

THE BRIDGE

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



June 2025

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THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

Bridge Publications is the committee which produces the Bridge Magazine for the communities of Sturminster Marshall, Shapwick, Pamphill and Cowgrove. 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, our Deputy Editor is Sally Plowright 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** 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**.

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, BH2I 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

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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 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 inserted in The Bridge for £20. Please provide 300 copies of your leaflet, in banded bundles of 25, folded to A5 size if larger, to tbc, between the 27th and 28th of the month.

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From Bridge Publications (The Committee that produces this Magazine)

We are thrilled to announce that The Red Lion has stepped up as our main sponsor for the magazine. Their support, together with other supporters, will enable us to continue with the publication of this valuable community resource.

Our only source of income is advertising and sponsorship. If you run a small business in the village why not consider advertising with us which could, not only, bring you customers but also demonstrate your support for the community.

If you enjoy reading The Bridge and would like to support us with a monthly donation, the amount would be up to you, our bank details are below. In order that we can keep a record we would be grateful if you could send an email confirming your action to **ebarryjohnson@aol.com**.

Bank Details: Bridge Publications - Sort Code 209696 - Account 00026530

We are pleased to welcome Sally Plowright to our committee who will take up the position of Deputy Editor.

Thank you for your support.

Barry Johnson - on behalf of the Bridge Committee

The Bridge Magazine - Collection Points

Sturminster Marshall:

Nisa, Spar, The Red Lion, St. Mary's Church, The Memorial Hall, Vines Close.

Shapwick:

St. Bartholomew's Church, The Anchor.

Pamphill and Cowgrove:

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From The Church

Prayer

Some people tell me they don't know how to pray, as if it's a skill that is beyond them. Let me tell you this, everyone can pray, in your own way! In fact, God longs to hear more from you.

'God not only welcomes our prayers – from the whispered and the wordless, to the yelled and carefully crafted – He invites them. Daily, minute by minute, in whatever circumstances we find ourselves, the God of the universe wants us to share our lives with Him in prayer: a holy conversation between Father and child, Creator and created. The privilege and possibilities of such an invitation – when – accepted – are truly awesome.' Wendy Bray, 2009.

If there is enough interest we would love to run a Prayer Course, please let me know if you'd like to join us.

If you want to find out more this is the link to it: https://prayercourse.org/about/
Pete Greig, the author of the course, starts by reminding us that it's all about
relationship, if we don't speak regularly with our spouses, our friends, our parents, then
what sort of relationship do we have. It's the same with God, we need to communicate,
not only reaching out to him, but also listening to what he has to say to us. Often it is
with a still, small voice of calm in the midst of what can feel like a storm in our life. That
reassurance that 'all will be well' is absolutely precious.

I like the way Pete Greig puts it: Keep it simple, keep it real, keep it up.

The Bible tells us "God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves." Romans 8 v 27 (The Message)

I really like the way Thomas Merton, arguably one of the most influential theologians of the twentieth century, describes this in his prayer written in 1956:

Let us never forget that prayer doesn't need to be beautiful or right, simply honest.

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end. nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen? Amen!

Remember this, day by day prayers are being said for the people of our community across the Red Post Churches. If you ever have a specific prayer request please give me a call.

With every blessing,

Jane (Vicar of the Red Post Churches)

St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

May Draw

Main Draw

£50 45 Sarah Huntriss £30 122 Sue Matthews

£20 82 Roger and Mary Daniels

Congratulations to this month's winners.

If you would like to support St Mary's Church, please join the 100 Club lottery, by contacting one of the committee listed below. NUMBERS cost just £2 per month.

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5 th	A Streetcar named Desire (15) (NT encore screening)	7.30pm, £15.50 / £13.		
30 th	The Salt Path (12A)	7.30pm.		
JUNE SHOWS				
3 rd	Manhunter & Mindhunter	7.30pm, £24.		
4 th	Kast Off Kinks	7.30pm, £23.50.		
12 th 12 th -14 th	The Sound of Music " " " Wimborne Musical Theatre Society	2.30pm, £18, <16s £14, 7.30pm, """		
I 5 th	Sun Records – The Concert	7.30pm, £26.50.		
l 9 th	A Country Music Songbook	7.30pm, £25.		
20 th	Calling Planet Earth	7.30pm, £28.		
21st	Absolute Benson	7.30pm, £23.		
25 th	Christine Collier & Dave Kelly	7.30pm, £22.50.		
26 th	Class Of 55	7.30pm, £27.50.		
27 th	The McCartney Songbook	7.30pm, £28.		
28 th	Celebrating George Michael	7.30pm, £27.50.		
29 th	Blandford Forum Gymnastic Club: Iconic Icons	2pm, £16, <16s £13.50.		

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Pimms, teas & coffees, scones, cakes and other tasty treats will be available.

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Entertainment by **Blandford Ukulele Group** (performing from 12.45 to 13.45)

All for a donation (cash only please) to the **Spetisbury Station Project** to help us maintain and improve the station site.

If wet, find us in the Spetisbury Village Hall.

More information at www.spetisburystationproject.wordpress.com





PRESS RELEASE

Wimborne is to be alive with 'The Sound of Music!'

Wimborne Musical Theatre Society (WMTS) is thrilled to be staging their next major musical at The Tivoli Theatre this summer; Rodgers and Hammerstein's beloved classic 'The Sound of Music'.

Set against the backdrop of 1930s Nazi-occupied Austria, *The Sound of Music* tells the story of Maria Rainer, a free-spirited young woman whose aspiration to become a nun is derailed when she takes the job of governess to the seven von Trapp children. It's a well-known tale which truly captures the spirit of hope against an ever-changing political landscape.

Inspired by the book *The Trapp Family Singers* by Maria Augusta Trapp, the stage musical features all the timeless songs an audience would expect from the much-loved 1965 film soundtrack, including 'Do Re Mi', 'Edelweiss', 'My Favourite Things' and, of course, the eponymous 'The Sound of Music.'

Director, Duncan Trew, comments "we are delighted to be bringing this iconic musical to life in Wimborne, in what is the film's 60th anniversary year. It is a privilege to have such a talented cast and crew on board with us. This includes our two junior cast teams, local children who are excelling in their roles and are who guaranteed to be the show stealers!"

The Sound of Music is set to delight audiences young and old from 12th June – 14th June 2025, at Wimborne's Tivoli Theatre, with evening performances Thursday to Saturday, plus a matinee performance on the Saturday.

Tickets are £18 for adults and £14 for under 16s.

Book through the box office on 01202 885566 or online at www.tivoliwimborne.co.uk/events/

Alastair Hume will be the musical director, with Jenny Jalie as choreographer. The adult cast includes Lauren Ferger-Andrews, David Cooper, Selina Rumbold, Alan Colclough, Julie Gower, Rosie Nye and James Bourner.







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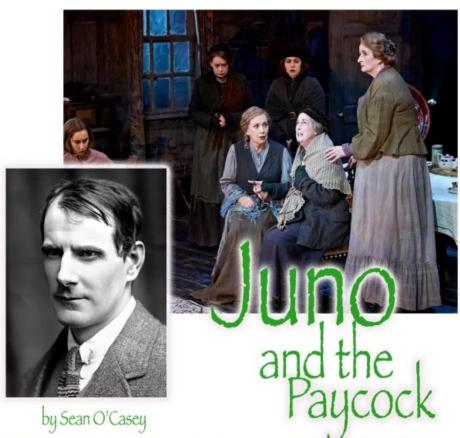
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The Mackrell Charity at The Old School June 2025 Activities In date order



Play reading on Monday 2 nd June at 2pm
Juno and the Paycock by Sean O'Casey and also on the 23 rd
June at 2pm The Heiress by Ruth Coetz. Scripts provided.
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Bridge group continues on Thursday mornings at 10am,
for more information contact Katy Norman on
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<u>Discovery Café</u> - 2.30pm on Saturday 7 th June.
Theatrical Myths, Legends and Superstitions-
an illustrated talk by Wayne Newport
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Social lunch –11 th June. All Welcome.
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See our website and senarate nosters in the Bridge

for details of all our activities.



Monday 2nd June 2025 2pm Play Reading Group

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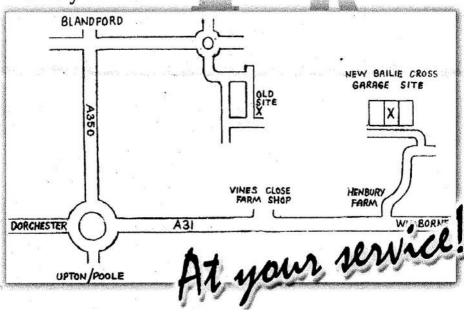
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Kingston Lacy Estate News

The Countryside team at Kingston Lacy have had a busy month. We've had a good calving and lambing season so far, including the surprise arrival of twins and a heifer that got caught unawares and calved in a nearby bramble patch rather than the open field.

We have also been busy cutting the public footpaths and bridleways that travel through the Kingston Lacy estate. With the hot weather of April and early May, vegetation burst into full glory. Although most of the paths will remain open, they become less accessible; with ticks and nettles an ever-present threat, we aim to keep the paths wide and free of obstruction throughout the year.



The ranger team carry out up to three cuts a year, depending on the growth rate, and this is a large part of the work we do at this time of year. If you have any overgrown vegetation or problems on the countryside access network to report, please email **KLFootpathAccess@nationaltrust.org.uk** and we will seek to investigate it.

Home Farm was recently accredited with the Pasture for Life certification. This recognises the high grazing standards for the cows and sheep across the estate. Following an inspection of the farm against various criteria, the certificate was awarded at the beginning of April. The certification works to recognise positive work on the ground which enhances ecosystems, while promoting sustainable food and farming which have a restorative impact on the land.

Our ranger and volunteers headed out earlier this week to maintain sand lizard habitat at Holt Heath, a National Nature Reserve. Sand lizards need bare ground for basking, but without annual maintenance the scrapes we create soon grow over. Staff and volunteers travelled out with spades and rakes to refresh the sand and keep the habitat open and in good condition for the next year.

Church Services for June

Sunday Ist: 7th of Easter

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

Sunday 8th: Pentecost

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

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

11.00am Morning Prayer at Morden

Sunday 15th: Trinity Sunday

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

9.15am Cafe Church at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

11.00am Holy Communion at Almer

Sunday 22nd: Trinity I

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

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

6.00pm Hymns & Pimms at Morden

Sunday 29th: Trinity 2

11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

Weekday Services

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

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Meeting Number Zoom ID: 883 2976 1518

Monday to Friday 8.30am Morning Prayer 5.00pm Evening Prayer

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Judith Lane at: villageadmin@wimborneminster.org.uk All services and times are correct at date of going to press.

NOTICES



Coffee and Cake: This is a new event which will be taking place on the second Monday of each month at St Bartholomew's church in Shapwick from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

A very warm welcome awaits everyone who enjoys coffee, cake and a chat.

Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall



We would like to issue an invitation for all interested parties to join us at the village hall **Tuesday 3**rd **June at7.00pm** for the hall Trustees committee annual general meeting.

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English Usage by Michael Evans

Pronunciation - a special case

English has fixed rules in some expressions. No one knows who made the rules or when, but there must have been general agreement that there is only one order in which to pronounce the vowel sounds in expressions such as:

CLIP CLOP, DING DONG, FLIP FLOP, HIP HOP, KING KONG,

PING PONG, SING SONG, TIP TOP, TICK TOCK and WISHY WASHY.

Try saying any of them the other way round and it's definitely "not English."

Did you ever play PONG PING or celebrate with a DONG DING?

Last month's anagrams

TOUGH TEASERS - ARGUE THE TOSS

SAW NOTHING - WASHINGTON

This month's anagrams

POPE'S INHUMAN – gaining an advantage (I word)

ONE RUIN – together again (I word)

Sturminster Marshall Gardening Club Programme 2025

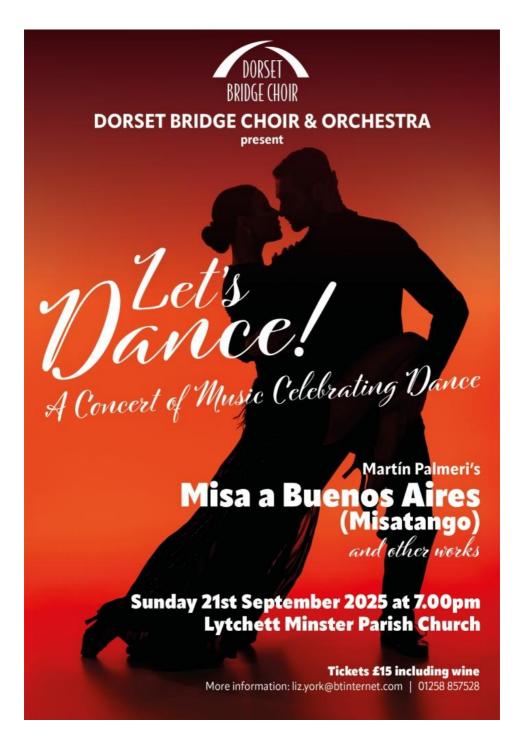
June 18th Cut Flowers with Demo - Marney Barter
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Visitors welcome



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BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT ST. STEPHEN'S KINGSTON LACY

For the first time in the history of the Church a Confirmation Service took place in St Stephen's Church at Kingston Lacy on the evening of Saturday I 2th April.

It was conducted by the Bishop of Sherborne, the Right Revd Karen Gorham, and assisted by the Rector of the Benefice of Wimborne Minster, The Wimborne Villages, Kingston Lacy and Shapwick, the Revd Canon Andrew Rowland and the Curate. the Revd Marianne Mangham.

Two Candidates were Baptised and ten Confirmed.

The two readings were read by Claire Lehmann, the Families Outreach Worker at the Minster, and the Rector.

The Prayers were led by Robin Langdown, Churchwarden at Kingston Lacy.

Members of the Minster Choir led the singing and Colin Davey, Organist and Director of the Choirs at the Minster, was at the Organ.

After the Service the Bishop said, "It was a joyous celebration of the rural church and good to see so many young families. It just shows what a warm welcome and engaging worship can do!."

Following the Service a reception was held in Pamphill Village Hall.



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STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS

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Well, the weather has certainly been different to this time last year when we were experiencing very wet and mixed weather. The sunshine seems to have brought on our gardens and open spaces which are very lush and green. The downside is that at present we are having to do a lot of watering. I even heard someone speaking on the radio the other day mentioning possible drought restrictions this summer if this hot weather keeps up.

The village school children had lovely weather for the Maypole dancing on the first May Bank Holiday Monday and raised a good amount of funds for the School Society. The Memorial Hall committee held a Cream Tea afternoon on the same day to celebrate VE Day, and this too was well supported. Well done all.

We have had a notification that Wessex Water have applied for a temporary road closure to do works at the end of Church Street by Church Farm on Friday 27th June 2025 from 09:00 hrs to 13:00 hrs. There will be a diversion in place. They will also be carrying out sewer works in various places from the beginning of June until the beginning of August to seal and line the sewer.

The benches around Churchill Close Green have been refurbished ready for the summer months to come, and we are looking at repairs to the other benches too. The Playground annual report will be carried out this month by an independent assessor, and we will report back on that next month. We are also looking at quotes for tree works to the trees on the village greens within the Conservation Area. The Litter Posters from the School Competition have been installed in various places around the village, do have a look at them, they are very good.

Installation work for the two Electric Vehicle charge points has begun in the right-hand Memorial Hall car park, and they are expected to be operational by the summer. The local Community Speedwatch volunteers are working hard to help reduce speeding in the parish. If you see them, please be kind and courteous—they're helping make our roads safer for everyone. Sadly though, there has been more anti-social behaviour in and around Churchill Close and this has been reported to the police and Dorset Council. In recent walks around the village, I have found that dog owners are not picking up after their animals. Please do pick up after your dog, it is so important to public health and keeping the Parish a lovely place to walk. There are several Dog Bins and General Bins around the village so please make use of them or take the dog waste bag home and put it in your own bin.

Another issue regarding animals, is horse riding in the village. It has been reported that riders are riding on Churchill Close Green. This strictly prohibited as per our bylaws.

Recent Plans

No recent Plans or Tree works to report to report this month.

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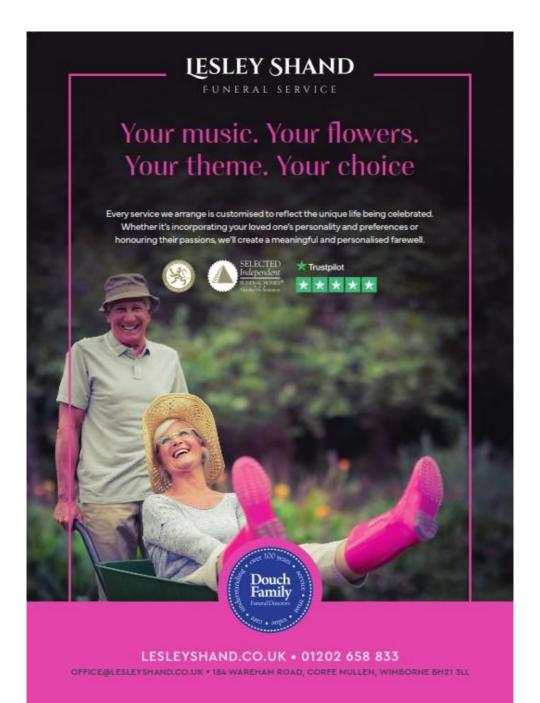
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We also held an Egg Decorating Competition and the winner was Jill Coulson for her Humpty Dumpty design.



Thanks were expressed to Lynn Tong, Heather Trenchard and Rose Johnson who stood down from the committee and flowers were presented to them to show our appreciation for their service.

Our next meeting will be on the 19th June at 7.30pm 'The Story of an English Alms House' – a talk by historian Simon Smith

We have a very active group enjoying activities such as walking netball to name but one. We are always pleased to welcome new members. Just come along and you will be sure of a warm welcome.

For more information about SMEWI, please contact Christine Rainsford on 01258 857413.

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Four Seasons - Spring by Lys de Bray

If you think about it, our wild flower flowering (!) times divide neatly into the four seasons, and as I write I'm thinking of an English bluebell wood that I know - there's nothing to rival this anywhere else in the world. Vast numbers of them scent the air around, a sea of blue that makes you glad to be alive and right there. And also, if you think about it, there's no other scented blue flower in the world that grows in such abundance. Here and there you may see a solitary stem of white bells, but though charming and interesting because there's so few of them they don't count, it's the wonderful sea of blue like a scented carpet that's so special. After all, where else in the world do you have this? I used to know a little wood that in spring was solid blue with them, they flower just as the first light green leaves are coming on the trees above. The birds are rushing about either finishing off their nests or starting on the birdy-treadmill of feeding those ever-gaping beaks, and the air is filled with birdsong.

Primroses are good-natured, plants, you can divide them easily and their delicate pale yellow flowers go so well with the bluebells. They may look fragile but they're tough cookies. They grow in my drive here; actually *in* it and time was when I dug up all the babies and replanted them in a safer place where car tyres can't run over them - which reminds me, I haven't done this for a year or two, so tomorrow I'll go and look to see what's happening out there. In former times when I was going down to Cornwall more often I noticed that an enlightened council had planted the steep banks beside the road - new bypasses? lavishly with them (or they may have been there for some time, the result of natural increase) It was beautiful to see and you don't get primroses anywhere else in the world, either. Their leaves are nice, too, tidy clumps of deeply veined dark green, a pleasing foil to the flat, pale yellow delicately-scented flowers.

Some sunny banks beside country roads are starred with the flowers of celandines, which have a mirror-like shine that attracts early pollinators, and if I had my gardening time over again, I would plant masses of them because they lighten the heart with their glossy bright yellow petals. Celandines like sunny, slightly damp situations and once you've got a few they'll increase quickly and then vanish, leaves and all, when they've done flowering. Scentless dogviolets - *Viola riviniana* - flower at the same time and mine put themselves tidily on a sunny bank beside the bungalow.



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