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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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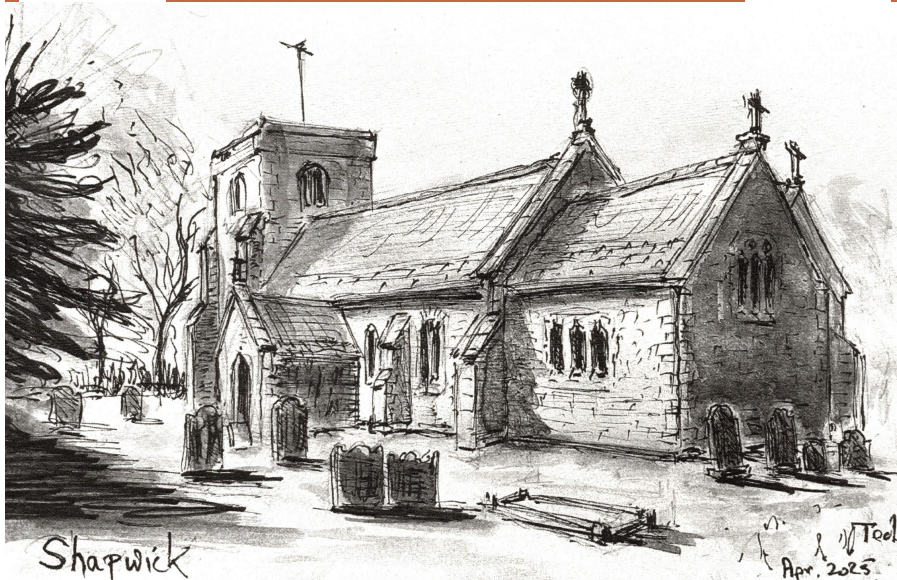
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From The Church

Dear All,

Project Welcome

By now most of the people in Sturminster Marshall at least should have heard about this new project in our church: St Mary the Virgin, Sturminster Marshall.

It really started off years ago when the PCC (Parochial Church Council), decided it was time we brought our church building up-to-date and at the very least added a loo, well actually an accessible toilet! For some it's vital to have that facility nearby and can mean the difference to attending even family life events such as weddings, funerals and christenings, or not being able to.

Then, it was recognised that what we actually needed as well is a kitchen servery area for hospitality.

Project Welcome has become so much more than the practical aspect for us here though. It has given us the opportunity to think about how we welcome people.

It's so easy to tell ourselves that our church is welcoming, but what does that actually mean and how does that work in reality. Yes, we may smile when new people come and make sure they have a coffee and a biscuit after the service, but surely welcome is more than this.

We want our church to really be a place of welcome for ALL. From our visitors, walkers, tourists on a day out, to our grave visitors. Members of our congregations, families, guests at weddings, funerals or christenings. People looking for a place of solitude, somewhere to pray on their own. Elderly people. Children from the local school, teachers, staff and parents.

There are plenty of examples of welcome in the Bible, my favourite is probably this:

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

Our church is alive, current and open to everyone and we want to not just keep it that way, we want to improve it and enhance our welcome along the way!

To do this we have already been engaging with our community, asking their opinions and seeking out their particular needs so that in time we can incorporate those into our project. Once the building is ready, project welcome

doesn't stop, it's ongoing. If you would like to be part of this then please get in touch. We are currently setting up focus groups, initially just a one-off meeting. I'd encourage anyone with ideas or who knows of a particular need to come forward and join in. Together we will make a difference.

My contact details are elsewhere in the magazine, but just as a reminder: janewilliamsrpc@outlook.com or 01258 858604

With every blessing,

Jane (Vicar of the Red Post Churches)

St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

September Draw

Main draw

£50	75	Liz and John Hodgson
£30	51	Sue Pirie
£20	159	Marilyn Anderson

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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Peter Jefferies

Some of you may remember Peter Jefferies, a long-term resident of Sturminster Marshall, who sadly died on 27th August and whose funeral took place on 11th September. May he rest in peace.

St Mary's Market Stall

and Coffee Morning



Saturday 4th October

10.00 – 12.00

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5th – 22nd	Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale	various times
8th	David Gilmour Live at the Circus Maximus, Rome (Recorded Screening)	7.30pm

OCTOBER SHOWS

All at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated

2nd	Back To Bacharach	
3rd	Get It On! The Glam Rock Show	
4th	The Rozzers: A Tribute to Sting & The Police	
5th	The Dusty Show	
9th	Cats In Space	
10th	Mud: 50th Anniversary Tour	
11th	Jimi: The Legend Lives On	
16th - 18th	Jekyll & Hyde: Wimborne Drama Productions (incl. Sat matinee)	
22nd	Scummy Mummies: Hot Mess	
23rd & 24th	Wishbone Ash: 2025 UK Tour	
25th	The Signatures: Northern Soul LIVE	
26th	Pam Ayres: Doggedly Onward	3.30pm
27th	Halloween Spooktacular	2.00pm
28th	Classic Seger	
30th	Count Arthur Strong: A Christmas Carol	

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Discovery Café - 2.30pm on 4th October

“All about Bees and Beekeeping”

An illustrated talk by Ron Briggs

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Social lunch

Wednesday, 8th October at 12 noon

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Film Society - 7.30pm on Thursday 9th October

Birth of a Nation - D.W. Griffith

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Mackrell Lectures - 2.30pm on Saturday 18th October at 2.30pm

AI: Your Guide to the Smart New World

A talk by James Scott, Chief Data Analyst, Coterie Holdings

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Play reading on Monday 27th October at 2.00pm

“Inspector Hound” by Tom Stoppard

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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

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

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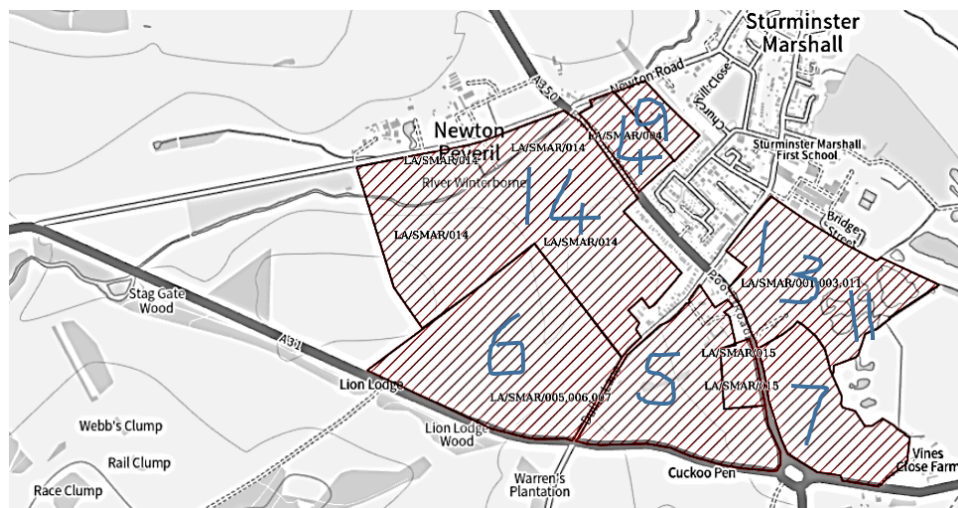
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Have your say about 1,861 new Sturminster Marshall homes?

Dorset Council are asking Villagers for feedback on their proposal to allocate land for 1,861 new homes in Sturminster Marshall, to be built over the next 17 years. There are 6 site groups:



- **Sites 5,6 and 7** are all along the A31 on both sides of Dullar lane and the A350 Poole Road right up to Vines (**1000** homes)
- **Site 15** is a smaller site next to Bailie House by the A350 Poole Road (43 homes)
- **Site 14** is from Dullar Lane across to Straight Mile (**522** homes)
- **Site 9** includes Springfield Farm, from Newton Road to the Railway Drive estate (36 homes)
- **Site 4** is next to site 9, bordering Blandford Road (35 homes)
- **Sites 1,3,and 11** from Station Road to Dorset Springs, bordered by the industrial estate and Poole Road (**225** homes)

Some of the new homes would be “affordable”, meaning 80% of market value/ rent. Sadly, that’s still not actually affordable for those on lower incomes, and also developers argue down the amount of affordable housing to maintain their profit margin.

It's all the result of a huge 3,246 per year Government housing target for Dorset totalling 55,000 dwellings - nearly double the previous target, and far more than needed. Despite always saying they are "much-needed", developers struggle to sell 1,300 new houses annually in Dorset (hence all the little yellow signs everywhere) and they have land with permission already for 10,000 homes. Deaths exceed births in Dorset, so homes come onto the market all the time: to sell the *extra* homes, incomers with equity have to be found.

Probably, many of these Dorset homes will not be built in our time, but some will. Once a site is allocated by the Council, planning permission is almost bound to be granted, even many years afterwards. So this is about whether Sturminster Marshall should be **planned** to quadruple in size, or whether more modest growth should be planned. In the end the Council will decide, but they are asking us to help in the decision. It makes sense to have our say now when we can? Please do. See below.

Our own view is that estate-scale developments on sites 5,6,7, and 14 are not sustainable for reasons explained on our website. We feel the rural **character** of the Village, protected for so long by distance from any town and latterly by the Green Belt, would be swamped by huge estates. That character is not the Council's to squander. We're concerned too for the fate of the hidden but abundant wildlife at Marshall's Fishery.

This article comes from a group of villagers set up during the last consultation in 2021, called "Just a Good Village". You can see our website with lots of information by using the left QR code or the web link on the left. We hope to make a simpler response form available too. The right-hand QR code and link go straight to the Council consultation:



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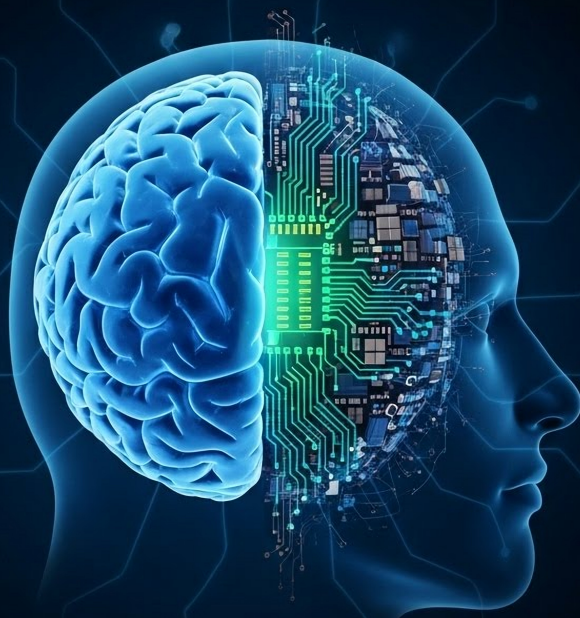
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Dr JACK MOSLEY

discussing their books

“EATING TOGETHER” *and* “FOOD NOISE”

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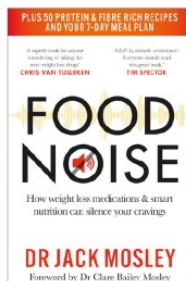
TICKETS: £40 including a complimentary glass of wine

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Dr Clare Bailey Mosley is continuing the legacy of her late husband Michael Mosley's projects, focused on health and well-being. Their son, **Dr Jack Mosley** has written a groundbreaking guide, building on his father's legacy, to combine easy-to-understand medical insight with real-life stories and practical advice.

"Eating Together: a recipe for healthier, happier parenting" explores the powerful benefits of family mealtimes for children's wellbeing, behaviour and development, offering practical advice alongside delicious recipes to bring families together around the table.

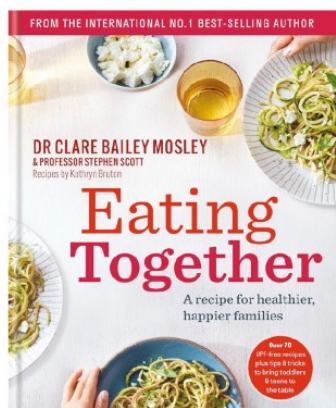
"Food Noise: How weight loss medications and smart nutrition can silence your cravings" explains how the voice in your head telling you to look for your next meal or snack



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.

Clare and Jack will discuss these two important propositions; there will be a Q&A. Copies of their books will be for sale in the foyer of the hall, where they will both be signing their books after the talk.

Tickets are £40 and include a glass of wine.



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PROJECT WELCOME

Project Welcome's vision is to widen the use of St Mary's Sturminster Marshall to provide a flexible and accessible space, where there will be a WC, a kitchen servery and a new pathway from the road, all of which will be fully accessible. St Mary's will be able to serve as a community hub for the surrounding communities.



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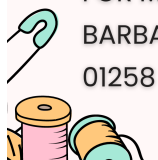
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Wednesday 15th October

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Sturminster Marshall and begin at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.**

Shirley Allen

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Shirley Allen, of Chapel Cottage, Shapwick, who sadly passed away on 14th September. Our thoughts are with David and family. May she rest in peace.

Church Services in October

Thursday 2nd: 6.00pm HARVEST SERVICE - St Mary's, Stur Marshall

Sunday 5th: Trinity 16

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

11.00am Holy Communion at Bloxworth

Sunday 12th: Trinity 17

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

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

11.00am Harvest Service at Winterborne Zelston

Sunday 19th: Trinity 18

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 26th: Trinity 19

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

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

11.00am Holy Communion at Morden

Weekday Services

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

English Usage by Michael Evans

First words

Parents can get excited when they hear their new babies say their first word. It isn't always *mummy* or *daddy*, as my first granddaughter proved when she suddenly said her first word: MAP! She may have heard mummy and daddy discussing how to get to their next holiday location.

First words can appear approximately any time between the ages of 8 months and two years, the average being about 12 months. There have been exceptional cases, but I take with a pinch of salt the story about the historian Lord Macaulay, whose first words were when he was three. When asked later for a reason, he replied "Hitherto, nothing of sufficient significance had warranted my verbal attention."

Last month's anagrams

TRENCH COAT – TECHNOCRAT

I PROCURE HOTEL – HERCULE POIROT

This month's anagrams

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HOW SAD CAN IT BE? - Hoping for power? (two words)



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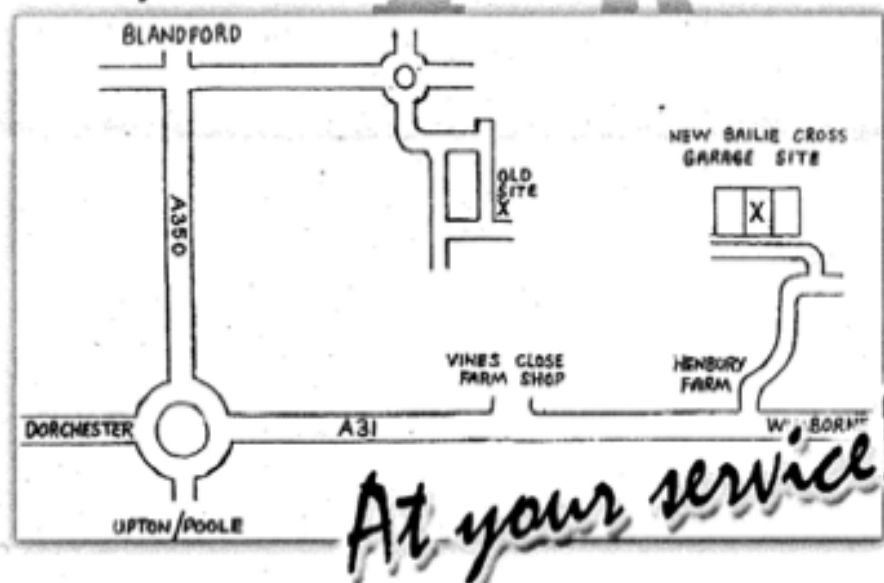
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I have posted this in the last two months Jottings and I make no apology for mentioning it again, it is so important for the future of the Parish. The draft Dorset Council Local Plan and Transport Plan were finally released in August. The Consultation has been open since the 18th August and does not close until 13th October 2025 so there is still time. If you have not already done so then please do 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. For more info go to dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing.

We are having another Community Litter Pick on Saturday 4th October 2025. This will start at 2.00pm at the Memorial Hall, and as usual we will be providing equipment and there will be refreshments afterwards in the Hall for when you have finished.

We have been carrying out various maintenance around the village over the summer months including the renovation of various seats and a noticeboard, and this is still on going. We are also looking into the replacement of the Maypole, and placement of two silent soldiers on the edge of the verge opposite the War Memorial. The Holm Oak, a very prominent tree on the corner of Churchill Close on the road down to Balls Lane had several branches fall onto and damage a vehicle belonging to a family only recently moved into the village, thankfully no one was hurt. As part of the work to remove the large branches, other branches were trimmed back, and as I write we are still waiting for further work to be carried out which may mean the full removal of the tree sadly but safety must come first. Also there have been several robberies and attempted robberies in the village over the past month which is very worrying. Please be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police.

Steve Lanzon of Wessex Water came to the Parish Council meeting in September and gave a talk about the Poole Water Recycling and Transfer Project. The treated water will be released into the Stour in our Parish. Drainage works installing a new larger pipe have been carried out in the area of the High Street by Jubilee Way and the entrance to Moor Lane to improve the run off of rain water in these areas.

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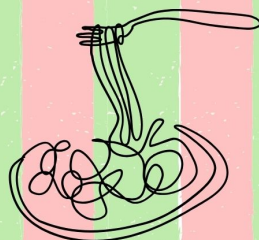
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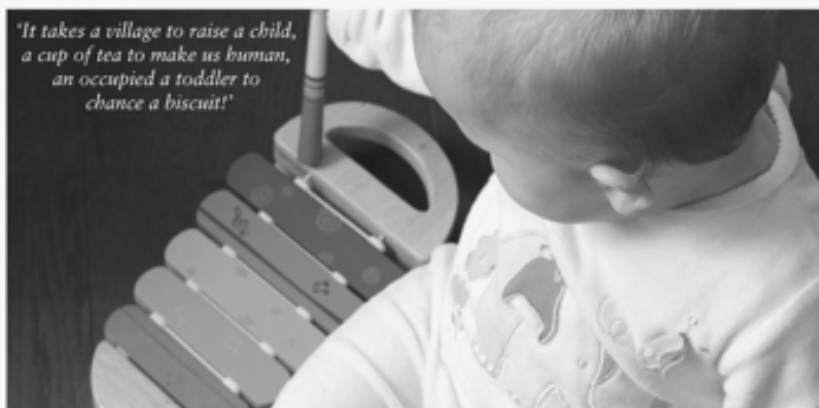
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On display will be O gauge models (that's twice the size of the more common Hornby Trains). There will be several operational layouts, including vintage tin plate (always very popular with children); the group's own test track; model engineering demo; 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.csgog.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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Thursday evenings

6.15pm – 9.15pm,

All sessions are held in the Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall.

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Our tour guide was Joe who has worked there for 23 years and certainly knew his stuff! He was so knowledgeable about the history of the gardens and the stories behind each of the different garden areas. Joe really bought the gardens to life for us with his enthusiastic commentary as we enjoyed the Italian Garden, the Wooded Valley, the Rock and Water Garden, the Heather Garden and the Japanese Garden.



SMEWI was well represented at the Dorset Federation Big Canoe Trip in Poole Harbour which took place on 23rd July. We thoroughly enjoyed our adventure and spotting wildlife along the way including an eagle, many types of seabirds and a seal.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm for a cookery-themed evening with MasterChef semi-finalist George Williams, followed by a fun bake off competition.

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

For more information about SMEWI, please contact Christine Rainsford on 01258 857413 or visit our website:

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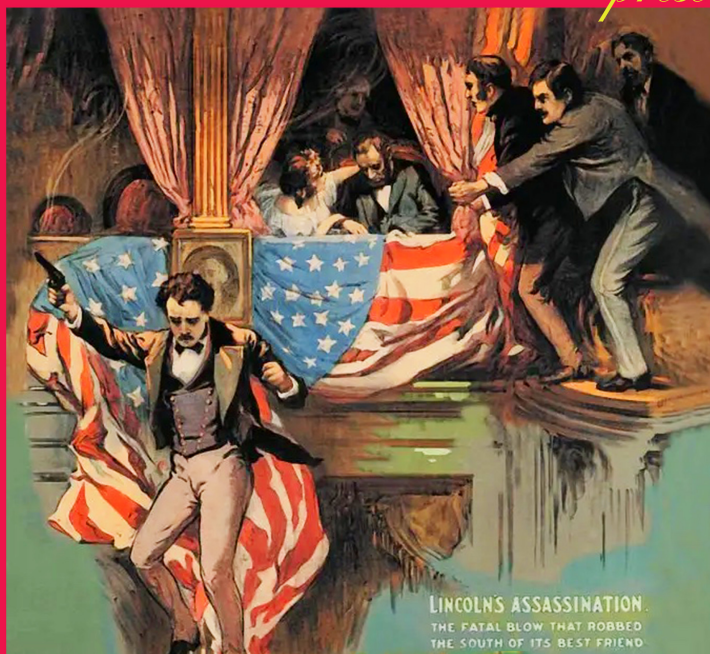
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So far, we've allowed hedges to grow both out and up, providing food and habitat for small mammals and birds. We've planted a range of trees to encourage different species to thrive. The next stage will see us over-sowing two of the upper fields, which equate to just under 45ha.

We plan to sow these fields with a species-rich wildflower mix, particularly used for calcareous (chalky) soils. The mix has been locally sourced and will enhance the chalk downland species. This will benefit not only breeding birds and butterfly species such as Chalkhill Blue and Common Blue that flourish on chalk grassland, but also flora such as orchids. Many of the orchid species we record at Badbury Rings will be encouraged by the chalk grassland at Bishop's Court.



Early purple orchid

The farm is unique as it has an array of differing soil types and elevations, with land extending from the Beech Avenue to the River Stour. So the more habitat diversity we can create, the higher the number of species we will see; and the newly sown chalk grassland will be a welcome addition to this mix.

Our ranger team have also been attending to our habitat boxes across the estate, and particularly in the Woodland Walk within the parkland surrounding the house. Mostly bat boxes, each year once the nesting period has ended we remove the boxes from the woodland walk, give them a good clean and disinfectant before reinstalling them amongst the trees.

Back at the house, we've welcomed an amazing painting from our sister property, Buckland Abbey in Devon. A Rembrandt self-portrait is on show in a special "slow looking" exhibition, which encourages visitors to take their time and go in-depth with a single work of art. There are comfortable chairs and audio guides to prompt your discoveries. It's free (normal admission applies), so drop into the house on a rainy day soon to see this magnificent work of art. All the details are on the website.

The October Moon

Full moons have fascinated humanity for centuries, with each one carrying its unique astronomical, cultural and spiritual significance. The full moon that falls on October 17th, often referred to as the "Hunter's Moon" or the "Blood Moon," is particularly significant.

The October full moon is the first full moon to rise after the autumn equinox, and in astronomical terms the Hunter's Moon is notable because it often rises earlier than other full moons, with only a brief gap between sunset and moonrise. This effect creates an extended twilight, offering more time for evening activities, including hunting or gathering food, which was essential for survival in pre-industrial societies.



The name "Hunter's Moon" comes from Native American traditions, particularly among Algonquin tribes, who recognised this as the period when game like deer and bison were at their fattest. The brightness of the moon helped hunters spot their prey more easily in the twilight, and the animals were often hunted in preparation for the winter months.

For farmers, the October full moon was the time to harvest the last crops and store them for winter. In many ancient civilizations, this time of the year also marked the end of the agricultural cycle, with festivals and rituals aimed at celebrating the earth's bounty before the cold season arrived.

Spiritually, the Hunter's Moon is associated with themes of release, letting go of what no longer serves you, and preparing for new beginnings. As the year's final crops are harvested and animals are hunted, people are reminded of the importance of storing energy, both physically and emotionally, for the colder months ahead, connecting us with the cycles of nature, reminding us of the importance of preparation and reflection before winter sets in.

Hallowe'en

by John Kendrick Bangs



The ghosts of all things past parade,
Emerging from the mist and shade
That hid them from our gaze,
And, full of song and ringing mirth,
In one glad moment of rebirth,
And again they walk the ways of earth
As in the ancient days.

The beacon light shines on the hill,
The will-o'-wisp the forests fill
With flashes filched from noon;
And witches on their broomsticks spry
Speed here and yonder in the sky,
And lift their strident voices high
Unto the Hunter's Moon.

The air resounds with tuneful notes
From myriads of straining throats,
All hailing Folly Queen;
So join the swelling choral throng,
Forget your sorrow and your wrong,
In one glad hour of joyous song
To honor Hallowe'en!

On Sunday 7th September we held a Cream Tea to raise funds
for The Bridge Magazine.

The sum of £274 was raised.

Thank you to all who supported us on the day.

The Bridge Management Team



British Citizens Award

What an honour it was to be presented with this award on Tuesday 2nd September in the One Stop shop where I work in Colehill. It was in recognition for my loyalty to One Stop, the Church at Kingston Lacy, the Salvation Army, Friends of the Strays of Greece and other Charities that we support. For once and possibly the only time, I was speechless!

I will be invited to go to the Palace of Westminster in January or February next year for an official presentation ceremony. A huge thank you to my Manager Daniel Hughes at One Stop who thought fit to put me forward for this.

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OCTOBER - BLAZEAWAY* by Lys de Bray

According to the weather, the fires of autumn will be smouldering or blazing in your garden and if there's a poor show this season, it is always the gardener's hope that there will be a better one next year. The (sometimes) wonderful colours are governed by the weather and where we live. Also, I think that the more mature a shrub or tree is the better it will colour if the autumn conditions are to its liking. So be of good cheer, because the colour when/if it comes is always worth waiting for, even if it's here today and gone by the end of the week.

Sometimes the colour change is very is very long-lasting as in beech, which obligingly hangs on to its leaves for most of or the whole winter, an excellent habit in a hedge. The same all-over tan colour is very acceptable because it's there (like Everest) and it's usually there for a long time. If you live in Colehill with its acid soil you are more likely to have amazing autumn colour, as in *Parrottia persica* which lives up to its name with its wonderfully varied leaves that are never the same two years running.

Go to a garden centre or nursery and see what's there and what they recommend; MacPennys at Bransgore was well known for the quality of its stock, much of it grown by themselves. It is many years since I last visited and I do hope that they are still there.** I know I always went with a (short) list and came away with many more plants than were on it. And then as with many gardeners I had to fit the quart into the pint pot and I'm sure you'll know about this. The poor do-ers went into the compost bin which left space for the incomers. But if there aren't any poor do-ers in your garden then there's a problem. A lawn can be nibbled away at to accommodate the new plants, but if the lawn is your partner's pride and joy there could be argument they will surely notice the incomers or stolen areas or both.

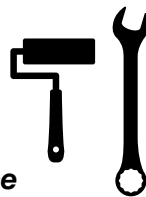
A silver birch with its white trunk is a lovely thing to see when the weather changes, all its leaves turn golden-yellow before they fall off. Sweet Gum – *liquidambar styraciflua* – grows into a 30ft tree with scarlet leave right now. All the maples turn colour well and do best in acid soil. If you don't have this, try growing one in a large container for which you'll need several sacks of appropriate compost. The Katsura tree – *Cecidiphllum japonicum* is seasonally wonderful, with leaves colouring through red, orange, yellow and pink and it grows slowly into a large tree. None of these are permanently suitable for small gardens, but one of them in a focal point would be (briefly) spectacular.

* When I lived in Wimborne I often heard this played by a marching band as they passed our house.

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