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From the Rectory

Never Again

Almost eighty-six years ago, on the night of 9th November 1938, Nazis launched a vicious attack on the Jewish people of Germany. Many Jewish people were beaten, an estimated 30,000 Jewish people were arrested and sent off to concentration camps, at least ninety were murdered, and almost 10,000 synagogues and Jewish shops were destroyed. That night came to be known as *Kristallnacht* — Night of Broken Glass — because so many windows were smashed. Yet hardly any Christians protested; most chose to keep silent on that unholy night. Why might that have been? Well, for centuries Christians had held the Jewish people collectively responsible for the death of Jesus, the Messiah whom they had rejected. In punishment, Christians claimed that God had banished the Jews from their land of Israel. Moreover, in the Middle Ages, other accusations were added: ‘children of the devil’, murderers of Christian children, and desecrators of the consecrated bread of Holy Communion.

Down through the centuries, Jews have been expelled from countries where they had seemed secure, such as Spain from where they were excluded for five hundred years and England from where Jews were excluded between 1290 and 1657. Centuries of anti-Jewish prejudice prepared the ground for the racist teachings of National Socialism. While some Christians risked their lives in order to save Jewish people, too few opposed the Nazis. Nearly 11 million people died in the ensuing Holocaust: more than 6 million were Jews (including 1½ million Jewish children) together with an untold number of disabled people, Roma and Sinti, gay men, Freemasons, and Jehovah’s Witnesses. The cruelty was horrific and it occurred in the heart of Christian Europe.

Christian and Jewish scholars continue to wrestle with the question of how, in the aftermath of such suffering, we can still believe in and proclaim a God of Love, Mercy and Justice. Some people have found it helpful to picture God sharing in the suffering. Others suggest that we should recognise more fully the freedom God has given to humanity, never overruling or compelling us. Evil on the other hand is seen as the hideous consequence of our human sinfulness and indifference. It is through the cries of the victims that God pleads to our conscience. Many have attempted to provide explanations, yet I do not think there is a simple answer.

Perhaps the challenge for each of us today is to recognise our own ignorance and prejudices, and to acknowledge the ease with which evil attitudes can gain momentum and win apparent support. We hear the silly accusations that “they come here and take our jobs”, when in reality “they” do the jobs “we” don’t want to do. However, it’s a typically human response to blame other people for our own shortcomings.

As we remember those many dedicated men and women whose lives have been snatched away in the service of their country, we have a responsibility of challenging all kinds of bigotry, as we pray “never again”.

Graham Southgate (Rector)

St George's 100 Club

October Results

**1st Prize –
Roma Hacker**

**2nd Prize –
Clare Arber**

**3rd Prize –
Andrew Cattaway**

The next Draw will be on
Monday 4th November

St Martin's Millennium Club

October winners

**S Prin
P Aldred
P Clayton
D Turner
L Denbig**

November draw
at Zeals Motors
on Thursday 7th November

Contact Nigel Blackmore
01747 841110
SDC Lott 842

Kilmington & Stourton Women's Institute

The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 26th November for our Christmas Party

*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*

Mobile Library Times

November 2024

Nov 14, 28	Zeals	School, Chapel Lane	10.00-10.40 am
		Zeals Rise	10.45-11.00 am
Nov 14, 28	Kilmington	Home Guard Club	11.20-11.35 am

Now read on...

Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers (Weidenfeld + Nicholson 2020)

I enjoyed this book so much that I read it twice and loved it both times. It principally made me think how times have changed in a relatively short period, sometimes in a good way, and sometimes not.

It is set in suburban south east London between June and December 1957, and follows the path of a 40-year-old journalist called Jean Swinney working on a local paper in Hayes, Kent. She is the only woman on the editorial team and is therefore deemed the right person to investigate a letter sent to the paper in which the author – Gretchen Tilbury - claims that her daughter (now 7 years old) is the product of a virgin birth. The mystery of the conception is not revealed until quite late in the narrative and is entirely due to Jean's journalistic perseverance and gentle probing. Jean becomes involved with the whole Tilbury family which comprises mother, father and daughter, and she develops friendships with all three whilst trying to remain professional as the story of the alleged virgin birth unfolds. For her, despite the unpromising start, they provide a small slice of happy family life which she has never experienced and she is drawn to it as an escape from her own mundane existence.

Jean's life is circumscribed by living with and caring for her nearly housebound mother. She accepts without question that this is her role and responsibility. This was the first thing that made me glad to be living at a less self-sacrificing time, laudable though Jean's decision is. Having said which, the title of the book does give away the fact that many varied and small domestic things give pleasure to Jean. I think the saddest pleasure she has is a drawer full of small luxury items collected over the years – perfume, soap, elegant writing paper - which she never intends to use, and she finds unexpected pleasures in the company of her new friends.

The themes of the story include loneliness, longing, gentleness, kindness, passion, duty, chauvinistic attitudes to working women, mental health issues, incapacitating ill health, gay relationships, and the general and negative opinion of an unmarried woman of 40. This last point I feel is particularly unfair when viewed through our own contemporary prism – why should a capable woman be denied a full life simply because she is single?

One of my lasting impressions of the book is the level of comparative hardship that is involved in daily life when compared with our life now. Things like the amount of clothes we have, what we want to eat and how we travel. We expect so much more. There may be a lesson here in learning to not desire so much, and to appreciate smaller and simpler pleasures.

The Sunday Telegraph has a lovely quote about it, and I agree: it is, “a quietly and compelling novel of duty and desire”. What a great mixture and very much recommended.

Catherine Potter (catherine.potter@hotmail.co.uk)

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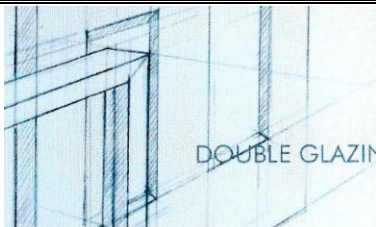
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Country Calendar:

November 2024

Well, here we are heading into November, the cattle are in their winter quarters and we are into our feed clean repeat routine. What a year weather wise. Farmers have been dealing with record-breaking rainfall which has had a huge effect on food production in Britain. Livestock and crops have been affected as fields have been submerged since last autumn across the country resulting in significant loss of crops and livestock. According to the Met Office, 1,695.9mm of rain fell from October 2022 to March 2024, the highest amount recorded for any 18-month period in England. This year's harvest for the whole of Britain is also set to be one of the worst in decades.

Extreme weather is making farming harder and it's the main threat to our food security. We have never known a year like this one, and I do not want to see another like it. Continual months of rain following the wettest winter on record has reduced yields, and disrupted farmers' ability to grow crops. We finished harvest by the skin of our teeth just as the heavens opened again and again and again. It continually rained and rained, coupled with waiting day after day into week, for it to dry up so we could drill the crops for next year's harvest with optimum drilling dates running out. You can understand our frustration and anxieties, as for so many the joy, fun and satisfaction of farming is yet again swept away by our weather.



We farmers are pretty resilient and optimistic and as we near the end of 2024 we are already dusting or should I say washing ourselves off ready for 2025. Of course we did have the odd day of good weather; Frome Show was one, and we took our lovely heifer Tallulah to the show. We were beyond happy when she won her class and was also Reserve Champion.

Well done Tallulah !

Jane Parker

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Bourton Gardening Club

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BGC's planned talks for the 24/25 season's outings are below:

November 20th Mary Cross Organic Weaving –
an interactive Festive Weave Making

December 18th **Christmas Quiz**, nibbles and secret Santa

Jan 15th **Castle Gardens** - Plants for Specific Places

Feb 19th **Pennard Plants and Plant Centre** - talk on fruit trees and soft fruits

Mar 18th **Thorngrove Nursery**, Seed sowing / Pricking out and potting up

Apr 16th **Habitat Aid** - A talk on British Wildflower Seeds, Wildflower Meadows

May 21st **Plant World** - Planting a new border

June 11th Garden Visit - Rodmead Farm, Maiden Bradley

July 16th Visit **Sherborne Castle Gardens Garden Centre**

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Autumn Concert

Thank you to Rokit, for their performance at St. Peter's on 28th September. Their choir director, Mark#ManInTheHatJames, led them and the audience with a few vocal exercises. And Henry Spencer played beautifully, accompanied by Sue Priestner on the organ. He illustrated a lecture on playing the trumpet, concentrating on tuning with the organ and culminating with the plea that we should be kind to trumpeters. Over £700 was made for St. Peter's towards the sound, wi-fi, and painting the ceiling. Thank you to all who came.

Jane Joyce

Artificial Intelligence

Darshan Chandarana gave a riveting talk on A.I. in Stourton Memorial Hall on 4th October to a rapt audience. He was a very persuasive speaker and there were many questions. He answered them all. We came away wiser but in awe of the subject and how fast it's moving. We hope he can keep us up-dated in the future. Thank you to all who came and to Darshan too for enabling us to raise £700 for the Parish of Upper Stour.

Jane Joyce



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Harvest Praise and Pet Service: 6th October

Over 60 people and numerous pets gathered for this popular annual service of



thanksgiving for harvest and family pets. The Parkers again offered their hospitality, and the makeshift altar table very soon displayed all the produce which was generously donated – including home-made gin!

Finlay Moorby had made a fantastic life-size scarecrow. Young people as usual played an important role,

leading prayers and other readings, and handing out doggie treats and human refreshments.

None of these occasions tend to be without incident, which seem to go in threes. I had given Chris Reeves the cue to start the music when his chair collapsed. Fortunately he rolled neatly and no harm was done. Then Desmond, the resident donkey, decided to take a stroll, although Jane soon had him under control! And thirdly our designated speaker from RABI didn't appear. Charles Spencer kindly stepped in and spoke about the charity and the support offered to farmers, especially for those conditions relating to mental health.

Charles then turned his role to that of auctioneer where £305.40 was raised. Of this 50% goes to RABI and the remainder to the Cinnamon Trust animal charity. Finally refreshments were enjoyed by all. Our grateful thanks to the Parker family for their hospitality



and to everyone who contributed in any way

Barbara Borwell

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE OF UPPER STOUR WITH MAIDEN BRADLEY

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday 3rd Fourth Sunday before Advent

10.00 Parish Communion at St George's Bourton

16.00 Commemoration of All Souls at St George's Bourton

Sunday 10th Third Sunday before Advent: Remembrance Sunday

10.45 Remembrance Service beginning at Zeals War
Memorial, continuing in St Martin's Zeals

10.00 Service of Remembrance at All Saints
Maiden Bradley

Sunday 17th Second Sunday before Advent

Morning Worship at St Peter's Stourton

Sunday 24th Christ the King: Sunday Next before Advent

10.00 Parish Communion at St Mary's Kilmington

10.00 Parish 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

All Souls Service of Reflection in Memory of the Faithful Departed

The Service of reflection and remembering loved ones this year will be held on
Sunday 3rd November at 4pm at St George's Church Bourton
Followed by light refreshments

The Rose Memorial Pedestal will be created by St George's Flower Group.
The pedestal of red roses is in remembrance of loved ones and names are
recorded in our Commemoration Book, which will be on display.

*If you wish to remember a family member, friend or companion, please
forward name(s) – printed please – in an envelope + donation to*

Barbara Borwell, 25 New Close, Bourton (01747 840411) by 1st November

Choral Evensong on 13th October

The ad hoc chorale, the occasional choir organised by Ros and Tom Wheare,
sang an extended Evensong in St George's, Bourton on Sunday 13th October.
The organ was played by Graham Scott from Bryanston School and the choir
was conducted by Nicholas Spice.

As well as the setting of the canticles by Charles Wood and SS Wesley's
anthem *Blessed be the God and Father*, the choir sang *Gute Nacht* from Bach's
motet *Jesu meine Freude* and the congregation joined in three rousing hymns.
The theme of the service was the part played by song in the worship of God
and, in particular, the beauty of the service of Evensong. Amongst the visiting
singers were Chris Moorsom, Graham Perryman and Ben Rundell-Evans,
warmly welcomed back by old friends.



Graham will return to
accompany The Three
Counties Choir for their next
season, which begins at 7.30
in Whitesheet School on
Thursday 7th November. See
p17.

New singers welcome!

Tom Wheare

L-R

*Rev Chris Moorsom,
Rev Graham Perryman
Rev Ben Rundell-Evans*

This was an amazing Service with sublime singing and it was very greatly
enjoyed by all of us who were lucky enough to be there as part of the
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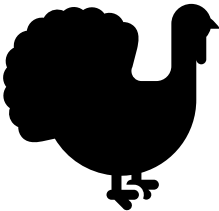
The Three Counties Choir will be meeting again this autumn. Rehearsals, which usually last for an hour, are at 7.30 pm on Thursday evenings, starting this year on November 7th through to December 12th. Most rehearsals will be in the hall at Whitesheet School. The December 12th meeting will be a rehearsal followed by an informal concert – see below. 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.

The Three Counties Choir

The Three Counties Choir will be giving an informal concert in St Martin's Church, Zeals, on Thursday, December 12th, at 8 pm. The programme will include Christmas music, with some carols for audience participation.

Admission is free, and there will be refreshments after the concert.



Fresh Farm Turkeys

Orders for Christmas are being taken.

Various weights available

For details contact Elizabeth Hames
01747 685514 elizabeth.hames@hotmail.co.uk

Stourton Memorial Hall Film Nights

The Stourton Memorial Hall's next film night will be held on Friday 8 Nov at 2000hrs - with food for those who would like it from 1915 hrs. If you'd like to come, contact Chris to book and pay on stourtonfilm@gmail.com.

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News from Parish Councils

Bourton

On Monday 11th November a short Act of Remembrance service will be held at Bourton's war memorial. The Act of Remembrance will commence at 10:50am ready for the 2-minute silence at 11:00am.

Most people will have noticed that the extra 30mph "repeater" signs have recently been installed. The positioning and installation of these were all done by Dorset Council. Councillor Paul Curry, who is one of the Speedwatch Team volunteers, collated these figures following a recent speed survey within the village: "I did one of my occasional analyses of individual speeds, and once again the results are quite encouraging, as follows:- Total vehicles: 303. Speed up to 30 mph: 212 (70%); Speed 31 to 35 mph: 75 (25%); Speed 36 to 40 mph: 11 (3%); Speed 41 to 45 mph: 3 (1%); Speed over 45 mph: 1 x 50 mph & 1 x 46 mph = 2 (1%). I think it is fair to say that pre 30 mph limit, almost no-one would drive under 30 mph".

With regards to the play area within the school grounds I can report that a new lease has been agreed between Dorset Council and Pickwick Academy Trust in February 2024. Unfortunately, the Parish Council were not consulted on this and I am currently in correspondence with both parties involved to find out if the PC can renegotiate a new, long-term lease. Unfortunately, without this in place the PC cannot move forward with any plans to purchase and install new play equipment.

Public attendance at recent meetings has still been very low, averaging around 3 to 5 people. As the Parish Council's Clerk, I would like to encourage public participation and reiterate that everyone is welcome to attend. Every meeting has a Public Forum as the first item on the agenda, giving anyone the opportunity to raise issues, ask questions or just to listen and learn what your parish council is all about. It really would be a boost for myself and the councillors to see and meet more people at the monthly meetings.

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

Kilmington

We have arranged for two members of the Warminster Neighbourhood Policing Team (PC Georgina Russell and PCSO Stuart Hunt) who cover Mere and surrounding villages, to provide a "drop-in" session at the Home Guard Club on **SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER MORNING BETWEEN 10.00 AM AND 11.30 AM**. They will be able to provide a demonstration of the home SelectDNA kits and details of where they can be obtained. This will also serve as the chance for any residents to raise any concerns with the Wiltshire Police or ask questions. The Home Guard Club has kindly agreed to host this event and we

hope that coffee and tea will be available on the morning so please do come along and support it.

The new defibrillator was installed on the wall of the Home Guard Club on 20 September.

The Kilmington annual bonfire and firework display will again be taking place at the Playing Field on Guy Fawkes evening – Tuesday 5 November commencing at 6.45 pm.

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for Monday 25 November when the budget (precept) will be decided for the next financial year of 2025-26. The Agenda will be posted on our website and noticeboard a week beforehand.

Ruth Burrows, Clerk
parishclerk@kilmingtonwiltshire.org

Stourton with Gasper

Please can I remind you all that we have a group who will come out and disperse salt over the road going towards Gasper. Please contact Cllr Higgs on richard.higgs@stourton.org.uk if you spot particularly icy conditions on the road. Those of you driving down to Gasper regularly will have noted that there is a new grit bin which the parish council have purchased for this reason.

As we approach winter and there may be more visitors around particularly during the light event at Stourhead it might be a good idea to orientate yourselves with the defibrillator which can be found in the archway leading from the memorial hall through to the car park. Please note the 'what3words' for this are [fish.traffic.unloaded](https://www.what3words.com/#!/en-gb/fish.traffic.unloaded). Emergency vehicles require the 'what3words' to pinpoint an exact location. Hopefully you will never need to use the defib but if you do the system will guide you through.

The next full council meeting will be on Wednesday 4 December at 6pm.

Fran Hill
clerk@stourton.org.uk

Zeals

A reminder as we move into the colder wet weather that if you notice a problem on the roads the first place to comment is through the <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>. It is easy to use and you can upload photos to your comment.

We are lucky to have a defibrillator which remains at the junction of Portnells Lane and Tulse Hill. The What 3 words for this are **universe.signs.lends**. There is also a defib outside the school which has 24 hours access.

Our next full council meeting is on 28 November at the Village Hall.

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Green Fingers: Notes from a Fairweather Gardener

***“No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees, No fruits, no flowers,
no leaves, no birds – November!”***

Thus wrote the poet Thomas Hood, painting a gloomy picture indeed. It is true that November can be a dreary month with all sorts of rather boring jobs that should be done in the garden. Sheds and trellises to be checked and repaired, greenhouses to be cleaned and faded plants to be cut down or removed.

If you have planted winter cabbages, kale or any other brassicas to overwinter, it is a good idea to cover them with net to stop the pigeons getting more than their fair share of your harvest. This month is also the time to complete pruning soft fruit such as raspberries, blackberries and all manner of currants.

However, there are plenty of bright spots in the flower garden to compensate for the less exciting work to be done elsewhere if one has been canny enough to think ahead, or if the budget will stretch to buying some potted plants. The latter can always be planted in the garden when they have finished flowering or put into winter pots to cheer a patio or path. Although they have been unfashionable of late, chrysanthemums are truly autumn flowers, blooming until the first frost and sometimes beyond. They come in colours and sizes to suit every garden and make splendid cut flowers. Dahlias too might still be blooming, and like chrysanthemums look good in both garden beds and indoor vases. Both these plants display predominantly autumnal colours, but for a really bright pop of colour, nerines with their spiky bubble gum pink flowers are hard to beat. They can take a while to establish, but once situated happily, they will produce their bright flowers for some weeks and multiply to fill their allotted space.

Thinking ahead, now is the time to plant tulips as they do not need as long in the ground as some other bulbs. They will happily grow in borders, in pots, or even in the grass if you don't mind delaying your mowing next year. Sadly, squirrels often find tulip bulbs to be a delicacy. Covering pots with wire netting seems to be an effective deterrent and some professional gardeners advise planting the bulbs more deeply than is generally advised if you are planting them in borders or lawns.

Daphne Knott

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News from Stourhead

The nights are drawing in, the garden is aglow with autumn colour, and our thoughts are beginning to turn to winter and the festivities that we excitedly await!

If you're looking to capture the last of the fiery coppers of autumn before they disappear for another year, why not join us for one of our first light photography sessions taking place on 1,2,8 and 9 November? Tickets cost £10 and you can enjoy early morning access into the garden before the crowds.

The house will be closed 4 – 21 November, as the team begin decorating the showrooms for Christmas. From 22 November, visitors can enjoy a festive wander through the grand rooms, decorated with twinkling lights, festive floral arrangements, and showstopping trees. The garden, restaurant, and shops will still be open during this time to welcome all visitors.

Plan for the festive season ahead by booking one of our popular Christmas events. Tickets are selling quickly for the magical Christmas light trail and snugly Storytime with Father Christmas. Festive lino printing workshops will be taking place on 18 & 20 November, which will see participants head home with a beautifully decorated Christmas card and wrapping paper. Further event information and ticket booking is available on our website.

Are you a keen or budding photographer? We will soon be launching a Splendours of Stourhead photography competition, in partnership with International Garden Photographer of the Year (IGPOTY). Winners will be featured alongside the IGPOTY touring exhibition at Stourhead in summer 2025. Please keep an eye on our website and social media channels to discover more about the launch and how to submit your photography.

Lucy Fenna, Communications & Marketing Officer
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School News: St George's Bourton

As we draw to the end of the first half of the Autumn term, we reflect back on our time enjoying some warm days, and very wet soggy ones. The children have enjoyed being outside as much as possible, collecting leaves, and making the most of our amazing grounds.

The children and staff who joined us in September have quickly become part of our St George's family. We've all had a very busy start to the term, settling into new classes and having fun with friends. The children are also getting used to working with a new, enquiry-led curriculum, known as Curious-city, where instead of 'doing history', they are learning how to be historians; rather than drawing or collage-making, they are being artists; and when studying physics, biology or chemistry they are being scientists. These 'states of being' are having a real impact on the children's learning already, and they are becoming much more involved in their learning, with parents telling us their children are able to talk with real enthusiasm about their day at school.

This term we also joined in with "Wear Yellow" day as part of World Mental Health Day. We celebrated Hello Yellow to show young people they're not alone with their mental health. As a school we feel supporting children's, staff and families, mental health is extremely important, and we work closely with the Mental Health in Schools Team to provide support for our children and families.

Our School Council also attended a joint Pickwick Academy School Council meeting alongside children from the other 5 Pickwick North Dorset hub schools to discuss sustainability and way we can respond personally and collectively as a school to current global issues. Watch this space for some ideas we want to share with the village!

Everyone is now looking forward to a well-earned rest during the half-term break, ready to face the excitement that the second half of the term brings with the run up to Christmas.

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2025?

With the deadline approaching for parents to make choices on a school for their four year olds, (January 15th 2025) any prospective parents are welcome to come along for a tour to see our lovely school in action and to meet the staff. Please call 01747 840409 or just pop into the school office and ask to take a look around. Any day is an open day at St George's and our Year 6 tour guides are always ready to show visitors around.

Jill Farndale
Executive Headteacher

Bourton Village Hall

LUNCH AT THE HALL – MON 4th NOV – 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 – WICKED LITTLE LETTERS (15) – WED 6th NOV – 7pm for 7:30pm start

A 1920s English seaside town bears witness to a dark, absurd scandal in this riotous mystery comedy. Stars Olivia Colman, Jessie Buckley, Timothy Spall.
Contains strong language. Tickets £6. Pay on the door.

DISCO PARTY NIGHT – SAT 16th NOV – Doors & Bar open at 7:30pm

Get your dancing shoes on and come and boogie the night away with our resident DJ!
Tickets £5 on the door.

FIRST AID FOR ADULTS – THU 28th NOV – 10:30am to 2:30pm

See separate advert on page 11
To book call on Cindy 07715 664533.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mon 2nd Dec – Pre-Christmas Lunch at the Hall. Welcome drink, soups and cheeses, tea & coffee, cake & mince pies. £5 on the door.
 - Weds 4th Dec – FILM - La Chimera (15)
- Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Concert – music & comedy from musical duos Coda and Opera-lele.

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

Mere Mothers' Union

The next meeting is on Tuesday, November 12th at the Grove building, Mere, at 2.30pm. Our speaker is Revd Dr Graham Southgate. He will be talking to us about his visit to the Holy land.

Vicky Goodfellow branch leader 01747 840443

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 2024

Mon 4 th	Bourton Village Lunch, 12.30pm BVH	p 27
Weds 6 th	Film at Bourton VH, 7 for 7.30pm, BVH	p 27
Fri 8 th	Film Night at Stourton, 7.15pm, for 8pm SMH	p 17
Tues 12 th	Mere Mothers' Union meeting, Grove Bldg Mere, 2.30 pm	p 27
Sat 16 th	Disco Party Night, 7.30pm, BVH	p 27
Weds 20 th	Bourton Gardening Club, 7 for 7.30pm, BVH	p 9
Sat 23 rd	Christmas Coffee Morning, 10am-noon, Silton VH	p 11
Tues 26 th	WI Christmas Party, SMH 7.30pm	p 4
Thurs 28 th	First Aid Course, BVH 10.30am-2.30pm	p 11

Regular Weekly Events

Weekdays	08.45-09.15 Preschool meeting at the Preschool playing fields, West Bourton (<i>term time only</i>) 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	Bellringing 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

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