

# Stourton Caundle village website 2.0

## An invitation

Our village website first took form in January 2010 with Gerry Holdstock as the main webmaster supported by a small group namely the writer, Tim Villiers, Margaret McKay and Caroline Chappell. The technology at that time required maintaining the content on a home computer and largely one person uploading revised pages and new files using dedicated software that resided on their PC. Gerry did an excellent job as webmaster and now that he is no longer with us, he is greatly missed.

Technology has moved on a lot since those early days and new types of Content Management System (CMS) have appeared where all of the files are stored on external servers along with the editing software. We also have smartphones that can operate rather like a computer. It is therefore timely that we revamp the way our website operates by switching to a new CMS, such as *WordPress*, so that more people can be involved in creating and uploading content. Also, we now have social media such as *FaceBook*, *Instagram*, *YouTube*, etc. and nowadays it is easy to link across from a website to these media making our website more accessible from smartphones, etc.

Readers are invited to get involved in a newly-formed group, the initial task of which is to transfer the content of our current site over to a new one, as well as create webpages on new topics. It is envisaged that many different people will get involved, some representing village organisations, submitting content to the various pages that will constitute our new village website. We have already had an offer to transfer the site to *WordPress* from Andrew Sampson and Chris Crowstaff of *Vale Designs* based at Lydlinch Common.

If you would like to contribute then do please send an e-mail to [thecaundler@stourtoncaundle.org.uk](mailto:thecaundler@stourtoncaundle.org.uk) and we can then arrange a meeting of everyone who expresses an interest.

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