creative talents as well as your intellectual ones!!

£10 per person to include supper
Tickets must be purchased in advance
Doors & bar open 7pm for 7:30pm start

Raising funds for costumes for the next panto

Tickets from Bourton Garage and Zeals Shop
To reserve tickets, contact Heather on 07849 673 670

Regular Weekly Events

- Weekdays 08.45-09.15 **Preschool meeting** at the Preschool playing fields, West Bourton (*term time only*)
- The ZAC Zeals Afterschools Club** meets daily 3.15 – 6 on school days at the Playing Field, Wolverton Lane, drawing children from 5 local schools. Contact Sarah on 07908 664 676; zealsafterschoolsclub@gmail.com
- Tuesdays **Toddlers sessions:** 9am-12pm (term time only) at Bourton Village Hall. Contact Caroline Worthington 07754 882454
- Wednesday **Belling practice** at St Martin's church Zeals. Beginners and lapsed ringers welcome. Contact Georgina Muir 01985 844245
- Fridays **Choir Practice:** most Fridays 6-7pm at St Martin's Zeals. New singers welcome. Contact Tom Wheare 01747 840622

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

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Wednesday 4 th	Film "The Fall Guy", 7 for 7.30pm, BVH	page 26
Friday 6 th	Stourton Film Night, SMH	page 16
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Tuesday 10 th	Craft & Chat, 2pm, BVH	page 12
Saturday 14 th	Last Night of the Proms, from 6.30pm, BVH	page 26
Weds 18 th	Bourton Gardening Club charity event, 7 for 7.30	page 9
Thursday 19 th	Rector's Supper, 7.15pm, St Martin's Church	page 13
Tuesday 24 th	Craft & Chat, 2pm, BVH	page 12
Tuesday 24 th	Women's Institute, 7.30pm, BVH	page 16
Saturday 28 th	Bourton Players Quiz Time, 7pm, BVH	page 27

From The Icknield Way by Edward Thomas 1913

That you are in Wiltshire there can be no doubt on emerging from the trees. For in front up on the left are those gentle monsters, the smooth Long and Little Knolls above Maiden Bradley, smooth, detached green dunes crested and fringed with beeches. Under this side of the Long Knoll is the tower of Kilmington Church among its trees. Lying across the road a few miles ahead are the bare White Sheet Downs, which are to be mounted, and farther to the right the wooded beacons above Fonthill Gifford and East Knoyle

**All items for the October 2024 issue
by Friday 20th September please**