

THE BRIDGE

THE MAGAZINE FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF
STURMINSTER MARSHALL
KINGSTON LACY & SHAPWICK



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THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

Bridge Publications is an agency which produces the Bridge Magazine for the communities of Sturminster Marshall, Shapwick and Kingston Lacy. 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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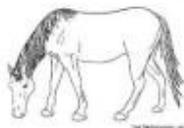
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## From The Church

Dear neighbours,

Spring is coming! It's a delight to see some early daffodils, to experience the longer days and hear the increased bird song that is around.

Although our church buildings were closed in February, the church itself has been far from shut. We have had a busy month. I thought I'd tell you a little of what we have been up to.

We have continued to have regular worship services online, meeting together each Sunday and Wednesday. You are always very welcome to join us. Unfortunately, I cannot post Zoom codes here because I am aware that some people have been using public codes elsewhere in a malicious manner. Please do get in touch if you would like to connect with us, though.

During February, a number of people in the Church and community sought to support some local families with 'Bags of Hope'. Thank you to everyone who so generously supported this. Each gift was really appreciated.

Discussions about local parish reorganisation developed during the month. It has now been agreed that all three churches in the Bridge Benefice will be starting new chapters in their history on May 1<sup>st</sup>. On April 30<sup>th</sup> my ministry in the Bridge Benefice will cease. Rev. Justin Pottinger will start his pastoral oversight and ministry at St. Mary's, Sturminster Marshall, while both St. Stephen's, Pamphill and St. Bartholomew's, Shapwick will start to become one parish and join Wimborne Benefice. Rev Suzie Allen will become their minister.

The Churches have been together for 35 years so this is a big change for everyone. For the last 18 years, Jan Standing has been clerk to the Benefice and she has done a great job keeping things organised and doing much of the behind-the-scenes work. Jan will be retiring from her role on April 30<sup>th</sup>. I am very grateful to her for all she has done, and wish her well.

To mark all these significant changes, we are planning a special service on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> which will be led by the Bishop of Sherborne. (more details next month).

The church is now in the season of Lent and these words from the Book of Common Order for the Church of Scotland feel very appropriate this year to spend time with:

God of all seasons,

In your pattern of things there is a time for keeping and a time for losing,

A time for building up and a time for pulling down.

In his holy season of Lent, as we journey with our Lord to the cross  
help us to discern in our lives what we must lay down and what we must take up,  
what we must end and what we must begin.



**Rev'd Carolyn Couzens**

Priest-in-Charge, The Bridge and Lower Stour Benefice

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

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£20 129 Janet Williams

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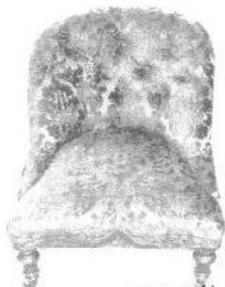
Thanks to Jean and Ernie Turner for completing the draws in their garden, as there was no Church service at St. Mary's, due to COVID 19.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support St. Mary's 100 Club in these difficult times, we hope you remain safe and well.

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

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### Update 5th January 2021

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We thank you for your understanding and support and look forward to seeing you later in the year.

Thank you.

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## A Notice of Thanks Gordon Hunt

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and kind offers of help on the loss of Gordon.

Did anyone ever have kinder neighbours and friends than us?

Gordon died peacefully, I was with him at the time, which was a great comfort.

The hospital staff were wonderful. I shall always be grateful to them.

Many thanks in advance to Rev. Nigel Feaver for conducting the funeral service which has not yet taken place at the time of writing.

**Marian Hunt**



Firstly I hope that you are all keeping well and safe in this latest lockdown. I expect when you have walked by our lovely village school, you will have seen that we continue to remain open for the children of critical workers as well as vulnerable children.

All the staff have been working extremely hard trying to provide the support for our learners in school as well as providing remote learning in terms of live and recorded lessons for our children at home. I think that this has been an IT challenge for all of us!

We have been very privileged to have had many offers of help from our local community and I thank you for all your support at this challenging time. We have had old iPads donated for our families, laptops donated and offers of printing and resources for families, as well bags of hope which are arriving this week. As a school, one of our aims is to work closer to the village community and to find ways that we, as a school, can play a more active part, so if you have any ideas please contact me through the school.

Last time, I talked about some of the changes that we were making for our school. One of the tasks we have been working on is to improve the outdoor learning environment for our youngest children so that they can learn outside and be physically active. Gradually over time, the new equipment we ordered at the end of the summer term, has been arriving and we are now almost there. The Blackbirds team have created two distinct outdoor learning environments. One is the space outside the classroom where we have little sheds for role play, sand and water trays, woodwork tables, creative tables as well as literacy and numeracy areas. Our PTA kindly funded some new toys to resource this area. The second is a messy area and has been created down the end of the field where children can dig to develop their motor skills, create imaginary worlds, write in the mud, make dens, play with water and 'cook' in the mud kitchen as well toast marshmallows and drink hot chocolate and eat other goodies made over the fire pit. As a school, our vision, is to develop this area further by having an outdoor classroom for the children to work in.

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**Mrs Charman - Acting Headteacher**

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| <b>Wimborne (West Borough)</b>          | dep | 0903 | 1048 | 1203 | 1348     |
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| <b>Wimborne (High Street)</b>           | dep | 0934 | 1119 | 1234 | 1419     |
| Wimbome Hospital                        |     | 0936 | 1121 | 1236 | 1421     |
| Queen Elizabeth School                  |     | 0938 | 1123 | 1238 | 1423     |
| Kingston Lacy House (Main Car Park)     |     | 0944 | 1129 | 1244 | <b>R</b> |
| Kingston Lacy (Church)                  |     | 0950 | -    | 1250 | -        |
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| Cowgrove (Duck Pond)                    |     | 0955 | -    | 1255 | -        |
| White Mill                              |     | 0959 | -    | 1259 | -        |
| Sturminster Marshall (Newton Rd / A350) |     | 1004 | -    | 1304 | -        |
| <b>Sturminster Marshall (Co-Op)</b>     |     | 1006 | -    | 1306 | -        |

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A date for the diaries! We are hoping that the Fete will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> September this year subject to any health restrictions in place at the time.

**ST. MARY'S CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL**

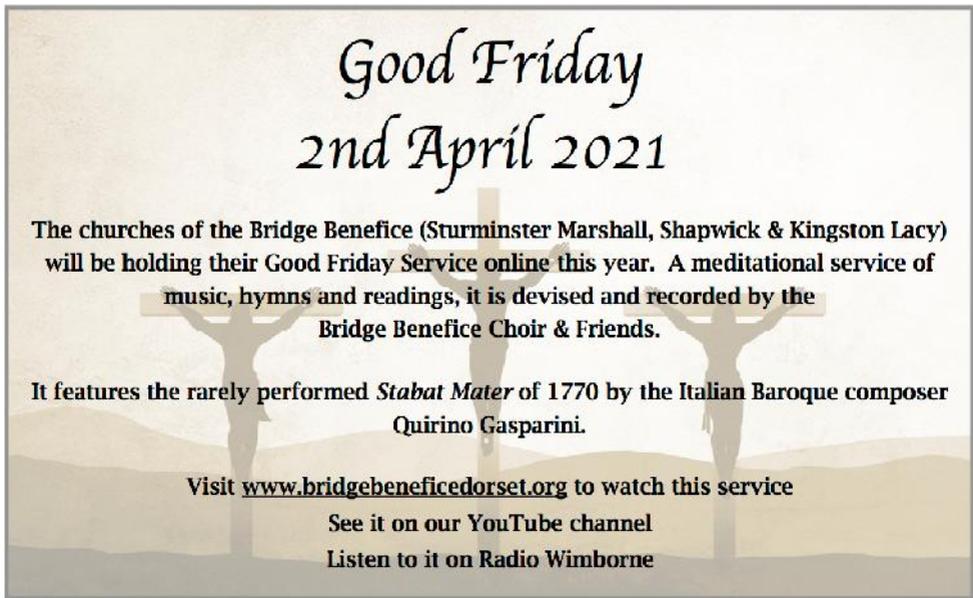
Hopefully we will be able to open up our long awaited stall at the Lych Gate in the Spring/summer.

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RAILWAY NEWS

Does anyone know when the name of the Churchill Arms former public house was altered from being the Railway Inn? Blandford Railway Club members are making an accurate working model of the station layout in 1964 and would like any help you can give on this point.

As soon as the Covid restrictions are eased the 22 foot long model, now fully scenic and almost finished, will be brought to show in the village and everyone will be welcome to see it.

Robert Stephenson 01258 857800



Good Friday
2nd April 2021

The churches of the Bridge Benefice (Sturminster Marshall, Shapwick & Kingston Lacy) will be holding their Good Friday Service online this year. A meditational service of music, hymns and readings, it is devised and recorded by the Bridge Benefice Choir & Friends.

It features the rarely performed *Stabat Mater* of 1770 by the Italian Baroque composer Quirino Gasparini.

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Since lockdown in January 2021, we have been open for all children. We take the utmost care in ensuring both staff and children are as safe as possible and are able to offer a varied curriculum both inside and out.

Please contact us if you have a child due to start, want to book a visit or to discuss your child's need and to find out about the Government funding available to you.

The Pre-school is situated on the grounds of Sturminster Marshall Preschool and is open Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 3.00pm.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION.....

All charities have been having a hard time in 2020 and continue to need our support in order to help others. Thank you to the box holders of Sturminster Marshall who saved small change and made donations which allowed us to send in £88 in December.

The outreach work of the Children's Society is much appreciated by the young people they help and many say that for them it has been very special when their young lives are in turmoil.

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Current Situation at the Old School, Sturminster Marshall

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We are continuing our online events throughout lockdown. You can book and pay for these events on the bookings page of our website.

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Mackrell Lectures. Sat 6th March 2.30pm.

Tin Pan Alley to Hollywood Boulevard:

Harry Warren, a Songwriter's Journey,

a multi media Zoom talk by Sally Plowright

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Discovery Café. Mon 15th March.

Oddities of the Solar System

by Bob Mizon

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Some of the Thursday morning bridge group are playing online on Bridge Base Online – if anyone would like to join this or would like help with playing online, please contact Katy Norman on 01258 857081

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We will open for Cream Teas as soon as we can, continue to check our website for information.

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*We now have a substantial **Village Archive** on the website - just click 'SM Village archive' button on the village history page to access photos, videos, etc.*

Survey Results for Developments in Sturminster Marshall

Last month a small group of residents and golfers launched a household survey to ask villagers what they thought about having 3 new estates in the village at Station Road, Springfield Farm and the Golf Course.

We set a deadline of 14th February for counting the responses. **Thank you so much** to the 297 householders who have responded so far, to the distributors, and to NISA for collecting them. Considering the times and how hard it is to do anything extra, this is an outstanding result: clearly people care a lot about this issue and want to say so.

We asked how many new houses should be built here in the next 10 years to meet local and Dorset-wide needs:

- 91% said 200 or less
- 9% said more

The survey and our website can be found at:

bit.ly/j-a-g-v

Bearing in mind the Local Plan (2.4.3) wants to build here earlier rather than later, it's clear that people don't favour having all the developments here, and two thirds actually want 10 or less houses per year to be built.

We then asked people to score the sites from 0 to 10 where 0 says they *don't want any houses there at all* and 10 means it is *an ideal place for any new housing*.

The average scores people gave were:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Station Road opposite the Co-op | 3.8 out of 10 |
| Springfield Farm off Newton Road | 3.7 out of 10 |
| Golf Course/Barton's Ground | 0.5 out of 10 |

Google "Dorset Council Local Plan" and that will take you to the site to comment on the policies

Clearly houses towards the A350 would be acceptable to some, but the Golf Course/Barton's Ground site was scored zero for housing by 88% of respondents.

Future planning decisions will be based on Local Plan Policies

The Local Plan is all about *planning policies* eg **DEV** for overall development, **SED** for south east Dorset and **STRM** for Stur Marshall. The survey shows that many will want to object to selected policies. Here are a few to consider, with accompanying facts:

Policy DEVI sets the overall housing need target of 30,481 houses over 2021-2038.

The total can be broken down roughly using the latest ONS statistics into:

- 9,100 houses for population growth
- 11,700 extra because household sizes are shrinking
- 9,700 houses as a result of the Government's "Build, Build, Build" policy.

This amounts to growth overall in housing of 18%.

But Sturminster Marshall's total growth of 472 houses is proportionally 3 times more than that. Our fair share of Dorset growth would be only 144 houses. Plus, the draft Local Plan identifies (Fig 2.7):

- 12,050 houses with planning permission but not built yet
- 3,615 houses to be built on smaller sites
- 6,193 houses expected from infilling etc
- 737 from neighbourhood plans and 120 from rural exception sites.

That leaves 7,766 needed from new developments. But the Council are consulting on 16,570 houses in new developments, so they have planned **8804 houses too many**.

Policy DEV2 advocates development “through the small-scale Green Belt release at Lytchett Matravers and Sturminster Marshall”. The Green Belt release at Stur is for 425 houses, whilst the village has about 800 houses; that’s over 50% growth. This is not small scale for the residents, it’s on **a large and dominating scale**.

In fact nowhere else in the area has as much new growth planned, for example:

- Blandford 20% new growth
- Lytchett Matravers 14% new growth
- Corfe Mullen 10% new growth

We have until Monday March 15th to comment, then Dorset Council will decide on the sites

Referring to Corfe Mullen and Blandford, the Plan’s Green Belt Paper says, “Channelling further development to these settlements, beyond that proposed by the council may have a negative impact on local character and the local environment”. But nothing like that is said of Sturminster Marshall. Why?

Policy SEDI Development at Sturminster Marshall is **not sustainable**, in that every new resident will have to travel to a nearby town for employment, health, retail, schools, recreation and sport, and a host of other services. Realistically, none of those journeys will be on foot or bicycle, and few by bus. Climate emergency?

Policies STRM2, STRM3, STRM4 A policy to develop in the Green Belt requires “exceptional circumstances”. It is arguable whether meeting a Government target to build excess housing is exceptional, when the houses concerned are more than needed by any objective measure, and one site destroys a popular much-used and profitable golf course (confirmed by 75 golfers so far) , which is also walked by 40 villagers a day.

If developments proceed, what sorts of **affordable housing** **HOUS2** are needed? And perhaps consider contributions from developers towards a new trailway from Spetisbury to Corfe Mullen, restrictions on the use of White Mill Bridge, outdoor facilities for young people etc. But realise that education, health services, drains, roads and the like will be expected to either manage or be upgraded as demand requires.

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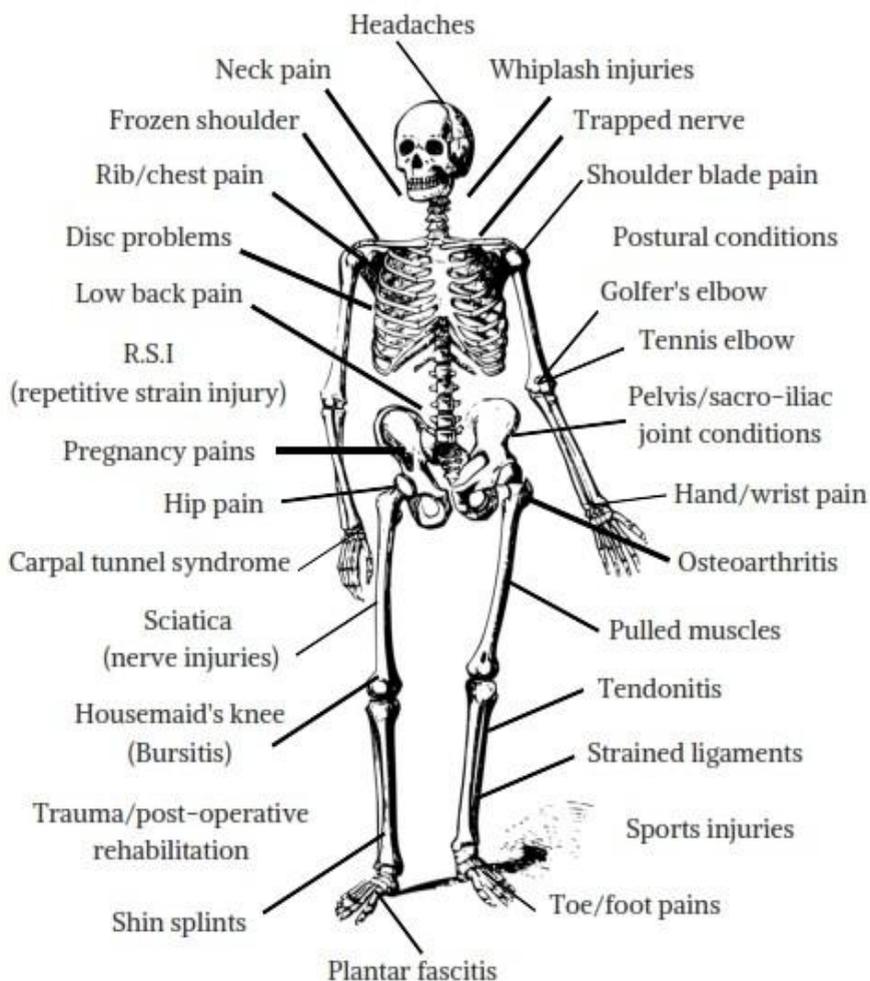
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A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.

Well, I hope that all is well with you, and maybe we will possibly soon be out of lockdown! Wishful thinking perhaps?

Last month I was bored. I had done a lot of small jobs but then went through some books which I got many years ago thinking I would read them, so over the past weeks I have read many of them. Some I cannot put down, and others were hard work. But I thought it had to get better, and I am in the position where I cannot get into a book, but I am ploughing on to get to the end. There are some books which if you read the first chapter then leave the rest and read the end it would not make any difference. I have also done a lot of clearing out and giving away stuff I have not used in many years. I have started a ball rolling and am now waiting to see where that goes! Something has started to grow while others may take longer but I know that that it will be better afterwards.

I am still meeting friends at the supermarket, getting the paper etc for Him indoors. Some I ring. Oh yes, Marion sends her love to all who know her and she hopes to come back soon. The house looks good and I know she misses the village as well as we miss having the Post office she has run for so long. I have been to see her on a rota monthly but I only stay for a short chat. I also have a family I see from day to day at the Supermarket but I still support them and they are also being helped by service. They have also been friends for many years. It is at times like these that we do need our friends. I do also miss the church, both K.L and the Minster as I have a foot in both camps and many friends. These are our lifelines at this time as well as family.

I hope some of you have had your job, I shall have had mine by the time you read this.

At the moment we are going through a bad patch of weather, very, very cold, but not too much snow, which is good! When we were children we had good snow, which was wonderful! I remember the heavy snow we had at the end of 1962/63 when it was 6" deep and we had a lovely time with it! Well, I hope you are all well and hopefully we will see each other in church when we can get back there. Soon please!

Vera



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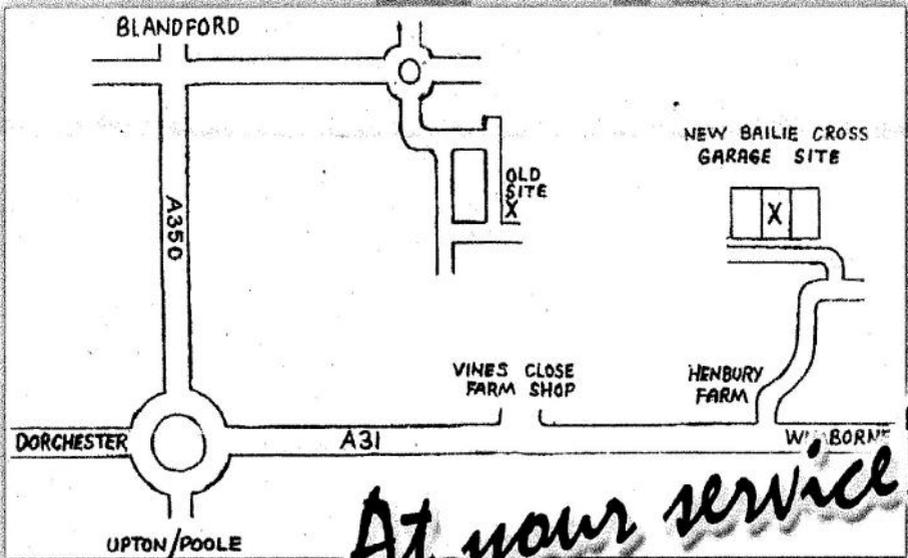
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Kingston Lacy Estate News

Spring flowers are always welcome, but never more so than this year when we need all the pleasure we can get. Snowdrops, such a cheering sight, are flowering their little hearts out at Kingston Lacy, with the Lime Walk and Fernery looking particularly spectacular. The garden is also starting to colour up with other spring flowers, from charming pink and white camellias to the bold splash of *Iris reticulata*.

The Woodland Walk is a great place for your daily exercise, but we are having to close some sections for work on trees that have sadly fallen victim to ash dieback. This fungal infection, which has spread throughout Europe, was first spotted here in 2013. Since then, trees both young and old have been affected by this devastating disease, which kills the tree over a period of years. There is no cure, but there are opportunities when trees have to be felled. Our first concern is safety, so the Rangers closely monitor trees that are close to footpaths, roads or houses. There about 400 trees across the Woodland Walk where more than half the canopy has died and these must be removed.

But this tree felling mimics a natural process. When a tree dies, it enables light to get to the woodland floor, creating a different habitat for flora; the dead wood is food for and home to many kinds of invertebrates. Ash dieback may thin woodland plantations naturally, increasing biodiversity.

We plan to replant with a mix of species in selected areas; lime, wild cherry, oak, sweet chestnut, beech, rowan and field maple will all be used. So, although the makeup of our beautiful woodlands may change, these important areas will still fulfil vital functions such as carbon sequestration and water retention.

Come March you will hopefully start to see the next generation of Kingston Lacy animals that are an important part of our conservation grazing regime. Portland lambs will be out in the parkland; the rare breed sheep may be small, but are tough enough to survive on rough vegetation, so later in the year will move on to other parts of the estate such as Holt Heath. There will also be calves from the Red Ruby Devons that were so loved by Ralph Bankes; again, these animals are key for our management of the heathland, helping to improve diversity.

Look out too for Portland hogget at the Pamphill Butchery – hogget is meat from a 18-month-old sheep, so will have a richer and fuller flavour than lamb. We're starting small, but hopefully this is a part of the Home Farm operation that will grow over time.

Back in the garden, the Japanese Garden has been enriched with 100 cherry trees, part of a celebration of British-Japanese friendship. Three varieties of cherry (*Beni-yutaka*, *Taihaku*, and *Somei-yoshino*), were chosen by the Sakura project to flower over a long period with a range of colours. Though the two-year-old trees won't look much this spring, the project will transform the Japanese garden over the next few years.



If you would like to get in touch, please email kingstonlacy@nationaltrust.org.uk.

THE BRIDGE AND LOWER STOUR CHURCHES MARCH ROTA

At the time of going to print, we are unable to publish a rota as there are so many unknowns around.

We are constantly monitoring the situation and very much hope to reopen for live worship services during March.

We apologise for the frustration and any inconvenience this causes.

There are still services every week.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

At the moment these are online and are available as pre recorded services or via Zoom¹.

Details of how to access these can be found on our website:

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¹ Unfortunately we are not able to publish the codes here, to avoid malicious use (which has happened locally elsewhere).

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| 14 th March 4 th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday) | Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2: 1-10 John 3: 14-21 |
| 21 st March 5 th Sunday of Lent | Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33 |
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English Usage, a personal view by Michael Evans

Au pair

Some sections of French society are very defensive of their language, and try to prevent English words creeping into it. It's a losing battle, as we see by their continued use of *weekend*, *management* and many other terms. We English speakers are not so worried about importing French words (and those of other foreign languages.)

The well-known term *au pair* is in the news at present, because since Brexit, foreign youngsters may not be able to obtain a visa to cover that category of visitor.

While we hope for a resolution of that problem, it's worth knowing what *au pair* actually means. The French word *pair* means *peer* (in the sense of an *equal*) and the golfing term *par* is connected with it. (It can also mean *even*, as opposed to *odd*, but that's another matter.)

People working *au pair* should have benefits such as time and opportunity to improve their English and learn about British culture, in return for a reasonable amount of work which usually includes child care or housework, as a member of the family, not an employee.

So one translation of *au pair* is *on equivalent terms*. Unfortunately, some *au pairs* have not been treated as well as that, while British families now hoping to have one may meet bureaucratic obstacles.

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The national reporting centre for fraud and cyber crime has previously warned about coronavirus vaccine scams, with many people reporting receiving fake text messages purporting to be from the NHS.

Head of Action Fraud, Pauline Smith, is warning the public to remain vigilant as fraudsters continue to act:

“It’s despicable that fraudsters will take advantage of such an important tool in the fight against this evil and deadly disease. Not only are the people being targeted with this email at risk of losing money, or having their identity stolen, but they are also at risk of not receiving the real vaccine.

“The public have been fantastic at reporting these scams to us and raising awareness in their local community as well. But unfortunately, as this latest phishing campaign shows, we still have to remain cautious and alert. Remember: anything purporting to be from the NHS asking you to pay for the vaccine, or provide your bank account or card details, is a scam.”

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I really hope you have all been able to take the opportunity to look at the Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation, and the impact it could have on this Parish. There is a lot of information online and there are Webinars that are still available on You Tube. The links can be found in the February Issue of the Bridge. The consultation started on the 18th January, and ends on the 15th March, so there is still time for you to respond to this. This is a very important document and it is vital to the future of this Parish that as many of you as possible take the time to make Dorset Council aware of the concerns you have about the proposed 475 houses. This can be done online, by email or by post.

The Neighbourhood Plan is ongoing, and we are working on gathering information. The importance of this work has become more evident with the possible provision of 475 houses as mentioned in the Dorset Council Local Plan consultation.

It has been exceptionally cold recently but as I write the wet weather is returning. Even though the vaccine roll out for COVID 19 is going well, we must all continue to take care and stay safe, and follow the Government Guide Lines. There are still a lot of us who have yet to have our first vaccine, and it is just as important even with lockdown being eased to maintain the practice of washing our hands, wearing a mask and keeping our distance.

It is a while since I have mentioned Dog Fouling in the Jottings, but unfortunately this is becoming a big problem again. If you witness anyone not picking up you can report this to the Dog Warden, details can be found online. Another problem are horses on Churchill Close Green. Horses and ponies are not allowed on Churchill Close Green. We are hoping in the very near future to put signs up warning people about dogs and horses not being allowed on this valuable public space. It is vital that we are all responsible and keep this valuable leisure space safe for children and adults to use.

We have had a visit from the company responsible for supplying some of the existing play equipment to investigate and repair one of the pieces of equipment. The maintenance of the Play Area is something we take seriously so if you become aware of any problems please make the Parish Clerk aware as soon as possible.

Another important date to note is that the 2021 Census is upon us and will be taking place on the Sunday 21st March. There are posters regarding this decade event on the Parish Noticeboards.

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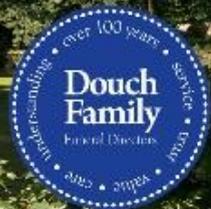
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In all honesty, not a lot has happened with SMEWI since the last article was written. The committee are still holding regular meetings via Zoom. It has been decided to hold Zoom meetings with external speakers for all our members. Our first meeting will be on Thursday 18th March at 7.30 p.m. and the speaker is Carrie Diamond, a Chelsea Flower Show gold medal winner.

We also successfully managed to enter two teams of four in the Dorset Federation annual quiz competition in January. Again, via the Zoom platform, all the team members logged in from the comfort of their home, whilst an adjudicator read out the questions and wrote our answers down. The answer papers were then sent to the head office in Dorchester and we wait to be advised if either of our teams has reached the final.

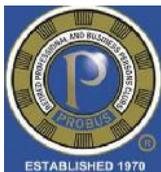
Whilst the Zoom platform has been so useful during this pandemic, it is entertaining to see what can go wrong with the technology! Recently we have seen an attorney in Texas appearing as a kitten and telling the judge that he was not a cat!! Apparently, his secretary's daughter had put a filter on to his computer which neither the attorney nor his secretary knew how to remove. Equally entertaining was the recent Handforth Parish Council planning and environment meeting when the rambunctious antics of the council chairman ended with him being booted out of the meeting. Needless to say, none of our committee meetings descend into this sort of chaos..... Heather would never allow it!!

If you would like more information about SMEWI please follow us on our website www.sturminstermarshalleveningwi.weebly.com or contact Heather Trenchard on 01258 857823 or see our Facebook page **Sturminster Marshall Evening WI**.

Gladys Quick – Vice President SMEWI

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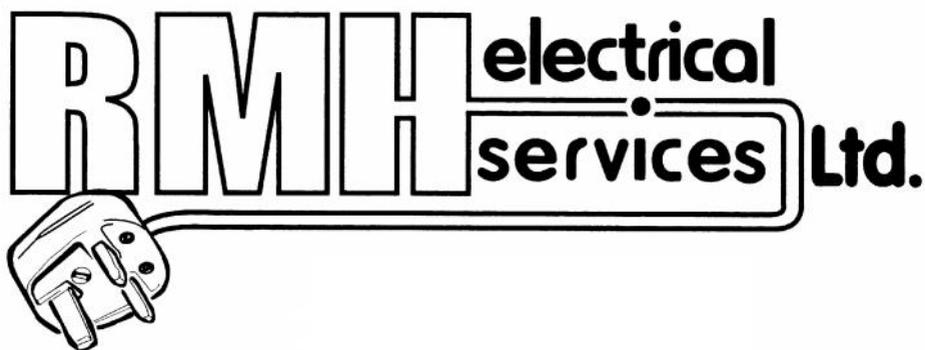
Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, which this year, falls on 17th February and finishes on the Saturday before Easter, the 3rd April. This means that all of March this year is in Lent,

Lent is a time when Christians remember the 40 days and nights Jesus spent alone in the desert without food, being tempted by the Devil. It was a time when many people fasted but nowadays some people just give up things such as chocolate or alcohol during Lent to remind them of Jesus' time in the desert.

If you count up the days between 17th February and 3rd April it comes to 46 days. This is because Sundays were not counted as they remained days of celebration and you were not required to fast on a Sunday.

What will you give up for Lent? Remember you can have Sundays off!





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2,007 reports of computer software service fraud were made to Action Fraud in December. Victims reported losing a total of £2,148,976. This is a 22% increase in reporting compared to the previous month.

Action Fraud has received reports of criminals cold calling victims purporting to be calling from well-known broadband providers primarily, claiming that the victim has a problem with their computer, router or internet. The suspect persuades the victim to download and connect via a Remote Access Tool (RAT), allowing the suspect to gain access to the victim's computer or mobile phone. Some reports also state that criminals have been using browser pop up windows to initiate contact with victims.

Victims are then persuaded to log into their online banking to receive a refund from the broadband provider as a form of compensation. This allows the suspect access to the victim's bank account, and the ability to move funds out of the victims account into a UK mule account.

There has also been an increase in the variety of service providers being impersonated, with multiple providers being affected.

Always remember:

- Genuine organisations would never contact you out of the blue to ask for personal or financial details, such as your PIN or full banking password.
- Never install any software, or grant remote access to your computer, because of a cold call.
- Don't contact companies promoting tech support services via browser pop-ups.
- Hang up on any callers that claim they can get your money back for you.
- If you have made a payment, contact your bank immediately. They can help you prevent any further losses.
- If you granted remote access to your computer, seek technical support to remove any unwanted software. If you need tech advice, look for reviews online first or ask friends for recommendations.

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud online at **actionfraud.police.uk** or by calling 0300 123 2040.

A Spring Outlook by Lys de Bray

There is a smallish square island bed near the house which is shaded by a giant hazel in summer and sheltered by it in winter. This is a spring and early summer area with permanent planting, and it is stuffed with daffodils of various kinds, mostly yellow. At the front edge of the bed is a swathe of *Ajuga reptans* 'Fortin's Giant' that has shining bronze-purple leaves from autumn to late spring when it becomes dotted with its 15cm (6") spires of blue flowers. It is an exuberant carpeter, too much so if routine is neglected because it roots as it goes and will swarm along and down and up and around smaller or more precious plants. In the right place it's a perfect plant, and here is one such right place because it forms a good contrast to the other plants here, such as *Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola' 35cm x 40cm (14" x 16"), a lively, green-striped golden grass growing in a small chimney which gives it height. It tosses and rustles with each passing breeze and this almost constant movement makes it even more noticeable than if it were planted at ground level. Nearby is a small drift of *Euphorbia amygdaloides* 'Purpurea' - 75cm x 30cm (30" x 12"), at its best now until April or May, its red-purple leaves contrasting excitingly with the acid yellow flowers. *Ruta Graveolens* - the Blue Rue, 60cm (24") has improbably glaucous blue-green leaves (more blue than green) which look great with the euphorbia, the grass and the ajuga. All these plants prefer a little shade.

In the middle of the bed is a very large *Helleborus argutifolius* - 1.2m (4ft), producing its long-lasting clusters of rigid apple-green flowers. This plant is a flopper, needing sturdy support such as a group of link-stakes. The evergreen *Tellima grandiflora* 'Purpurea' 80cm - 30cm (32" x 12") is just beginning to form tall wands of tiny green flowers. This is a useful and pretty perennial for shaded places, with attractively scalloped leaves that turn purple in cold weather. The leaves are satisfying next to *Milium effusum* 'Aureum' - Bowles' Golden Grass, 60cm x 30cm (24" x 12") that is waking up to spring with new yellow leaves now, and, later, charmingly delicate pale yellow spikelets.

On the other side of the narrow grass path is a substantial row of *Epimedium x perralchicum* 40cm x 60cm (16" x 24") with its eternally evergreen heart-shaped green leaves and sprays of pendant yellow flowers. This is an excellent plant for shade and poorish soil, where it will gradually spread and beautify its situation. Here it has a background of a variegated holly, so the soil is hungry, but very soon it will get a good barrowful of compost. Or two, depending on what's available.

Next to the epimedium is a lusty spread of *Digitalis purpurea* 'Alba' - the white foxglove, 1-2m x 60cm (3-6ft x 24"). I have looked for pink veins among the plants, but can see none so all the flowers will be white or a very pale pink. Just above and behind them is *Weigela florida* 'Variegata' which comes prettily into pale pink flower at the same time as the foxgloves; the delicate green and cream variegation of the leaves is lovely with the spires of creamy white bells, and the occasional pink flower-spike echoes the flower-colour of the weigela.

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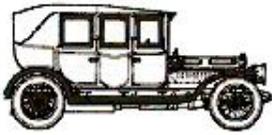


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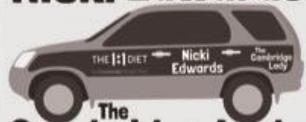
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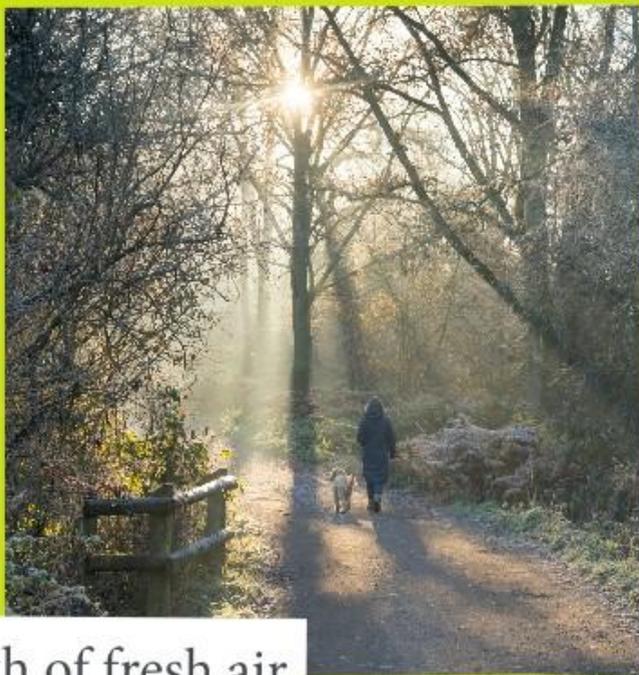
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