

THE BRIDGE

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



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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:

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From Bridge Publications (The Committee that produce 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 $\pounds I$ per copy and therefore our monthly outgoings are in the order of $\pounds 300$. 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 15th 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

The Bridge Magazine - Collection Points

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Nisa, Spar, The Red Lion, St. Mary's Church, The Memorial Hall, Vines Close.

Shapwick:

St. Bartholomew's Church, The Anchor.

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I have been treasurer of the church Since October 2016 when Kim Shepard moved away from the village.

Over that time I have been managing the church finances which have always run in deficit. The annual costs of running the church are at least $\pounds 1000.00$ per week.

Every 5 years we have a quinquennial report on the building and are given a schedule of repairs some of which are urgent and need to be done before the next report. We have had the guttering renewed and a lot of repairs to the walls and the church walls. We are currently having the tower high level repairs carried out including the pinnacles and pointing. This will keep the church waterproof.

Much of the work is paid for by obtaining grants from various sources including the Church Preservation Trust.

We are currently looking at Toilet and Kitchen Facilities to try and bring the church building into the 21st century. This is known as "The Welcome Project".

All of these costs are in addition to the figure I mentioned and will protect the building for generations to come for normal church services weddings baptisms and funerals. We also have non religious events as well, such as concerts.

Some of you already donate money to St. Mary's on a regular basis and we have launched a new way of giving called the "Parish Giving Scheme". The advantage of this scheme is that we can reclaim the tax you have paid on your income at the standard rate making a £20.00 donation worth £25.00 on a immediate basis.

To donate either regularly or a one off gift visit https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-yourparish/sturminster-marshall-st-mary-wimborne.

Our Parish Code is 340634317.

Edward Warren, Treasurer

St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery July Draw

- £50 No. I James and Jane Ellis
- £30 No 37 Karen Royles
- £20 No.39 Agnes Smith

Congratulations to this month's winners.

There are still a few NUMBERS available. You could win a ± 50 prize every month.

If you would like to join the 100 Club, contact one of the committee listed below. Help support St. Mary's Church.

Liz Jones: 49 Railway Drive, Stur. Marshall (Tel: 01258 857076) Karen Royles: I Parkfield, Newton Road, Stur. Marshall (Tel: 07761 867738) Jan Standing: Chartwell, Newton Road, Stur. Marshall (Tel: 01258 857477)



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2 nd	Present Laughter (NT Encore screening)	7.30pm, £15.50 / £13 concs.
5 th — 8 th 8 th	Horizon: An American Saga – chapter I """"""	7.30pm 1.30pm matinee.

AUGUST SHOWS

3 rd	UB40: The Legacy – performed by Johnny2Bad	7.30pm, £23.50.
16 th	Roxy Music 20th Anniversary Tour	7.30pm, £23.50.
17 th	Barry Steele: The Roy Gibson Story	7.30pm, 27.50.
23 rd	Twist & Shout: A Journey back to the Swinging 60s	7.30pm, £25.
24 th	The Bohemians	7.30pm, £23.
30 th	Hits of Motown: Roy G Hemmings	7.30pm, £26.50.
31 st	Celebrating Celine The ultimate Celine Dion Tribute concert	7.30pm, £28.50.

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If you can help please contact Carolyn Dennis on 01202 424482 or email her at carolyndennis834@gmail.com



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The Bridge Magazine invite you to a **Cream Tea** Saturday 15th September 2.30 – 5pm in the Old School Sturminster Marshall

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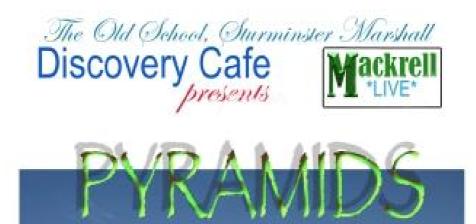
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The Mackrell Charity at The Old School August & September Activities in date order



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





an illustrated talk by Richard Hutley Saturday 7th September 2024 2.30pm £6 inc tea/cake OLD SCHOOL

Tickets on the door



Spetisbury Station Project Summer Tea Party

Our first ever Summer Tea Party on 14th July was a great success thanks to fine weather and a good number of visitors. The station site had been recently spruced up by the team of volunteers and was decorated with flags on the day. Freshly-made Pimms, teas and coffees plus scones, cake and other tasty treats were on offer from one of the platforms. Live entertainment was provided by the Blandford Ukulele Group as well as Resonate a cappella female choir, also from Blandford. Our friends from the North Dorset Railway at Shillingstone also attended with their sales and information stand. We would like to thank everyone who came along to support us, and we hope to make this a regular summer event, in addition to our established Christmas event.

Visitors will also have noticed our large new SPETISBURY station sign, which has been made for us by Vic Whiting in the workshops at Shillingstone station.





Nature's Voice

One of my children recently asked me, why do dandelions stain your hands and why is their sap so sticky? And on a dog walk, both were firing 'nature's bombs' at each other – the seed heads of plantains, which they had tied up with their own stem to form a sort of catapult with which to fire the seeds at each other. It made me think – what little details do you remember about interacting with nature as a child?

As an adult, always being busy, it's so easy to forget about the sticky sap of the dandelion and the brown stains it leaves after you've blown the 'dandelion clock' seeds away to tell the (definitely 100% accurate) time. Childhood allows for so much more messing about and finding out by experience. Perhaps you remember the helicopters of the sycamore seeds – once marvellous fun and now, perhaps, with your grown-up hat on, something to avoid for fear of those dreaded seedlings sprouting up all over the lawn! What about the wild wheat 'arrows' which are great to throw at your sibling or friend, and annoying to extract from your hair! What about the sticky 'little friends' green seed balls that were fun to pick one by one from your clothes after a walk through a field – when you weren't worrying about them getting in the dog's fur or bringing home a tick from the long grass.

So this summer, why not remember nature as you saw it through your childhood eyes. Catch yourself a grasshopper, just for the joy of looking at it for a millisecond before it springs away, as if pinged up on invisible elastic; pull the seeds from the grass, only for the feel of it in your hands and the fun of seeing them disperse on the wind. Pick up a crow's feather and remember that it's not just black, as tilting it reveals its iridescence in the sunshine, or stop to look for the unreal blue of the damsel flies, resting momentarily on the river weed.

It only takes a moment - and it could be a moment well spent.

Mel Fermor



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<u>The date of the next Lunch Club is Wednesday 11th</u> <u>September</u>.

Please not that the Lunch Club will be taking a break in August

The Lunch Club is open to all those over 50 who live in the area.

Come and join a lively group of people – meet old acquaintances and make some new friends – we look forward to seeing you.

Call Heather (01258 857823) or Gladys (01258 858135) if you have any questions or need transport to get to and from the Old School.

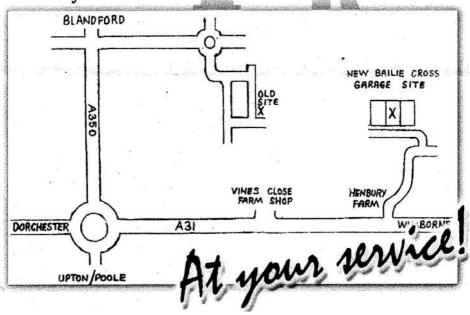


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There are also different events every week of the school holidays: with crafts, storytelling, dance parties and ranger-led nature activities -there's

sure to be something to suit everyone. Most of the events are free (normal admission applies).

If you've got a budding Scorsese or Spielberg, there's a film workshop for 8-14 year olds on 21st August – the chance to film, direct and star in a mini movie set in the woodlands, let by a team of professional film makers. Tickets cost $\pounds 20$ for this two and a half hour workshop.

Find out more at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/kingston-lacy/events

Also starting in July is the upgrade to Kingston Lacy's infrastructure. Planning for this major project was passed earlier this year, and work will begin towards the end of July. It's going to be disruptive but the end result will be worth it: better car parking facilities, better access for wheelchair users, better facilities for families. This isn't about increasing visitor numbers at Kingston Lacy, but about making sure we can provide the right facilities at the right standard for today and into the future. We've got robust plans to minimise the impact on visitors, so hopefully the project won't try your patience too much.

And finally, don't forget to sign up to a free one-hour walk on Sat 14th September at 10am if you'd like to get an update on the latest developments at Bishops Court Farm. Drop us an email (kingstonlacy@nationaltrust.org.uk) or give us a ring (01202 883402) if you'd like to book a place.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2024

Sunday 4th : Trinity 10

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

Sunday IIth: Trinity II

- 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 18th : Trinity 12

- 9.15am Holy Communion at St. Bartholomew's, Shapwick
- 9.15am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall
- 11.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Almer

Sunday 25th : Trinity 13

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

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English Usage by Michael Evans

Language trends

The barrister asked the young witness "Where were you when you saw it happen?"

The lad replied "I was stood outside the pub on the corner."

"Who by?" said the lawyer.

"No one, I was on me own" was the boy's reply.

This little story shows how people might cause changes in our language. Many of us would probably have replied "I was *standing* . . . on the corner" and would consider the boy's use of "*stood*" was uncouth, but it could become standard English if used by large numbers of people.

A similar usage of *sit* sometimes occurs as in "I was *sat* next to my wife at the tennis match."

There is no way of knowing whether these examples are the beginning of a trend. Such changes have always been happening and few people kept a timetable of them.

The mother of the linguist Peter Trudgill, a well-educated working class woman, wrote in her diary more than once "I got up and *lighted* the fire," She was in good company: Agatha Christie, in her 1923 story *The Double Clue*, wrote "the Countess had *lighted* a cigarette."

Nowadays, we would nearly all have said *lit*, not *lighted*. No one knows exactly when the transition took place or whether there will be long term changes for *stood/standing* and *sat/sitting*. Our grandchildren will have to accept whichever is most prevalent in their time.

Last month's anagrams NASTY PRANCER – TRANSPARENCY ARTERY, VEIN? – VETERINARY FUTILE FRAME - FEATURE FILM NAUTICAL TIRO - ARTICULATION

This month;s anagram AHA, A REPAIR PLAN – Various belongings (I word) EGGS LAND ODDLY – Arachnid, (2 words) CHIPS ON TRAYS – Meal in a case (2 words) ORLEANS PAL – modules, often on farms (2 words)

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 <u>janewilliamsrpc@outlook.com</u> or Katy on <u>katy.norman1@binternet.com</u> or Carol on <u>barrycarol7@aol.com</u>

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STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS

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Just as a reminder, there is no Parish Council Meeting in August, the next meeting is on Thursday 5th September.

I cannot believe as I write that we are still experiencing wet weather. I said last month that I hoped that by the time you read this the sun is shining, and I really do this time. I was listening to a program about the storm of October 1987, and they said that it had been a particularly wet spring and summer, I do hope that history does not repeat itself.

The summer holidays should now be in full swing and I hope that you are all able to enjoy a break. Unfortunately, we have still been experiencing issues with persons causing damage to Parish property, and to Football Club property. These has been reported to the police. We have had a meeting with the local PCSO about the current issues in the village.

It is not quite time to fully trim hedges, but please do check and make sure that there are no overhanging brambles that could cause injury especially as the evenings will start to draw in.

Don't forget that Southern Gas Networks are proposing to shut the A350 at Blandford St. Mary, starting on the 5th August and it is expected to last 3 weeks. This will mean increased pressure on village roads, so please take care.

Neighbourhood Plan is going to referendum later this month, please do look out for this in social media, on the website and noticeboards. This does need your input and support.

No recent Plans to report this month.

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 \pm 30, to include refreshments at each meeting.

August No Meeting

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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
- £12,079 donated to charity

Thank you once again

Margaret and Sue

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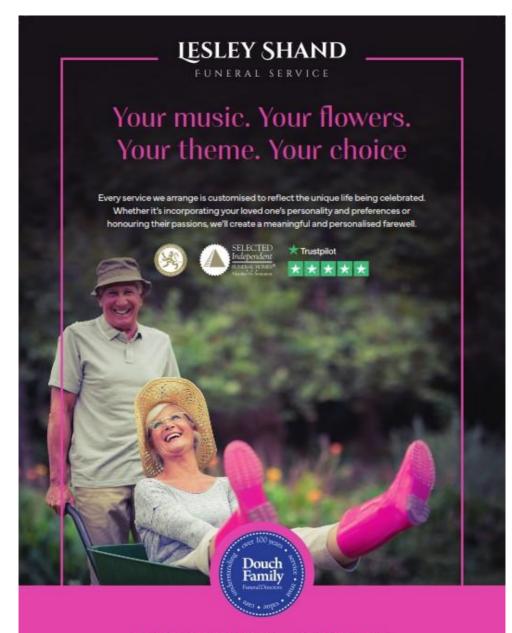
All sessions are held in the Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall.

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 June meeting our speaker was Dr Nick Willoughby, he had studied Zoology at Southampton University gaining a PhD in Tropical fisheries, Ecology, Zoology and Fisheries.

He had travelled all over the world in his work and it took him to places from Nigeria to Fiji and many places in between he shared lots of interesting and amusing experiences with us. He even had an opinion on the Loch Ness monster as he thinks this is an Atlantic Sturgeon as these grow to a large size.

He brought along with him his collection of artefacts which we were able to examine at close quarters.

This was a most enjoyable and interesting talk.

We are always delighted to welcome new members to our meetings. 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 \pounds 48 for the year. You will receive a very warm welcome.

We do not have a formal meeting in August as this is our summer outing and break from the usual venue The Old School.

Our next meeting in The Old School with be on Thursday 19th 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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Royal Voluntary Service Home Library Volunteers meet Anthony Woodhouse, High Sheriff of Dorset

A group of RVS Home Library Service volunteers were delighted to welcome Anthony Woodhouse, Dorset's High Sheriff, to a coffee morning in Dorchester Library on 1st July. The office of High Sheriff, which was established before the Norman Conquest of



1066, is an independent and non-political position appointed by the monarchy for a single-year term. The High Sheriff is the King's representative in the county in respect of law and order and nowadays plays an active role in supporting work being done across the county, both in areas of emergency services as well as public sector bodies such as probation and prison

services. High Sheriffs also play an increasingly active role in promoting the voluntary sector within their communities and highlighting the work of often unsung heroes.

Mr Woodhouse learned about the work that is done by the volunteers of the Home Library Service here and across Dorset and BCP: choosing and delivering books to folk who are unable to get to the library themselves due to health or mobility issues. He showed great empathy, saying that people can often feel isolated from society and sometimes experience real loneliness when it is difficult or impossible for them to go out. He understood how they really appreciate a visit from a familiar, friendly face and look forward to receiving a new set of books from us, every three weeks or so. This service is free of charge. We offer books in ordinary and large print, and, for those people with failing eyesight, audio books are often a good alternative.

Mr Woodhouse kindly presented Royal Voluntary Service Long Service Awards to several of the volunteers, in recognition of their contributions to the Home Library Service, extending from five to an incredible twenty years. He thanked all our volunteers for their work and the difference they make in their communities.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from the service, or you would like to become a volunteer and would like to learn more, please contact: Maria Jacobson, the HLS Service Manager on **01305 236666**, **Mobile: 07786 635154**; or email her at maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk







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Flying Flowers - by Lys de Bray

It's a bit early (at time of writing) for this year's butterflies though the ones that have tucked themselves away in a frost-proof shed will emerge on sunny days; I've seen a number of cabbage whites and a brimstone so far. Heartening. Most people rather scorn Cabbage Whites, probably because there are so many of them - but they do just as excellent a job of pollination as the rarest of our natives, more so, actually, because there are more of them and successive hatchings ensure there are early and late populations. When I get taken out these days I notice that the wide verges are often populated by wild flowers, perfect for the butterflies of the area. One of the most successful of the verges is the wide one up by the little wood and garage at Ashley Wood. This area has chalky soil on which chalk-loving plants thrive, and their flowers are visited by specific butterflies. On the way to Bournemouth last week I noticed that many of the verges had wild flowers in bloom. Since the verges are maintained by 'Roads and Highways' I think they aren't cut until the flowers are over and seeding. I am so very grateful for this 'new' thinking, I'm pretty sure it didn't exist when I was much younger, so, Thank You, Roads and Highways!

Here's a short list of plants to encourage butterflies to your garden: most flat-faced daisytype flowers will attract them, though of course there are others such as Blackberry - *Rubus fruticosus* (nice for you too). Buddleja, *Buddleja* davidii (Oddly enough, butterflies seem to like the white-flowered ones best) Dahlia (single flowered varieties) Mint- *Mentha spicata* (allow it to flower which will probably weaken it, but it's easy to make new plants. Most flat-faced daisytype flowers are good for butterflies.

I think that the small blue ones are the most delightful and there are several named kinds, all slightly different which aids recognition - if only they'd stay still long enough to get a better look! (Expect to see these if you live on or near chalk downland) Once there was a Large Blue, but this became extinct many years ago. Before the war when I was a child, I was very interested in butterflies and my father had a 'Caterpillary' made for me. This consisted of a box about 18 inches square, the base was wood and the sides and lift-off lid were woodframed glass. There might have been some form of ventilation but I don't remember this. I was taken for daily walks, and when we found some caterpillars I would take some home, together with some leaves of the food-plant they were eating. I would put the leaves into a small jar of water and I would sit and watch and listen to the caterpillars eating - they really were noisy. It would have kept me quiet for hours. Eventually the caterpillars would stop eating and do nothing for a bit and I thought they were dying, or dead, but they weren't. They were changing into chrysalises. My mother bought me a book which explained the magical process called metamorphosis where caterpillars change into a shiny brown chrysalis. I don't remember seeing this happening, it may have been at night? I would pick it up and it would wiggle in my hand, which told me that it was alive and I knew it would eventually turn into a beautiful butterfly. I t would remain in the chrysalis state, usually for the winter, until it was time to hatch. And as I watched, the chrysalis would split down the back and an ugly, folded- up creature would emerge which would cling to the stem of the plant.



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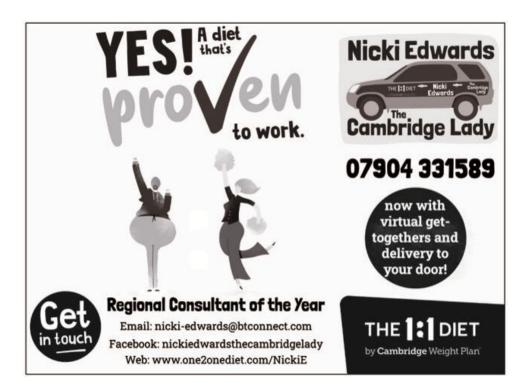
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