

THE BRIDGE

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



May 2025

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THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

Bridge Publications is the committee which produces the Bridge Magazine for the communities of Sturminster Marshall, Shapwick, Pamphill and Cowgrove. It is financially independent of these communities: its revenue comes from advertising fees and fund raising activities. Our Chairman is Barry Johnson, our Editor is Tony Cross and our Advertising Manager is Liz York.

Articles:

Contributions are welcome from all sectors of the community served by the parishes. Please email your article, which should be prepared on **A5 (NOT A4 OR Letter PLEASE)** size pages, in **MS Word (.doc or .docx)** or **Works (.wps)**, or **it can be a .jpg file or .pdf file**, to the Editor at **tcenator@gmail.com**. You will receive a reply. If you do not receive a reply, please make enquiries. If you have no email then please print your copy and send it to Court House, Cowgrove, BH21 4EL, making it clear on the envelope that this is for the Editor of The Bridge.

The deadline for articles for the next issue is the 15th of the month-so that the finished magazine can be sent to our printers on the 17th or 18th.

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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**

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

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Thank you for your support.

PS. We still need someone to join our committee. If you are interested and wish further information, please contact me on the above email or give me a call on 07958 437860.

Barry Johnson - on behalf of the Bridge Committee

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Dear All,

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What a privilege to come alongside people through the different stages of our lives. Each family or couple speak to me mainly about their hopes and fears for the future which obviously takes a different form depending on the life event; what will my life be without the person we've just buried? Sometimes, how will I live without them?

What will married life look like for us in a few years' time? It's a very interesting exercise I do with couples planning to get married, ask them to draw what their life will look like – with varying skills in art, the difference sometimes surprises them; different amounts of children, and dogs and cars sometimes! It's always a bit of fun.

And then the baby at a baptism, what sort of future world will they grow up into? It's looking a bit grim at the moment with stories of suffering and war, natural disasters and so on.

We can all worry, but the bible tells us worrying about the future doesn't get us anywhere.

One day at a time is an often-repeated phrase and it's a good one to hold on to, especially in a life changing season. Live for today. Live life to the full. The Christian faith is built on hope and as I write I am reminded of the bible verse in John Chapter 10, verse 10: **"... I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly."**

I think that means that we should go about our daily lives enjoying the blessings all around us, helping each other as best we can and living in hope for the future, knowing that whatever we are facing, we do not face it alone. God is faithful to each and every one of us, here and now.

Enjoy your life and live it to the full!

With every blessing,

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

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

## **April Draw**

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>   | The Alto Knights – with Robert de Niro | 7.30pm, |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | “ “ “                                  | 2.30pm. |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> | Ocean with David Attenborough          | 7.30pm, |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | “ “ “ “                                | 1pm.    |

## MAY SHOWS

|                                     |                                                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                     | Frankie's Guys<br>A Celebration of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons | 7.30pm, £26.50/£24.50     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                     | Money for Nothing 2025                                              | 7.30pm, £27.              |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | Johnny Cash Roadshow 2025                                           | 7.30pm, £26.50.           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                     | Big Dick Wittington: Adult Panto – <b>Over 16s only</b>             | 7.30pm, £15.              |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                    | Cloudbusting –The Music of Kate Bush -2025 tour                     | 7.30pm, £25.              |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                    | Chris Jaaggr                                                        | 7.30pm, £20.              |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                    | It's a Beautiful Noise with Fisher Stevens                          | 7.30pm, £28.50.           |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                    | Ialon – The Acoustic Collection                                     | 7.30pm, £20.              |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | ZZ Toppd                                                            | 7.30pm, £21.              |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | Bournemouth University Dance Society                                | 6pm, £12, Student £10.50. |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> | Calendar Girls                                                      | 7.30pm, £18.50,           |
| 24 <sup>TH</sup>                    | “ “                                                                 | 2.30pm, £15.50.           |
|                                     | Wimborne Drama Productions                                          |                           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | Englishman in New York: The very Best of Sting                      | 7.30pm, £25.              |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | Bobby Davro – <b>Over 18s only</b>                                  | 7.30pm, £29.50/£27.50.    |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>                    | Clearwater Creedence Revival                                        | 7.30pm, £27.50.           |
| 31 <sup>st</sup>                    | Simon Evans – Have We Met?                                          | 7.30pm, £18.50.           |



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May 2025 Activities  
In date order***



***Discovery Caf é- 2.30pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.  
Downstream Dorset - River tales and local history  
An illustrated talk by Mary van Coller***

***+++++***  
***Social lunch – 14<sup>th</sup> May. All Welcome.***

***+++++***  
***Play reading on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm  
Play title will be shown on website. Scripts provided.***

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***Thursday morning Bridge Group.  
Continues throughout May  
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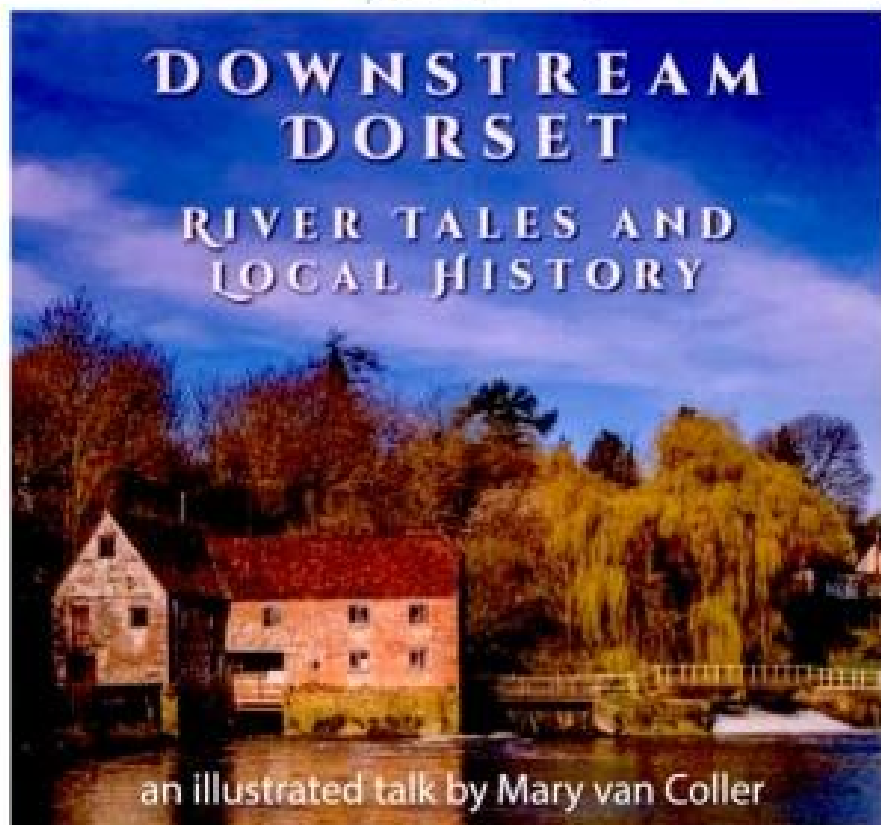
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## RIVER TALES AND LOCAL HISTORY



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## **Action Fraud is warning people to provide an extra layer of protection and enable the 2-Step Verification (2SV) option, as more than 33,600 people had their social media or email accounts hacked in the last year.**

Data from Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting service, shows that more than 33,600 people reported that their online accounts had been hacked from August last year, with victims losing a total of £1.4 million.

Action Fraud is launching an awareness campaign on social media and email account hacking for Cyber Security Awareness Month this year, encouraging the public to protect their online accounts from fraudsters.

### **Adam Mercer, Deputy Director of Action Fraud, said:**

*“Cyber attacks and hacking are carried out by faceless cyber criminals who target unsuspecting victims looking to take advantage of unprotected social media and email accounts. With this being the top cybercrime reported last financial year, it’s even more important to take action and ensure you lock down your accounts.”*

*“Protect yourself from fraudsters trying to steal or access your valuable information by ensuring your social media and email account passwords are secure. All your passwords should be different and never shared with anyone else. If you have the option, enable 2-step verification to ensure you have twice the protection for all your accounts.”*

**In the reports made to Action Fraud, there were various different methods of hacking reported, including:**

#### **On-platform chain hacking**

This is when a fraudster gains control of an account and begins to impersonate the legitimate owner. The goal is to convince people to reveal authentication codes that are sent to them via text. Many victims of this type of hacking believe it’s a friend messaging them, however the shared code was associated with their own account and the impersonator can now use it to access their account. Usually when an account is taken over, fraudsters monetise control of the account via the promotion of various fraudulent schemes, while impersonating the original account owner.

#### **Leaked passwords and phishing**

The other predominant method of hacking reported is leaked information used from data breaches, such as leaked passwords, or account details gained via phishing scams. This becomes prevalent as people often use the same password for multiple accounts, so a leaked password from one website can leave many of their online accounts vulnerable to hacking.

#### **What can you do to avoid being a victim?**

- Use a strong and different password for your email and social media accounts. Your email and social media passwords should be strong and different from all your other passwords. Combining three random words that each mean something to you is a great way to create a password that is easy to remember but hard to crack.
- Turn on 2-Step Verification (2SV) for your email and social media accounts. 2-Step Verification (2SV) gives you twice the protection, so even if cyber criminals have your password, they can’t access your email or social media account. 2SV works by asking for more information to prove your identity. For example, getting a code sent to your phone when you sign in using a new device or change settings such as your password. You won’t be asked for this every time you check your email or social media.

If you live in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040. In Scotland, victims of fraud and cybercrime should report to Police Scotland on 101.

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Amongst those crowds Princess Elizabeth (the future Queen Elizabeth II) and her sister, Princess Margaret, blended anonymously,

apparently enjoying the celebrations for themselves first hand.

V.E. day marked the end of six years of fighting and loss of life but eventually the Nazi scourge was crushed and the war in Europe was over.

The Allies had originally agreed to mark 9th May 1945 as VE day, but eager western journalists broke the news of Germany's surrender prematurely, thus signaling the earlier celebration. The Soviets kept to the agreed date, and Russia still commemorates the end of the Second World War, known in Russia as the Great Patriotic War, as Victory Day on 9th May.

The Allied victory over Japan, known as VJ Day, did not take place until some months later on 15th August 1945. This surrender of Japan came after two Atomic bombs were dropped by the United States first on Hiroshima with an estimated loss of life reaching 200,000 and the second on Nagasaki with a further 200,000 deaths.



## **Social Lunch Club**

### **Old School Hall, Sturminster Marshall**

*Sponsored by the Mackrell Charity (Reg. Charity 306275)*

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
at midday**

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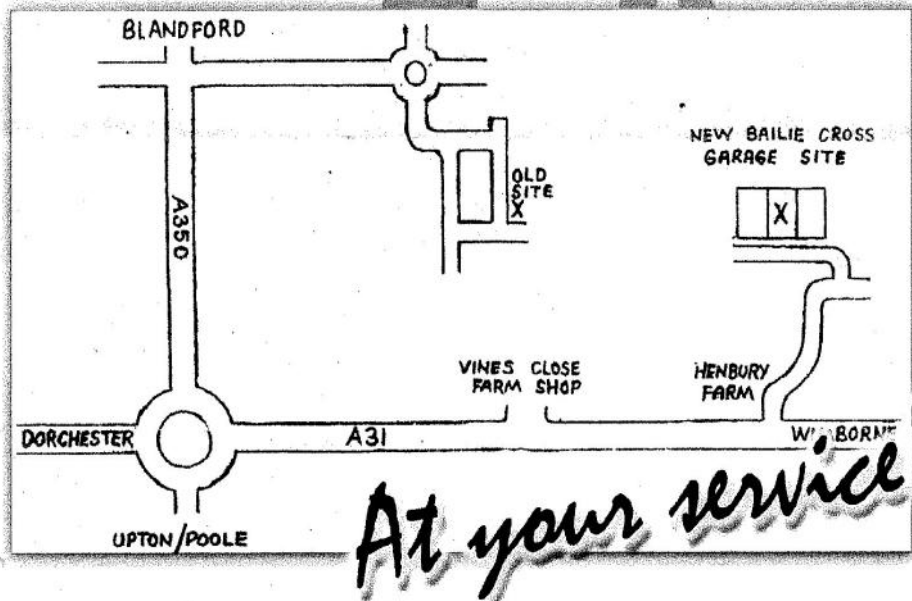
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## Kingston Lacy Estate News

Recent sunny weather has provided an excellent start for butterfly and insect populations as they emerge from eggs, pupae, larval stage or dormancy, and out on the Kingston Lacy estate we have already witnessed an increase in numbers to support this.



With drier, sunnier weather insects can take advantage of more abundant, early nectar sources. One example is cowslips, which are a vital nectar source for all insects but particularly brimstone and green hairstreak butterflies.

A sunny spring is crucial in the early stages in butterfly and insect development to enable a successful foraging and breeding year. In the last few years, spring has been wetter and less settled, resulting in more unpredictable conditions for insects. This year, we have already recorded almost twice as many as last year in terms of both species and number. Species spotted include

Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock and Speckled Wood. However, we will not have the full results until the end of the year.

Of course, conservation work throughout the whole year is important in encouraging the local insect population: grazing, hay cutting and regenerative farming all play a part. Thicker, denser hedgerows, such as those around Bishops Court Farm, provide good places for species to lay eggs and over-winter in safety. An abundance of wild flowers in the summer keeps food plentiful. As our conservation work develops we look forward to seeing growing numbers of the butterflies and insects that are such an important part of the wider landscape around us.

At Kingston Lacy itself, we are welcoming lots of new life with the joyful arrival of the latest batch of Portland lambs (pop in on 26 and 27 April to join a drop in session and meet some) and Red Ruby Devon calves, which you'll see out in the parkland before long. In the garden, the cherry blossom continues its annual show, and bookings have opened for the summer outdoor theatre; we've got Macbeth, Twelfth Night and, for a family audience, the ever-popular Illyria with The Wind in the Willows. Check the website for details.

## **Church Services for May**

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> of Easter**

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

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> of Easter**

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

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

11.00am Morning Prayer at Morden

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> of Easter**

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

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

11.00am Holy Communion at Almer

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> of Easter**

9.15am Cafe Church at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

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

11.30am Baptism at St. Stephen's, Kingston Lacy

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## NOTICES



**Coffee and Cake:** This is a new event which will be taking place on the second Monday of each month at **St Bartholomew's church in Shapwick** from 9.30am – 12.00pm.

A very warm welcome awaits everyone who enjoys coffee, cake and a chat.

## Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall



### Volunteers Needed

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## English Usage by Michael Evans

### Is English doomed?

Who said “Look at the deterioration which our Queen’s English has undergone at the hands of the Americans”? It was Dean Henry Alford in his book “The Queen’s English”, published in 1864.

The linguist David Crystal points out in his book “Words, Words, Words” (2006) that, in every age since language began, fears have been expressed, by people in general and writers such as William Caxton, Dr Johnson and John Dryden, that English is going from bad to worse. Fears by individuals with their own views of what is right or wrong seldom take account of what had already been accepted in previous generations.

There will always be plenty of people who speak or write in ways that make it hard to know what they mean, but today’s literature and media show that English is not only surviving but developing to keep up with modern science and social norms.

Last month’s anagrams

OVER FIFTY? - FORTYFIVE

BURY DUNG – BURGUNDY

This month’s anagrams

TOUGH TEASERS – actively disagree (3 words)

SAW NOTHING? – where was Trump? (1 word)

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

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** to be arranged

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** Cut Flowers with Demo - Marney Barter

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**We are pleased to announce that Cllr Nick Ireland, Leader of Dorset Council, will be our guest speaker at the PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL OPEN MEETING on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2023 at 7.30 at the Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and hear what he has to say and raise any issues you may have in person. The Police and the Memorial Hall Committee will also be in attendance. Refreshments will be provided.**

The Annual Litter Pick took place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, and it was well supported and a great success. A big thank to everyone who came along, we were lucky as the weather was kind again. A large amount of litter was collected, and this was removed by Dorset Waste Partnership.

There will be Maypole Dancing on Maypole Green again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Please go along and support them, it is so lovely to see this tradition being maintained. You may notice that the Maypole has become shorter. This is because we had an inspection and were advised to remove the top 3 metres of the pole, because it had brown rot. We will be replacing the pole in its entirety later this year, at the same time the weathervane is going to be refurbished along with the metal work around it.

We had a meeting with Dorset Council Highways and Cllr Chakawhata last month regarding concerns about speeding on Mill Lane and placing traffic lights on White Mill Bridge. Unfortunately, it is very unlikely that traffic lights will be located here for various reasons, one being the very high cost. Highways have agreed to put SLOW signs on the road near the recently placed Cattle signs. We have also asked about moving the village sign 'Welcome to Sturminster Marshall' nearer to White Mill Bridge to make drivers aware they are coming into the village.

Several residents have contacted the Parish Council about parking issues on the High Street in the vicinity of the Premier shop. We share your concerns, and both the Parish Council and Cllr Chakawhata have been in contact with Dorset Council to try to resolve this. Unfortunately, contractor parking was agreed as part of the planning permission, limiting our options to change anything.

We have purchased two metal Silent Soldiers, and we will be sorting out installing them where the previous statue stood. We are going to ask permission from Dorset Council to tidy the area and possibly sow wild poppy seeds.

### Recent Plans



No recent Plans or Tree works to report to report this month.

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Hello Everyone.

We welcomed Councillor Chris Brown to our March meeting. Chris is Wimborne Town Mayor's Serjant and town crier for Wimborne Minster.

Chris provided an interesting talk on the ancient role of Town Mayor's Serjant. This position was revived in 1998 to assist in the Town's civic functions and duties. It was around this time Chris took over the role of Town Crier.

Chris has enjoyed taking part in traditional Town Crier competitions over the years and has been Dorset County Champion Crier on five occasions. In 2007 he was judged the Ancient and Honourable Guild of town Criers Champion.

Councillor Chris Brown is also a member of Wimborne Town Council and is actively involved in historical events in the town.

This was a very enjoyable meeting, and we are all much wiser now to the role of the Town Crier.

**Our next meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May**  
**A Musical Talk by Miranda Pender Singer/Song Writer**  
**This will commence at 7.30pm.**

We have a very active group enjoying activities such as walking netball to name but one. Also, lots of news on our Facebook page so if you are interested, please check it out lots of photographs and our programme for the year can be found on there just look for Sturminster Marshall Evening WI. Don't forget to check out our website for more information.

We are always pleased to welcome new members.

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## Pismires\* - by Lys de Bray

Everyone knows what an ant looks like, so there's no need to describe them here. Their sizes and colours vary according to their species and habitat, and they are fascinating creatures with many little-known habits. The small black ant *Lasius niger* is the one we know best. It lives in nests underground, and it sometimes comes indoors in an attempt to take up residence in the larder, should you be lucky enough to have one. Larders are rare these days where space is so precious, and the modern store cupboard is a barren desert of sealed packets and closed jars compared with the larders of yesteryear with their rich odours of home-made jams, marmalades, pickles, sauces, cakes and puddings. (my mother, pre- WWII, would make pounds and pounds of marmalades and jams which went into those 7lb 'stone' jars which we now cherish and use for flowers because their rough greyish appearance suits the flowers so well) Note: cherish the ones you've got because there won't be any more. The life story of an ant is absolutely fascinating and there are several different species whose appearance and habits vary. Beginning at the beginning the common black ant *Formica fusca* is the one we see most often. It lives in nests underground and it eats almost anything, fallen fruit, dead animals, dead insects seeds, flower-nectar, honeydew, pollen, and each other. Ants have wings and can fly, once. This is the nuptial flight when queens and drones fly together. The drones mate with the queens and die, their job is done. The fertilised queens will have received enough sperm to last for their lifetime and return to earth where she divests herself of her wings which she later eats, because they contain the (edible) degenerating muscles that enabled her to fly. Worker-ants build a nest where she will stay for the rest of her life laying eggs and being cared for by her offspring. At the right time of year the eggs will hatch into larvae that the worker ants will care for and the larvae respond to this care by producing a substance the worker ants feed on. Ants also act as 'farmers', capturing aphids which they put on nearby plants and later 'milk'.

**Note:** I'm writing about British ants: Other countries in other climes have differently coloured and larger or smaller ants. Ants have no hesitation in going to war and one species, the red ant - *Formica sanguinea* - kidnaps the pupae of other ant species and drags them back to the nest where it tends them until they hatch and then they are then treated as slaves.

I remember that as a child in Kent, before WWII we used to go on picnics, often to a favourite place called 'One Tree Hill.' I was being a nuisance, getting in the way of the grown-ups; and after I'd kicked the milk-jug over my legs were slapped and I was plonked on a little mound nearby and told on no account to move and if I did there would be no cake. I started to cry but stopped when I felt something tickling my legs and when I looked down, to my horror they were covered in little black ants. I had been plonked on an ant-hill. The sight of the ants running up my legs was so awful that I couldn't scream because I couldn't breathe, but when I could I screamed so loudly that my mother (who had been getting out a thermos of hot tea dropped it to rush over to me, saw what was happening and plucked me off the little mound which had turned out to be an anthill. She stripped off my dress and my shoes and socks which she used to scrub the ants off my legs. That picnic was not a success and for years afterwards I had nightmares involving ants.

\**Pismir* OxfordEnglish/archaic word for ants





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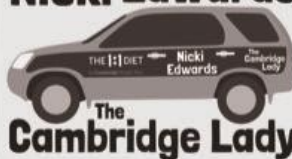
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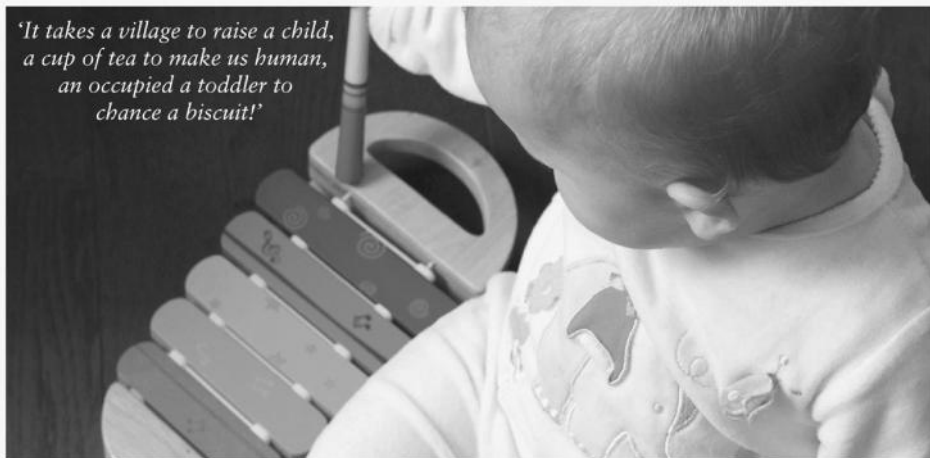
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Parent Lead Childrens' Group 0-5 Years  
Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall  
Wednesdays 9:45-11:45

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## Dorset Home Library Service recognised in Dorset High Sheriff Award Ceremony



Dorset and BCP Home Library Service (HLS) has been awarded one of 13 High Sheriff Awards at a ceremony in Poundbury recently.

The Dorset and BCP HLS is a service offered by Royal Voluntary Service, a leading charity which helps communities to thrive through the power of volunteering.

### **High Sheriff Anthony Woodhouse, who presented the award, said:**

*“Royal Voluntary Service is an exceptional charity that brings the library service to anybody who can no longer reach their local facility. Not only does the Home Library Service enable people to continue to access the joy of reading for longer but also provides an important antidote to feelings of loneliness and isolation.”*

The award was presented to Maria Jacobson, the service manager for Dorset and BCP Home Library Service, who expressed the organisation’s surprise and delight at being chosen for the special award.

**Mrs Jacobson said:** *“I am here representing our 250 volunteers across the area who provide this important service to almost 800 people in our community who are unable to access their local library, choosing and delivering books every month.*

*“This is a free service, combining the delivery of individually chosen books with a much-anticipated visit by a trusted volunteer. We are not well-known despite our reach, and this special recognition means a lot to us and will no doubt help us to spread the word and reach many more people across Dorset and BCP.”*

To find out more about the Home Library Service and how to sign up as a reader, please contact Maria Jacobson on 01305 236666 or e-mail her at [maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk).

## **Parish Directory**

### **The Parish of Kingston Lacy and Shapwick**

Rector:-Revd Canon Andrew Rowland 01202 882340  
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PCC Secretary: Margaret Langdown 01202 841381  
Treasurer: Christine Cosgrove 01258 858876  
Electoral Roll Officer: Janet Tory 01258 857531

### **Sturminster Marshall Parish Church**

Vicar: Rev. Jane Williams (Jane's day of rest is usually Friday, 01258 858604  
sometimes Thursday and sometimes both)  
Email: janewilliamsrpc@outlook.com  
Red Post Benefice Clerk: Vicky Harrison King  
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Churchwarden: Katy Norman 07815 610595  
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PCC Treasurer: Mr Edward Warren 01258 857467  
Verger: Vacant  
Captain of the ringers: Mr M. Stickley 01202 021895  
Electoral roll officer: Elaine Huntriss 07818 280800

### **Schools**

Sturminster Marshall First School: Mrs N. Charman 01258 857348  
Sturminster Marshall Pre-school: Mrs Patsy Barnes 01258 858395  
Pamphill CE First School: Mr Michael Wheeler 01202 883008  
Pamphill Pre-School Nursery: Mrs. D. Gould 07415 473977  
The Old School Shapwick Nursery: Ms. E. Praschma 01258 857922

### **Police**

Police station (non emergency number) 101

### **Hall Bookings**

Old School, Sturminster Marshall: Mrs. Val Brown

Contact by email only, please, to: hall.mackrell@outlook.com

Memorial Hall, Sturminster Marshall: Mrs. K. Kollberg

07729 712428

Email: sturhallbookings@gmail.com

Pamphill Parish Hall: Mrs. Pip Chissell

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### **Councillors**

Dorset Councillor: Cllr. Mr Will Chakawhata

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Sturminster Marshall Parish Council Clerk: Mrs. Alison Clothier

07469 780548

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Pamphill & Shapwick Parish Council Chair: Mr. Martin Underhill

Pamphill & Shapwick Parish Council Clerk: Mrs. Lindsay Hole

### **For Sturminster Marshall**

Sturminster Marshall FC: Mr. D. Miller

01258 857314

Church Preservation Trust: Jan Standing

07973 766614

School Society: Liz Naulls (Co Chair)

School Society: Amelia Atkins (Co Chair)

Email: schoolsociety@sturminstermarshall.sch.uk

WI Evening Secretary: Ms. Lynn Tong

07500 444352

Sports Association: Mr. R. Haysom

01258 857616

Gardening Club:

01258 857118

01258 857800

SturminsterMarshall Craft Club: Mrs. Barbara Beaves

01258 858404

Brownies: Miss J. Hayter

01202 885309

Guides: Mrs .L. Seare

07759 892965

Henbury Residents' Association: Mr. M. Soper

01258 857647

Homewatch Co-Ordinator: Mr. Adrian Holden

01258 858884

Sturminster Marshall Short Mat Bowls & Social Club: Mr. J. Case

01202 690718

Sturminster Marshall Village History Website

07469 780548

### **For Pamphill**

Kingston Lacy Skittles Club: Mr. R. Frost

01202 883084

Kingston Lacy Cricket Club: Mr. S. Maine

07969 883814

Pamphill Pre-School: Mrs. D. Gould

07415 473977

### **For Shapwick**

S.C.T. (Village Green): Jez Bragg

07813 925681



## Fun for families

### at Kingston Lacy

There's lots for all the family to enjoy at Kingston Lacy over the summer. Normal admission charges apply to all events.

#### Discover nature at May half-term



24 May - 1 June 2025, 10am - 3pm

Join us for some wild fun in May half-term, with lots of nature inspired activities like minibeast hunts, bug hotel making and bird watching. See website for full details.

#### Enjoy a tractor trailer ride



Throughout the summer, tickets from £5

Join us for a tractor and trailer ride across the parkland and see the Red Devon cows up close.

#### Join us for a Summer of Play



19 July - 7 September 2025

Discover a summer jam-packed with fun for all ages in Kitchen Garden. Play with giant building blocks, visit the story garden, race on bouncy strawberries or join one of our pop-up events.

#### Outdoor theatre: Wind in the Willows



Thursday 7 August, 7pm. Tickets from £11

Pack a picnic and a chair or blanket, and come along to a magical evening of entertainment from the award-winning theatre company, Illyria.

Scan the QR code or visit our website for full details and to book tickets:  
[nationaltrust.org.uk/kingston-lacy](https://nationaltrust.org.uk/kingston-lacy)

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