

THE BRIDGE

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



June 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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If you need help with producing your advert you may contact Liz by post at 7 Parkelea, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4DG (marking the envelope Bridge Advertising) or by phone at **01258 857528**. We will then be in touch. Please call **01258 857528** if you do not get an acknowledgement, and ask for Liz. This is the contact number for all advertising enquiries.

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If you follow up any advertisement could you please mention that you saw it in The Bridge

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Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall News

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This has been postponed and will now be held at **7.30pm on Monday 19th June.**

The postponement was due to the pending committee personnel changes.

These have now been resolved with a new Treasurer to be appointed at the AGM, the remainder of the committee will remain unchanged.



Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall

Youth Club

The committee is still looking for volunteers to help with the running of a youth club at the hall. Anyone interested should contact the Chair Tim Weaver on Tel 07785 267948 or email chair@sturminstermarshallmemorialhall.co.uk

The plan for the Youth Club is to have a professionally qualified Youth Leader supplied by Dorset Youth Association but will still need to have additional support from parents or other members of the community to manage its activities.

CHURCH NOTICE

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

There is a season for everything "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven " (**Ecclesiastes 3:1**).

**After 5 years, it is with very mixed emotions that this will be my final message for the Wimborne Minster and Village Voices Magazines, as my ministry journey moves on. I have had a wonderful time, albeit challenging at times, given the period of Covid in the middle! However, along with everyone else, I had to quickly adapt, learning new ways of reaching out to others – the drive in Carol Service and panto seems a long time ago now!! I will always remember fondly the wonderful zoom morning and evening prayers with the Minster each day, that kept us sustained in our prayer lives and rooted in community.**

Back when I was nursing on the wards in 2002, something happened that began the call to hospital chaplaincy. Well 22 years later this has now come to fruition! Yes, it's been a long journey, but I would not change any of it and I believe every part of the journey has been significant to the new role I now have in Salisbury. Surely, I shouldn't be surprised. **"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).

Maybe it's just me, but it often seems so easy to take things into my own hands, deciding what I'd like and when I'd like it. When I look back on my journey through nursing, being a wife and mum, through ordination to being a Priest now in hospital chaplaincy, it has encouraged me to stop, to listen, to read and to pray. It was only in doing this that I could see that "God has plans for our lives" and "the one who calls you is faithful" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

**I wish to give a huge thank you to so many people who have been a part of my journey. To Rev Suzie and all the Wimborne Minster and Wimborne Villages Benefice, who welcomed me with open arms and have always had such wisdom and experience to impart about 'village life' and mission.**

May you continue to feel surrounded by God's grace and love. You will always have a place in my heart, having been such a huge and special part of my journey.

Love and prayers.

**Rev Sharon**

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

### Main draw

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| £20 | 66 | Andrew Jones  |

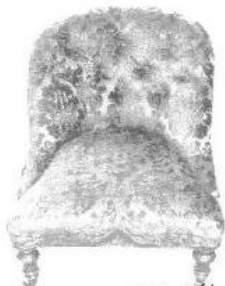
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|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup>      | Book Club The Next Chapter (12A)                              | 7.30pm.      |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>      | Monty Python's The Life of Brian (12A)                        | 7.30pm,      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July | Mathew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty (12A)<br>(Recorded Screening) | 7.30pm, £15. |

## JUNE SHOWS

|                      |                                                      |                      |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>      | Take it Easy – the American Classic Rock Show        | 7.30pm, £22.         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | A Foreigners Journey                                 | 7.30pm, £20.         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | Verity Bronham Band<br>(previously John Verity Band) | 7.30pm, £18.50.      |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>      | Tom Seals presents Noddy Holder                      | 7.30pm, £26.         |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>     | Rust For Glory – The Neil Young Tribute Band         | 7.30pm, £21.         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>     | Talon: The Acoustic Collection – in the Raw 2023     | 7.30pm, £18.50.      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>     | Scummy Mummies – OVER 18's ONLY                      | 7.30pm, £22.50.      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>     | Sherlock's Excellent Adventure                       | 7.30pm, £17.50.      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>     | From The Jam: Unplugged with Nine Below Zero         | 7.30pm, £37.50.      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>     | From Gold To Rio                                     | 7.30pm, £21.         |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>     | Mark Simmons: Quip Off The Mark                      | 7.30pm, £18.         |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>     | Yourhythmics                                         | 7.30pm, £25.         |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>     | The Wizard of Oz                                     | 6pm, £18, <16 £14.50 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> July | “ “ “ “                                              | 2pm & 6pm, as above. |

## Sturminster Marshall Gardening Club

Meetings are held in the Old School and begin at 7.30pm. New members and visitors are always welcome. Annual subscription is £30, to include refreshments at each meeting.

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***The Patron, Richard Drax, and the Bishop of Sherborne are delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Jane Williams as Vicar of the Redpost Benefice. Jane is currently Rector of the Bride Valley, in West Dorset, she served her curacy in Wareham, and prior to training for ordination she had a career in the Health Service. Jane brings much experience to the post including developing leadership, schools work and outreach. She has a heart for rural ministry and looks forward to moving to Sturminster Marshall with her husband Nigel sometime in the summer. Jane's Institution, induction and installation as Vicar will take place at 7pm on 7<sup>th</sup> September. The Patron and Bishop wish to thank all those managing the vacancy and who were involved in the appointment process.***

**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

There's been a bit of warmth in the sun over the last couple of weeks – at long last! The fresh, green scent of cut grass fills the garden, while out on walks, it's the sweet-ish smell of cow parsley that billows from every roadside and path. The beans and tomatoes have been planted out, now that the risk of frost has passed, and the natural world is becoming very busy all around!

As beetles trundle over the heath and meadows, the kites and buzzards wheel, high on the warm air currents with the occasional prehistoric screech as they do so. Robins and blackbirds are brave in their industrious focus, almost oblivious to humans as they search for nesting materials and food. The sparrows are chirping tunelessly from what feels like half way through the night – a sure sign that summer is on its way!

A neighbour showed us a big slow worm just the other day! Bronze and shiny, they are a gardener's best friend, eating up all your slugs! Spare them a thought if you're strimming – have a good swish-about before you start, to scare them away. We found a common lizard basking in the sun at Badbury Rings recently too – the warmer weather is when you'll find reptiles and amphibians out and about.

Now is a great time to cater for nature when you're in the garden. Think about leaving a patch of longer grass, or go extend the whole 'No Mow May' if you dare! Plant native species, if you can, as these are the right size and shape for native pollinators to feed from. Look out for pests like aphids and give them a squish or find them a ladybird (they like them for tea!) rather than turning straight to pesticide sprays which are indiscriminate and harm all insects, not just the annoying ones.

I had a big birthday this week... (I'll let you guess which one!) and received, among other fantastically thoughtful things, the wonderful gift of a donation on my behalf to the Woodlands Trust which will help fund the protection of existing forests and also the creation of new native woodland. Such a lovely idea and I'm so lucky to have friends that 'get' what I'm trying to do and support that. Here's hoping it will help, not just the trees, but all the insects, reptiles, birds and mammals that rely on our woodlands to thrive – the cute ones and (my favourites), the scaly, slimy and buzzy, less appealing ones!

**Melanie Fermor**

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***June activities in date order***

***Discovery Café 10th June 2.30pm***

***A Life in Tea***

***an illustrated talk by Simon Bowes***

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***Play reading on 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm***

***The Playboy of the Western World***

***by J.M. Synge.***

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***The Social lunch will meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.***

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***Thursday morning bridge group 10am***

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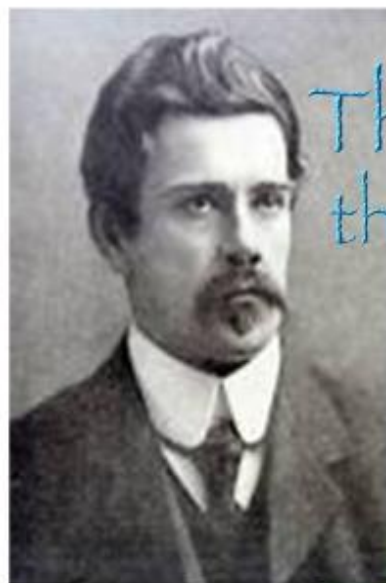
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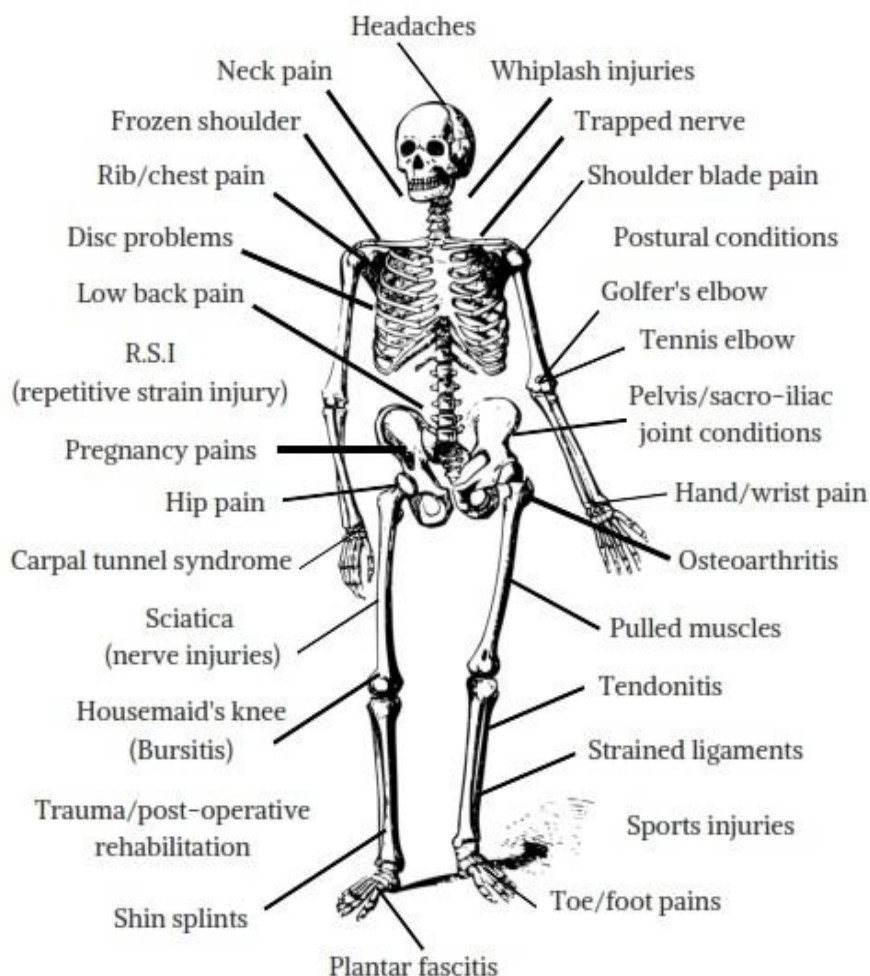
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## **A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.**

Well, here I go again and what lovely weather we are having! May has come in with warm days and we hope they will last!

This time I want to talk about a gentleman who is a National Trust volunteer- and he walks in the garden at Abbot Street and, as you may know, I go each day to feed the birds with fat balls and peanuts and sometimes we are there at the same time, and one day he was saying about the gardens which were looked after by a man who lived in the house on the road which was the Head Gardener's. The next three houses were for the workers who grew the flowers for the gardens and for the house. Many of the flowers were entered into Flower shows and won a lot of cups. Each evening Mr Banks would walk from the big house, through the wood and would sit there and then plan the garden and enjoy the results. They were a lovely couple and I would often go and see them. It was a pleasure to go and listen to them, and the gardens were wonderful. Now of course the National Trust own it and as one of the gentlemen there told me they show the visitors the same walk Mr Banks took, but they charge £18 to look at them, which I think is not fair. However, they are probably worth the cost, as they will get the enjoyment of them all and can take their time looking at them all.

**Vera**

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Wimborne Musical Theatre

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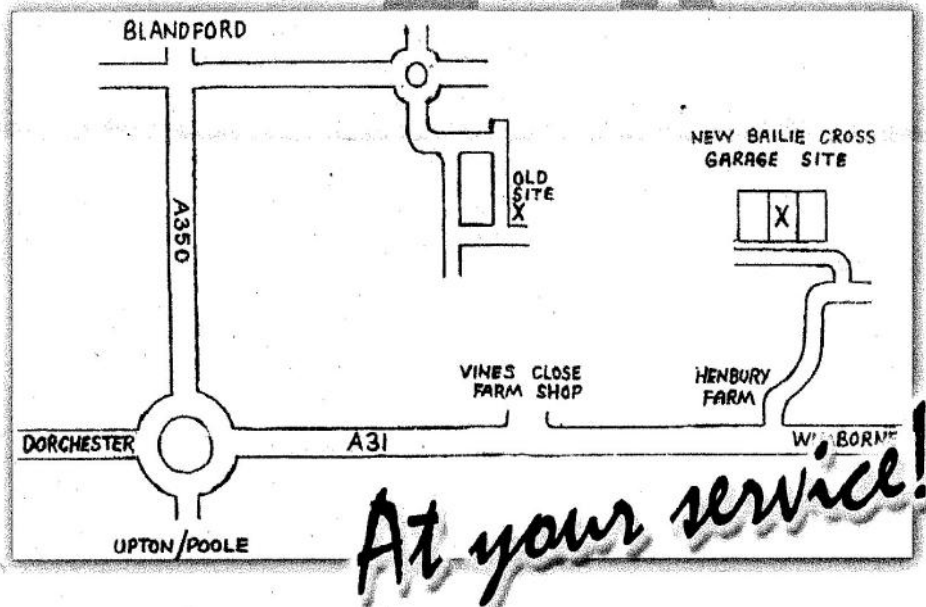
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## Kingston Lacy Estate News

### A Year at Home Farm

It's hard to believe a year has gone by since I began as Farm Manager at Kingston Lacy, in charge of the estate's Red Ruby Devon cattle and Portland sheep (and the three pigs!). To say it's been a whirlwind would be an understatement but don't take that as a negative – I like to be busy and busy I have been!



My year began before I did, with a call the day before my official start date to rescue a cow stuck in a ditch at Holt Heath. This very much felt like a baptism by fire but I was heartened to see how readily the team pulled together to help get this poor lad out. Now nicknamed Bog Boy, the cow took a few days to fully recover but all is well now.

Ben Gruitt, Farm Assistant, and I started our tenure at the same time, taking a good look at grazing across the estate. We work not only in relation to the herd's goals, but also the National Trust's goals to provide species-rich habitats that are accessible to people and help restore the natural world.

This has led us to seek new areas for the stock – the sheep moved to Badbury to help us maintain the chalk grassland and for the first time we began our grazing aspirations at Bishops Court Farm. I am passionate about how the livestock can benefit the wider natural world, and look forward to sharing more on this in the future.

One highlight has been being able to out winter some of the cows for the first time in many years. I'm a big believer in cows being kept outdoors as it is so much better for their health. Winter grazing is also important to reduce grass growth, opening the sward for more delicate meadow species. Watching the park come back to life this spring has been a joy – the grasses look reinvigorated, and the wildflowers already look more abundant.

**Rob Groves, Farm Manager**

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE 2023

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>: Trinity Sunday**

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

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</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 18<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> after Trinity**

9.15am Morning Prayer 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 25<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity**

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

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

## **Weekday Services**

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

Wednesdays at 11am Midweek Communion, Wimborne

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

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE 2023

## Zoom Services at Red Post

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English Usage by Michael Evans

Only Connect - part 2

Last month I showed that FECK, HAP, RUTH and RECK have meaning only if we add the suffix –LESS. This doesn't apply to HOMELESS, SHOELESS, SHAMELESS and CLOUDLESS because the words **home**, **shoe**, **shame** and **cloud** are still in common use and can stand alone. Other words like HOPELESS and HELPLESS do not necessarily mean **without hope** or **without help**.

So, going back to FECK, HAP, RUTH and RECK, did they ever stand alone?

The answer is yes; these words had meanings in the past, but are archaic and rarely used now:

Feck (efficient) existed in English and Scottish dialects.

Hap (luck) remains only in **happy**, **perhaps**, **mishap**, etc.

Ruth (regret, pity) was used in writings by Chaucer (*And therewithal in you there be no ruth*) and Shakespeare (*I'll keep my oath, patiently to bear my ruth*).

Reck (care) was used by Milton, as in "They **reck** not whether you know them."

Answers to last month's anagrams

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This month's anagrams

PIEBALD – having two feet (1 word)

MALE MET PARENT – excitable (1 word)

RED MITTEN – could be harmful (1 word)

I END SADLY – things we shouldn't do (2 words)

CLEAN HOME – it changes how it looks (1 word).

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WIMBORNE MUSIC SOCIETY/PSD MUSIC UPDATE

Dear Friends, just a reminder of forthcoming musical events.

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As I write we have all been able to enjoy a lovely weekend with sunshine and blue skies. Everywhere is looking so lush, and so green and summer is upon us. Before we know it, it will be time for summer holidays.

We are looking into planting a small group of three trees on the edge of Churchill Close in the autumn and have been getting advice from Dorset Council. These will be in celebration of the recent Coronation and the plan is for one of them to be an oak and possibly two cherries. The tree survey has been conducted and there are minor works required to some of the Parish Council trees. The new Gardening Group mentioned in last month's Jottings have been busy already and we are grateful to them for their hard work. It is not too late to join the group if you would like to, just get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

The Annual Risk Assessment has been completed and there are some minor action points, and by the time you read this the Annual Assessment of the Play Park will have been carried out. Recent works are now complete, but we are still looking into improving the area under the equipment to keep the children safe while playing. We are hoping to soon be able to place a bench that was in Bartons Ground, in Charborough Way green space, we are just waiting for confirmation about placement and fittings from Dorset Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have been working hard on the Neighbourhood Plan and are currently finalising a draft version of the Plan for consultation. Please look out for the consultation which will start in mid-June and run for six weeks. There will be a drop-in session on the 6th July at the Memorial Hall (2-7pm) so the community can come and see what the team have been doing. All information will also be on the website and social media. Please fill in the questionnaire, as it will help shape the Parish in the future.

Recent Plans:

P/OUT/2023/01890 Land to the south of the A31, Henbury Green, Sturminster Marshall - Construction of a service area and amenities building with fuelling facilities, including that for electric and hydrogen powered vehicles and a battery storage facility accessed via a new roundabout access to the A31 and to include the extraction of minerals on site and the construction of a new egress from mineral and waste operations at Henbury with associated landscaping, screening, water management and wetland and woodland habitat creation. (All matters reserved except access).

P/PALH/2023/02365 Brambles, Rushall Lane, Sturminster Marshall BH16 6AJ - Erect a single storey rear/side extension to measure 6.44m in length, with a maximum height of 3.73m and height to eaves of 2.25m.

P/VOC/2023/02312 23 Churchill Close, Sturminster Marshall - Demolition of existing store link, sever land and erect detached dwelling with associated access and parking. As amended by plans received 29/11/22 to reduce length of front & rear elevations; increase space between dwelling and N site boundary and show vehicle turning (without compliance of condition 3 of PP P/FUL/2022/05314 as groundwater flooding mitigation measure not required).

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At our AGM in April all the 2022/23 committee members were re-elected for a further year along with a new member so now we have a wonderful team of eleven ladies serving on the committee. We are also delighted that Lesley Moors was re-elected as our President for a further year.

We had a successful Cream Tea afternoon at The Old School with visitors enjoying the delicious cakes the WI are famed for. Thank you to those who came along for your generous support.

We had a great turnout for our May meeting and we warmly welcomed several new members and five visitors who came along to find out what we are all about. Our speaker for the evening was Steve Brown from the Dorset branch of Butterfly Conservation and he gave a very engaging presentation on 'Butterflies of Dorset.' We learned about the very wide range of varieties to be found in Dorset; some with remarkably interesting names such as Green Hairstreak, Marsh Fritillary and Gatekeeper. We also received tips on how to create butterfly friendly spaces within our own gardens and how we can get involved in the conservation work by becoming a recorder through casual recording, joining in the local transect walks or taking part in the national survey. We will be seeing Steve again in July when he will take us on a butterfly walk at Badbury Rings.

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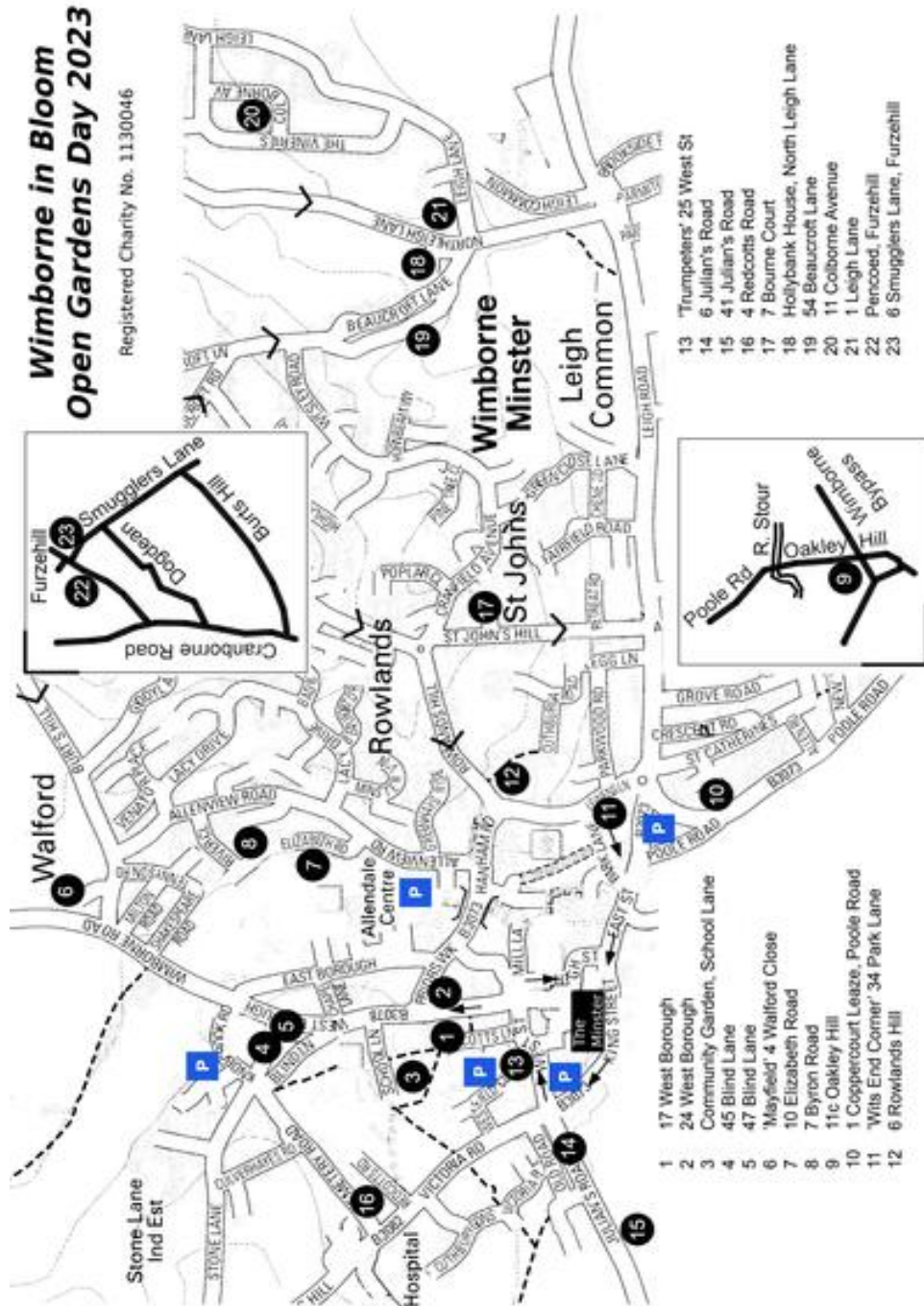
The Open Gardens will be well signed in Town. Pay £7.50 at the first garden visited, this will then provide entry to all the Open Gardens. Refreshments will be available at some of the venues.

Do come and enjoy a day out visiting some lovely gardens both large and small. In doing so you will also be helping support the Wimborne in Bloom volunteers in their ongoing efforts to make the town an attractive place to live, work and visit.

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Buddlejas* - by Lys de Bray

I was a war-time child and seemed to have spent quite a lot of time on trains, sometimes in curious circumstances. For example, children travelling alone would have a luggage label tied round their necks which had the child's destination on one side and on the other side the child's home address. Not many people had telephones in those days. In addition, for the child's safety, he or she might be put into the guard's van with the sliding doors firmly shut, or possibly, locked.... there must have been lighting of some sort? Writing this in today's world it's hard to believe – no, not just hard, impossible! But it happened to me once or twice, not often, it's true *but!* And some journeys were quite long ones.

I remember one station where there was a really long delay and the station-master there took me to his house where his wife was baking honey-cakes and she gave me some, wrapped in a little flowered napkin which I was to give to the station-master when I'd finished eating them. This was wartime, remember! Sweet things were in short supply but our teeth were good. At every station the guard would come and open the door to see if I was all right, was I warm enough, and did I need to go to the ladies? He took me to the station buffet, where there very long queues and nothing left but crumbs by the time you got to the counter. Because he was The Guard there were things under the counter though I'd told him I had sandwiches and apples and a precious little bar of chocolate which I had been told to keep till last, and all this as well as the still-warm honey-cakes. He made me a sort of bed on the big bags of letters he called mail-sacks.

Now you must be wondering what on earth has all this got to do with buddlejas,, or buddleias as the plants name used to be spelled. Well, when I see buddlejas in their long season of flower, I'm reminded of those train journeys because at some stations there would be the house where the station-master lived and the little gardens often had buddleja bushes in bloom, the 'ordinary' ones with the long spikes of purple flowers so beloved by butterflies. On railway embankments (they like good drainage) you will seldom or never see a 'wild' buddleja with flowers of any other colour than the familiar purple.

Many gardeners have a Butterfly Bush to guarantee a 'flutteration' (my new collective noun) of butterflies or even a hummingbird hawk-moth or two. Sorry, I got a bit carried away with war-time memories – other Buddleja colours and varietal names next time.

* The buddleja is named in honour of the Rev. Adam Buddle, a 17th century English botanist from Essex.



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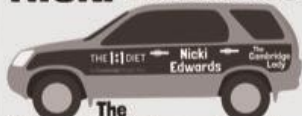
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