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Message from the Editors

The time has come fellow villagers to put on your thinking caps and come up with some ideas to contribute to this magazine!

The small team who put this publication together are lacking inspiration – we do not know what you want to see and read about, so please help us out.

We are happy to receive pretty much anything to do with villagers, their life here in Stourton Caundle, their hobbies, recipes, businesses, stories about your move here, your families, house/garden transformations, memorable holidays or events, adventures, pets etc, etc.

Don't be shy – without your contributions we can't make this!

Thank you!

Please use “**Word**” documents when sending contributions
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Please send content submissions by July 15, 2025

We made this!

New Management For The 100 CLUB

I am immensely grateful, and also absolutely delighted, that Isobel Bull has very kindly agreed to take over the running of the 100 Club. For many years it has raised a small but useful regular annual income for the Hall, and thanks to the generosity of so many members who increased their numbers last November, the Club this year not only contributed over £1000 to the Roof Fund, but also increased the amount of the monthly prizes.

I have run the 100 Club since 2001 in a very old-fashioned manner, so it is very pleasing to know that it may at last be modernised a bit in Isobel's capable hands and eased into the 21st century!

I cannot hand over the 100 Club without a special thankyou to Delia Lane for her tremendous contribution doing the collecting from most of the village. May I also thank everyone who has joined the 100 Club for their willing support, and for sharing with me the humour and light-hearted touch which I have tried to bring to this basic fundraising.

Anna Oliver

On Saturday 14th June one of The Caundler's top contributors is celebrating her 90th Birthday!

Margaret Waddingham, a very special lady and friend to so many in the village will be celebrating with family at home but we couldn't let the day go by without letting her know how special she is to us in the village and to wish her the happiest of days.

Crab and Salmon Mousse

Tin of Salmon 110g	1/2 Cucumber peeled & finely diced
Tin of Crab 145g	1/2 oz gelatine
About 1/2 pint of milk	3 tbsp cold water
1 oz butter	1/4 pint double cream
1 oz flour	1/4 pint single cream
1 Tablespoon Anchovy Essence	

Prepare in six individual dishes or a 2pint dish.

Drain juices from cans of fish into measuring jug

Make up to 1/2 pint with milk.

Melt butter in a saucepan, blend in flour, cook for 1 minute.

Remove from heat and slowly stir in milk mixture till smooth. Return to heat & bring to boil ,simmer for 2 minutes. Allow to cool slightly stirring.

Remove skin and bones from fish mashed together. Add to sauce with anchovy and cucumber.

Put gelatine with water into a bowl over a pan of simmering water. When dissolved add to sauce. Leave in a cool place stirring occasionally till on the point of setting.

Whip 2 creams together till soft peaks form then fold into mixture. Season and put into dishes.

Serves 6-8

Cicely Diack

The Events Committee and a Possible Future Event

A few months ago, Neil Gillard and I (respectively the treasurer and chair of the Events Committee and it's only currently active members) decided that we should terminate the present incarnation of the committee and its Community Fund bank account, transferring the balance in the account (just short of £1,000) to the Village Hall roof account. They have been asked to ring fence a sum of £300 for the backing of anyone wishing to organise an event that encourages community activity and which might require some "seeding" prior to the event, or to act as a discretionary safety net if the event should make a loss. This £300 represents the original donation made by the late Tony Bond, who set up the committee some 25 years ago, and has always been regarded as an essential core. So there will no longer be someone named in this magazine as the Events Committee contact, but there will be a sum of money that can be applied for to help you out if you've got a brilliant idea for a community event.

At the same time, I'm frequently asked "when are we going to have another Village Concert – they were really great!" For the benefit of those who've moved here in the last five or six years, these concerts were held every other year, usually in October, and were inspired by the sort of gatherings that used to happen years ago in some of the local villages, where we would get together in somebody's barn and entertain each other. So the only rule is that the performers must live in the parish. In the past, we've had music and song – classical, jazz, folk and even barbershop – comedians, circus acts, poetry, recitations, belly dancing, and the event spawned a memorable ladies group, the Stourton Ladies Amateur Performing Association, or SLAPASS. The waitresses were unforgettable and kept the audience well supplied from the bar. These concerts were always enjoyed by large crowds and made a good deal of money for worthy causes in the village.

So I'm asking everyone who thinks they would be prepared to contribute to the event to get in touch. I'm happy to put another of these together, but we will need to sort out several new performers if we're to have the sort of night that we want to achieve. I'm sure that, within our community, we must have a number of potential artistes; just call me on 01963 362890 and we'll take it from there.

John Waltham



Congratulations and Well Deserved

I was recently reliably informed that our very own David Jeanes has been made a Life Vice President of the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show. In a brief 'interview' at The Trooper, I was able to confirm this to be true.

David is an extremely modest man, but his broad smile was very much in evidence during our little chat.

We offer you our warmest congratulations David; a much deserved award, and recognition for all your hard work and dedication.

The Editors (on Roving Reporter duty)

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE STOURTON CAUNDLE **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Allotments – John Waltham

This year has been a quiet one, with some people unable to get anything done in the very challenging weather of 2024. The result is that there will be a lot of work needed to get the neglected areas back into cultivation for this year. Several crops were decimated by slugs, birds or weather conditions. But the wildlife did well – we have many slow worms, a healthy frog population and a lot of insect life.

We have a couple of new gardeners on board and are hoping for better weather, fewer slugs and pigeons, and decent crops in 2025.

Caundle Velo Club – John Howes

CVC is in its 14th year and numbers remain strong, which currently stand at 43 members. On average we have 10-15 cyclists on each ride. The last year has been a challenging one with very wet conditions in early 2025 causing many detours due to flooded roads.

However, this has not dampened the spirits of the riders and the enthusiasm to get out has not waned.

Our rides have taken us near and far with a 100 mile ride completed last June around the Somerset Levels, which for several riders was the first time that they had cycled the iconic “100” in one day. Other rides included a Mendips ride up Cheddar Gorge and excursions to the coast at Weymouth, Lulworth Cover and Ringstead Bay, which saw some of the hardier souls taking a quick dip. It is planned to do another 100-mile ride in June to Weston -Super-Mare.

The annual Christmas lunch was another great occasion, and a Midsummer Barbeque has been arranged at the Cider Barn. Further details of the CVC can be found on the website.

Events Committee – John Waltham

During the year, following pressure from our bank due to the account’s relatively inactive state, it was decided to wind up the current operation. At the time, there was nearly £1,000 in the account, and this was transferred to the Village Hall account to assist the current fundraising effort. There is a proviso that the £300 originally donated by Tony Bond to start the Community Fund up should be ring fenced and available for villagers wishing to hold a community-based activity or event and needing help to get it off the ground, thus continuing the original ambition of the founders of the Events Committee.

Garden Club – Christine Peters

The membership of the Garden Club continues to grow, and we now have 85 members.

This is wonderful and the past year has seen some wonderful visits, events and talks. I.

During the summer of 2024 three visits were made to gardens of note in the area. Muston Manor a 17th c manor house in Piddlehinton, Frith House an Edwardian building and working farm in Stalbridge and Lewell lodge a Gothic revival house in West Knighton. All the gardens were designed by their owners and included lakes, roses, kitchen gardens, herbaceous borders and woodland walks. As always tea and cakes were served at the end

of each visit. 2. On a sunny then very wet July evening a drinks party was held at the Old Rectory, Stock Gaylard. I think most members attended and admired the borders, partook of the wine and enjoyed the canapes. Thank you Sally-Anne and John. 3. The Summer Show in September outstripped all expectations with a record number of entries from all over the village and the tea and raffle in the afternoon was attended by over eighty cake hungry participants and families. Over £140 was raised to supplement club funds. 4. The January supper party was a huge success again with 60 members having a wonderful time with hot food and numerous desserts to choose from. Over £300 was raised for the club funds. 5. A variety of talks have seen us through the worst of the winter weather. All have been well attended and have included: Flower Farming, Growing what you can't buy, Sweet plants and sugar sources, Smoke that thunders, painting with Plants and recently introduced plants for growing in today's climate. 6. Many thanks to Linda Walters for maintaining the planters outside the Village Hall. 7. We donated £1,000 towards the roof fund for the Village Hall. 8. Castle Gardens continues to support members with money off vouchers and visits. 9. A plant sale will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday May 22nd (see the Caundle Diary for details.)

Knit and Stitch – Linda Walters

Our friendly group meets on Monday afternoons 2pm to 4pm, from October through to Easter. Last year, in addition we met once a month during the warmer months to “show and tell” and socialised with lunches out together. We enjoy knitting, crochet, sewing and tapestry. Sometimes we work on our personal projects, but mainly we produce items for charity. The charity items include cot blankets, jumpers for children and babies, knitted toys, mittens, scarves and hats of all sizes. Since the war in Ukraine started all of the charity items have all gone to Ukraine. They are still going there and are much appreciated. Donations of unwanted knitting wools would be gratefully received.

Parish Council Chairman's Report – Alban Harris

This year we welcomed 3 new councillors. We were very lucky to find 3 keen villagers who have brought a wide diversity of knowledge and skills to help fill the gaps left by our retiring members. It was a baptism of fire for them with an unprecedented 9 meetings this year, usually triggered by planning applications all of which met with our support. After a frustrating start to the year, we eventually managed to secure a new contractor for the grass cutting and all agree we are now enjoying the quality of service we were looking for. Many thanks Paul Wavish.

Sports Club – Neil Duke

We held our AGM in June 2024 when two of the officers retired bringing in a slightly younger Chairman and much younger Secretary and Treasurer. Along with the usual activities, Monday night snooker, Tuesday table tennis and badminton, Thursday afternoon short mat bowls, we have introduced table tennis in the main hall every other Monday and are looking at starting up Pickleball on Wednesday or Thursday evening. Our membership has increased but there is always room for more. We have all the sports equipment, i.e. bats, bowls, rackets and snooker cues so if you are interested come along and join in, times are advertised in the Caundle Magazine diary. We look forward to seeing you.

St. Peter's Church Stourton Caundle – PCC Annual Report – David Jeanes and John Hedges

Church Warden Vinny Taylor and Chairman Terry Taylor retired. John Hedges joins David Jeanes as Church Wardens. On 29th June 2024 Belinda West our Assistant Curated was 'Priested' in Salisbury Cathedral. In April 2024 members of the Benefice attended a retreat of St. Mary the Virgin.

Current works to the church included upgrade of electrics, fibre broadband and continuing care of trees to churchyard and cemetery. Discussions of repairing the wall around the graveyard are ongoing. Rewilding part of the churchyard to the East of the Church is now in its second year.

St. Peter's Church team run the Beehive Café raising money for the Church and other activities for the village community. There is now a Breakfast Church every 4th Sunday of the month before Morning Worship Service.

Village Hall – Pete Bull

The principal activities concerning the hall over the last 12 months have been the continued fund-raising towards the cost of the replacement of the roof and the conversion of the charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to assist in the fund-raising process and to bring it up to modern standards. The CIO is now in operation and the land and assets including the car park and hall itself are being transferred to it. Fund-raising has been very successful with, at the end of the hall's financial year in March, £76k having been raised consisting of grants received and the results of many village fund-raising events and personal and company donations. During April 2025 a further £15k grant was received, and an amazingly generous private anonymous donation has enabled us to meet our fund-raising target and work on replacing the roof will start over the next few months.

Village Hall 100 Club – Isobel Bull

This fund-raising club has been run tirelessly by Anna Oliver for over 20 years and has been a key part of the income of the village hall which in many years would have been in deficit without this income. As Anna leaves the village and hands over to Isobel Bull we want to thank her most sincerely for her important work. Last year the number of tickets sold rose from 267 to 394 enabling a donation of £1,080 to be made to the hall. Each number costs £6 per year and subscribers can have as many numbers as they like to be in with a chance for the monthly drawn prizes. Subscriptions are collected in October, and we are hoping to move many more onto a standing order rather than cash basis. Any questions please contact me on 07969 700 140.

Garden Club Summer Show

The Summer Show will be on 30th August this year. The schedule will be available from the end of July. However, in order to encourage the children we are going to have the following classes for 11 year olds and under:

Sock Puppets

Gingerbread Persons

Mini Gardens

Painting/Drawing Tractors

We hope you have plenty of time to practice and we look forward to lots of entries.

Garden Notes for June-July 2025

It's the end of May, the temp is 24 degrees, not a cloud in the sky, I'm staying in a cottage in Pembrokeshire, in an idyllic spot, high up looking out to sea. The cuckoo calling in the background, but not another sound. The oak tree in the garden is coming out so fast in this heat. Too hot to walk, so relaxing and reading books. But what's on my mind is my **garden**, how it'll be suffering in this sudden rise in temps, the evaporation of water from birdbaths and pond and the resulting problems for tadpoles, new plantings AND thinking of all the watering Sue's having to do without me there!

But it's worth it!

The heat continues and there's no rain forecast, so I think we'll begin with watering:-

Watering

The water level is rapidly going down in all my water butts; how many have you got by the way?

You may have lots of plants waiting to be planted, out, including annuals (and all those plants you were tempted to buy at the discount evening!) but it's better to wait till we've had some good rain.

Place said plants in shade and stand in a tray, you'll lose less water this way and the plants will be fine.

If you have permanent plants in pots, consider sitting them on saucers.

Do not let your pots dry out! Better to give a little rather than let the water run away!

Top up ponds in this heat, preferably with rain water. If you have to use tap water, fill a can and leave for 24 hours before adding to the pond.

Pruning

You can prune Camellias and Rhododendron once they've finished flowering, but again don't let the pots dry out as they start to form their flowering buds from July/Aug

Any spring flowering shrubs that are over can be pruned back to shape and you can also prune out any shoots that have reverted on variegated shrubs

Cut stems out of Euphorbias that have gone over, right down to base

Plants

Biennials can be sown now, i.e. sweet rocket/wallflowers/honesty etc. and forget-me-nots (I hope you pulled all yours up before they seeded everywhere!) Once you've removed the spent plants, spaces may have appeared, which brings me nicely onto filling gaps with annuals, or, if sown right now, some poppy or other seeds.

Regarding ornamental poppies, once they're over, they can be cut right down, leaves and all, and then fed and watered to produce a second flush.

Compost

There is still an overwhelming choice to choose from, all I can say is that I tend to use Sylvagrow, then add perlite/grit, or even sharp sand, the amount depending on what I'm using it for.

As for my own compost heap, which have just turned; it's looking delish ; I will be growing my courgettes in it!, lucky them!

Well there is much more to be said I'm sure, but this beautiful day is drawing me out.

Remember to take time to sit out and enjoy your lovely gardens.

Alzheimer Trek

Most of us know someone, or know of someone, who has dementia or alzheimers. And most of us know what a cruel disease this is, both for the carer and the sufferer.

That's why I am asking all of you to back our wonderful, cheerful, ever-helpful post girl, Tanita, who, with her boyfriend, is doing a 26 mile trek on the 7th June in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. There is much that could be done to help both patient and carers but much of the time they also need the additional backing of people like all of us.

It's hard to imagine how difficult it must be if you are the patient, not just forgetting names and places and fishing around helplessly for words that escape you, but slowly and surely loosing your own identity. You forget your own history, where and when you were born, what you liked and disliked, things that mattered to you, who these strangers are that are all around you even though they tell you that they are your husband or wife or child. In some cases, even your own parents.

And what if you are one of the carers from the patient's own family? You watch them gradually disappear into the shell of a stranger. I know of someone whose husband has recently been admitted into a home, and she now has the equivalent to PTSD. She had looked after him for so long, albeit with limited help from a live-in carer, that now she is simply waiting for him to die. This isn't an unkind thought, but he has been dying little by little for so long. She can not relax nor make decisions, she is over-anxious about quite small things and is constantly alert for some sound that means he needs her.

The Alzheimer's Society needs our help. It doesn't just come to the rescue of the sufferers but also their wonderful carers who need it in equal measures. That's why I am asking all of you to back our lovely post girl, Tanita on 7th June. There are many calls on our pockets these days, but this really is a worthwhile one, so please, let's get behind her and help her raise an outstanding amount of money.

(You may not have seen Tanita around for a little while, but she still comes once a week whilst someone else is learning her rounds. Hopefully we'll see her regularly again soon.)

Margaret Waddingham

Tanita has a charity pot at the kiosk at Dike's or you can give donations directly to her if you spot her around the village. Or make donations online by searching 'Tanita's Trek 26' at

JustGiving.com

Save the date for the Harvest Supper

Saturday 11th October 2025

Sadly Rob is retiring from running the bar after six amazing years. So we are looking for help to run the bar. If your interested pleased contact Wendy wendyt5988@gmail.com

Many thanks,

Wendy & Mike



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME
Gardens Open For Charity



Wagtails &

Stourton Caundle, Sturminster
Newton, DT10 2JW

Grange Cottage

Golden Hill, Stourton Caundle
DT10 2JP

Saturday 31 May

Sunday 1 June

2 - 5pm

Adults £10 Children free



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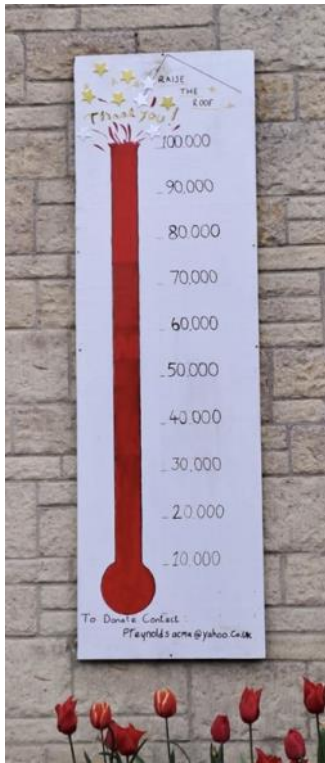


More information at ngs.org.uk

WE'VE DONE IT

Amazingly, after just two years of concerted effort by many many people in the village we're delighted to announce that we have raised the £100,000 needed to fix the roof.

YIPEEEE!!!!



Following closely behind a fabulous grant of £15,000 we had approved from the Garfield Weston Foundation, we then received an amazingly generous donation from a local resident, which gave us more than enough to be able to get the leaking roof fixed. There are so many people to thank, but ultimately this was an achievement of the whole village, including: people and clubs who donated, small or large; those that put on events and every one of you that came along to them; and to all the people involved in finding and winning grants. We should all be proud of such an incredible group effort. Obviously, now there is a lot to do to prepare for the renovation work. The Hall and outside will have to be cleared in some areas which may well need more volunteers. At the time of writing we are expecting to close the Hall from late June until mid August, which will affect many clubs and events, although this may need to change. Let's hope we are blessed with dry weather for the work, and that we can then continue to build on how the Hall can support and be used by as many of the villagers as possible in the years to come.

Paul Reynolds

Raise The Roof – Ebay for Charity

Do you sell on Ebay?

Whilst exploring additional avenues to raise money for the village hall roof, we noticed that a portion of sales proceeds from Ebay sales can be donated to a charity of your choice, anywhere from 10% to a full 100% of the final sales price.

It was fabulous news to receive a large donation that now enables work to start on the hall roof next month, however there will always be ongoing costs of repairs and maintenance to the hall, therefore it's still worthwhile to find ways to raise funds for the kitty.

If you are willing to share even a small portion of your Ebay sales proceeds, and donate

them to the hall charity fund, it would be an amazing little extra boost to income. Whilst vast sums are not expected to be raised this way, even small amounts of a few pounds regularly coming in all help!

Paul Reynolds has now successfully set up a charity profile for the village hall on Ebay, and is eagerly awaiting the first £3.20 donation to filter through!

When listing an item to sell, simply click on the 'Add a charity' button at the bottom of the page, search for 'Stourton Caundle Village Hall' in the search bar (as it naturally defaults to the larger UK charities) and select us.

Ebay is a great way of decluttering those knick-knacks and collectibles that are gathering dust or never see the light of day, along with branded clothes or other items in good saleable condition. Precious, rare or valuable items, should, of course, be referred to professionals/ auction houses.

Ebay auction selling fees have been removed for most items in the last year for private sellers, so you do now get the full selling price, apart from any donation.

Sue Chapman



Spire Hill Benefice Incumbent's Report 2024 - 2025

The past year has been a year of steady progress for our Benefice as we have begun work on the short- and medium-term goals of our parishes 10 Year Mission Action Plans [MAPs]. This has been underpinned by the Benefice Vision, to be YES PEOPLE, INCARNATIONAL, and EMBOLDENED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

All our parishes and PCCs have earnestly engaged in the task of trying to ensure their church is at the centre of community life. However, it's fair to say that the task of "Making Jesus Known" today and relevant in a world that seems more divided, self-centred and indifferent to religion is challenging. This has not been helped by the institution of the CofE, which has lost its way, focusing on preserving the institution and the power and privilege that goes with it rather than the needs of Christ's own flock. The resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury on the 12th of November 2024 for his failings to protect the vulnerable and the continuing scandal of not dealing with abusers by the Archbishop of York and other senior leaders, has left the CofE in crises. As I write this report the Roman Catholic Church appointed a new Pope, Pope Leo XIV, in just two days of conclave, following the death of Pope Francis. However, seven months on there is no clear sign as to when we will have a new Archbishop of Canterbury with only the hope of an announcement in the Autumn. I feel this highlights a senior appointments process that is no longer fit for purpose in the CofE, decisions being made by a privilege few who get to sit on the Crown Appointments Committee. The conclave may be a secrete vote and only consist of male Cardinals, but at least its democratic in nature with Cardinals representing Roman Catholic communities around the world. Should not the Anglican Communion as a whole, clergy and

laity, be able to elect the spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion? As a parish priest my trust and confidence in the institution and leadership of the CofE has never been lower. I hope and pray that the Holy Spirit will bring us new leaders who are shepherds and not CEOs, focused on God's people and not the preservation of power and privilege in a failing institution.

At Diocesan level things are much brighter, we are blessed to have a team of Bishops, in Stephen, Karen and Andrew, and Archdeacon Penny who are supportive and genuinely understand the challenges that our small rural churches face. I would like to thank them for their encouragement to us this year. It was good to have +Stephen visit us in October, who commented "It's wonderful to just come and worship with you and not be asked to bless a new toilet or open an extension". + Karen visited the Beehive Café at Stourton Caundle in October where she commissioned Rachel Page as our Pioneer Minister who is now also training as a Licensed Lay Reader. +Karen was delighted to see the church serving its local community and bringing people together.

Across the benefice new initiatives were undertaken to reach out to the local community. These included the very successful "Welcome to Stalbridge" event which took place in September. This welcomed new people who had moved into the community recently and highlighting all the clubs and organisations that operate in the town. The Stalbridge Ringers have also been increasing their membership and welcoming in new ringers. They are also embarking on a larger project to restore the chime barrel and improve the bells, which will make ringing easier for those learning to ring.

JAM (Jesus And Me) was launched in Stourton Caundle and ran for over 8 months and though enjoyed by those who attended, it didn't attract the young families we had hoped for. However, the PCC are exploring other possibilities including running a family event in school holidays and a family service. Stourton Caundle did launch its breakfast church and after initial uncertainty it has grown in popularity. This just demonstrates the need to try things and not to worry if they don't all bear fruit as some things will reap a harvest.

Stock Gaylard with Kings Stag have developed a pub quiz night which proved popular and great fun along with carol singing outside the Green Man pub. They also hosted a special Advent evensong with the Benefice Choir, who are making a great contribution to the worship across the benefice as well as bringing people together for the love of singing.

Purse Caundle have continued with their themed monthly services which make the monthly service an event for the whole community. This has resulted in good attendance figures throughout the year. They are now exploring the possibility of offering Eucharistic Hospitality to local Roman Catholics which will hopefully result in St Peter's hosting a Roman Catholic Mass once a quarter. + Karen has given her blessings for this, and the PCC have written to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth.

Purse Caundle also host Rev. Belinda's first Mass following her ordination to the priesthood in June. It was a wonderful celebration with Belinda's grandchildren acting as servers for the occasion. It has been a delight to see Belinda grow into the role of priest and just recently baptising her own grandchild at Purse Caundle.

Worship across the benefice has continued to develop and I'm thankful that all our churches have had new people join them over the past year. This is in part down to our ministry team,

both lay and ordained, delivering meaningful worship in our churches as well as not being afraid to try new things. Our Christmas and Easter services were well received this year with good attendance overall. Having the Maundy service at Stalbridge with a procession to the Altar of Repose and the watch worked well. I particularly enjoyed marking Good Friday at Stourton Caundle with the Stations of the Cross followed by the Good Friday Liturgy. Also, during Lent a meditation group was set up by Simon Witcombe at Stalbridge which is going to continue. Overall, the attendance figures for our rural churches are stable with some new membership, but there is still a gap in reaching younger individuals and families. Stalbridge has been working hard with its family service, particularly in developing its link with the school. This has been hard, but they are now starting to see young families attending. Our Bible group continues but they would like to attract more members. Penny Johnson also led a reflective group "Play with Words" which was well received by those who attended. We had a good benefice retreat last May at the Community of St Mary the Virgin Wantage and most recently with the Franciscan community at Hilfield, some participants experiencing a retreat for the first time.

Financially it has been another challenging year for all our churches and as a benefice we have failed to meet our total share contribution of around £74K to the Diocese but have paid around £56K which was an increase over last year. Worryingly we are still not meeting our direct ministry costs which should be about 80% of our share around £59K and estimates from our treasures for 2025 suggest we may struggle to meet this again this year. The new Diocesan share calculation has benefitted the benefice overall with a very small reduction in share over the next 3 years, but the calculation has gone against some of the smaller parishes that will see a considerable increase. I hope we can work together as a benefice to make share payments across the benefice churches as fair and manageable as possible. In the long term if we can't meet our share, it will bring the validity of a full-time post here into question. It is unlikely that the post will be removed while I am here. The challenge may arise in the future if the post needs to be replaced after my departure. Can I thank all our Treasurers for their hard work and diligence this year.

I would also like to thank Rev. Belinda West, Judy Waite LLM, Rev. Angela Syer, Rev. Graham Hitchins and Rev. Joe Edwards our Assistant PTO clergy and our team of Lay Worship Leaders, Sarah Bollen, John Worth and Rachel Page our Lay Pioneer Minister, who along with those who read, lead intercessions, are welcomers and those who clean and prepare our churches and get them ready for worship. We are also lucky to have talented musicians in our benefice, thank you to our regular organists Maggie Cubb and Sue New and to Helen Hitchins the director of music for our Benefice choir.

I would also like to thank all those who have served our churches in the past year, particularly our church wardens. Special thanks to Simon Witcombe who is now stepping down as Church Warden and Foundation Governor. To Judy Waite for her long service to Stalbridge CofE School as Foundation Governor and Chair of Governors. Also, thanks to all our PCC members for their hard work over the past year. A special thankyou to Helen Hitchins our benefice administrator whose support enables me to focus on the spiritual and pastoral life in the benefice, along with Rev. Graham who always has an open-door, listening ear and tot of rum when needed. Thank you, also to my wife Kate who is always an encouragement to me in my life and ministry.

Finally, I am looking forward to my sabbatical which will be from 1st June to 31st August.

During my time away from benefice duties I will be looking at some other rural church and diocesan projects around the country. I will be spending five weeks in Italy visiting Rome and Assisi in my first week then in Genova with the Diocese of Europe looking after the Church of the Holy Ghost, which does a lot of work with refugees. In August Kate and I will be traveling out to Japan to see our son Ben and will have a chance to look at the Christian Church in Japan as well as the Buddhist and Shinto traditions there. I hope to come back refreshed and inspired many thanks to all those who will be holding the fort while I'm away.

Blessings

Canon Richard Hancock. TSSF

Rector Spire Hill Benefice



VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB MONTHLY DRAW RESULTS

Drawn at the Beehive Cafe on 17th April

1st Prize	£35	Sue Simon
2nd Prize	£30	Nina Conduit
3rd Prize	£25	Rob Page

Drawn at the Beehive Cafe on 15th May

1st Prize	£35	Louisa Hughes
2nd Prize	£30	Stuart Walker
3rd Prize	£25	David Jeanes

The next two draws will be on 14th June and 11th July at The Trooper

Isobel Bull - bobull@hotmail.co.uk

NATURALLY THINKING

June-July 2025

This April was an unusually dry month and we were beginning to listen anxiously to the weather forecasts. When the forecasters mention that another dry day is to follow, I wonder why it is that they always mention gardeners but not farmers. Surely it would be better to mention them a bit more often? To the average gardener what the weather does or does not do is merely an irritating interruption to a very pleasurable hobby, whereas farmers depend on it for their livelihood.

In spite of, or perhaps because of, what the weather did over the winter and early spring this year, everything is looking wonderful now. And did you see the bluebells? Every year I

think they can't get better, yet once again this year, I think they have been the best yet.

My daughter and son-in-law took me for a drive all round the villages near Bulbarrow one day just when they had reached their peak of perfection. It was a perfect day, not so bright that you couldn't see things because of the glare, but rather that perfect light that glowed through the lanes of lime green tunnels of leafing trees. There was one lane in particular that had become an avenue of wood anemones that fringed the verges, framing trees and bluebells. A sight I won't forget in a hurry.

Out on Genevive one afternoon one day, I stopped to watch an enormous bumblebee working on a yellow rose that peeped through someone's picket fence. It was very heavy for the rose, which was a gorgeous buttery yellow single one. It stayed on this flower for what seemed like ages, not tucking any of the pollen away in a pollen sac, because it was probably a male, but gorging on each tiny stamen until - I kid you not - it tipped over backwards and almost fell off!

I like bumble bees, especially the really large, nice cosy, hairy ones that are harbingers of spring and the one I was watching was one of those, called Garden or Rural bumble bees. Apart from a few birds and butterflies, that was the only thing that seemed that seemed to buzz, creep or fly down the lane, yet when I got back to my garden it was humming with things - bees, bee flies, beetle-y things, some butterflies, including a small blue one, and tiny moths. My big pond is home to dozens of tadpoles and frogs. Whilst sitting by the smaller pond, a slow worm made its way around the plants that border it just as something jumped out of the water and vanished from sight amongst some flowers. Added to this, there are lots of signs that a hedgehog, possibly in the plural, is a regular visitor.

I was so delighted early one morning before 8 o'clock, to hear a cuckoo at our end of the village. That same day (May 9th), there was one in Stalbridge Weston. I wonder if it was the same one. The house martins are now serious about nesting instead of just flying round and round their old homes under my roof. I also have great tits nesting in my nest box on the fence. Their family has now obviously hatched because I can hear them squeaking and both birds are on a non-stop treadmill of going back and forth to feed them. I have watched them pecking at all sorts of plants, including the roses, helping to decrease the greenfly population I hope, although they are hopelessly outnumbered. They were also obviously finding tasty infant food around the house martins' nests and under the guttering.

One day a large ginger cat appeared, perched on the top of the nest box, peering into the hole. I shouted at it but I only have a very small shout these days and it just looked at me. I looked round for something to throw. In the end I flung a clothes brush roughly in its direction but I can no longer throw either so it ended up about 6 inches away from my feet. In the end we stared each other out and finally it moved off, in a very leisurely way, into the apple tree and then, by means of walking on top of the fence, disappeared from view. Fortunately, the great tit parents were back very quickly, but not before I had planned the worst sort of end for all cats that visit my garden.

PS: I'm right off cats.

Margaret Waddingham

FYI—The e-mail address for Stourton Caundle Parish Council is changing to clerk@stourtoncaundleparishcouncil.gov.uk and is now working.

The Stourton Caundse
STILE TRAIL

Open Day

13:00 - 28th June 2025

At The Trooper Inn

Come celebrate the opening of the Stourton Caundse Stile Trail

Wander around the 2 mile loop of 9 stiles, all developed, redesigned or enhanced by local businesses, charities, organisations and artists.

Ribbon to be cut by Steve Harris from BBC Radio Dorset Breakfast Show

The route incorporates 2 smaller loops or an all accessible route to stiles 8 & 9



Mike Peach

We have recently sadly learned of the sudden death of Mike Peach in his own home at Cherry Trees in Cat Lane – his only home apart from his childhood one with his parents in Chetnole. Mike had lived in the village for more than fifty years, raising his three daughters, Melanie, Jodie and Lynsey, who each, in turn, did the village newspaper round, which Mike himself took-on for a protracted period in more recent years. Often seen, pedalling his bike around with the newspapers, or walking his beloved dogs, in all weathers and at any time of the day, Mike enjoyed talking with others despite his hearing loss. After retirement, as well as enjoying his garden, he walked



regularly with the Ramblers, and, for several years, played snooker in the village hall, and attended Garden Club meetings. More recently he enjoyed the monthly Welcome Club get-togethers, and he returned home following the April meeting, shortly before he died. Although a very private man, conversations with Mike were always interesting and enjoyable, and he will be missed.

Mike's funeral will take place at Yeovil Crematorium at 2pm on Thursday 5th June. We are thinking of his daughters and their families at this difficult time.



GOOD CLEAN FUN!

Soon after we'd moved to Dorset, I was having a coffee in Dorchester, and spotted a van that said 'The Soap Coach' on the side. Curious, I googled to find that soap making classes were held just a few minutes' away. I've since been on some lovely handmade soapmaking classes, thanks to Christmas presents from my family.

The Soap Coach (Keri Squibb) runs classes over at Poundbury, only 30 minutes away. Keri has a large, bright studio just around the corner from Waitrose, and there's plenty of free parking. Tea, coffee and cake make for a social afternoon, in classes of 6 maximum, so it's a small group with plenty of help if needed.

I've made milk soap, salt soap and swirly pattern natural soaps, to include coconut oil, cocoa butter, essential oils and some magical alchemy! I ended up with about a kilo of soap to take home on my half day class (all soaps are palm oil free). A picture of some of my soap is





below. There is definitely some science involved, and lots of information (a comprehensive workbook is included) about how the different kinds of oils and butters affect the finished soap, how to use products safely and appropriate equipment (many of which are kitchen items), and how clay and mica can colour your soap.

My personal favourite oils include lavender, ylang ylang, may chang, rose geranium, neroli and bergamot. However, there are

dozens of other fragrances to choose from; sandalwood, black pepper, patchouli, cedarwood, clove, orange, lime, peppermint, rosemary, ginger, to name just some.

Having gifted some of my soap to friends, I'm told it has reduced the itchiness and dryness of their skin, no doubt due to the properties of the ingredients rather than my incredible talent; these are pure ingredients, and therefore cannot be compared to a bar of supermarket soap.

I'm hoping to go back for a class in May, as it is a little addictive! It does make for a lovely treat, or gift for someone.

Keri also runs skincare product classes, online soap making classes if you can't travel, and does business training for those wishing to begin their own professional soap making enterprise. She also runs The Dog And I, creating white label natural dog grooming products.



Sue Chapman

EASTER DAY GOLF! SUNDAY 20TH APRIL

With the early spring dry spell behind us and more typical April showers around, we struck lucky with a dry if chilly morning. A good turnout of golfers enjoyed the usual refreshments before tackling the course. Given that it was Easter Day, we played all the short holes, so that people could get off early to enjoy their roast lunches! The course was in good condition, although recent work on the greens made putting even more of a challenge.

The individual competition was closely fought with only 2 points separating the top 6 players, but top of the pile with 18



points was Marty Bond. The Des Austen challenge was closest to the water on the 14th and a very proud Pete Woodman is shown receiving his trophy – rumour has it, he was not quite so proud of his next shot !The team prize was controversial with a recount demanded! The prize was initially awarded to the ‘Toe Neils’ (Neil Kersley, Neil Duke, Paul Reynolds and Keith Lindsay) on 39 points, but after additional investigation and auditing ‘The



Irrelevants’ (Marty Bond, Alban Harris, Noah MacIntyre and Jack Winter) were found to have amassed 40 points and thus were the winning team for April.

Our thanks to Terry for presenting the trophies and a reminder that our annual golf day is on Monday 28th July.



The Stile Trail

Some of you may be aware of the increase in activity along our footpaths. Firstly, I apologise if this causes any inconvenience. Secondly – yay, it’s the growth of the Stourton Caundle Stile Trail! For those who are unaware, a two mile loop (consisting of 2 smaller loops or an all accessible trail) has been designed to incorporate nine stiles. These stiles have been ‘adopted’ by local businesses, charities, organisations or artists to re-design, develop or enhance. A leaflet is being created to include a map, a short history about the village and details of the participants doing up the stiles. The aim was to generate funds towards our ‘Raise the Roof’ appeal, but, recent good news is that we have already reached our target so, instead, any donations will go towards community projects, including the sustainability of the village hall. It has also been produced to attract people into the countryside for alternative reasons. It hopes to encourage well-being, highlight local skills, create awareness of our unique history as well as the need for conservation, and shine a light on our small, forgotten corner of the county.

The stiles have been taken by the following:

Dean Harris – Marnhull Stone Mason, built by JST Building Services.

All Saints School, Bishops Caundle

Dorset Forge and Fabrication, Alwston

Conygar Timber, Child Okeford

Castle Gardens, Sherborne

Countrymen UK, Holnest

Jennifer Simon – Artist, Stourton Caundle

However, two have been saved for us, either side of the bridge over the river at the bottom of Brimble Cottages. The plan is to decorate them in some way. We have some

supplies and some paint so if anyone is willing to come help, no matter how rubbish you think your creative skills are, please let me know. Warning though, I may grab any loose children (or adults) who happen to be in the vicinity at the right time! We are also on the search for paving slabs or flat stones to add to the approach to the first stile, so if you have any sitting in the corner of your garden, taking up space, we will happily take them on! An official Grand Open Day is planned for the 28th June at 13:00 at The Trooper Inn, all very much welcome! Steve Harris from BBC Dorset Radio Breakfast show is coming to 'cut the ribbon' and it will all be featured in an upcoming edition of Dorset Magazine. We are on the search for a band and also hope to present an amazing display of sandwiches and cakes if possible. The food at the VE day celebration was delicious so if anyone is willing to produce the wonders again, it will be truly appreciated. I will undoubtedly put more appeals out closer to the time on the Facebook page.

Once the furore dies down, our little village will be the proud owner of a unique and special little trail, something to experience and enjoy. Celebrating local skills, learning about local services while weaving amongst our own varied history, it is leading the way in how our countryside can be acknowledged and valued. I think we are, quite literally, trailblazers. You never know, it might even add a bit to your house price!

Big shout out to everyone who has helped so far!

Looking forward to seeing you at the open day. Please come along.

Catherine Speakman



Stourton Caundle to French Polynesia—and Back!

What and where is French Polynesia? Think just below the Equator in the middle of the Pacific, and imagine an area about the size of Europe, and a spot the furthest in the world from any continent. How did Captain Cook find it (in 1769) or The Bounty with its mutineers (1789) or, for that matter me when it is 9,500 miles from Stourton Caundle—unfortunately longer flying via JFK and LA? Well, that's my tale—read on!

How did such disparate far-flung islands become a unit? The original settlers arrived some 5000 years ago, from Asia via Taiwan, Samoa and Fiji, but didn't form any shape until the Pomare family set up a monarchy and in due course ruled over the 118 or so islands of the five archipelagos. The earliest Europeans were Dutch, landing in the Marquesas in 1595 but then apparently Tahiti and the Society Islands went unvisited until Captain Cook arrived, followed closely by French and British missionaries in late 18th century. England, France and the Americans took turns to take over, but it wasn't until August 1847 that Queen Pomare IV ceded it all to the French.

How does the current administration work? A few islands have some autonomy, with a mayor, but Tahiti, the largest island by far, has a central administration overall, with a Tahitian language and currency. However, French Polynesia (FP) is a French Territory, and though not part of the EU, French is the official language, and the gendarmerie, the military and the education system are French run and financed.

So, what geographically is FP like? Basically, FP is a volcanic area with 85 dormant volcanoes, (the last eruption was in 1986) some of which are over 1,000 metres high plus 33 atolls which vary in shape from circular coral reefs to long archipelagos (Fakarava being totally flat

along a length of 40 kilometres). Overall, including the thousands of motu (tiny islets) there is a land mass of only 1,360 square miles lost in a sea mass of some 1.5m. square miles. The mountains are very spectacular, mostly pointed, and often straight down to the sea leaving little level for land cultivation or habitation, though the hills are covered with verdant growth, mainly coconut and fruit trees of various types. Only 66 islands are inhabited. By the way, FP comes from the Greek 'poly' for many and 'nesia' for islands.

It's interesting that all these structures arose from volcanoes erupting from the sea, and over geological time the volcanic part becomes extinct and subsides either completely beneath the surface of the ocean or partly, leaving a crater. The coral fringing becomes a barrier reef, usually forming a lagoon where the volcano previously existed. Unusually Bora Bora has both the volcano and a reef surrounding a lagoon; perhaps that is why the US chose it as a base during the second world war., offering as it did a vantage point and space for an airfield.

How do the Tahitians survive? Well, they seem quite happy being self-sufficient. Most houses have a small garden, with tethered goats and/or sheep. Fish is bountiful, and fruits are abundant – bananas, mango, papaya, pineapples and breadfruit. Most islands have a monthly cargo ship bringing essentials, particularly diesel. But the main commodity is coconut, a very versatile source of protein – water, copra flesh, milk, oil, flour – as well as husk for matting, fronds for the roof and baskets, and, I'm told, a particularly vicious alcohol. Exports include vanilla, black cultured pearls (theirs are actually grey to silvery) and coconut oil.

Tourism is undoubtedly their biggest money-maker, attracting people for the natural beauty and of course for snorkelling and scuba diving. Unfortunately, FP overall was badly hit by Covid and in some islands hotels remain closed, noticeably curiously on Bora Bora. However, elsewhere it is recovering, with over-the-sea bungalows being at least twice the price of normal hotel rooms.

Much is made of the interesting tale of The Bounty. Captain Bligh had been sent in 1789 to the South Pacific to acquire breadfruit plants and transport them to the British West Indies where their produce would be grown as cheap food for the slaves. Having got some plants, he anchored the ship while these plants established themselves in the hold. The crew meanwhile enjoyed being ashore, in the warm climate and making friends with the local girls. Indeed, the mutiny resulted because Fletcher Christian and others didn't want to leave these enjoyable climes, and particularly their lady friends.

How did I travel? I flew LHR on three legs to Papeete, the capital of Tahiti, where I boarded the Silver Shadow with 368 other passengers. We cruised for 11 nights, sailed for over 4,000 miles, visited five mountainous islands and three atolls, the ideal way to see the beauty of FP. On each we were invited to watch the Gauguinesque voluptuous ladies and the tattooed men perform their ritual dances and songs, to taste their fruits and to buy their characteristic beads and/or wooden ornaments, all with colour, music and smiles. Seemingly very happy people – them and us!

So, did I enjoy myself? Absolutely. It was a fascinating experience to see this part of the world and its people. And I haven't even mentioned the climate – 26 to 34 degrees with light breezes. Would I go back – like a shot.....if it was nearer....and Stella allowed me to!!

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Garden Club

April Meeting

The Garden Club met on Wednesday 9 April to hear Alan Down, a nurseryman and plant breeder, talk about garden introductions. This was a fascinating explanation of how new plants, with better characteristics such as increased resistance to pests and diseases, longer flowering periods or larger blooms, are introduced to the horticultural trade. The audience learnt that there can be a ten year lead-in time from first breeding a new variety to putting it onto the market, a period which can extend to up to twenty five years for trees and shrubs. In parallel with this process, thousands of new varieties are tested and rejected since, as well as needing the better characteristics described, they have to be sufficiently different to what is already on the garden centre's shelves to attract sometimes fickle customers. Having described the process, Alan then showed a number of recent introductions which he felt were worthy of our attention.

Following the talk, Alan presented prizes to the winners of the Club's Spring Show, having judged all the entries earlier in the evening. Winners were as follows:

Narcissus over 12ins: Cicely Diack

Narcissus under 12ins: Cicely Diack

Pot of spring flowers: Isobel Bull

Five hellebore heads: Sarah McFarlane

Jar of marmalade: Ro Perkins

Five sticks of rhubarb: Harry Dike

Plant Fair

A plant fair was held at the Village Hall on Saturday 3 May, with tea, coffee and cakes on sale for visitors. The afternoon was well attended, with £330 raised from the sale of plants and a further £220 raised from teas, in both cases bolstering Club funds.

Castle Gardens Discount Night

Finally, in early May, club members made their annual visit to Castle Gardens for the discount night. As always, the brief talk from a member of the garden centre's staff (accompanied by tea and biscuits), introducing particular recommendations on plants, composts, plant feeds, etc., was followed by a rush to the shelves and display areas. Whilst some club members left laden with plants, bulbs, seeds and compost, the following day many others who had bought larger items received an early morning visit from the Castle Gardens delivery team.

Future Events

The Annual Flower and Produce show will be held on Saturday 30 August. More information on the show, including the schedule of classes for entries will be included in the August edition of the Caundler.

Welcome Club Report

Sadly, we lost member Mike Peach just hours after attending our April meeting and I will always remember our last chat over his Winter Bowling exploits. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

At our April meeting we had Luke Moulard giving a talk on Life in Dorset Workhouses. Luke gave an insight into the hard lives people led during the period of the workhouses and how it was regarded as being the 'fault' of those whose went into the workhouse.

In May we had Richard Bejamine of Silvertime Legal, a firm specialising in wills, trusts, powers of attorney etc. Richard stressed the need with a little bit of planning, how to avoid unnecessary work for families following a death or incapacitation through ill health. A subject which is always difficult to have but areas we must all plan for, particularly lasting powers of attorney. Our next meeting on the 18 June 2025 is In Stourton Caundle Village Hall with Ian Willamson on Costa Rica.

The talk on the 16 July 2025 on Mountains & Maharajas will be in the Lydlinch Village Hall. We welcome all to our meetings and to join the club which is open to everyone. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month apart from August, for a talk followed by tea, sandwiches and cake and a good natter, so do come and join us.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Rob Page, Chairman

Several weeks ago I read on the village Facebook page that four ducks from the annual village Duck Race had gone AWOL. It occurred to me this was not a simple case of four wayward ducks gone astray. I think four ducks had become bored and resentful of a life lived shut up in a cardboard box in the dark for most of the year. Once a year they were trotted out for a few glorious minutes in the fresh air and sunshine, upon the water - in the manner in which all ducks are meant to spend their days. Only to be packed away in the dark again after.

Seeing an opportunity this year, when set free upon the waves, four daring ducks decided to do something about it. They made a dash for it and ventured forth to create life anew.

One duck was discovered by a young girl and has become a child's treasured bathtime toy named 'Bubbles' frolicking in a large, adventurous tub every night.

Another hooked up with a fun fair and travels Europe floating in a wading pool where young men try to toss a ring over its head to win a prize for their sweetheart.

The third duck was found by some angry, environmentally-minded artist and is now the centrepiece of an installation artwork, 'Trashing Nature', in some small coastal museum where the public admire it, while shaking their heads at the untidiness and neglect of man.

The last lucky duck made its way all the way to the sea where it hitched a ride on a cruise ship sailing out of Bournemouth bound for Spain, Portugal, and, eventually, the Tropics.

German poet Rainer Rilke wrote; 'If your life seems poor, don't blame life; blame yourself. Tell yourself you're not poet enough to call forth its riches.'

Here's to four poetic ducks!

Jem Solak

As most of us (hopefully) know by now, the long-awaited work on the village hall roof is set to begin. The village hall will thus be inaccessible for use from June 21 until mid-August. Fingers crossed.

Activities are suspended while works are carried out. Activities organizers should coordinate with their members when activities will resume in the village hall.

Village Diary - June 2025

Day	Date	Event	Venue	Time
Mon	2	Snooker	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues	3	Badminton and Table Tennis	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Wed	4	Pilates / Pilates (Gentle) at 10.45am	Village Hall	9.25 am
Thurs	5	Beehive Café - Little Bees	Village Hall	9:30-12:30 am
Thurs	5	Short Mat bowls	Village Hall	2.00 pm
Mon	9	Snooker	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues	10	Badminton and Table Tennis	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Wed	11	Pilates / Pilates (Gentle) at 10.45am	Village Hall	9.25 am
Thurs	12	Beehive Café - Little Bees	Village Hall	9:30-12:30 am
Thurs	12	Short Mat bowls	Village Hall	2.00 pm
Mon	16	Snooker	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues	17	Badminton and Table Tennis	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Wed	18	Pilates / Pilates (Gentle) at 10.45am	Village Hall	9.25 am
Thurs	19	Beehive Café - Little Bees	Village Hall	9:30-12:30 am
Thurs	19	Short Mat bowls	Village Hall	2.00 pm
Thurs	19	Quiz Night	The Trooper	8:00 pm
Sun	22	Holy Communion	St Peter's	11:00 am
Sat	28	Stile Trail Launch	The Trooper	1:00 pm
Sun	29	Benefice Communion	St Peter's	11:00 am

Village Diary - July 2025

Wed	2	Pilates / Pilates (Gentle) at 10.45am	Bishops Caundle	9:25 am
Wed	9	Pilates / Pilates (Gentle) at 10.45am	Bishops Caundle	9:25 am
Wed	23	Pilates / Pilates (Gentle) at 10.45am	Bishops Caundle	9:25 am
Wed	30	Pilates / Pilates (Gentle) at 10.45am	Bishops Caundle	9:25 am
Sun	13	Holy Communion	St Peter's	11:00 am
Thurs	17	Quiz Night	The Trooper	8:00 pm
Sun	27	Breakfast Church/Morning Worship	St Peter's	11:00 am

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THE NEW JERSEY BOYS

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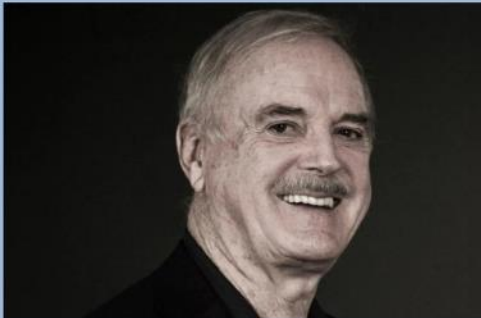


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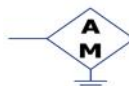
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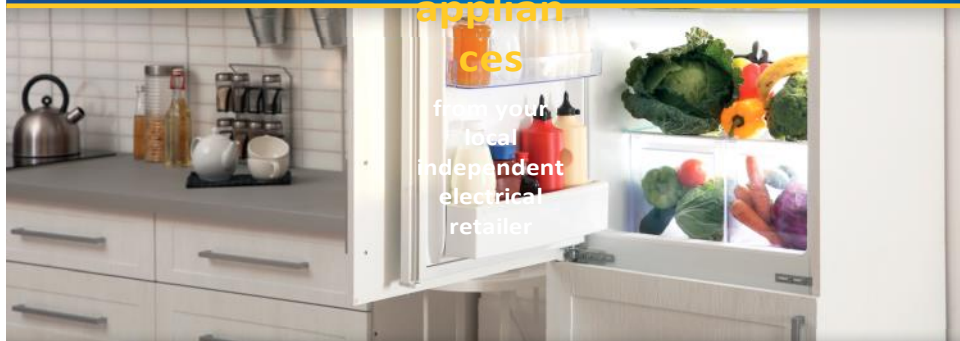
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