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



February 2025

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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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The deadline for adverts to Liz for the next issue is the 12th of the month.

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From Bridge Publications (The Committee that produces this Magazine)

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Thank you for your support.

PS: The Bridge Committee requires someone to join them as a Minute Secretary. The role is fairly undemanding as we meet only about 4 times a year but fresh ideas would also be very welcome. If you wish further information please contact me on the above email or give me a call on 07958 437860.

Barry Johnson - on behalf of the Bridge Committee

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## From The Church

### The beauty of small things!

It's the beginning of February - many of us are tired and a lot of us are fed up of the winter months. It's the post-Christmas season and is often known to be the saddest time of the year, when people are the most down.

During this time may I encourage you all to look out for the small things which make a big difference.

I have seen a couple of daffodils, primroses and snowdrops in my garden, peeking out of the soil. It is a comfort to me, and perhaps to you, to know that the seasons roll on and that this season of physical darkness is waning.

The things that have cheered me up most though in recent weeks have been the kindnesses of other people, in which I see the love of God breaking out, sometimes where I would hope to see it, sometimes in very unexpected places. An 'out of the blue' bunch of flowers delivered as a thank you. A phone call from an old friend. An email from a colleague. Amazing Christmas Hampers providing food for some families in need. The generous donations to charities such as Crisis and the local foodbank.

Jesus talks a lot about little things making a big difference. He talks about the widow's mite - a tiny financial contribution given with a big heart. He talks about a tiny bit of yeast raising a whole basin full of flour. He talks about a mustard seed of faith growing into a great tree. He talks about someone who offers a little one a cup of water being rewarded in heaven.

Life can sometimes feel overwhelming, we may feel helpless or useless, but we can all be bringers of light, encouragement and comfort to others. When you have to go out to buy necessities, make a point of thanking the person who serves you at the till. If you live on your own, perhaps you could call a friend and hear their news. If you live with someone else, perhaps you could be the one to put the bins out, especially if it's not normally your job. If you have a neighbour who is home schooling their children, could you offer to pick up something for them at the shops so that they don't have to drag the whole family around the supermarket?

I am sure you will have memories of small acts of kindness which have made a big difference to you. It's not rocket science, but kindness really works. It really does transform people's lives.

I pray for each and every one of you, the blessing of giving and receiving unexpected small kindnesses in the coming weeks.

With every blessing,

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

# St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

## January Draw

### Main draw

£50      33      Liz York  
£30      113      Wendy Leffler  
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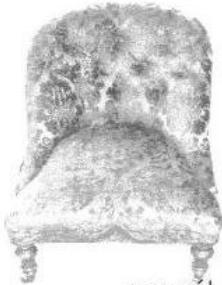
Congratulations to this month's winners and welcome to Sonia who has joined the committee.

Thank you to everyone who has bought a NUMBER(S) for another year. If you would like to support St Mary's Church, please join the 100 Club lottery. It is possible to join at any time for just £2 a month for the remaining months of the year and you could win £50 every month. Please contact one the committee listed below.

Liz Jones: 49 Railway Drive, Sturminster Marshall. (Tel: 01258 857076)

Karen Royles: Parkfield, Newton Road, Sturminster Marshall. (Tel:07761867738)

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|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                                         | Banff Mountain Film Festival<br>World Tour 2025 Red Programme | 7.30pm, £26.50/ concs £25 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup><br>12 <sup>th</sup> | Maria (12A)<br>“                                              | 7.30pm,<br>12 noon.       |

## FEBRUARY SHOWS

|                                                        |                                                            |                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                                        | Nine Below Zero & Dr Feelgood                              | 7.30pm, £32.50.                         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                        | James Phelan: The Dreamer Live                             | 7.30pm, £36 meet & greet<br>£22.50 std. |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                                        | Grief...A comedy on Tour                                   | CANCELLED                               |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                                        | Joni Mitchell's Blue;<br>An Evening in Laurel Canyon       | 7.30pm, £20.                            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                                        | Supreme Queen                                              | 7.30pm, £30.                            |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Jenny Éclair: Jokes Jokes Jokes Live!                      | 7.30pm, £25.                            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                                       | The Story of Guitar Heroes 2025                            | 7.30pm, £28.50.                         |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Diana & Lionel: Endless Love The Show                      | 7.30pm, £27.50.                         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Small Fakers                                               | 7.30pm, £19.50.                         |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup><br>22 <sup>nd</sup> | Worst Wedding Ever:<br>“ “ “<br>Wimborne drama Productions | 7.30pm, £17.50<br>2.30pm, £15.50.       |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Andy Fairweather Low ^ The Low Riders                      | 7.30pm, £30.                            |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                                       | John Shutleworth: Raise The Oof                            | 7.30pm, £25.                            |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Live/Wire: The A/DC Show                                   | 7.30pm, £23.                            |



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***What do You Think They Did? An exploration of the working lives of our ancestors through the study of genealogy.***

***An illustrated talk by Alison Holden***

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**Social lunch – 12<sup>th</sup> February. All Welcome.**

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**Film Society – 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

***El Grido - directed by Michaelangelo Antonioni***

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**Mackrell Lecture 2.30pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

***Dorset Archaeology in 2025***

***An illustrated talk by Robert Heaton FRICS MSc***

***East Dorset Antiquarian Society & Poole Harbour Heritage Project***

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**Thursday morning Bridge Group.**

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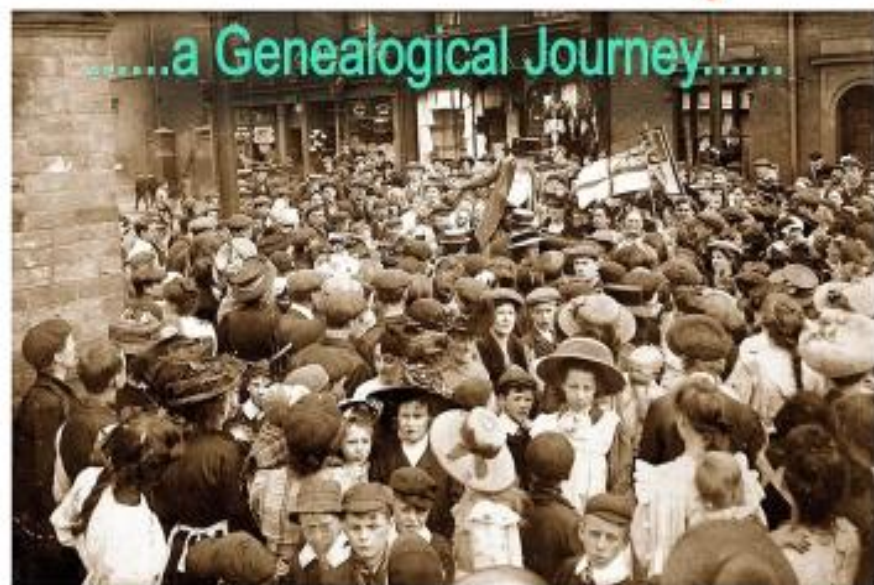
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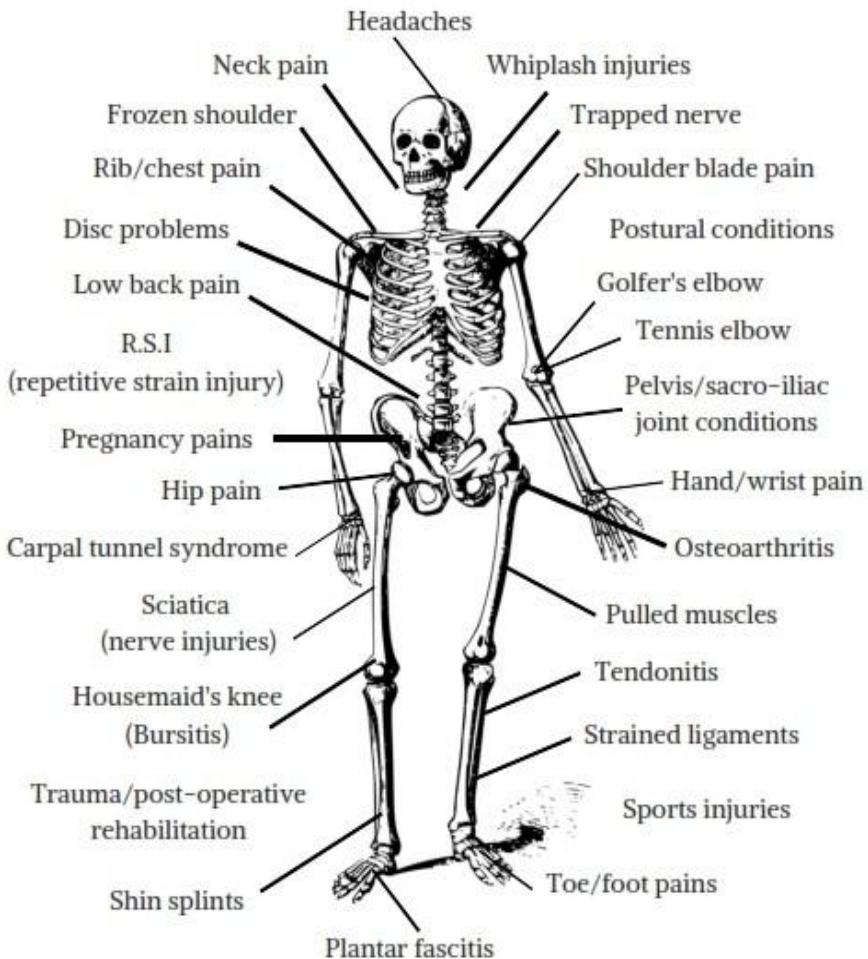
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**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
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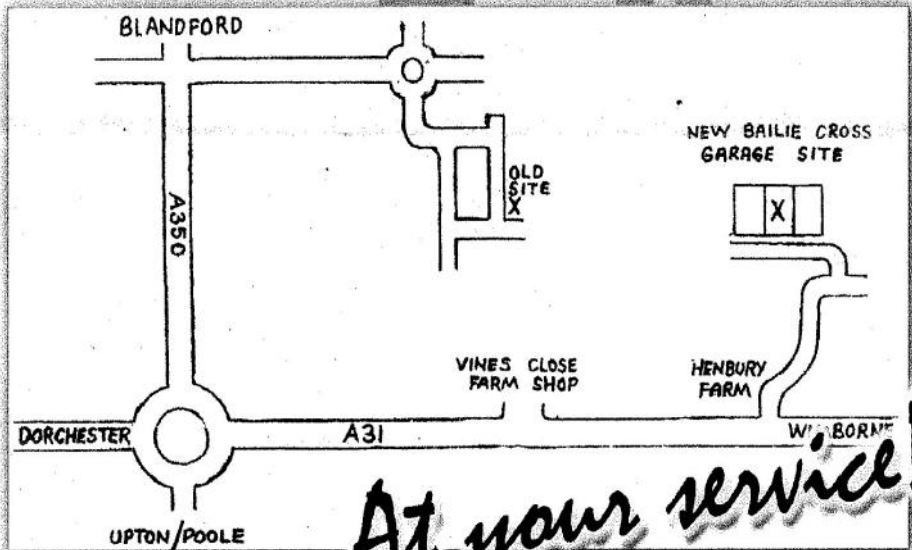
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The snowdrops at Kingston Lacy were out early this year – Three Ships, named for its usual flowering time around Christmas, put out its first blooms early in December – but are still a couple of weeks off the “carpets of white” that are so glorious along Lime Avenue and in Nursery Wood.

If you’ve a keen eye for photography, check out the First light photography sessions on 1 and 2 February, which offer early morning access before our normal opening hours, so you can capture these iconic blooms without having to dodge the crowds.

We’re also a running a picture competition every week through February – post your photo on social media, tag us and use #KingstonLacy to enter. The winner will be announced on Thursday and posted on the Kingston Lacy feed every Saturday.

For gardeners, this is often the time to hunker down and plan the coming year. Our programming plans in 2025 will all be around the Japanese garden, which turns 20 this year (some of you may have seen it featured on the front of the NT magazine, which has just gone out to members). It’s come a long way since the early days of discovering Henrietta Bankes created a Japanese garden, a fashionable horticultural project in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century – as have the staff, there are some very young looking gardeners in the photos from 2005!

Like all good gardens, the Japanese Garden has grown and developed, with the addition of 100 cherry trees four years ago as part of the Sakura project. It was particularly lovely to be able to keep the plants sourced by Henrietta more than a century ago – the katsura tree is now pushing 150 years old, and the yellow bamboo still adds a striking pop of colour in the winter. With the Tea Garden at its heart, the Japanese Garden is a beautiful interpretation of a centuries-old horticultural tradition.

But while there’s plenty of things to look forward to later in the year, there’s also plenty to enjoy in the present as well. There are camellias, hellebores and witch hazels blooming in the winter garden, and a newly cleaned State floor to enjoy in the house (catch the last of the Conservation in Action tours before the end of January). We hope to see you here soon.

## Church Services for January

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>: Candlemas

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

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> before Lent

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 16<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent

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

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

11.00am Holy Communion at Almer

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent

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

### Weekday Services

Wednesdays at 9am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

Wednesdays at 11am Midweek Communion, Wimborne Minster

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### Zoom Services at Wimborne Minster

Meeting Number Zoom ID: 883 2976 1518

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“ “ “ 5.00pm Evening Prayer

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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.

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# English Usage by Michael Evans

## Webster's Dictionary

Readers of my generation may remember the "Road" films of Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, especially "Road to Morocco" and their song: "Like Webster's Dictionary, we're Morocco bound," I liked this pun, which encouraged me to find out who Noah Webster was.

He lived in Connecticut USA during the 18th and 19th centuries, and among other occupations, he was a lexicographer. His dictionary (first edition 1828) revised some English spellings, and retained others which are obsolete to us. For exam He also wrote about grammar, and I like his critique of grammar pedants who sought to promote rules based on Latin and their own arbitrary rules. Webster summed up the situation thus: "They have rejected many phrases of pure English, and substituted those which are neither English nor sense."

Last month's anagrams

TRANSMIT RADIO –ADMINISTRATOR

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This month's anagrams

DRUNK ASTI – region of Iraq

VITAL LOANS – football club

### Sturminster Marshall Gardening Cub Programme 2025

**Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Salvias and other Perennials - Bryan Madders**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> Dorset Butterflies - Stephen Brown**

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Well, did you know there was such a thing? Apparently there is a day each year to raise awareness of the dangers lurking on the internet and to make it a safer place for everyone across the world. This year it is 11<sup>th</sup> February and there are celebrations on social media aimed at children and young people especially. Dangers on the internet and across media platforms however, do not only affect children. We read everyday of more and more sophisticated scams designed to relieve us of our money!



**Do you use email?** Scammers may send a message that looks as if it comes from your bank asking you to take action such as updating your account. Another common scam comes in the form of a letter from someone who is either offering you money or wanting you to send money. Open the email address for any messages that you receive and do not respond unless you are sure that it is genuine.

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**Do you shop online?** Scam websites often use extremely low prices to lure bargain-hungry shoppers into buying fake, counterfeit or even non-existent items. If it looks too good to be true, then it usually is! Even if adverts appear in your google search results, it doesn't mean legitimate companies are behind them. Anyone can pay to advertise products and services on search engines. Look at product reviews but remember, these reviews can also be fake. Check more than one site, is it a scam?

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# STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS

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Well, we have had very cold weather recently although we were lucky to avoid any heavy snow, and very wet weather before that, with several bouts of flooding in Mill Lane. I am sure we have not seen the last of the latter. The SGN works on Station Road junction were completed on time in December which was great with the holidays almost upon us. The Parish Council have written a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish to Susan Day from SGN for her excellent organisation of the gas works. We have also thanked her entire team for ensuring that the works were carried out so efficiently with consideration for the local residents.

As I write we have been advised that the Playground repairs should be starting shortly, so hopefully by the time you read this they should have been completed, weather permitting.

The Parish Council received some amazing entries for the litter poster competition from the pupils of Sturminster Marshall First School, and after much deliberation, a winning design was chosen! These will soon be made into signs and displayed around the village.

The Annual Litter Pick will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and we will meet as usual at the Memorial Hall at 2.00pm. Equipment will be provided. We are going to purchase and put in place a new Noticeboard for the road boundary of Walnut Tree field. We feel this is necessary due to the amount of fly posting on the gate, and to keep everyone informed who uses Walnut Tree field and any passers-by about any community events. There was a spate of anti-social behaviour in December which has been reported to the police. The police have released CCTV footage of the person that broke into the Spar.

The Citizens Advice Bus is back again and will be visiting the village on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. They will be based in the Memorial Hall car park from 10am to 12pm on both days. They offer free confidential advice on many things so do go along and support if you have any questions or issues you need help with.

The Parish Council has approved the budget for 2025/26. Unfortunately, rising costs and the need for a new defibrillator at the Memorial Hall have led to a 6.47% increase in the precept. This equates to an additional **£4.68 per year**. (All figures based on an average Band D property). In case you are not familiar, the precept is the Parish Council's share of the Council Tax. It helps fund local services and projects, such as maintaining community facilities and supporting initiatives.

## **Recent Plans and Tree works:**

P/FUL/2024/03562      Riverside House, Back Lane, Sturminster Marshall. BH21 4BP.  
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P/TRC/2024/07148 144 High Street, Sturminster Marshall. BH21 4BA, 146 High Street, Sturminster Marshall. BH21 4BA and Frog Lane Farm, Frog Lane, Sturminster Marshall. BH21 4BA.

T3 Ash (located 144 High Street): Pollard by cutting back to within 3 to 4 metres of ground level. T4 Elm (located on boundary of 144 & 146 High Street and Frog Lane Farm): Fell.

P/TRT/2024/06015 Land adjacent to 8 Egret Mews, Wimborne, Corfe Mullen. BH21 3EU.

T19 Douglas Fir: Crown raise/reduce low branches over parking spaces to 5.5m statutory headroom clearance. T22 Poplar spp: Reduce large bough overhanging car park and roofline by 4.5m from branch tips. Remove secondary branch above shrub bed. Remove long drooping branch back to main stem. Remove significant deadwood over property boundary only.

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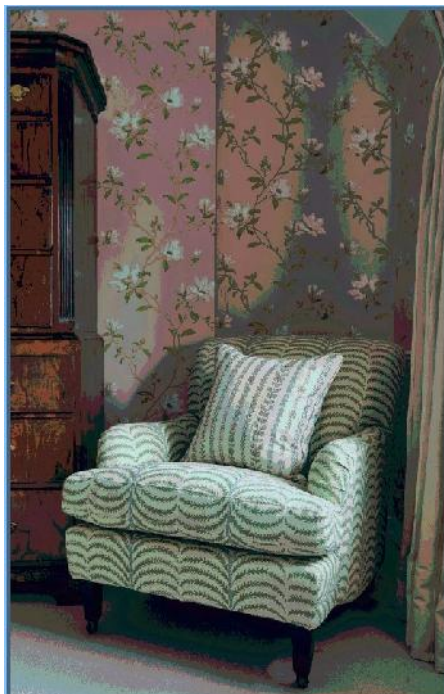
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Hello Everyone

Christmas is in the past and we have moved into 2025. We have had a very cold snap but escaped lightly compared to a lot of others in the country.

We had an informal December meeting with our Christmas party. It was a pleasure to celebrate the festive season with twenty-two members of our WI at Marshall's on The Green Sturminster Marshall Golf Club on 12th December. We had a lovely time lots of fun with excellent food and good company.

### **SMEWI entry for the St Mary's Church Christmas tree festival.**

Sadly, we didn't win but we can be proud of our entry. Thank you to the merry bunch of members who crafted items to decorate the tree and safely installed it in the church after a precarious journey on a sack truck. All the entries were beautiful, and the event was very well attended. Well done everyone.

As we come into 2025, we look forward to another busy year with lots of interesting speakers and outings, we have also booked a cream tea weekend in September.

Our next meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February is a Health and Beauty Evening with a talk by retired GP Anne Elder and a beauty demonstration by Michelle Needham.

We have a very active Facebook page so if you are interested, please check it out lots of photographs and our programme for the year can be found on there just look for Sturminster Marshall Evening WI.

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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## EVEN MORE TREES – by Lys de Bray

There are several trees that might oblige with flowers at this sometimes drear time of year, though they do need a spell of fine weather. (having just written this, the sun came out!)

If you've got some of that precious commodity, spare time, take an early spring walk through a public garden or past any hedges you can see over to pinch a few ideas, or go to a tree nursery, where you might not see young trees in bloom because many don't flower until they're more mature; and if a name such as 'Golden Rain' or 'Pussy Willow' or the 'Maidenhair Tree', (the prehistoric Ginkgo) takes your fancy, or brings back a childhood memory, check with the nursery or garden centre to see if your soil is right. By the time you read this and get wherever you'll see various spring-flowering trees that will just be showing hints and tints of the flowers to come. Or drive out into a bit of your local countryside that you haven't been to before and pinch a few more ideas on the way, finishing up with a nice pub lunch. If you go to the New Forest (acid soil) in one direction or Code (chalky soil) in the other, remember that the flowering trees you will see along the way are suitable for those places but may not be for you except in a big pot. If you are intending to grow a tree from foreign parts remember that if it's in such a pot the soil/compost will eventually become exhausted and need changing, and at that time in the distant future you may have forgotten that the soil or compost is different to your own, so make a note in your new gardening diary that I hope you got for Christmas?

I have kept a garden diary in heavy foolscap-size notebooks, so when I reach the end of the current one I'll start using stiff-covered exercise books which are smaller and more comfortable to write up late at night in bed. They make interesting reading, are great as reference and useful for older, wiser but often failing memories. Be honest, include the failures (and why) as well as the successes. If you've been doing this for years, as I have, you will be greatly comforted by the fact that now you know so much more than you did at first, but don't get too cocky as you'll be pleasurably learning for the rest of your life.

But back to the trees; flowering cherries are delightful, though they don't fruit. Then there are trees like *Parrottia persica*, the Persian Ironwood, (acid soil only) that have amazing autumn colours, red, orange, yellow and purple, different from year to year because of our weather. Take annual photos and you'll see what I mean. Alas, don't try to grow Parrottia in a pot, it won't like it. Move house instead.



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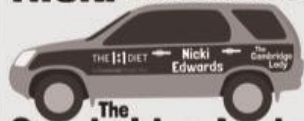
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