

THE BRIDGE

THE MAGAZINE FOR THE COMMUNITIES
OF STURMINSTER MARSHALL,
SHAPWICK, PAMPHILL & COWGROVE



August 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.

Advertisements:

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 **bridgeadvertising@outlook.com**

Please do not send any advertisements to the Editor.

If you need help with producing your advert you may contact Liz by post at 7 Parkelea, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4DG (marking the envelope Bridge Advertising) or by phone at **01258 857528**. We will then be in touch. Please call **01258 857528** if you do not get an acknowledgement, and ask for Liz. This is the contact number for all advertising enquiries.

The deadline for adverts to Liz for the next issue is the 12th of the month.

Inserts: Your loose leaf inserts or flyers can also be delivered with The Bridge for a charge of £30. **Please provide 1020 copies of your leaflet, in banded bundles of 100, folded to A5 size** if larger, to Jan Standing, between the **27th and 28th** of the month. Jan's email is **jan.standing47@gmail.com**.

If you follow up any advertisement could you please mention that you saw it in The Bridge

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Bridge Magazine Grants

Various groups & schools throughout the Bridge Parishes have been given grants from the Bridge Magazine fund.

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Pamphill Pre-School,
Benefice Choir & Friends,
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

Sturminster Marshall is joined with the parishes of the Red Post Benefice, overseen by Rev Justin Pottinger.

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

The contact details for both priests can be found in the Parish Directory on page 58.

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## **From The Church**

### **SHINE LIKE STARS!**

I have just returned from school talent contest and what a lot of talent there was! We saw poets, dancers, singers, gymnasts and musicians take the stage (and even a hula hooper!). The children did themselves and their school proud by taking up the offer / challenge and showing everyone their skill with such courage. It was clear they had practised and had confidence in what they could do. (The younger generations though we may worry about their futures have a way of reassuring you that they have huge potential and often see/do things better than previous generations.)

As I came away from the school I pondered on what I would offer in a talent contest... (Before you all ask me – I still don't know, hours later!). It got me thinking further though on what talents/interests/skills and gifts we all have. What we can offer and give to one another (not just for entertainment but to help one another)? And why perhaps do we shy away unsure what we have is useful or 'good enough'?

In the time of harvest with the crops busily being brought in we enter the season of thinking about what we do have and being thankful. What are you thankful for? What gifts/talents might you have to be thankful for, or the gifts/talents of others in your lives? I am thankful for the younger generation who help us see things in new ways. I am thankful for their energy, and most of all for their variety of talents that they show with such confidence. (Just like in the Parable of the talents found in Matthew 25 where those in the story who used what they were given and what they had was doubled were applauded by Jesus, reminding us what we are given is to be used and not hidden away). And so we should use our talents too!). What would your talent(s) be I wonder?

I leave you with a bible verse used by Pamphill First School (one of the 3 schools I have the privilege of being involved with) it reads 'Shine like stars as you hold on to the Word of life' (Philippians 2.15). This underpins all they do and aspire to be – so may we, too, all shine like stars this August... May we use our talents, rejoice in them and be thankful!

**Rev. Suzie Allen**

# St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

## July Draw

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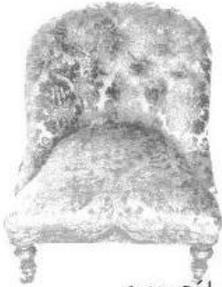
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If you would like to join the Lottery and support St. Mary's Church, please contact one of the committee listed below.

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

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6<sup>th</sup> “ “ “ “ “ 2.30pm, £17,  
The London Repertory Players.
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Fallen Angels: Noel Coward 7.30pm, £18.50, concs £17,  
13<sup>th</sup> “ “ “ “ “ 2.30pm, £17,  
The London Repertory Players.
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> I Have Been Here Before: J. B. Priestly 7.30pm, £18.50, concs £17,  
20<sup>th</sup> “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 2.30pm, £17,  
The London Repertory Players
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Abigail's Party: Mike Leigh 7.30pm, £18.50, concs £17,  
25<sup>th</sup> “ “ “ “ “ 2.30pm, £17,  
The London Repertory Players.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Gretchen Peters and her Band 7.30pm, £31.50 & £29.50  
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## St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival

We are pleased to announce that the Christmas Tree Festival will take place again this year on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> and Sun 11<sup>th</sup> December.

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Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) are encouraging residents and visitors to take a picnic and not BBQ. Warmer and breezy weather increases

the risk of accidental or deliberate fires in our open spaces. A wildfire can move at speeds faster than an Olympic sprinter, so we are asking people who are out and about to follow some simple steps:

If you are enjoying our open spaces when a fire occurs, get to a safe place and call 999 with as much information as possible.

Consider downloading and using What3Words to identify your exact location.

You can also help by reporting any antisocial behaviour on the heath to the Police on 101.

During 2021, DWFRS dealt with 494 fires in the open. In 2022, we have already seen large wildfires in Dorset & Wiltshire and firefighters across the UK have dealt with more wildfires between January and May than in the whole of 2021 (243 compared to 237 in 2021).

Area Manager Marc House, Head of Prevention at DWFRS said: "As we move into the summer, with longer daylight hours and warmer weather, understandably more people want to get out and use Dorset & Wiltshire's natural environments. There is a trend that the number of deliberately set fires and fires caused by BBQs and bonfires in these open spaces, increases.

He added: "I cannot stress enough how important it is to take extra care when enjoying our beautiful open and forestry areas. If you are a smoker, please extinguish them fully before disposing of them responsibly – never ever just throw them away lit, similar to throwing them out from car windows – the result could be 50 or 100 firefighters tackling the subsequent blaze."

Anyone caught starting a fire on a heath will be prosecuted whether it is a case of deliberate arson or neglect, for example an unauthorised camp fire or a disposable BBQ that gets out of control. Wildfires cost lives not only to endangered plants and animals but also put people and houses in danger.

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## Short and Sweet

### **Sunday Afternoon Concerts**

St Mary's Church, Sturminster Marshall, is planning to have short concerts on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm, starting in September. The concerts will last about 45 minutes and will feature different performer/performers each month, followed by tea and cake. The concerts can consist of any genres of music from Haydn to Hip Hop and could be a combination of music and verse. Would you like to be the

#### **'Artist of the month'?**

If so, please contact Elaine Huntriss, 01258 458584. All proceeds will be going to St Mary's Church so there will be no fee but you will be guaranteed an appreciative audience, a cup of tea or coffee and a large piece of cake!

## Nature's Voice

The last month has certainly been a hot one! As I type, the green in Sturminster Marshall is sporting an out-back-style brown colour and my courgette plants are looking at me thirstily, their leaves drooping, waiting until I relent and water them in the cooler hours to avoid wasting water through evaporation in the heat of the day. The height of summer is the time for the fluttery creatures. Have you noticed how many butterflies and moths there are in the garden and out on walks?



One particularly splendid moth you may well have spotted recently is the 6 spot burnet. This one flies in the daytime and really gives a 'wow' moment when you come across one. Dressed all in black with almost blue-ish and very long antennae, its most striking feature is its 6 red spots on each wing. These beautiful creatures cocoon on long grass and are plentiful in meadowland and I have to say this is a new one on me. It was my 8 year old who spotted the tiny golden cocoons half way up the grass stems on a local walk recently. The caterpillars feed on birds foot trefoil – another meadow plant - and the adults attract a mate using

pheromones. A rather dashing and dangerous trick these bright little beasts have up their sleeve is that they can produce hydrogen cyanide as both caterpillars and adult moths. This helps keep them unpalatable (should any predator risk tasting such a brightly coloured thing in the first place!) and also, rather weirdly, helps them attract a mate. The ladies use it to spread their pheromones and will then judge a male on how much cyanide they pass them during mating – who says romance is dead?!

Rather similar to the burnet is the cinnabar moth. Also dressed in red and black, it is easy to confuse these two. This one is black with a red side stripe and two red dots behind, the shape reminiscent of the Vulcan bomber (if you use a little imagination!). Should it open its wings fully, you'll see its second set is all bright red underneath. You can spot the caterpillars if you happen upon some ragwort in the summer. Tiny and very stripy black and yellow caterpillars gather on ragwort heads to munch away. This is sensible as there is safety in numbers. Their rather toxic diet makes them unpalatable to predators who might taste just one and then leave the rest in peace having learnt a bitter lesson! The accumulation of toxins from a ragwort-y diet renders the adult moth quite poisonous too. Handling the moths can even give you a rash if you're a sensitive type.

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Other red and black moths include the scarlet tiger and garden tiger which are red, black and white and have the most amazing tiger-y patterns. These are much less common and are a real 'good spot' according to my ten year old! A very kindly neighbour saves him any deceased ones found and we have several in a treasure 'museum' along with other grim curios that a budding naturalist apparently simply has to have to hand!

**Melanie Fermor**



## **The future of The Bridge magazine**

The Bridge Magazine has been part of the life of Sturminster Marshall and the surrounding area for many years, so long in fact we have difficulty establishing when it first started. 1200 copies of each monthly issue are printed and distributed by volunteers to every household in the communities of Sturminster Marshall, Shapwick, Pamphill and Cowgrove and it is also available to view on line. The magazine is free to all and is funded by advertising and managed by a small committee of volunteers.

Unfortunately, like many other organisations, Covid19 has had an impact and together with rising printing costs we now find that income from advertising does not cover our costs. Feedback from the community shows that many residents much appreciate having a free magazine delivered every month and most of our advertisers are positive concerning the business leads they receive for a very modest outlay.

We are actively seeking advertisers and we would also appreciate financial support from larger organisation as a sponsorship. Our Advertising Manager, Liz York, is always pleased to hear from new advertisers and is willing to help in formatting your advert.

If you think you could offer assistance at this time please contact **barryjohnson7@btinternet.com** or give me a ring on 07958 437860.

**Barry Johnson, Bridge Committee Chairman**



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## **DORSET CREAM TEAS**

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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.***

### **SOCIAL LUNCH CLUB RECEIVES £150 FROM CO-OP**

A big thank you to Lianne and Cassie from our local Co-Op, who joined us for lunch on 13<sup>th</sup> July and presented the Club with a cheque for £150 from the Co-Op's Community Donation Fund. This is a very welcome boost to the Club's funds, enabling us to continue with the monthly lunches.



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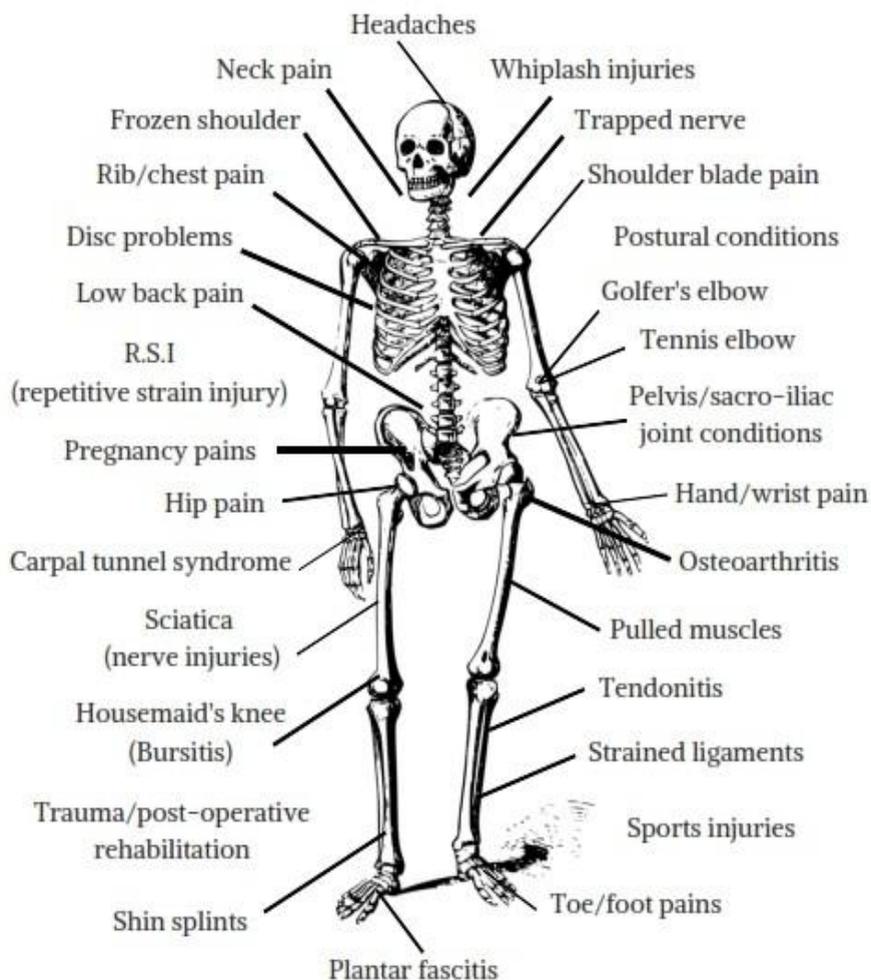
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## **A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.**

Last month was a very hard one, one of those times when everything happened and you want to say "Please stop and let me get off!", but with help from family and friends we got through it.

Gordon had been ill for some time, and finally passed away peacefully. As one life goes, another comes, and we had a birth. It is sad but that is what life is like. We have to move on with support from friends and family. You know that you have a long time and we have a supporting family who are always there when needed. Also, there are memories, so many of them. They come into your mind and you remember them. As we have a big family we can look back to so much in the past and with mixed feelings. So many people have been through the same things and some find it difficult, others find it less so.

Always there will be those who say "Do you remember when we did this or that? It was funny or it was sad". You remember things like Flower shows, or other memories over the years or animals like cats such as the one we have now, who is missing Gordon. She found the bag with his stuff in and she rubbed her body over it. She will miss him as well as all of us. But we can keep his memory alive by saying "Do you remember when .....?"

I would like to say thank you to friends who have said 'Sorry to hear he has gone'.

**Vera**

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## **BLANDFORD FORUM RAILWAY CLUB FREE OPEN WEEKEND 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST**

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'The Bridge' has generously helped Blandford Forum Railway Club in the past and the working model railway of Bailey Gate Station can now be shown to the public for the first time. The event will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August (10am to 4pm) and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August (10am to 3pm) at the Scout Hut, Eagle House Gardens, Blandford DT11 7BS. The fully scenic layout is 22 feet in length and includes several village buildings all accurately modelled to scale.

Other model railways will also be shown.

Free Admission. Refreshments available.

Enquiries to Robert Stephenson on 01258 857800.



**Do you need a comfortable well-equipped venue for a family party, a meeting, a practice venue for your band or choir or any other gathering?**



The Old School, Sturminster Marshall which is situated opposite the Church and next to the Red Lion Pub is available for hire at very reasonable rates. It had a new kitchen fitted in 2019 with a commercial dishwasher and twin cookers both having induction hobs and a total of 4 ovens. A wide serving hatch links to the main hall. There are ladies', men's and disabled toilets. The main hall can seat 80-100 people, although this number is reduced when tables are in use. Ample tables and upholstered chairs are available. The Old School has a licence for serving alcohol.

For further details see website [www.mackrellcharity.org.uk/venue-hire](http://www.mackrellcharity.org.uk/venue-hire) or contact Val Brown on 07788 423281 or email [hall.mackrell@outlook.com](mailto:hall.mackrell@outlook.com)

## DORSET COUNCILLORS COLUMN

At my desk indoors writing the August column in the middle of July is a bit of a relief, why? Forecasters have told us we are about to experience the hottest temperatures ever recorded in the UK, particularly in the South. Being indoors during this extreme heat seems bizarre, but we are advised by people that know about these things (there are so many 'experts' these days) that is possibly the wisest thing to do during the main heat of the day – so here I am!

Whether you love or hate the heat, it can bring some benefits, not least in the general lowering of our household energy usage which can only be good in this time where so many of us are facing an unprecedented increase in our energy bills and other cost of living pressures.

That leads me in nicely to this month's piece which focuses on what Dorset Council are doing to help residents during this challenging time.

We are working closely with our partners in the 'Dorset Together' network to support residents with the cost of living challenge through direct financial aid, better access to housing services, urging people to act early, and signposting to support on money (debts, benefits, budgeting), food, housing, and mental health.

So far, we have paid out over £15.2 million in energy rebates (the £150 announced earlier in the year) to 101,635 households which is 84% of those identified as eligible. We are currently processing a further 3,800 applications which leaves 15,142 households yet to claim. We will be reminding residents to apply before the deadline in September.

There is a Household Support Fund (HSF), applications have now closed for the voucher scheme for working-age people and we expect to distribute the full allocation of £205,000 to this group. HSF has also been distributed to families via our locality teams, to care leavers and via free school meal vouchers for school holidays. A further £705,000 is ring-fenced for older people on low incomes and applications for this remain open. We are working with partners to maximise the number of older people receiving this funding. In total, our Household Support Fund allocation is £2.3 million.

Our Housing team has recently introduced a single number for all housing enquiries and a new triage team to ensure those who most urgently need help, get help first. 01305 221000 is the new single number for housing support.

The 'Cost of Living Help' campaign was launched in partnership with Dorset Together on 15th June, with a new cost of living help page on the Dorset Council website (<https://dorsetcouncil.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?>) and key messages to residents.

If you are aware of anyone within your communities who may benefit from what help we are offering but has not yet come forward, then please do share this information.

Just to end on were we started, the weather. As this is the August edition, I have a sneaking feeling that by the time you read this the hot weather will be a distant memory!

As always you can contact me on [cllrrobin.cook@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllrrobin.cook@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

## Social Lunch Club

### Old School Hall, Sturminster Marshall

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**The date of the next Lunch Club is**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Please note that the Lunch Club will be taking a break in August**

The Lunch Club is open to all those over 50 who live in the area. Come and join a lively group of people – meet old acquaintances and make some new friends – a warm welcome awaits you and we look forward to seeing you.

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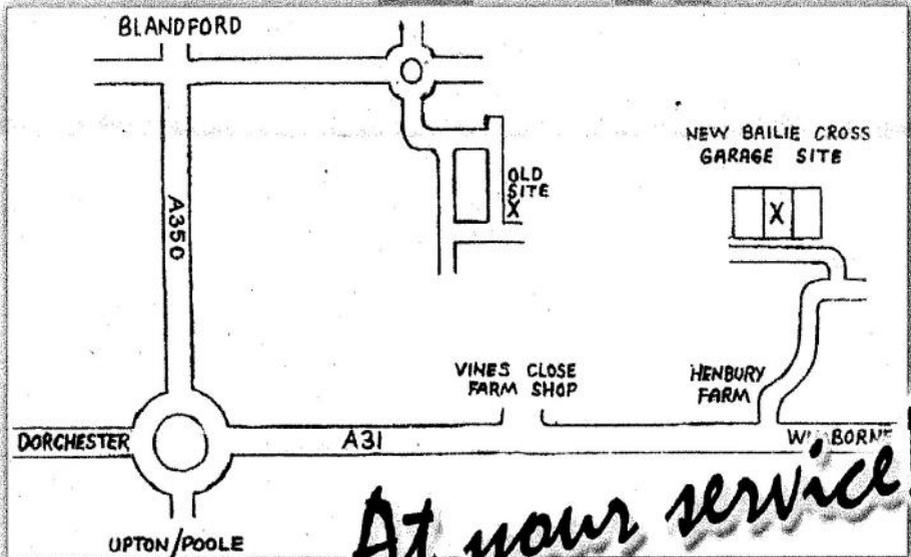
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## **Kingston Lacy Estate News**

### **A letter from Tim Turner, General Manager**

'This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Bankes estate being bequeathed to the National Trust. The Bankes estate, is one of the largest bequests the National Trust has ever received and one of our most important properties coming to the Trust in 1982. The gift included the seventeenth-century Kingston Lacy House with its garden and park and an internationally important art collection, a ruined castle at Corfe, an Iron Age hill fort at Badbury Rings, Old Harry Rocks, Studland Bay, three National Nature Reserves, two villages, 300 houses and cottages and almost 50 farms. In all over 6,480 hectares.

At the heart of the Kingston Lacy is the house, after conservation and restoration project stopped the dry rot and the house opened for visitors in 1985 to 70,000 visitors. We now attracts 400,000 visitors a year.

During the Trust's involvement at Kingston Lacy, the gardens have emerged from neglect to an area of peace and tranquillity, mirroring the splendour of the house, with parterre, extensive lawns, Japanese garden, numerous walks. We are now continuing to restoring the Kitchen Garden.

We will continue to develop our visitor business in and around the house but our attention will now focus on the wider estate where we offer 72 miles of foot paths and droves and 12km of river along the Stour. We are making more room for people and nature, working closely with our farm tenants to support sustainable farming. Thank you all for all your ongoing support as we look forward to the future together.'

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2022

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> : 8th after Trinity**

9.15am Sung Eucharist with choir at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> : 9th after Trinity**

9.15pm Sung Eucharist at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

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

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>: 10th after Trinity**

9.15am Morning Service/Breakfast Church  
at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

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

11.00am Sung Eucharist with choir at St. Mary's, Almer

## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>: 11th after Trinity**

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

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

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

9.15am Sung Eucharist with choir at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

## **Weekday Services**

Wednesdays at 9am Holy Communion, Stur. Marshall

Wednesdays at 11am Midweek Communion, Wimborne Minster

## **Zoom Services at Red Post**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm Holy Communion – to be confirmed

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm Holy Communion – to be confirmed

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

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2022

## Zoom Services at Wimborne Minster

Meeting Number Zoom ID: 883 2976 1518

Monday to Friday 8.30am Morning Prayer

“ “ “ 5.00pm Evening Prayer

If you would like to join an online Red Post service via Zoom, please email Justin at: [redpostbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:redpostbenefice@gmail.com)

If you would like to join an online Minster service via Zoom, please contact Jackie Leever at:

[jackie-villageadmin@wimborneminster.org.uk](mailto:jackie-villageadmin@wimborneminster.org.uk)

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

### From the Registers:

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# English Usage by Michael Evans

## An irregular language

The irregularities of English seem to have no logical basis, and I wonder how we, and especially foreigners, ever learn them.

To take a few examples:

Why are **give** and **hive** pronounced differently? To complicate matters, **live** has two different pronunciations!

The past tense of **hide** is **hid**, so why isn't the past tense of **abide** **abid**?

The words **am**, **are** and **is** all have the same meaning; so do **was** and **were**.

Why are there all these words in the verb **to be**, **when** the word **be** is not used at all in the present or past tenses? Except, that is, in some regions where some folk very sensibly make the present tense regular with **I be**, **you be**, **he be**, **we be** and **they be**.

Answer to last month's anagram: CAKE ON SATURN - CANTANKEROUS

This month's anagrams:

I'M ON ESTATE – a small abode

SELLING AMBER – return to maker?

### Sturminster Marshall Gardening Club 2022 Programme



**August**

No Meeting

**Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Rosemary Legrand – Spring in Japan

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

Mike Webber – Gardens worth a Journey

New Members always welcome. Meetings are held in the Old School on the first Friday of the month and begin at 7.30pm.

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**Sunday 25th September 2022 at 7.15**

Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

Liz Denham : Mezzo-Soprano

Christopher Dowie : Piano

**Sunday 16th October 2022 at 7.15**

St.Nicholas, Durweston

Dorset Guitar Society

Grant Bocking : Director

**Sunday 6th November 2022 at 7.15**

St.Peter's, Pimperne

Parry String Quartet

Michael Aitkenhead : Tenor

Christopher Dowie : Piano

Programme to include Ralph Vaughan Williams "On Wenlock Edge"

Wimborne Choral Society's next concert will be a performance of Handel's "Messiah" in Wimborne Minster on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. with Wimborne Chamber Orchestra. Wimborne Choral Society would be pleased to welcome new members in all parts. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 in Wimborne Methodist Church, beginning on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

I would be delighted to hear from any of you who might be interested in joining us for our new season.

Please e-mail me at [christopher@joyofmusic.co.uk](mailto:christopher@joyofmusic.co.uk) for more details.

Yours,

**Christopher Dowie**

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# RIDE + STRIDE for Churches

Come and join a winning team!

Riders and Striders from St Mary's Church, Sturminster Marshall, will once again be taking part in the sponsored Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event on **Saturday 10 September**.

In 2019, Sturminster Marshall won the Morshead trophy, raising £1,841. In 2020 the team topped the DHCT league table by raising £2947.43 and in 2021 we were second in the league table with £2227.28. Impressive statistics! Half the money raised is returned to St Mary's Church, the balance going to the grant fund from which we have recently received support.

Could you support this year's campaign, to top the leader board again, by taking part? Ride or Stride with established participants, go alone or encourage your friends to join you. There is no minimum distance or number of churches to visit.

Cannot take part? Just sponsor a team member.

Families, friends or individuals, please join us for great day out cycling, walking or riding in the glorious Dorset countryside.

Good luck to everyone.

Details of how to take part are on the DHCT website or available from:  
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It's hard to believe that another academic year has finished. The year has been relatively uninterrupted with Covid 19, apart from the week Preschool had to close as all staff caught it at the same time. I wonder how we will all be affected moving forward. It's a very unpredictable time.

The older children are ready to move into their chosen First schools. Some of our children this year have been with us since they were 2 years old. They have enjoyed making friends, some of which may become their lifelong friends. We hear stories from members of our community who continue their friendships which started in Preschool. It's lovely to hear. It's always a little sad when the children leave but we can still see them in the first school, out playing on the field. They often pop over to our fence to say hello.

This half term we have enjoyed a sponsored move-a thon event where children were sponsored to move in different ways, led by Lizzy, Dorset Creative Dance. We all had a great time. Also, we went on a Farmer Palmer trip, had a Teddy Bears Picnic for our leavers with lots of outside games.

Our potatoes grew well this year in our growing patch. The children really enjoy seeing the end result, digging up their potatoes with amazement. It's such a good learning experience for the children.

We now take children from aged 1 at Sturminster Marshall Preschool. We have a separate area inside for the younger ones who are non-mobile or need a quieter area. We have plenty of age appropriate toys and look forward to helping all children learn and develop.

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## STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS

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The weather has been exceptionally hot, and it sounds like this is something we can expect every summer from now on. I hope you have all been able to keep cool and safe during this time. I think we will all have to look at ways to cope with this new norm. I have been out and about walking early to try and avoid the hot weather and I have noticed a lot of hedges and in particular brambles overhanging the walkways, please trim them back.

We still have PLATINUM JUBILEE MUGS available to children of the Parish who are under 16 if you have not collected yours yet please contact the Parish Clerk. There also some available to purchase too and they are £4, again please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Playground inspection has taken place, and as a result and following some recent damage we have had to remove the Crow's Nest Swing, and other equipment. The area has been made safe. We are going to look at replacement of the Crow's Nest Swing and new play equipment, but we will first have to investigate areas of funding.

Sadly, someone has decided it is fun to paint graffiti using black paint randomly round the village on seats, doors, lamp posts to name but a few. This will need to be removed at a cost to the Parish and will come out of Parish funds. This has been reported to the police. Dog Fouling seems to have increased again, please pick up after your dog, and put it in the waste bins around the village or take it home and put in your own waste bin. It is the School Holidays and there are lot of children around playing and it is not nice or healthy if they happen to step in any.

Even though it is summer there are still maintenance works ongoing. The Book Box has been given a new coat of paint, the Noticeboards, seats and planters have been repaired, the new sign for Johnnies Ditch should be with us shortly as well as the quote for the refurbishment of the Bier and hopefully the repaired Finger Post on the end of Back Lane adjoining Kings Street will back in place soon. The Parish Emergency Plan is being updated and we have requested a meeting with Dorset Council to assist with this.

Just to remind everyone yet again, Bartons Ground is no longer under the control of the Parish Council. The new owners are Sturminster Marshall Golf Club. The seat has been removed and will be placed on Charborough Green.

The Neighbourhood Plan Master Planning Workshop was a great success and there was a lot of discussion about potential designs and layouts for new developments within the village. AECOM will use the information gained to assist them in writing their report for the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Recent Plans:**

P/FUL/2022/03674 Fairway Farm, Henbury, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne,  
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Craft was the theme of our June meeting. We enjoyed a talk by Nina Stockings of Green Spiral Willow about the ancient rural craft of willow weaving. Since the 1960's plastic and synthetic materials have increasingly replaced traditional willow, rush and hazel and so basket making is now recognised as a Heritage Craft. We learned about the planting, growing, cutting and drying processes and the four methods most commonly used in basket making. Nina demonstrated the tools used to craft items and displayed a variety of fabulous baskets and a wonderful living willow sculpture for us to enjoy. Three of our members were invited to have a go and produced some impressive willow bird feeders.

Members were invited to bring along their own craft work to display and we were treated to a fabulous variety of items showcasing some very talented crafters in our midst.

A produce stall will be a regular feature of our future meetings. Members may bring along home grown or home made produce and items to sell. We look forward to an abundance of interesting and tasty items!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be David Beardsley from Kingston Lacey and the topic is 'Three Centuries of the Bankes Family'.

For our 18<sup>th</sup> August meeting we will be out and about enjoying a Ghost Tour of Deans Court, Wimborne.

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**Christine Rainsford**

## The Red Post Benefice

Before Justin went on extended leave, he invited someone from each of the villages in the Red Post Benefice to write a short piece about their Church. Hopefully their enthusiasm will enthuse you to visit and learn more about our parish churches!

### **This month Katy Norman writes about St. Mary's, Sturminster Marshall.**

It is nine o'clock on Sunday morning in Sturminster Marshall and the bells of St. Mary's are ringing as they have done (with some gaps) for hundreds of years, with this wonderful sound epitomising the past, present and future of a place I love.

There are six bells in the tower, the oldest two probably late 14th century, one early 15th century and another dated 1622, with a further two bells being added in 1911, creating a ring of six, regarded as one of the finest in Dorset.

The name Sturminster means a large church by the Stour indicating the importance of the church in the village and whilst the current building was begun in 1103, it is thought this superseded a Saxon wooden structure. The north arcade is partly 12th century, with extensions in the 13th and 14th centuries, rebuilding of the north wall and nave in the 15th century, the west tower completely in 1805 and a major restoration in 1859, the merits of which are questioned by some!

Prior to the Victorian restoration, it was considered whether the church should be rebuilt in a new location closer to the developing part of the village but the decision to restore was taken due to the significance and history of the current area and the serenity of being in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

That this remains to this day is wonderful, but for St. Mary's to continue as a living church it must evolve as it has done from its beginnings, to accommodate different forms of worship, changes in society, diversification of its use and the creation of a more user-friendly space particularly for families and the elderly.

We are thus currently in the process of applying for planning for the installation of a lavatory and kitchen and further into the future the addition of a mezzanine floor in the tower which will not only provide a versatile space beneath but should enhance the ringing of the bells and the addition of two further bells.

Hopefully, villagers in centuries to come will also wake to the sound of the bells on a Sunday morning, knowing that a living church is here for them and perhaps love this place as I certainly do.

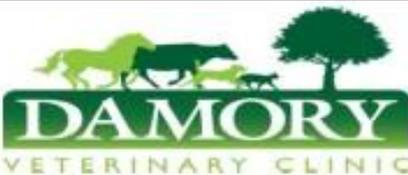


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But above all, we are a friendly club with a great spirit and a warm welcome to new members. If you would like to learn more about us, please contact Don Martin on 01258 857795 or by email at [don.martin@btinternet.com](mailto:don.martin@btinternet.com)



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## **Of all the flowers that are in the beds the tulip bears the crown (misquoted) - by Lys de Bray**

Tulips can be tall, short, tiny, giant, single, double, feathered, flamed, fringed, early, mid-season or late and I love them all. It is sometimes said that they are once-flowering but this is not always so as some species tulips return year after year if not disturbed. I once saw an old orchard where the apple trees were under-planted with tulips chosen to flower at the same time, their colour complementing the blossom above them and it must have been an annual delight. Another garden had clumps of tulips with late-summer-flowering annuals planted between them, their leaves filling the gaps between with interest and expectation. An alternative and easy suggestion is to interplant the tulips with grey-leaved easy-care senecio or helichrysum, the growing leaves will stray over the gaps and the plants generally last for several years. A further idea is to grow (hundreds!) of purple-leaved ajugas which have neat blue flower-spikes in summer. Their shiny leaves are ever-purple and all tulip flower colours are enhanced by them. Some tulip varieties have interestingly variegated leaves as well, the plants remain attractive, and the leaves can continue with their job of feeding the bulbs. There are fat double tulips, or streaked, flamed or fringed flowers and Parkers offer single-colour collections in pink, red, white, yellow, orange, 'black' and purple, wonderful for a tuliphophile like me and in addition there are often savings to be had on these collections. I dearly love the delightful dwarf species tulip called Little Beauty which has deep rose-pink flowers with blue and white centres, they increase year by year if left undisturbed; (species tulips are the descendants of the wild Asian tulips) Another favourite is 'Spring Green' which has green-striped white petals and I planted it with ajuga which set it off beautifully. This tulip is tall, to 40cm, so I always grew it in a sheltered place because I worried about the stems snapping.

If you want to see what's available, send for a catalogue from well-known bulb specialists like Bloms or J. Parker's and a/your computer will give other suppliers. The bulbs will be in the garden centres very soon and the earlier you visit the better choice there is.

Tulips must be grown in a sunny place and they come in many shapes and types and sizes. Dwarf Greigii tulips are good in a windy garden or in a rockery and our local Purbeck stone is just right as a background. The tall classic Darwin tulips are best grown in a sunny, sheltered place amid a froth of early flowering bedding. Pots are just right for tulips, they bring the flowers to a more comfortable height. One of the best birthday presents I ever had was a be-ribboned porter's truck, my husband didn't like seeing me struggling with heavy pots and that truck is still in use today.

I once had two dark blue glazed pots in which I planted yellow tulips and light blue Myosotis - forget-me-nots, really beautiful! (Glazed pots are unlikely to get frost-damaged) Myosotis comes in pink and shades of blue as well as white, though seeds from them may not come true. Nevertheless, buy a packet of mixed Myosotis seeds, so pretty with pink or white tulips or the fringed 'Blue Heron,' or the parrot tulip 'Black Parrot,' which reminds me of Alexandre Dumas' book 'The Black Tulip' which I knew I had. Yesterday I looked for it on my shelves and it wasn't there.

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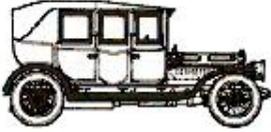


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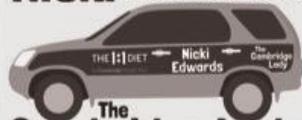
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