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OF STURMINSTER MARSHALL,  
SHAPWICK, PAMPHILL & COWGROVE



**September 2024**

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

### Advertisements:

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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 our community magazine.

The costs of producing the magazine is now approaching a £1 per copy and therefore our monthly outgoings are in the order of £300. Our main source of income is advertising and sponsorship and we have recently received an offer from a private individual to make a very generous monthly donation.

In the survey, we carried out last year, many people said they would be willing to make a regular payment to ensure the survival of the magazine. If you would like to make 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**.

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We have a cream tea function planned for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September where you can enjoy home cooked scones and cake as well as supporting The Bridge.

Thank you for your support.

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

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## From The Church

### What's going on?!

There seems to be a lot going on in September! To me it often seems like a month of new beginnings and this year, more so than ever it somehow feels significant. I'm looking forward to some new opportunities to get together.

There's the obvious; school starts back and we pray for all involved, teachers, governors and staff, children and their parents, especially those who have their first day. For some it'll be their first day ever at school, for others it's the transition to high school and also not forgetting those who've changed schools or moved on to further education.

Church life is similar, we've got weddings and baptisms planned, and of course there is a full Autumn schedule for us including Harvest Festivals, Remembrance and the busyness of the run up to ... dare I say it, our busiest time of year! Yes, Christmas items are already creeping into the shops. More of that in the next few months.

It's exciting isn't it! So why not get involved? It's a genuine offer. There are various aspects of church life where we'd value your help and support, with hospitality, fundraising, work around the church buildings; flower arranging, cleaning, either regularly or in preparation for the big festivals. Maintenance work, there's plenty to do, inside and out. If you would like to offer your skills to the team or just want to find out more then please contact us, our details are easy to find, through these pages or online. You don't have to be a church-goer, our churches are here for all. Even if you are unable to get to church there is also stuff you could do at home!

It is often said that being a Christian is not a religion, it is a relationship. The most important is obviously our relationship with God, then there's our relationship with others – Love God and love your neighbour as yourself! Matthew Chapter 18 verses 15-20 give us great guidance for our relationships and ends with Jesus saying, “wherever 2 or 3 are gathered in my name I will be there in the midst of them.”

As we gather together, in church or at home, I encourage you to let Jesus be the centre of all you do. Whether that's going back to work or school after the summer break or starting something new, in my experience you won't go far wrong.

My prayer for all is that you are able to let Jesus be the centre of your life, if you're not sure how to do that or want to know more, join us at church or speak to me about it.

With every blessing,

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

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£30    72    Karen Royles  
£20    85    Elaine Huntriss

### Bonus Draw

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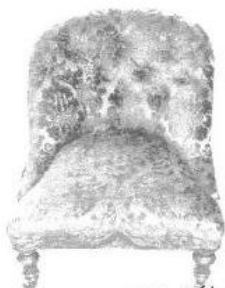
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There will be a Bonus draw every month until the end of the year to reflect that 141 NUMBERS have been sold. If you would like to join the 100 Club, contact one of the committee listed below. Help to support St. Mary's Church.

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> | Widow Clicquot (15)                                             | 7.30pm,                       |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                   | “ “                                                             | 2.30pm, Matinee.              |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                   | Bannff Mountain Film Festival World Tour 2024<br>BLUE PROGRAMME | 7.30pm,<br>£16, concs £14.50. |

## SEPTEMBER SHOWS

|                                     |                                           |                             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                     | An Evening with Arsenal Legends           | 7.30pm, £30, VIP £65.       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                     | Go Now! The Music of the Moody Blues 2024 | 7.30pm, £28.                |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                     | Nick Capaldi                              | 7.30pm, £21.50.             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | Laurence Jones                            | 7.30pm, £20.                |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | Opera Boys                                | 7.30pm, £22.                |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                    | An Evening with the Legends of Snooker    | 7.30pm, £35, VIP £65.       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                    | Deaths at Sea – Our Star Theatre Company  | 7.30pm, £13, conc<br>£15.50 |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | Mark Watson: Search                       | 7.30pm, £21.50.             |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                    | Lionel – The Music of Lionel Richie 2024  | 8pm, £25.                   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | Bootleg Blondie                           | 7.30pm, £23.50.             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                    | Jim Davidson – OVER 18s ONLY!             | 7.30pm, £28.50.             |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> | One Man, Two Guvnors – Revive Theatre     | 7.30pm, £16, Conc £14       |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | “ “ “ “ “ “                               | 2.30pm, “ “ “               |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | Andy Parsons: Bafflingly Optimistic       | 7.30pm, £17.                |





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# Cream Tea

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September

2.30 – 5pm

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September Activities  
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***Discovery Café - 2.30pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.  
The Pyramids - an illustrated talk by Richard Hutley.***

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***Play reading - on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm  
Carrie's War - by Nina Bawden***

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***Social lunch – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.***

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***Mackrell Charity AGM with Cheese and Wine  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September - 7 for 7.30pm***

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***Mackrell Lectures and Film Society  
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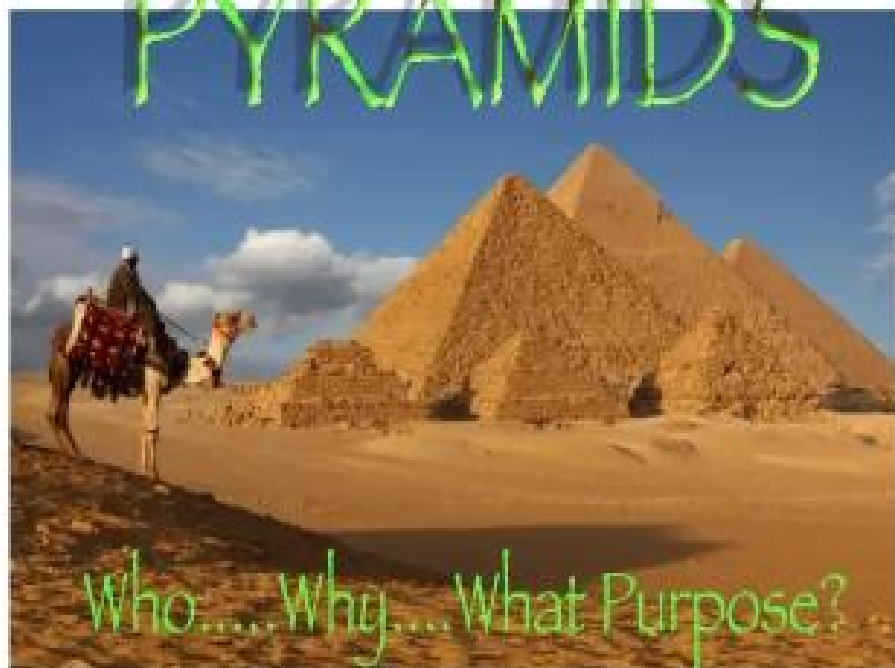
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# PYRAMIDS

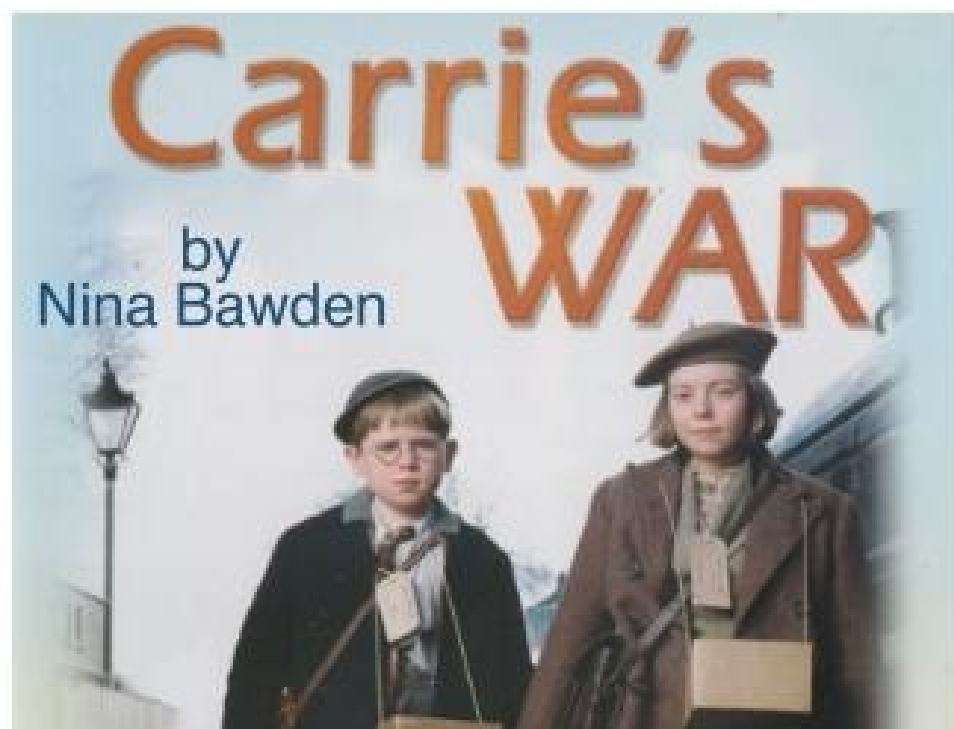


an illustrated talk by Richard Hutley  
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Monday 9th Sept 2024  
Play Reading Group

The Old School, Sturminster Marshall

£3 (inc. tea & biscuits)

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## September

September has been through quite a few changes over the years. It was originally named 'Septem', meaning seventh month, by the Romans, but in 451 BC the months of January and February were added to the calendar, making September the ninth month. September also used to only have 29 days. Thanks to Julius Caesar's reform of the Roman calendar in 46 BC the month now has an additional day. Also, in the year 1752, the British Empire skipped 11 days of September, between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> when we changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar.

Back in Anglo-Saxon times, September used to be called Gerst Monath, which translates into "barley month". It was the time of year that the barley crop was harvested which was used to make a popular drink. It was also named Haefest Monath which translates as harvest month, when the farmers start to harvest their crops.



Some disastrous events have occurred in September.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1662, 'The Great Fire of London' started in Thomas Farriner's baker's shop in Pudding Lane. The fire swept through London for four days. It destroyed 13,200 houses, 87 churches, and even St Paul's Cathedral. Accounts from the time, state that only 6 people died but historians are not sure how accurate that is.

September 1st 1939, was a dark day for the world. It was on this day that Hitler invaded Poland, beginning World War II.

September 11th 2001, the worst terrorist attack on US soil happened, when four commercial airliners were hijacked. Two of the planes were flown straight into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, and another was crashed into the Pentagon. The fourth plane crash-landed in a field in Pennsylvania.

Let's hope there is some truth in the saying, 'things run in threes,' and from now on, Septembers will be free from disaster.

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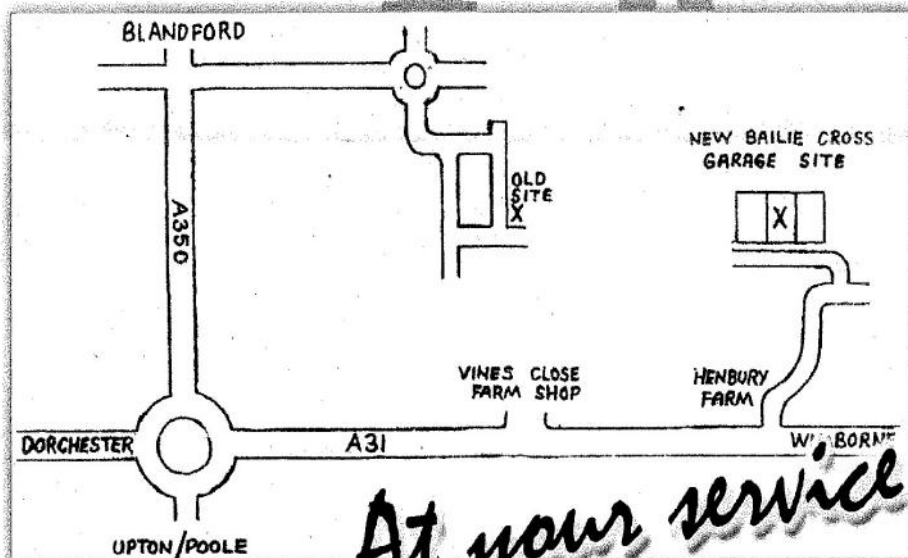
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Thanks from all the team.

## Kingston Lacy Estate News

### Phase two of mire restoration commences on Holt Heath National Nature Reserve

Mires are wet and boggy areas that typically form peat by the laying down of sphagnum mosses. Mires and other peatland sites (such as bogs, fens and wetlands) are internationally recognised for their ecological significance and are home to many interesting and rare insects, amphibians, reptiles, migratory birds and plant species.

On the eastern side of Holt Heath National Nature Reserve there is a 98ha (242acre) valley mire. This area is a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) and was deemed by Natural England in 2010 to be in an 'unfavourable' condition due to an extensive network of historic ditches that criss-cross the area because of historical peat cutting practices on the heathland. The ditch network causes water to run-off the heath resulting in the mire becoming much drier than desired, especially during the summer months.

Between 2016 and 2020, with the help and support of Natural England and the Environment Agency, we undertook phase I of mire restoration. This involved installing a series of plugs within the ditch network to slow the passage of water running off the heath and encourage it to flow sideways into the mire to form desirable shallow pools. We also installed monitoring equipment, cleared areas of vegetation and upgraded some sections of bridleway.

Following the success of the Mire Project, and Natural England advice, a second phase of works was identified to further enhance the mire. During this time The Dorset Peat Partnership was formed to investigate the feasibility of restoring degraded peatland habitat sites across the Dorset Heaths and to put forward plans to secure restoration grant funding from the Nature for Climate Peatland Grant Scheme. In August 2023 the Dorset Peat Partnership secured funding to deliver the capital works for peatland restoration across sixteen sites including Holt Heath.

Having tackled the larger ditches in phase I to create wetter site conditions, phase 2 now focuses on using the same technique as before on smaller peripheral ditches and clearing vegetation from key areas within the mire. This is to further improve both the hydrological and habitat functionality and quality, meaning better conditions for both peat to be formed and for the species that live there.

We plan to carry out the work between late August and early October, minimising disturbance to ground nesting birds whilst allowing the best access to the mire without causing excessive damage to the site. During this time there will be minimal disruption to access on the heath.

If you would like to find out more about the work of Dorset Peat Partnership, visit the Dorset Wildlife Trust website ([www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk)) and search 'Dorset Peat Partnership'. We are also hosting two walks for the local community to find out more about the project on Wednesday 11th September 10am – 12pm and Saturday 14th September 2-4pm. To book your place please email

[kingstonlacy@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:kingstonlacy@nationaltrust.org.uk) or call 01202 883402 (option 5). Booking is essential.

# **CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> : Trinity 14**

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

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> : Trinity 15**

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 15<sup>th</sup> : Trinity 16**

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

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

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

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> : Trinity 17**

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

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

11.00am Holy Communion at Morden

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> : Trinity 18**

2.00pm Baptism at St. Mary's, Almer

3.30pm Baptism at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

5.00pm Harvest 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

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

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

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## Zoom Services at Wimborne Minster

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|------------------|--------|----------------|
| Monday to Friday | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| “ “ “            | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer |

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## **English Usage by Michael Evans**

### **Cheerio, farewell, clear off!**

These are some of the words we use when we parting company from someone, one of the most common being simply “Bye!”

How did that get into our language?

Historians and linguists think that centuries ago, it could have begun with something like “May God be with ye,” and that it became shortened as time went by, to phrases such as “God be w’ye.” The decline in religious belief after the Enlightenment may have resulted in “God” becoming “Good,” as in “Good Bye.” We now simplify it more and say just “Bye” or the quaint “Bye, Bye!”.

A bye in cricket is altogether another thing, and I have no idea how it came to mean a missed ball that does not hit the wicket or the batsman.

Last month’s anagrams

AHA, A REPAIR PLAN - PARAPHERNALIA

EGGS LAND ODDLY - DADDY LONG LEGS

CHIPS ON TRAYS - CORNISH PASTIES

ORLEANS PAL - SOLAR PANEL

This month’s anagrams

LOST HOTELIERS – found on cats, butterflies and turtles (one word)

DASTARDLY CON - a police HQ (two words)

CERTAIN PASTOR – put off (one word)

I'M A RANTING SPY - large, green insect (two words)

### **Cream Tea Weekend Thanks**

**Rob and Margaret would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all those who attended our Cream Tea Weekend for the Friends of the Strays of Greece at the end of July.**

**We raised the magnificent sum of £1145.**

## St Mary's Church, Sturminster Marshall

This village church has stood here since the 12th Century, providing a place of sanctuary and worship, a venue for weddings, christenings, funerals and burials as well as providing a community space for performances and events. The churchyard is a haven for local wildlife as well as containing gravestones outlining the social history of the parish.



The Chairman of the National Churches Trust, observed in 2019, "At a time when so many public buildings are closing and high streets are losing their shops, church buildings are places where people can meet, collaborate and build community, as well as continue to worship". Church buildings are not just Houses of God, they should also be houses of good. The Local Government Chronicle wrote in December 2020 that Councils should make better use of churches to bring communities together.

That is why **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We need to make the church a more useful, friendly, inviting and comfortable space, so as part of 'The Welcome Project', we are in the process of obtaining the necessary permissions and employing specialist building companies to install a toilet and a kitchen area. However, in the meantime there is a great deal we can do but we need some help.

Apart from helping at services we also need people to help look after the church by arranging the flowers, helping with cleaning, tidying, and other odd jobs, caring for the living churchyard, helping at events by making tea, baking cakes etc. as well as publicity, administrative jobs and pastoral care. The list is endless!

If you would like to volunteer to help with anything whether it be weekly, monthly or just on the odd occasion, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Rev Jane Williams on [janewilliamsrpc@outlook.com](mailto:janewilliamsrpc@outlook.com) or Katy on [katy.norman1@binternet.com](mailto:katy.norman1@binternet.com) or Carol on [barrycarol7@aol.com](mailto:barrycarol7@aol.com)

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## **STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS**

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Starting with my usual opening sentence, the weather, which although has been a bit better, has still not been great at times. Despite this, I hope you have all managed to get out and about and enjoy yourselves.

We have still been having a lot of issues with damage to the playground, the Memorial Hall and the Football club property on Churchill Close. We do report any incidences that relate to Parish property to the police. If you see anyone damaging any equipment, please do report any incidents that you witness on 101 or online at Dorset Police Report a Crime. As a result of all these problems we wrote a letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner, and we have had a positive reply to try and assist with the situation. The issues have also been reported to the ASB officers at Dorset Council, and the Community Safety Officer.

We are actioning maintenance and repairs to the playground as advised in the Annual Inspection report. There is always work on going around the Parish with regards to maintenance of village seats and drainage ditches, for example. We report any other works that come under Dorset Council's remit, like vegetation that needs cutting back where safety is an issue. The Council pay for an extra verge cut in the autumn. Four 'No Horses' signs have been ordered for Churchill Close to remind riders that they are not allowed to ride on the Green to protect this valuable space and parishioners too.

The two VAS speed indicator signs on the A350 are due to be removed by Dorset Highways due to age. We are going to discuss with Dorset Council about placing a SID sign on the A350, although they have said they would not be appropriate within the village. We still need volunteers to come forward to join the Speedwatch team in the village, so if you feel you would be able to give time to help with this, please do contact the Parish Clerk, details are on the web site mentioned above.

The Neighbourhood Plan referendum took place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Do keep a look out for details of the results on the Parish website and social media.

The Plans for eight properties on the Churchill Arms site, and five properties at 97 / 99 High Street have been Passed.

**Recent Plans, Tree Applications and TPOs:**

P/PARC/2024/03634 - The Worlds End, Dorchester Road, Almer DT11 9EW  
Use of land as a temporary Campsite from 27/07/2024 to 06/09/2024.

P/FUL/2024/03612 - Westley Farm, Moor Court, Sturminster Marshall  
Form an earth-banked slurry lagoon.

P/TRC/2024/02591 - West Almer Access To West Almer Farm, Profell  
Cottage, Almer, Manor Lane, Winterborne Zelston:

T1 - Macrocarpa – Fell, T2 - Macrocarpa – Fell, T3 - Macrocarpa - Fell.

Confirmation Of Tree Preservation Order TPO/2024/0006 Dorset Council  
(Land at E394860 & N99818, Churchill Close, Sturminster Marshall, BH21  
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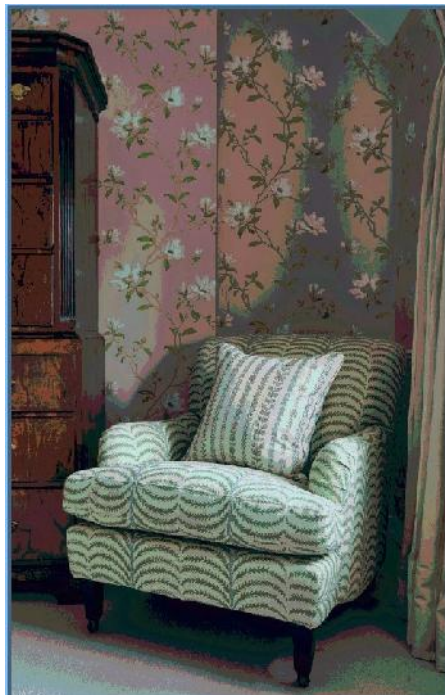
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**The Court Secretary, 7 Gladelands Way, Broadstone BH18 9JB** or by email to:  
[court5779@forestersfriendlysociety.co.uk](mailto:court5779@forestersfriendlysociety.co.uk).

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## Wimborne Choral Society

**Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7.30 pm at Wimborne Minster**

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**Mozart "Requiem"**

**Wimborne Choral Society / Wimborne Chamber Orchestra**

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### **St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival**

It is with great sadness that Margaret and I have decided that after 15 years we can no longer continue to organise the St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival. Our original idea of combining the village and the church to fill the building with happy people has I think been successful and we have raised lots of money for charity as well.

The weekends of the Festival have given us great joy, from the anticipation of what exquisitely crafted decorations were going to appear on the Friday to seeing the church beautifully decorated and full of people from the village and beyond enjoying the spectacle put on by you. We will especially miss the camaraderie of all those taking part.

Margaret and I would particularly like to thank all of you who have supported us over the past 15 years, some of you since the beginning.

#### **A few statistics from the 13 Festivals:-**

132 different charities supported

289 trees decorated

60 different groups or individuals taking part

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Thank you once again

**Margaret and Sue**

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Thursday evenings 6.15pm – 9.15pm,

All sessions are held in the Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall.

It is a great sport for all ages and we would welcome some younger players, so do come along. The club owns several sets of bowls and these can be lent to players who do not have their own, but they must remain on the premises. Completely flat shoes must be worn on the mats.

We are a mixed club and we do not compete in leagues, so the emphasis is on pleasure and not pressure. We do join other local clubs for just friendly matches.

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At our July meeting Julie and Mary were talking about An Introduction to Free Writing and Poetry.

Julie has set up a group on Friday mornings in the Wimborne Library after attending a Wild Writing course in the Library in Blandford.

Wild Writing is creative writing inspired by something exciting an experience or an inspiration.

Free writing is where a person writes continuously for a certain period of time and possibly from a prompt given by a teacher.

Mary has for a long time been involved in poetry and at one time was a university lecturer on the subject. Mary felt that poetry was much better read aloud. She explained that it was particularly good for our mental health and can provide comfort during periods of stress, trauma, and grief. Poems can be quite simple and humorous.

We left the meeting with a much better understanding of creative writing and poetry. This was the first time that Julie and Mary had given a talk to a group. I have a feeling it will not be the last.

If you are interested in joining our WI group, you are very welcome. We meet on the Third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in The Old School Hall opposite the Red Lion. See what we have to offer, nothing to pay at the start then if you like us a membership fee of £48 for the year.

**Our next meeting in The Old School will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. This will be a games evening. Great fun if the last one is anything to go by.**

For more information about SMEWI please contact Christine Rainsford on 01258 857413 or visit our website:

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**Heather Trenchard**



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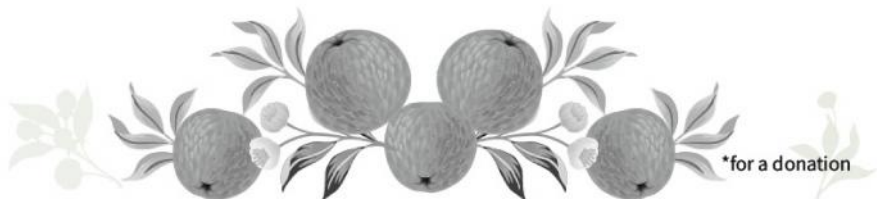
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Every year Dorset Historic Churches Trust run a sponsored Ride+Stride event and invite everybody to take part.

This heritage organisation raises money to support the repair and maintenance of our historic church buildings. Half of the money raised is returned to the church and Dorset Historic Churches Trust use the balance to give grants to Dorset churches.

#### ***How do you join in?***

- ✓ Get information and sponsorship forms from Liz Jones ([lizandpetejones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizandpetejones@yahoo.co.uk)) or download these from the website – [www.dhct.org.uk](http://www.dhct.org.uk)
- ✓ Ride or walk alone, invite others to join you or team up with people who are already going. Anyone can take part; children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.
- ✓ Walk or ride a bicycle or a horse or a mobility scooter.
- ✓ Plan your own route. You can start and finish at any location.
- ✓ Visit as many or as few churches as you want.

#### ***Get sponsored.***

- ✓ Sponsorship can be for anything:  
eg. Number of churches visited, a single donation or miles covered.
- ✓ Set up a Just Giving page or collect cash or a cheque or a BACS payment.
- ✓ Where possible, donations should be Gift Aided to increase the amount given by 25%.

#### ***JOIN A WINNING TEAM***

***Last year, the group from Sturminster Marshall, raised the most money by any Dorset Church for the fourth time in the last five years!***

**PLEASE Ride or Stride or sponsor someone to help maintain this incredible record.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!!**

## **Winterborne Zelston Ride+Stride Day - Saturday 14th September.**

Please do come and visit our lovely church of St. Mary's at Winterborne Zelston.

Turn at the Botany Bay pub, turn right at the T-junction and just over the little bridge. Refreshments available between 10 and 3pm.

We are adding a little extra into the day - Ride, Stride and Sing a Hymn - choose your favourite hymn to sing with Caroline at around 12 or 2pm for a donation to the Dorset Historic Church's Trust.

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### **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.

**Sep 6<sup>th</sup> Quiz - Mike Webber**

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> The making of Holme – Simon Goldsack**

Contact: 01258 857606 / 857118

### **Can you be a Volunteer Host on a Sunday Afternoon?**

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## **`For it's September, and I Haven't Got Time for the Waiting Game... \* -**

By Lys de Bray

Well, you have, of course - A gardener's year is packed with seasonal and essential tasks, so much so that he has hardly got time to lean on his spade to admire the results of last year's efforts. Gardeners live in the future - we sow seeds and wait to see them germinate, grow, flower and set seed and this 'waiting game' is a pleasurable time. It's also a time to experiment. For example, we generally plant spring-flowering bulbs round about now and the garden-centres are full of them now. (Try the market, cheaper and just as good) Once upon a time roses were bought and planted now, my father would order them in spring and expect delivery round about now or later.

Michaelmas Daisies - *Aster novae-belgii* family, are a huge group of delightful daisy-flowered perennials varying in size from about 6 inches to 6 feet. The single-flowered varieties are great for bees, so do plant as many of them as you can. Mostly, Michaelmas daisies are real toughies, thriving in almost any soil as long as they have sun. I once saw a sad sight; in a barren car-park at Wareham I saw a scattering of no-colour plants with no-colour flowers, and, curious, I went across to see what they were. Under the thick layer of dust they proved to be Michaelmas Daisies struggling for life. The car-park must once have been a garden because there were other 'gardeny' plants around, marigolds, a single unhappy hollyhock, stems of honesty and what looked like wallflowers. Had I had time, I would have dug them all up and given them a happier home (I always carried a sharp trowel in the car for such life-saving occasions. And in case you're thinking what I think you're thinking - no, I never dug up wild flowers. (1) it's illegal and (2) I grew them from seed anyway.

Clematis are another big group for this time of year. My varieties have large flat single flowers about 5/6 inches wide which are, alas, scentless, but their big flat flowers make a great impact. They, too, prefer a sunny position. There are several forms of clematis; *Clematis tangutica* 'Bill Mackenzie' has dangling 6-petalled yellow bells at this time of year, developing into balls of white fluff; these often happen at the same time as the flowers which makes it well worth having if you've only space for one plant. (C. t. 'Bill Mackenzie' can grow to a height of 20ft) Many herbaceous plants take up a lot of space just a-growing before they flower, but that's gardening.

\* September Song, written by Kurt Weil



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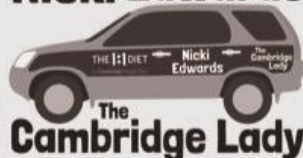
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