

# THE BRIDGE

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



**September 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month-so that the finished magazine can be sent to our printers on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.**

### Advertisements:

Our advertising fees are as shown on page 3. If you would like to place a commercial advertisement then please submit it by email to **bridgeadvertising@outlook.com**

**Please do not send any advertisements to the Editor.**

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.

**The deadline for adverts to Liz for the next issue is the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

**Inserts:** Your loose leaf inserts or flyers can also be delivered with The Bridge for £20. **Please provide 300 copies of your leaflet, in banded bundles of 25, folded to A5 size** if larger, to Jan Standing, between the **27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** of the month. Jan's email is **jan.standing47@gmail.com**.

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

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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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## **Revised Bridge magazine advertising fees**

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This year's Christmas Tree Festival will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Anyone may enter a tree into the festival, your tree may be themed if you wish and decorations may be handmade or purchased.

Thinking caps on and more information next month!

## **LADIES**

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# **From The Church**

## **Harvest**

I love this time of year although I am not sure the farm workers do!!!!

The sound of the combines working in the fields, tractors and their trailers out on the country lanes and before you know it a field is transformed – no longer is the crop swaying in the wind but neat little stacks are dotted around the landscape and all that is left is the stubble. It seems it's a season longed for and waited for and in an instant it has passed. I often think how satisfying it must be to work the land (but no doubt incredibly stressful too, worrying about the crops yield).

We are truly blessed to live in such an area, I am never cross at following a tractor on a road because we would be lost without them – they do vital work for us all.

I visited a parishioner recently who generously gave me a home-grown cucumber (which was divine) and a bag full of runner beans. They remarked as they thrust the gift into my arms with a smile on their face how they can never figure out why all that they grow always ripens at the same moment so cannot possibly be eaten in time before it goes over its 'best before'... I guess this is so we can share with others what we have. Harvest is that time of sharing – be that vegetables or other gifts we may have. It is the classic time when we remember we are part of the wider world and what we have is not necessarily what others have... we remember the Food Banks are empty and people are facing really awful decisions financially, and so we give what we can. To give is something we do to bless another but as Proverbs (a book in the bible) comments that 'one person gives freely yet gains even more'. There is something about giving... by doing so we receive a blessing too... and we know we have done what is right and good. We have made a difference to another, and they have made a difference to us.

So, I know times are hard for us all but if you can – what can you give this harvest? Home grown vegetables? The time to visit a neighbour? The hand of friendship to those who may be lonely or grieving? A financial contribution to a Food Bank maybe? Or the offer of your practical skills to someone? There are so many ways to give... my prayer this month is that we know what it is to be truly blessed – to give as we have been given.

**Rev Suzie Allen**

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

### August Draw

#### Main draw

£50 75 Liz and John Hodgson  
£30 162 Jean Turner  
£20 76 Hilary Palmer

#### Bonus draw

£50 105 Jane Champion

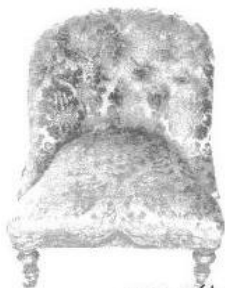
Congratulations to this month's winners.

There have been more than 100 NUMBERS sold and so a £50 Bonus NUMBER was drawn in August. Bonus draws for £50, £30 and £20 will be drawn each month from September until the end of the year. If you want to join at £2 a month please contact one of the committee members listed below.

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

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## SEPTEMBER FILMS

|                                                        |                                                 |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>                    | Jesus Revolution (12A)                          | 7.30pm.      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>                    | And then come the Nightjars (15)                | 7.30pm,      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                                       | “ “ “ “ “                                       | 1.30pm.      |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake (Recorded Screening) | 7.30pm, £15. |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> | Bolan's Shoes (15tbc)                           | 7.30pm,      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                                       | “ “                                             | 2.30pm.      |

## SEPTEMBER SHOWS

|                  |                                                    |                 |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Sounds of Philadelphia & Motown                    | 7.30pm, £24.    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Aynsley Lister & his Band                          | 7.30pm, £21.50. |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Super Duper 70's Show                              | 7.30pm, £23.    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Lionel – The Music of Lionel Richie                | 8pm, £24.       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Barry Steel presents: The Roy Orbison Story        | 7.30pm, £26.    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Bay City Rollers                                   | 7.30pm, £25.    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | 1999 The Ultimate Prince Experience                | 7.30pm, £27.    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Country Superstars                                 | 7.30pm, £24.    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Go Now: The Music of The Moody Blues               | 7.30pm, £26.50. |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Climax Blues Band                                  | 7.30pm, £22.0.  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Coda: A Tribute to Led Zeppelin                    | 7.30pm, £20.    |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Mark Harrison Band – Rescheduled date              | 7.30pm, £26.50. |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Wishbone Ash 2023                                  | 7.30pm, £27.50. |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | The Kast Off Kinks                                 | 7.30pm, £22.50. |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Toyah & Robert's Sunday Lunch 2023 Rock Party Tour | SOLD OUT        |

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## NEWS FROM THE RED POST: A NEW VICAR

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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 September 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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***The Mackrell Charity  
at The Old School  
September & October  
Activities***



**Social Lunch Club on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon**

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**Charity Cream Teas - 2.30-5pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**in aid of the Church Preservation Trust.**

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**Discovery Café - 2.30pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Remap - creating devices to help the disabled**  
**An illustrated talk by John Garnish.**

**7<sup>th</sup> October – Exploring the quiet lanes and villages of Dorset**  
**by Jackie Winter.**

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**Play reading on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm -**  
**Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead - by Tom Stoppard**

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**Thursday morning bridge group 10am - 12.30pm.**

**Contact Katy Norman on 01258 857081 or**  
**katy.norman1@btinternet.com.**

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**Lecture Series**

**‘The Pen is Mightier than the Sword’**  
**Begins on 4<sup>th</sup> October, as does the Film Society.**  
**More details in the October Bridge.**

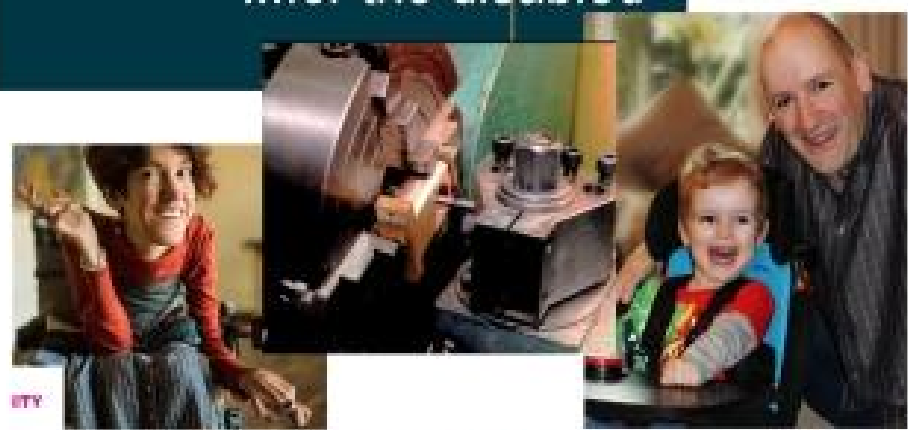
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# The Old School Film Society

## PROGRAMME 2023-24:

Thursdays. At 7.30pm

October 12<sup>th</sup>

“Dr Mabuse the gambler”. 1922 Fritz Lang

November 9<sup>th</sup>

“La Grande Illusion” 1937 Jean Renoir

December 14<sup>th</sup>

“The Big Sleep” 1946 Howard Hawks

January 11<sup>th</sup>

“La Dolce Vita” 1960 Federico Fellini

February 8<sup>th</sup>

“Brazil” 1985 Terry Gilliam

March 14<sup>th</sup>

Sally’s ‘Musical’ Evening Topic TBA

‘Dr Mabuse’ is a silent film with musical accompaniment.

Where the original sound film is not English (November & January) there will be English sub-titles.

Membership is as always on a seasonal basis for £25. This can be paid either in advance or on the first evening.

Guests are welcome if introduced by a member @ £5 per showing. This includes tea or coffee at the start.

Members are welcome to bring their own alcohol and use the Old School’s glasses.

There will be a short introduction to explain some of the context... and opportunity for discussion after the film.

For further details look on the Mackrell Charity website.

## Mellow Morning Musing - JRL 2020

The summer days are shortening  
The blue heat haze no more  
Those long hot days of clearing skies  
Now autumn mist hangs low  
The air is crisp this early morn  
The sun's warmth soon will go

The hedgerows yield their wealth of fruits  
Before the spring brings new grown shoots  
The brambles offer their trusses of berries  
Glossy and ripe to the eye  
The making of jam and crumble too  
And of course a blackberry pie!

The clambering hops reach into the trees  
Entwined in the branches high  
Their seed cones like miniature Tiffany shades  
Hang pendulous from the sky

The blue suede sloes....  
An abundant crop  
Ready for pickin'  
In Gin for dippin'  
I'll raise a glass with a drop!

The Dog Roses now bear hips bright and red  
And the Haw berries too are deep crimson  
A meal for the migrant flocks on the wing  
A nourishing fruit to feed on

The cattle amble their way from the parlour  
To the meadows by the river  
The hens scritch and scratch in the long paddock grass  
As I spy "Reynard".....  
Stealthily poised, bushy brush all a'quiver  
Perchance to catch a feathery feast  
A delicious family dinner!

These days of mellow fruitfulness  
Give a warm and comforting glow  
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As I take my morning stroll  
A season to reflect upon  
Before the winter snow.



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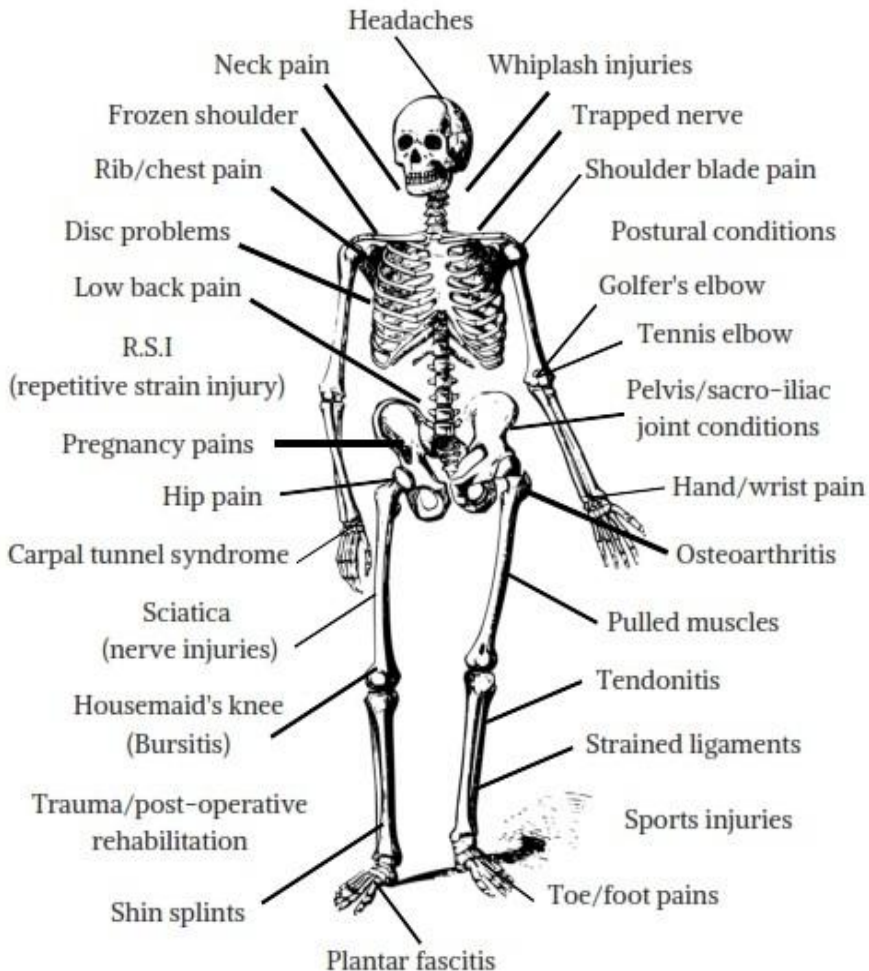
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## **A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.**

It's funny how your thoughts change. One day last month I did not know what to put in this month's magazine, then life throws things to you and, hey presto! I know what to write about.

For many years on the second Tuesday of the month I go to the Methodist church in Wimborne where there is a group of people from other churches who meet for prayers each month. Well, last month I went to town as I had a few things to do leaving me with time to finish and then go to the church for 12.30 till 1 pm then having our lunches with tea and coffee. I had time to wait so as I have not had a good look round the shops of the town for a long time I decided to go round and see what changes have happened. First of all I can see that the shops do not brush off the front of the shop as I did. Also some of them put out their goods on the pavement, which can be difficult to walk round. Some of the shops I remember have gone and have been replaced by clothes shops. I looked around and so many have gone but at least there are two food shops. I know that years ago there was an understanding that no similar shops could be close to others. Now that is not the same with at least six shoe shops close to each other and now we are getting a Marks and Spencer coming with food and clothing! Does Wimborne have no say in what is happening to our town? We have lost banks, so what next? I did go round some of the shops. They are so full that if you had got a baby pram you would have difficulty getting round them! Perhaps they do not want other shops, only food and clothes and shoe shops. Please help the people who have the shops like the book shop and cater for the visitors and the locals. Can they keep going or are the people changing and am I getting too old to see that? I hope others feel the same.

And I did get to the Methodist church and the prayer group was small as a lot of them who come each month were away or had family with them. But please do come and share a prayer with them.

**Vera**





**Do you need a comfortable well-equipped venue for a family party, a meeting, a practice venue for your band or choir or any other gathering?**



The Old School, Sturminster Marshall which is situated opposite the Church and next to the Red Lion Pub is available for hire at very reasonable rates. It had a new kitchen fitted in 2019 with a commercial dishwasher and twin cookers both having induction hobs and a total of 4 ovens. A wide serving hatch links to the main hall. There are ladies', men's and disabled toilets. The main hall can seat 80-100 people, although this number is reduced when tables are in use. Ample tables and upholstered chairs are available. The Old School has a licence for serving alcohol.

For further details see website [www.mackrellcharity.org.uk/venue-hire](http://www.mackrellcharity.org.uk/venue-hire) or contact Val Brown on 07788 423281 or email [hall.mackrell@outlook.com](mailto:hall.mackrell@outlook.com)

The logo features the words "RIDE + STRIDE" in a large, bold, orange font. The letter "D" in "RIDE" is stylized with a gear-like pattern. Above the text are decorative elements: a string of light blue circles on the left and a string of light blue triangles on the right. Below the main text, the words "for Churches" are written in a white, sans-serif font inside a bright green rectangular box.

# RIDE + STRIDE for Churches

Come and join a winning team!

Riders and Striders from St. Mary's Church, Sturminster Marshall, will once again be taking part in the sponsored Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event on **Saturday 09 September 2023**.

Half the money raised is returned to St. Mary's Church, the balance going to the grant fund from which we have recently received support. Last year St Mary's received £1400 from sponsorship money.

Could you support this year's campaign, by taking part? Cycle or walk with established participants or go alone or encourage your friends to join you. There is no minimum distance or number of churches to visit.

Cannot take part? Just sponsor a team member.

Families, friends or individuals, please join us for great day out cycling, walking or riding in the glorious Dorset countryside.

Good luck to everyone.

Details of how to take part are on the DHCT website or available from:

Liz Jones, Parish Organiser

Email: [lizandpetejones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizandpetejones@yahoo.co.uk) or Tel: 01258 857076

## Social Lunch Club

### Old School Hall, Sturminster Marshall

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**We offer a 2-course lunch for £6.**

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

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

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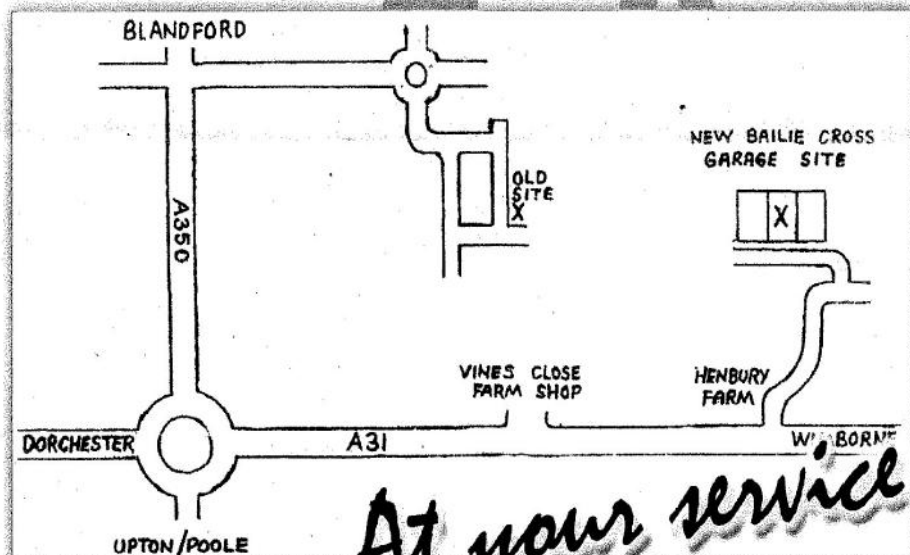
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## **Kingston Lacy Estate News**

### **Sheep grazing at Pamphill Green**

Keen eyes may have recently noticed a new addition to Pamphill Green, the Kingston Lacy flock of rare breed Portland ewes.

We decided to begin grazing the green for two reasons. First, traditional hay cutting has become unviable; the bales cannot be used as a food source for the livestock due to the large amounts of dog faeces on the site.



Picture by Amy Millard

Dog faeces are the main source of the bacteria *Neospora*, which causes abortions in infected cattle. Kingston Lacy's herd of Ruby Red Devons is incredibly important, not just to the estate and the Banks legacy but as a national herd, so we want to do all we can to prevent this.

Hay cutting for disposal is also an expensive and time-consuming endeavour – the funds we save from this can be used to better effect around the estate.

Secondly, grazing by livestock is by far the most efficient way to manage this species-rich meadow, enabling the grasses to grow and be converted back into a rich food source for future plants. We have chosen to use the sheep as they are easier to manage than the herd of Red Devons on such a busy site. The sheep will be protected by electric fencing, and all paths kept open so as not to affect walkers on the green. We do, however, ask that all dogs remain on a lead when next to the grazing blocks.

Grazing over the green will likely take place twice a year: once in early spring and again in late summer, once the meadow flowers have seeded. Our rare breed Portland sheep are perfect for this task and we plan to graze them here as part of our rotational grazing system across the estate.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact me on 07769 881395 or the main office 01202 883402.

**Rob Groves, Kingston Lacy Farm Manager**

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>: 13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

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

## **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> :**

7.00pm Installation of Revd Jane Williams at St. Mary's,  
Stur. Marshall

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>: 14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

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

9.15am Holy Communion St. Stephen's, Kingston Lacy

## **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>:**

18.30pm **Harvest** at St. Mary's, Almer

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>: 15<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

9.15am Morning Service 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 24<sup>th</sup>: 16<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

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

9.15am Family Service and **Harvest** at Chissell Farm

## **Weekday Services**

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

Wednesdays at 11am Midweek Communion, Wimborne Minster

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

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

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## English Usage by Michael Evans

### Emphasis

After my thoughts on emphasis last month, I've been noticing how some people have their own ways of using stress in speech. One purpose of stress is to differentiate between, say, a noun and a verb which are spelt the same; for example, refuse and refuse. In addition, we have adverbs such as **very** and **really** to emphasise the importance of a word, but they are often overused.

Many people say not only that something is **really** interesting (or stupid etc) but that it is **really, really** interesting. I think that a single **really** is quite (and not quite, quite) adequate.

In standard English, the final letter of the definite article **the** is a “*schwa*”, making it pronounced **thuh**. It changes to **thee** for emphasis, otherwise it should be only when a vowel sound follows, as in “*the other day*.”. But several radio and TV presenters say **thee**, no matter what word follows. It's not against any rule, but it diminishes the usefulness of the stressful version when it's **really, really** needed.

Answers to last month's anagrams:-

PRISON ACTOR - CONSPIRATOR

COORDINATE- DECORATION

I PRESS BAR - SPARE RIBS

DIANA A BUTCHER – CHATEAUBRIAND

This month's anagrams:-

DRILL SITE – Where whisky is made

NICE ARTICLE – Could make your home brighter

SPIRIT YACHTS – May sort out your mental health

FACE GENT SOON – She should first reach this

### 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.

September 1<sup>st</sup>    Trekking the Himalayas through a nurseryman's eyes –  
Clive Groves

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## Model Railway Exhibition

The Central Southern Gauge O Group (CSGOG) are pleased to announce their Annual O Gauge Model Railway Exhibition, which will be larger this year. It will be held on Sunday 22nd October at the Allendale Centre, Hanham Road, Wimborne BH21 1AS. Admittance is only £6, with accompanied young children free. Doors are open from 10am until 4pm.

A particular attraction for the children this year will be a very large LEGO WORLD train layout – with lots of trains running around.

For the more discerning model railway enthusiast there will be ten layouts including some 7mm scale narrow gauge models. As usual we will have our large test track, thirteen model railway sales stands, a bring & buy stall and some railway societies.

To the right is one of the many fine model layouts seen at last year's show.



Compliments we received last year included “Great show”, “Thank you for a good show, well organised”, “Thanks for an enjoyable exhibition”, “Wimborne is becoming the must go to O gauge show”.

For those of you who don't know, O gauge is twice the size of OO gauge (normally associated with Hornby). A lot of the models you will see are often hand built from kits or other materials with a great deal of skill. The scenery on the layouts can also be quite outstanding and very intricate.

Apart from the exhibition the CSGOG normally meet during the evening of the second Wednesday of the month at the Allendale Centre. See our website for details: **[www.csgog.org](http://www.csgog.org)**.

Visitors of all ages and modelling abilities are always made welcome at our meetings. So if you're interested in model railways we'd love to meet you one evening. There's no obligation to join our group, but we hope you will be inspired by what you see and after a few visits want to become a member.

## **WIMBORNE MUSIC SOCIETY/PSD MUSIC UPDATE**

Dear Friends, just a reminder of forthcoming musical events.

### **PSD Soirées at 7.15 pm**

There is no charge for admission to the following Soirées but there will be a Retiring Collection from which, after expenses, a donation will be made to the host Church.

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at St. Peter's, Pimperne**

*(Church Road, Pimperne, DT11 8UD)*

***Vox Serenata (Vocal Quartet) / Christopher Dowie – Piano***

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at St. Nicholas, Durweston**

*(Church Road, Durweston, DT11 0QA)*

***Convivial Brass***

#### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Trinity, Stourpaine**

*(Manor Road, Stourpaine, DT11 8JZ)*

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### **EVENTS IN THE WIMBORNE AREA:-**

#### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at St. Nicholas Church, Corfe Mullen – 10 am to 5 pm**

*(30, Wareham Road, Corfe Mullen, WIMBORNE, Dorset. BH21 3LE)*

**An invitation to join Wimborne Choral Society in a “COME AND SING DAY”, exploring Karl Jenkins’ “STABAT MATER”.**

**See Wimborne Choral Society Website for full details.**

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Wimborne Minster at 7.30 pm**

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# STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS

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It has certainly been good old British summer weather this year so far, although as I write they are promising better weather by the end of the week, lets hope they are right. The Parish Council Meeting for September has been moved to the earlier date of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023, time and venue remain unchanged.

Last month I mentioned about the 20mph limit meeting, and I am pleased to say that enough volunteers have come forward to take the next step of setting up the Community Speed Watch group, and a training session has been arranged with Dorset Police in early September.

As part of the current maintenance work in the Playground area, we now have the replacement safety signs in place. Please do adhere to the safety requirements when entering the Playground area.

The A350 closure for works to be carried out by Southern Gas Networks has caused problems as expected with the village becoming a rat run. In particular, the traffic crossing White Mill Bridge has been a problem and we did highlight this on more than one occasion to Dorset Highways.

I mentioned this last month, but I feel that it needs mentioning again, I have noticed a lot of brambles and hedges desperately in need of trimming. Please cut and clear any foliage from your property that is overhanging the pavement and highway, but please do so in a safe manner.

As part of the Parish Climate Change Action Plan, we are purchasing 4 new trees in the Autumn to celebrate the Coronation and we have expressed an interest with Dorset Council for provision of an Electric Car Charge Point at the Memorial Hall. The Neighbourhood Plan steering group are now hard at work updating the Plan as a result of the Consultation ready for submission, and climate change is integral to the Plan document.

## **Recent Plans:**

P/CLP/2023/04202 144 High Street, Sturminster Marshall. BH21 4BA.

The proposal is to take down part of an existing conservatory and replace this with something of the same size, footprint and roof pitch and height.

P/HOU/2023/03667 Rangemoor, Rushall Lane, Sturminster Marshall. BH16 6AJ.  
Rear single storey pitched roof extension and convert loft space including front mono pitched dormer, rear flat roof dormer and roof windows.

P/HOU/2023/02177 6 Townsend, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4AR.  
Single storey rear extension.

P/LBC/2023/03412 Maypole Cottage, Front Lane, Sturminster Marshall. BH21 4BW.

Geopolymer resin injection to underpin foundations of south corner.

P/FUL/2023/04036 Meadow Farm, Mill Street, Wimborne.  
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Thursday evenings 6.15pm – 9.15pm,

All sessions are held in the Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall.

It is a great sport for all ages and we would welcome some younger players, so do come along. The club owns several sets of bowls and these can be lent to players who do not have their own, but they must remain on the premises. Completely flat shoes must be worn on the mats.

We are a mixed club and we do not compete in leagues, so the emphasis is on pleasure and not pressure. We do join other local clubs for just friendly matches.

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The aim of the game is to get your ball as close as possible to the jack (the small white ball). Although it sounds straightforward, we soon realised ensuring the bowl stops near to the jack can be tricky as bowls do not travel in a straight line – it is definitely a tactical game! Fortunately, a group of very patient and encouraging club members volunteered to share their expertise to coach us. They also provided us with a splendid buffet and supervised a fun competition to finish off a very enjoyable evening.

In other sporting news... our marvellous Walking Netball team, Stur Crazy, triumphed at a WI tournament which took place recently in Swanage. They won all their games and brought home the trophy. Well done ladies!

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### **September – continued from page 13**

On 7 September 1838, Grace Darling, daughter of the keeper of Longstone lighthouse on the Farne Islands off the coast of Northumberland, risked her life to rescue ship wrecked mariners. With her father, she rowed a tiny boat for over a mile through mountainous seas at the height of the storm to rescue nine people marooned on a rock. They were the only survivors of the steamship *Forfarshire*, which had run aground and broken up. The courage that Grace and her family showed on that day is now legendary.



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## Comments to The Editor

Dear Sir,

While I admire Lys de Bray for her excellent gardening articles, I would suggest you do not employ her as your resident film critic. While Marilyn Monroe was indeed a cast member of "Some Like it Hot", Jane Russell most certainly was not. The two stars were together in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."

But as Jack Lemmon says as the final line in "Some Like it Hot," - "Nobody's perfect!"

I know I should get out more, but I have Jack Lemmon in drag on a continuous loop on my video recorder.

Yours etc.,

Bob Parke, onetime resident of Sturminster Marshall.

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**More about Tulips by Lys de Bray**

In last month's article I promised you horticultural stories; this one is dated in the year of 1554.

The then ambassador, Buzbecq was on his way to Constantinople as it was then called, and on his way home he saw he saw a great quantity of red flowers resembling lilies. He took some bulbs and seed home and grew them on. Other travelers also brought seed and probably bulbs to Holland and by about 1578 the plant was known in England. A professor of botany at Leyden called Carolus Clusias acquired some of these bulbs, then called Tulipas. Recognising that these 'new' flowers would become popular he planted some in his garden, but one night many of his best 'plants' were stolen. (There must have been a significant period of time elapsing for him to have grown his own plants) He is said to have offered them for sale at enormous prices, so large that nobody could afford to buy them. The plant-thieves knew what they were doing and immediately went to work growing on more of their stolen goods to produce large numbers of bulbs and plants to sell. Owning, growing, buying, selling and even investing in tulips became a craze and 'Tulipomania' was born. (Growing tulips from seed takes about seven years and there is no certainty that the offspring will resemble the parent.) Huge prices were paid for the bulbs which often changed hands for vast sums and were sold on for even vaster sums and some of the investors never even saw the colour or colours of the flowers they'd bought. A descriptive language grew up for the flowers which must have been helpful: 'flamed' flowers had a streaked main colour like purple on a white ground : 'feathered' were similar but with more white: another bolder, flamed variety 'Croune is pictured as red on yellow: a very beautiful feathered variety 'Weedow' is shown as having more delicate blackish-purple streaks on a beautiful silver-grey ground: an unnamed variety is described as Bizarre, feathered:, and another named variety 'Royalle has strong pink-purple streaks on a paler to-white ground and doubtless there were many more. These old varieties have since died out.

Nowadays we take the illustrated bulb catalogues for granted but in days gone by the flowers would have been painted in oils or water-colour and these pictures might also have been for sale, unless as is more probable they were needed for reference.

I wish I were still gardening - I'd have yards of them, and I wish I were still painting, too. If you want to grow some special tulips you can get a catalogue from J. Parker, (Dutch Bulbs) Wholesale Ltd Dept. WX0721, 14 Hadfield Street, Old Trafford,, Manchester M16 9FG. online [www.dutchbulbs.co.uk](http://www.dutchbulbs.co.uk). Phone: 0161 848 1124.



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