

THE BRIDGE

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



July 2023

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THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

Bridge Publications is the committee which produces the Bridge Magazine for the communities of Sturminster Marshall, Shapwick, Pamphill and Cowgrove. It is financially independent of these communities: its revenue comes from advertising fees and fund raising activities. Our Chairman is Barry Johnson, our Editor is Tony Cross and our Advertising Manager is Liz York.

Articles:

Contributions are welcome from all sectors of the community served by the parishes. Please email your article, which should be prepared on **A5 (NOT A4 OR Letter PLEASE)** size pages, in **MS Word (.doc or .docx)** or **Works (.wps)**, or **it can be a .jpg file or .pdf file**, to the Editor at **tcenator@gmail.com**. You will receive a reply. If you do not receive a reply, please make enquiries. If you have no email then please print your copy and send it to Court House, Cowgrove, BH21 4EL, making it clear on the envelope that this is for the Editor of The Bridge.

The deadline for articles for the next issue is the 15th of the month-so that the finished magazine can be sent to our printers on the 17th or 18th.

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We need your feedback.

Our draft Neighbourhood Plan is ready and the 6 week consultation period is underway.

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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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# **From The Church**

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Mark Twain, the great American writer and humourist is quoted as saying, “Humour is mankind’s greatest blessing”. I can’t agree more. Fun and laughter really are a huge boost to our well-being and this is borne out in the medical world when they tell us that laughter is a strong medicine, triggering healthy, physical and emotional changes in our bodies.

These learned medical people tell us that laughter strengthens our immune system, boosts our mood, eases pain and protects us from the effects of stress. One of the positive effects of laughter that stands out for me, is that it helps to release our anger and forgive sooner.

As forgiveness is one of the tenets of our faith, it is clear to me that our God not only has a sense of humour but he is the source of all joy, fun and laughter.

Over the past few weeks I have been watching the Britain’s Got Talent show on TV; the show gives people a chance to show off their talents (or lack of them!) and much fun and laughter permeates the show. The surprising winner of this year’s show was a madcap Norwegian comedian named Viggo Venn, who had the audience in stitches as he ran wildly around the stage wearing a high viz jacket.

How did this Norwegian comedian win this huge prize when he was up against so many talented people? My theory is that in making people laugh he made us all forget the stress of modern living and the worry of world events; clearly it fitted into what medical science tells us about laughter.

We Christians worry much about people not coming to church. Perhaps it may help if we brought God’s laughter into our services, for there is a place for joy and laughter as well as solemnity and stillness in the presence of our God. I might add that the pages of our Bible are soaked through with joy and laughter, starting in the book of Genesis, in which Sarah says, “God has brought me laughter and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me”. Perhaps the medicine of laughter may be the answer to our dwindling congregations?

I leave you with the words of a Sunday School teacher who, after teaching the class about the story of David and Goliath, asked her class, “What does the story of Goliath teach us?” Quick as a flash, a boy replied “To duck”!

**Rev. Bill French**

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

### June Draw

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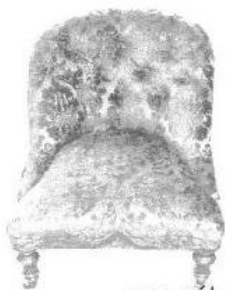
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|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                        | Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty (12A, tbc) | 7.30pm, £15. |
|                                                        | Recorded Screening                          |              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>                      | The Laureate (15)                           | 7.30pm,      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                                        | “ “ “                                       | 6.30pm.      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> | Are you there God? It's me Margaret (PG)    | 7.30pm,      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                                       | “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “                             | 2.30pm.      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>                    | Asteroid City (12A)                         | 7.30pm,      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | “ “ “                                       | 1.30pm.      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Oklahoma! Starring Hugh Jackman (Screening) | 7pm, £15.    |

## JULY SHOWS

|                                     |                                                                |                              |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | A Journey into French Music<br>from Offenbach to Gainsbourg    | 7.30pm, £16.50.              |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | Magic of the Bee Gees – You Win Again Tour                     | 7.30pm, £27.                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | Queens of Country                                              | 7.30pm, £24.50, concs £22.50 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                    | Albert Cummings                                                | 7.30pm, £22.50.              |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                    | 80's Mania                                                     | 7.30pm, £27.                 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                    | An Evening of Burlesque 2023 -<br><b>OVER 18's ONLY</b>        | 7.30pm, £27.                 |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> | The Addams Family: The Blandford School                        | 7pm, £15, concs £12          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                    | “ “ “ “ “ “ “                                                  | 1pm. “ “ “                   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>                    | Los Endos – Ultimate Genesis:<br>Take A Little Trip Back Again | 7.30pm, £22.                 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | The Zoots; Sounds of the 60's                                  | 7.30pm, £20.                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                    | Rabbit Rabbit: A tribute to Chas & Dave                        | 7.30pm, £26.                 |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | The Bird Dogs                                                  | 7.30pm, £18.50.              |
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**We much look forward to welcoming Jane and Nigel in late summer but are immensely grateful to the retired priests the Reverends Belinda Marfitt, John Graves, Nigel Feaver and Hugh Maddox who have, and are so willingly giving us so much help, encouragement and support during our time of vacancy.**



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## Nature's Voice

Well, summer is definitely here! I've currently got all the curtains closed, trying to keep the house cool!



July is a great time to spot stag beetles. Have you seen any yet? Here's one photographed by Beth Barker-Stock in her garden in Poole. The larvae feed on rotting wood, so it's a good idea to have a log or two in a corner of your garden. They are in their alien-like, grub form (think bush tucker trial on I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!) for up to 6 years, before emerging in all their shiny, black, armoured, pincer-y glory for just one summer of romance, before laying eggs for the next generation, and then dying by the August! They are protected, and, whilst they may look a little scary to some, they can do you absolutely no harm, so please

admire them and let them be on their way. Remember if you find a big old whitish, yellowish grub, it might have been working hard for 6 years, so resist the urge to evict it from your garden too!

If you want to help them out, you can log sightings on this website:

**<https://stagbeetles.ptes.org/take-part-in-the-great-stag-hunt/>**.

The lighter evenings give opportunity for more wildlife adventures, in fact, it doesn't seem to quite get completely dark at the moment! I was recently allowed to join a group looking for nightjars. These strange looking birds are rather special. They cut a fine, hawkish profile in the twilight and sport rather a smart, light-coloured band on each wing, which is visible when they fly. They make the most eerie long, drawn-out croaky call to let you know where home is. They need open heath land and are helped by conservation grazing on our protected heaths, by cattle, which stop the trees turning the heath into forest.

What are your top wildlife spots this month?

**Melanie Fermor**

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***Play reading on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm-***

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# ST MARY'S CHURCH

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
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A tremendous **Thank You** to everybody who helped with and came to, this year's Fete. We raised almost £4,000 which will be an enormous help in maintaining the church in the village which costs £1,000 a week to run.





## DORSET COUNCILLORS COLUMN

Here we are in July already, where has 2023 gone so far? However, I think my favourite month is June – season of salads, strawberries, Jersey royals, colourful gardens, often lovely summery weather as indeed we have enjoyed for the greater part of the year, and of course, not forgetting that great event, the Village Fete.

I had the pleasure of opening St. Mary's church fete in Sturminster Marshall held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. This, to me, was a quintessentially English affair with all the right ingredients! Tombola stalls galore, bric a brac, books, a magnificent cake sale, model railway layout, children's games, and, of course, "splat the rat!" plus many more, with the highlight of the day being the judging of the 'make a crown' competition for the youngsters.

Through this column can I say a big thank you to the organisers and all who took part for their hard work in producing what was, certainly for me and my family who joined me later in the day, a really enjoyable experience. Also a thank you to the Red Lion for the delicious lunch and friendly service.

Local councils are never high in the popularity charts with many residents, but it is what we have at the moment. What came before was possibly even less so. I was reading an extract in the Minster Parish Magazine, taken from the Court Book of the Manor of "Wimborne late Deanery" 1624 -1689.

The book, loaned to the Chained Library by the Dorset History Centre contains records of 114 different courts held between those dates. The courts were in practice presided over by the Lord's Steward, firstly by Thomas Barnes and subsequently Stephen Bowdidge during this period. The lowest level of royal court administered justice on behalf of the King in respect of minor offences and dealing with matters relating to local government. The records of offences offer a great insight into the area of Wimborne at that period. Some examples include:

- **Violence:** "John Barnes of Burfoote spilled the blood of Robert Pinson" March 1630
- **Wandering Beasts:** "Philip Mills was fined 2d for allowing his pigs to wander in the street" October 1633.
- **Blocking roads:** "Andrew Brewer for annoying of the way with hog's dung" September 1669.
- **Offences against beer-selling regulations:** "George Moone and Thomas Wills sold beer before the Aleaster had tasted it" April 1635.
- **Officers failing in their duty:** "Jacob Tilsed, who was elected at the last court as one of the constables of Wimborne, has refused and still refuses to be sworn into this office" April 1642.

And this is my favourite:

**"We present the waywardens of the tithing of the Downe for not amending his Majesty's highway being in decay" October 1666.**

Hopefully, most of these issues have been resolved, but sometimes looking at my inbox, I am not so sure!

Maybe we are not so badly off with our local council today – I will leave that for you to ponder.

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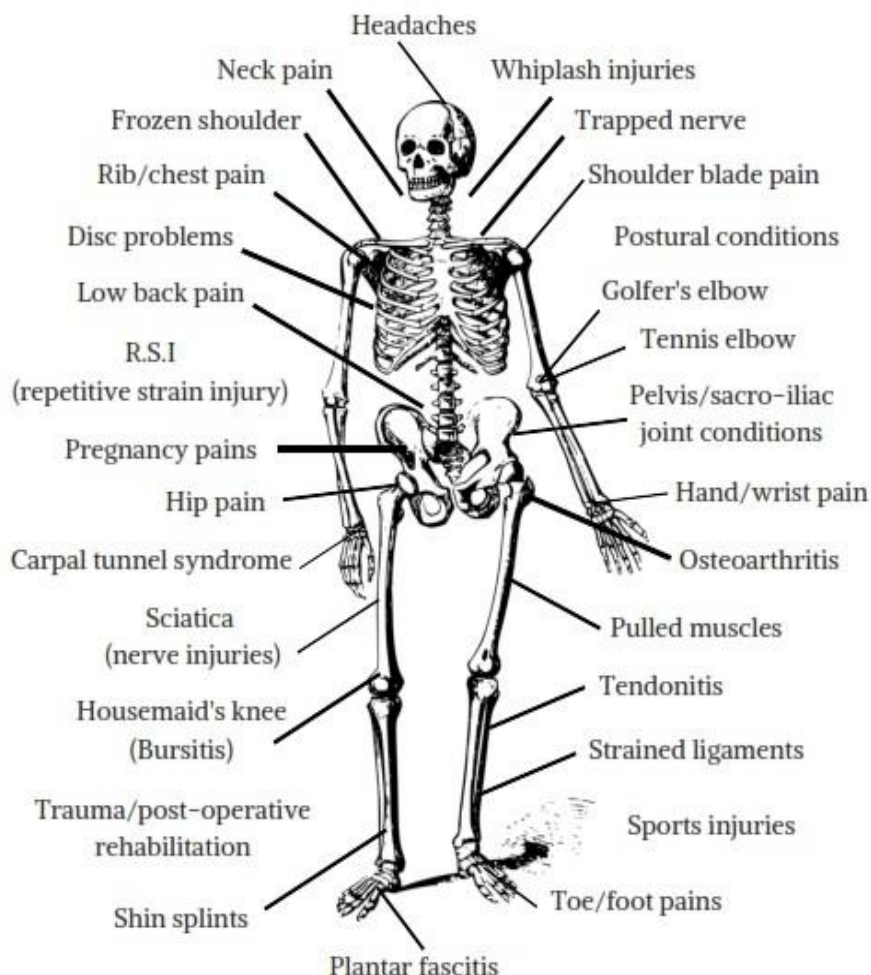
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## **A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.**

Well, here I am again! Doesn't time fly! It seems like it was just yesterday that I was writing for the next month, but here we go again!

Last month I went to Wimborne Minster, as I have done for some time, in the evening. I would pick up a long standing friend from where I once worked with young lads. They were good days.

Well, back to the present. Two other people I know were at Evensong and after the service we had a chat and he said how many swallows there are round the usual places but not yet beginning to nest! There are a lot of old nests in our barn and I have been watching and hoping to see some signs of nesting but not finding any and I have not seen any house martins at all. We have had no rain either and so they will have difficulty finding any mud. I do miss them.

Also, there seem to be not so many animals about. I remember when Gordon was the pig man they would pick on the pigs backs taking away the fleas which bothered the pigs but were good for the fledglings. Maybe that is why there are so few insects around or is it our own fault as there are too many green fields around? Maybe we have to change!

When I was small Granny would feed the birds in the summer to help with the feeding of the babies. I do still feed them all the year round, but this year they have eaten a lot of seed and fatballs. I get robins, bluetits, and sometime bullfinches ,though I have not seen any at all. Maybe the farmers are changing the fields with other crops which are not so good for the birds. Going back to the swallows, when I used to sit outside in the early evening and watch them flying around and drinking from the pond, which needs cleaning out by the way!

They used to be here in big numbers but now they are very scarce. I wonder how long they will stay this year before flying back down to Africa.

**Vera**





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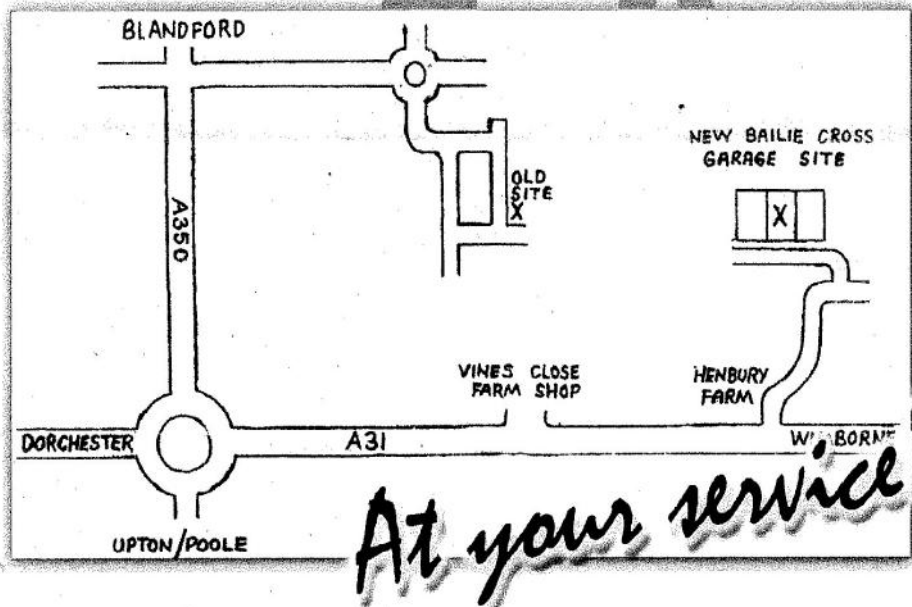
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# Kingston Lacy Estate News

## Summer news

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The visit has been dramatised by Dorsetborn, a young theatre company working across Dorset and the southwest, and will be available from the beginning of July. You can expect an imaginative and immersive tour that might just help you see this magnificent mansion through new eyes.



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Elsewhere at the property we are gearing up for a summer of play. There's a packed programme of events, with storytelling, kids' yoga and play "hubs" to keep children amused; some elements are free (normal admission applies) and others require booking, so check the website to discover what's coming up (see the address on the advert on the back page).

There are also early morning yoga sessions (8.30am-9.14am) every Friday between 23 June-21 July, which will be held outside in fine weather but move to the house if it rains.

Bookings are also open for our three outdoor theatre performances: Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet* (27 July) or *Twelfth Night* (3 August), and a family-friendly version of *Robin Hood* (17 August). Pack a picnic and a rug for an evening of tragedy, drama or comedy under the summer skies.

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY 2023

## **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

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

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

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

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

## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

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

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

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

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

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

9.15am Family Service at St. Stephen's, Kingston Lacy  
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## **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>:**

10.30am Songs of Praise 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

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English Usage by Michael Evans

English in the West Indies

I've learnt that Caribbean people can tell by their accents from which island any English-speaking West Indian comes. I find it hard to tell them apart, but I've also found that there is also a difference in accents between the English of white and black West Indians. This not surprising, since there would have been little social contact between slave owners and slaves.

However, according to the sociolinguist Peter Trudgill, writing in "The New European," The ancestors of some white West Indians were not slave owners, but arrived in the Caribbean as prisoners from the English Civil War, or had fled from the Irish famine and unemployment in Britain and became indentured labour (another form of slavery.) Many ran away or were relocated by British government policy to other islands. They too would have spread different accents around the "New World." At one time, many more versions of English must have existed there than at present.

As a layman interested in language, I would love to spend time in the Caribbean and listen to its rich variety of accents, but alas that's not likely. I did go once, but it was to Martinique, where everyone, black and white, spoke French!

Answers to last month's anagrams

PIEBALD – BIPEDAL

MALE MET PARENT - TEMPERAMENTAL

RED MITTEN – DETRIMENT

I END SADLY - DEADLY SIN

CLEAN HOME – CHAMELEON

This month's anagrams

GATECRASH HAITI – famous author (2 words)

MISS SITE LOGO – earth-shaking investing

LATE SPEECHES – horse race (1 word)

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Sunday 24th September at St. Peter's, Pimperne

(Church Road, Pimperne, DT11 8UD)

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Vox Serenata (Vocal Quartet) / Christopher Dowie – Piano

Sunday 15th October at St. Nicholas, Durweston

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Sunday 29th November at Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

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EVENTS IN THE WIMBORNE AREA:-

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The Draft Neighbourhood Plan is now out for public consultation until Friday 28th July 2023. There will also be a Public Drop-in Session at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 6th July from 2pm to 7pm, which is advertised elsewhere in this edition of the Bridge. Please do come along and support, your feedback is important to the future of the Parish. There will be a questionnaire to complete as well, and if you would like a printed copy please get in touch with the Parish Clerk, contact details online and in the Bridge.

The hot weather continues as I write, and I am guessing it may still be the same by the time you read this. Last summer we were lucky in this area not to have hosepipe bans but as this is the second year of a particularly hot summer I am wondering if we will have them this time around.

Maintenance in the parish is ongoing. We are looking at repairs to benches around Churchill Close, and we are awaiting quotes for the replacement of the Parish Noticeboard by Maypole Green. The stocks on Stocks Green are in need of a lift and they will be given a fresh coat of oil to protect the wood. The bench that was originally in Bartons Ground should have been relocated to Charborough Way Green by the time you read this. It has been renovated ready for use. The Annual Playground Inspection took place in June and we are expecting the report this month. We have also been looking into placing another defibrillator at Almer and investigating external funding.

I will report on the 20mph Meeting which was held on the 21st June in the August Jottings.

The Gardening Group that was set up recently are doing a great job tidying around the village. It is not too late to join them, new volunteers are always very welcome. Please contact the Parish Clerk.

The report on the Internal Audit has been received and was very positive about the audit and the state of the Parish funds.

Two owners of plots in Gladwish fields have started to erect a fence around their plots. The fields are covered by an Article 4. This means Planning Permission must be granted to erect any fences. They have been served notices on their plots.

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It was also time for members to vote for their favourite in our quarterly fun photography competition. The theme was 'Water' and we had 13 fabulous entries. The winning shot was of the sea at Sandbanks taken at sunrise.

In the coming weeks we are looking forward to a trip to Royal Ascot and a butterfly walk at Badbury Rings. Our July meeting is on the 20th and will be a games night.

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Comments on the June Bridge from Bob Parke

Greetings from the Emerald Isle.

Railway memories of days long gone.

Lys de Bray's memories of war-time railway practice brought to mind my own experiences. At the time in question, I lived at Coombe Farm, and attended kindergarten school in Broadstone, on, if I recall correctly, York Road. The establishment was called Southlands (or something similar). Each morning I would be deposited at Bailey Gate station to catch a train to Broadstone. Initially I was sat in the last compartment nearest to the guards' van, under the watchful eye of a railway employee with whom my father was acquainted. However, after a few journeys it was decided that I could sit where I wanted provided I behaved myself!

On arrival at Broadstone I would get off the train and walk from the station at Dunyeats Road to the school, along the length of the main shopping street (Lower Blandford Road).

At the end of school-time I would walk back to the station, and return to Bailey Gate where someone was awaiting my return.

I have few other memories attached to this tale, except that I clearly recall that, provided I had the time and a few (old) pence in my pocket, I could obtain some sweets in a shop opposite the station entrance. I am sure it is long gone!

The year was 1955 and I was 7 years old. I doubt if my parents would be allowed to do this nowadays without being hauled before the local Magistrate. However, as my father, Capt. Richard Parke, was a Magistrate himself, perhaps it wouldn't have been too serious!

English Usage by Michael Evans

Michael seems to be labouring under the impression that the word "feck" no longer exists for current usage unless the suffix "less" is appended.

It is a well established fact that when speaking in what passes for English in Dublin and anywhere else in the world where the Irish diaspora foregather, the Irish use the word "feck" day and daily, usually as an euphemism for a well establish Anglo Saxon expletive. As a passing thought, "fecking" is also in widespread usage, usually for much the same purpose.

Perhaps Michael should get out more!

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Wasps and Hornets by Lys de Bray

In the garden black and yellow stripes generally mean 'Danger - don't touch.' I'm thinking of wasps and hornets, of course. The subject of this little piece was triggered by the sight of an exceedingly large hornet flying lazily round the bedroom as if it owned it, which it did just as soon as I'd opened the windows wider and shut the door into the hall. We are all familiar with wasps and their black and yellow colouration; I saw this creature against the light-coloured ceiling and the warning stripes appeared to be black and yellow but were actually brown and yellow.

However, I wasn't mistaken as to its size. It was HUGE and on checking this later what I probably saw was a queen hornet, which is about two plus inches long. Truly.

Hornets and wasps have similar requirements as to nesting sites, usually choosing hollow trees to make their nests in. These are formed from chewed wood and are wonderful natural structures. Eggs are laid by the queen and these first eggs all produce female workers. At that time I had some wooden garden furniture and one sunny day I was having cup of tea and a slice of sinful chocolate cake, and a wasp landed on the table and began to chew away at it, and I could hear the rasping noise quite distinctly. I stayed still and listened and watched and marvelled. The wasp seemed to have chosen to work rather than enjoy the cake crumbs.

The chewed wood is mixed with the wasp's saliva to form the 'paper' that the nests are made of. Wasps feed their larvae on other insects, parts of these are chewed up for the purpose. For themselves they like ripe and overripe fruits which are rich in sugars, as is nectar and honnydew. Ivy flowers are visited in autumn and other flowers that are the 'right' shape for the worker-wasp's tongues. There is more to tell you about a wasp's life cycle and fill in some gaps next time. Lastly, if you get stung, apply bicarbonate of soda . If you get stung by a bee, check to see if it left the sting, if not dab with vinegar.

Ands now, as promised last month here are some buddleja varieties:

B. davidii : 'White Profusion': and *B. fallowiana* var. *alba*. have white flowers.

B. globosa Orange ball tree, has sprays of orange bobbles, completely different to the typical buddlejashape. Great in flower-arrangements.

B. davidii 'Dartmoor' has typical deep purple flowers. *B. davidii* 'Black Knight' - deep violet- purple flowers.

B. davidii 'Royal Red'- has twenty inch long plumes of deep red-purple flowers. 'Nanho Blue' has very pretty pale blue flowers.

B. 'Harlequin' has variegated creamy white leaves and deep red-purple flowers.

For an arrangement I would cut off the purple flowers and put in some stems of a white-flowered variety which would look like white flowers on a variegated-leaved plant. This was many years ago and by now there may actually be such a plant with white flowers and variegated leaves. When I was growing buddlejas, I noticed that there were more butterflies on the white varieties which was really unexpected to see.



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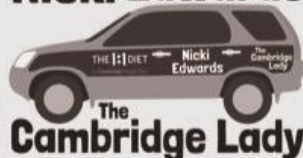
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