

THE BRIDGE

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



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March 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.

Inserts: Your loose leaf inserts or flyers can also be delivered with The Bridge for a charge of £30. **Please provide 1020 copies of your leaflet, in banded bundles of 100, folded to A5 size** if larger, to Jan Standing, between the **27th and 28th** of the month. Jan's email is **jan.standing47@gmail.com**.

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

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Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall News

The Hall committee would like to make everyone aware of some significant changes coming in 2023.

Personnel Changes

At the forthcoming May 2023 AGM the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be standing down and we will be hoping to appoint new volunteers into these roles. Anyone interested in any of these positions should get in contact with Chair, Tim Weaver, on tel: 07785 -267948 or email chair@sturminstermarshallmemorialhall.co.uk.

Youth Club

The committee has been successful in securing a Youth Grant from the council which will be used to start up a weekly Youth Club at the Memorial Hall . We have a meeting planned for Friday 10th Feb 1pm at the Hall with Dorset Youth Association, who are supporting the project. The club will be run by an employed professional youth leader but we are looking for volunteer support from parents or other community members. Again, please get in touch with Chair Tim Weaver.

Tim Weaver, Chair

CHURCH NOTICE

Sturminster Marshall is joined with the parishes of the Red Post Benefice. Kingston Lacy and Shapwick are joined with Wimborne Villages and are the responsibility of Rev Suzie Allen.

The contact details for the priests can be found in the Parish Directory on page 54.

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75 years on, we are still privileged to receive this care. So often we hear of the negative elements of the service, especially over more recent years; the lack of staff, the delay in treatments and so the list goes on.

Since September, I have been privileged to be working as a hospital chaplain. In this role, I have witnessed first hand the care that is provided from the nurse, doctors, cleaners and admin – of which without, there would not be any system in place. I have seen the conscientiousness, the frustrations, the weariness of all the staff and yet, I have also heard the gratefulness of the patients and families. I have arrived on call at night and seen 12 ambulances queuing for A & E, the overflowing waiting room, the shortage of beds, and yet, amidst the hustle and bustle, there is an undercurrent of love and care for all those that come through the doors.

Jesus tells us to “love our neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12:31), and on more than one occasion I have heard staff say, ‘that could be my relative’. A wonderful example of the empathy in the care that is given.

What I have seen in the last six months is something of ‘doing the best in a given situation’, something that may ring true to many of us. In a hospital with 4500 staff and 450 beds, this place is a mini town in itself, where people of all cultures, faith or no faith come whether to work or be cared for. This well-known healthcare service free at the point of delivery is open to all regardless of faith, sexuality, gender, culture. In chaplaincy, we move away from the medical model into the spiritual, recognising that every individual is a spiritual being. Through pastoral and spiritual care, we aim to meet people where they are and travel some of that journey with them.

Jesus, too, in travelling from town to town stopped, listened, healed, and talked with the people around him, welcoming them ‘in’. As he says at the beginning of his ministry, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free” (Luke 4:18).

I am so grateful for all the people I meet on a daily basis in the hospital and in the villages, who share their stories and teach me so much.

Love and prayers. **Rev Sharon**

## St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

### February Draw

#### Main draw

|     |     |                                |
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| £50 | 144 | The Foresters Friendly Society |
| £30 | 57  | Janet and Ray Osman            |
| £20 | 46  | Vicky and Graham Wood          |

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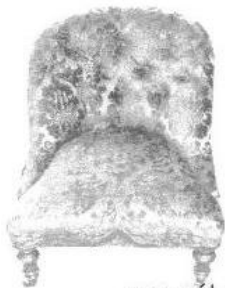
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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | Everything Everywhere All At Once (15) | 7.30pm, |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | “ “ “ “ “                              | 1pm.    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | The Banshees of Inisherin (15)         | 2.30pm, |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> | “ “ “ “                                | 7.30pm. |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> | What's Love Got To Do With It (12A)    | 7.30pm, |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | “ “ “ “ “ “                            | 2.30pm. |

## FEBRUARY SHOWS

|                                     |                                                               |                                             |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                     | Voodoo Room:<br>A Night of Hendrix, Clapton & Cream           | 8pm, £20.50.                                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                     | The Sound of Springsteen                                      | 7.30pm, £26.                                |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | The Billy Joel ALBUMS SHOW<br>starring Elio Pace and his band | 7.30pm, £30, concs £28.50.                  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | Henry Blofeld: My Dear Old Things                             | 7.30pm, 21.50.                              |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                     | It's Not Unusual – The tribute to Tom Jones                   | 7.30pm, £27.                                |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> | Go Your Own Way:<br>The Fleetwood Mac Legacy                  | 7.30pm, £25.50.                             |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                    | Russell Howard – Work in Progress                             | 7.30pm, £15.                                |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                    | Rick Butler – in conversation with Eddie Pillar               | 7.30pm, £15.                                |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                    | Steve Laister – WOW! That's a Show                            | 2pm, £15.                                   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | Hal Cruttenden: It's best you hear it from me                 | 7.30pm, £19.                                |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | China Crisis                                                  | 7.30pm, £25.                                |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | Feast of Fiddles                                              | 7.30pm, £25.                                |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                    | Francis Rossi: Tunes & Chat                                   | 7.30pm, £30 Std, £45 VIP,<br>£80 Super VIP. |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                    | Very Santana                                                  | 7.30pm, £18.50.                             |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>                    | Ballet Theatre UK: Romeo & Juliet                             | 7.30pm, £20 & £18<br>(£15 & £14 concs)      |



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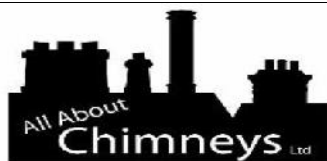
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## Nature's Voice



Writing this in February half-term, it really feels like spring is just around the corner. We visited Kimmeridge Bay today, for a sunny picnic, and found ourselves overdressed in winter woollies! It turned out to be quite the safari, with my son counting 16 buzzards on the route, clearly making the most of the thermals. He's also convinced he saw an osprey. We have learnt that he's usually right - so maybe he did. My daughter saw a herd of deer and I spotted a weasel disappearing into a hedge!

All over the garden, the bulbs are peeking out of the soil, reminding us that the world will be colourful once again soon. There's a very neat row of garlic coming up - which was a surprise as I planted them last year but the tops ended up being 'slugged' and so they never came to anything. They're clearly having a second run!

If you look out, you might spot an early butterfly. Some species over-winter as adults, hibernating somewhere safe and warm, like a shed. These are the first you'll see out and about and they can look a little past their best as a result of their winter sleep. We spotted a brimstone, butter-yellow and flapping crazily over the garden just today. Others to look for are commas, with their raggedy wings, small tortoiseshells, red admirals and peacocks.

I love this time of year when you can look for hints of spring, the air smells fresh and feels chilly, but the sun is starting to feel warm on your face. I hope you see some heralds of spring on your walk or run, through your window or out on your garden bench.

**Melanie Fermor**

### **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.

March 3<sup>rd</sup>                      Quiz - Mark Webber

April 7<sup>th</sup>                      Some Unusual Perennials – Brian Madders

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***March activities in date order***

***Discovery Café 4<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm (see page 49)***

***A History of Paper by Rob Clarke***

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***The Social lunch will meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon.***

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***Film Society 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm (see page 49)***

***Sally's Musical night - 'Footlight Parade.'***

***Membership required or as guest, see website.***

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***Mackrell Lecture is at 2.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> March (see over)***

***The Enigma of Stonehenge by Mike Stone***

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***Play reading on 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm***

***Glengarry John Ross by David Mamet.***

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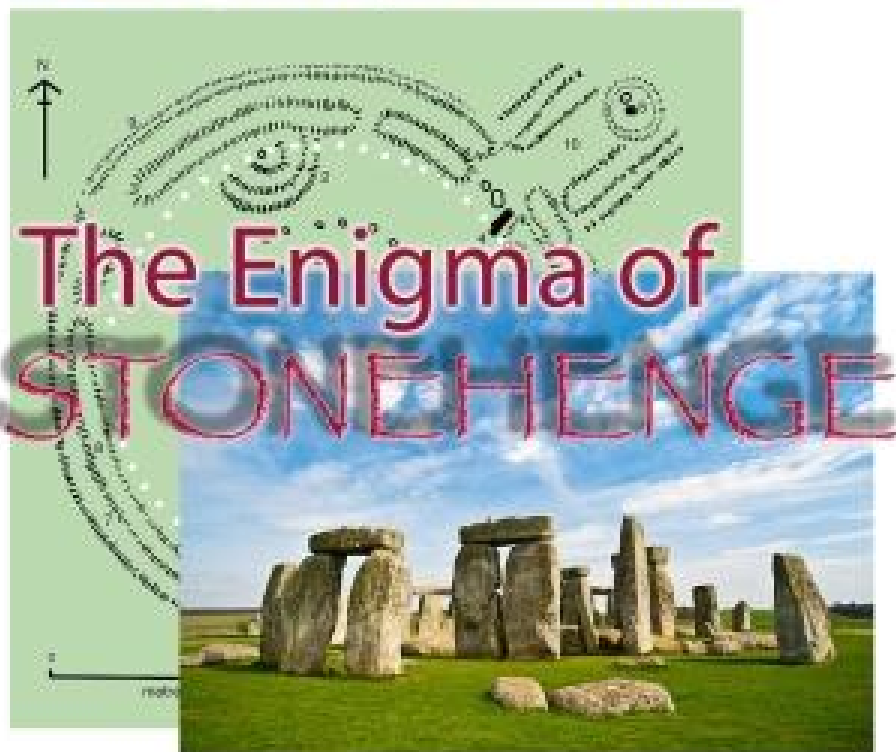
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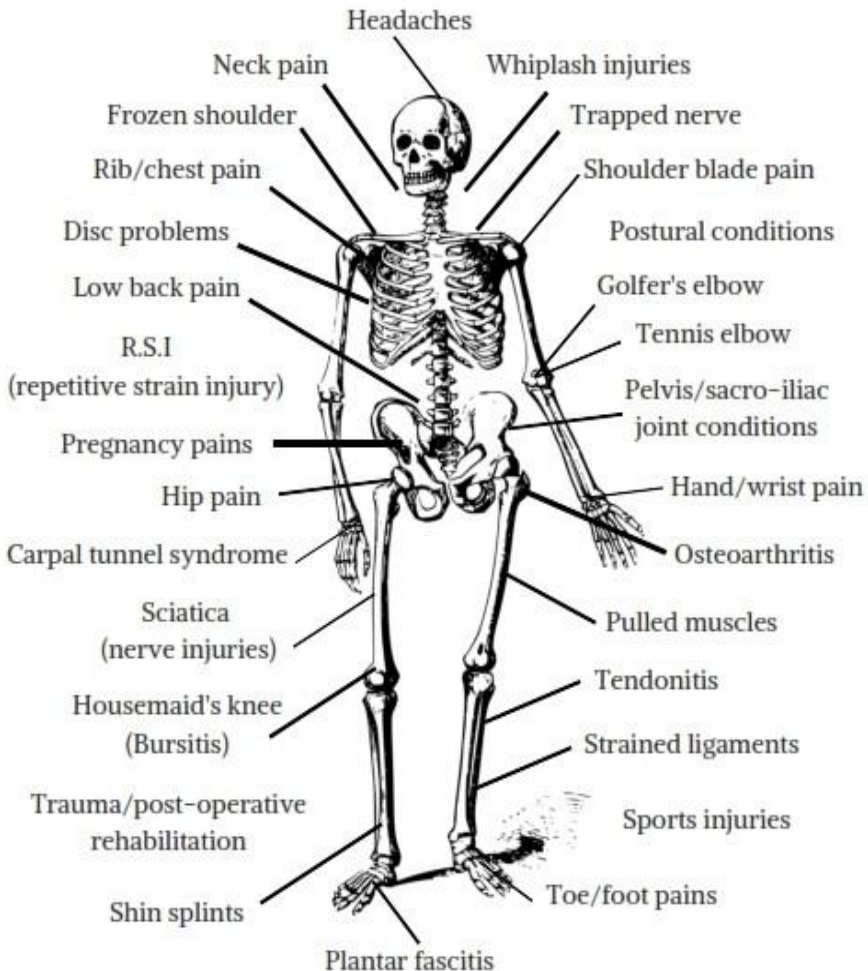
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## **A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.**

Well, another month has gone with a lot of things happening! No one tells you what it is like losing someone who has been together with you for a long time. When you get through and think of things that you did and gradually you think you have got over the pain, but no, there is always another hill to climb, but with family and friends we can get over the hill together. At long last you will find that things will get better.

A pity that Gordon will not get to see the new children or that he will be there telling us what to do, but we must move on, and not let it bring us down. But I wish that the new people who have come into the village would listen to those of us who have been here for a long time and respect us and not try to take over. They do not understand that we are right, that comes with being here and seeing how things work here. Some seem to just go in with both feet and upset the long standing residents who have been here for a very long time and there is some resentment and they should also understand that we love this village and know what needs to be left to continue as we do. We cannot change everything but we can hope that the newcomers will eventually settle and fit in with us.

**Vera**

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Our PE sessions are still proving a big hit on a Wednesday morning. The children moving across to school in September are able to spend time in school hall, practicing various skills including yoga and using the equipment to climb, balance and jump from. We still have spaces on these sessions. If your child is starting school in September and you'd like to help aid the transition into the first school, please contact us.

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## **The Red Post Benefice - News during the Vacancy**

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This is what is happening now:-

20 January                      Advertisement in the Church Times

16 February                    Closing date for applications

7-8 March                      Interview days

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the churchwardens.

Those for Sturminster Marshall are:

Carol Johnson 07400 356901

Katy Norman 07815 610595



## **Social Lunch Club**

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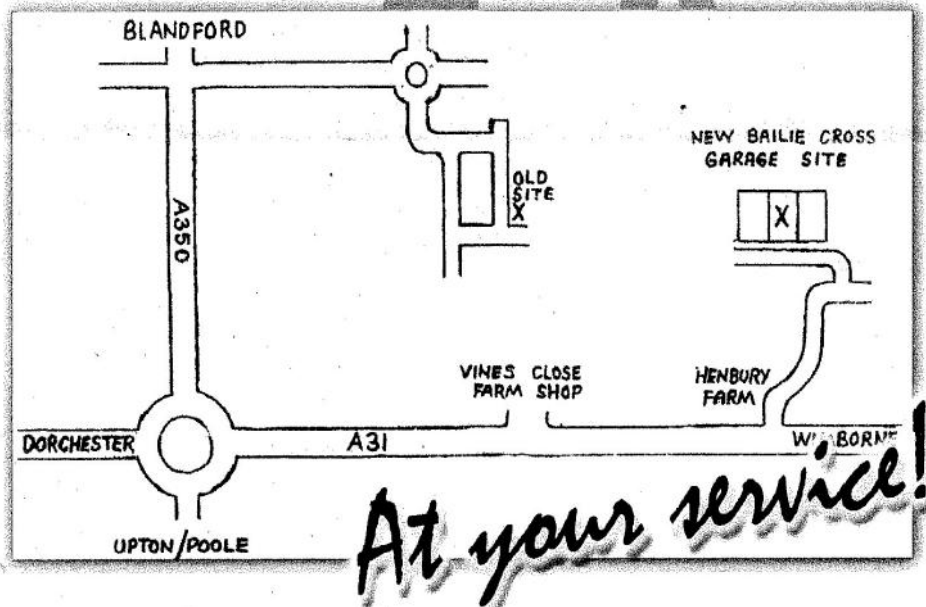
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## Kingston Lacy Estate News

The wide open spaces at Badbury Rings are a much loved spot for dog walkers. But the Rings are also used for many other purposes – we have been grazing Badbury since September with sheep, which helps keep the chalk grassland open and free of scrub and invasive grass species so that the wildflowers can flourish.

For most of this time the sheep have been restricted to the lower section, but we have moved their block closer to the Rings to provide new grazing. This move, however, has resulted in a few issues – loose dogs have resulted in the sheep being chased out of their pen on several occasions. These are pregnant ewes, so excessive worrying may result in some abortion of lambs.



We understand that not everyone realises how important it is to keep dogs on a lead. So we'd be grateful for your help: even if your dog is impeccably trained, sticking to the rules ensures other people don't copy your behaviour. We'd also be grateful to receive a call if you see anything concerning – the telephone numbers are on posters at the site and we're always available if you see a problem.

It's not just the sheep that benefit from our 'dogs on lead' policy. As the breeding season starts, birds such as skylarks, corn bunting and lapwings – all in critical decline – will be nesting in open grassland such as Badbury Rings, as well as farmland and heathland at Holt Heath.

Sometimes birds can nest very close

to paths in the vegetation and are prone to disturbance by people walking off the paths or by dogs exploring.

If your dog goes into the vegetation it may flush a bird from the nest, leaving eggs or chicks exposed and vulnerable to chilling or to attack from predators. Your dog might also stop adults feeding or taking food to their young, or cause birds to abandon a good nesting site.

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# **CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2023**

## **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>:**

9.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> of Lent**

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

## **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>:**

9.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent**

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

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

## **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>:**

9.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day**

9.15am Mothering Sunday 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

## **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

9.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> of Lent**

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

9.15am Family service at St. Stephen's, Kingston Lacy  
with BAPTISM and Banns

## **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>:**

9.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

## **Weekday Services**

Wednesdays at 11am Midweek Communion, Wimborne Minster

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

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2023

## Zoom Services at Red Post

If you would like to join an online Red Post service via Zoom, please email: [redpostbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:redpostbenefice@gmail.com) for details

## Zoom Services at Wimborne Minster

Meeting Number Zoom ID: 883 2976 1518

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|------------------|--------|----------------|
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| “ “ “            | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer |

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Lent Walks using Deuteronomy 6:4. *Loving God with all our being.*

Wednesdays at 10.30am during Lent. These rather wonderful times together start with a short reflection and then all are led out for a walk of about 30-45 mins, ending with refreshments back at the Church.

1st March at *Witchampton* with theme of our HEART.

8th March at *Shapwick* theme SOUL.

15th March at *Kingston Lacy* theme MIND.

22nd March at *Hinton Martel* theme STRENGTH.

29th March at *Horton* theme NEIGHBOUR.

5th April at *Chalbury* theme LOVE.

This is being headed up by Rev Bill French – if you would like to lead a walk please do get in touch with him.

Lent Course in the villages is kindly being hosted by Paul and Tania Booker and will be led by Rev Suzie. It will likely be of an evening in the week. We will be using a course from The Clewer Initiative on the theme of modern-day slavery using the Stations of the Cross to reflect on what our faith teaches us and to consider how we can engage with this.

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English Usage by Michael Evans

Meanings and sounds, continued from last month - Onomatopoeia

The word onomatopoeia comes from the Greek *onoma* (word) and *poiein* (to make) so it means “word making.” Unlike most words, onomatopoeic ones have been invented, in an attempt to imitate sounds made by people, things or nature.

Here are some examples:

atishoo, bam, bang, bong, boing, boom, choo-choo, clang, cuckoo, ding-dong, ping-pong, slap, splash, twang, tweet, whirr, whoosh, woof, zoom.

All languages include onomatopoeic words, but don't expect them to sound like the English ones.

In French, for example, *cock-a-doodle-do* is *cocorico*; *quack-quack* is *coin-coin* (pronounced nasally *kwa-kwa*); *atishoo* is *atchoum.*; *purr* is *ron-ron*, and the lovely sound when you pour a glass of wine, *glug-glug*, is *glou-glou*.

Answers to last month's anagrams:

THE AFRICAN LIONS – THE CALIFORNIANS

DIRTY MANURE – RUDIMENTARY

ASTEROID – RADIO SET

This month's anagrams

GIANT ELM – you can find one in any joint

REAL MADRID - a lady called Vanessa, who often visits us

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Rob Langdown
c/o St Mary's Church
Sturminster Marshall
Dorset.

Dear Rob and The Congregation of St Mary's Church – Sturminster Marshall

Donation to The Salvation Army in Dorset.

Greetings to you all, and a Very Happy New Year. Once again, I would like to express our very grateful thanks for the fabulous donation of toys and gifts, the offertory and the proceeds from the Christmas Tree Festival that the magnificent St Mary's Church has given for our work in Anti Trafficking and Modern Slavery.

As I indicated in my recent visit to your congregation, The Salvation Army is helping nearly 400 victims including young families of human trafficking and modern slavery across Dorset. This is a holistic approach to help in the recovery process from the devastating and traumatic effects of the human trafficking they have been subjected to.

It is one of the highlights of our Christmas to personally deliver these gifts to the SA safe-houses across Dorset and I can only say that Godly transformation is happening in the lives of these children and families because of people like you.

Please again accept our deep and profound appreciation, My wife Karen & I warmly welcome this enduring partnership with your congregation, which is now far more than Christmas and we deeply appreciate your year round support of our work and ministry.

I say it every year....but it's still true. You must be the best Church in Dorset !

Blessings to you

Andy Wileman
Assistant Director
The Salvation Army

WIMBORNE MUSIC SOCIETY/PSD MUSIC UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Just a reminder of forthcoming musical events at St. Peter's - Pimperne, Holy Trinity - Stourpaine and St. Nicholas - Durweston.

Sunday Soirée at 7.15 pm

Sunday 12th March - St. Peter's, Pimperne

(Church Road, Pimperne, Blandford Forum. DT11 8UD)

Chris & Pauline Dowie

Music & Poetry : Galliards to Gershwin

Programme to be announced but it may contain music by William Byrd, Gabriel Faure, Sydney Carter, Eric Coates, Percy Grainger and George Gershwin and poetry by Tennyson, Sir Philip Sydney, Edward Lear, Thomas Gray, William Shakespeare, Liz Lockhead and Lionel Johnson.

OTHER EVENTS IN THE WIMBORNE AREA:-

Saturday 4th March at St. Nicholas Church, Corfe Mullen

Come and Sing Karl Jenkins "The Armed Man"

Registration : 10.00am to 5 pm

Conductor : Christopher Dowie

Piano : Graham Scott

Adults £15 / Under 18's £5

Friends and Family welcome to the "Sing Through" at 4 o'clock

Saturday 25th March 2023 at 7.30 pm in Wimborne Minster

Wimborne Choral Society & Wimborne Chamber Orchestra

Directed by Christopher Dowie

Passiontide Concert

Mozart "Vespers" and Haydn "Nelson" Mass

Soloists – Roseanna Bowen, Catherine Murray, Michael Aitkenhead and Thomas Humphreys

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Yours,

Christopher Dowie



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**St. Mary's Church, Sturminster Marshall  
Revision of the Church Electoral Roll 2023**

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My telephone number is at the back of this magazine.

**Elaine Huntriss, Electoral Roll Officer**

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# STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS

[www.sturminstermarshall-pc.gov.uk](http://www.sturminstermarshall-pc.gov.uk).

The Annual Litter Pick is on Saturday 1st April starting at 2.00pm from the Memorial Hall. Please do come along and help clean up our village. As usual we will be offering refreshments afterwards when you finish. I really hope this weather is kind to us as it was last year.

Whilst we are on the subject of improving the environment of the village, we are also looking for a group of volunteers and a leader to help look after the village year-round with gardening, cleaning signs and tidying. Is this something you could offer help with.

The mornings are getting lighter and evenings too, and the snowdrops are in full flower as I write making us feel like Spring is on its way. The Oak tree that was planted on Charborough Green as part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations has survived the drought of last summer and the winter so far, and is beginning to bud, which is a good sign.

As I mentioned last month, there are plans afoot by different groups in the village to celebrate the King's Coronation. Look out on social media, noticeboards, and the web for more information. Please support these community events.

The Clerk and a Councillor attended a webinar regarding reducing speed limits to 20mph. There are certain criteria that need to be met before a community can apply, and the cost is between £6000 - £10000, and this will have to be met by increasing the precept. What are your views? Please email the clerk on [sturminstermarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:sturminstermarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk).

The Neighbourhood Plan group are currently in the process of drafting the Plan and are meeting to go through the drafted sections.

A date for your diaries - the Annual Open meeting is taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Memorial Hall.

## **Recent Plans & Tree works:**

P/HOU/2022/07600 64 Churchill Close, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne, BH21 4BH.

Demolish the existing conservatory on the front elevation and erect a single storey pitched roof porch and wc; demolish the existing garage and erect a single storey extension to create new bathroom and laundry area; and erect a new detached garage with car port.

P/TRT/2022/07410 Bailie Gate Industrial Estate, High Street, Sturminster Marshall.

T1 Field Maple: Prune canopy to provide 2m clearance from gate house.

T2 Field Maple: Pollard to main union.

T3 English Oak: Prune canopy to provide 2m clearance from gate house.

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In January our members voted on the four WI Resolutions for 2023. The majority of our votes went to 'Clean rivers for people and wildlife'. Very apt, given the wonderful location of our village and proximity to the Rivers Stour and Winterborne. Our votes now go for collation via the Dorset Federation and onward to the National Federation. Here's hoping our preference will in turn become the overall elected resolution and national campaign.

Our speaker for the February meeting was retired veterinarian, Hilary Green, who gave a very engaging and entertaining talk 'To See a Man About a Dog' covering her 38 year career as a vet. Her interest in becoming a vet was triggered at aged 13 after witnessing the family cat having an abscess lanced and thinking "I'd like to do that!". Apparently, quite a lot of vets and vet nurses are abscessphiles! After qualifying in the mid 1970's Most of her career was spent working locally in Dorset and being small of stature and most of all female (!) she certainly caused a stir when turning up at a farm to deal with difficult births or lance yet more abscesses. Hilary retired 5 years ago and is the current President of Crossways WI.

Members were informed of the 3 local charities that will each receive a £50 donation from our funds. The Louis Ross Foundation will also receive a sum of £86 following our entry and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the St. Mary's Church Xmas Tree festival. We held a raffle during the evening to raise funds for the Disaster Emergency Committee Turkey-Syria Appeal.

Why not make 2023 the year to join our WI and start your involvement in the largest women's organisation in the UK? We pride ourselves on being a trusted place for **all** women of **all** generations. Or give us a try before you join by coming along to a meeting as a visitor on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in The Old School. We start at 7.30pm and a warm welcome awaits.

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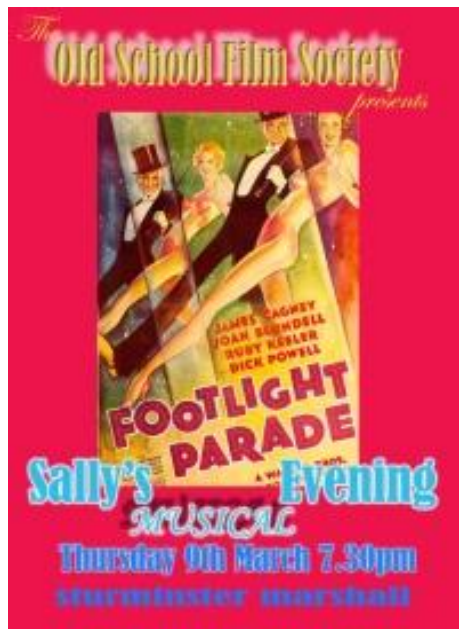
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