



THE BRIDGE

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



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May 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.

These are:

Sturminster Marshall Football (Youth),
Pamphill 1st School,
Senior Lunch Club (Sturminster Marshall),
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

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 62.

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### Bridge magazine advertising fees

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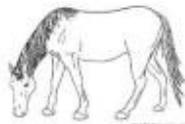
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# From The Church

Dear Friends,

I hope all is well with you as we continue to celebrate the joys of Easter.

The joy of celebrating Easter over the Great Fifty days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost are at the heart of the Christian faith. St Augustine said, “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song,” and Pope John Paul II expanded on this by prefixing these words with: “Do not abandon yourself to despair”.

But what does it mean to be an Easter people? Firstly, it means that we’re a joyful and hopeful people, we’re on the look out for the new life that God is bringing into the world. And secondly, it means that we believe that God’s new life can come even from the most difficult of circumstances. So, we’re joy-filled whilst at the same time being grounded in the realities of life.

This helps us in our own life and also motivates us to help others too; our confidence in Christ’s resurrection means is what encourages us to be with all sorts of people in all sorts of situations. This is what our parish churches stand for – a beacon of hope and community in the heart of our villages.

I hope you feel reassured by the Church’s presence in your village, and I hope you feel able to drop in for some quiet time, as well as coming to join us for services

This is just one way in which the Church contributes to our villages. You are always very welcome and we want you to help us be a force for good in these villages, so that together we can affirm all that is good, joyful, and gives us all confidence to be hopeful for our future.

With love and prayers,

**Justin**

## Notices

Jubilee services – there are services planned in every village over the Jubilee weekend. All the services are a little different and reflect the different villages. Please do come along and join in!

Justin on leave – every year I take annual leave (holiday) like anyone who is employed. On top of this, vicars take additional leave every seven years. The time has come for me to take this “Extended Ministerial Development Leave”, and so I’m going to be taking 3 months out of parish ministry to do some academic research and take time for retreat. Combining that with some annual leave, it means that I’m going to be away from the benefice from after the Queen’s Jubilee until the beginning of October. I apologise in advance, to those of you who would want to be in touch during that time, and I also want to reassure you all that we have sufficient cover in place from a very experienced team of ministers and local churchgoers, to ensure that everything carries on as usual. I am very grateful to everyone who has been so supportive of me taking this time away from the benefice and I look forward to returning to being with you, refreshed and with new insights, later in the year.

**Justin**

# St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

## April Draw

162 £50 Jean Turner  
97 £30 Virginia Cade  
185 £20 Susan Pirie

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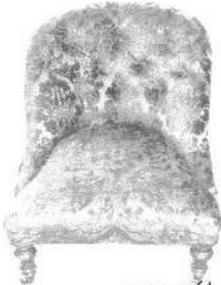
£400 has already been distributed in prize money this year. If you would like to have a chance of winning you can join for the rest of the year, paying just £2 per month. Please contact one of the committee members listed below.

St. Mary's will benefit from the same amount of money as is distributed as prizes.

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

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|                                                      |                              |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> | The Power of the Dog (12A)   | 7.30pm, |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                                     | “ “ “ “ “                    | 2.30pm. |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>                  | Operation Mincemeat (12A)    | 7.30pm, |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                                     | “ “                          | 2.30pm. |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>                  | The Eyes of Tammy Faye (12A) | 7.30pm, |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                                     | “ “ “ “ “                    | 2.30pm. |

## MAY SHOWS

|                                   |                                                                                       |                           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                   | Gyles Brandreth: Break a Leg                                                          | 5pm, <b>SOLD OUT.</b>     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> | Jim Davidson: Left, Right & Centre<br><b>OVER 18'S ONLY</b>                           | 7.30pm, £15.              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                   | The Matt Monroe Story                                                                 | 7.30pm, £24.              |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                   | Surfin' USA                                                                           | 7.30pm, <b>CANCELLED.</b> |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                   | Live/Wire; the AC/CD Show                                                             | 7.30pm, £20.              |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                  | Show of Hands                                                                         | 7.30pm, £26.              |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                  | Dave Kelly Band                                                                       | 7.30pm, £20.              |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                  | An Evening of Burlesque<br><b>OVER 18'S ONLY</b>                                      | 7.30pm, £25.              |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                  | The Animals Farewell Tour                                                             | 7.30pm, £27.50.           |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                  | Marks & Gran: Birds of a Feather Tour                                                 | 7.30pm, <b>CANCELLED.</b> |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                  | Mark Watson: This can't be It                                                         | 7.30pm, £20.              |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                  | An Acoustic Round<br>with Jamie Lawson, Gemma Hayes,<br>Richard Walters & Laura Zocca | 7.30pm, £25.              |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                  | The Searchers & Hollies Experience                                                    | 7.30pm, £20.              |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                  | Alan Belfield: Voice of Reason                                                        | 7.30pm, £20.              |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                  | The Ronnie Scott's All Stars                                                          | 7.30pm, £24.              |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                  | We'll meet Again: The Vera Lynn Story                                                 | 7.30pm, <b>CANCELLED.</b> |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                  | Tony Christie: Avenues and Alleyways -<br>the greatest hits                           | 7.30pm, £23.50.           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                  | Los Endos – Ultimate Genesis:<br>Strictly Foxtrot                                     | 7.30pm, £22.              |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>                  | The Psychology of Serial Killers                                                      | 7.30pm, <b>SOLD OUT.</b>  |
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## **Action Fraud - Ticket to nowhere: Don't let ticket fraudsters take off with your cash**

**Ticket fraudsters duped victims out of almost £4 million in the last year, as music and entertainment lovers bought tickets for festivals and events online as coronavirus restrictions eased.**

New data from Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime, reveals that 4,982 people fell victim to ticket fraud in the 2021/22 financial year.

Action Fraud received 623 reports of ticket fraud in September last year – the highest number of reports received since March 2020, as most festivals and events operated as usual for the first time since pre-pandemic.

**Detective Chief Inspector Craig Mullish, from the City of London Police, said:**

“Criminals took advantage of coronavirus restrictions being lifted last summer and targeted victims looking for tickets to high-profile sporting events and festivals.

“We have seen reports of ticket fraud rise further this year as well. Many festivals and events for the summer have already sold out, so don't be deceived by offers on secondary ticketing websites or social media, as this is often where criminals will advertise fake tickets to popular and sold out events. Remember: if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.”

During the 2021/22 financial year, victims reported losing £3.8 million to ticket fraud – an average loss of over £750 per victim.

The highest percentage of reports (27 per cent) came from 20 to 29 year-olds and almost half (48 per cent) of victims were aged 20 to 49 years old.

One victim lost £900 after they found someone on Twitter selling a ticket to the Euro 2020 final. The victim contacted the suspect who showed proof of the ticket. The victim transferred the money to the suspect and once the suspect had received the payment, they deleted their account.

Another victim lost over £150 after they saw an advert for tickets to a concert. The victim contacted the suspect who said two tickets were available and then transferred the money for the ticket. Once the suspect had received the payment, they blocked the victim.

Action Fraud launched a national awareness campaign on Monday 11 April 2022 to remind the public to take extra care when booking tickets online and to think twice before parting with their money or information.

**Jonathan Brown, Chief Executive of Society of Ticket Agents and Retailers, said:**

“Buying from a STAR member means you are buying from an authorised ticket supplier signed up to our strict code of practice.. While we hope you never have to use it, this also gets you access to our approved Alternative Dispute Resolution service.

“This summer will see the return of many more events, as well as concerts and shows that were rescheduled during the pandemic. It’s vital that ticket buyers keep their eyes open and take steps to protect themselves from unscrupulous ticket sellers that prey on their understandable excitement about attending some of the great events on offer.”

**Spot the signs of ticket fraud and protect yourself:**

Only buy tickets from the venue’s box office, official promoter or agent, or a well-known and reputable ticket site.

Avoid paying for tickets by bank transfer, especially if buying from someone unknown. Credit card or payment services such as PayPal give you a better chance of recovering your money if you become a victim of fraud.

Be wary of unsolicited emails, texts or adverts offering unbelievably good deals on tickets. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Is the vendor a member of STAR? If they are, the company has signed up to their strict governing standards. STAR also offers an approved Alternative Dispute Resolution service to help customers with outstanding complaints.

For more information: [star.org.uk/buy\\_safe](http://star.org.uk/buy_safe)

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:** take 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.

**Protect:** if you think you’ve been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.



**Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall Committee AGM**

We would like to issue an invitation for all interested parties to join us at the village hall **7.30 pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May** for the hall committee annual general meeting.

The Memorial Hall is a community facility, and we welcome any input as to how we can best serve the interests of Sturminster Marshall village and the surrounding area.

**Tim Weaver**  
**Chair**



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*May activities in date order.*

**Play reading on 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**

**'Allo 'Allo' £3**

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**Film Society on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**  
**Sally's 'Musical Evening-'Gold Diggers of 1933'.**

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**Monday 16th May - Discovery Café-at 2.30pm**

**'Dorset Shipwrecks 1870-1970'**

**An illustrated talk by Dave Wendes.**

*£5 on the door. Including tea and cake!*

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**Thursday morning bridge group will continue during May,**

**Thursdays from 10am - 12.30pm.**

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**or at [bridge-mackrell1@outlook.com](mailto:bridge-mackrell1@outlook.com)**

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**Jubilee Cocktail Party, with live background jazz from**

**The Nightjars- Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm-9.00pm.**

*Tickets £5 in advance from the Mackrell website or from the Mackrell stall on the Green, or on the door. Includes canapes plus one cocktail, mocktail or wine.*

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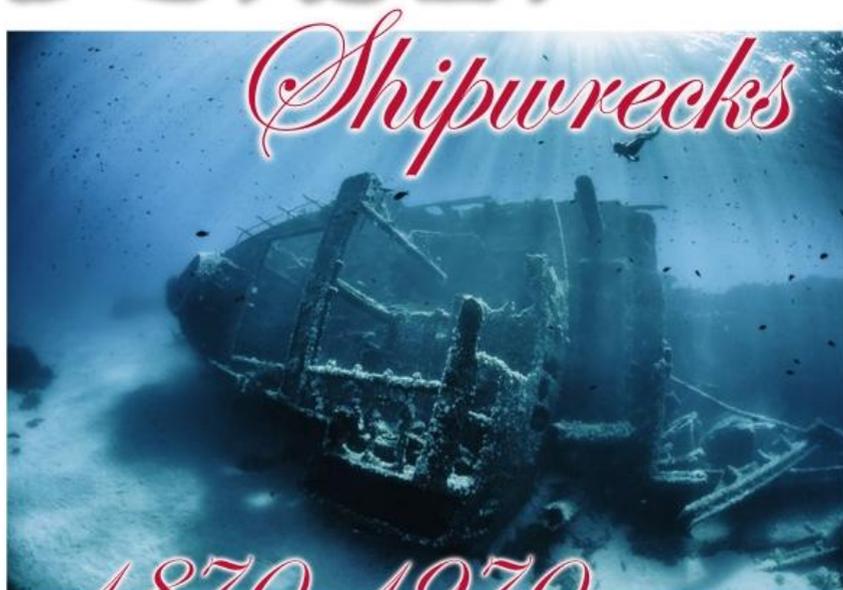
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*These dates and dates of subsequent events, plus admission costs and contact numbers are shown on the website. We accept card or cash payment on the door for most activities but online or other advance payments only for Mackrell lectures*

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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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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 11am - 3pm

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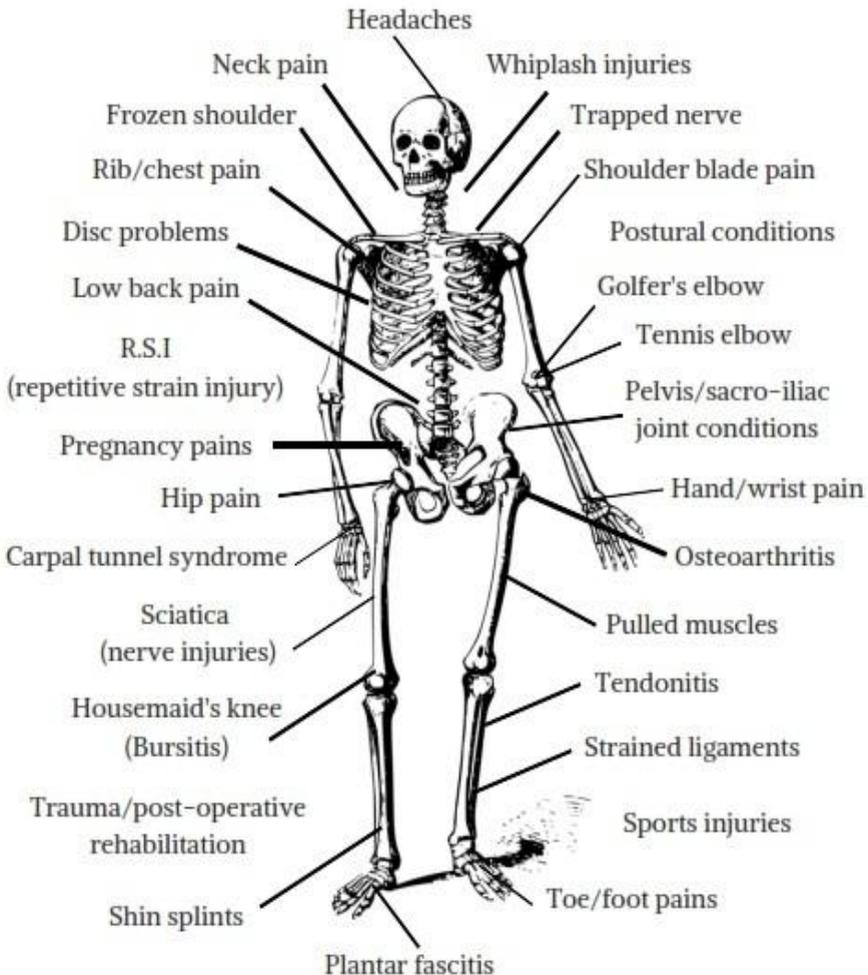
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## A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.

Well, here we go again, another month and where has this one gone? It seems that each month comes round so quickly! Well, once again I would like the lady who rang me about my bit in the Bridge in April. It is lovely to know that I am not the only person who has a Hatch, Match and Dispatch book and we had a lovely talk about them for quite a long time. So many memories came out of this and to go back and talk about it was lovely remembering those now gone. She said how much she enjoyed reading the Bridge and she hopes it will carry on for a long time. Listening to her I thought of other old sayings and some newer ones. I have been getting some together, so here goes, and I hope they bring a smile to your face

If the Ash is out before the Oak, we are bound to have a soak, If Oak is out before the Ash we will only get a splash!

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout, down came the rain and washed poor Incy out. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain so Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout again!

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

A watched pot never boils.

Here's mud in your eye.

A pinch and a punch for the first of the month, a pinch and a kick for being so quick!

Don't cast a clout before May is out.

Red sky at night, Shepherds delight Red sky in the morning, Shepherds warning.

If you see a magpie on its own hold on to your collar till you see a four legged animal.

It is bad luck to see the new moon through glass, and if the new moon is on its back, there will be no rain but if it is the other way round, the rain will drip out.

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Vera



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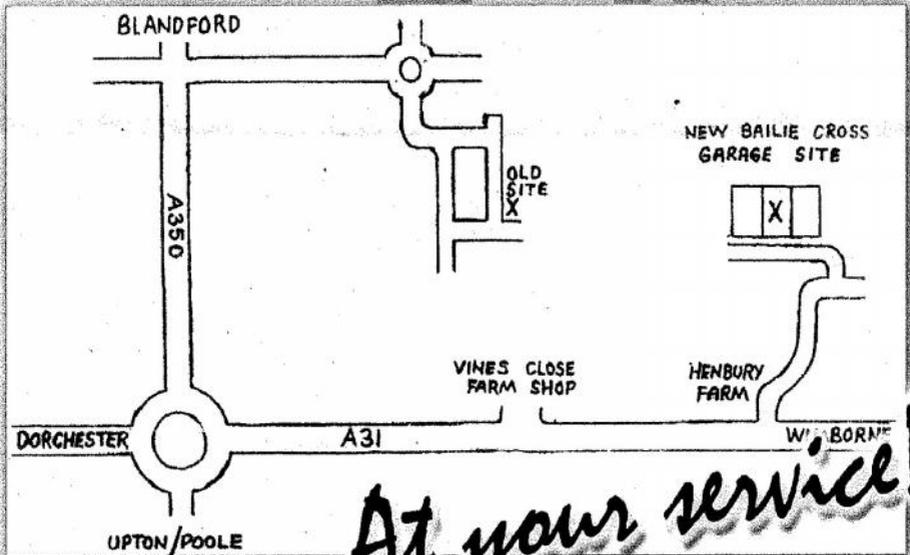
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## Kingston Lacy Estate News

Spring is always a busy time at Home Farm but particularly so this year: we are short-staffed at a period of peak activity as we are about to appoint a new farm manager and farm worker. That means the ranger team is taking on extra duties of calving and (in a few weeks) lambing, rather than helping out as needed; so far so good, we have had 20 calves born, with another nine to come and you should be able to see them out in East Park.



Hopefully by now you will also see the cows out on Badbury Rings – as ever, do please be aware if you are walking your dog there (and also take care if in the parkland, where the ewes are pregnant so need to be left in peace).

The programming team has been busy in the last few

weeks, and if you check the What's On section on the website you'll see a packed summer programme. This month we're welcoming back our volunteer garden guides (another part of a return of pre-pandemic normality), who will be running bookable free one-hour tours four days a week at 11.30am and 2pm from 28 April. Every Sunday in June there will be Music on the Lawns – varied performers encompassing orchestral, brass band and jazz and blues. There are behind-the-scenes Unseen Estate tours of house and garden, and we're welcoming back outdoor theatre and cinema from July. We'll be taking part at Badbury Rings in the national Festival of Archaeology (Jul 16-17), with guided walks from National Trust archaeologist Martin Papworth and Kingston Lacy ranger Mark Wratten, and help from experimental archaeologists Ancient Wessex Network, who will be setting up camp to help bring the site alive.

Remember, we'd love to hear your memories of Kingston Lacy, to celebrate the 40 years since the Trust took on the Bankes estate. Get in touch via the comment cards in the house. We look forward to seeing you here soon.

**The Kingston Lacy team**

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY 2022

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> : 3<sup>rd</sup> of Easter**

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

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> : 4<sup>th</sup> of Easter**

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

9.15am Holy Communion at St. Stephen's, Kingston Lacy  
plus Banns x 2

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> of Easter**

9.15pm Pet Service at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

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

11am Sung Eucharist with choir at Almer

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> of Easter**

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

9.15am Family Service with Baptism and Banns at St. Stephen's,  
Kingston Lacy

## **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:**

6.30pm Jubilee Celebration with music and readings at  
St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Queen's Jubilee and Pentecost**

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

12 noon Tree Blessing at Almer

## **Weekday Services**

Wednesdays at 9am Holy Communion, Stur. Marshall

Wednesdays at 11am Midweek Communion, Wimborne  
Minster

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

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY 2022

## Zoom Services at Red Post

Monday & Wednesday at 10am Morning Prayer

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm      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

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:

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## English Usage by Michael Evans)

### **Place names: a fantasy on how they might have evolved and enriched our language.**

In medieval times, the sleepy little Dorset village of Milby, in the pretty valley of a stream of that name, in common with many other English rivers, had the unfortunate effect of causing infection and disease because they were used as sewers. Scientists had not yet discovered the reason. It's strange that no one else seems to know where in Dorset Milby was. The hamlet of Milby in Yorkshire is on the river Ure – could there be a connection with *urine*? We will never know.

The name of the Dorset Milby could be connected with that of Melbury, not far to the north. The difference in orthography is easily explained. The modern names of many old Saxon towns would be unrecognisable to their founders, such as Sixpenny Handley, which until the 14<sup>th</sup> century was two parishes, Sexpena and Hanlega which merged into a single village around that time. It is by such linguistic evolution that many words and place names change over the centuries. Alternative names may be added, as locals choose appellations related to events or the nature of the place. For example, at one time, suspecting their stream might have something to do with local disease, Milby's people gave it the name "The Water of Piss" which flowed gently southwards until it reached the sea at a spot which people naturally called Milbymouth.

(The town of Valognes in Normandy similarly named the stream that flows through the town "Le Merderet," roughly translatable as "S\*\*t Stream." A lane in Pamphill, originally "All Souls Lane" became "All Fools Lane" when cartographers wrongly transcribed a medieval letter S as an F on the updated map.)

There have been many changes in the nomenclature of the coastal village of Milby and its foul stream, as well as in their spelling and usage, and they became part of the English language.

I realised this from my hospital bed recently, awaking dreamily from a nasty operation, when my eyes fell on two signs hanging on a pole beside me. As my consciousness increased, I was struck by the discovery that "Milbymouth" and "Water of Piss" had changed so that an M had become N, anagrams had occurred, and new expressions had entered our language, morphing into "Nil by Mouth" and "Sips of Water," now found in hospitals throughout the English-speaking world.

### **Answers to last month's anagrams**

RON, TV COLLEGE MAN – LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TEDIOUS – OUTSIDE

RADIO SET – ASTEROID

### **This month's anagram**

WET OSCULAR MUSH – Face fungus in the sea?



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21 March 2022

### **Shapwick Celebrates its Famous Crab Incident with a Day of Music. The Crabwick Fayre**

**Shapwicks Music Festival The Crabwick Fayre starts from Midday Sunday 1st May next to St Bartholemews Church Shapwick Dorset.**

On a Tuesday in October 1706, a travelling Poole fishmonger was wheeling his cart on the outskirts of the village of Shapwick. When unknown to him, a large crab fell from his barrow..

A Shapwick villager discovered the creature by stepping on it. So strange was its appearance, he believed it was the devil himself! Running on to the village, he told everyone about the terrifying creature. Fearing it was the work of Satan, the villagers armed themselves with pitchforks, sticks and stones, and attempted to tackle the hideous monster.

The fishmonger, on realising his absent crab, retraced his steps to find a group of Shapwick folk surrounding the startled crab. He swiftly picked up the crab and placed it back onto his cart and continued on his way back to Poole. So humoured was the Poole fishmonger that he told everyone what had happened. Sadly, this fishmonger's tale gained Shapwick folk an unfair reputation of being slow-witted. Indeed, it was said that this led to some Shapwick villagers being too embarrassed to visit a fish stall.

We all thought that was the end of Kerley the Crab.....

But he's been spotted back in Shapwick!

So we need to make some noise and commotion again to chase him back to the sea. So we are holding the first Crabwick Fayre at Shapwick Village on 1st May 2022. With the help from local children we will attempt to capture Kerley and take him back to the sea, followed by live music from 2pm, with local stalls and refreshments throughout the day and evening.

*Issued by The Rustic Churches Concert Association. For further information, interviews, a selection of hires photos or to request press passes, please contact PR Manager Hawkeye Houlihan on 07723592433 or email [hawkeyesbanjo@hotmail.com](mailto:hawkeyesbanjo@hotmail.com)*

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## STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

### ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm

Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall

### Refreshments

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The Annual Open Meeting is back in its normal venue this year, and we look forward to welcoming you back.

Next, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who came along and helped with the Litter Pick. This helps with keeping our village a better, cleaner place to live. We were so lucky with the weather, and had even more volunteers this year who collected an awful lot of bags of rubbish. We hope that you will all be back next year. Another annual village event is back this year, and that is Maypole dancing on Maypole Green on the May Bank Holiday. It is good to see the village getting back to normal.

As reported last month the new fence in Bartons Ground has been damaged by some person(s) unknown. This has now been reported to police and we have a crime number. Someone has nailed the gate back to the fence, and this is also criminal damage, and has been reported as well. If you see anyone carrying out this type of damage it should be reported to the police, also if anyone is seen Fly Tipping please report this to Dorset Waste Partnership. This fencing has cost the Parish a lot of money and has had to be put up as part of the new lease with Eton College.

Preparations for the Platinum Jubilee Event are progressing well, with many village organisations taking part. Volunteers are needed to marshal the event, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk if you would like to help, it would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping that many of you will attend this event, to celebrate this momentous occasion.

As at 1<sup>st</sup> of April the Parish Council have taken over the maintenance of Churchill Close with agreement with the Football Club. Dorset Council have been contracted to look after this area along with all land that they own in the village. The other Greens and Common Land are being maintained by Greenscape.

Representatives of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have held a meeting with AECOM regarding the Master Planning technical package, and workshops are going to be held in the near future. The consultation report is being finalised, and the draft plan has now been started.

#### **Recent Plans:**

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P/TRC/2022/01275 Market Place, Front Lane, Sturminster Marshall

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P/FUL/2022/01188 4 High Close, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne. BH21 4BE

Erect a dwelling with garage and form new access.

P/HOU/2022/01718 Toliva, Back Lane, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne. BH21 4BP

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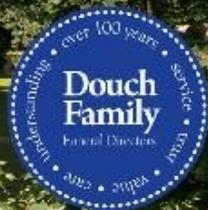
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As promised, Julie Jackson came along to our meeting to talk to our members who are keen to help with her Platinum Jubilee project to brighten up the children's play area. Some of our ladies had already made a great start and were able to give Julie their finished contributions.

Jane will be selling plants from her wall again this year. So, calling all you lovely gardeners, please donate your surplus seedlings and other potted wonders from your garden. The variety of plants and produce which appeared last year was simply amazing. Just leave them on the porch (85 High Street) or place them straight on the wall with some sort of identification.

Buyers will also be needed! All money raised will go to charity.

Our meeting in May is a musical evening with Esther Frake. Please join us on 19<sup>th</sup> at The Old School Hall, for a fun evening of music. The meeting will start at the usual time of 7.30 p.m.

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**May 6<sup>th</sup>.** Roger Hirons – The Summer Garden

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## Nature's Voice

Have you seen a bee fly yet this year? They look rather like a teeny-tiny, fuzzy bear with a rather scary looking, long, pointy spike on their face! They can be seen hovering, hanging in the air as if by magic, the movement of their wings just a blur, from March. The spike is not a sting, it actually acts rather like a straw for sucking up nectar - the fancy name for this is a proboscis. Like with so many creatures, I have spent over 30 years not noticing the sweet little bee flies. It was not until my bug-fanatical children pointed them out to me that I began to notice them everywhere. Bee flies have a rather clever method of taking over solitary bee homes (and their larvae) in order to survive...but don't be put off – they are essential pollinators and fascinating little creatures, as well as being pretty cute.



The butterflies are beginning to flutter too. Among the first ones to be spotted are the brimstones – so called because of their sulphurous yellow colour; the peacocks – with their false 'eyes' on their wings, and the raggedy-looking, frilly commas. These are some of the butterflies that overwinter as adults in the UK – which is why they are out enjoying the spring sunshine so soon, while other species are still caterpillars or even eggs.

It is at this time of year that the reptiles will be starting to warm up. I am determined to see an adder this year! We are fortunate to have all three of the UK's snake species right here in Dorset. A grass snake can be identified by its smart yellow and black collar (he is off to a party and in a hurry), while an adder - our only venomous snake - sports a go-faster zigzag stripe all along its back (though he is not going fast – be careful not to tread on him!). The smooth snake is very rare and shy and to be honest you'd be very lucky indeed to spot one! They are only seen in a few of Dorset's heath lands and are pale and greyish or brown in colour.

Have you seen something shiny and bronze, brown or pinkish that looks like a snake? Check to see if it gives you a cheeky wink! Slow worms are not snakes or worms but a type of lizard with no legs. Unlike snakes, they have eyelids that close – so watch it for a while and it will blink. The slow worm is a garden friend and will help clear off your excess slugs and really should be welcomed! They are a good reason to avoid strimming your grass or to have a jolly good look and swish about beforehand at least as strimmers and slow worms are not friends.

What treasures have you spotted this spring?

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## Future dates 2022

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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](mailto:christopher@joyofmusic.co.uk) if you would like further details of any of our concerts.

**Christopher Dowie**

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**Sunday Soirée No.5** (following the 6 o'clock Service)

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## Nettle Soup - by Lys de Bray

It's nice to get your own back on nettles, and this soup is very green in both senses of that word. I use Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's very moreish recipe from *The River Cottage Cook Book*. But the sight of all that prime soup mix all a-growing means that you really have to get going with the seeds, the seedlings, the pricking out and hardening off and there is never, ever enough space. This is one of the times when I yearn for another greenhouse and at least three more cold frames; the other time is late autumn when we're trying to pack the quart that is pelargoniums, cannas, dahlias and fuchsias into the 12 by 8 pint pot.

I sow the vigorous-growing annuals such as Cosmos, Cleome, Calendula, Bidens, Nasturtium, Nicotiana, Tagetes at the end of March or even later, so that the pricked-out seedlings don't hang about in their trays for too long taking up space and whimpering for water twice a day. Then can come the more leisurely biennials, this year *Saivia x sciarea* 'Turkestanica', *Verbascum olympicum*, *Digitalis purpurea* 'Alba' - white foxglove, *Hesperis matronalis* - Dame's Violet and *Lunaria biennis* - Honesty, because there's all the rest of the season for them to grow in. Lastly, perennials such as rudbeckia, gaillardia and bergenia, plenty of growing time for them too. The bergenia seed was last year's but I sowed it and was delighted to see tiny green points even now barely 2mm across and still at the first true-leaf stage, though with a magnifying glass and optimism they are clearly recognisable as doll's house window-box bergenias. (I love bergenias and now have space allocated for acquisitions)

The hardest thing to remember when sowing small seed is NOT TO SOW IT ALL. Big seeds are easier to ration out, especially if you're using modular trays. With tiny seeds, only sow a quarter of the packet and then fold it over and put it in a plastic box in the fridge, don't forget to date it. Last year I had poor germination of Cosmos 'Ladybird Scarlet' and the number of healthy seedlings got further reduced by a slug. So, belt and braces, this year I sowed two packets and the whole lot came up. There should be a good show of the blazing scarlet and orange flowers in both the Long Garden and the terrace border this year.

Try *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* - our native bluebells if you want a patch or a drift of heaven. Collect the black seeds this month when the seed-cases rattle, sow in seed trays in John Innes No 1 and leave in a shady frame, protect from heavy rain but not against winter cold and frost. Absolutely nothing will happen until next spring when bright green spears about 2cm long will come up like thin grass. Leave them be, (though you can top up the compost a smidgen) and if you poke about to see what's happening under the surface you'll find tiny white bulbs. The following year the 'grass' will be taller and more definite, the bulbs marginally larger and you can plant spaced-out clumps, mark the place because the green spears will soon vanish. The year after, flowers, if not, definitely the year after that. There's always, always something to look forward to. Like nettle soup.



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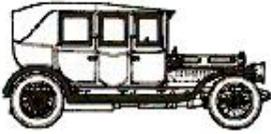


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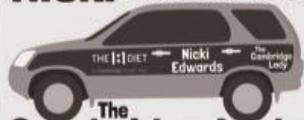
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