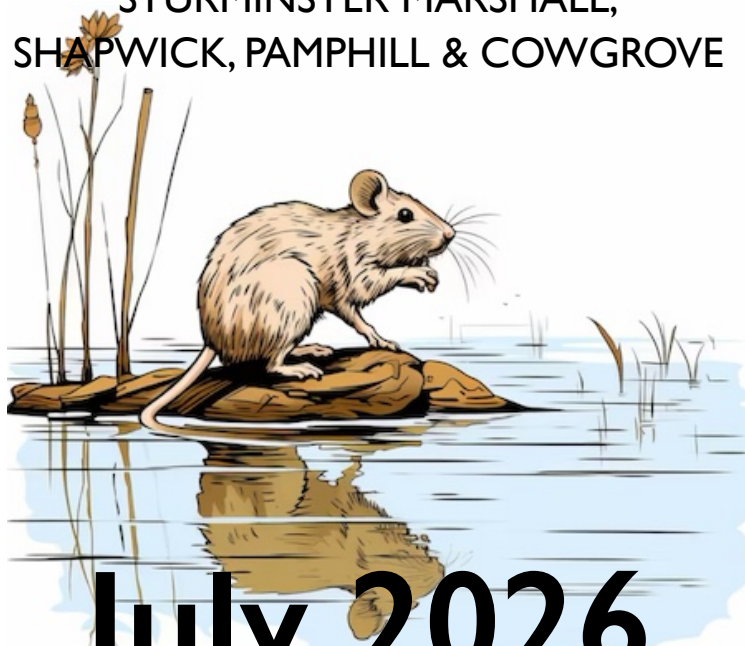




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THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

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Articles

Contributions are welcome from all sectors of the community served by the parishes. Please email your article to bridgemagazinedorset@gmail.com

If you have no email then please print your copy and send it to 7 Parkelea, Sturminster Marshall BH21 4DG, FAO: Editor of The Bridge Magazine.

The submission deadline for articles is the 15th of the month.

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This month's cover image: win £10!

This is a picture of the Sturminster Marshall water rat. It is actually a water vole (like Ratty from *The Wind In The Willows*), and it is the official emblem of the village. People born in the village are traditionally known as water rats. You may have noticed that the village maypole is usually topped by a figure of a water rat.

Our water rat is hiding somewhere in the online version of this magazine. So do visit bridgemagazinedorset.com and if you find the water rat contact the editor at bridgemagazinedorset@gmail.com

The first person to correctly identify the whereabouts of our water rat will receive a cash prize of £10.

From the Chair - Bridge Publications

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Barry Johnson

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FROM THE CHURCH

Seasons

Recently I read an article which carried out a survey looking at the fascination we Brits have with our weather.

The survey told us that we spend over four months of our lives talking about the weather! Breaking it down further the survey said that the average adult will post six weather-related comments a month on social media and also spend eleven minutes a week checking the weather forecast.

I am not too surprised at these results and often hear people talking about the somewhat problematic climate in our country, bemoaning the fact that their event was rained off.

As we all know, despite our four distinct seasons, our weather can be very variable. Now we have reached our Summer season – June to August – all of us will be hoping for plenty of warm sunshine in the longer daylight hours ahead.

The book of Genesis, in its first chapter, tells us that our creator God put the seasons into place so that we may have the right climate for life and food.

Our Church also has its seasons, known as the liturgical calendar, designed so that our worship has a structure to praise our God. The first season is Advent, a time of preparation for our Lord's return, which is followed by Christmas. After which we have the season of Epiphany through which Jesus was revealed as the Son of God.

Lent is the next season, a time of self-examination, leading to Easter and the miracle of Jesus's resurrection from the dead, then on to Pentecost which marks the gift of the Holy Spirit to us.

Lastly, we have the longest season called Ordinary time. Far from being mundane, this season is like a time out from our busyness in which Christians explore the life and ministry of Jesus, also reflecting on our place in this world and what we can do for neighbour and environment in the seasons of our life journeys.

Our life seasons, as we know, can often be changeable, yet our God is a God of all seasons and his care and love is consistent and certain in our unpredictable world.

Rev. Bill French



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4th	The Bournemouth Youth Theatre: We Will Rock You
5th	The Drifters
9th	The Don Williams Experience
10th	All Or Nothing: The Story of the Small Faces
16th	Hits of Motown: Roy G Hemmings of The Drifters
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or katy.norman1@btinternet.com**

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Cream Teas

***Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July in aid of
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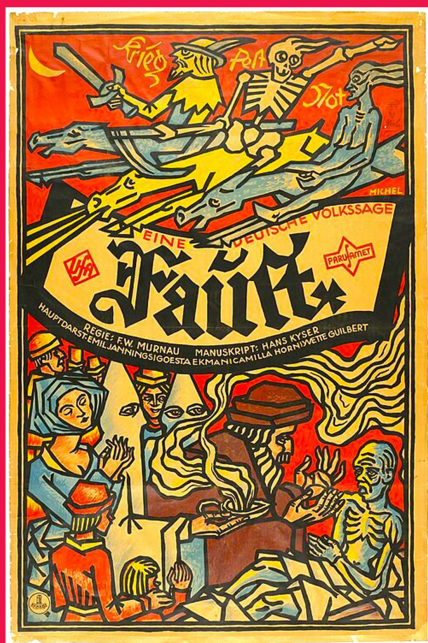
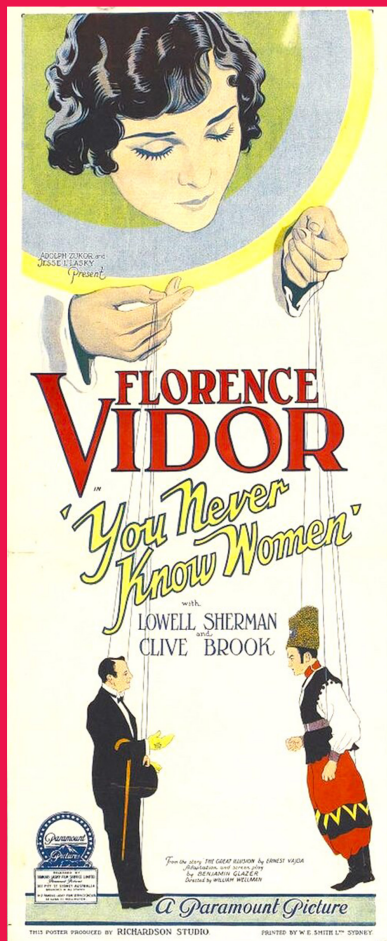
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With every blessing,

The Reverend Jane Williams

English Usage: a personal view by Michael Evans

Where has Shakespeare gone?

A few years ago the Education Secretary Michael Gove complained in a speech that “Our birthright, the language that Shakespeare used, is not being passed on to the next generation in all its beauty and clarity.” He had not noticed how much the English language had developed since the 16th and 17th centuries. If it had not, we would be using words with meanings unknown to us. Not only have they disappeared or changed their meaning, but grammar and syntax are now different from Shakespearean sentences like “What sayst thou?” and “I know not where . . .” Each generation has pedants who wish to freeze the language in a past form, but it will continue to evolve. More on this subject next month.

Last month's anagrams

US BOTANIST - BUS STATION
FOREIGN LADS - DRAGONFLIES

This month's anagrams

REAL SLIME – City of the Olympique football team
BAD ACTORS – Share information

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Church Services in July

Sunday 5th: Trinity 5

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

Sunday 12th: Trinity 6

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

9.30am** Holy Communion at St Stephen's, Kingston Lacy

Sunday 19th: Trinity 7

9.30am** Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's, Shapwick

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

Sunday 26th: Trinity 8

9.30am** Family Service at St Stephen's, Kingston Lacy

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** NOTE the new start time of 9.30am

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WEE ALBION NOTEBOOK

I Was Born In The Country (1946), a memoir by H. S. Joyce - son of the last working miller to occupy White Mill - offers engaging insights into a childhood spent locally in the early 1900s. H.S. recalls the mill being plagued by rats and mice attracted by fallen grain, and how the household's cook looked after the many cats kept to keep the vermin at bay. The cats had their own room at night, set apart from the house but allowing them access to the mill buildings to do their job. Flooding - then as now - was not infrequent and the mill could be virtually cut off for days at a time. On one such occasion the cook was woken in the night by a piteous crying. She made her way downstairs and along a flooded, muddied passage in her bare feet by candlelight. She found cats' quarters awash, with the river eddying through. A clowder of sodden mousers were marooned on a table, shivering like sailors from an abandoned ship. Set adrift, their raft spun around the room, bouncing against the walls. As the table passed her in the flood, the cook grasped a mewling moggy and carried it to the kitchen, leaving it to recover by the stove, while she returned again and again to complete her rescue mission.

Only the sound remains

Of the old mill;

Gone is the wheel;

On the prone roof and walls the nettle reigns.

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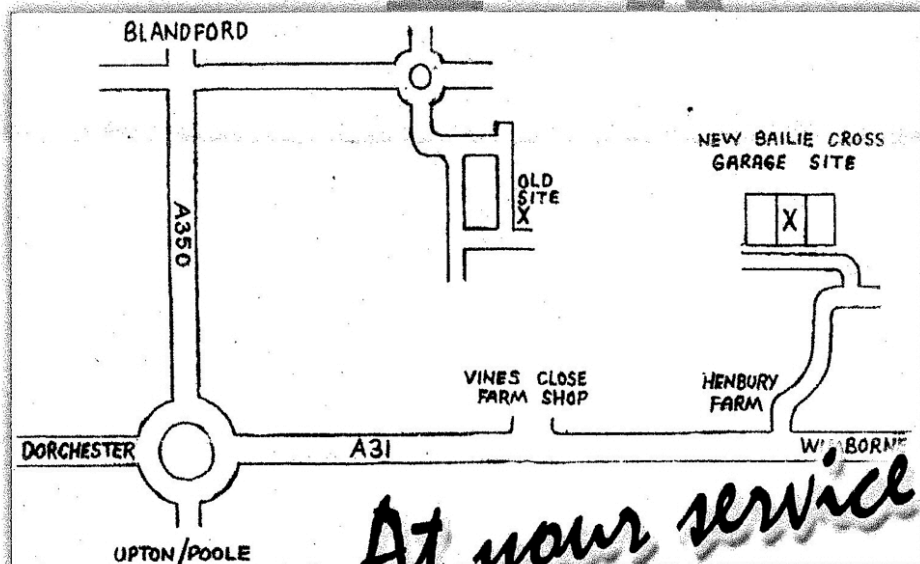
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The weather has still been mixed, with very wet periods and as I write warmer days returning. Much as I like the sunshine, I really hope it does not get too hot.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Parish Council Open Meeting which was well attended once again. It provided an excellent opportunity for residents to hear updates on local issues and projects, and to ask questions. The Citizen's Advice representative at the meeting told those present that they will be bringing their advice bus back to Sturminster Marshall in September. We will send out further information nearer the time. We hope those who attended enjoyed the presentations from our guest speakers. If you were unable to attend, the Draft minutes are available on the Parish Council website at **www.sturminstermarshall-pc.gov.uk**

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has been awarded the Bronze Award under the Local Council Award Scheme. This national award recognises councils that demonstrate good practice in governance, community engagement, transparency and continuous improvement. Achieving the Bronze Award reflects the Council's commitment to serving the community effectively and openly.

We also are pleased to report that the Parish Council has received a positive Internal Audit Report for the 2025/26 financial year. The Exercise of Public Rights will take place between 16 June and 27 July 2026. During this period, local electors have the right to inspect the Parish Council's accounting records and related documents for the previous financial year. Further information is available on the Parish Council website.

We keep an eye on the Play Area, and recently there have been a few issues with the swings which have been resolved, and one of the railing rods which was found to be broken again. In June the independent annual assessment was carried out, and we are awaiting the report. We will update you next month.

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Hopefully by the time you read this a new bench will have been installed by the bus stop at Millmoor, and the bench in Station Road on the corner with Railway Drive will have been repaired. We are looking into getting the Book Box painted after it's lovely spring clean by the guides. We are also monitoring litter around Station Road and Railway Drive junction.

Recent Plans:

P/CLE/2026/02552 Pinecroft Rushall Lane, Sturminster Marshall, BH16 6AJ
Decking built in 2014 to the side of the house when coming out of the kitchen to make the most of area that was on slopping land. Small area of decking also built at bottom of garden. Old fence was replaced at the same time that was falling down.

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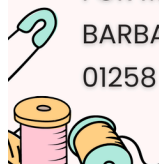
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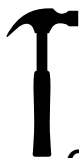
Thursday evenings 6.15pm – 9.15pm,

All sessions are held in the Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall.

It is a great sport for all ages and we would welcome some younger players, so do come along. The club owns several sets of bowls and these can be lent to players who do not have their own, but they must remain on the premises. Completely flat shoes must be worn on the mats.

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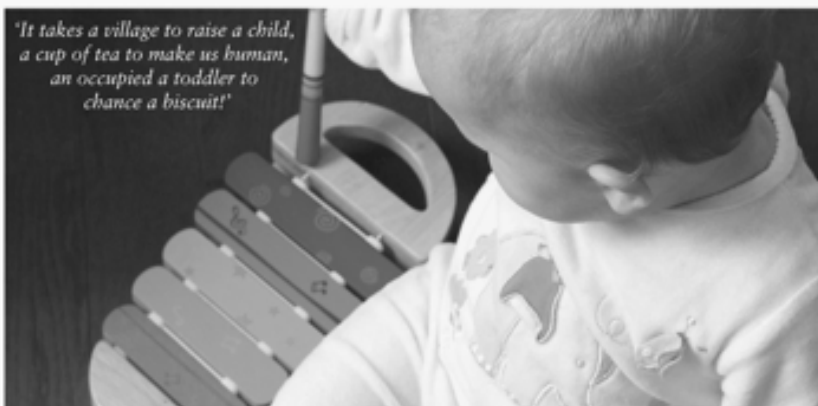
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So what is the truth behind the story of Lady Godiva's ride through Coventry? Why would a lady of great standing in the town do such a thing? The earliest surviving source for the legend is the *Chronica* of Roger of Wendover for the year 1057. He wrote that Godiva pleaded with her husband to relieve the heavy burden of taxes he had imposed on the citizens of Coventry.

Weary of her persistence, Leofric said he would grant her request if she would ride naked through the town.

Lady Godiva ordered the people to remain indoors with their windows and doors barred. Loosening her long hair to cover her as a cloak, she mounted her waiting horse. Then she rode through the silent streets unseen by the people, who had obeyed her command because of their respect for her.



Only one man, called Tom, was unable to resist the temptation to peep at the Countess (hence the term 'Peeping Tom'). He unbarred his window, but before he could satisfy his gaze he was struck blind.

Godiva returned to her husband, who fulfilled his promise to abolish the heavy taxes and in fact, records show that indeed, at that time, no tolls were paid in Coventry except on horses.

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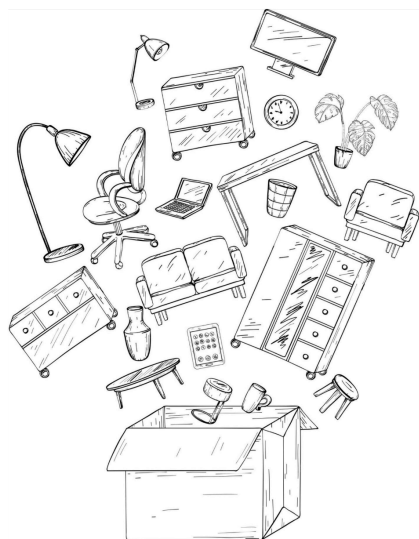
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Kingston Lacy Estate News

As Europe's biggest conservation charity, it's always a pleasure to shout about the extraordinary skill and expertise of the National Trust's conservators. The latest exhibition at Kingston Lacy celebrates one of the Trust's treasures, the Visakhapatnam cabinet, an ivory-inlaid glory of east-Indian craftsmanship.

After more than two and a half centuries, she was looking more than a little tired, but the conservation team at Knole in Kent took on the challenge of cleaning, stabilising and conserving. Particularly challenging was dealing with a variety of materials; there was the danger of mercury leaks from internal mirrors, finding a way to replicate historic ivory without using ivory and cleaning a variety of different surfaces.



Conservator Nicola Shreeve used techniques including X-rays, ultraviolet light and digital microscopy, the conservation revealed new insights into the cabinet's construction, as well as cleaning ingrained dirt, restoring missing ivory and correcting previous repairs. She found 19th-century alterations that converted one of the drawers into a writing desk and created a missing 'claw' on one of the cabinet's feet, using silicone rubber more commonly used to make prosthetics in the film industry. She also discovered two secret drawers, though sadly there was nothing inside.

The cabinet is on display now, along with a wonderful historical costume created by Arts University Bournemouth students as part of a historical costume course. There will be extra elements added throughout the summer, with textiles coming from other National Trust properties and a soundscape from contemporary artists. We have also worked with arts students from Cranborne Middle School, who created picture frames inspired by the cabinet.

There's no charge (normal admission applies) so pop into the house next time you're at Kingston Lacy to see the exhibition.

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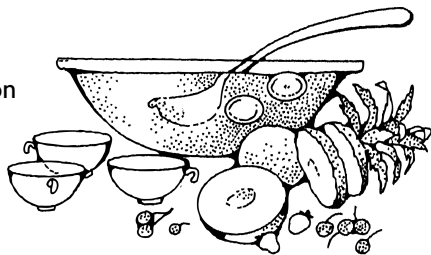


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Summer lunch in the garden!

What could be better than a relaxed lunch in the garden with friends so here is a suggestion for something delicious.



Chicken And Tomato Jackets

Ingredients

4 potatoes
4 chicken breasts
Dried oregano, rosemary or basil (optional)
4 spring onions (optional)

8 ripe tomatoes
150g Greek yogurt
Red pesto (optional)

Method

Rub a few drops of olive oil into the potato skin, and place in a pre-heated oven at 200°C/400°F/ gas 6 on a baking tray with salt sprinkled around the potato. Bake for 1 hr 15 mins or until soft.

When the potatoes are almost ready, cut chicken breasts into bite-sized chunks, heat a non-stick frying pan and pan fry until lightly browned on both sides and cooked through for about 6-8 mins. You might want to add a pinch of dried oregano, rosemary or basil per person.

Meanwhile chop the tomatoes into chunks, discarding the seeds. Stir together the chicken, tomato and the pot of yogurt, salt and pepper to taste. Cut a large cross in the top of the potatoes and spoon in the chicken and tomato filling. Serve with a green salad.

Lemon No-Bake Cheesecake

Biscuit base

10 digestive biscuits
75g butter, melted
1 tbsp clear honey

Crush the biscuits and combine with melted butter and honey. Gently press the crumbs into the bottom of a cake tin until smooth and level. Chill in the fridge while making the filling.

Filling

700g mascarpone cheese
2 lemons, juice and zest
200g caster sugar
4 tbsp icing sugar

Mix together in a bowl until well combined and add more sugar, to taste. Spoon the mixture into the tin on top of the chilled biscuit mixture and chill in the fridge for at least 2 hours. Decorate with fruits of your choice and serve with fresh cream.

Serve with an easy Sangria: 3 parts red wine to 1 part orange juice and 2 parts lemonade, ice, fresh mint, sliced oranges and lemons. Enjoy!

At our May meeting we were joined by Luke Moulard, Genealogist and Research Consultant who gave a fascinating talk on Pomp, Politics and Power – The Peculiar Tale of Squire Drax.

John Samuel Wanley Sawbridge Erle-Drax (1800 1887) was one of the most notorious figures of 19th century Dorset. Luke's talk recounted the story of this contentious figure and his life set against the social and political backdrop of his age. Erle-Drax extensively remodelled Charborough House and the gardens and had a 120-foot Folly Tower built. Also the 'great wall of Dorset' and Stag Gate.

Luke's lively talk combined his careful research and engaging style. He certainly piqued our interest and curiosity about some relevant and fascinating local and social history.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 16th July at The Old School starting at 7.30pm. We will be having "An Evening with Henry VIII", a historical presentation by speaker Anne Jones.

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

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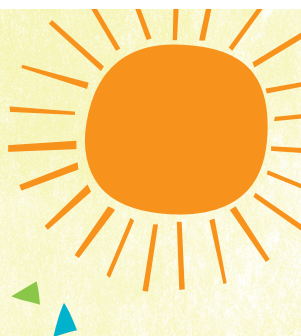
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