

THE BRIDGE

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



August 2023

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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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## From The Church

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The bible tells us we are to have a rhythm of life where we rest every 7<sup>th</sup> day – no work of any kind. Jesus, himself had a rhythm of activity amongst communities teaching and healing but then withdrawal to rest and pray. So as humans, whether we follow the Christian way of living or not, there is a need for our well-being and to help us thrive to slow down and stop regularly, but do our holidays really fulfil that?

What does a typical holiday look like for you? The stress of booking the 'right' place according to the differing needs and hopes of those going with you... or if you travel alone making sure all the arrangements are in place so the anxiety reduces, and it can be looked forward to. Then the build-up – making sure you have thought of every eventuality and have packed accordingly. Then the arriving, navigating perhaps local customs, food, the local area... maybe learning and using a new language. Then, maybe you have a list of 'must-do's' you want to have done before you go home...

My point? All this can be so stressful that you end up needing a holiday to get over the holiday!

I am no travel agent but surely if the aim is to relax and regenerate then this needs to be a priority. (And maybe going away is not the best way to do that). Withdrawal and rest can happen anywhere (in your back garden or in a tent on the coast or a villa on the continent) but wherever it happens it is the intentionality that enables the relaxation – providing the right conditions to facilitate it. Nowadays it seems holidays can end up being as busy as the rest of our year and we do not actually feel any better for them.

My encouragement? Slow down. If you are going away with others, spending time together is probably the most important thing and fun can be had just by being together. If by travelling and new experiences we are refreshed seek a balance between exploration and rest.

Whatever you do this summer may you be blessed.

**Rev Suzie Allen**



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### Main draw

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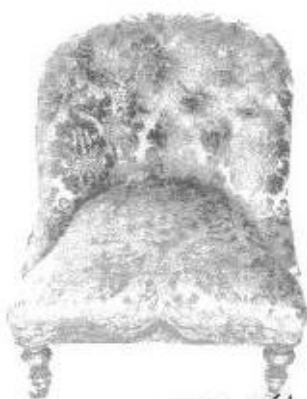
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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                        | Chevalier (12A)                                     | 7.30pm, |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                                          | “ “                                                 | 2.30pm. |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Oppenheimer (15)                                    | 7.30pm, |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                                                         | “ “                                                 | 2.30pm. |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> | Mission Impossible -<br>Dead Reckoning Part I (12A) | 7.30pm, |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                                                         | Mission Impossible -<br>Dead Reckoning Part I (12A) | 1.30pm. |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Indiana Jones & the Dial of Destiny                 | 7.30pm, |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                                                         | “ “ “ “ “ “ “                                       | 2.30pm. |

## AUGUST SHOWS

|                  |                                                                                 |                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | An Evening with Iain Matthews                                                   | 7.30pm, £22.50. |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | The Bohemians<br>Internationally renowned Queen Tribute Band.                   | 7.30pm, £22.50  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | From Gold To Rio<br>Celebrating music of Spandau Ballet & Duran Duran.          | 7.30pm, £21     |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Kossof: The Band Plays On<br>Featuring songs from Free and Back Street Crawler. | 7.30pm, £21.50  |

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Nature's Voice

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This summer, the learning about moths and butterflies I had to do last year has meant I've spotted the timeline of species on this rotation of the seasons.

Where I would once have just noticed 'lots of butterflies,' this time I noted that the marbled whites and skippers were king of the grassland a few weeks ago, to be overtaken by 6 spot burnet moths more recently.



Now that I know what the cocoons of the 6 spot burnet moths look like (after a happy experiment conducted last summer by the then 8 year old) I can see them all over Badbury, clinging to the grass like little seeds. Some are still plump, but most are now empty, with a dark shell of the insect's previous form left behind on the exit. The moths themselves look unreal with their brightness – there are just so many of them. You can spot them by their bright red colour, crazily clashing against the purple thistles and, of course, by their 6 spots.

It doesn't take any formal schooling to understand and appreciate the nature all around, it only takes someone to point it out to you – most of my knowledge has come from those under 10 years old! So next time you're out and about, have a look for the 6 spot burnet moth... or if you have already made friends with them, be brave and point them out to a passer-by. You might just give them a new lens to view the world through.

Melanie Fermor

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**Charity Cream Teas 2.30-5pm 6th August in aid of
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3rd September for the Church Preservation Trust**

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**Discovery Café - 2.30pm on Saturday 2nd September
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An illustrated talk by John Garnish

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**Play reading on 11th September at 2pm -
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead
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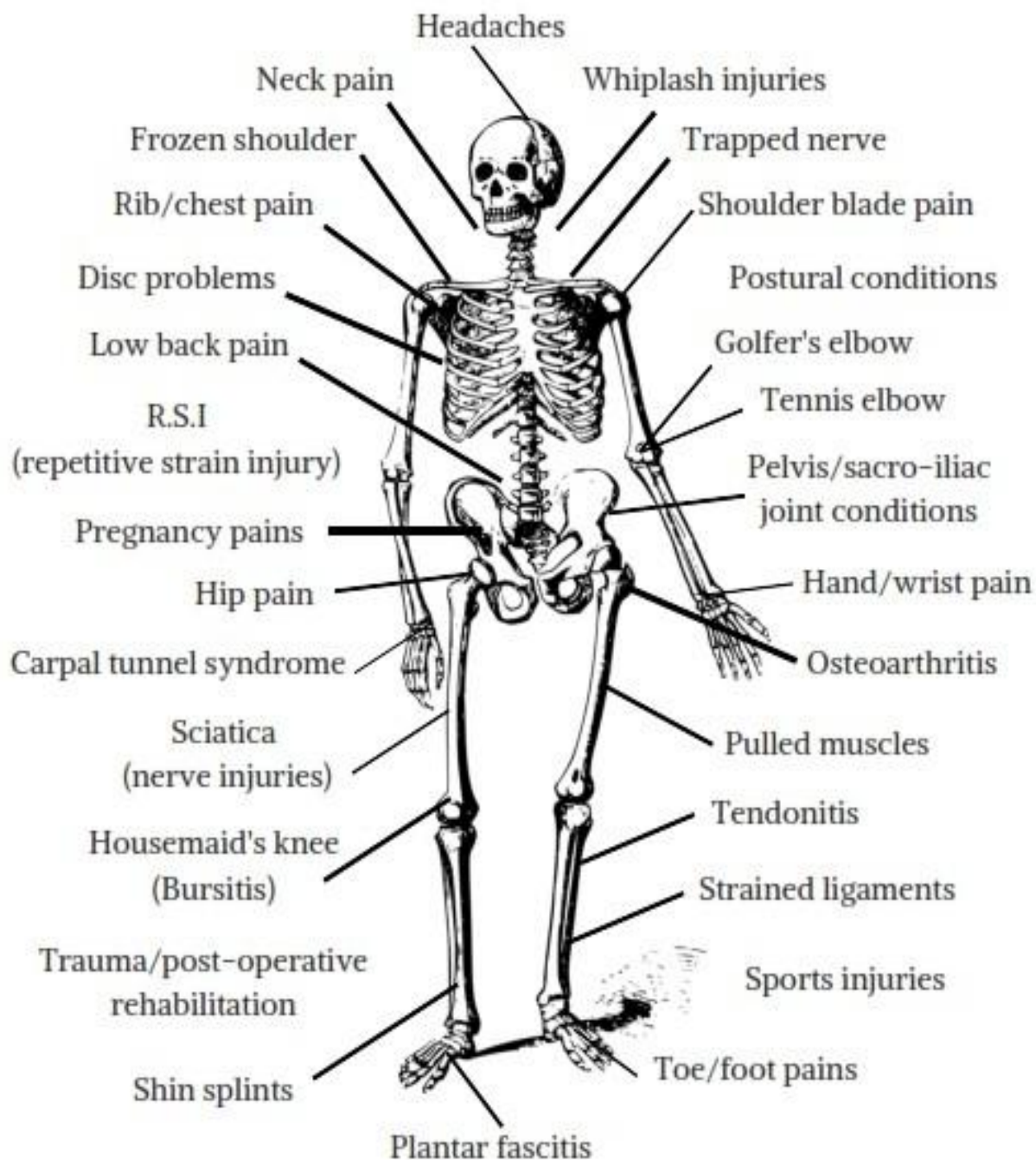
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A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.

Well, here we go again! Another month gone, it seems only yesterday that I was writing for the May magazine. So here we are, and I am writing about the Wimborne Youth club which I taught at.

This was started in the Wimborne Methodist church the club but sadly closed in 2004. I don't know when it started but I think it was when the Methodist church was built, but I was working it with the young people until it closed. There was a place before that which was open during the week with different people using the church. I decided to go back to the club 'when my two older boys decided to go to the club. Gordon would drive in and pick them up until I passed my driving test, then I would take them. Just after that the boys asked if I could help at the junior club with the nine to fourteen year olds and that was the start of a long and lovely time, working with the young people.

Each night was catered for the youngsters and Monday and Friday were for the senior club of fourteen to eighteen, and Tuesday was for an all age group for those with speech difficulties. I started behind the bar. Wednesday was the youth club, Thursday for the Methodist church only and Friday night was Disco night and I would do the door, getting them to sign in and paying £1 to get in. They loved this! As they came down the stairs we would then have a lovely talk at the bottom, of all the things that young people did. I did love the Wednesday nights with the chats and my children helping with the discos.

The Youth club closed in 2004 as the church wanted to do different things. Friday afternoon it became used by the Beaucroft school in Colehill so it was used for the children. There were many happy times there and all the children were safe. I think that it was then that started at the Allendale but it did not go on for long as there was no room for the pool and snooker tables. A shame but that is how it grew. I don't miss the contact but life goes on and throws things at you and you can sink or swim, and that is another chapter!

Vera



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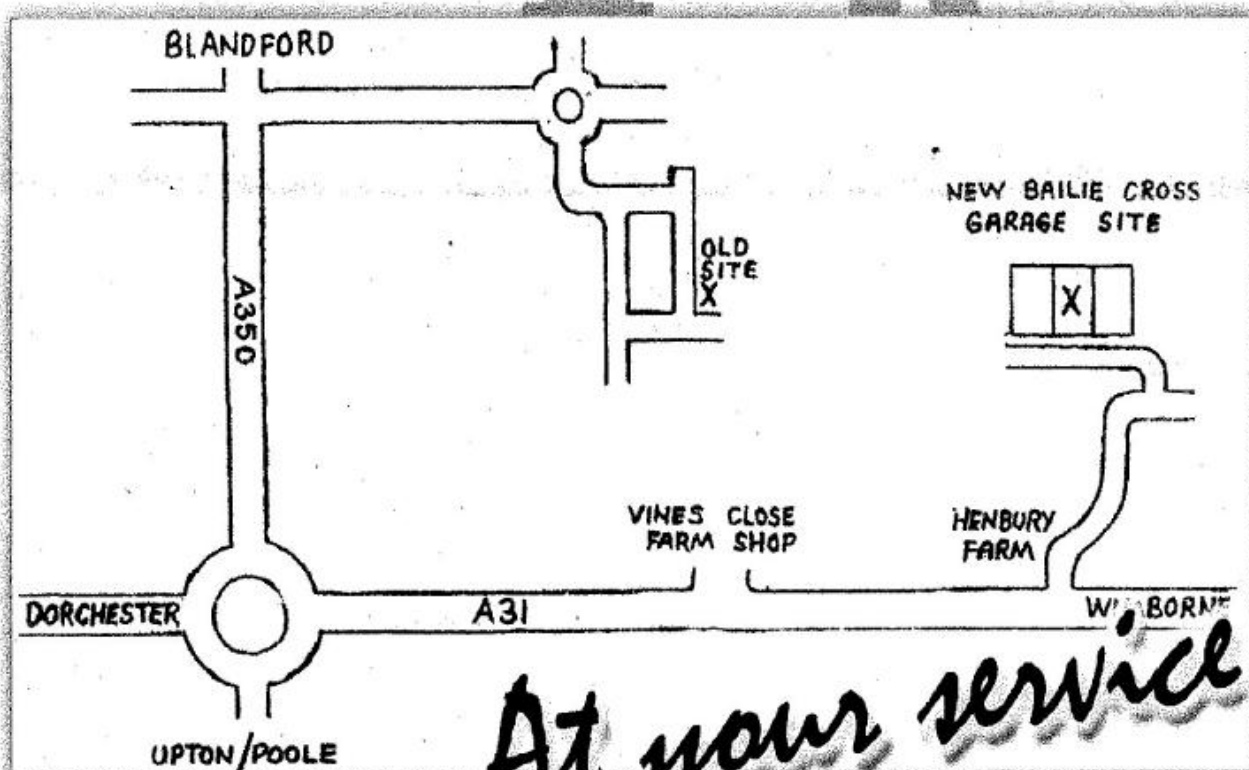
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Thanks from all the team.

Kingston Lacy Estate News

Habitat creation work at Bishops Court Farm

Expect to see contractors and rangers hard at work at Bishops Court Farm at Shapwick in the next few months, as we begin to implement plans to create two key habitats: species-rich grassland and wood pasture.

The former dairy farm, which came back into National Trust management in 2020, is at the start of a decade-long participation in Countryside Stewardship, a government-funded scheme that works to protect and improve the natural environment. It is an important part of wider plans to develop a bio-diverse, resilient setting for wildlife across the whole of the Kingston Lacy estate.

At Bishops Court Farm, three fields will be sown with chalk grassland seed collected from local grasslands, while one will be allowed to regenerate naturally. Next summer should see a much wider variety of species flourishing, with flowers such as yellow rattle, scabious, salad burnet and wild thyme and fine grasses such as quaking and meadow oat grass, and swathes of open grassland that are perfect for birds, bumblebees, butterflies, bats and more.

The wood pasture will see more than 2,700 shrubs and trees planted from November to create an open canopy woodland where livestock will graze within the next few years. Species will include beech, field maple, dogwood and buckthorn, initially planted in fenced off areas to allow the whips to establish without being nibbled by the deer. A perimeter fence and installation of new water pipes and troughs will help us graze the area with Kingston Lacy's pedigree Red Ruby Devon cattle, a hardy breed that is perfect for conservation grazing.

This restoration of a healthier natural environment is part of initiatives to link up habitats across the estate, creating a network of habitat "corridors" that will prevent species becoming isolated in a particular location. Hedgerows at Bishops Court Farm have been allowed to thicken and develop since the land came back in hand in 2020, increasing both food and shelter for birds, insects and mammals. In the spring rangers planted more than 500m of hedging across the whole of the estate, helping to plug gaps and create species-rich hedgerows. This follows the planting of more than 5,000 trees at Kingston Lacy in 2021, contributing to the Trust's national aim to plant 20 million trees by 2023. You can follow our work via the Kingston Lacy website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/kingston-lacy/large-lowland-estate-project.

If you would like to hear more about the National Trust's work at Bishops Court Farm, join a ranger-led walk that will take you out into the landscape to explain the work. We are running two walks: Wed 23 Aug at 6.30pm and Sat 22 Oct at 10am. The walks are free but booking is essential; emails kingstonlacy@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01202 883402 to book. Numbers are limited to 24 per walk.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2023

Sunday 6th Transfiguration of Christ

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

Sunday 13th: 10th after Trinity

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

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

Sunday 20th: 11th after Trinity

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

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

11.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Almer

Sunday 27th: 12th after Trinity

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

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

Weekday Services

Wednesdays at 9am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

Wednesdays at 11am Midweek Communion, Wimborne Minster

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

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## English Usage by Michael Evans

### Under or over?

Watching Ellie Harrison on Countryfile recently, I heard her recommending the right gear for hill walking and saying “the importance of good boots cannot be underestimated.”

“Oh, can’t it?” I thought, surely it can? She meant, of course, that it should not be **overestimated**; underestimating the importance of good boots is something we should **not** do.

On another occasion, a teacher being interviewed on radio said that she could not **underemphasise** the need for students to spend enough time on revision. She meant that the need could not be **overemphasised**.

It’s a fairly easy slip of the tongue for people to get their **under** and **over** prefixes mixed, but when suggesting that something is important, they should not underestimate the need to use the correct word, neither can they overestimate it.

### Answers to last month’s anagrams

GATECRASH HAITI - AGATHA CHRISTIE

MISS SITE LOGO – SEISMOLOGIST

COOL PARIS – ACROPOLIS

LATE SPEECHES - STEEPLECHASE

### This month’s anagrams

PRISON ACTOR – he has a plot

COORDINATE- wallpaper or a medal?

I PRESS BAR – at the meat counter?

DIANA A BUTCHER – more meat

### Sturminster Marshall Gardening Club

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Dear Friends, just a reminder of forthcoming musical events.

### **PSD Soirées at 7.15 pm**

There is no charge for admission to the following Soirées but there will be a Retiring Collection from which, after expenses, a donation will be made to the host Church.

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at St. Peter's, Pimperne**

*(Church Road, Pimperne, DT11 8UD)*

***Vox Serenata (Vocal Quartet) / Christopher Dowie – Piano***

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at St. Nicholas, Durweston**

*(Church Road, Durweston, DT11 0QA)*

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#### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Trinity, Stourpaine**

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#### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at St. Nicholas Church, Corfe Mullen – 10 am to 5 pm**

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**An invitation to join Wimborne Choral Society in a “COME AND SING DAY”, exploring Karl Jenkins’ “STABAT MATER”.**

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## **STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS**

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This time last year when I wrote it was sweltering hot, and from what Europe is experiencing at the moment we could be on for another hot period of weather. However, at the moment it is particularly British with changeable sunny and rainy weather. Just as a reminder, there is no Parish Council Meeting in August, the next meeting is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

The 20mph meeting was well supported, and member of Dorset Council Highways team came along and talked about the process and then took questions. Robin Cook our Dorset Councillor was also present. Some volunteers came forward at the end of the meeting and gave their email addresses and offered to help. We have contacted them, but as I write not enough people have come forward to take this process any further. If you are able and willing to help with this process, please contact Alison the Parish Clerk on the above email address.

We have been spending a lot of Parish funds on maintaining the play area and we are waiting for a quote from Dorset Council for refurbishing the areas under some equipment. We are also looking at replacing the safety signs. We recently put a new backboard and net on the basketball equipment. Unfortunately, some youngsters have been climbing on to this equipment, this is not allowed and has caused a great deal of concern for their safety.

I have been walking around the village in recent weeks, and there are a lot of brambles and hedges overhanging footpaths / pavements, please trim them. It is not nice, especially when it is getting dark if you walk into one and could cause serious injury. As always other parish maintenance is ongoing, including cleaning of the village war memorials, repairs to village benches. and we are getting quotes for a new Parish Noticeboard at Maypole Green.

As I write Southern Gas Networks are proposing to shut the A350 at Blandford St. Mary, starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> August and it is expected to last 3 weeks. This will mean increased pressure on village roads, so please be on your guard. Our Dorset Councillor has raised concerns regarding 'rat running' through rural roads of Sturminster Marshall and Shapwick. We will post any information regarding this closure on the Parish website mentioned at the top of the jottings.

The Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission consultation has now finished and we are on to the next step. The steering group will be analysing the completed questionnaires that have been returned, and possibly making changes if required.

## Recent Plans:

P/HOU/2023/00935 Lindisfarne, 14 King Street, Sturminster Marshall.

Removal of existing conservatory, adaptation of existing rear wing to include forming 1st floor accommodation, external fabric alterations, external decking, alterations to front landscaping and stable yard surfacing.

P/HOU/2023/03255 Stour House, King Street, Sturminster Marshall.

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At the beginning of July, and as a follow up to his talk at our May meeting, we joined Steve Brown from the Dorset branch of Butterfly Conservation for a walk at Badbury Rings to spot many of the butterflies he had told us about. It really opened our eyes to the beauty and variety of these delicate fluttering insects.

At our July meeting we took a break from speakers and enjoyed a games night organised by our committee. It was an evening full of fun and laughter. We started with eyes down for a couple games of Bingo followed by an old TV game show favourite 'Play your cards right' (with special thanks to The Red Lion for lending us their kit). We then got active with a stacking cups speed challenge and had a go at archery to knock down as many empty coke cans as we could with three arrows. Well done to all our winners!

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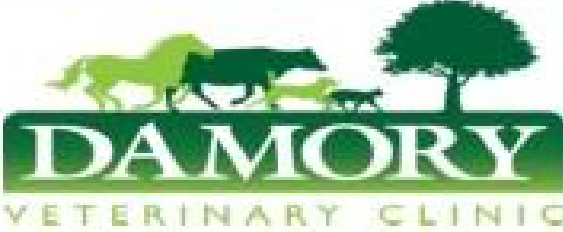


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## Some .like it hot\* by Lys de Bray

Tulips are my favourite flower. They are generally associated with Holland, and I have always considered Dutch people to have their sabots firmly on the ground and as a race they are not given to whimsy. However, the story of Tulipomania isn't a tale of whimsy but one of greed, politics and villainy and I shall be telling you about it in my next article.

In one of my reference books I saw a picture of a blue and white Delft tulip vase; it had eight individual vases spouting from the sides like teapot spouts in which to put single tulips with a leaf, four at each side and two or three buds/flowers at the top. Seen from the front it was eye-catching and totally formal, and one could easily imagine the separate blooms opening from buds to wide-open flowers in such a vase and I got the wants immediately! The use of this kind of vase need not be restricted to tulips, daffs and narcissus or any stiff-stemmed upright flower would be good. Were I younger I would ask a potter to make some for me (I think it would be *really* difficult) and I'd go to Chelsea and/or other big flower shows and start a new? fashion. My tulip-vase would be in a plain 'quiet' colour with a matt surface (unlike the old Delft china ones which were wildly patterned and glossy). Maybe vases like this exist but I think it unlikely as today's flower arrangements are generally loose and graceful. Some tulips have big, heavy flowers, so their vase should be sturdy and weighty enough at the base to compensate for this.

August/September is the time to plant tulips, choose a dry, sunny day and always check the planting depth. There are tulips to suit every sunny place in the garden and next month I'll give you a list of suggestions.

And lastly, as I'm sure you'll know, if you take ripened seed from a cultivated flower, you won't get a lookalike, you may get something, or nothing. If you are curious you could scatter some ripe seed thinly in a sunny corner, mark the spot and see what happens (and don't forget to give the patch a drink now and then).

Alexandre Dumas (1802-1870) wrote a story called 'The Black Tulip' and I'm re-reading it as I often do at tulip-planting time. I was given a delightful old copy which has excellent illustrations of the clothes and furnishings of the period, and there is a paperback edition,\*\* more comfortable to read in bed as the other is heavy enough to cave your ribs in.

And, lastly, Dutch growers export two billion tulip bulbs annually.

\* *The title of the film in which Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell starred*

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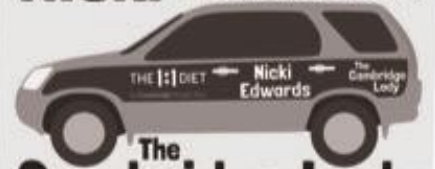
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