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



September 2025

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THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

Bridge Publications is the committee which produces the Bridge Magazine for the communities of Sturminster Marshall, Shapwick, Pamphill and Cowgrove. It is financially independent of these communities: its revenue comes from advertising fees and fundraising activities. Our Chairman is Barry Johnson, our Editor is Tony Cross, our Deputy Editor is Sally Plowright 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** size pages, in **MS Word (.doc or .docx)**, or it can be a **.jpg file or .pdf file**, to both the Editor at **tcenator@gmail.com** and the Deputy Editor at **bridgemagazinedorset@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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Barry Johnson - on behalf of the Bridge Committee

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## From The Church

Dear All,

**God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. 1 John 4.16**

I'm in the process of conducting a lot of weddings across just a few weeks and I can't begin to describe what an absolute privilege marrying couples is, celebrating their love together with family and friends. There's a very special moment during the service when the priest 'declares' that they are now husband and wife. Of course, it is not just the actual wedding day, it's getting to know them beforehand and being involved with the couple from the time they book their date, helping them to plan their special ceremony and to think about what marriage means to them as individuals and as a couple is also an honour. It's amazing what I get to find out!

I love the part of the marriage preface which reads: "Marriage is a way of life made holy by God, and blessed by the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ with those celebrating a wedding at Cana in Galilee. Marriage is a sign of unity and loyalty which all should uphold and honour. It enriches society and strengthens community." During my curacy I travelled to Cana as a pilgrim and visited the site where this miracle is believed to have taken place, it was really interesting to see.

In September St Andrew's Church in Bloxworth in conjunction with the Bloxworth Club will be holding a Wedding Fair on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. It sounds like a really great event is planned and it would be great to visit and support this venture. You never know, you may be inspired to hold your own event promoting weddings and the importance of relationships.

We have some beautiful churches across the Red Post area, each one with its own unique story to tell. Churches are more than bricks and mortar, they are a community of people gathering together in relationship with God through Jesus Christ, attempting to live out their faith. It's wonderful to see so many couples wanting to get married here and particularly to see relationships flourishing in and through gaining a connection when necessary.

With every blessing,

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

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

### **August Draw**

#### **Main draw**

|     |     |                   |
|-----|-----|-------------------|
| £50 | 25  | Phil Parslow      |
| £30 | 70  | Heather Trenchard |
| £20 | 172 | Bob Parke         |

Congratulations to this month's winners. If you would like to support St Mary's Church, please join the 100 Club lottery, by contacting one of the committee listed below. NUMBERS cost just £2 per month.

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

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

Sonia Cade: Bailie View, 24 Dullar Lane, Sturminster Marshall (07717614270)

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|-----------|------------------------------|--------|
| 1st – 4th | Four Letters of Love         | 7.30pm |
| 30th      | Banff Mountain Film Festival | 7.30pm |

## SEPTEMBER SHOWS

*All at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated*

|             |                                                 |                  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 3rd         | One Night of Adele                              |                  |
| 7th         | David Graham & The Eskimo Brothers              |                  |
| 10th        | Chris Jagger                                    |                  |
| 11th        | Lipstick On Your Collar 2025                    |                  |
| 13th        | Celine: My Heart Will Go On                     |                  |
| 14th        | The Bird Dogs – The Everly Brothers Celebration |                  |
| 17th        | Jim Davidson: The Next Chapter                  |                  |
| 20th        | Lionel: The Music of Lionel Richie 2025         | <b>NB 8.00pm</b> |
| 21st        | Mike Osman's Jethro                             |                  |
| 24th        | Moving Pictures: A Tribute to the music of Rush |                  |
| 25th – 27th | The 39 Steps – Revive Theatre                   |                  |
| 28th        | Los Pacaminos                                   |                  |
| 29th        | Milton Jones: "Ha!Milton"                       |                  |

**St Mary's Church**  
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***Discovery Café- 2.30pm on 6th September  
“Photographing the Jurassic Coast”  
An illustrated talk by Steve Bulasco***

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***Social lunch  
Wednesday, 10th September at 12 noon***

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***Play reading on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.00pm  
“The Breadwinner” by Somerset Maugham***

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***Bridge group continues on Thursday mornings at 10am  
for more info contact Katy Norman on 01258 857081  
or [katy.norman1@btinternet.com](mailto:katy.norman1@btinternet.com)***

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***See our website and separate posters in the Bridge  
for details of all our activities.***

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**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

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Every year Dorset Historic Churches Trust runs a sponsored Ride+Stride event and invites everybody to take part.

This heritage organisation raises money to support the repair and maintenance of our historic church buildings. Half of the money raised is returned to the nominated Church or Chapel and Dorset Historic Churches Trust use the balance to give grants to maintain historic Dorset churches.

***Taking part***

- ✓ People walk, run, ride a bicycle, a horse or a mobility scooter and plan a route to visit Dorset churches.
- ✓ There is no specified number of churches to be visited between 10am and 6pm. The start and finish can be at any location – a good opportunity to explore a new area of Dorset.
- ✓ This is for individuals or groups of people. Anyone can take part.
- ✓ It could be a family day out. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

***Sponsorship***

- ✓ Sponsorship could be for the number of churches visited, miles covered or an amount for taking part.
- ✓ Money can be raised through a Just Giving page or a traditional sponsorship form.
- ✓ Half the money raised through sponsorship is returned to the nominated church.
- ✓ If donations are Gift Aided the amount is raised by 25%.

**For sponsorship forms and further details contact Liz Jones:  
[lizandpetejones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizandpetejones@yahoo.co.uk) / 07964475120 / [www.dhct.org.uk](http://www.dhct.org.uk)**

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## **Social Lunch Club**

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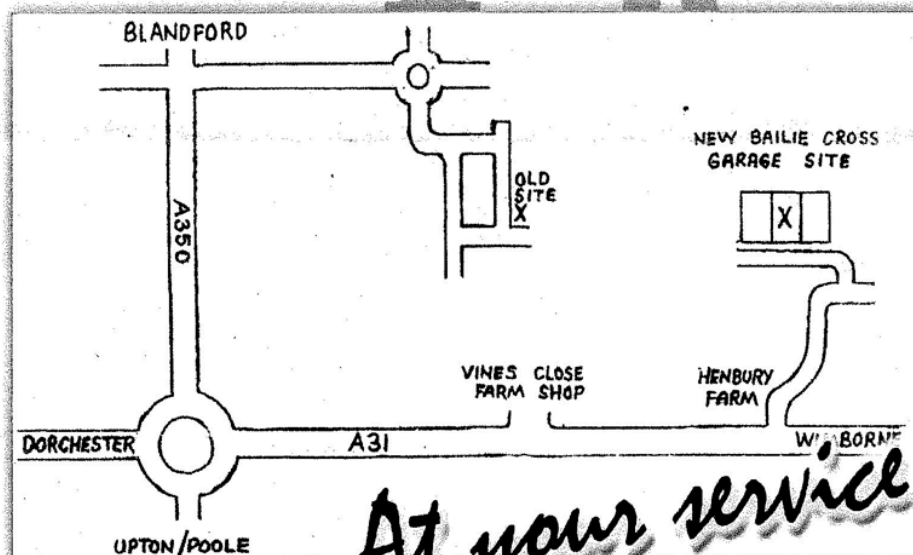
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# “EATING TOGETHER” *and* “FOOD NOISE”

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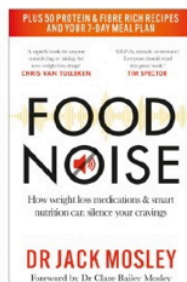
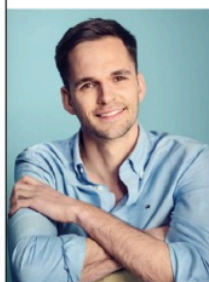
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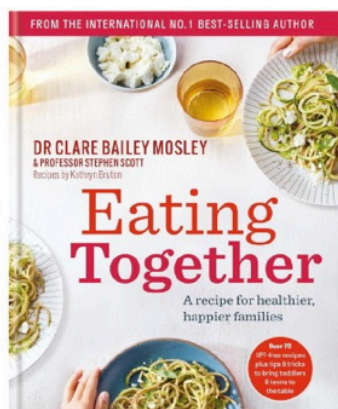
"Food Noise: How weight loss medications and smart nutrition can silence your cravings" explains how the voice in your head telling you to look for your next meal or snack



can be relentless and deafening, making it increasingly difficult to eat well and to sustain a healthy weight. "Food Noise" weighs up the pros and cons of the so-called 'miracle' GLP-1 drugs such as Ozempic, Wegovy and Mounjaro.

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### ***“What is Grammar?”***

The earliest record of the word “grammar” appeared in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, when it applied to people who studied Greek, Latin and French and were scholars or “Men of letters.” The word developed the meaning “learning” in general, and led to the term “grammar school.”

The main meaning of “grammar” is a set of rules, including morphology, syntax and semantics, which help to standardise the structure of words in sentences. The word “glamour” is thought to have been coined in the 1720s by Robert Burns in his line “Ye gipsy gang that deal in glamour, and you deep read in hell’s black grammar.”

Last month’s anagrams

A GREAT INN – ARGENTINA

PIG REASON – SINGAPORE

This month’s anagrams

TRENCH COAT – Expert in politics or industry - one word)

I PROCURE HOTEL – Belgian detective (two words)

### **Sturminster Marshall Gardening Club Programme 2025**

**Wednesday 17th September**

**“Potted plants and demonstration” David Bassil**

**Wednesday 15th October**

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### **Sunday 14th: Trinity 13**

- 9.15am Holy Communion at St. Stephen's, Kingston Lacy  
9.15am Sung Eucharist at St. Mary's, Stur Marshall  
11.00am Holy Communion at Winterborne Zelston

### **Sunday 21st: Trinity 14**

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

### **Sunday 28th: Trinity 15**

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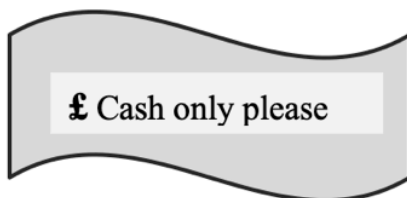
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## **STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS**

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The summer is coming to a close and we have had exceptionally hot weather. In light of the collapse of branches of the Holme Oak in Churchill Close recently, please check your trees. The Parish Council annually have all trees that are their responsibility inspected and maintained as part of keeping the community safe and the trees in good condition. I know I posted this last month but it is important for the future of the Parish. The Dorset Council Local Plan and Transport Plan should have finally been released in August. The Consultation will run from the 18<sup>th</sup> August to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Please take time to read these important documents and pass on any comments. There is a link on the Parish Council web page and on social media. Dorset Council would prefer you to send any comments back online, but if you do not have access online, send them by post. Drop-in sessions will be held at various venues, these will be advertised in the press and online. For more info go to [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing) Sadly, people are still taking dogs into the Play Area, this is forbidden under Dorset Council public space protection orders. It is a danger to the health of the families that use this vital community asset. As the situation does not appear to be improving, we will have look into employing the Dog Warden to assist with this issue, and as mentioned last month this will have to be funded from Parish Council funds. Our annual play area inspection has been completed. We are pleased to report the equipment is in good condition and safe, with only a few minor repairs needed. The benches at Station Road and Trafalgar Green have now been fully refurbished and are ready to be enjoyed. It was decided at the last Council meeting a 20mph zone would be applied for and to include the whole of the village. A new 'Please Slow Down' sign is now in place on Newton Road to help address speeding concerns. I hope you have put the date in your diary for the next community litter pick on Saturday 4th October 2025. This will start at 2.00pm at the Memorial Hall, and as usual equipment will be provided along with refreshments for when you have finished. At our July meeting, the Parish Council awarded grants to local organisations and approved the annual Community Bus subsidy. Thank you to all those supporting our Parish!

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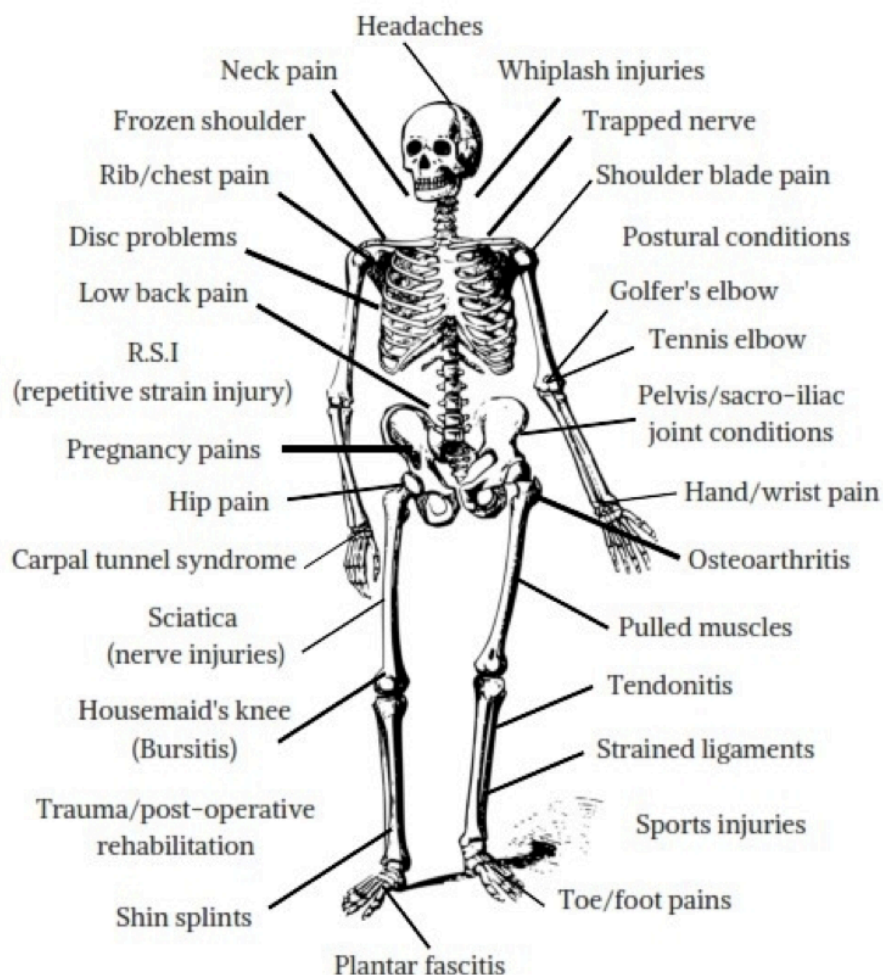
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On display will be O gauge models (that's twice the size of the more common Hornby Trains). There will be several operational layouts, including vintage tin plate (always very popular with children); the group's own test track; model engineering demo; model railway traders; a bring & buy stall and several railway societies.

And, of course, at the Allendale there is plenty of parking and a café on site.

You will no doubt find the scenery on the layouts fascinating with so much detail lovingly applied, to make it look just like the real thing – but in miniature.

Apart from the exhibition the CSGOG normally meet from 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Allendale Centre. See our website for details: [www.csog.org](http://www.csog.org)

Visitors of all ages and modelling abilities are always made welcome at our meetings. So, if you are 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.



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Some of our Walking Netballers have taken part in friendly training sessions and games in July at Child Okeford and Bridport. Both sessions were great fun and we are planning on meeting up with the other teams again in the near future. We are always on the lookout for new players to join us.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

September for a social evening with a specially curated quiz made up of many fun parts. An event not to be missed.

We are always delighted to welcome new members and you don't need to be a resident in Sturminster Marshall to be able to attend.

For more information about SMEWI, please contact Christine Rainsford on 01258 857413 or visit our website [www.sturminstermarshalleveningwi.weebly.com](http://www.sturminstermarshalleveningwi.weebly.com).

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The Parish Council meets  
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## Kingston Lacy Estate News

Say hello to Edward II of Colesden—the latest addition to the Red Devon herd at Kingston Lacy.

Edward II arrived at Home Farm on 23 July, after a long drive from Bedfordshire. He was bred by David Tutt of Colesden Lodge Farm, who has been breeding Red Devons for more than 30 years.

Kingston Lacy's farm manager, Stan Sadler (also new in post), chose two-year-old



Edward II for his handsome looks and stature, but also for his calm and obliging temperament.

“We went up to Bedfordshire to see him and within an hour of meeting him were able to give him a good scratch—that’s unusual,” he says.

Edward II is still maturing and will hopefully be part of the Kingston Lacy herd for some years to

come. Once he’s settled into life here in Dorset, you’ll see him out in the parkland with the rest of the herd; and hopefully next spring we’ll be welcoming his first progeny into the fold.

Before then, we’re thinking autumn. Events this year include apple days, an innovative new experience in “slow looking” with a magnificent Rembrandt self-portrait that is touring from Buckland Abbey, a spooky digital experience for spirited children aged 7-12 (and their adults!) and, as ever, the glorious flaming colours of the acers in the Japanese Garden. There’ll be a chance to get your pooch featured on Kingston Lacy’s social feeds with the return of the Pooch Passport, and a willow-weaving workshop to tap into your creativity – you’ll leave with a pretty basket that could be yours or an Christmas present.

And speaking of Christmas – bookings are now open for Storytelling with Santa. Spaces go fast, so if you’ve got children aged up to 12, plan ahead and book now!

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## SEPTEMBER – NEW PLANTS FROM OLD by Lys de Bray

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It reminds me of the Arabian lamp-seller in the children's story who went through the streets crying: 'New lamps for old' when his original (and magic) lamp was thrown out by his new young wife who thought it too old and shabby to keep. She had a new house and wanted everything in it to be brand-new as well. So the lamp-seller went all through the streets of the town calling out 'New lamps for old!' thinking that this would be a sure way of getting his old lamp back. Now the old lamp was extra-special because a genie lived in it who appeared when it was rubbed, saying: 'What is your will, O master?' and whatever he wanted the genie would get for him, and as you may imagine he was desperate to get his old lamp back. I see a similarity between these little snippets from a worn-out old plant which will grow into lots of new ones - 'New plants from old!' so to speak. Some gardeners are quite fanciful, you may be thinking.

Now, where was I? Oh, yes. September is a month for comfortable forward planning, in tune with nature's own cycle. Stick with that and you won't go wrong, but there's a lot to do, so get busy because soon it'll be Christmas! Here's a suggested to-do list: (1). Clear out annuals: (2) Buy and plant bulbs: (3) Collect seed to finish ripening indoors (maybe not in greenhouse, too humid. (4) Lift, divide and replant the best parts of large old herbaceous plant-clumps. (5) Plant up some large pots of primroses (don't split these) and site to flower where you will see them every day. (6) Get the wallflowers in, some in large pots near the house. (7) Get trays of forget-me-nots to plant with the wallflowers, or you may be lucky enough to have your own seedlings. The plants come in different shades of blue, pink or white and you can have a really nice time working out colour schemes. Make the most of them because their seedlings are unlikely to come true.





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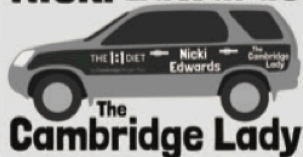
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## Crying the Neck!

Long before I moved to Dorset, I lived in Chiswick, London and sang in my local church choir. For several years, the choir were invited down to Truro, Cornwall for two weeks in the summer to sing services in Truro Cathedral while their own choir were on holiday. As part of this deal, we were asked to sing at several of the tiny rural churches in the surrounding area. One of the services we sang at was in a field just outside Truro and was the service of 'Crying the neck.'

We all marched down the lane from the church, in full robes, behind the cross bearer, into a just-harvested corn field. I remember that the minister started with a prayer and then we sang a hymn accompanied by a very squeaky squeezebox. After the last strains of the hymn had died away, the farmer leapt up and grabbed a large handful of corn stalks. He then shouted in a loud voice:

"I 'ave 'un! I 'ave 'un! I 'ave 'un!" All the people gathered in the field then shouted, "What 'ave 'ee? What 'ave 'ee? What 'ave 'ee?" and he replied, "A neck! A neck! A neck!" Everyone then shouted "Hurrah! Hurrah for the neck! Hurrah for the farmer."

The minister then said another prayer before we all processed back to the church for the rest of the harvest thanksgiving service.

Apparently, crying the neck was an old tradition in Devon and Cornwall, before the advent of the combine harvester, as the last handful of hay was cut. It was resurrected by the Old Cornwall Society 20 years after the Second World War. It was an experience for us all especially the 14 young boys in the choir. I don't suppose they will have forgotten it.

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