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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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(The Committee that produces this Magazine)**

“Thank you to all our supporters who have enabled us to continue with the publication of our community magazine. The costs of producing the magazine is now approaching a £1 per copy and therefore our monthly outgoings are in the order of £300. Our main source of income is advertising and sponsorship In the survey, we carried out last year, many people said they would be willing to make a regular payment to ensure the survival of the magazine.

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Barry Johnson - on behalf of the Bridge Committee

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## From The Church

### Dear Friends

Traditionally November is a month of Remembrance. This begins with All Saint's Day when we remember all who those we know have died during the previous 12 months. Next, we have Remembrance, the opportunity, year on year, to remember the fallen. When I think of war and remembrance, I think of all the heroes, all those men and women who laid down their lives. A hero of mine, particularly as a former nurse myself, is Edith Cavell, a Hospital Matron. At the outbreak of the First World War Edith quickly headed back to Brussels where she had previously been teaching nurses, explaining to her family that this was where she would be most use. Even when the city was under siege, occupied by the German troops she remained at her post, helping wounded British soldiers to get better and eventually escape back to England, even returning some of them back to fight on the front line. It was this effort which cost her life. She was shot by the firing squad on October 11<sup>th</sup> 1915.

**This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. John Chapter 15 verses 12 and 13**

Edith is often referred to as a modern martyr, Edith knew her own hero, Jesus Christ as her personal saviour, she knew that she was facing death and that there was no place for resentment in her heart, this is what she told her chaplain the night before she died:

**"Standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone."**

She understood that what she had done was wrong, yet she had continued to preserve life and soon she would stand before God, forgiven, so she **knew** she also had to forgive.

Just as for Nurse Edith Cavell, as Christians, our ultimate hero is Jesus, some of our heroes may be the ones who remind us of him, the ones who are willing to lay down their lives for their friends.

But, Jesus blows the standards when it comes to heroes. He is unique. He is supreme. He is different. Different in the same way that a candle is different from the sun. They both may give off light but that is where the comparison ends.

Faced with her own imminent death, Edith understood the hope of heaven.

'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends'

Jesus has conquered death for us all, by dying on the cross, reconciling us to God and then rising to be with his Father in glory.

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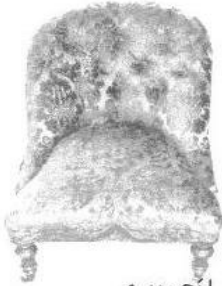
£50 143 John Bennett  
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> | Joker: Folie a Deux (15) | 7.30pm. |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                  | The Apprentice (15)      | 7.30pm, |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                  | “ “                      | 2pm.    |

## NOVEMBER SHOWS

|                  |                                                  |                                            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Tom Waters-Electric People on Tour               | 7.30pm, £22.40.                            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Lipstick on your Collar                          | 7.30pm, £25                                |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Su Pollard: Still fully charged                  | 7.30pm, £22.50.                            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Kerry Ellis – Queen of the West End              | 7.30pm, £33, VIP £55,<br>Super VIP £82.50. |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Elio Pace in Concert: My Songbook, My Life       | 7.30pm, £30.                               |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Nick Heyward                                     | 7.30pm, £30.                               |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Catfish Keith                                    | 7.30pm, £18.50.                            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Colosseum                                        | 7.30pm, £24.                               |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Hancock;s Half Hour: The lost TV Episodes        | 7.30pm, £20.                               |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Tennessee County Christmas                       | 7.30pm, 25.50.                             |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | The Upbeat Beatles                               | 7.30pm, £25 / Concs £22.                   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Jack Dee: Small World                            | 7.30pm, <b>SOLD OUT</b>                    |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Mark Smith – Antiques Expert on the Road         | 7.30pm, £27.50, VIP £50.                   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Soft Machine                                     | 7.30pm, £23.50.                            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Ed Byrne: Tragedy plus Time                      | 7.30pm, £32.                               |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | T-Rextasy                                        | 7.30pm, £29.50.                            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | UK Pink Floyd Experience                         | 7.30pm, 327.50.                            |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Good Evening Mr Buble                            | 7.30pm, from £29.                          |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Paul Jones & Dave Kelly                          | 7.30pm, £3.                                |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | The Searchers Experience                         | 7.30pm, £25.                               |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Moving Pictures – A Tribute to The Music of Rush | 7.30pm, 22.                                |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Talon – The best of Eagles 2024                  | 8pm, £30.                                  |



# Menu

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**Discovery Café - 2.30pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**From Womb to Tomb by Dr Charles Rees**

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**Social lunch – 12 noon on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

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**Film Society – 7.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**The Hunchback of Notre Dame, dir William Dieterle 1939.**

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**Mackrell Lecture - 2.30pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November.**

**The Rise and Fall of Tarrant Rushton Airfield- Adrian Holden.**

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**An Autumn Feast 7pm 23<sup>rd</sup> November - see separate poster**

**4 courses, bar, raffle- £25. Tickets from Fiona Waters**

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**Play reading - 2pm on Monday 25th November**

**The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot**

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**Thursday morning Bridge Group.**

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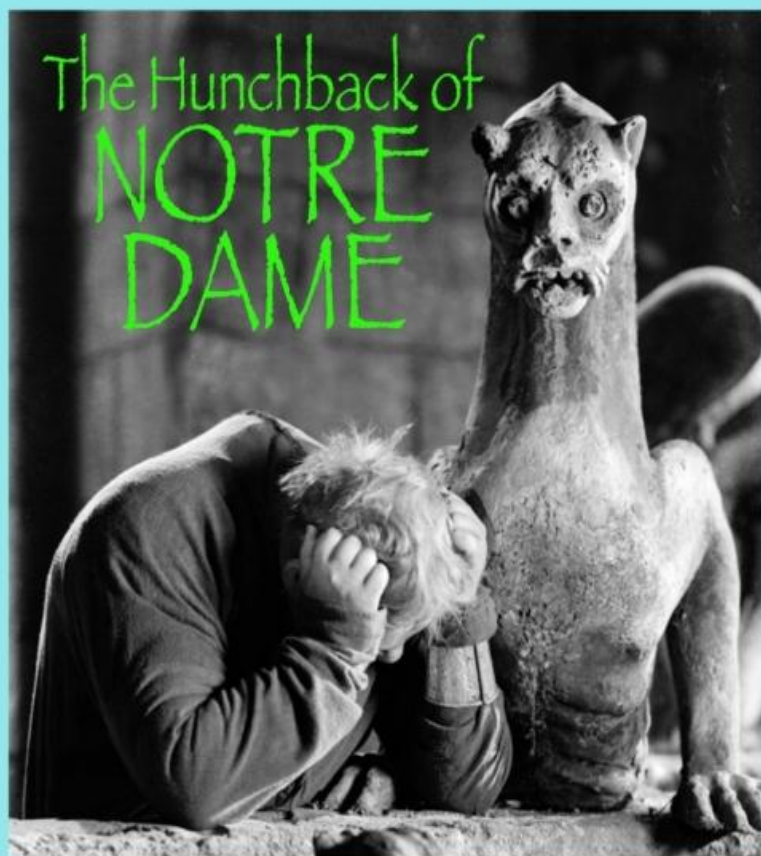
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## EXTREME FORAGING - by Boldngrey

In the October edition of the 'Bridge' Mel Fermor wrote a delightful article about foraging that struck a chord with me. I am a lifelong forager, but not just in the sense that Mel describes. In my lifetime I have taken it to new levels.

I am a 'Baby Boomer' born when food was rationed and everything was in short supply. The enormous gardens of Churchill Close bear witness to the fact that all families grew their own vegetables. Foraging was an essential means of supplementing our modest diet.

Blackberrying was our family's favourite activity. On one occasion, my six-foot father was reaching for the juiciest blackberries on the highest bramble, just as Mel remembers it. He felt a sharp prick in his foot, quickly followed by a second intense stab of pain. Looking down at his sandals, he saw an adder scurrying away.

He drove like Stirling Moss to Salisbury Infirmary where he received a massive shot of anti-biotics and painkillers. He then drove us all sedately home, nursing a feeling of intense nausea and a headache that would have felled a buffalo.

Dad also followed Mel's example and spoiled 'Mother's Ruin' with sloes that he had foraged. Other wines were brewed from scratch. Rhubarb wine and potato wine came from his garden and elderberry from the hedgerow. On Monday mornings we would go to school, backs aching and fingers stained from foraging for the thousands of flower heads needed for dandelion wine.

In the spring of 1956 we picnicked on Salisbury Plain, surrounded by nodding cowslips. My father, my elder sister and I filled bags with them. Mother was excused picking as she was so heavily pregnant and could only sit on a rug and take off the stems. My younger sister was born that May. The wonderful, golden cowslip wine that resulted was his greatest brew and he carefully saved the last bottle to crack in celebration on her twenty-first birthday – sheer nectar. Today cowslips are protected so this would not be possible.

The field with the best mushrooms was always a closely guarded secret. Now, sadly, weed killers have made field mushrooms a rarity and I've yet to follow the current fashion of foraging for fungi. I wouldn't want to risk a psychedelic moment at my age.

It was my mother who introduced me to advanced level foraging, extending the skills involved to other areas of life. Her foraging regularly took her to jumble sales where she would find armfuls of treasure. 'You'll grow to fit it' is a phrase that still sends shivers down my spine. *Millennials* should search Google for 'jumble sale'.

Newly married, I honed my urban foraging skills. Our first home was in Woolwich where stocking our larder meant foraging in the local Tesco. I was alarmed to discover that my new wife and I approached this simple task differently. We strolled the aisles together seeking offers, but she would only buy the items needed on a carefully composed list. Shopping bored me, so I would stack the trolley with bargains. If it was cheap, you bought lots and avoided shopping again for a long time. It was the start of my belief that there is more to life than the middle aisle of Lidl.

When I borrowed a membership card for a local cash and carry our eyes widened at the cheap prices, so we filled our trolleys with super economy, battalion sized packs. Seduced by the absence of VAT on the labels we maxed out the Barclaycard in one swift visit. Back home buyer's remorse set in with a vengeance as we gazed in horror at the quantity we had bought. True, we didn't need cornflakes or Andrex for many months, but in my enthusiasm we had over-purchased several items in massive quantities. I have guilty memories of a forty-eight pack of Windolene which for many years was given generously to friends and neighbours at every opportunity. In fact, we may still have a few if anyone is interested.

Ever after, our family's weekly shop became a female sport. In forty-five years of married life, I can count on my fingers the number of times we have done the Tesco run together and it suits us both fine (I think!).

Where we did forage successfully together was at auctions. These were the days of DIY, stripped pine and Laura Ashley (wince) and I became an advanced level forager. With my modest wood working ability and my wife's excellent sewing and upholstery skills we made a good team.

Our pinnacle was the restoration of a drop ended settee and easy chairs. My task, securing the wooden frame etc, was straight forward, but re-upholstering became a never-ending saga. Slaves to traditional methods and material, we needed to replace much of the original stuffing so we salvaged two smelly horse hair mattresses. The hair was soaked in the bath, sewn into pillow cases and put in the washing machine. It was then dried, tumbled and teased-out, a process that took weeks. The current tenants of that house are probably still digging horse hair from every plug hole. The finished product was excellent, but there was a tacit agreement that it would never be repeated.

The advent of boot fairs and eBay heralded the start of my time as an extreme forager as it provided openings to sell my better foraging bargains. It was a carousel of opportunities: buy at boot fairs and sell on eBay, buy on eBay and sell at auction, buy at auction and sell at boot fairs. It was great fun - a mildly addictive treasure hunt, always seeking the elusive find that might net a fortune.

Retirement has caused a slowdown. I gaze at the shelves in my shed, groaning with fifty years of foraged items that 'might come in handy one day', and know that reconciliation is needed. Am I entering a de-foraging phase? Should I stop?

Just a minute, look at the time! Middleditch is having a sale today. No time to waste, I must fly.

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## Nature's Voice



Have you ever spotted these funny little furballs clinging to wild roses and wondered why they are there? The robin's pincushion, as its commonly known, is an example of symbiosis or a close relationship between two organisms where at least one benefits. In this case, it is a type of gall wasp that lays its eggs on wild rose, causing the rose's tissue to react in these funny swellings. The gall wasp larvae live inside the swelling, or gall, feeding on the plant material inside through the winter, before emerging as adults in the spring. Pretty clever! The gall wasp is a parasite, but the dog rose is left pretty unharmed in spite of being used as an out of season Insect Airbnb!

There are loads of these funny relationships across the natural world. We tend to think of parasites with a bit of a shudder and a sudden urge to wash your hair, but it's actually a pretty clever way of ensuring a species continues. Sometimes, rather than acting as a parasite, two species will coexist in a way that benefits both at the same time – this is called mutualism. You might have noticed that where there are aphids, there are often also ants. The aphids secrete a sugary liquid called honeydew, which the ants eat, and the ants, in turn, offer protection to the aphids, sometimes even storing their larvae underground and guarding them (and enjoying their sweet stickiness like a mini dairy farm!)

There are lots of different parasitic wasps in the UK – and most of them look nothing like the yellow and black wasps that we widely recognise. Ever spotted little circular bumps on the underside of an oak leaf? That's a gall wasp's eggs! Or the ridged and wrinkled acorns that look completely different from their brothers and sisters? Another gall wasp! So look out for the crazy shapes of the robin's pincushion and imagine the little creatures grubbing inside them. There are hundreds at Badbury Rings right now.

**Mel Fermor**

## **Social Lunch Club**

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

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**Social Lunch Club is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
at midday**

**We will be taking final bookings for our Festive Christmas Lunch on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

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

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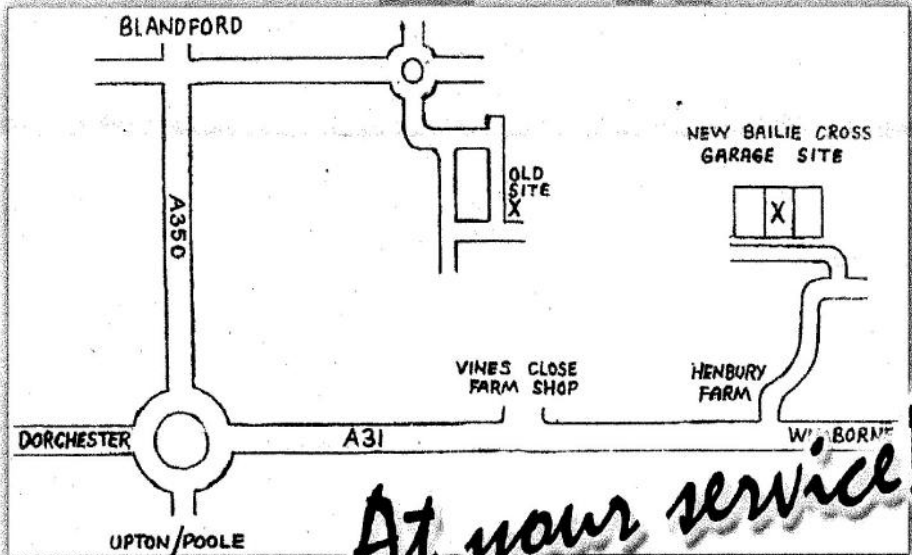
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Thanks from all the team.

## Kingston Lacy Estate News



Staff and volunteers had a great day supporting Shapwick's Autumn fete at the beginning of October, organised by The Old School Nursery. We set up the apple pressing equipment in the orchard, as well as autumn crafts and an autumn animal orchard trail. Children loved cranking the handle to see the apple juice coming out, and have a taste of fresh juice, and it was lovely to

see so many people from the local community enjoying the orchards. Well done to Natalie from The Old School Nursery for doing such a great job organising.

Eye Bridge has also been a focus for staff recently, with the conclusion of a research collaboration with University of Exeter (UoE) to understand better: 1) how people make use of parts of the Trust's lowland estates that are freely accessible to the public, and 2) how these sites might be managed differently in future. The team ran sessions and conducted interviews with children and young people from QE School, in order to explore how young people use Eye Bridge, so that the site can be managed in a more sustainable way. We ended the project with a pond dipping session, and the UoE team will be presenting the research findings to the Kingston Lacy and wider LLE teams in the coming weeks. This information will be really useful in supporting the management plans for Eye Bridge in the years to come and ensuring that young people can still enjoy this beautiful place for years to come.

One recent wildlife spot by the rangers at Bishops Court farm was a white-tailed eagle, Britain's largest bird of prey. Keen birdwatchers will know there has been a programme of relocations of this astonishing species from Scotland to the Isle of Wight in recent years, with regular sightings in Poole harbour, but the changes at Bishops Court have seen a big increase in small mammals that are a key part of the eagles' diet. Hopefully Bishops Court will become a regular hunting ground for these and other raptors.

## **Church Services for November**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> : 4<sup>th</sup> before Advent**

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

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> : 3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent**

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

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

10.50am Remembrance Service at St. Bartholomew's, Shapwick

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> : 3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent**

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

10.00am Remembrance service at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

10.50am Remembrance service at Stur. Marshall War Memorial

10.50am Holy Communion at Morden/with Almer at War Memorial

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> : 2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent**

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

9.15am Simply Worship at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

11.00am Holy Communion at Almer

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>: Next before Advent**

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

9.15am Holy Communion St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

11.00am Holy Communion at Morden

### **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 November

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## Zoom Services at Wimborne Minster

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| “ “ “            | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer |

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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.

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## English Usage by Michael Evans

### Too many words?

Our daily conversation and many written notices contain superfluous words as if we might not fully understand if they were not added to simpler phrases.

The craze for putting “pre” before many words puzzles me. We don’t have to book a ticket, but we must “pre-book” or even “pre-book it in advance!”

The use of “pre” occurs also when the media report something as a “pre-planned operation” instead of just “planned,” which surely means before the event in question without the “pre.”

Other examples of superfluous words are

“W here are you going **to**?” for “Where are you going?”

“He is going to **meet up with** the president” for “he is going to meet the president.”

“We did that **up until** last year” for “We did that until last year.”

“It was a free gift” for “it was free” for “it was a gift”

“You can get it **for free**” for “you can get it free”.

“The **reason why**” came from the poem “The charge of the light brigade” for poetic scansion, but in everyday language it is enough to say “I know **the reason**” or “I know **why**.”

I’m not saying that anything is wrong with those expressions, but I do wonder why language is subject to inflation as much as the economy.

Last month’s anagrams

A T.U. TREASURER - RESTAURATEUR  
URBAN SEDITION – INSUBORDINATE  
SILENCED GUN – INDULGENCES  
CRY, TERESA – SECRETARY

This month’s anagrams

I AM TOLD CREAM – over sentimental (1 word)  
IT’S A CRIME – end to fighting (1 word)  
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I am sure you are fed up with the mention of wet weather, and very little sunshine but unfortunately that does seem to be the normal state of affairs. It has also been quite chilly at times, which in a way I do not mind as much because it usually means sunshine and clear blue skies. If you are worried about flooding please do visit the **GOV.UK** website to see the current flood warnings, view river and sea levels or check the 5-day flood risk forecast: <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/target-area/111WAFSTOM> or call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 using quick-dial code: 210033.

We urgently need volunteers to come forward to join the Speedwatch team in the village. We have lost a few members, and we need at least 6 participants to take this forward, or else will have to consider the viability of the group which is a great shame. We get a lot of complaints from Parishioners regarding speed and we have tried to get the Speedwatch team going but we are just not getting the support. If you feel you would be able to give time to help with this, please do contact the Parish Clerk, details are on the web site mentioned above.

A gentle reminder that the Citizens Advice Bus will be stopping at Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November between 10am and 12pm. If you have any worries or problems, please do go along and speak to one of their friendly advisers.

Remembrance Sunday is also here again, and a short service will be taking place at the War Memorial on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Southern Gas Network are going to start work on the crossroads on the A350/Station Road/Dullar Lane Junction and the proposed start date as we go to print is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 for 4 weeks. Please keep a look out on the Parish Website and social media for any updates regarding this work. All households should have received a leaflet explaining the works.

It is that time of year again when we will be looking at setting budgets for the next financial year. This is a very important task as we need to make sure we have enough funds for any projects, maintenance and unexpected costs, especially in the current economic climate with a lot of main Councils experiencing funding shortfalls. An update from Dorset Waste Partnership; cartons and foil can now be put in the recycling bin, which is an improvement, instead of Landfill.

### Recent Plans:

P/FUL/2024/04569 51 Churchill Close, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4BH. - Carry out alterations and extension to form separate two-bedroom dwelling.

P/PABA/05289 Fairway Farm, Dorchester Road, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 3RL. - Erect new barn for the undercover storage of farm machinery.

P/CLP/2024/05436 Black Horse Farm, Blandford Road, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4AQ. - Internal alterations to existing games room.

P/TRC/2024/05353 The Roost, Great Coll Wood To Mapperton - Lane, Winterborne Zelston, DT11 9ER . T1 - Honey Locust - Crown reduction by up to 1.75m and crown lift to 2.5m as per annotated photograph.

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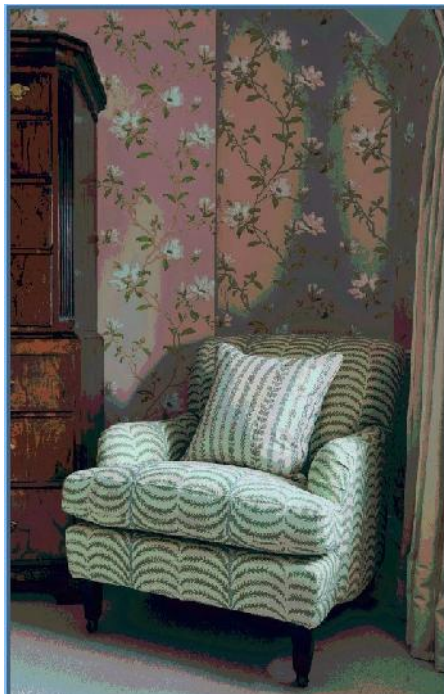
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1x Yellow Pepper chopped into 1" ish chunks.

1x large tin baked beans (400g)

1x large tin chopped tomatoes (400g)

Pop your sausages in the oven on a baking tray, or under the grill to cook through.

Put a splash of oil (Sunflower or Rapeseed) in a large saucepan, turn on a low-medium heat, add the chunky chopped onions and fry until turning soft.

Add the chunks of peppers, stir until turning slightly soft.

Add the tin of baked beans and chopped tomatoes, swill the cans out with an 1" or so of water... stir all together...cook for a few minutes.

Take your pre cooked sausages and cut into chunks of about 1"...add to the mixture.

Pop into a casserole dish and cook in the oven for about 20-30 mins.

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Our September meeting was a Games Evening.

The evening started out with a quick game of Bingo with various prizes of chocolate bears, then onto a Beetle Drive with a prize for the highest overall table score and then to end the evening a few party type games.

Twenty-one of our members enjoyed the evening.

By the time you read this we will be fast approaching Christmas and as I have noted on the bottom of this article our Christmas party, before that we have been invited to take part in the Sturminster Marshall First School Harvest Assembly which is a good opportunity for us to meet the children of the village and we are all looking forward to this.

Our group take part in regular activities as we have a Skittle Group, we are currently playing in the Dorset Federation tournament, we also have a walking netball team and a few of our members play Croquet.

A few of us also took a trip with the Dorset Federation WI to Buckingham Palace this was another excellent outing, Buckingham Palace never disappoints.

As you can see, we have had a very full and interesting month. Thank you once again to everyone that makes this possible.

If you are interested in joining our WI group, you are very welcome. We meet on the Third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in The Old School Hall opposite the Red Lion. See what we have to offer, nothing to pay at the start then if you like us a membership fee of £48 for the year.

**Our next meeting on December the 12<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas party to be held at Sturminster Marshall Golf Club.**

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

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I would like to thank everyone who donated or purchased plants from my front wall in High Street over the summer. Your contributions meant that the variety of plants for sale was wonderful and ever changing and have enabled me to send a gift of £800 to a local women's refuge.

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## Taking and Making Stock - by Lys de Bray

Last month I wrote about the Silver Willow - *Salix repens* 'Argernea' and as promised, here is a progress report . Towards the end of the month I had a good look at it, though my memory of its so-beautiful predecessor kept getting in the way. When my esteemed helper came to work that day I said: "I've- thought about the silver willow, it's got to go! Every time I look out of the window it looks worse, so out with it before I change my mind! Again! And when it's out, we'll have a good look at the roots." He said: "I scraped the trunk last week and that looked very healthy, do you really want it gone?"

`Yes. You win some, you lose some. I can't understand it, I never had any problems with the first tree, and I liked I so much! I won't get another; because it would be several years before it flowered."

Saying that made me think about mortality generally and to cheer myself up I went to look at our pots of bulbs with their promise of spring, life and the year to come.

Recently I was doing something mechanical like washing up and the following pithy description popped into my head:

`Gardening is always -

Experiment

Effort

Error - and -

Elation!

And the sun's just come out!

More cheering because the garden doesn't t look so Novemver-ish. Take the wheelbarrow and a good handful of short canes to mark things. I've just had an idea - if you're blessed with bamboos yielding an abundance of canes, cut some into short lengths and paint the tops of some of them red to move elsewhere, blue to leave where it is, yellow to split and make more of a display with and purple to split and grow on for charity sales. Stick them in where appropriate and you'll save a lot of time (and they're reusable; of course)

Nature has obligingly put paid to most of the herbaceous stuff; and it's up to you to finish the job. If a plant has done what you hoped, make a note and pass on. If, on the other hand, something hasn't been a success, out with it. I'm minded of the Red Queen, in 'Alice Through the Looking-Glass' / 'Alice in Wonderland' who shouted - 'Off with his head!'



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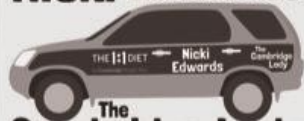
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