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



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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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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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**Why that tomb was empty is of vital importance.** If it was empty because someone actually did come and steal the corpse of Jesus – if that is really all that took place – a criminal's death and an ordinary burial then hope died with him on the cross. Trust in all that he had said was destroyed – it was nothing more than an epic and life-shattering let-down. And that, at first, is what the devastated followers of Jesus think has happened.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Christians across the world and in this community will greet the Easter Dawn with the shout of 'He is Risen!'. Many of us, Christian or not, will give Easter Eggs to those we love. The hollow egg is traditionally a symbol of that empty tomb.

We shout 'He is risen!' because beyond all expectation, hope did not stay dead. The impossible happened on that first Easter day. It blows our western, rational minds to even think it – despite some very compelling (and rational) evidence that supports it! It blew the minds of the first disciples too. They took some convincing - Jesus appeared to them several times, but had to let them touch him and had to eat in front of them to bring the point home.

The reality of the resurrection of Jesus kick-started the growth of Christianity. Now over 2 billion people in the world today hold the hope that stems from that first shock discovery of the empty tomb. God's not dead. He is alive – and because of Jesus any human being on this planet can know what it is to be loved by God. Some of the first followers and friends of Jesus even went to their deaths for that incredible claim, but they wouldn't retract it.

Join us this Easter if you can – service times are in this magazine and you'd be very welcome. The tomb is empty, but if you really are seeking the risen Jesus, you will find him and discover a hope that is death-proof. Find that and life will never be the same.

With every blessing,

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

# St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Dr. Strangelove (NT Encore Screening) (12A) | 7.30pm, £15.50, £13    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | “ “                                         | 2pm, “ “               |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | Andre Rieu The Dream Continues              | 3pm, £16, concs £15,   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>  | Mr Burton (12A)                             | 7.30pm                 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | “ “ “                                       | 2.30pm                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                    | Pink Floyd at Pompeii MCMLXXII (12A)        | 3pm, £15.50, concs £13 |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> | Anora (12A)                                 | 7.30pm,                |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | “                                           | 2.30pm                 |

## APRIL SHOWS

|                  |                                                |                                            |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Harry Hill: New Bits & Greatest Hits           | 7.30pm, SOLD OUT                           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Rabbit Rabbit: A Tribute to Chas & Dave        | 7.30pm, CANCELLED                          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Totally Blondie                                | 7.30pm, £2.50                              |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | History of the Tivoli with Charlie North Lewis | FREE,<br>Donations appreciated PLEASE BOOK |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Francis Rossi (Last Seats Remain)              | 7.30pm Std £20, £50, £60<br>VIP £100       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | And Finally Phil Collins                       | 7.30pm, £23.50                             |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Country Superstars                             | 7.30pm, £25.50                             |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Nick Cope's Family Show                        | 11pm, £16, concs £15                       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | The Enchanted Princess Ball                    | 1pm, £18, <16 £16.50                       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | “ “ “ “                                        | 4.30pm, “ “                                |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | The Three C's                                  | 7.30pm, £18.50                             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Go Your Own Way<br>The Fleetwood Mac Legacy    | 7.30pm, £28.50                             |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Very Santana 2025                              | 7.30pm, £21                                |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | The Drifters                                   | 7.30pm, £35                                |



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**Discovery Café - 2.30pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April.  
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An illustrated talk by Brian and Jacqueline Sutton**

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**Social lunch – 9<sup>th</sup> April. All Welcome.**

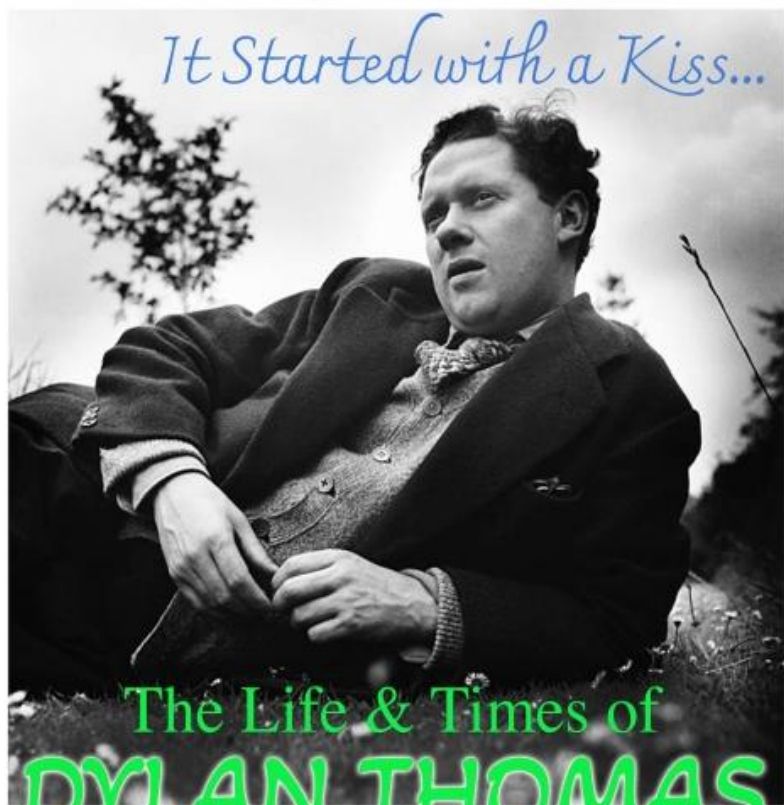
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**Play reading on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 2pm  
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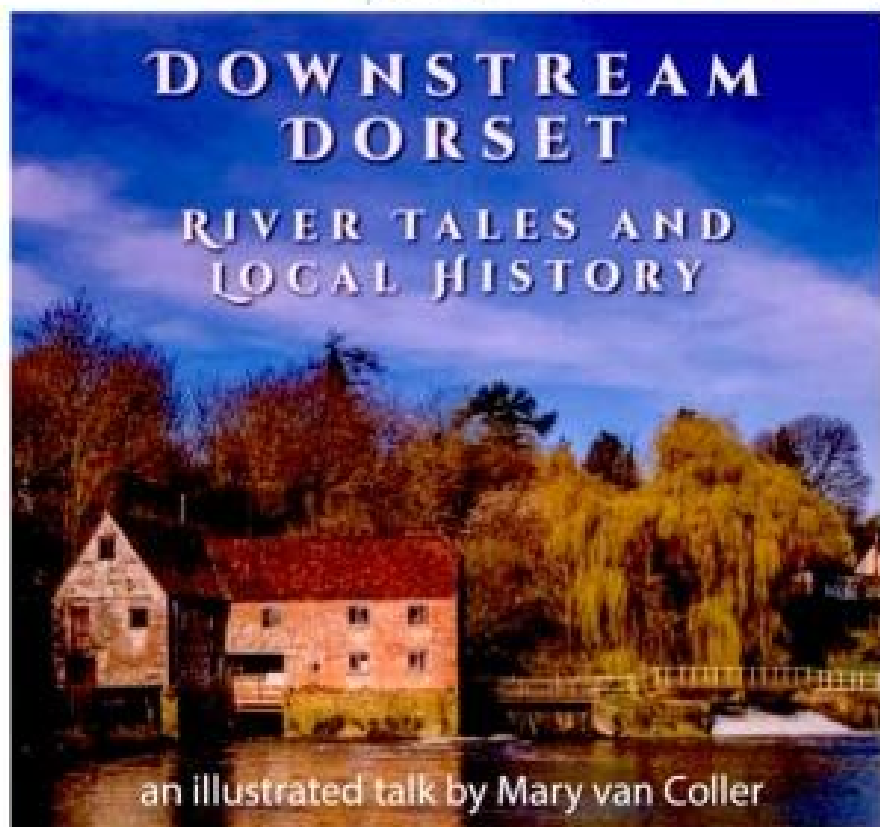


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Some historians speculate that April Fool's Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian Calendar. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognise that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through to April 1, became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolise a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.



April Fools's Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's behinds, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April fools. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and websites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims.

In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees. For the average trickster though, there is always the classic April Fools' Day prank of swapping the contents of the sugar and salt containers.



## Social Lunch Club

### Old School Hall, Sturminster Marshall

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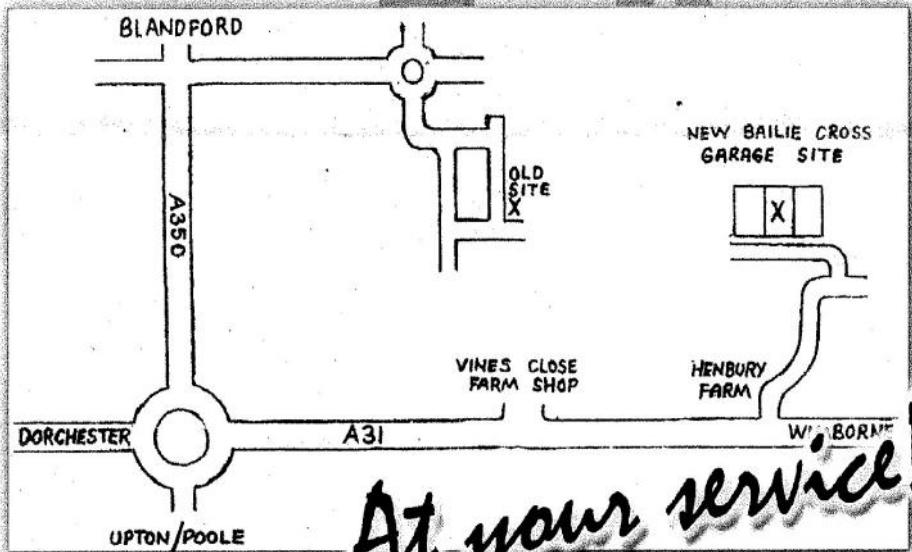
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## Kingston Lacy Estate News

With the arrival of a drop of sunshine, everyone's thoughts at Kingston Lacy have turned to spring. There are events and activities for everyone, with the Japanese Garden turning 20 this year and a focus in the house on Henrietta Bankes' legacy.



Out in the garden, we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of blossom. The first buds are opening out – by the time you're reading this, the annual display of cherry blossom will be well under way. One of the activities available through spring and summer will be a trail with inked stamps that enables you to build a unique picture of the Japanese Garden to take away – it's a fun activity for children and adults alike.

There are also tours combined with a tea tasting in June and September (March is sold out); we're welcoming back tea specialists Comins Tea, which will be bringing a selection of different teas to try. Or you can join an early morning tour of the house and garden, which explains a little of how this extraordinary woman left her mark on the Kingston Lacy we see today.

Also in the house is a display of some more personal items: a beautiful Victorian tea gown that belonged to Henrietta goes on display from 22 March, with other exhibits such as her wedding ring, letters to her sister talking about her wedding, and newspaper articles detailing her trousseau. It's a little glimpse into a long-vanished world.

Meanwhile, the Easter celebrations begin early, on 3 April – given where Easter falls this year, the main Easter weekend is at the end of the holidays. So you can bring children of all ages to enjoy the games and activities in the Easter festival field 3-21 April, between 10am-3pm. Each trail costs £3.50, with a chocolate egg to enjoy at the end of it.

Check out the website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kingston-lacy](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kingston-lacy) to find out more about these and other event through the spring and summer.

## Church Services for April

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> of Lent

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

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday

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

11.00am Morning Service with Baptism at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

11.00am Morning Prayer at Morden

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday

2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy at St. Mary's, Stur. Marshall

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday

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

11.00am Holy Communion at Morden

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>: Easter 2

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

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

11.00am 11.00am Holy Communion at Morden

### Weekday Services

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

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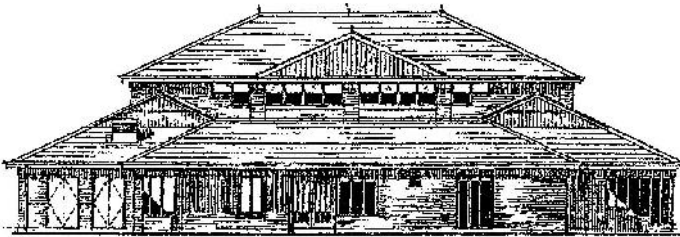
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## NOTICES



**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

### The subjunctive mood.

This is mainly used when writing or speaking about things that are hypothetical. In English it usually affects the verb “to be,” unlike French, Spanish and others which have wider usages for it.

For example, if we say “If I were you, I wouldn’t bother” we have changed the verb from the indicative mood “was” to the subjunctive mood “were”.

Most of us would not know why we made the change. We do not need to be language experts, and learn such aspects of language as we progress from childhood to maturity.

Some authors insist on always using the subjunctive after “if” but this does not always introduce an unreal condition. A recent report that “a couple who married in the 1970s were more likely to divorce if the woman **were** cleverer than the man” showed an inappropriate use of the subjunctive, because what the writer was reporting was not at all hypothetical !

In Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice*, Lucas says “If I **were** as rich as Mr Derby” but continues “I should not care how proud I **was**.” The first sentence used correct grammar, and the speaker instinctively chose the more appropriate mood in the second one.

Last month’s anagrams

POPE’S TROUSER - PREPOSTEROUS

COP-OUTS – OCTOPUS

This month’s anagrams

OVER FIFTY? – No, younger! (1 word)

### Sturminster Marshall Gardening Club Programme 2025

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## STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH JOTTINGS

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We have been experiencing a lovely dry period although frosty at times. It has been a welcome relief to see the sunshine and feel it's warmth on occasions.

This is an early reminder that the Annual Open Meeting will be taking place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Please put the date in your diary and come along and let the Parish Council know of any concerns you may have. I will let you know next month who the speakers will be.

The Litter Poster created as part of a competition by a pupil from Sturminster Marshall First School has been printed and should be on display around the village by the time you read these Jottings. Please take the time to have a look. The Parish Litter pick will also have taken place, and I will report on that next month too. Sadly, Dog Fouling is still a big issue in the village, which is very sad. As reported last month the dog wardens are carrying out additional patrols across Dorset. Please report any offences you witness online on the Dorset Council website. If you type 'Report dog fouling' in the search you will find the link.

Parish maintenance is on-going, and we have been seeking a quote for both the tree maintenance and the refurbishment of the benches around the village. We have had the Maypole checked and it has been indicated that brown rot has appeared in the upper section. The recommendation is to reduce the height of the Maypole by 2 to 3 metres. This will not stop the May Day celebrations however the Rat Weathervane on top will be removed temporarily for renovation. We are urgently seeking a quote for this work too and in the long term are considering a full replacement. The Parish Flood Plan has been updated. Sadly, people are still ignoring road closed signs when the Mill Lane is flooded, especially from the village end, and attempting travel through the flood water. The signs are there for a reason, so please find another route.

The monthly visits by the Citizen's Advice Bus have sadly been cancelled due to a lack of support.

### **Recent Plans and Tree works:**

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Alterations to existing annexe accommodation ancillary to the residential use of Black Horse Farm.



P/HOU/2025/00957 Barkers, Blandford Road, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4AF.

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P/TRC/2025/00887 The Red Lion, 174 Church Street, Sturminster Marshall BH21. 4BU.

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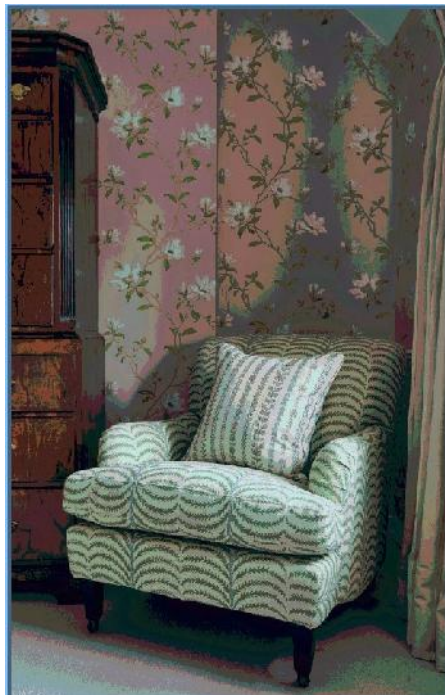
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There have been two floodings already during the winter and there could clearly be more when the 'monsoon season' begins in the spring. The Flood Warden Team have collated a lot of local information about conditions on the roads and the likely behaviour of the river.

We have no current reports of specific property at risk. If you believe your property could be in a flood risk situation let us know and we will give you an assessment.

To be reassuring, this is very unlikely to be a real worry judging from recent years, as we have had no inundations to property since the bund was constructed in the 1970's.

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We had 21 members attend our meeting in February.

Christine our President welcomed Beauty Therapist Michelle Needham to our meeting.

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I was the willing volunteer for the make-up demonstration. Michelle has a beauty studio in Corfe Mullen and uses Tropic products. Michelle is a Senior Tropic Leader. She took us through her recommended beauty routine and then a full make-up demonstration.

It was a lovely relaxing evening.

**Our next meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April and will be our annual meeting followed by cheese and wine. This will commence at 7.30pm.**

We have a very active 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.

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'The sun was shining brightly, shining with all his might - and that was very odd, because it was the middle of the night.'

I am a Lewis Carroll fan and have read and re-read the two 'Alice' books many times and am about to read them again. What is interesting is the fact that the stories are appreciated by all age-groups. My own copies belonged to my father in his beautiful copperplate writing and I treasure them partly for that and their age and partly because they stories are so gentle. Gentleness is important to a child, it makes them feel SAFE, whereas the harsher realities of life, if experienced too soon, can scar them for life, and those scars never heal. A child's mind is all fresh and new and ready to accept all the new images and it is really important that they should be as pleasant as possible, though alas, often they are not, nor can they ever be. To be topical, a child's memories of the situation in Ukraine illustrates this.

I'll get down from my pulpit now to say the Alice books are often quoted in other works and from that you can (usually) guess the age of the writer; no, I'm not going to tell you! (see above!) as if it matters. When I'm re-reading them I often find interesting snippets that will do duty in other articles. Under a chair in my sitting-room there's a brand new book titled, simply\* 'Alice 'and I'm looking forward to finding a like mind or a violently opposing one. If the latter, he or she is entitled to their opinion and either way it'll be interesting. I really intended to write a seasonal gardening piece about spring planting, so here it is in the remaining space.

If you've been tempted to buy some spring-flowering plants, bulbs, whatever because they're already in flower, do remember that commercial growers have enviable seasonally heated greenhouses where everything is in bloom (and don't they smell lovely if you're lucky enough to visit one!) Buy their tempting wares by all means but you must acclimatize them to the great outdoors before you plant them in the garden. I once met an unhappy new gardener who hadn't been at it that long. She had birthday money and had spent it on all kinds of things that were in bloom in the sheltered environment of a garden-centre shop. She had gardening relatives coming to stay and wanted to impress them and she planted all her new purchases straight into her garden. Came a three-day frost. She was in tears when she phoned me, so I lifted as many plants in bloom and bud as I could get into the boot and passenger seat of my car and took them round and we finished planting them just an hour before the expected arrival of the relatives.

Regular readers may have noticed that I'm prone to digressing; I leave it/them in because it's fun to see where it/they fit..



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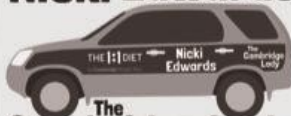
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## Parish Directory

### The Parish of Kingston Lacy and Shapwick

Rector:-Revd Canon Andrew Rowland 01202 882340  
(The rector's day off is Friday)  
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Churchwarden Kingston Lacy: Rob Langdown 01202 841381  
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Treasurer: Christine Cosgrove 01258 858876  
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### Sturminster Marshall Parish Church

Vicar: Rev. Jane Williams (Jane's day of rest is usually Friday, 01258 858604  
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### Schools

Sturminster Marshall First School: Mrs N. Charman 01258 857348  
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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  
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### **Councillors**

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Pamphill & Shapwick Parish Council Clerk: Mrs. Lindsay Hole

### **For Sturminster Marshall**

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### **For Pamphill**

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### **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 this spring. Normal admission charges apply to all events.

#### Join our Easter adventures



3 - 21 April 2025, 10am - 3pm. £3.50

Join the Easter fun. Put on your bunny ears, complete the ten amazing activities around the Easter field and claim your tasty prize.

#### Meet the Kingston Lacy lambs



26 & 27 April, 10am, 12pm & 2pm, free

Join a member of the farm team to see the Portland lambs up close, hear how we care for them and discover more about this great breed.

#### Enjoy a tractor trailer ride



Monthly May - August, tickets from £5

Join us for one of our monthly tractor and trailer rides across the parkland, and see the Red Devon cows up close

#### Discover nature this half-term



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

Join us for some wild fun this half-term, with nature inspired activities and crafts for everyone to enjoy.

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)

