

# THE BRIDGE

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



**August 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 fundraising 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, 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month-so that the finished magazine can be sent to our printers on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Barry Johnson** - on behalf of the Bridge Committee

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A friend pointed out earlier today that school uniforms are being advertised already. Why is that relevant; I'm writing this letter on 14<sup>th</sup> July, schools have yet to break up and parents and children are already being pushed into planning for the start of the next term. Whatever happened to enjoying the school summer holidays. SLOW DOWN!

We urgently need to stop imagining everything is so urgent.

The problem is most of us are living lives at break-neck speed. Busy lives – work, family, friends, endless tasks – leave us with little time to sleep, let alone to stop and reflect!

When was the last time you had a real day off? Ditched the 'to do' lists. Switched off the phone. Had a lie-in. Sat in the bath until the water went cold?

A recent survey announced this grim statistic; that as well as working longer hours than we used to 30 years ago, people sleep on average, two hours less per night. All the gizmos and gadgets that were supposed to have saved us time have only succeeded in raising expectations about how quickly people should respond and about how much more we should pack into each day. Whereas perhaps if you stop, and if you rest, and if you dream, all sorts of other things come to mind.

"You have to allow yourself a certain amount of time in which you are doing nothing in order to have things occur to you, to let your mind think." *Mortimer Adler*.

Surely, we do not have to sign up to the busyness agenda, what would happen if we just stopped for a little while, maybe we should give it a go?! Perhaps it's time to be counter cultural and to slow down? Why not give it a try.

Maybe we should take the opportunity to just relax this August, after all it's a holiday month! Whatever you are doing during August, I hope it's a good month for you.

With every blessing,

**Jane** (Vicar of the Red Post Churches)

# St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

## July Draw

### Main draw

£50     21     Debi Peacock  
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£20     103     Heather and Derek Shearman

Congratulations to this month's winners. Over 100 NUMBERS have been sold, so BONUS draws will be made from September.

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.

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

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## AUGUST FILMS

|                  |                         |         |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Chicken Town            | 7.30pm. |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Jurassic World: Rebirth | 7.30pm. |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Superman (12A)          | 7.30pm. |

## AUGUST SHOWS

|                  |                                                          |                 |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Barry Steele: The Roy Orbison Story 2025                 | 7.30pm, £28.50. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Sexbomb: Celebrating the music of Tom Jones              | 7.30pm, £29.    |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Pop Gods of the 80s & 90s:<br>The Ultimate Tribute Show. | 7.30pm, £28.    |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | The Bohemians: Queen's Greatest Hits                     | 7.30pm, £25.50. |

## Did you know . . . ?

The building we now know as the Tivoli Theatre was formerly a large Georgian House: 'Borough House'. It had a large garden, which fortunately meant that the house could be extended to create a large auditorium. Sadly, it did involve the felling of a 400-year old cedar tree,

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## How has planning changed since the last draft Local Plan fell upon Sturminster Marshall in 2021?

With a new 15-year Dorset-wide Local Plan being drafted, and a consultation coming this August, I thought it timely to think about how planning has changed since the last consultation in 2021. Note that this is not about the Neighbourhood Plan agreed last year.

**Much more land is said to be needed now**      The Government has introduced a new compulsory housing target for Dorset, rising from 1,793 annually in the last draft Plan to 3,246 new homes each year now.

**Grey Belt rather than Green**      The protection of the land surrounding the Village under Green Belt policy has reduced. To qualify for protection land must now contribute strongly to at least one of three Green Belt purposes:

- preventing the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas
- preventing neighbouring towns from merging
- preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.

Villages play no role in these particular purposes, so all the land surrounding Sturminster Marshall can be considered now by developers to be Grey Belt rather than Green Belt. Until recently Green Belt policy meant that development surrounding the Village was deemed to be *inappropriate*: this is no longer true.

There are policy caveats though. High quality agricultural land is still valued; and existing sports and recreational land should not be built on unless surplus to requirements or being replaced by at least equivalent provision. Policy affects development in other ways too:

**Golden Rules**      Land taken out of the Green/Grey Belt must be developed according to the so-called Golden Rules. These require as much as 50% of the homes to be affordable (although developers often argue back that such a high ratio is not viable financially for them). Such development must also improve infrastructure and public access to green space.

**Sustainable** Developments must still be in *sustainable* locations. Significant development should be focused on locations where there is a limited need to travel and a genuine choice of transport modes. A larger town like Dorchester offers most services and facilities within walking or cycling distance, and people there can use buses and trains as well as cars. Sturminster Marshall is categorically different. We are fortunate to have shops, a pharmacy, a first school, a limited bus service and a pub, but we have to travel by car to access health services, supermarkets and the rest. In terms of being a sustainable location we are more sustainable than, say, Shapwick, but much less than Dorchester.

**Character** Development should respect and maintain the prevailing *character* of each area. This is nebulous, but it's clear to me that Sturminster Marshall has a characteristic mix of people and institutions, old and new homes, and businesses that work well. There are a greater proportion of people of working age here than in Dorset as a whole, and slightly more young people too. The Village would benefit from a steady flow of new homes, especially homes that would be affordable to local young people and key workers – research for the Neighbourhood Plan arrived at a suggested figure of 10 new homes per year. However, the last draft Local Plan proposed building nearly **500** new homes in the Village over 17 years – nearer 30 per year – and many Villagers thought that excessive in their replies to Dorset Council's consultation.

**Another consultation** Dorset Council has resurrected the bones of the 2021 draft Local Plan and is putting out another consultation this August. Probably we will be asked again what we think about proposed developments surrounding the Village. Last time a small group of villagers organised a simple on-line survey of opinions about the sites proposed. That resulted in an emailing list to spread information and the formation of a loose unincorporated association called “Just a Good Village”. If you would like to join the email list just let us know via:

Mike Allen

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***We're taking a break in August.  
Next lunch date: Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September***

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***There is no Play reading during August***

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***Bridge group continues on Thursday mornings at 10am  
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Dorset Historic Churches Trust is delighted to award the Morshead Trophy for the best fundraising parish of the year to St Mary, Sturminster Marshall. They raised nearly £5,000 in the Ride+Stride sponsored event in 2024 – an amazing result from a village of about two thousand inhabitants.



David Grant, the Chair of the Trust, presented the trophy to the church's Treasurer, Edward Warren, at a gathering in The Old School attended by a large number of supporters including the vicar, Revd Jane Williams. David said that Sturminster Marshall were very worthy winners of the Trophy and had made a significant contribution to the total raised across 132 participating parishes in Dorset of over £104,000.

Mr Warren thanked the Trust for this award and emphasised that it rewarded a

large number of people who staffed the church on Ride+Stride day, made refreshments for participants and supported riders and striders, as well as actually raising sponsorship themselves.

The cash raised is used to make grants to churches in Dorset which are in need of repair – mainly to roofs and walls to keep out the rain. 50% of the money raised by each parish is returned direct to them, but the Trust has still made grants of £1.16 million in the last 10 years. These can be decisive in funding repairs, as each church has to find the money itself to carry out increasingly expensive restoration work.

Parishioners had prepared very generous and tasty refreshments for the event, which together with a sunny evening made a happy celebration of the presentation.

**The Ride+Stride 2025 will take place on September 13<sup>th</sup>. To get involved seek out your local rep or visit [dhct.org.uk](http://dhct.org.uk) and follow the links to Ride+Stride.**



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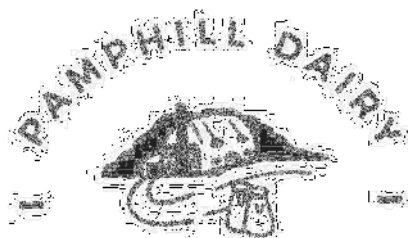
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- If you are enjoying our open spaces when a fire occurs, get to a safe place and call the fire service on 999 immediately, with as much information as possible.
- Consider downloading and using What3Words to identify your exact location.
- You can also help by reporting any anti-social behaviour on our heaths and open spaces to the Police on 101.

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## **Social Lunch Club**

### **Old School Hall, Sturminster Marshall**

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**PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE TAKING A BREAK IN AUGUST**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
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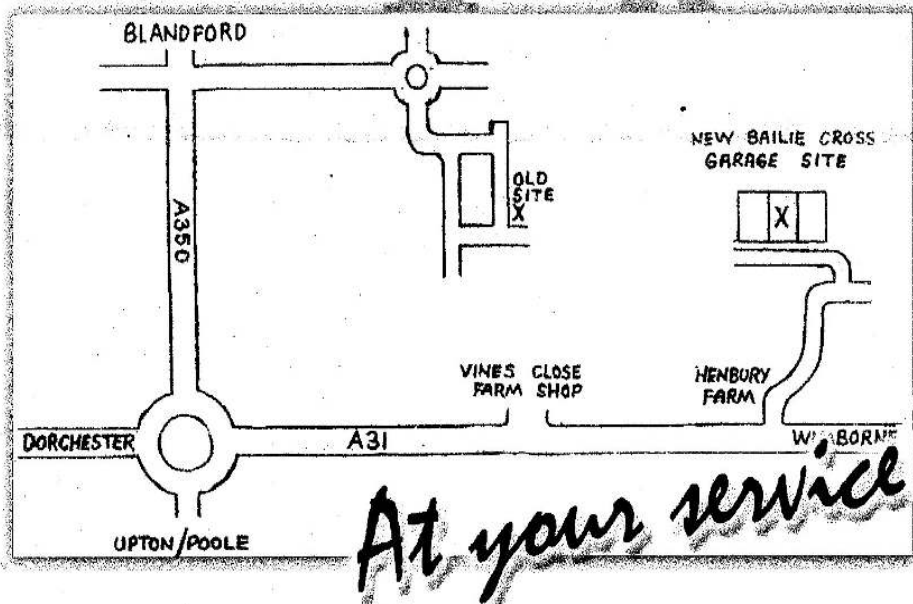
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Out on the estate, grazing plans are being kept flexible to ensure the right number of animals on the right areas of land – you'll see sheep up at Badbury Rings in August, but this year there are no plans to move cattle on to the site.



At property, all staff are gearing up for the main summer event, this year happening in the Kitchen Garden. There's a whole fiesta of fun, with lots of different play equipment free to use (normal admission applies) for as long as you like, and a calendar of different pop up events throughout July and August. There are craft activities, dance parties, yoga classes, circus workshops with Jamie Jigsaw and bubble play with Squidge and Pop, not to mention activities with the garden and ranger teams such as seed planting

and nature walks.

You can find all the different events listed on the website ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kingston-lacy](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kingston-lacy)), so grab your sun hat, phone a friend and come along to enjoy the summer.

Looking ahead to the autumn, we'll be hosting a wonderful new exhibition called Meet Rembrandt, with a self-portrait that normally lives at Buckland Abbey on display here at Kingston Lacy. There'll be lots more to come on this, which will be tapping into a current trend at museums and galleries for "slow looking", which encourages visitors to take more time over individual works of art.

And finally – yes, it's early but the bookings have opened for Storytelling with Santa, the popular December event for children at Kingston Lacy. It might seem too early, but it gives families the chance to spread the cost of what is often a very expensive time of year.

## **Church Services for August**

### **Sunday 3rd: Trinity 7**

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

### **Sunday 10th: Trinity 8**

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 17th: Trinity 9**

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 24th: Trinity 10**

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

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### **Sunday 31st: Trinity 11**

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Last month’s anagrams

PRE-DIVERCE - overpriced

CURIOUS NEED – in due course

This month’s anagrams (two foreign states)

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August

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And the Victorians certainly knew how to picnic. Meat and fish played a large part in the Victorian picnic. In fact, for a party of 40 people, Mrs Beeton recommends "a joint of cold roast beef, a joint of cold boiled beef, 2 ribs of lamb, 2 shoulders of lamb, 4 roast fowls, 2 roast ducks, 1 ham, 1 tongue" and more. Also on the menu would be fresh pies, perhaps veal or pigeon.



Far from dainty triangular affairs, sandwiches were intended to satisfy even the hungriest of children. A picnic sandwich for most families would be a substantial pairing of thick-cut whole wheat bread with fillings of salted meat and salad such as cress, lettuce or celery. Cheese was also a popular filling, often grated and mixed with cream or chopped nuts. The sandwich was a wholesome feast.

No proper Victorian picnic was complete without a few sweet treats and desserts thrown in for good measure. Baskets would often be filled to the brim with fruit turnovers, cheesecakes, 'cabinet' or sweet steamed puddings, blancmanges and jam puffs.

Thirsts also need quenching on a hot summer's day, and Mrs Beeton tells us that "bottles of ale, ginger-beer, soda-water, and lemonade" were regular fare. Also suggested are sherry, and brandy for the grown-ups, not to mention plenty of tea.

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Just a gentle reminder, as usual there will be no Parish Council Meeting in August, the next meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

I really hope you have all been coping with this hot weather, keeping hydrated and using sun protection if you have been outside. From what I have heard on the local news, hotter summers and not so cold winters are going to be the normal from now on, so we all need to take care of ourselves and our pets.

I have written about this many times, but this is very worrying, sadly people appear to be taking dogs into the Play Area, this is forbidden under the Parish Bylaws. It is a danger to the health of the families that use this vital community asset. Please do not do this, and please pick up after your dog when you are out walking them in the Parish. If this situation does not improve, we will look to employ the Dog Warden to try and assist with this issue, and this will have to be funded from Parish Council funds.

The Dorset Council Local Plan and Transport Plan will be released finally this month. The Consultation will run from the 18<sup>th</sup> August to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025. It is vital to the future of this community that you take the time to read these important documents and pass on any comments. There will be a link on the Parish Council web page and on Social Media. Dorset Council would prefer you to send any comments back on line, but if you do not have access on line, send them by post. Drop in sessions will be held at various venues, these will be advertised in the press and online.

Out walking this morning, I noticed a lot of long brambles hanging out of peoples hedges along the edge of the pavements and roads. Please trim these so that people can keep safe when walking and not have to go out into the path of traffic.

## **Recent Plans**

No Plans this month as we had our Parish Council meeting later in July after the Bridge Magazine went to press.

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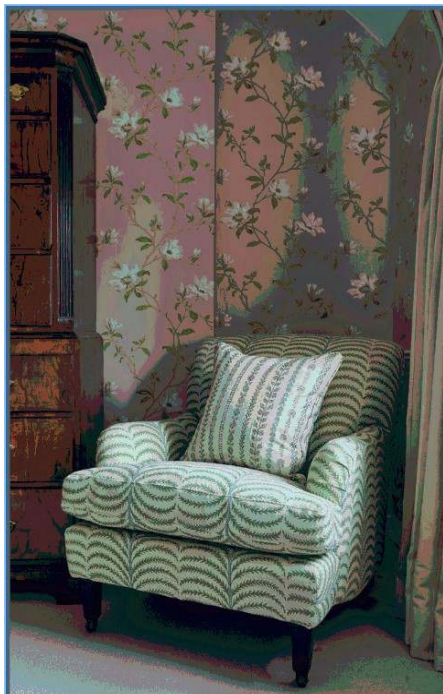
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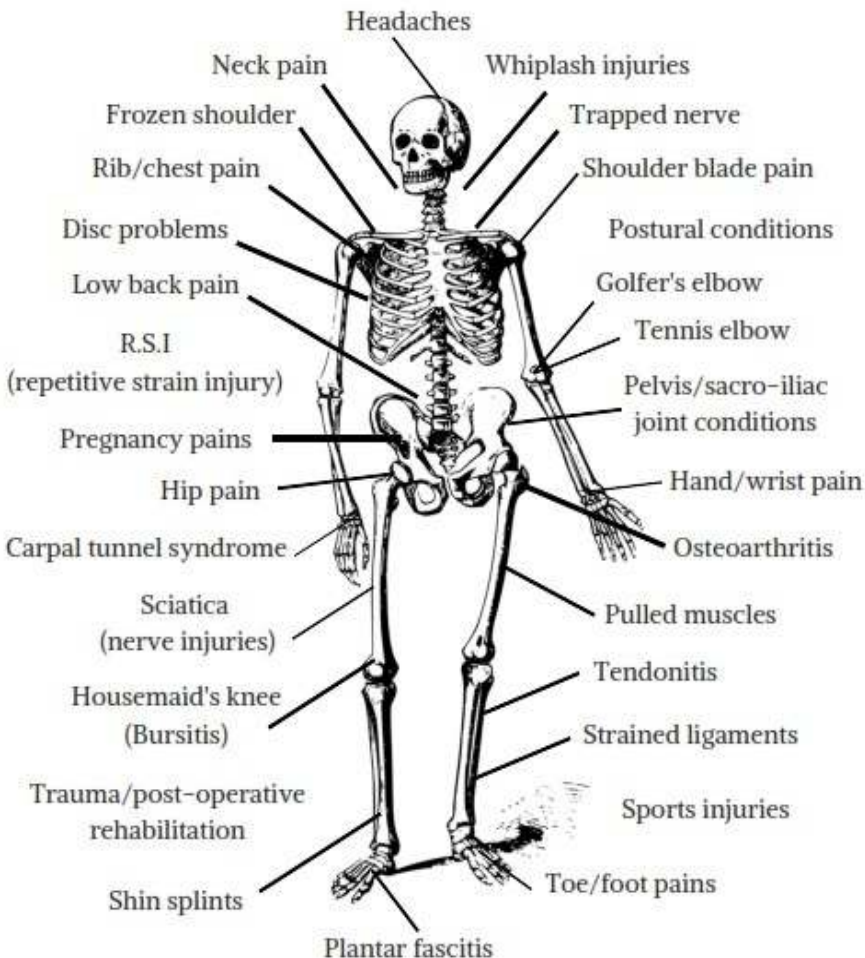
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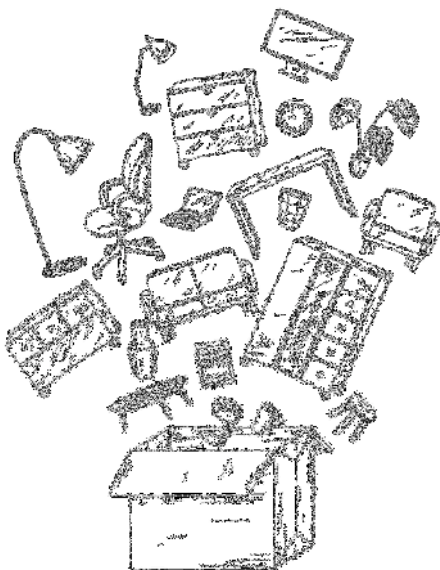
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At our June meeting we had a fascinating talk by Simon Smith who managed 60 of High Barnet's historic alms houses and is also an ambassador for the Alms House Association. Simon's talk was illustrated with a slideshow of many great examples of alms houses both in the UK and abroad.

One of the aims of the WI is to educate women and Simon's talk certainly provided us with new found knowledge about a form of community housing that is perhaps not as well-known as it should be.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July we hosted a community event with a talk on staying safe online by Hannah Bird, Cyber Crime Protect and Prevention Officer with Dorset Police. It was well attended and we came away feeling better informed on protecting ourselves against cybercrime and all its forms.

Our Summer Outing takes place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August and will be a visit to Compton Acres.

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.

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

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## HIGH SUMMER by Lys de Bray

And today it really *is*! So let's make the most of it in our various ways, remembering that this is England and our summers usually last from 10 a.m Tuesday until mid-day Saturday, plenty of time for surprised mosquitoes to wake up and go about their business of raising itchy lumps on hard- to-reach places. Horses have the same problem, you often see them having a satisfying scratch on a bit of fence or a post that's in exactly the right place. They've probably got their eyes half-closed - pure pleasure...

Our beds and borders have suddenly sprung into full bloom. I have a row of different-coloured Buddlejas on the bank opposite the kitchen window and I've been idly watching them grow taller and bushier with healthy-looking shoots that promise flowers. Next week, maybe? Today they are in full bloom, not surprising when it's as hot as it is right now. I *like* Buddiejas. I was a war-time child and even in those early times when I could name only a few of my mother's favourite flowers, I liked them. I thought them so brave, flowering as they did on the heaps of rubble that had been family homes. Those buddlejas were so determined to live and flower, so indomitable, and to me so indicative of the British war-time spirit. There! I've done preaching, but think about it, if you will. You can blame the preaching on the fact that last Sunday I had a birthday, which at my age always causes thoughts of mortality. Also gratitude...

Buddlejas come in a nice range of colours, white, pink, pink-to- crimson, lilac to mauve, blue- purple, purple and deep violet, but I do wish they had a sweeter scent. Sadly, buddleja flowers smell strongly though not nicely of tom-cats in the prime of life and if you pick them for indoors, discerning visitors will sniff and say 'What is it I can smell?' and when you tell them, they usually say, 'Well, then, they're best left outside, aren't they?'

No answer to that one.

So, plant-breeders! Get cracking and produce a really sweet-scented Buddleja. And, dear plant-breeders, I'm sorry if I've said anything to upset you in the past. You do have your (vital) place in the scheme of things.

PS. Wonder if it's my nose that's at fault? It's older by a year than it was in 2024...



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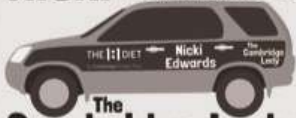
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## Coping with the heat?

I expect that most of us have found the extremely hot days we have had this summer somewhat difficult to cope with. Not only during the day, but sleeping at night is almost impossible. And we are not the only living things on the planet that are finding climate change a challenge. Spring has been getting earlier for 30 years and more. 'Is that a problem?' I hear you say. Shorter winters might be nice! Unfortunately, there are many species of plants, insects, birds, fish and animals that are finding it a huge problem. Some species have been able to adapt to our changing climate but some are reaching the limits of the adaptability.

Take the blue tit, for example: while raising young chicks, blue tits must find a staggering 1,000 caterpillars each day. To satisfy the demanding appetite of their offspring, it is essential that parent birds time their breeding to coincide with the spring peak in caterpillar abundance. But warmer temperatures mean that oak trees leaf earlier, meaning that caterpillars may peak in numbers before young chicks have hatched, meaning many blue tit chicks could face starvation. Similar trends are affecting many of our best-loved woodland birds, from pied flycatchers to great tits.



Are we too late to stop this disaster? Scientists predict that if we do nothing, by 2030 we will pass the point of no return. So we need to act now to avoid or limit some of the worst effects of climate change. Responding to climate change will involve a two-tier approach: Mitigation and Adaptation

We can all do our bit. We can walk or use public transport, say 'no' to single-use plastic, reduce food waste and turn off electrical appliances when not in use. We can adapt our diet, buy local, use refillables and renewables, and grow vegetables and drought-tolerant plants in our gardens. Together we can save our planet.

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