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THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

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Articles:

Contributions are welcome from all sectors of the community served by the parishes. Please email your article, which should be prepared on **A5** size pages, in **MS Word (.doc or .docx), or it can be a .jpg file or .pdf file**, to both the Editor at **tcenator@gmail.com** and the Deputy Editor at **bridgemagazinedorset@gmail.com**

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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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Nature is stunning isn't it.

It's Autumn, the clocks have just changed back, there is less light and the leaves are losing their vibrant green colour. Other colours are emerging; brown, yellow, orange, violet and red are visible and it's an amazing drama to watch happening around us.

I wonder if you have hidden colours beneath the surface. Beautiful things about you, just hidden secretly out of view.

In the next few days why not take the time to go outside, to pick up a leaf and hold it in your hand. There are so many, different shapes and sizes, feel the texture, smell the fragrance. I think it's awesome that God pays so much loving attention to something as small and delicate as a leaf. We can only stand back and marvel at his work. Marvel at God's creativity around and about us.

The fact that the same loving and caring God pays even more attention to us is mind-blowing. The Bible tells us that we are worth more than the leaves, the trees and even the birds that sit in them.

You are fearfully and wonderfully made, the Creator God who sets the stars in the sky and the planets in motion is interested in you, longs to have a loving relationship with you. God longs to see you develop, to unravel, to see you unfold and develop into all you can be, in the same way that a leaf is beautiful and testifies to God's creation. God wants the best for you too, he wants you to live life in all it's fullness.

In the Bible; John 10 verse 10 we read that Jesus came to give us life so that we can live it abundantly.

Our Creator God who orchestrates the seasons wants you to reach your full potential. Whatever you are going through in your life right now, one thing is certain and that is things will change. There is a season for everything. May you find the time this Autumn to give thanks for the leaves, but also find the time to reflect on how your life demonstrates the immense but subtle beauty of God's creative love, and may the gifts he has set within you come to the surface, just like the colours in those Autumn leaves.

With every blessing,

Jane (Vicar of the Red Post Churches)

St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

October Draw

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£30	43	Jan Standing
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25th	Mrs Warren's Profession (NT Live Encore Screening)	7.30pm

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All at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated

1st	Los Endos Ultimate Genesis
2nd	Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: Hamlet
4th	Kast Off Kinks
5th	John Illsley: The Life & Times of Dire Straits - Music & Memories
7th	Space Cowboy: The Ultimate Tribute to Jamiroquai
8th	Heaven Can Wait: A tribute to the music of Meatloaf
13th	rePunk'd: The Classic Punk & New Wave Revival
15th	Nik Kershaw: Musings and Lyrics
16th	Good Evening Mr Bublé: Candlelight Christmas Special
21st	Tennessee Country Christmas
22nd	Ward Thomas: An Intimate Acoustic Evening with Catherine & Lizzy
27th	Martin Stephenson & The Daintees: 40th Anniversary Tour
28th	Nouvelle Vague: celebrating 21 years of the Bossa Nova project
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“Johnny Remember Me” - The Joe Meek Story

An illustrated talk by Brian and Jacqueline Sutton

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Our Annual Autumn Feast - Saturday 8th November

4-course meal £25 - see separate advert for details

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Social lunch

Wednesday 12th November at 12 noon

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Film Society - Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm

“Gone With The Wind” - dir. Victor Fleming

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Mackrell Lecture - Saturday 15th November at 2.30pm

***“Charles Rennie Mackintosh: Glasgow Style and the International Art
Nouveau” by Joanna Norman***

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Play reading - Monday 24th November at 2.00pm

Play TBA - check website nearer the time

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Bridge group continues on Thursday mornings at 10am

for more info contact Katy Norman on 01258 857081

or katy.norman1@btinternet.com

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***See our website and separate posters in the Bridge
for details of all our activities.***

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presents



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Church Services in November

Sunday 2nd: 4th before Advent

- 9.15pm Sung Eucharist with choir at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall
11.00am Holy Communion at Bloxworth

Sunday 9th: 3rd before Advent

- 9.15am Remembrance Service in church - St Mary's, Stur Marshall
10.50am Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial
9.15am Parish Communion with Laying of Wreaths - St Stephen's,
Kingston Lacy
10.50am Service of Remembrance - War Memorial, Shapwick

Sunday 16th: 2nd before Advent

- 9.15am Holy Communion at St. Bartholomew's, Shapwick
9.15am Café Church at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall
11.00am Holy Communion at Almer

Sunday 23rd: Next before Advent

- 9.15am Family Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall
9.15am Family Service at St. Stephen's, Kingston Lacy

Sunday 30th: ADVENT SUNDAY

- 11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Winterborne Zelston
5.00pm "From Darkness to Light" Advent Service St Mary's, Stur.
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Weekday Services

- Wednesdays at 9am: Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall
Wednesdays at 11am: Midweek Communion, Wimborne Minster

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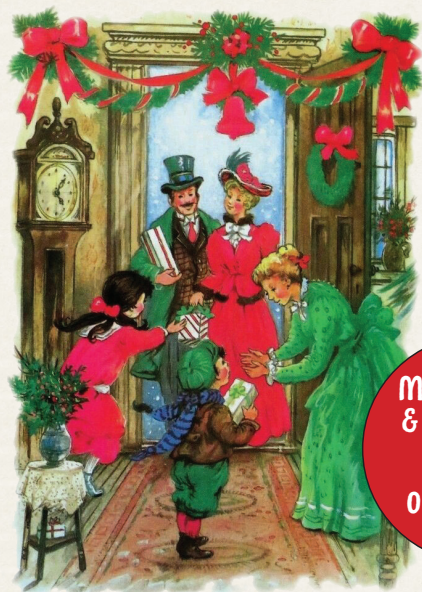


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English Usage: a personal view by Michael Evans

Dictionaries and lexicographers

Dr Samuel Johnson's English Dictionary of 1755 was not the first one, but was the most comprehensive and influential for its time, with over 40,000 entries. It took him 7 years to get it published. He had a sense of humour, describing himself as "a harmless drudge."

Lexicographers have a never-ending task, since words continually change their meanings and new words are always being invented or imported. They can also risk the wrath of people who consider that words which are potentially obscene or fascist should not be included in a dictionary. Eric Partridge's dictionary of 1937 was banned from libraries because it included certain words beginning with c and f. Yet those words exist, and other racially sensitive words existed in the past. Who is to say whether they should be published in a dictionary? A lexicographer's life is not necessarily straightforward. When Webster's 1961 dictionary included a definition of "ain't" the row about it lasted for decades!

Last month's anagrams

FRONT PIECE - PERFECTION
HOW SAD CAN IT BE? - SHADOW CABINET

This month's anagrams

RAISED LOOM - A private place (2 words)
I.e. INDICATORS - What I've just been writing about

Sturminster Marshall Gardening Club Programme 2025

Wednesday 19th November

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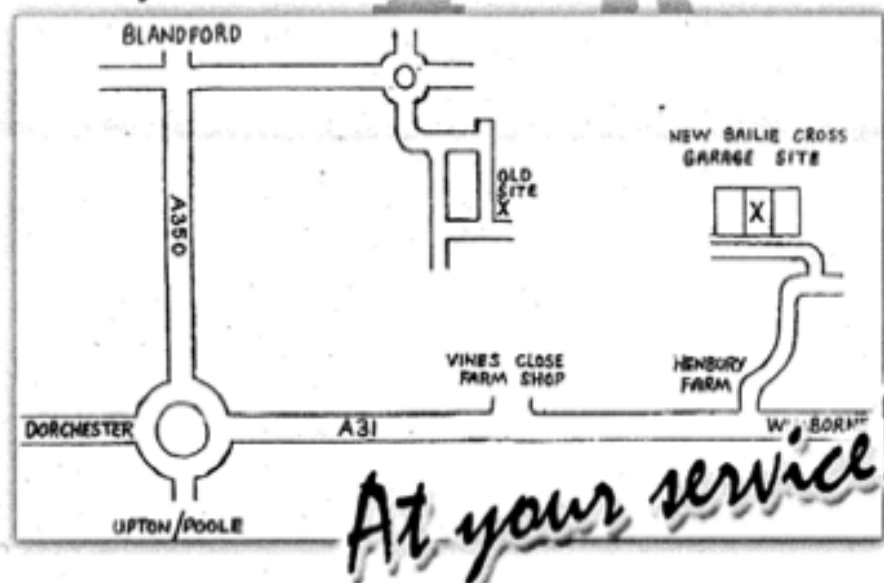
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We are now into Autumn and the hot sunny days of summer are long past, although there have been a few warm ones. Sadly due to Storm Amy we had to postpone the Autumn Litter Pick for the safety of you all. The grey days are hard if you are unable to get out and about so please keep an eye out for your neighbours and make sure to have a chat, this can make all the difference.

We are delighted to welcome Councillor Tim Weaver following his co-option on to the Parish Council at our October meeting. This brings the Parish Council up to full membership and we look forward to his contribution to parish matters.

Sergeant Steven Payne and PCSO Adam Fitzwater attended the meeting in October. Sergeant Payne informed us that there had been 13 reported crimes in the last 90 days in Sturminster Marshall including tyre slashing, domestic incidents, shed burglary, criminal damage, public disorder, attempted burglaries, theft of a vehicle and damage to the SID. The team are very busy at present and this has been stretching them under present staffing levels but it is hoped that they will have an additional 5 Police Officers and 5 PCSOs by the end of March 2026 to help with the load.

The Clerk and a Councillor have met with a playground contractor regarding repairs identified in the recent Play Park inspection. The work required includes improvements to the surfacing in the high use areas and welding the fence. The War Memorial will be tidied ready for the Service for Remembrance Sunday on 9th November at 10.45am. We are also looking into adding another defibrillator to the Parish at Jubilee Cross, and we are currently investigating grant funding towards the costs. We have been discussing placing a Litter bin on Station Road but the costs involved are high and it was felt that for the moment it was better not to proceed with this. More responsibilities are being pushed down to the Parish Council and Parishioners by Dorset Council, and we have been informed that ditches in the Parish are now the responsibility of the adjacent land and home owners (e.g. Back Lane).

There have been issues with the company who were going to support and maintain the EV Charging points with getting cost-effective power to the sites. The company who are supplying the EV Chargers are going to take on that role temporarily until a solution is found. Once the legal side has been sorted we will be updated with the next steps. This project is wholly funded by Dorset Council through a central government grant and we are dependent on their processes

being concluded before we can move forward. Any money the Parish Council has spent on this has been from the grant we were awarded.

A Survey for 20mph speed limit will be sent out in November. I am sure I can hear you groan 'not another Survey' but this one is important, we need your views on whether we should proceed with trying to get a 20mph speed limit in the village so please do take part.

It is that time of year again when we will be looking at setting the budgets for the next financial year. This is a very important task as we need to make sure in these difficult times that we have enough funds for any projects, maintenance and unexpected costs. Councils are yet again experiencing big shortfalls and more responsibilities are being placed on Parish Councils.

Recent Plans:

P/NMA/2025/05549: 15 Churchill Close Sturminster Marshall BH21 4BQ. Non Material Amendment to Amend the description of development to "Demolish the garage, sever land and erect a bungalow with shared vehicular access and parking" to planning permission.

P/FUL/2024/01770: Demolish the garage, sever land and erect a 2 bedroom bungalow with shared vehicular access and parking

P/HOU/2025/05366: 1 High Close Sturminster Marshall BH21 4BE Demolish garage and erect single storey side extension

P/FUL/2025/04266: Rhode Hill Old Market Road Corfe Mullen BH16 6AG Retained use of four replacement residential mobile homes.

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Disheartened and running out of money, Disney got his animators to work up an idea he had at the back of his mind, a sympathetic mouse who navigates his way through a series of comic misadventures. The mouse was initially dubbed Mortimer until Disney's wife persuaded him to change it to the less pompous-sounding "Mickey" instead and Mickey Mouse was born.



Disney could not persuade a distributor to release the first two silent Mickey Mouse cartoons they made, but then he had a brain wave. Inspired by a film with synchronised dialogue that had taken the US by storm in 1927, *The Jazz Singer*, he decided to craft a cartoon where the on-screen action was intricately synced with a musical score and sound effects.

Steamboat Willie premiered in New York in November 1928 and was an instant sensation: glowing reviews soon began appearing in the press and people flocked to see it. Its innovative animated storytelling thrilled audiences and Disney quickly capitalised on the character's popularity with more adventures, with Walt himself going on to provide the voice of Mickey.

Steamboat Willie's success ushered in a new era of cartoon storytelling. It set the stage for Walt Disney's domination of the medium, which would see Disney creating the Oscar-winning *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* in 1937. Many other films followed and I am sure most of us grew up with Disney whether it was cartoon, drama or documentary.

"Over the last few years, we have ventured into a lot of different fields," said Disney, reflecting on his expanding empire. "I only hope that we never lose sight of one thing, that it all started with a mouse."

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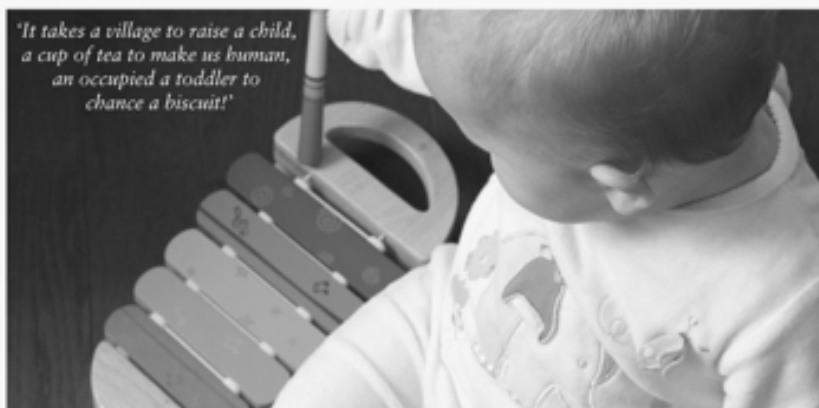
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At our September meeting we held a quiz night for WI members. We had four teams named Hearts, Spades, Diamonds and Clubs. Members selected a playing card on arrival to determine which team they would be part of. Once cups and glasses were fully charged, members set about solving the Dingbat Quiz and Picture Quiz rounds placed on their table. We also put 5 bowls of different flavour crisps on each table for a blind tasting 'Guess the Flavour' round. Well done to Team Hearts who guessed 4 out of 5 correctly! The General Knowledge round proved not to be too difficult and all the teams scored well with Hearts the winners. The Music round was won by Team Clubs. All the tunes were familiar as they had all reached Number One in the charts at some point. Extra points could also be gained by correctly guessing the year and the number of weeks at number one. The Dingbat round was won by Team Spades and the Picture Quiz by Team Hearts who kindly passed their prize to Team Diamonds so everyone was a winner! It was a very sociable, relaxed, fun evening.

Congratulations to Annie Brewer-Smith
who won the Dorset WI Federation
Croquet competition held at Winterborne
Valley Croquet Club on 21st September.



On Friday 10th October, six of us attended the Harvest Festival assembly at Sturminster Marshall First School followed by helping the children to make some simple Corn Dollies to take home. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 20th November at 7.30pm for a craft evening.

We are always delighted to welcome new members and you don't need to be a resident of Sturminster Marshall to be able to attend.

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Kingston Lacy Estate News

The big news for Kingston Lacy this month is the completion of the Access for All project that has been running for more than a year. At the beginning of November we will be unveiling the new reception building, the revamped car park and toilets, new facilities for the disabled from extra car parking spaces to an adult changing space with hoist and a new quiet room for families.

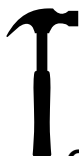
It's been a lot of work for several years, and we can't wait for completion – reception staff in particular will be glad not to spend another winter in the tipi! We'd like to say a big thank you to all our visitors for bearing with us while the work was going on, and hope you'll agree it was worth it.



It's been a bumper year for fruit and Kingston Lacy's orchards are no exception. Harvest came early to the Kitchen Garden, where the team were picking pumpkins several weeks before the usual time – these are being stored in the glasshouses and will gradually go to the Stables café to be used there.

Out on the estate, the ranger team have picked around four times as much fruit as last year – these apples go off to Purbeck Cider to be turned into their delicious range of drinks. It's also a great year for autumn colour, and as always Kingston Lacy's acers and woodland are putting on quite the show.

And now, of course, we're looking forward to Christmas. We know how annoying it can be when the celebrations start so early (pity the poor programming team, which was thinking sparkling lights and twinkling baubles while the spring blossom was still out), but we do hope to see you from Saturday 22 November for some festive merriment. Bookings are open for Storytelling with Santa for children aged 0-12, and check the website for the days when the popular Squidge and Pop will be creating bubble magic around the Laundry Courtyard!



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November is a good planting-time for tulips because by this time in the gardening year the soil has cooled down, if it's too warm the bulbs will start into growth. Check bought or saved bulbs before you plant them, discarding any that are soft or have mould/mildew. Set them in the ground or container at about 4-5ins/12cm according to type. Tulips need a sunny place, free-draining soil/compost and extra grit. They come originally from Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean and don't mind (average) winter cold but don't like shade or wet. You can have them in flower from March until mid-May, some are a dwarf 8 ins/20cm while others (later-blooming) are a stately 35ins/90cm. The colour range is amazing - big, bold shining flowers early in the year opening to the sun like brilliantly-coloured waterlilies in scarlet, orange, yellow, cream, white, pink, green, lilac, lavender, blue-mauve, dark crimson, bronze or near-black. The petals (tepals) can be striped or 'flamed', have contrasting edges, dark or differently-coloured centres which give wide-open flowers an exotic appearance. When they are closed the flowers are often goblet-shaped; but when the sun shines and the flowers open flat they can be several inches/centimetres across. There are 15 tulip groups and some can usually be found at a garden-centre, the keen gardener might like to order from a catalogue, which will have examples of all of them. Species tulips such as Greigii and Kaufmaniana can be left undisturbed in the ground where they will increase if conditions please them. When/if they begin to increase, lift them every other year after flowering and separate the bulbs, replanting immediately in a mix of equal parts of garden loam, leafmould and fine grit/coarse sand (never, ever builder's sand). Don't plant species tulips in containers because these don't take kindly to being dug up and replanted and (generally) will not then increase for some years. As with many plants and other things it is horses for courses! For most of the others you can either throw them on the compost heap after flowering or lift them when the leaves have died down. Don't try to grow the seeds of hybrid tulips, it would be a long wait for nothing because few or none will ever come true. If you are keeping them, allow the bulbs to ripen in a cold greenhouse or a dry well-lit potting shed. Spread them out and pick them over from time to time, gently removing dead foliage. Replant the largest bulbs and mark the place, grow the smaller bulbs on in a cold frame in large pots of the potting mix, partially sink these in the ground, label and date: water as needed, sparingly in summer. Tulips come in several un-tulip-like shapes - some are exactly like peonies, e.g. the lovely pink and white 'Angelique', some have 'petals' that are narrow, pointed and slightly twisted, e.g. the red and yellow species *T. acuminata* which will come true from its seed, though you'll have to wait about four years to see the flowers. Others - in a range of colours - have delicate fringed edges to the petals. Tomorrow I hope to be planting the fringed yellow tulip 'Crispy Gold' with dwarf mixed wallflowers and forget-me-nots.

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