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January 2025

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THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

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Barry Johnson - on behalf of the Bridge Committee

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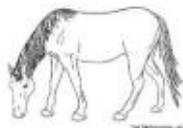
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## From The Church

### Happy New Year

A blank page, a fresh start, a new beginning, call it what you like, there is something about the first day of January that can be really exciting. The possibilities are endless.

Some of us will be starting new adventures, planning to move away or maybe you have just moved here, or a new job or business idea. Some might be considering New Year's resolutions, giving up an old habit or starting out with something new. For some it will be yet another year of doing exactly the same thing. All of this may be a good thing or it may even be a bit daunting.

One of the ways I cope when thinking about the future, not knowing what it will bring, is to look back and remember what God has already done in my life. He has always been faithful throughout all of life's ups and down and so I can be confident that this will always be the case, whatever 2025 may bring.

The bible tells us that God has plans for our lives: **“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29.11 (New International Version).**

For me this means that God is on my side, whatever I'm likely to face, good or bad he is with me every step of the way and this gives me the confidence to keep going.

Across our churches we have lots to look forward to this coming year, lots of couples have already booked their weddings and we may have even more, you never know! We have our Marriage Preparation Workshop planned for 15<sup>th</sup> February, Valentine Weekend and the very next day on 16<sup>th</sup> February we have our special service, a joyful celebration of loving relationships. It is our hope that no-one gets left out in this celebration, so we are focussing on all our relationships, present, past and future, friendships, brothers, sisters, parents, children, even grown up children and neighbours, new or old.

Then in Lent we plan to run The Bible Course, a chance to explore the BIG picture of the bible and how we can apply it to our everyday lives. This course will be open to everyone.

Whatever 2025 brings us, as individuals and as a community, my prayer is that we all enter into it with the hope that Jesus brings to our lives.

**And to finish, here is one of my favourite sayings for the beginning of the year.**

**“God knows”** by Minnie Louise Haskins (1875 – 1957)

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

With every blessing,

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

# St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

## December Draw

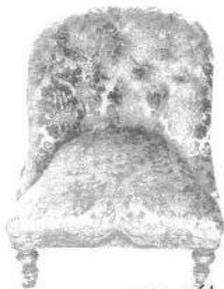
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Congratulations to this month's winners.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Lottery this year. Letters to join for 2025 were sent out later than normal, due to the change of the bank account, however the 100 Club will run as normal. If you did not receive an application form it is not too late to join. Please contact one of the committee listed below. Help to support St. Mary's Church.

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|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup><br>9 <sup>th</sup>    | Blitz (12a)<br>“             | 7.30pm,<br>2.30pm Matinee.  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup><br>12 <sup>th</sup>                    | Paddington In Peru<br>“ “ “  | 12.30pm,<br>2.30pm Matinee. |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup><br>14 <sup>th</sup> | Heretic (15)<br>“            | 7.30pm,<br>2.30pm Matinee.  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup><br>22 <sup>nd</sup> | Better Man (Cert TBC)<br>“ “ | 7.30pm,<br>2.30pm Matinee.  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup><br>27 <sup>th</sup>                    | Wicked (PG)<br>“             | 2.30pm Matinee,<br>7.30pm.  |

## JANUARY SHOWS

|                                                                                          |                                                                   |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>                                                        | Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs<br>by Made To Measure Productions | £19.50, <16 £15.50 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> | 2pm and 6pm,<br>2pm.                                              |                    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>                                      | Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs ADULTS ONLY                       | 7.30pm.            |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                                                                         | Sound & Vision: A Tribute to David Bowie                          | 7.30pm, £21.50.    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                                                                         | An Evening of Burlesque – OVER 18's ONLY                          | 7.30pm, £30.       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                                                                         | Herman's Hermits                                                  | 7.30pm, £27.50.    |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                                                                         | A Country Night in Nashville 2025                                 | 7.30pm, £32.       |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                                                                         | Jim Davidson: The next Chapter – OVER 18'S ONLY                   | 7.30pm, £28.50.    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                                                                         | ELO Experience 2025                                               | 7.30pm, £30.       |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                                                                         | From Gold to Rio                                                  | 7.30pm, £22.       |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                                                                         | Manhunter & Mindhunter                                            | 7.30pm, £24.       |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                                                                         | Brave Rival                                                       | 7.30pm, £20.       |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>                                                                         | A Night to Remember Motown Show                                   | 7.30pm, £28.       |
| 31 <sup>st</sup>                                                                         | Rave On – The Ultimate 50s & 60s Experience                       | 7.30pm, £25.       |

## FLOOD RISK

We have been pretty lucky so far this autumn and, as this is written, there have been no serious floods in the village either from the river or from surface water. Mill Lane has not been inundated and the usual collection points have been drained quickly.

However the likelihood of flooding increases at this time of year and it is worth reminding householders of the risks.

There are several 'hotspots' where torrential rain is bound to result in pools... Church St, High St, Kings Street and Newton Rd are all vulnerable. Please be wary of these situations....the water may not be very deep but driving through it at speed will jeopardise properties and pedestrians close by....and may result in your ignition system being flooded. You will get no sympathy for this....indeed you could be prosecuted for assault if you drench pedestrians....there is a precedent!

Only the police have authority to close roads...flood wardens can put up warning signs but we will contact the police in instances where we think a flood becomes dangerous. That happened 3 times last winter when drivers who had foolishly ignored signs were trapped in their immobilised cars on Mill Lane. In those situations, once the people were safe the police were not interested in recovery of vehicles (unless they were blocking the road) this being entirely the owner's responsibility....and insurance companies are unlikely to pay out on claims where road signs have been ignored. Needless to say the parish has no mechanism to recover vehicles in those cases.

The flood team have recently been issued with a small allocation of (empty) sandbags and, if you think your property is at risk from rising surface water or passing vehicles causing waves, you are welcome to keep a couple in stock....you will need your own sand supply to fill them when needed...they are effective but organic and will only suit for one event lasting a few days. Contact me for details.

The road gullies sited along the principal routes are deep soakaways, not connected to a pipe system. So if they get blocked by solid debris at the grill level they will not drain quickly. I can report blocked public drains to Dorset Council and they have been pretty efficient in the past at sending round a clearance team. If you notice one near you feel free to contact me and I will pass on the information.... I need a position identification and which side of the road.

Here's hoping for a dry(ish) winter!

**Adrian Holden: Flood Warden Team.      [adrianholden48@sky.com](mailto:adrianholden48@sky.com),**

# Christmas Tree Festival.

A very big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Christmas Tree Festival such a success.

It was a very happy weekend, 25 beautiful trees, some delicious cakes, plentiful cups of tea plus the monthly Market Stall that set up in the church to shelter from the tremendous winds of Storm Darragh.

The children enjoyed making Christmas cards and decorating baubles for their tree and we raised the roof with the carol singing at 3.00 on Sunday.

But the biggest thank you of all must go to everyone who braved the weather and came to support the many charities with their donations. Their favourite entry this year was the Guides tree for Mosaic. A charity that supports children and young people across Dorset who have lost a close family member. A very worthy cause.

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## SAVE THE DATE!

**St Mary's Church will  
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Night on Saturday 22  
March.**



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**Discovery Café - 2.30pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
'From Court Shoes to Combats' by Sally Cadec**

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**Play reading - 6<sup>th</sup> Jan at 2pm**

**'Goose Pimples' by Mike Leigh**

**and 'On The Razzle' by Tom Stoppard on the 27<sup>th</sup> January**

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**Film Society – 7.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

**'High Noon' - directed by Fred Zimmerman**

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**Social lunch – takes a break until February**

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**Thursday morning Bridge Group**

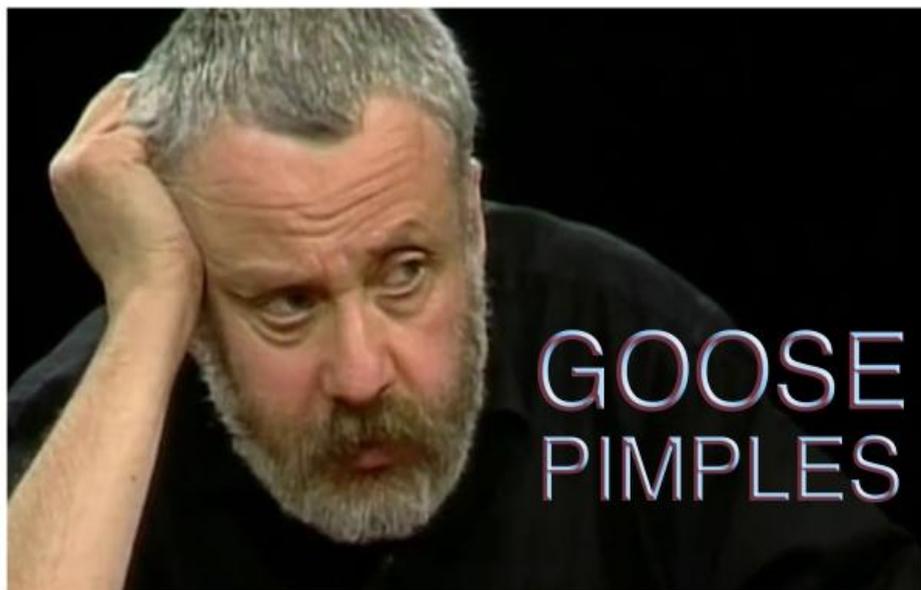
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\*\*\*\*\* by Mike Leigh

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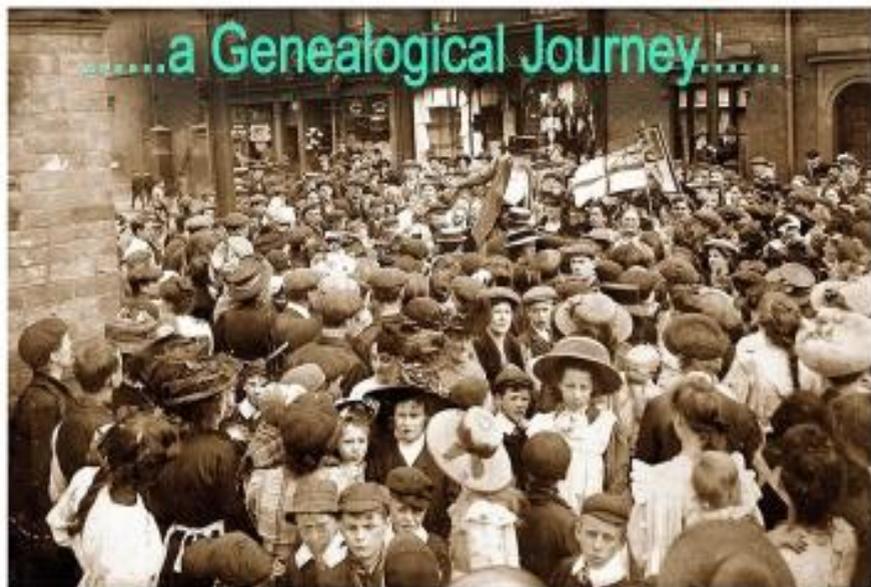
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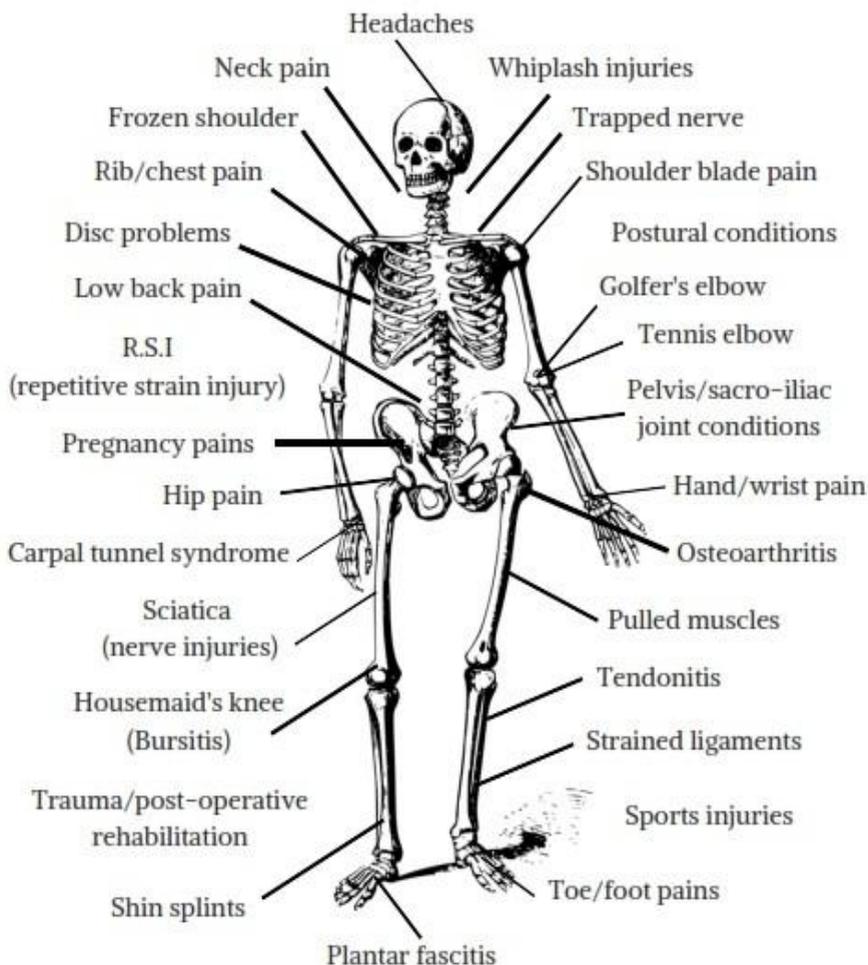
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## A New Year!

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**So what is Lunar New Year?** It is also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival and marks the start of a new zodiac cycle based on the Chinese lunar calendar. It is traditional to light firecrackers, and this originates from the legend of the monster Nian.

According to legend, Nian was a terrifying beast with sharp teeth and horns, living deep in the sea. Every Lunar New Year's Eve, Nian would come ashore to wreak havoc in the villages. One year, the villagers discovered that Nian feared the color red and loud noises. To protect themselves, they hung red decorations and lit firecrackers to scare the monster away. The strategy worked, and Nian was driven back to the sea. The tradition of decorating and wearing red, and setting off fireworks are now more popular than ever. Wearing new red clothes on New Year's Day symbolizes a fresh start and invites good luck.

**So why is 2025 the Year of the Snake?** The Chinese Zodiac operates on a 12-year cycle, with each year represented by a different animal. In 2025, we enter the Year of the Snake, the sixth animal in the zodiac cycle. According to Chinese mythology, the order of the zodiac animals was decided by a Great Race hosted by the Jade Emperor. The Snake, clever and strategic, coiled around the Horse's hoof, managing to finish the race ahead of the Horse and claim sixth place.



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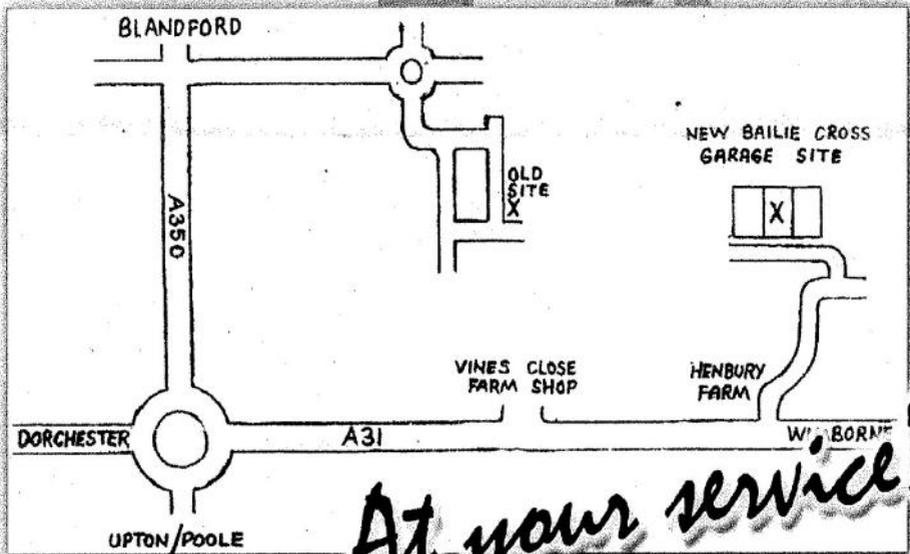
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## Kingston Lacy Estate News

With the New Year upon us, there's an expanded focus on climate action at Kingston Lacy. It's an issue that affects everyone, and a key part of the National Trust's strategy; the impact of climate change can be seen in many different areas from the garden (flooding and mild winter - see picture at right) to the estate (soil erosion) to the house (increase in pests).



There are many different elements to climate action at Kingston Lacy. One of the biggest, of course, has been the installation of a ground source heat pump, which saved around 30,000 litres of oil and 57 tonnes of carbon a year; you can find out more about this project on our website

<https://www.nationalrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/kingston-lacy>

But there are lots of smaller projects as well, and longer term changes in the way we manage the estate. In the garden, for example, the team are operating in a very different way compared to just a few years ago. Here are some of the changes:

- Less labour-intensive planting schemes that are more forgiving of their environments
- Changing our selection of plant, based on resilience and traits that match the eco-system
- Planting for wildlife
- More tree planting to mitigate increased water levels within the soil
- Trialling and testing potential replacements – i.e. buxus
- Changing our gardening attitude: the way we perceive a tidy garden, leaving seed heads for birds, not cutting plants back too soon, leaving grass longer, using machinery less, especially petrol, creating habitats – i.e. wood piles / dead hedges, integrated pest management, right plant, right place, thinking long term, sensitive gardening, adapting

Elsewhere, all break rooms now have food and other waste bins, so different items can be easily recycled. Disposable gloves, widely used by the conservation team in the house and kitchen staff, are now recycled; we will be linking up with Ellie's Fund – a charity fund for Yorkshire's Brain Tumour Charity. All of our uncontaminated gloves are being collected and sent free of charge for recycling into rubber pellets, which are then made into secondary recycled goods such as planters, benches and tables. Each of these smaller actions will hopefully build into something much bigger.

## Church Services for January

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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 19<sup>th</sup>:

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

9.15am Cafe Church at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

11.00am Holy Communion at Almer

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

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

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

11.00am Holy Communion at Morden

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## NOTICES



**Coffee and Cake:** This is a new event which will be taking place on the second Monday of each month at **St Bartholomew's** church in **Shapwick** from 9.30am – 12.00pm.

A very warm welcome awaits everyone who enjoys coffee, cake and a chat.

## Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall



### Volunteers Needed

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## English Usage by Michael Evans

### Alright! All right?

My English schoolteacher “corrected” me when I used the spelling “alright” in an essay. If she felt the same now, she might still say “alright” is “alwrong”!

However, both spellings are commonly used by authors and many of us, possibly because of the influence of words such as although, already, always and altogether. The language is what we make it, and is not subject to the preferences of self-appointed authorities.

Last month’s anagrams:

LOADING UP KERB – DOUBLE PARKING

SATIRIC ACTOR - ARISTOCRATIC

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THE HISTOGRAM – HOME STRAIGHT

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**Dorset's Golden Cap is the highest point on the South Coast of Great Britain.** At 191 meters (672 ft) above sea level, it is not for the faint-hearted!

**Bournemouth serves over 2,000 ice creams a day!** It is certainly a popular seaside spot that sees thousands of visitors every year – so it makes sense that thousands of ice creams are served up on Bournemouth Beach every day.

**Dorset's Jurassic Coast was the first ever site to make the UNESCO World Heritage list.** The Dorset and East Devon Coast World Heritage Site is England's first (and only) natural World Heritage Site.

**Britain's most bendy road is located in Dorset!** A 1.5km stretch at Cann Common has often been called Britain's bendiest road. Although the claim is unsubstantiated, the road is certainly one of the bendiest we've ever seen! Named Zig Zag Hill, this road near the Dorset/Wiltshire border is so twisty it feels like a rollercoaster.

**Mary Anning was the inspiration behind a famous tongue-twister.** Poet Terry Sullivan based his ever-popular tongue-twister, "She sells sea-shells on the sea-shore", on the life work of fossil-lover and palaeontologist Mary Anning.



**A crater on Mars is named after Swanage.** In 1997, a 12-mile diameter crater on Mars was named after the Dorset town of Swanage.



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## STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS

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**We wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.**

I hope you have all enjoyed a good break and are now looking forward to year ahead. The weather is very grey as I write so I also hope there has been some sunshine to enjoy and not too much of the very cold white weather.

Besides these Jottings there is also a Parish Council Newsletter posted on the website mentioned above. We try to keep you up to date with all the latest news and notices.

A reminder to all dog owners, that no dogs are allowed on the sports pitches or in the play area on Churchill Close Green. Also, please pick up after your dogs and place the dog waste bags in either the appropriate dog bins or waste bins around the village.

A quote for repairs to the Play Area has been accepted and the parts have been ordered, hopefully this work will be able to start this month weather permitting. We have also been looking into grass maintenance for the Green, and a new Public Noticeboard in Back Lane.

Plans have been made for the EV charging point in the Memorial Hall Car Park and this should be installed in the Spring.

The A350 Roundhouse roundabout will be closed overnight from the 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 from 9.00pm to 6.00am for road works.

Also, Louse Lane in Spetisbury that runs from the A350 through to the A31 will be closed during the day from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

We have a new Parish Councillor – welcome back to Derek Jones who has rejoined the Council, his knowledge and support will be a great asset.

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**No recent plans.**

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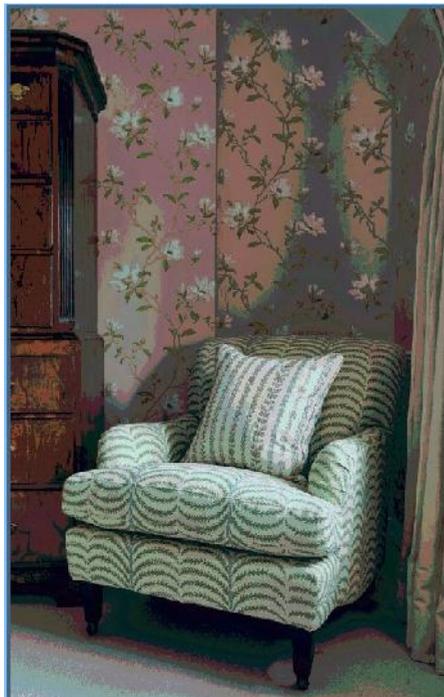
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Hello everyone,

By the time you read this Christmas will be over and we will have started a 2025.

We had a very enjoyable meeting In November. Our speaker for the evening was George Reddit from the Wiltshire and Dorset Deaf Association. He told us that 11 million people in the UK have hearing loss. Around 70,000 people are profoundly deaf, and their first language is British Sign Language.

George showed us how to sign some simple words and how important facial expression and body language are to a deaf person. Everyone agreed how much they had learnt in the evening.

We had a gingerbread/cake bake off competition as part of our evening. This was won by Rose with her delicious ginger scones. Well done, Rose.

Our President and Secretary have been out and about this month delivering our Trauma Teds knitted by some ladies in Spetisbury to the Fire Station in Westbourne. These are to be given out to children that have suffered a trauma resulting in the fire brigade being called out. The firemen welcomed Lynn and Christine and gave them a tour of the fire station.

We are always pleased to welcome new members.

Why not start the New Year by coming along to our meeting in January.

**Our next meeting is on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7.30 in the Old School Sturminster Marshall.**

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## More About Trees, as Promised – by Lys de Bray

If the weather is kind you may have some blossom to cheer you this month. I've spoken to the Clerk of the Weather but he said he was too busy organising all the requests for fine weather in December and Christmas Day in particular to think further ahead for January, so here are *my* suggestions.

### 1. BIG TREES.

Our native oak is *Quercus robur*. Grows (eventually) to 100ft. Deciduous.

Common ash - *Fraxinus Excelsior*. 100 -140ft. Deciduous.

Common beech - *Fagus sylvatica*. 100ft. Deciduous. Good autumn colour.

Common horse chestnut - *Aesculus hippocastanum*. 100ft. White flower 'candles' followed by hard, prickly nut cases containing shiny brown 'conkers' that children used to thread on strings to play 'conquerors' with, once upon a time.

Sweet Chestnut - *Castanea sativa*. 100ft. Spikes of yellow flowers followed by very prickly round cases containing edible nuts.

Eucalyptus, Gum tree - *Eucalyptus gunnii* - 100ft. Ever-green leaves, excellent in arrangements. Fast-growing. Tolerates poor soil.

### 2. AVERAGE HEIGHT TREES.

Common Hawthorn, May - *Crataegus monogyna*: 15-20ft. Much used for hedging. Deciduous. Creamy-white flowers in May, hence its name, followed by red 'Haws.' Thorny stems. *Crataegus 'Fiore Pleno'* has pink double flowers but seldom has haws.

Elder - *Sambucus niger*. to 33ft. White flowers in June. Deciduous. Flowers and black fruit are used in wine-making and the crystallized flowers and fruit are pretty in cake decorations.

If you want the berries you'll have to move quickly or the birds will get them but on the other hand I see fewer birds now than formerly, so I'd rather they had them. My use of them is only for amusement, but for the birds the berries are an essential part of their diet.

Rowan, Mountain Ash - *Sorbus aucuparia*. to 50ft. Scarlet berries in autumn. A tree of many superstitions and in former times it was often planted by the house as a protection against witches.



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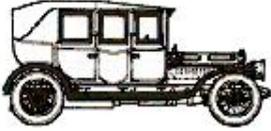
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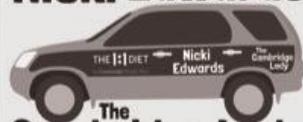
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