

THE BRIDGE

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



We will remember them.
November 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.

Advertisements:

Our advertising fees are as shown on page 3. If you would like to place a commercial advertisement then please submit it by email to

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If you need help with producing your advert you may contact Liz by post at 7 Parkelea, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4DG (marking the envelope Bridge Advertising) or by phone at **01258 857528**. We will then be in touch. Please call **01258 857528** if you do not get an acknowledgement, and ask for Liz. This is the contact number for all advertising enquiries.

The deadline for adverts to Liz for the next issue is the 12th of the month.

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The contact details for the priests can be found in the Parish Directory on page 58.

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From The Church

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

As I write this article, I am sat in our twice-yearly Marriage Preparation sessions which we hold on Zoom nowadays. To see all the couples full of love and expectancy is a real blessing. One thing we warn them is that there will be days to come when life is hard. It is on these occasions that when the surface of emotions is scratched one partner may be easily angered or hurt. At the moment, as I move around the community and observe our common life lived together, I see frustration, anger and hurt which are happening far too easily. I suspect this is the impact of long periods of stress, huge work demands, and rising costs of living. Not only are we and our neighbours struggling of course but also our institutions and organisations also. And then we look at the middle East and see the result of unresolved conflict. Our hearts break just as God's heart breaks. Unsure how to help other than to pray.

It perhaps makes us even more aware how blessed are the peacekeepers (as our title reads today). We think perhaps of those who help make the peace within our families or neighbourhoods as well as those who are professional peacekeepers such as those working for the United Nations. It takes a certain skill set to be able to bring peace in the middle of conflict and can be very dangerous. (As Christians we know we can turn to Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and seek his presence in such situations and moments and seek his help, patience, and presence).

This month we mark Remembrance once again. We remember the lives given up in conflicts that were not their own yet fought them nonetheless because they were asked to, were expected to, and believed it to be right. We hear in John 15.13 that "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." {To give your life for friends is a mighty act of love, how much more powerful is it when we think about those who gave their lives and didn't know us. (None more so of course than Jesus).}

So, this November let us come together and be thankful for what others gave up for us and may that motivate us to seek and maintain peace in our own lives.

Rev Suzie Allen

St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

October Draw

Main draw

£50 72 Karen Royles
£30 65 Janet Williams
£20 60 Dr Parslow

Bonus draw

£50 55 Janet Osman
£30 59 John & Liz Hodgson
£20 94 David & Sue Slater

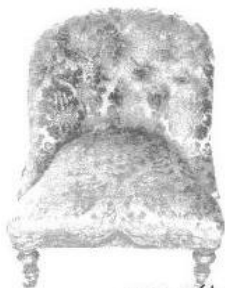
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Bonus draws for £50, £30 and £20 will be drawn each month until the end of the year. If you want to join at £2 a month please contact one of the committee members listed below.

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

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13 th , 14 th 15 th , 16 th	The Great Escaper (12A) “ “ “	7.30pm, 2pm.
15 th	Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour 2023 RED	7.30pm, £16/£14.50.
20 th –22 nd 21 st	The Miracle Club (12A) “ “ “	7.30pm, 2.30pm.
27 th	Welcome to the Darkness (15)	7.30pm, £15.

NOVEMBER SHOWS

3 rd	Dr Feelgood	7.30pm, £21.50.
4 th	Deborah Bonham Band: Bonham-Bullick	7.30pm, £20.
7 th	The Upbeat Beatles 2023	7.30pm, £24/£21.
9 th	Cats in Space	7.30pm, £24.50.
10 th	Endloss Love	7.30pm, £26.
11 th	Russ Ballard	7.30pm, £25.
16 th	The Real Manhunter – Live with Colin Sutton	7.30pm, £16.50.
17 th	Petty Criminals: Tom Petty & Stevie Nicks Tribute	7.30pm, £22.
18 th	And Finally..Phil Collins 2023	7.30pm, £22.
23 rd	Cregan & Co – The Rod Stewart Songbook	7.30pm, £23.50.
24 th	UK Pink Floyd Experience 2023	7.30pm, £25.50.
25 th	Tennessee Country Christmas	7.30pm, £24.
26 th	Steeleye Span	7.30pm, £29/£27.
28 th	Catfish Keith	7.30pm, £17.50.
29 th	Ballet Theatre UK: The Wizard of Oz	7.30pm, £20/£15, £18/£14.
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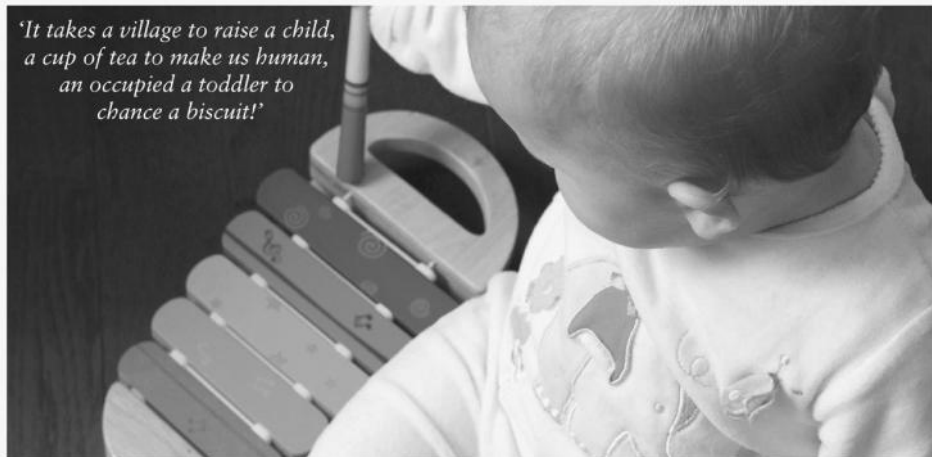
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***The Mackrell Charity
at The Old School
November Activities
in date order***



Discovery Café - 2.30pm on Saturday 4th November

Climbing Kilimanjaro - an illustrated talk by Ian Williamson - £6

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Film Society - La Grande Illusion 1937 Jean Renoir

Thursday 9th November 7.30pm

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Social lunch – Wednesday 11th November

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Play reading on Monday 13th November at 2pm-

Our Man in Havana by Graham Greene

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The Mackrell Lecture series -

On the theme - 'The Pen is Mightier than the Sword'

Charles Dickens and the Victorian Family Christmas

by Gavin Parr - £6

Saturday November 18th

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Thursday morning bridge group 10am - 12.30pm

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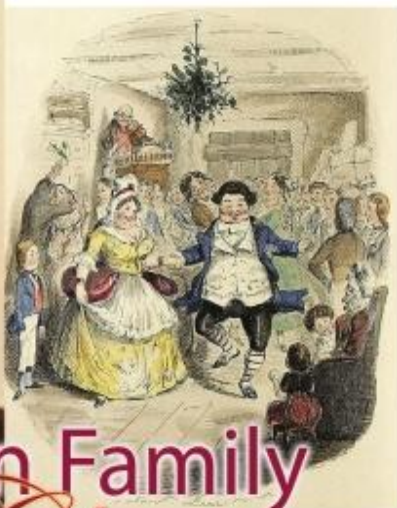
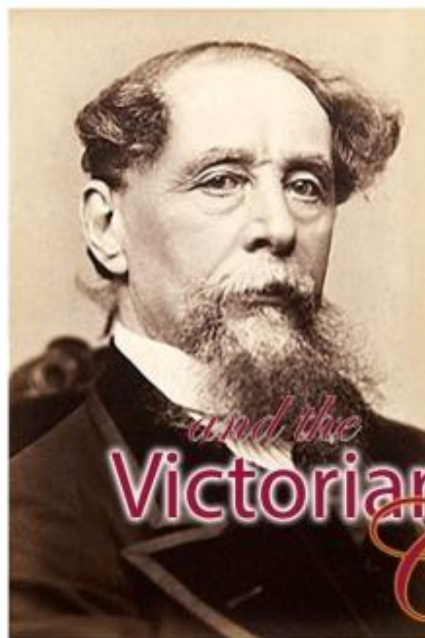
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The Old School Film Society

PROGRAMME 2023-24:

Thursdays. At 7.30pm

November 9 th	“La Grande Illusion”	1937	Jean Renoir
December 14 th	“The Big Sleep”	1946	Howard Hawks
January 11 th	“La Dolce Vita”	1960	Federico Fellini
February 8 th	“Brazil”	1985	Terry Gilliam
March 14 th	Sally’s ‘Musical’ Evening		Topic TBA

Where the original sound film is not English (November & January) there will be English sub-titles.

Membership is as always on a seasonal basis for £25. This can be paid either in advance or on the first evening.

Guests are welcome if introduced by a member @ £5 per showing.
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Members are welcome to bring their own alcohol and use the Old School’s glasses.

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For further details look on the Mackrell Charity website.

Dorset Chamber Choir Concert Monday 13th November

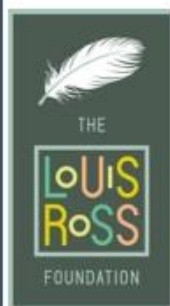
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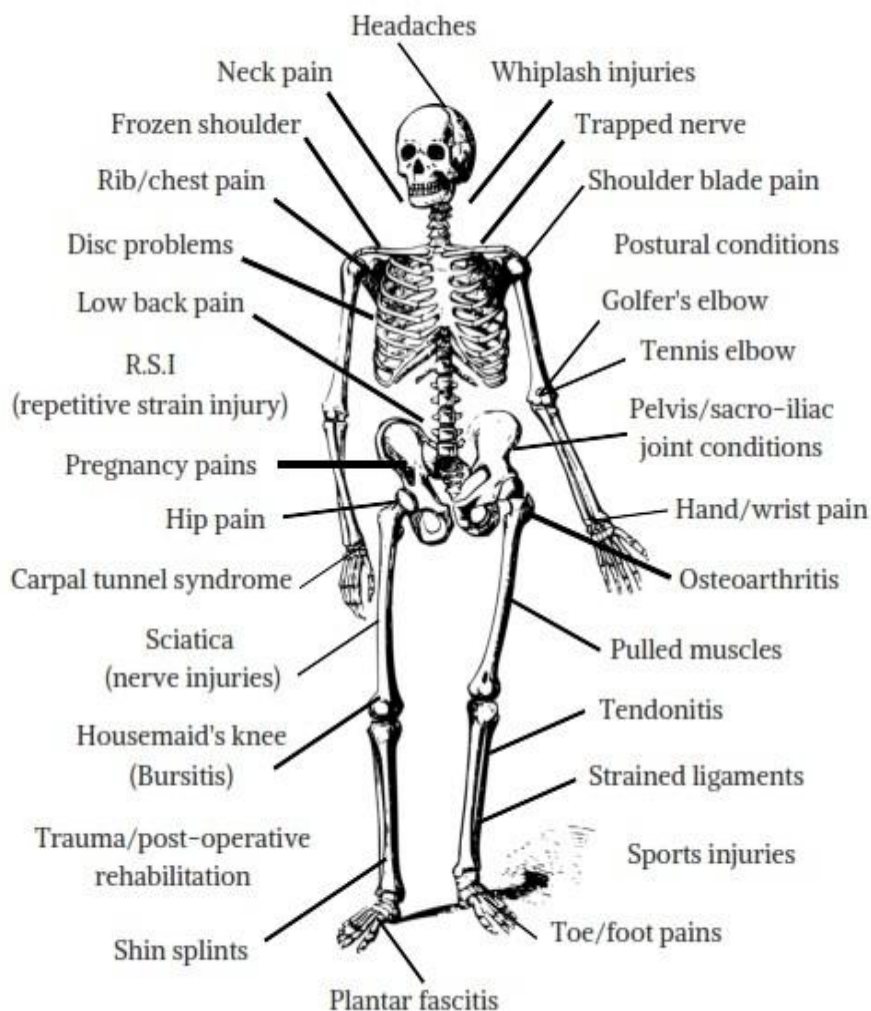
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A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.

Well, it's that time again. Time flies and it seems like only yesterday that I was writing for the October magazine but here we go again.. I know, I can hear you say "oh no"!

Last month it seemed that I was not getting much post, but I did not worry as I get a lot of rubbish, I call it rubble!, then I got thirteen! One was an Insurance which I had paid as they send me a reminder. That made me think why do we not get post daily anymore? I go to see a friend each week and have a chat and a laugh and play with her dog. The question of the post came up as she has had the same problem. She said that the postman has said they are getting very short of workers and the post is stacking up and so they are having to double up and they are clearing post from the boxes, as well. I do hope that things will pick up soon. So at many people rely on the post. I don't know if it is the same every where, we will have to wait and see what happens. I also wonder if the post box at Pamphill school, which was stolen a long time ago, has been found.

It is sad to see the roadsides being overgrown and not being cut back as they used to be. Also we have road blocks and road works in the area and these have caused the roads to now become rat runs. By the time this is put into print the road and sides will need clearing, but I don't think they will be done, so don't hold your breath. If we can get some of the hedges cleared back that would be good!

Well, I have got that off my chest and will wait and see if anything happens.

Oh yes – Happy Christmas, it seems to be getting earlier each year.

Vera

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I would like to thank everyone who donated or purchased plants from my front wall in High Street over the summer. Your contributions meant that the variety of plants for sale was wonderful and ever changing and have enabled me to send a cheque for £655 to help a local women's refuge.

*Jane Champion*



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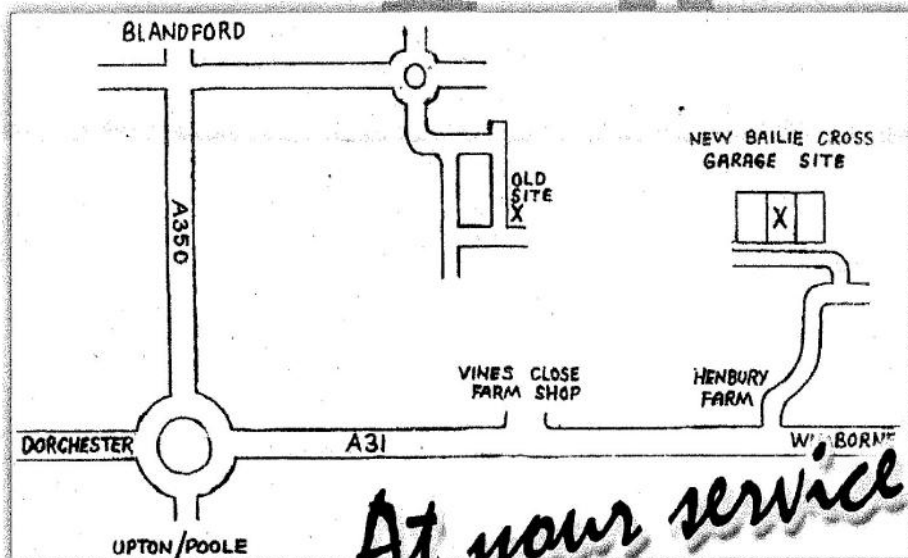
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## Kingston Lacy Estate News

### Will you help us plant the future?

November brings an exciting collaboration between Kingston Lacy and Trees for Dorset, and we'd love you to get involved on Saturday 18 November.



That's when we'll be planting 96 oak trees in Shapwick to commemorate the life of the late Queen Elizabeth. The trees have been supplied by Trees for Dorset, a local charity working to plant more trees in the county.

Trees are an important part of the National Trust's ambitions; it has set a goal to plant 20m trees by 2023

across the UK. Here in this corner of Dorset we are contributing to that through extensive planting at Abbott Street copse in 2019, more than 5,000 trees planted in 2021 (at The Down, White Mill and Bear Wood) and a further 9,000 planned for 2024.

This collaboration is a little different. The bulk of our planting on the Kingston Lacy estate has been designed to lock up carbon and for the benefit of wildlife, aiming to restore rare habitats, boost diversity and mitigate the effects of intensive farming. This means that a variety of trees are planted, from hazel and wild cherry to willow and alder, to develop naturalistic woodland habitat that is used for grazing or to help reduce surface water and arable pollution run-off.

The woodland created with Trees for Dorset will be solely oaks, but they themselves will bring many benefits. Renowned in history and legend, oak trees symbolise royalty, patriotism and strength. But alongside this they are a haven for wildlife, supporting 2,300 species by providing a place to eat, shelter and breed. Over time we are looking to extend the woodland with other species, providing an amenity for the local community and visitors to Shapwick.

Join staff and volunteers from both the National Trust and Trees for Dorset on Saturday 18 November to plant the future. Come along at 10.30am – follow signage from The Old School Nursery and please wear appropriate clothing, including gardening gloves. Other equipment will be provided.



# **CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2023**

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> : All Saints Day and 4<sup>th</sup> before Advent**

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

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance Sunday**

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

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

10.50 am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial

10.45am Act of Remembrance at Shapwick War Memorial

10.50am Act of Remembrance at Morden

## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent**

9.15am Morning Prayer 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 26<sup>th</sup> : Christ the King**

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

You and I, he and I, you and me, we and us, etc

In which of the following are the personal pronouns incorrect? Answers on page 36?

1. You and I like apple crumble.
2. The speaker mentioned my wife and I in his speech.
3. They get a rise, while us workers get nothing.
4. We put a lot of work into that event, him and me.
5. We and she are going in the same car.
6. It belongs to her and him.
7. John said that it was to us that he would send the money.
8. Them who think like that are a bit strange.
9. Please call my friend and I by our first names.
10. It was an insult to we who had done most of the work.

Answers to last month's anagrams:-

BALLOON DRAMA - ABNORMAL LOAD
SEAN'S HANDICAP – ACHES AND PAINS
TOENAIL – ELATION
THE HISTOGRAM - HOME STRAIGHT

This month's anagrams:-

CONTINUES INFO – Lockdowns made us try to be to like this
COY STARSHIP - For someone shyly studying this science?
GOES REGULARLY – Where naughty people's pictures could be displayed
SAD ANGELS SIT – Not on this in church, we hope..

Sturminster Marshall Gardening Club

Meetings are held in the Old School and begin at 7.30pm. New members and visitors are always welcome. Annual subscription is £30, to include refreshments at each meeting.

November 3rd Demonstration of making Christmas Wreaths – Jo Needham

December Christmas Party

Contact: 01258 857606 / 857118

DORSET COUNCILLORS COLUMN

Recently I had the privilege of attending the Volunteers Awards Evening in Dorchester. It was a humbling experience. As someone who has lived and worked in this beautiful county for over 50 years I have been involved with, and have volunteered for, various charities on many occasions, however this event was an eye opener to just what extent this is happening all over Dorset. The ages ranged from young people who are still in full time education up to those in their 90's! The range of activities were immense, including some perhaps lesser known ones such as dog walking, witness support service, reminiscence outreach, and young persons' bereavement counselling.

Of course we only saw the winners from those nominated and there will be hundreds, maybe thousands more, who go about helping their chosen cause unrecognised but that in no way devalues their contribution to society.

It certainly re-enforces something that was said to me many years ago by a newcomer to Wimborne whose comment was, I quote "Wimborne is run by volunteers – and there are hundreds of them!". I am now convinced that this is true all over the county.

To look for volunteering opportunities, or if you need to find out which groups/organisations may be able to assist you with an issue contact **info@volunteeringdorset.org.uk** or telephone 01305 269214.

Whilst on the subject of volunteers those of you equestrian minded people out there may find this of interest as a volunteering opportunity with a difference!

In October the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, David Sidwick, announced the launch of the Dorset Police Rural Mounted Volunteers scheme. The scheme will see volunteers on horseback work with the Dorset Police Rural Crime Team, providing intelligence and information to support and protect local rural communities.

The first four volunteers into the scheme recently attended a launch ceremony at Kingston Maurward College. The volunteers will engage with local rural communities while out on their regular hacks along bridleways, lanes, and country roads, gathering intelligence and reporting anything suspicious.

The PCC had wanted to introduce this scheme for a while, so seeing it come to fruition is really pleasing. Having mounted rural volunteers will help further connect the Dorset Police Rural Crime Team with the communities they serve as well as offer a unique vantage point that will not only gather intelligence that may have been missed by standard patrols but improve visibility within our rural communities.

He said 'I look forward to seeing the scheme expand and encourage anyone with a horse who wants to support police in their communities to get involved. This is just one more weapon in the armoury when it comes to taking the fight to the criminals who plague our countryside'.

Those interested in becoming a Rural Mounted Volunteer email **contact.vol@dorset.pnn.police.co.uk**.

As always you can contact me on **cllrrobin.cook@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk**.

WIMBORNE MUSIC SOCIETY/PSD MUSIC UPDATE

Dear Friends,

In December this year Wimborne Choral Society will be celebrating nearly 46 years since I founded the Society in January 1978. We have performed a great number of wonderful choral pieces over the years and are beginning to surface once more after Covid, but, sadly, I have decided to make the concert on 30th November 2024 my last one as Director of the Society. It was a difficult decision but it was the right one for me and for the choir.

I therefore want to make my last year a very special one, and an influx of new members would be a brilliant start so I would be delighted to hear from any of you who might be persuaded to join us. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more details but here, as briefly as I can make it, is an outline of next year's concert programmes.

We rehearse on Thursday evenings in Wimborne Methodist Church (4A, King Street, WIMBORNE. BH21 1DY) from 7.30 to 9.30 with the exception of half term and plus the Wednesday evening before each concert.

Rehearsals are in progress on Thursdays for our next concert on **2nd December 2023**. Main works - "Stabat Mater" : Karl Jenkins & "Little Organ Mass" : Haydn.

Rehearsals from **Thursday 4th January 2024** for a concert on **23rd March 2024**. Miscellany including "Requiem" : John Rutter & "Rejoice in the Lamb : Britten.

Rehearsals from **Thursday 11th April 2024** for a concert on **Saturday 29th June 2024**. Main works "A Song for Saint Cecilia" : Dowie & "Blest Pair of Sirens : Parry.

Rehearsals from **Thursday 5th September 2024** for a concert on **Saturday 30th November 2024**. "Requiem" : Mozart & "Kyrie" and "Dona nobis pacem" from Mass in B minor : J.S.Bach.

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I would be delighted to hear from any of you who are interested. I'd be happy for you to join in any term but maybe soon if you were thinking about this present term.

The best way to get me is by e-mail to **christopherdowie@gmail.com** or by text to **07850 015651**.

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Wimborne Choral Society Committee are planning some crowd-funding for what is going to be a very expensive year so please watch this space for more news of this.

Christopher Dowie

Monday 2nd October 2024



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STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS

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Last year when I was writing the November Jottings it was raining, this year it is showery and sunny but with a threat of cooler temperatures in the coming days and even a frost. Hopefully by the time you read this you will have put all your tender plants safely away for the winter.

The Parish Council have been informed that Dorset Council would like to progress the EV Charge point at Sturminster Marshall which is good news. The next step is a meeting between Dorset Council and the Chairman of the Memorial Hall.

A Youth Club has been started in the village at the Memorial Hall on Monday evenings and it is being run by youth leaders from Dorset Youth Association and helpers. The timings are 6.00pm – 7.30pm for School Years 6 & 7 and 8.00pm – 9.30pm for School Years 8 and above.

As always there is a lot of ongoing maintenance in the village with replacement posts being sought for Trafalgar Green, quote for tree works, ditch clearance, possible new sign for Mill Lane, and new signs for the Play Park. The new noticeboard for Maypole Green area has been ordered, and the bench on Churchill Close repaired along with the stocks on Stocks Green. We are also going to have a meeting with the Rights of Way officer regarding Footpath signposts. Whilst I am on the subject of maintenance, please do keep an eye on any hedges and shrubs on your property that overhangs the pavements and roads and keep them cut back. I know I keep mentioning this but with the evenings drawing in fast it is more important than ever to allow pedestrians to walk safely at night in particular. Remembrance Sunday is also here again, and a short service will be taking place at the War Memorial. We are also looking into the possibility of a new RAF Memorial sign on the War Memorial site.

It is that time of year again when we will be looking at setting budgets for the next financial year. This is a very important task as we need to make sure we have enough funds for any projects, maintenance and unexpected costs.

The Neighbourhood Plan is getting there now with the final tidying and adjustments to the plan, and this is all thanks to the Steering Committee who have been working very hard on the end document.

Recent Plans:

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After a brief introduction about his background, Clive amused and delighted us with an abundance of humorous stories spanning his 46 years of 'A Life in Funerals'. This included some usual requests; a posthumous last viewing of a favourite film; a cardboard coffin long before they became eco-friendly and a stop for ice creams for the deceased and their family en route to the funeral service. We heard a tale about tea in the garden with a naked vicar and another where the vicar slipped and fell into the empty grave ahead of arrival of the pall bearers and mourners. It seems a life in funerals is certainly not dull!

The Dorset Federation of WI's Annual General Meeting took place in October at The Lighthouse, Poole. Representatives from our WI attended and guest speakers included the Rev Kate Bottley who combines her role as a Church of England priest with frequent appearances on radio, TV and newspapers. A group of our members enjoyed an outing further afield to enjoy an inspiring day at the Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace in London.

Our enthusiastic Walking Netball team took part in a WI tournament in Sturminster Newton. We played against teams from Child Okeford, Lulworth and Studland/Swange and were delighted to emerge as overall winners for the second year running. The trophy is coming home to Sturminster Marshall!

Our October meeting includes a Halloween themed Bake Off competition and craft activities to make a start on tree decorations for our entry into the St. Mary's Church annual Xmas Tree festival.

Why not join us? We pride ourselves on being a trusted place for **all** women of **all** generations. You don't need to be resident in Sturminster Marshall; many of our members are from surrounding areas. If you prefer to give us a try before committing to membership you are welcome to come along to a meeting as a visitor on the 3rd Thursday of the month in The Old School. We start at 7.30pm and a warm welcome awaits.

For more information about SMEWI please contact Lesley Moors – 01258 857523 or visit our website **www.sturminstermarshalleveningwi.weebly.com**

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St Mary's Church, Sturminster Marshall

Christmas Tree Festival

St. Mary's Church will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th December.



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You need a tree, some decorations and a charity you wish to support. (charities agreed on 'first come' status)

Of course, you will also need to fill in an application form!

APPLICATION FORMS will be available from mid-October, at the back of the church, and will need to be completed before 27th December.

Info from Sue on 01258 857606



Short and Sweet Concerts



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Comments to The Editor

Dear Sir,

Re: 'four and twenty blackbirds' in Lys de Brays's article last month. This obviously refers to an historical event, is Lys just teasing us?

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Please Don't Torment your Tulips — by Lys de Bray.

If you've bought but have forgotten to plant your bulbs, get them in *now*. I once forgot to plant mine (they'd been delivered weeks earlier) but the book I was working on at the time was going so well I didn't want to leave it and I forgot and the poor things got planted on Boxing Day. Yes, they *did* come up and yes, they *did* flower but the flowers were at ground level, exhausted, and they didn't even open properly. The stems did extend a bit later but this is NOT the way to grow tulips or any bulbs.

Looking back on that time I could have done all sorts of things - asked someone else to plant them (best) but I wasn't thinking of anything else but the book. Much later on when I had more time and sense and was better organised, I might have conducted an interesting experiment. I'd have bought sufficient bulbs and on arrival I'd have divided them into groups; Group one to be planted at the right time, Group two one month later and Group three one month later still and so on. The really late-planted bulbs would have flowered, eventually, but they'll be unhappy and they'll tell you so.

You won't be able to get much/anything in the way of bulbs when you read this, so these suggestions are for next year- think about them now, make a wish-list from the catalogues and send it to the bulb supplier/grower who will love you for thinking to 'Plant Early for Spring' (which will be 2025) Doesn't bear thinking of now, does it? But you'll be so glad you did. By sending early you'll be almost certain to get what you want instead of reading or hearing 'Sorry, sold out'. The arrival of the bulbs at the right time will make you plant them *at the right time* - providing you're not on holiday in Patagonia or Polzeath. So, let's start with daffs, by which I mean daffodils and narcissus. If you've got the space, like an old orchard, think of the little wild ones, *Narcissus pseudo-Narcissus* which will increase from year to year, needing only to be left alone, like the film star Greta Garbo who was famous for saying *I want to be alone*:

Brilliant blue Grape Hyacinths might be planted in front of or with dwarf pale pink tulips such as 'Pink Prince' or the lilac tulip 'Candy Prince' Other companions could be crocus, scilla, muscari, grape hyacinth, hyacinth (not the same) Snowdrop - *Galanthus*, Snowflake - *Leucojum*, Iris *reticulata*, and Winter aconite - *Eranthis cilicica* or *E. hyemalis*. When the spring bulbs have *completely* finished flowering, lift them carefully with their earth and re-plant in a spare corner of the garden to finish their job and go to sleep until planting time comes round again, and don't forget to mark their resting place.

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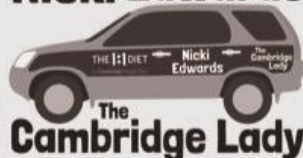
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