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Lent: Making Space for God

For some people, I think, February often feels like being in the doldrums. The excitement of Christmas and the new year is long past, spring still seems a long way off, and the days can feel cold and grey. Yet it is in this quieter, in-between season that the Church invites us into something precious: the beginning of Lent.

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday — this year 18th February — and lasts for forty days (not counting Sundays) as we journey towards Easter. It echoes Jesus' forty days in the wilderness, a time of prayer, testing and preparation before his public ministry began. For Christians today, Lent is not meant to be gloomy or punishing, but purposeful: a time to slow down, reflect, and make space for God. Many people associate Lent with “giving something up”: chocolate, alcohol, coffee, social media, for example. For some people these can be helpful practices, but they are not the point in themselves. The heart of Lent is about attention. What has our attention? What fills our days and our thoughts? And where might God be gently inviting us to change?

The Church traditionally speaks of Lent as a season of prayer, fasting and generosity. Prayer does not have to mean long or complicated words. It may be as simple as setting aside a few minutes each day to be still, to read a psalm, or to say the Lord’s Prayer slowly. Fasting, too, is not about self-denial for its own sake, but about noticing our habits and learning gratitude. Generosity might involve giving money to charity, but it can also mean giving time, kindness, patience or forgiveness.

Our Ash Wednesday service will include the marking of ashes on the forehead, with the words, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” These words may sound stark, but they are deeply hopeful. They remind us that we are human, fragile, and dependent on God — and that we do not have to pretend otherwise. Lent offers us honesty: about our limits, our mistakes, and our need for grace.

In the two parishes of Upper Stour and Maiden Bradley, my hope is that Lent is also something we share. We walk together towards the joy of Easter, supporting one another along the way. Whether you keep Lent in a traditional way, try something new, or simply become a little more attentive to God’s presence in everyday life, you are warmly invited into this season.

In the stillness of February, Lent begins — not as a burden, but as a gift.

Graham Southgate, Rector (01747 476316)

St George's 100 Club

December Winners

1st Prize - Clara Hughes

2nd Prize - Linda Curry

3rd Prize - Bob Davies

January Winners

1st Prize - Linda Honeybun

2nd Prize - Beatrice Weinand

3rd Prize - Peter Williams

Contact Philip Newton for details
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The next draw will take place at
the Bourton Village Hall Lunch on
Monday 1st December

St Martin's Memorial Club

December Winners 2025:

J Hurt, G Poynton, R Lauder,
C Blackmore, D Gatehouse

January Winers 2026:

P Clayton, J Hurt, D Gale,
C Spencer

Next draw: w/c 2nd February 2026

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The Secret Painter

by Joe Tucker ~~ published by Canongate 2025

Most people who achieve some acclaim as painters combine a natural aptitude with some formal training. But Eric Tucker was different. He was an enthusiastic sketcher, always with paper and pencil in his pocket, ready to record people and sights whenever and wherever he went. It was his lifetime hobby. He completed hundreds of paintings, never threw them away so that they were stored not only in his bedroom but in the attic of his family council house in downtown working class Warrington.

Eric left school at an early age with no qualifications, worked as a manual labourer, lived with his mother in the same house in which he was born and died in old age without ever exhibiting a painting. His immediate family enjoyed his paintings and encouraged him to exhibit his work. Eric did approach possible sponsors and showed them samples of his work but they had never pursued any interest. After his death, through the efforts of his brother and nephews, his paintings were exhibited to sell out crowds.

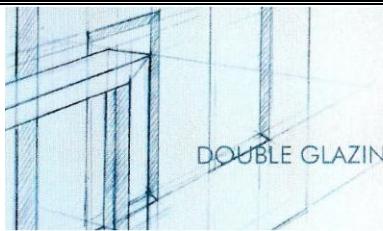
This book, written by his nephew, is a racy account of Eric's life as a secret painter. It is not a biography, but a celebration of his life as an artist. Joe Tucker, his nephew, is a TV scriptwriter and uses his literary skills to provide a fast moving, heart warming account of his beloved uncle as well as ensuring his belated recognition.

After Eric died, his family decided that the only way to exhibit his pictures was to take the initiative themselves. So they turned his home, now empty and being prepared for sale, into an Art Gallery where an exhibition of Eric's work could be displayed.

The final chapters of this book recount the efforts that the family made not only to prepare the family house for the Exhibition but also to persuade a wider audience not only to come and visit the Gallery but also to buy some of his paintings. They succeeded beyond their wildest dreams with crowds queueing to see the life's work of a local unknown artist.

I am not an avid reader but I was gripped by this account of an unknown artist finally getting the recognition that he deserved through the efforts of his family. His engaging, evocative and unpretentious paintings can now be enjoyed by many. This is such an uplifting and encouraging read reminding us to celebrate the talents of friends and family. In these dark winter days this book may be just what you need to lift your spirits!

Brian Martin



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Kilmington & Stourton WI hold their meeting every fourth Tuesday of the month unless otherwise stated in Stourton Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

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St George's School Bourton

A Year of Growth, Community and Celebration

2025 proved to be a year of energy, reflection and achievement at St George's Church of England School Bourton, as pupils, staff and families worked together to continue to strengthen learning, wellbeing and community life.

January – March: A Positive Start to the Year -- The year began with a strong sense of purpose as pupils returned refreshed after the Christmas break. Teaching and learning quickly settled into rhythm, supported by our enquiry curriculum and a continued emphasis on outdoor learning and Forest School activities. Our Year 6 children headed to London for an exciting trip to watch Matilda in the West End, a group of our talented dancers entered the Mere School Dance Festival and the whole school took part in an Ash Wednesday service at St George's Church. Early in the year, the school community also engaged in consultation around early years provision, highlighting St George's commitment to collaboration and future planning.

April – June: Learning, Creativity and Inspection -- Spring brought a wealth of classroom activity, with pupils immersing themselves in different enquiries across science, history, literacy and mathematics. Music continued to be a particular strength, with opportunities for singing and performance helping children build confidence and creativity. The oldest children in school took part in their end of Key Stage 2 SATS tests with enthusiasm powered by SATS breakfasts each morning. Sporting teams took part in different festivals across North Dorset, and the children enjoyed visits to Stourhead, The Newt and a local farm.

In May, the school welcomed Ofsted inspectors. After two days in school, they wrote a glowing report declaring St George's to be "good" in all areas. It affirmed the school's focus on safeguarding, pupil wellbeing, and its strong Christian ethos woven through everyday school life.

July – August: Celebrating Achievement -- The summer term concluded with a series of celebrations, including Sports Day, class events and end-of-year activities. The school's popular House System encouraged teamwork, resilience and positive behaviour, with pupils earning points not only for sporting success but also for kindness and effort. Residential trips and sailing days were enjoyed by the children and staff. Families joined us for a whole school picnic lunch after a successful sports day and the children in Foxes put on a fabulous production of Matilda which rivalled the London performance enjoyed earlier in the year. The year ended on a high note as pupils and staff looked ahead to a well-earned summer break after a highly enjoyable summer party on the field.

September – October: Inspection Success and a Confident Return

The new academic year began with energy and optimism, alongside a significant milestone for the school. In September 2025, St George's was inspected under the

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) framework. The inspection recognised the school's strong Christian vision and values, highlighting how these underpin daily life, relationships and learning across the school community. Alongside this success, open mornings and afternoons welcomed prospective families, while pupils quickly settled back into routines and learning.

November–December: Reading, Reflection and Festive Cheer

The final months of the year focused on reading, enrichment and togetherness. Regular newsletters (available on the school website) kept families informed, while a dedicated reading update celebrated children's enthusiasm for books and storytelling.

As December approached, the school community came together for festive activities (Father Christmas visited and landed his helicopter on the school field), performances (a wonderful Nativity showcased the talents of the youngest children) and moments of reflection (during the whole school carol service in church) reinforcing the values of kindness, thankfulness and perseverance that sit at the heart of the school.

Looking Ahead

Throughout 2025, St George's School Bourton continued to shine as a caring, inclusive village school where every child is known and valued. With strong partnerships between pupils, staff, families and the wider community, the school looks forward to 2026 with confidence and optimism.

"2025 has been a year of real growth for our school – not just academically, but in confidence, kindness and community spirit. I am incredibly proud of our pupils and staff and grateful for the continued support of our families and village".

Jill Farndale Executive Headteacher, St George's School Bourton

Exciting News: St George's Shining Stars Pre-School

From 1 January 2026, Bourton Preschool and Zeals Preschool closed with Early Years provision continuing as St George's Shining Stars Pre-School, based at St George's Shining Stars brings together the strengths and expertise of Bourton and Zeals Pre School as part of the wider school community, providing a high-quality Early Years experience for children aged 2–4. Being part of the primary school supports strong continuity, nurturing care and a smooth transition into Reception. Rooted in our Christian ethos, "*Let your light shine*" (Matthew 5:16), St George's Shining Stars Pre-School offers a safe, caring and inspiring environment where children grow in confidence, curiosity and independence through purposeful play.

Please contact the Pre School office or the school office office@bourton.dorset.sch.uk if you have any questions or would like a place for your child.

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News from Stourhead

The days are drawing longer, winter flowering rhododendrons are adding splashes of colour around the garden, and clusters of snowdrops adorn the path and lake edges – a sure sign that spring is on the way.

We're carrying out essential repair work on the dam throughout February and into early March. While a small section of the lake walk is temporarily closed, most paths remain open and the views are just as stunning. We hope you enjoy seeing this important conservation work in action as we protect the lake for future generations.

While the house remains closed for essential annual conservation, once again our 'behind closed doors tours' are taking place on weekdays throughout February and into March. These tours provide a detailed look at rooms that are usually closed to visitors, their history and how they are used today. You can also come and warm up by the log fire in the Entrance Hall of the house during our 'winter warmer weekends' over February half term.

Speaking of half term, we've got lots of family fun lined up. Bring the whole family along to solve *the curious case of the missing acorns* – a mystery trail that will take you through the garden to help Squirrel find his nuts. Pick up a free trail booklet from visitor reception.

Our bi-weekly wellbeing walks have now begun, and they are a great way to meet new people in beautiful surroundings. Led by friendly volunteers on a fully accessible route, these are free health walks and bookable in advance.

We look forward to welcoming you to Stourhead soon.

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Country Calendar

February 2026

2nd February is Candlemas, marking the 40th day of Christmas, and the official end to the celebrations. Farmers took note of Candlemas due to a very old saying from many centuries ago, stating that if “*Candlemas Day is clear and bright, winter will have another bite. If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain, winter is gone and won't come again.*”

Farmers love a bit of old folklore passed down the centuries especially on weather proverbs and rhymes. A farmer's year began at Candlemas, and from then on fieldwork or the preparations for it can be resumed depending on the weather. It was also a pointer as to how much fodder the farmer had left to feed his cattle, aiming on having half to see him through if winter has another bite! These old farm sayings, weathered by time and tested by generations of farmers, hold lessons that go beyond the scope of agriculture. Today we have satellite weather which gives us instant accurate weather, most of the time.

Below are a few of today's modern sayings and rhymes: I wonder what farmers of a century ago would have made of them:

“Grow with the Flow”

“For the Love of the Land”

“Fresh Picks, Happy Hearts”

“From Farm to Fork, Satisfaction Guaranteed”

“Feed Your Senses, Feed Your Soul”

“Ploughing Ahead, Growing Strong”

“Cultivating Smiles Every Mile”

“Quality You Can Taste, Freshness You Can Trust”

Short sweet and catchy, but my favourite as we start a new farming year is:

Farming is a profession of hope.

Every year the spring comes. And every year we plan those crops and try again. Every. Single. Year.

This makes me smile as, whatever we do, the weather always has the final say!

Jane Parker

SERVICES IN UPPER STOUR WITH MAIDEN BRADLEY

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday 1st Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 Parish Communion at St George's Bourton

Sunday 8th 2nd Sunday before Lent

10.00 Parish Communion at St Mary's Kilmington

10.00 Morning Worship at All Saints Maiden Bradley

Sunday 15th Sunday next before Lent

10.00 Parish Communion at St Peter's Stourton

Weds 18th Ash Wednesday

19.00 Parish Communion with Imposition of Ashes at St Peter's Stourton.

Sunday 22nd First Sunday of Lent

10.00 Morning Worship at St Martin's Zeals

10.00 Parish Communion at All Saints Maiden Bradley

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## **MARCH 2026**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Second Sunday of Lent**

10.00 Parish Communion at Saint Peter's Stourton

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Weekday Services

Mondays: 09.00 Morning prayer at St George's Bourton

Wednesdays: 16.00 Midweek Communion at St Martin's Zeals

Thursdays: 09.00 Morning Prayer at St Mary's Kilmington

Parables of Jesus – A Four-Week Lent Course

**A Lent Course for the parishes of Upper Stour & Maiden Bradley
to be led by the Rector Graham Southgate (01747 476316)
on Thursday evenings in Zeals Parish Room at Saint Martin's
Church, beginning at 7 pm**

26th February ~ Pearls and Prodigals: How to hear a parable.

5th March ~ Samaritans, Priests, and Levites: How history impacts interpretation.

12th March ~ Labourers and Management in the Vineyard: How to assess Kingdom economics.

19th March ~ The Persevering Widow and the Unjust Judge: How parables promote and demote.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate, but it would be good if you booked a place by letting Graham know

Parish Thank You to Mona Tyler and Barbara Borwell



There was a celebration at St Martin's Zeals on Sunday 23rd November to thank Mona Tyler (*here on left*) for her years as Licensed Lay Minister in the parish, and equally to Barbara Borwell (*centre*) who over very many years has also been part of the Ministry team as our Lay Pastoral Assistant.. They have both worked tirelessly and the parish is very grateful indeed for their considerable contributions.

Mona and Barbara were presented with gifts from the parish by St George's Churchwarden, Margaret Martin (*pictured right*)



Crib Service at St George's

Our Crib Service at St George's was a little different this year, having at its centre a rather large Advent Calendar. The story (from the Bible Society) had characters coming out of the calendar into the church to say their lines with dramatic effect. Books of the story were given out together

with festive chocolates at the end of the service. There was a spontaneous round of applause at the end, not only for the Open the Book players but I think for Harry who built the structure!

Thank you to all our players, some of them co-opted: Charles and Gill Vizor, Bernie Istead, Vicky Goodfellow, Sue Todd, Philip Newton and Catherine Potter.

Glenis Allen

From the Registers

Baptism

On 21 December at St Peter's Stourton: **Wilbur Henry George Yeates**

Funeral

On 26 November at St Martin's Zeals: **Deborah Gatehouse**

On 4th December at St George's Bourton: **Kevin Roy Dixon**

On 8th December at St Martin's Zeals: **Rosemary Octavia Suter**

Film Nights - Stourton Memorial Hall

Our next film will be **WICKED** - a visually stunning film which is the back story of the witch in the Wizard of Oz. *Wicked* earned ten nominations at the [97th Academy Awards](#) (including [Best Picture](#)) It will screen on **Friday 27th February**.

Zoe will be providing food at £12.00 per head. The cost for the film is £5, to cover the licence. Any surplus goes to the Memorial Hall, which will cover any losses; we aim at least to break even. If you would like to join us please email me at stourtonfilm@gmail.com for details. Food is served at 7.15 and the film starts at 8 pm.

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News from Parish Councils

Bourton

Planning: December brought difficult news on the planning front. Dorset Council reported that the Planning Inspectorate has granted both appeals for the Sandways (30 dwellings + site for new Village Hall) and Chaffeymoor (50 dwellings) sites — decisions that go against Dorset Council's original refusals and the strong, carefully argued objections submitted by parish reps, residents and our ward councillors.

Although the outcome is disappointing, this is not the end of the situation, especially with regard to the Sandways site - the developer for which, T&A Land, is required to engage with the Parish Council, to produce a final design for the site that best meets the community's interests and that the development delivers some benefits for Bourton. The focus now shifts to securing engagement with the developer, hoping to shape the best achievable outcome for the village.

Play Area: At the PC's December meeting, all councillors present agreed to press ahead with exploring a change of use for Jubilee Meadow. At present the land is designated for agricultural use, but councillors agreed that beginning the formal process to alter this designation is the essential first step towards something many residents have long wished for — a dedicated play area and community space at the heart of the village.

Community Safety: The Council expressed appreciation for the dedication of the Community Speedwatch volunteers,

Village Hall: The Village Hall Trustees have announced that Nick Hall has kindly agreed to take on the role of Chair for a short while, prior to Claire Reed taking over as Chair, whilst remaining as Treasurer. Discussions continue around the potential for a new village hall within the Sandways development, subject to planning and funding considerations.

Eve Wynn, RFO & Clerk, Bourton Parish Council

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

Kilmington

The Parish Council met on Monday 19th January at the Home Guard Club, with an excellent turnout from residents, particularly for the public session concerning the planning application at Knoll Farm, Norton Ferris. Several neighbours and business owners spoke about their worries regarding odour, environmental risks, and the retrospective nature of the application. These concerns were carefully noted and will be represented in the Parish Council's response to Wiltshire Council.

Following the resignation of Cllr Andrew Reeves there is now one vacant seat on Kilmington Parish Council. A statutory notice has been posted, and if

ten or more electors request an election, Wiltshire Council will arrange a by-election. If no election is called, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option. Anyone interested in contributing to village life is warmly encouraged to come forward.

Cllr Brooks reported further progress on the rollout of Project Gigabit, with full-fibre availability to all homes in the area still expected towards the end of 2026. Residents are encouraged to complete Wiltshire Council's online mobile signal survey to help build a clearer picture of local coverage issues, and Unitary Representative Cllr George Jeans highlighted the existence of the Pre-Digital Phone Line scheme, as part of a broader effort to protect vulnerable users where there is currently no alternative digital solution.

The Council also received updates on highways matters, including the delayed traffic surveys at Kilmington Common and Norton Ferris, and ongoing issues with gully blockages. While the Parish Steward remains primarily on pothole duty during winter, the sewage team should be in the Parish 26 - 30 January to deal with our high priority gully issues.

A Fond Farewell and Heartfelt Thanks to Ruth Burrows:

The Parish Council would like to pay warm tribute to Mrs Ruth Burrows, who stepped down at the end of December after more than seven years of dedicated service as Parish Clerk. Ruth has guided the Council through countless meetings, planning consultations, grant applications, and policy updates, always with calm efficiency, accuracy, and good humour. Her commitment to the parish and her support for councillors and residents alike have been exceptional, and she will be greatly missed. Ruth has ensured a smooth handover to the new clerk and leaves the parish council's affairs in excellent order. We send her our very best wishes for the future.



Steven E. Willis, Clerk – Kilmington Parish Council  07917 842297

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Bourton Gardening Club

Due to dwindling numbers it is with regret that the Bourton Garden Club will not be restarting in February as previously planned. There will be no meetings for the remainder of this season which was due to end in June.

Remaining funds will be frozen and in September a meeting will be held with the current committee members to decide on which charities to donate to, unless there is interest from anyone wanting to revive the club. A new committee will need to be found.

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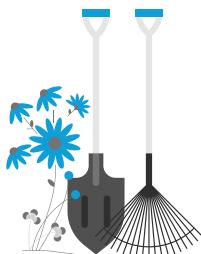
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Green Fingers

Notes from a Fairweather Gardener

February



February can be a contrary month. It is historically a cold and possibly wet month when we might get frost and possibly snow. However, some days are likely to be crisp and cold but sunny, so that is the time to get out into the garden and discover the plants that survive the gloom and bring some cheer.

Snowdrops of course are often considered to be the stars of the winter show, and anyone who wants to increase their stock of these should be looking to buy some 'in the green' to be planted soon. Other small plants are out in abundance at this time of year. Have you thought about planting some perennial cyclamen? Their Latin name is *cyclamen coum*; these are not the houseplants that you can buy around Christmas time. The perennial variety are not generally recommended for clay soils, but they are happy in pots and troughs, or in dry shade under trees and shrubs. They come in a variety of pink and white shades, bringing a welcome pop of colour on a dark day. As a bonus, they will often self-seed in the most unexpected places, carried to pastures new by hungry ants who eat their sugary coating and then discard the seeds. You can collect the seeds yourself when they ripen and scatter them where you please. They take a couple of years to bloom, so don't be too impatient. Personally, I enjoy the surprise of the ant-sown plants.

Garden centres have been displaying a colourful array of seeds for some time now. All the plants on the seed packets have been beautifully photographed at the peak of perfection. Will ours look the same? It is easy to get carried away and buy an assortment of plants that may not perform as well as we would like. If you are a very keen gardener who enjoys the process of growing seeds, pricking them out, hardening them off and giving the young seedlings plenty of TLC, almost any packet of seeds will produce beautiful flowers or a good harvest. However, if you know yourself to be less than diligent in caring for your plants, perhaps you should give those tricky half hardy annuals a miss and buy some tried and trusted favourites. There are always new varieties of your favoured plants being developed, so you need not get bored just because you are sowing marigolds again this year.

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Bourton Village Hall : February 2026

- **Village Lunch –**

Mon 2nd February. 12.30-14.00, pay on arrival - £4.

- **Bourton Film Nights:**

February 4th – The Roses (PG)

- Dry January gives way to foreboding February with a film that's described as "a tense, darkly comic drama that explores the disintegration of a marriage built on ambition and appearances". With a stellar cast including national treasures Olivia Colman and Benedict Cumberbatch.

March 4th – The Choral (12A)

- As WW1 rages on, the Choral Society in a small English town has lost most of its men to the army. The Choral's committee is determined to press ahead with new recruits and engage a driven new chorus master, Dr. Henry Guthrie. As conscription papers start to arrive, the community discovers that the best response to the war is to make music together.

Strong cast throughout inc Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam,

Mark Addy, Alun Armstrong

- **Live Sport on the Big Screen: Men's SIX NATIONS RUGBY:**

-Saturday 7th February - England v Wales. KO 16.40, doors open 16.15

-Saturday 7th March – Italy v England. KO 16.40, doors open 16.15.

Note: Sorry, but the hall is booked for private events on dates of the other England matches

- **Coming up:**

- Saturday 14th February – Music Bingo incl. hot supper then dancing!
Advance tickets £15 from Bourton Garage (cash only), Eventbrite or email: treasurer@bourtonvh-dorset.org.

Happy Valentine's Day

- **POSTPONED:**

19th - 21st February - Bourton Players Panto : The Parrots of Penzance
see p 27



- **Dates for your Diary**

-Saturday 14th March – End of Winter Blues! Tom & The Clementynes urge you to dance your way into Mother's Day. Better still – bring your Mum!

- **Volunteers Needed**

New in the village? No major commitment expected, just do what you can when you can. If you'd like to know more, please email hello@bourtonvh-dorset.org and we'll get back to you.



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The Bourton Players

Regretfully announce that their pantomime, usually performed in February, has been postponed until later in the year. Sadly the production just won't be ready in time.

The Players would prefer to wait and bring you a polished performance of "The Parrots of Penzance" that will have you laughing your socks off!

We look forward to seeing you then.
Oh yes we do!!



Diary Dates February 2026

Monday 2 nd	Bourton Village Lunch	page 26
Weds 4 th	Bourton Film Night	page 26
Saturday 7 th	6 Nations Rugby, live on big screen BVH	page 26
Saturday 14 th	Music Bingo & Supper BVH	page 26
Tuesday 24 th	K & S Women's Institute, 7.30pm SMH	page 7
Friday 27 th	Stourton Film Night, SMH	page 16



Regular Weekly Events

Weekdays 08.45-09.15 **Preschool meeting** at the Preschool playing fields, West Bourton (*term time only*)

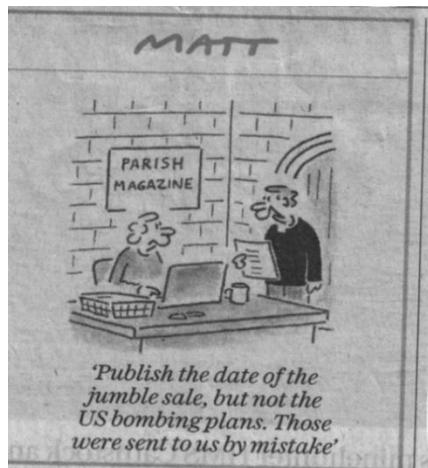
The ZAC Zeals Afterschools Club meets daily 3.15 – 6 on school days at the Playing Field, Wolverton Lane, drawing children from 5 local schools. Contact Sarah on 07908 664 676; zealsafterschoolsclub@gmail.com

Tuesdays **Toddlers sessions:** 9am-12pm (*term time only*) at Bourton Village Hall. Contact Caroline Worthington 07754 882454

Craft & Chat – every Tuesday in Bourton Village Hall at 2pm

Wednesday **Bellringing practice** at St Martin's church Zeals. Beginners and lapsed ringers welcome. Contact Georgina Muir 01985 844245

Fridays **Choir Practice:** most Fridays 5.30-6.15pm at St Martin's Zeals. New singers welcome. Contact Tom Wheare 01747 840622



**All items for the
March 2026 issue by**

**Friday 13th February 2026
please**