

THE BRIDGE

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



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March 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 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.

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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 directly 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 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.**

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

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From Bridge Publications (The Committee that produces this Magazine)

Thank you to all our supporters who have enabled us to continue with the publication of the community magazine. Our main 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
Thank you for your support.

PS. We still need someone to join our committee. If you are interested and wish further information, please contact me on the above email or give me a call on 07958 437860.

Barry Johnson - on behalf of the Bridge Committee

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Sturminster Marshall:

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St. Bartholomew's Church, The Anchor.

Pamphill and Cowgrove:

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## From The Church

Following Jesus – what’s it all about? Like a lot of you reading this, I’ve been a Christian, a follower of Jesus for most of my life now, that’s a very long time and yet I am still surprised at some of the ways my prayers get answered. I can testify to God’s faithfulness throughout all those years and give many examples of the times he has carried me through a difficult time, an illness, the loss of a loved one, not getting the job I really wanted and so on.

I can also tell you of all the joyful occasions, when something I really wanted to happen, but thought was very unlikely, actually happened. Oh, the joy of that moment! It must have been a bit like that when Peter, James and John and the other fishermen cast their nets on the other side of their boat.

A few years ago, while I was on pilgrimage in the Holy Land we were on a fishing boat on the sea of Galilee being taught by a modern-day fisherman how to cast our nets ... it’s a longstanding tradition in that area and there is a real art to it.

We read the story of the fishermen from Luke Chapter 5 and it struck me that though these men were experts who had been fishing these waters all their lives, Jesus was asking them to do something completely different.

And even though they had ‘worked hard all night and hadn’t caught anything’. (Luke 5 v 5) Even though they had given up and were washing their nets. Even though they were confident that their own methods had worked well in the past: when Jesus told them to do something completely different they listened and their obedience paid dividends.

These were professional fishermen able to support themselves and their families by their expertise on Lake Galilee, but they also knew it was important to listen to what Jesus was telling them. After that day things would never be the same for them again. Their special skills would not be wasted, but instead would be channelled into a far more fulfilling and exciting vocation.

**‘Do not be afraid’, Jesus told them, ‘From now on you will be fishers of people.’ Luke 5 v 10**

Then they followed Jesus and became his first disciples, they were engaged in ministry from that day on, these unlikely heroes spent time with Jesus and learned from him. Despite all their weaknesses they became ardent followers of Jesus, faithful to the end, let’s not forget that it was three of these: Simon, James and John who ended up being with Jesus at the transfiguration. Simon Peter, despite his impetuosity and all his doubts and fears eventually becoming the first to be ordained by Jesus as a healer and faithful teacher of the faith. Their lives changed completely the day they listened to Jesus and cast their nets on the other side of the boat. Things would never be the same for them.

Is Jesus asking you to do something different in your life? Be bold, listen to him, read and pray and if that’s the case then be excited, as Jesus says ‘Do not be afraid’.

With every blessing,

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

# St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

## February Draw

### Main Draw

£50 92 Denise Dickerson  
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£20 78 Val Brown

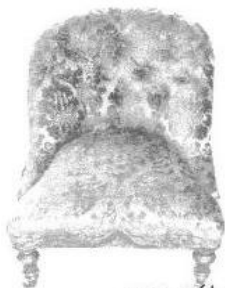
Congratulations to this month's winners.

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.

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

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                    | Warren Miller 75                      | 7.30pm, £16.50. |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                    | Fly Fishing Film Tour 2025            | 7.30pm, £16.50. |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> | September 5 (15)                      | 7.30pm.         |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | “ “                                   | 2pm, Matinee.   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> | Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy (15) | 7.30pm,         |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | “ “ “ “ “ “                           | 12 noon.        |

## MARCH SHOWS

|                  |                                                                                  |                                      |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Omid Djalili: Namaste                                                            | 8pm, £28.                            |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Andy Zaltman: The Zaltgeist Tour                                                 | 7.30pm, £17.50.                      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Voodoo Room                                                                      | 7.30pm, £23.                         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Steptoe & Son Live                                                               | 7.30pm, £20.                         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Whole Lotta Shakin': The Shakin' Stevens Story                                   | 7.30pm, £26.                         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Pete Doherty: Anywhere in Albion                                                 | 7.30pm, SOLD OUT                     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Cast, the LA's and Me -<br>An intimate evening with singer/songwriter John Power | 7.30pm, £26.50, meet & greet £65.    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Brave Rival (rescheduled date)                                                   | 7.30pm, £22.50.                      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | The Dazzling Diamonds: Drag Show 2025                                            | 7.30pm, £22.50.                      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Shakespeare Schools Festival                                                     | 7pm, £11, <16s £9. 10+ £8.           |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Animals & Friends                                                                | 7.30pm, £27.50.                      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Shaun Ryder:<br>Happy Mondays and Fridays and Saturdays and Sundays              | 7.30pm, £30, VIP £50, Super VIP £80. |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | The George Harrison Project                                                      | 7.30pm, £22.50                       |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | James Brown vs Prince; Funk Soul Orchestra                                       | 7.30pm, £27.50.                      |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Kate Mosse OBE:<br>Unlocking the Secrets of the Labyrinth                        | 7.30pm, £29.50.                      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | The Ultimate Classic Rock Show                                                   | 7.30pm, £28.                         |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Kast Off Kinks                                                                   | 7.30pm, £23.50.                      |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | The Bootleg Shadows                                                              | 7.30pm, £22.50.                      |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | The Greatest Star: Barbara Streisand Tribute Show                                | 7.30pm, £26.50.                      |



I'm Fiona.

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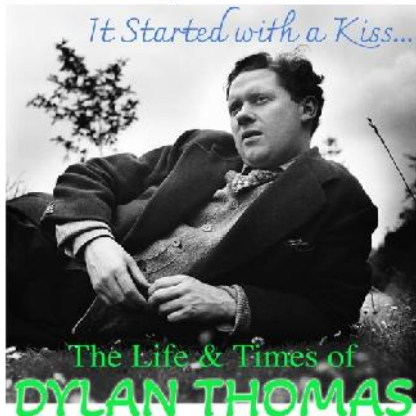
Next meeting is on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 7.30pm

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Saturday 5th April 2025

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***What do You Think They Did? An exploration of the working lives of our ancestors through the study of genealogy.***

***An illustrated talk by Alison Holden***

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***Social lunch – 12<sup>th</sup> February. All Welcome.***

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***Film Society – 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February***

***El Grido - directed by Michaelangelo Antonioni***

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***Mackrell Lecture 2.30pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February***

***Dorset Archaeology in 2025***

***An illustrated talk by Robert Heaton FRICS MSc***

***East Dorset Antiquarian Society & Poole Harbour Heritage Project***

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***Thursday morning Bridge Group.***

***Contact Katy Norman on 01258 857081 or***

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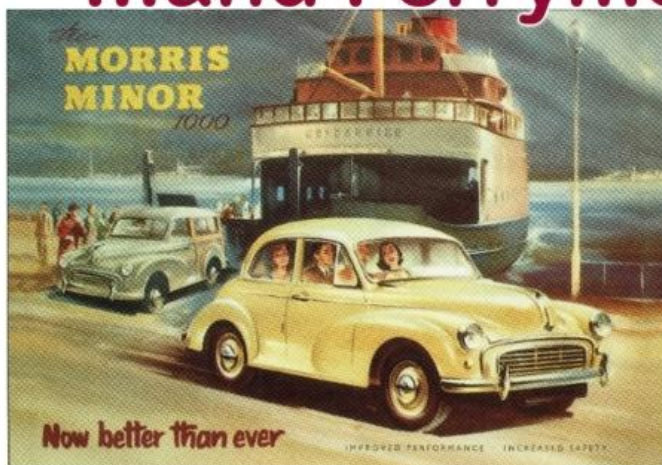
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## **A letter from Dorset County Councillor Will Chakawhata**

My name is Will Chakawhata, and I am proud to serve as your councillor for Stour and Allen Vale. It is a role I took on in May 2023 following the exceptional service of Robin Cook. Since moving from Zimbabwe over 30 years ago, Dorset has been my home for 25 years, and for the past decade, I have lived in Wimborne with my partner and two sons, Elijah and Jacob, who attend local schools. My son Elijah played for Sturminster Marshall for many years, and I got to know many parents who became personal friends. Like many of you, I juggle work and family life demands, sharing the same hopes and challenges as any other parent and resident in our community.

With a career spanning over 25 years in the NHS, my focus has been on mental health governance and leadership. I have also served as a magistrate for 12 years and worked as an independent chair with the former Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner for three years, improving performance. These roles have taught me the value of listening, problem-solving, and bringing people together to achieve meaningful results.

My priorities in Sturminster Marshall, Shapwick, Pamphill and Cowgrove are clear: well-being, road safety, and sustainability. The pandemic brought mental health into sharp focus, especially for young and vulnerable people. We must ensure our community has the support it needs to thrive. Even simple things like walking and listening to music are vital ways to recharge. I encourage everyone to prioritise their well-being.

Road safety is one of the most urgent challenges we face. Speeding and poor parking on Newton Road, Mill Lane, King Street and High Street in Sturminster Marshall remain key concerns. At a meeting with over 30 residents during a joint ward councillor and Dorset Police surgery on 1 February 2025 these issues dominated discussions.

We must act. Blocked drains and flooding require urgent attention. Ditches and drains covered with silt must be cleared. Traffic calming measures and traffic lights at Mill Lane are necessary to improve safety. Parking near the school and shop needs better regulation, with calls for yellow lines to prevent unsafe conditions. The industrial estate is impacting local streets with overflow parking, including zigzag lines near the school, creating risks. Builders starting work at seven in the morning is another frustration. Residents are questioning if this aligns with planning conditions and there are growing concerns over contractor vehicles blocking roads. On the High Street, restricted parking is preventing buses from getting through. Leaves are not being cleared, creating muddy and slippery conditions near the Memorial Hall. Traffic restrictions during school runs are needed for safety.

Sustainability is another area where we all have a role to play. I have made changes like moving to an electric vehicle and using public transport whenever possible. These actions might seem small, but collectively, they matter. While not everyone can make the same choices, we can all contribute in ways that help protect our planet for future generations.

But above all, my focus is on you. I want to connect with you, hear your concerns, learn from your experiences, and work with you to find solutions that make a difference. I aim to foster a community where everyone feels heard, valued, and empowered to shape our future.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the months ahead. Let us have those conversations share ideas and work together. Please feel free to contact me at **CllrWill.Chakawhata@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk**



## Social Lunch Club

**Old School Hall, Sturminster Marshall**

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**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
at midday**

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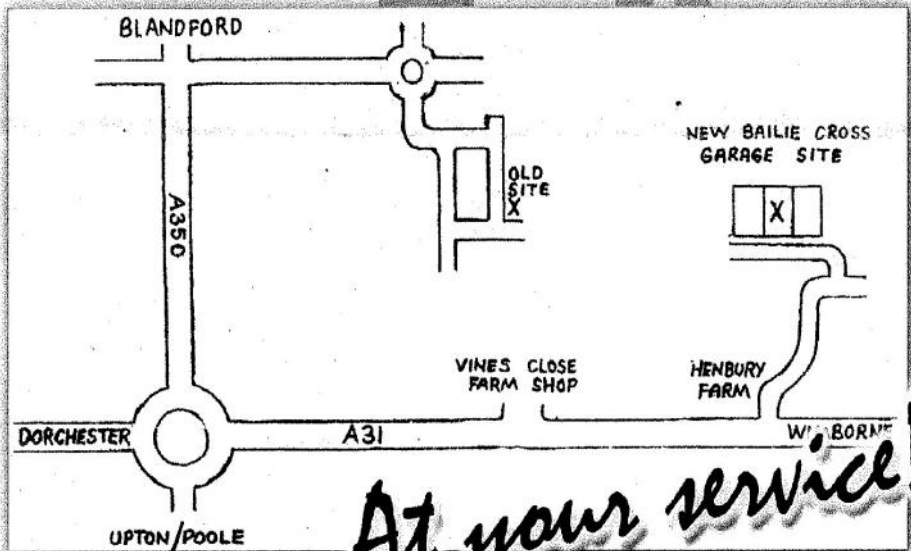
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## Kingston Lacy Estate News

We are definitely welcoming February at Kingston Lacy in hopes of some drier weather. Our current, temporary car park has suffered in the wet, and under pressure from the numbers of visitors drawn by the annual stunning show of snowdrops.

The good news is the construction work is continuing apace on the new car park – if you've visited recently, you'll have seen we have already opened a small area behind the fencing for staff parking, freeing up more spaces for visitors. You can see the parking bays starting to take shape, though there's still plenty to do on the walkways and lanes, and although it's a bit hidden behind trees you can also see the shape of the new reception building now the steels have gone in.

This major infrastructure project, which also encompasses new toilets (including two disabled loos, with facilities for adult changing) and better access for wheelchair and buggy users, is on schedule for completion by the end of the year. We hope to be able to open the new car park before then, and the improvements will set up Kingston Lacy for the future, with the facilities visitors expect. You can find out more about this Access for All project on the website.

Elsewhere, we are dreaming of the coming year – bookings have opened for two of the four outdoor theatre performances coming to Kingston Lacy. We're welcoming back Illyria with family favourite 'The Wind in the Willows' (7 August) and Lord Chamberlain's Men is bringing the Shakespearian comedy 'Twelfth Night' (17 and 18 July). There will also be a performance of 'Macbeth' from the Duke's Theatre Company on 25 June.

But, of course, there's plenty going on before then, with a big focus on the Japanese Garden which turns 20 this year. And though it's a bit early to be talking about Easter, get the date in your diaries; the egg-tremely good fun starts at the beginning of April.

## Church Services for March

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>:

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

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> of Lent

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 16<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> of Lent

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

9.15am Simply Worship at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

11.00am Holy Communion at Almer

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent

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

11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Morden

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> of Lent and Mothering Sunday

9.15am 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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“ “ “ 5.00pm Evening Prayer

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**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 9.30am – 12.00pm.

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

## Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall



### Volunteers Needed

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## English Usage by Michael Evans

### There's no language as good as ours!

So say many people –about our own language. Some French people declare how superior their tongue is especially for its logic. But all developed languages find ways to convey logical meanings of words and sentences. This does not make their languages in any way inferior to others.

Our king, when he was a prince, once urged a British Council meeting to “maintain the position of English as a world language,” He did not specify which kind of English he meant, but I think he meant English-English, as if no other form existed. Regardless of his wishes, our language has changed little by little since then.

No language can be prevented by law and self-appointed grammarians from developing in new ways. If it could, we might still be speaking in Anglo-Saxon.

Last month's anagrams

DRUNK ASTI – KURDISTAN

VITAL LOANS - ASTON VILLA

This month's anagrams

POPE'S TROUSER – against reason (1 word)

COP-OUTS – Intelligent sea creature (1 word)

### **Sturminster Marshall Gardening Club Programme 2025**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> Dorset Butterflies - Stephen Brown**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> History of Cherry Tree and Chestnut Nurseries  
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Prior to 1971, there were 12 pennies to the shilling and 20 shillings to the pound. There were guineas, half crowns, threepenny bits, sixpences and florins. This old system of currency, known as pounds, shillings and pence or lsd, dated back to Roman times when a pound of silver was divided into



240 pence, or denarius, which is where the 'd' in 'lsd' comes from. (lsd =librum, solidus, denarius)



To prepare the nation for the changeover in currency systems, the Decimal Currency Board (DCB) was set up, running a public information campaign in the two years prior to the switchover on Monday 15 February 1971, also known as Decimal Day. Three years before changeover, new 5p and 10p coins were introduced; these were the same size and worth the same amount as the one and two shilling coins. In 1969 a new 50p coin was introduced to replace the old 10 bob (shilling) note.

The banks were closed for four days before changeover to prepare. Currency converters were available for everyone, and prices in the shops were shown in both currencies. Decimal Day' ran without a hitch. Although the phrase "How much is that in old money?" was heard for some years after.

For a short time the old and new currencies operated in unison, whereby people could pay in pounds, shillings and pence and receive new money as change. Originally it was planned that old money would be phased out of circulation over eighteen months, but as it turned out, the old penny, halfpenny and threepenny coins were officially taken out of circulation as early as August 1971.

Whilst various names for a new unit of currency had been suggested – such as the new pound, the royal or the noble – it was decided that as a reserve currency, the pound sterling was too important to lose.





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## STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS

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**The Annual Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm** starting as usual at the Memorial Hall where you will be able to collect your equipment. We will be providing refreshments afterwards in the Memorial Hall. Please do come along and support, and let's hope the weather is kind like last year. The Litter Poster created as part of a competition by a pupil from Sturminster Marshall First School is being made into A3 signs and will soon be displayed around the village.

We have had an incidence of riders cantering/galloping their ponies on Churchill Close Green, this is not allowed under the bylaws. Please can you let anyone you know who owns a pony or horse in the area that this is prohibited, and is a safety issue for the public.

The metal Silent Soldier opposite the War Memorial on the corner of the High Street and King Street is sadly damaged beyond repair and has been taken down. The Parish Council will investigate a replacement. The benches around Churchill Close Green are going to be refurbished and one will be temporarily removed for renovation. There is still some outstanding work to the Play Area on the Green, but most has been completed.

The wet weather has continued and has caused a few issues with sewerage and flooding in the Parish, although as I write it has turned colder but there is still dampness in the air. The winter is still biting us and reminding us to wrap up warm and keep an eye on elderly neighbours. The trees on Stocks, Maypole and Trafalgar Green are being assessed along with the Maypole as part of the Annual Tree Survey for any works required. The new Cattle Signs are now in place in Mill Lane to remind motorists, and the Speedwatch group are active in the Parish which is good news. We are very grateful to these volunteers for giving up their time to support this valuable community resource. We have regular meetings with the Community Highways Officer to discuss various issues in the Parish including sunken manholes, cleaning of road signs, A350 flooding, road sweeping effectiveness, blocked drains, yellow lines and the Bus Stop repainting to name but a few. If you see anything that you feel needs reporting please get in touch with the Parish Clerk, the contact details are on the Web site mention above.

Dog Fouling is on the increase again sadly, and the dog wardens are carrying out additional patrols across Dorset. Please report any offences you witness online on the Dorset Council website. If you type 'Report dog fouling' in the

search you will find the link.

**Recent Plans and Tree works:**

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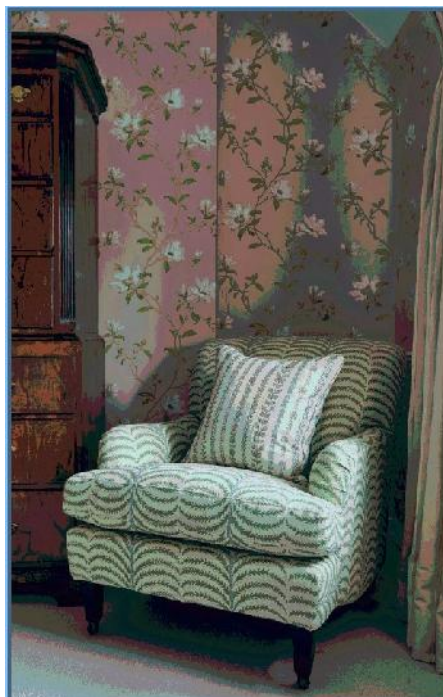
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### **FLOOD RISKS**

There have been two floodings already this winter and there could clearly be more when the 'monsoon season' begins in the spring. The Flood Warden Team have collated a lot of local information about conditions on the roads and the likely behaviour of the river.

We have no current reports of specific property at risk. If you believe your property could be in a flood risk situation let us know and we will give you an assessment.

To be reassuring, this is very unlikely to be a real worry judging from recent years, as we have had no inundations to property since the bund was constructed in the 1970's.

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We had 22 members turn out in the cold for our January meeting. The members were treated to a very professional Hula Hoop display from Jasmin Edwards. Jasmin started 10 years ago performing to countless audiences including stage shows, street performances, art festivals and many more. She currently works closely with Steamship Circus and has recently helped to launch the Steamship Youth Circus and Cabaret.

After a demonstration from Jasmin all the members were encouraged to have a go. I have to say this went better for some than others, but however, skilled or not we were I can honestly say I didn't see anyone in the room without a big smile on their face and definitely a lot of laughter. A really enjoyable evening.

If you want to find out more about the Steamship Circus following the link on <https://steamshipcircus.co.uk/>

Some of our ladies from Spetisbury knitted Trauma Teds for the Blue Watch at Westbourne Fire Station and they have been safely delivered.

Our next meeting in March is on the 20th of March and will be a talk by Chris Brown, Wimborne Town Crier.

We have a very active Facebook page so if you are interested, please check it out lots of photographs and our programme for the year can be found on there just look for Sturminster Marshall Evening WI.

We are always pleased to welcome new members.

**Our next meeting is on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7.30 in the Old School Sturminster Marshall.**

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## Making More From Less – by Lys de Bray

As I write this in February I'm so happy to see the first snowdrops - *Galanthus nivalis* - just coming into bloom. These are the 'ordinary' ones, though there is nothing ordinary about a snowdrop, and when you see the first ones out you'll know that spring is almost but not quite here. You can get taller, bigger ones and doubles, too, but I'm quite happy with what I've got. In your own garden mark the place, because they'll disappear quickly once the flowers are over.

You have three choices now:

- 1) Leave them where they are, allowing the seeds to ripen and fall naturally, though they'll get congested and cease flowering and then you'll just have to do something about them.
- (2) Once the leaves have withered lift the plant, tease the cluster of bulbs apart and replant in small groups,
- (3) If you want dozens of snowdrops then it might be fun to try the following method. Allow to set seed, wait for this to ripen and sow in seed trays of compost in an open cold frame in a partly shaded position. Little green shoots will appear in due course and if you lift one out you will see that tiny bulbs are forming. (Always a great moment, this!) Allow to grow on for a season for larger bulbs to form which are easier to handle. There are many named varieties of snowdrop, some with double flowers, and if your local garden centres haven't got what you want you can send from one of the specialist nurseries, see below. Other small spring-flowering bulbs can be treated in the same way.

As I write, wild primroses are popping up everywhere and if you've got the sort of garden that I have, you'll see the very recognisable leaf-rosettes everywhere. Leave the larger clumps undisturbed to flower where they are; but dig the small ones up and replant where you would like them to flower next year. Shade these until they're established.. If you've got some really large clumps, wait until flowering time is over and then lift and divide them to make as many little three-stemmed clumps as you can, each with a root. You can do this with some named varieties of primula, such as Primula 'Wanda,' my favourite, which is a brilliant, vivid magenta, but don't try it with the single-stemmed polyanthus.

Everybody loves bluebells, and to see (and smell) a spring woodland carpeted with them is a magical sight, and if you're walking among them it's even better, but please do keep to the path if there is one. The bird song, the sun shining through the leafing trees - magic.

Occasionally you may see a white-flowered bluebell - what would you call it? 'Whitebell' is so clumsy. Please don't try to dig it up - it's illegal. What you could do if you see a white-flowering bluebell is to tie a string round a small stick with a dated label on it and push it into the ground by the 'Whitebell' and wait until all the flowers are over and setting seed. (When this rattles, it's ripe and you can take a head of seed) You can then copy nature and sow immediately or keep it until autumn, or, belt and braces, both. Don't forget to mark the place where you saw the white bluebell with other strings round adjacent trees. I have sown seeds of wild white bluebells in the past - you need a lot of patience if you're going to do this, because your seed will take about three/four years to come to flowering; but though I've done it in the past, I never thought to sow my own white bluebell seed to find out if the next generation came true. If wishes were horses...

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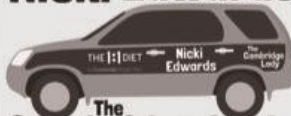
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