

THE BRIDGE

THE MAGAZINE FOR THE COMMUNITIES
OF STURMINSTER MARSHALL,
KINGSTON LACY & SHAPWICK



April 2022

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THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

Bridge Publications is the committee which produces the Bridge Magazine for the communities of Sturminster Marshall, Shapwick and Kingston Lacy. It is financially independent of these communities: its revenue comes from advertising fees and fund raising activities. Our Chairman is Barry Johnson, our Editor is Tony Cross and our Advertising Manager is Liz York.

Articles:

Contributions are welcome from all sectors of the community served by the parishes. Please email your article, which should be prepared on **A5** (**NOT A4 OR Letter PLEASE**) size pages, in **MS Word** (.doc or .docx) or **Works** (.wps), or it can be a .jpg file or .pdf file, to the Editor at tcenator@gmail.com

You will receive a reply. If you do not receive a reply, please make enquiries. If you have no email then please print your copy and send it to Court House, Cowgrove, BH21 4EL, making it clear on the envelope that this is for the Editor of The Bridge.

The deadline for articles for the next issue is the 15th-of the month-so that the finished magazine can be sent to our printers on the 17th or 18th.

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Our advertising fees are as shown on page 3. If you would like to place a commercial advertisement then please submit it by email to

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Sturminster Marshall 1st School,

Tea and Toddlers,

Horserenity,

Shapwick Community Trust (SCT),

Blandford Forum Railway Club.

Until further notice we regret that we are unable to give any more grants.

NOTICE

The Bridge Benefice which comprised the parishes of Sturminster Marshall, Kingston Lacy and Shapwick is no longer.

As from 1st May 2021 Sturminster Marshall joined the parishes of the Red Post Benefice, overseen by Rev Justin Pottinger.

Kingston Lacy and Shapwick joined with Wimborne Villages and is the responsibility of Rev Suzie Allen.

The contact details for both priests can be found in the Parish Directory on page 54.

Bridge magazine advertising fees

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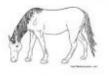
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From The Church

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Last month I explored this in a sermon about Kintsugi, the Japanese art of repairing broken ceramics with gold. There is a beauty to the original, undamaged, bowl, and there is no denying the effect of the damage: the bowl is truly broken. However, the final healed bowl, whilst recognisably the original, is now unexpectedly transformed into something even more beautiful than the original.

Often we spend time and effort trying to preserve something, or pining for something, from the past that is broken; it can be seem impossible to accept that things are now different, and begin looking out for the unexpected joys and signs of life. This is the sort of hope we celebrate at Easter, a hope for the future of the whole world. It takes faith and courage to live like that, and that's why we celebrate Easter again and again, each time learning a little more of the power of God's love for the world, loving us into new life.

With love and prayers,



Holy Week and Easter services

Please do join us to journey through Holy Week and Easter. On Easter Day (17th April) there are services in every parish. Everyone is welcome!

Almer II.00am Morning Service
Sturminster Marshall 9.15am Sung Eucharist
St. Bartholomew's, Shapwick 9.15am Easter Communion

St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery March Draw

£50 Graham and Vicky Wood

£30 Gladys Quick

£20 Pete Jones

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If you would like to join for the rest of the year, paying just £2 per month, please contact one of the committee members listed below.

Liz Jones: 49 Railway Drive, Stur. Marshall (Tel: 01258 857076)

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2^{nd}	Snake Davis & his Band: Classic Sax Solos	7.30pm, £20.
$7^{th} - 9$	th Little Shop of Horrors –	7.30pm, £16, concs £14,
9 th		2.30pm " " ".
	Presented by Wimborne Musical Theati	re
I Oth	Paul Zerdin: Hands Free	7.30pm, £20.

12 th	Exciting Science	lpm-3pm, £12.50. <16 £10.
13 th	Shake'd Up	2pm-7.30pm, CANCELLED
 4 th	John Verity Band	7.30pm, £18.50.
20th	Russell Kane The Essex Variant!	TIJO O IO2 ma8

21st	John Illsley	7.30pm, £30.
22 nd	Willie & The Bandits	7.30pm, £16.
23 rd	Lionel – The Music of Lionel Richie	8pm, £23.50.

25^{th}	Jim Davidson: OVER 18'S ONL	Y 2.30pm & 7.30pm, £15.
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27^{th}	Carl Palmers ELP Legacy	7.30pm, £28.50.
28^{th}	Deborah Bonham	7.30pm, £19.
29 th	Stand by Your Man	7.30pm, £23.50.

A tribute to Tammy Wynette, "The first lady of country music"

30th Jah Wobble & The Invaders of the Heart 7.30pm, £21.50.

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Singers wanted for the Jubilee Service

We are hoping to get a group of singers together for our special early evening Jubilee service on Thursday 2nd June and have arranged monthly rehearsals, which started on Friday March 11th from 7-8pm at St. Mary's Sturminster Marshall.

We hope to sing the newly commissioned piece "A Life Lived With Grace" for the Jubilee as well as other choral works fit for a Royal occasion.

We also would like to include the very popular song "Sing" by Gary Barlow (composed for the Diamond Jubilee) and would encourage any young people aged 7-16 to be part of the choir too, (some rehearsals for this will be at a different time)

Please contact Caroline Pugh 01929 459545 or carolinepugh@sky.com for more details

Sturminster Marshall Village Project by Gerry Clarke



Following agreement from the Sturminster Marshall Parish Council we are now proceeding with a plan to create a Platinum Jubilee Trail through the village of Sturminster Marshall.

We will be installing a series of waymarkers through the village featuring Dorset wildlife and the identification of local

buildings and sites of historical interest. The new trail will be linked to a webpage on the council website containing further information and a downloadable map of the trail.

As this is a community project, we welcome any offers of support from local residents to help paint and install the wooden sign posts and produce some text and illustrations for the website. (Photos, drawings and further information)

Any budding photographers, artists or illustrators are welcome to contribute. Please contact me with any offers of help.

Gerry Clarke,

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Current Situation at the Old School, Sturminster Marshall



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April activities in date order
Mackrell Lecture - Saturday 2nd April 2.30pm.
'The Wars of the Roses' by Nicholas Kingwell
£6 to include tea and cake! Book online via our website.
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Play reading on 11 th April at 2pm
'Separate Tables' by Terence Rattigan. £3
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Film Society on Thursday 14 th April at 7.30pm
'Throne of Blood', dir. Kurosawa.
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Monday 25th April - Discovery Café- at 2.30pm
'Aviation around Poole Bay'.
An illustrated talk by Kevin Patience.
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Thursday morning bridge group will continue during April,
Thursdays from 10am -12.30pm.
Contact Katy Norman on 01258 857081
or at bridge-mackrell1@outlook.com
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See our website and separate posters in the Bridge for further details.

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These dates and dates of subsequent events, plus admission costs and contact numbers are shown on the website. We accept card or cash payment on the door for most activities but online or other advance payments only for Mackrell lectures

'Mackrell Lectures' an illustrated talk presents by Nicholas Kingwell



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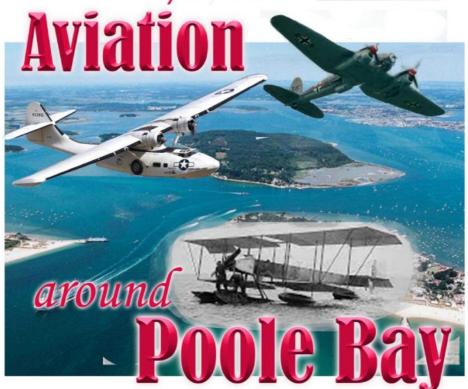




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an illustrated talk by Kevin Patience

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DORSET CREAM TEAS

This is to inform you that The 'Dorset Cream Teas' Franchise which has operated at weekends from Easter to September for 15+ years from The Old School, Sturminster Marshall is to cease running.

This franchise, organised by **The Mackrell Charity**, enabled a large number of charities to run a 'Dorset Cream Teas' weekend to raise considerable funds for their good causes within the franchise model.

We are, however, pleased to tell you that many of the charities will still use The Old School facilities for 'pop up' events, which may be very similar to those weekend Dorset Cream Teas that have previously run, but they will now hire the Old School hall independently.

Naturally, this means that these events will not necessarily happen on every weekend, but they will always be advertised and will appear in The Bridge Magazine, so keep a close watch. There might be other exciting events too! The Mackrell Charity calendar of bookings can be accessed on the charity's website. https://www.mackrellcharity.org.uk/venue-hire

If anyone is interested in hiring our hall at The Old School, the website contains information about the excellent facilities, our activities and forthcoming events and our ethos. You will also find the contact details for our booking clerk.

The Mackrell Charity would like to thank all the people who have supported us, and who continue to support our events.

The Mackrell Charity Committee for The Old School.

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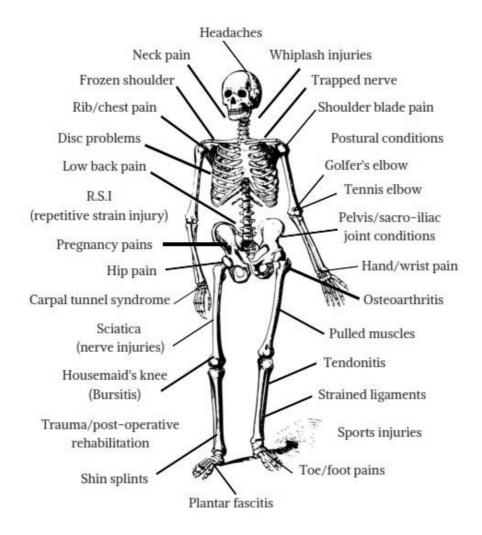
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A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.

I wonder if, like me you feel the seasons are changing Flowers like snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses are all coming out together instead of in sequence in the past few years.

I have a book that has a thought for each day over the years. I call it my Hatch, Match and Dispatch book and in it I put things like when we had weddings and when each grandchild was born, and so I know when birthdays are, and I know how old they are. I am sad that the book is getting so old that the cover went a long time ago, but that doesn't really matter. When I was looking the other day at March 10th, I read "I wonder if you have still got your teddy bear that you treasured so much as a child?"

I wonder if you know how teddy bears became so popular? They started In I902 when President Roosevelt of the United States went bear hunting one day and he was touched by seeing one little bear cub, and saved it. An American shopkeeper heard of this and began making toy bears which he sold and wrote to President Theodore, (or Teddy as he was popularly called)~ asking if he could use that name. The President agreed and soon the Teddy Bear craze swept over the U.S and eventually into Britain. Now, over ninety years on Teddy bears are still very much part of our lives and families, thanks to an American President who spared the life of a baby bear in the Mississippi woods.

So have you got a teddy? If you have, perhaps you could bring it along to the Family service at Kingston Lacy church on April 24th. We will be glad to see you and them!

Vera

Dorset Historic Churches Trust – Presentation of the Morshead Trophy

The Morshead Trophy, named after the Trust's founder Sir Owen Morshead, is awarded annually to the church who has made the greatest contribution in the Ride+Stride fund raising event. Raising the most money is by no means the sole reason for awarding the trophy but important.

Riders and Striders from Sturminster Marshall won the Morshead trophy in 2019, having raised the impressive sum of £1,841, but although the trophy was displayed in St. Mary's Church it was never formally presented due to the COVID 19 restrictions.

In 2020 and 2021, Riders and Striders from St. Mary's Church were second in the league table for sponsorship money collected having raised over £2,000 in both years, concluding three amazing years.

On Wednesday 27 April, the Morshead trophy will at long last be presented to the Riders and Striders from Sturminster Marshall, at a party to be held in the Old School from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. The presentation will be made by General John Stokoe, chairman of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust; the timing will coincide with the weekly practice for the bell ringers, which is fitting as they have raised a considerable sums for Ride+Stride in each of the three years.

Half of the sponsorship money from the Ride and Stride event goes to Dorset Historic Churches Trust and half goes to the participating churches. The event has contributed over £2,000 to St. Mary's in the last three years during which time Dorset Historic Churches Trust awarded St. Mary's a grant for £7,000. These monies have contributed to paying for essential repairs to the fabric of this beautiful and historic church.

Everyone who participated in any of these years by riding, striding, or supporting the event by meeting and greeting visitors from other churches, are warmly invited to join us at the party. If you would like to attend please contact Liz Jones -01258 857067.



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DORSET COUNCILLORS COLUMN

The difficulty with writing a column like this is the publication deadline, often what I would like to say is old news by the time it gets to you, however this month's piece will still be relevant sadly.

It is I4th March as I write this and overshadowing everything in the news at the moment is the Ukranian crisis. As one who was born during the second world war I have lived through many shocking events, both national and international, through my 80 years. What is so different this time however is just how close to all of us this one seems, due in the main (apart from the geography) to social media and the way it is reported. So many of us are exposed to happenings in a way that makes us feel so much more directly involved in the conflict with all the sadness and heartbreak that goes with it.

This, of course, does have its plus side with the reaction of the ordinary British public in their desire to help on a scale I cannot remember with any past event in my time. This is an extract from a Dorset Council formal statement about the crisis.

We are deeply saddened by the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine and are following the situation closely. Dorset Council has a proud history of welcoming new arrivals at times of crisis to offer homes and support so families and individuals can build new lives here.

We are waiting for the Government to further clarify details of its schemes for Ukrainian refugees so we can plan effectively and quickly.

We understand many people are very concerned about the situation in Ukraine and want to help. At the moment, the best way you can help is by making a cash donation to an organisation such as the British Red Cross or Save the Children who are responding to the humanitarian crisis. These organisations are already working on the ground and can direct support in the quickest and most appropriate ways.

Of course the situation is very fluid and if you wish to help, as well as the above organisations, the Dorset Council website gives guidance on what current arrangements are in hand, particularly in relation to resettling Ukranian people in our county.

I have just heard that there is a glimmer of hope that there could be talks about agreeing an end to the hostilities. I hope that by the time you read this that has happened.

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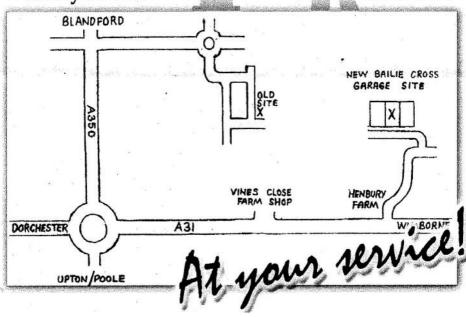
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Thanks from all the team.

Kingston Lacy Estate News

There's a packed programme of events lining up at Kingston Lacy over the spring and summer, but first up is an important anniversary. It's 40 years since the National Trust took on the Bankes bequest, the National Trust's richest ever gift. Henry John 'Ralph' Bankes (1902-1981) left 16,000 acres of land in Dorset to the Trust, stretching across sites as magnificent as Corfe Castle and Kingston Lacy and as unique as Studland Bay and Holt Heath.

We are planning an exhibition from the end of March that shows the four decades of conservation and care, and are inviting people to share their memories of those 40 years alongside those who worked and volunteered here.

At Kingston Lacy, the work began with significant conservation in the house, which was suffering from structural movement and dry rot; it's hard to realise what was done, now the decoration has been reinstated. In the garden the Kitchen Garden was a sleeping giant, the Japanese Garden not yet thought of and traces of the Fernery hidden under rubble and brambles.

If you have memories of the past 40 years we'd love to hear them. The exhibition will be set up in two parts, in the house and the Laundry; do drop in and let us know what has changed during this period for you.

There will also be an exhibition (from May) at Corfe Castle, looking in particular at the archaeological investigations that have helped deepen our understanding of the castle. (Make a diary date for 16-17 July, when we will be joining the Festival of Archaeology with guided talks on Badbury Rings by Martin Papworth, the Trust's archaeologist of more than 30 years).

Of course, the conservation work is never done – our current focus is on the cupola, erected in the 1830s but now in need of remedial work. Introducing new visitors to the treasures in the collection and on the estate remains key to the Trust's work – we couldn't do it without the visitors and volunteers that play such a key role.

The Kingston Lacy team

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2022

Sunday 3rd: Passiontide

9.15am Benefice Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall followed by 'We are pastoral' discussion in the Old School

Sunday 10th: Palm Sunday

9.15am Benefice Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall followed by 'We are confident' discussion in the Old School

9.15am Holy Communion at St. Stephen's, Kingston Lacy

Thursday 14th: Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Benefice Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

Friday 15th: Good Friday

2.00pm Good Friday Service at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

3.45pm start All Age Worship at St. Stephen's, Kingston Lacy & Minster *3pm bun walk start time from Minster to St. Stephen's

Sunday 17th: Easter Sunday

9.15 am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

9.15am Easter Communion at St. Bartholomew's, Shapwick

Sunday 24th: St. George's Day

9.15am Family Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

9.15am Family Service at St. Stephen's, Kingston Lacy

with Baptism in service

Sunday Ist May:

9.15am (Sung) Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

Weekday Services

Wednesdays at 9am Holy Communion, Stur. Marshall

Wednesdays at I Iam Midweek Communion, Wimborne Minster

All services and times are correct at date of going to press.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2022

Zoom Services at Red Post

Mon & Wed. at 10amMorning Prayer

Sunday 10th and 24th Holy Communion

Zoom Services at Wimborne Minster

Meeting Number Zoom ID: 883 2976 1518

Monday to Friday 8.30am Morning Prayer 5.00pm Evening Prayer

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If you would like to join an online Minster service via Zoom, please contact Jackie Leevers at: jackie-villageadmin@wimborneminster.org.uk

When attending services in church: Masks are no longer necessary but please continue to wear one if you prefer.

SEEING GOD IN NATURE

This Lent we will be taking to the outdoors, walking together, talking together, reflecting together, on the wonder of God's world, thinking also of our stewardship and the ever present threat of climate change to the natural order. Through our walks we will enjoy together the love of God, visible through our beautiful countryside.

The walks will start from one of our six Wimborne Villages churches with a theme and Bible verse. All walks will be on a Wednesday and start at 10.30 am.

Shapwick 6th April - Theme Creativity - Psalms 104: 24-25

Witchampton 13th April - Theme Divine Nature - Job 12: 7-10

During these Lenten walks we may also reflect on what we can offer in our everyday living that is beneficial to our fragile climate.

All are welcome as well as our four legged companions.

From the Registers:

Baptisms at Sturminster Marshall

Joshua - March

Funerals at Sturminster Marshall

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English Usage by Michael Evans)

The Revd Suzie Allen's article "Criticise or critique?" (The Bridge, March) pointed out that these words have different meanings. I believe that some people use the verb critique when they mean criticise, possibly because critique sounds more erudite or up to date to them. That is not a good basis on which to choose one or the other. Here are some important differences:

- criticism is judgmental and fault-finding, whereas critique is descriptive and balanced
- *criticism* is destructive (e.g. what not to do), but *critique* is constructive (e.g. suggesting improvements)
- criticism focuses on a person, while critique focuses on what someone has said or done.
- criticism is based on subjective opinions; critique comes from experts.

If you are uncertain which word is appropriate in a particular case, bear in mind the noun "critique," which can be defined as a detailed analysis and assessment of a written work, a philosophy, a political theory or other substantial matter.

Of course, in another generation or two, both words might have changed their meanings. Our present word *nice* used to mean *nasty*!

On another page last month, Robin Cook's thoughtful article used *impact* as a verb. Some pedants have objected to this relatively recent usage, but as I hinted above, language is always developing through the way we use it. It's become a matter of personal preference whether you should say someone was *affected* rather than *impacted*, and it could depend upon how much of a jolt you think someone suffered! Who knows, the use of *impact* as a verb may settle into regular usage. As an example, last month I explained why *quarantine* no longer means isolation for 40 days!

After that serious stuff, here are some anagrams to while away a dull moment. RON, TV COLLEGE MAN – Robin Cook is in this.

TEDIOUS – not in the house! RADIO SET – Rock on tour

Answer to last month's – BARREN BAD GUY – BARNABY RUDGE



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The Lunch Club is open to all those over 50 who live in the area.

The first lunch club under a new team will be on Wednesday 13th April at the Old School. There will be a light lunch followed by cake, tea or coffee for £5.

Come and join a lively group of people and enjoy home-cooked food – meet old acquaintances and make some new friends – a warm welcome awaits you and we look forward to seeing you there.

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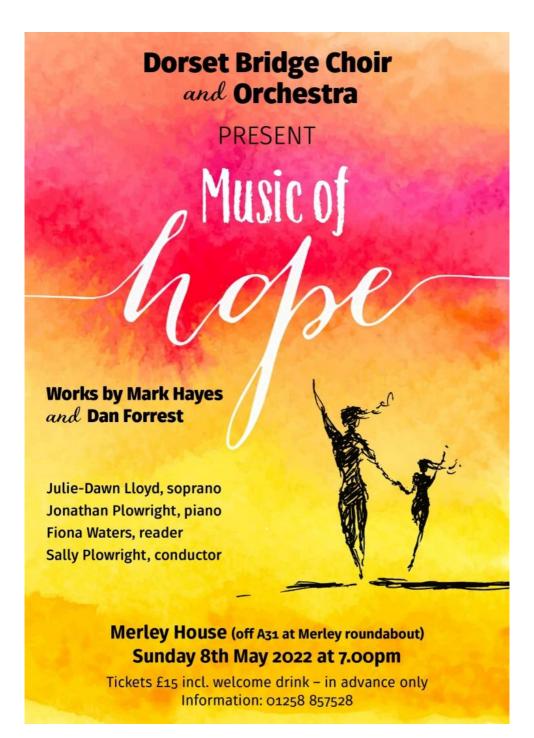
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The Annual Litter Pick is on Saturday 9th April starting at 2.00pm from the Memorial Hall. Please do come along and help clean up our village. We will be offering refreshments afterwards when you finish. I really hope the weather is kind to us all that day.

Whilst we are on the subject, the weather so far this year has been a mixed bag, and as I write it is a dry day, but we have been having wet days too, no snow though. This time last year we were still restricted by COVID 19 but this year we are now able to enjoy a more normal time. However, sadly, the people of Ukraine are experiencing an even more difficult time which as I write seems to have no answer.

This is Platinum Jubilee Year, and the plans are well underway for a celebratory event in early June. We are working on a Platinum Jubilee Trail round the village and there will be more news about this in the coming months. We are also looking at purchasing celebratory gifts for the children of the Parish.

The main part of the new fencing in Bartons Ground is complete, and this has been paid for by the Parish Council at the request of Eton College who own the ground and as part of the new Lease. Unfortunately, someone has already cut this fence, anyone found causing damage will be prosecuted. There is still a bit more to do with the fence bordering the Gladwish field, and this will be completed in the coming months. The drainage ditch work in Moor Lane has also been completed, but again there is still more to do.

The Fingerpost on the corner of Back Lane/King Street is away being repaired, and we are still waiting for several quotes for other work, among them the Village Bier. There are various repairs outstanding for noticeboards, village seats and the Book Box, but hopefully with the better weather these will be completed. The damage to the Pack Horse Bridge has been reported to Dorset Council. We are still working on the maintenance plan for Churchill Close Green and grass cutting round the village.

Balls Lane has been resurfaced. Please remember that White Mill Bridge will be closed from 28^{th} March to 22^{nd} April for repairs so we will all have to use the A31 and A350 to access local travel routes.

The Neighbourhood Plan – Master Planning is being worked on with various sections be progressed.

Recent Plans:

P/FUL/2022/00559 Millmoor Farm, Kings Street, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4BN. Conversion of barn to create a new dwelling (change of use to residential). The demolition and redevelopment of large barns to form a walled garden with a lean-to greenhouse and associated landscaping.

P/PAAC/2022/00921 Newton Farm, Newton Peveril, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4AN. Change of use of an agricultural barn to form I no dwelling house.

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Action Fraud is warning romance seekers to be cautious when using dating platforms, as new data reveals criminals have already conned over £15 million out of unsuspecting lovers with bogus investment opportunities.

Data from 'The national reporting centre for fraud and cyber crime' reveals that £15,665,332 was lost in 2021 to criminals offering bogus investment opportunities on dating platforms, with an average loss of £15,936 per victim.

Almost a quarter (23 per cent) of victims were aged 30 to 39 years old, and around two thirds of victims (60 per cent) were aged 30 to 59 years old.

While the vast majority of investments offered are in crypto-currency, victims have also handed over money believing they're investing in other commodities, including shares and stocks, gold and raw materials.

How to protect yourself

- No matter how long you've been speaking to someone online, if you haven't met them in person, do not send them any money.
- Don't be rushed into making an investment. Be wary if you're being pressured to
 invest quickly, or promised returns that sound too good to be true. Take time to
 do your research.
- Research the person you're talking to, as their photos may not be genuine.
 Performing a 'reverse image search' can find photos that have been taken from somewhere, or someone, else.
- Be suspicious if you are contacted out the blue about an investment opportunity.
 Always seek advice from friends or family and consider getting independent professional advice before making a significant financial decision.
- Stay on the site's messaging service until you meet in person. Criminals want to quickly switch to other platforms that are less well regulated and have stronger encryption, so there's no evidence of your conversation.
- You can check if an investment opportunity you've been offered could potentially be a scam by visiting the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA) 'ScamSmart' website.
- Most online platforms have a reporting tool which you can use if you suspect someone online is using pictures that don't belong to them, you are suspicious of their behaviour, or they have asked you for money. Reporting their user profile means it can be blocked, which helps protect others.

Action Fraud also advises that the public follow the advice of the 'Take Five to Stop Fraud' campaign to keep themselves safe from fraud.

- Stop: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- Challenge: Could it be fake? It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

The Parish of Kingston Lacy and Shapwick Revision of the Electoral Roll 2022

The yearly revision of the Electoral Roll takes place at the beginning of April. If you have recently joined the congregation and wish to have your name added to the Electoral Roll or you have changed address, application forms can be found in each church or contact the relevant Electoral Roll officer – details are in 'The Bridge' magazine.

If you are already on the Electoral Roll and wish to remain on the Roll, it is not necessary to do anything.

There will be a vacancy for churchwarden and secretary at Kingston Lacy church from the Annual Meetings. Do contact Rev Suzie if you are interested.

Thank you.

Pamphill First School Year 3/4

Written by Pamphill 'Journalists Club' members: Betsy, Sophie Gabi, Oscar, Emily and Arabella

English

Last term we were writing some brilliant stories, then we read them to the reception class. It was so much fun! We learnt to use similes, expanded noun phrases and paragraphs in our writing. Our stories had an introduction, a middle and an end. The middle had a problem and the end was a resolution. Our stories were all based on an amazing book by Ted Hughes, The Iron Man! We also learnt to check our writing by adding description, missing words or punctuation. We felt like brilliant authors. We were so excited to read to the reception! We loved it and so did the reception children!

Samba

Year 3/4 have samba every Wednesday morning. In samba we use tamborims, agogo bells, surdos and a few other instruments. All of the instruments are from Brazil. All music has to fit to the pulse. One Wednesday morning, before half term we had this X factor style audition, where we tried different instruments and saw which one we played the best. Also there was a golden choice where you get to choose what instrument you want to play. One day we used rocks, relics and rumbles to make music. We all made different phrases which were easy. Thank you Dorset Music service

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We are a mixed club and we do not compete in leagues, so the emphasis is on pleasure and not pressure. We do join other local clubs for just friendly matches.

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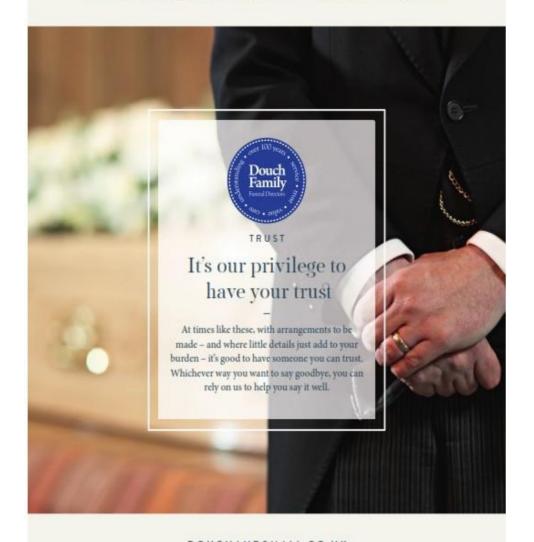
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MEN Sturminster Marshall Evening WI

We enjoyed an evening of line dancing at our February meeting, which was lively, energetic and fun. Our teacher was Annette Maidment from the Moonlight Shufflers Club, whose patience and ability to keep order and remember all the routines was amazing. She taught us, with varying degrees of success, to dance Skinny Genes, Go Cat Go, Texas Stomp and Rocket to the Sun which, she assured us were all beginners routines. It was great fun and really helped to brighten up a gloomy February evening.

Following the dancing we had a refreshment break before reconvening for the admin part of the meeting. Heather thanked all the members for turning out on a dismal night with Storm Eunice bearing down on us.

We were asked to cast our vote for this year's resolutions to go forward to the national annual meeting in June. The five resolutions put forward were very commendable and any one of them would have a positive impact on the lives of women and girls living in the UK. This year our WI has been selected to attend the meeting in Liverpool as the delegate representing four other local WI groups and Susie and Jan have kindly volunteered for this role.

Julie Jackson kindly came along to our meeting to talk to us about her exciting project to brighten up the children's play area over the Platinum Jubilee weekend. Several of our members are keen to help with this and Julie has kindly offered to come along to our March meeting to lead a workshop.

Our April meeting is our Annual Meeting when a new committee and President will be elected. As usual the meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. at The Old School Hall on Thursday 17^{th} .

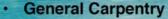
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Nature's Voice

We are all so incredibly lucky to live in the Dorset countryside. Having moved to Sturminster Marshall in 2020, my young family and I have been amazed to witness Nature's cycle in the hedgerows, rivers and gardens.

We arrived as the geese were arriving... honkers we called them – flying in noisy Vs over the village. We were fortunate to see so many kingfishers that we lost count within a month or two of late summer. Out running in the autumn mist, I was quite overwhelmed find myself under the flight path of nine swans who made the most amazing creaking sound with their wings – as if they needed oiling!

The Christmas lockdown brought many more river ambles as the schools were closed... and it was then that we saw the otter, swimming upstream and hopping out onto a branch to chomp on a fish. As the winter rains filled the Winterborne and spring started to twinkle its colours along the banks, we spotted a pike – king of the river – glistening under the bridge. Just this morning, on my bike, I was treated to a glimpse of the belly of a buzzard, astonishingly close, as it flew over the road.

As the hedges start to fill with skylarks gathering to twitter about nesting and the celandines start to peep from the grass verges, take a moment to look. If you know the name of something, tell a stranger. Spread the word. Nature forms the foundation of our very existence: it is the most precious thing we have.

Melanie Fermor

Sturminster Marshall Gardening Club 2022 Programme

Gardens.

May 6th Roger Hirons – The Summer Garden

New Members always welcome. Meetings are held in the Old School on the

first Friday of the month and begin at 7.30pm.

Contact Sue on 01258 857606 or Janet on 01258 857118 for more information.





AN APPEAL FOR YOUR HELP!

The Museum of East Dorset together with "In Jolly Good Company" is launching an exciting new project!

The plan is to provide regular twice monthly sessions at the Museum, not only for those living with dementia and their carers, but to help to alleviate the physical and mental issues caused by loneliness and isolation which can be experienced by anyone. Activities included in these sessions will be tailored to suit those attending, but can include craft, reminiscence, painting, music and enjoying the beautiful garden at MED.

Already in Dorset "In Jolly Good Company" is playing an important role in the improvement of people's physical and mental health. The activities on offer help to look beyond lost skills to focus on the positivity of what is possible now. This gives a sense of satisfaction and achievement. Carers, also, frequently find these sessions rewarding.

The Museum of East Dorset is committed to community involvement, and can offer an excellent venue, the Open Learning Centre, which has disabled access, to take forward this joint venture for the benefit of the people of Wimborne Minster and surrounding areas.

The sessions will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month commencing March 2022, from 2-4pm. Tea and biscuits will be provided. Voluntary donations will be appreciated.

There will be a trained first aider on site, and insurance, risk assessments etc. will be in place.

To get this project under way, we need to fund raise. A figure we are aiming for is £3000. Therefore, donations to help us achieve our goal will be very gratefully received.

Link to "In Jolly Good Company" https://www.injollygoodcompany.com
Link to Museum of East Dorset. https://museumofeastdorset.co.uk/the-museum
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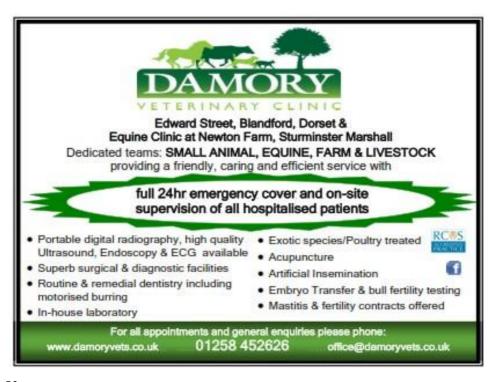


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WIMBORNE MUSIC SOCIETY Future dates 2022

Dear Friends.

Here is an update of events in the PSD Music Series (Pimperne, Stourpaine & Durweston) and Wimborne Choral Society 2021 to 2022 season.

I hope very much that you may find the two series of interest and that we might see you at one or more of the events. We are hoping to attract members of the local community as well as people from further afield. Do make a note of the dates in your diary and tell all your friends. Please do not hesitate to contact me at **christopher@joyofmusic.co.uk** if you would like further details of any of our concerts.

Christopher Dowie

Saturday 2nd April 2022 at 7.30 pm at Wimborne Minster Wimborne Choral Society & Wimborne Chamber Orchestra Directed by Christopher Dowie Soloists - Jacqueline Foan, Elisabeth Denham, Michael Aitkenhead,

Bass - Jonathan Prentice

Passiontide Concert

Mozart- Requiem / Duruflé - Requiem

Nearer the date it will be possible to obtain tickets from Sophie Milhofer at milhofer@talktalk.net

or by visiting "Square Records" in Wimborne in person.

Sunday 1st May 2022 at 7.15 pm at St. Nicholas, Durweston Sunday Soirée No.5 (following the 6 o'clock Service)

Springing into Summer

A programme of seasonal music and readings

Chris and Pauline Dowie

NEW: Sunday 8th May 2022 at 7.15 pm at St. Peter's, Pimperne Sunday Soirée No.3

(following the 6 o'clock Service)

A programme of English music

(Including Gerald Finzi's "Dies Natalis")

Paul Heaslip - Tenor / Christopher Dowie - Piano

The Favourites by Lys de Bray.

Tulips are my favourite flowers and in addition to the length of their flowering season there is an amazing variety of flower-forms and colours, from the classic goblet-shape with a single row of glossy petals through to the double-double balls of petals which need to be grown in a very sheltered place as their heads of flowers are a bit top-heavy, and an unfriendly gust can snap the stems (more for the vases).

T. 'Kaizerskroon' - red and yellow - is a very old tulip, introduced in 1680 and, amazingly, it is still obtainable today. Most of the fancier kinds don't keep going, so if you've succumbed to the lovely pictures in the gardening book or those in the garden shop, treat them as once-flowering only and then you won't be surprised/disappointed if they give up on you. Our tulips came originally from Turkey and are the wild parents of the fancy ones we grow today, but we've been mucking about with them for centuries; think of the book 'The Black Tulip' by Alexandre Dumas. I have this book which tells of Tulipomania (1634 - 1637) when some single bulbs were worth a fortune. At that time T. 'Semper Augustus' (white with red streaks and spots) sold for 1,200 guilders - approximately £80,000! and many were bought and sold as investments while still in the ground, which is crazy when you think that an underground pest could munch at and damage your treasure.

While searching for the book to re-read I came on Anna Pavord's excellent work 'The Tulip' and even the endpapers in this excellent fact- packed book are beautiful and I hope that it is still in print.

The nearest we get these days to a black tulip is *Tulipa* 'Queen of Night' which I have grown with traditional blue forget-me-nots (or try T. 'Continental' or *T*. Paul Schorer (both black/purple) and plant with the ornamental grass *Uncinea rubra*. *T*. Blue Parrot' is pleasing with the ornamental grass *Festuca glauca*. *T*. 'Red Riding Hood' is short, bright red and has attractive and unusual variegated green and red-purple leaves.

Grow the bulbs in pots and after they have flowered lift them out and carefully plant in a sunny corner and mark the place. When they have completely died down they can be lifted and stored ready to re-plant in autumn.

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