

THE BRIDGE

THE MAGAZINE FOR THE COMMUNITIES
OF STURMINSTER MARSHALL,
KINGSTON LACY & SHAPWICK



April 2021

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THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

Bridge Publications is an agency which produces the Bridge Magazine for the communities of Sturminster Marshall, Shapwick and Kingston Lacy. 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.

Advertisements:

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**

Please do not send any advertisements to the Editor.

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 contact number for all advertising enquiries.

The deadline for adverts to Liz for the next issue is the 12th of the month.

Inserts: Your loose leaf inserts or flyers can also be delivered with The Bridge for a charge of £30. **Please provide 1020 copies of your leaflet, in banded bundles of 100, folded to A5 size** if larger, to our Benefice Clerk, Jan Standing, between the **24th and 27th** of the month. Jan's telephone number is **07973 766614**.

If you follow up any advertisement could you please mention that you saw it in The Bridge

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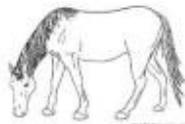
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However, I am delighted that we are reopening our buildings on March 29<sup>th</sup> in line with step 1b of the Government's roadmap. Our first Sunday back will therefore be Easter Day on April 4<sup>th</sup>. It feels very fitting that at time when we celebrate new life and hope, to be returning. I am very much looking forward to it. On Easter Day we have a communion service planned in St. Mary's Sturminster Marshall and at St. Stephen's Pamphill., both at 9.15am You are welcome to join us.

After almost 18 months of consultations, the local church reorganisation starts at the end of this month. This means this is my final time of writing for the Bridge magazine. From May 1<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Justin Pottinger of Red Post Benefice will have Pastoral responsibility for the parish of Sturminster Marshall, and Rev. Suzie Allen for the parishes of Shapwick and Pamphill.

Thank you to everyone for making me welcome. It has been a privilege to have been involved in ministry in these villages. I leave both sad that I am not staying as I will miss people and the churches, but I'm also positive as I believe the new structures will enable ministry to flourish into the future.

I pray for each of you that that the message of hope that Easter brings, will give you joy and strength now, and into the future.

Yours faithfully,



**Rev'd Carolyn Couzens**

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# St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

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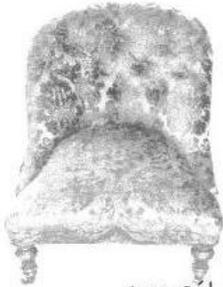
The draw was held outside Lindisfarne, King Street, as there was no Church service at St. Mary's, due to COVID 19.

Thanks to Karen's grandchildren who completed the draw and for Annie Brewer-Smith for being our adjudicator.

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

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### Update 5th January 2021 + donations revised 14<sup>th</sup> March

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We thank you for your understanding and support and look forward to seeing you later in the year.

Thank you.



## Bags of Hope

Members of St. Mary's Church would like to thank everyone who made a contribution to the Bags of Hope that we sent out to families in the village recently. These were bags of food, toiletries and creative activities. They were to help those with young children who have had difficult times during the pandemic, to make them smile and to let them know the community cares for them.

Thanks to the abundant generosity of the community and the local shops, we were able to fill 45 bags with goodies. These were kindly delivered by volunteers from both the primary school and the pre-school. Some were delivered in time for the February half term and some for Easter. It is times like this when the strength of the community spirit in our village really shines through!

# **SERVICE TO MARK THE END OF THE BRIDGE BENEFICE.**



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**St Stephen's Church  
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**St Bartholomew's Church  
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## **The Bishop of Sherborne will lead a service in Shapwick Churchyard**

**10.30 am on 25<sup>th</sup> April (weather permitting)**

The service, will mark the end of the Bridge Benefice, and will celebrate the last 35 years of the three churches working together and pray for their future as they go their separate ways.

Please bring a chair if you have one but if rain is forecast it will be via Zoom. The decision will be made on the Friday morning and communicated via the website, by email and a poster outside each church.

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| <b>Wimborne</b> (High Street)           | arr  | 0932 | 1117 | 1232 1417     |
| <b>Wimborne</b> (High Street)           | dep. | 0934 | 1119 | 1234 1419     |
| Wimbome Hospital                        |      | 0936 | 1121 | 1236 1421     |
| Queen Elizabeth School                  |      | 0938 | 1123 | 1238 1423     |
| Kingston Lacy House (Main Car Park)     |      | 0944 | 1129 | 1244 <b>R</b> |
| Kingston Lacy (Church)                  |      | 0950 | -    | 1250 -        |
| Pamphill (School)                       |      | 0952 | -    | 1252 -        |
| Cowgrove (Duck Pond)                    |      | 0955 | -    | 1255 -        |
| White Mill                              |      | 0959 | -    | 1259 -        |
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We have been spending time talking about Spring time and the changes that it brings. The children have enjoyed making Easter treats and cards to send home too.

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**Discovery Café. Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April.**  
**Lady Butler - War Artist**  
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*Some of the Thursday morning bridge group are playing online on Bridge Base Online – if anyone would like to join this or would like help with playing online, please contact Katy Norman on 01258 857081*

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*We will open for Cream Teas as soon as we can, continue to check our website for information.*

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### PLEASE NOTE

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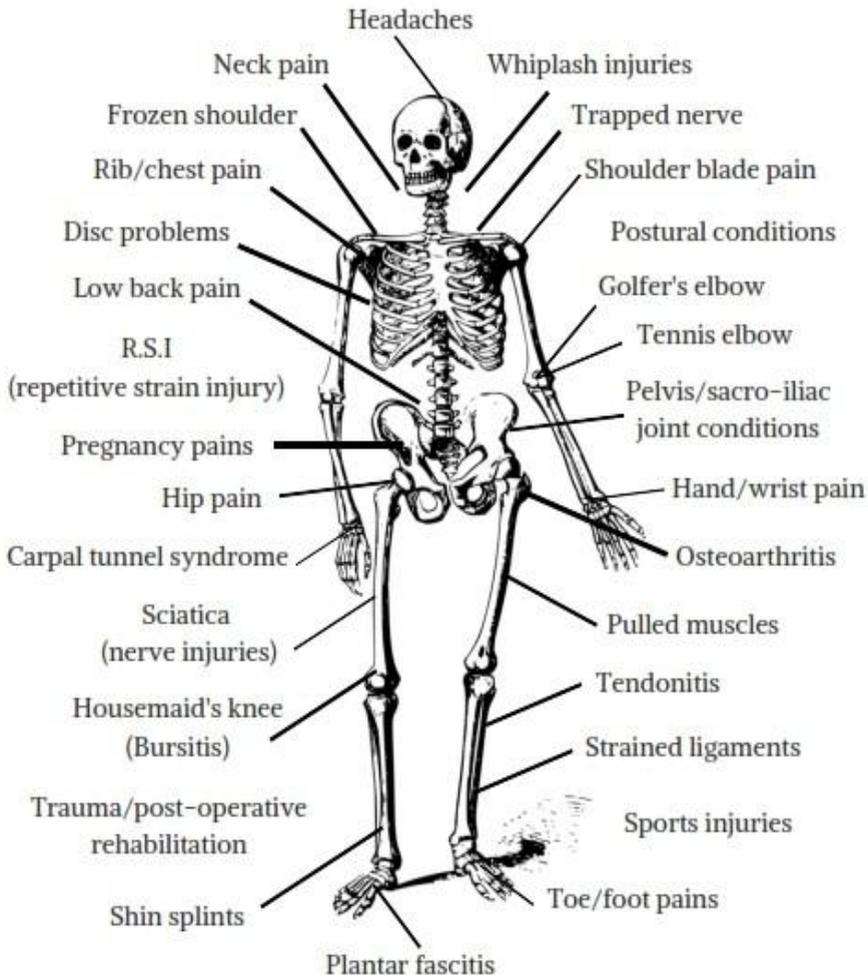
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## A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.

Well, once again time is running away and I am trying to write this month's article. I am sure that each day is passing too quickly, but I guess and hope that by May we may be back at church, if not in April. I have found it hard as I do go up to St. Stephens each day, to walk round the church, happy that we can have some kind of service if it all goes to plan. But we have all been down that road before and then have had to go back into Lockdown again. It's lovely to have the school back again. I know, as a governor it has been very hard at Pamphill. We hope that once again we can have proper contact, (not Zoom) which I find hard as we have very poor contact with the net. But I do keep in touch as much as I can, even if it is only a wave or a thumbs up!

As I write this, we are having very strong winds followed by storms. We have had problems with the heating, but thanks to the SSE, we have been lent a heater until they can solve the problem and put it right, but they can't say when, so we are still here and trying to smile! I also miss the family and friends, but hopefully we can get together sometime soon. But the thing I miss most is my work as an L.P.A., which is having contact with people and communities, such as Marion who I still see and have a laugh with, which helps to cheer us up. And I also remember people who have moved away or have died. What stories we can tell each other. What will we remember for a long time is all the people who have lost friends and families. I have just looked out of the window and seen the daffodils on the bank beside the house. They do look lovely but the strong wind is blowing them about. I am now looking forward to some hot summer time. Where will we be in some months time and what does the future hold for us all?

Keep well everyone and we will see what the future holds for us all!

Vera



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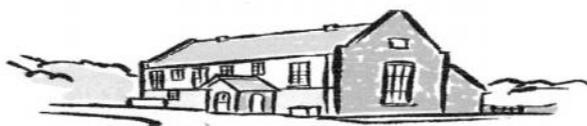
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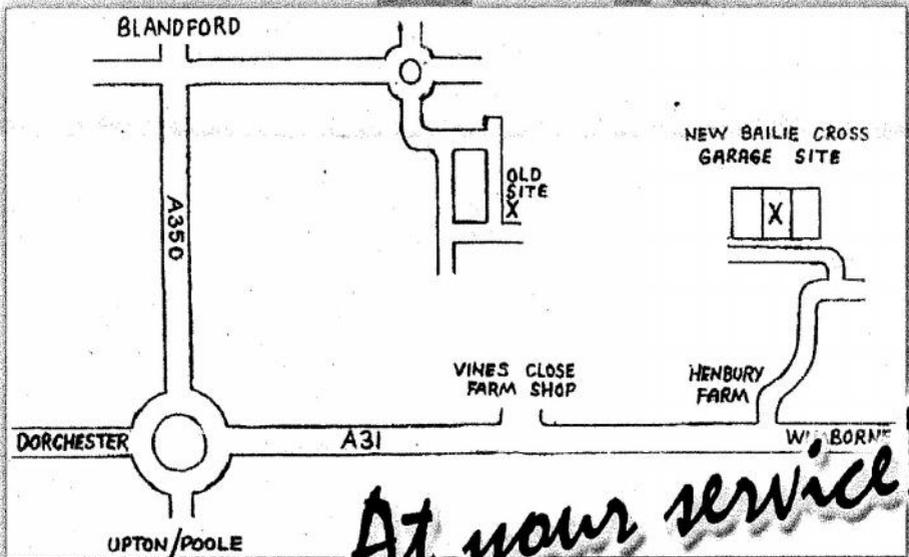
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## Kingston Lacy Estate News

We're looking forward to spring across the Kingston Lacy estate, with new life appearing round every corner. It's one of our busiest periods, even more so this year as the Covid restrictions gradually lift and people who have been cooped up for so long are able to get out and about.

It's a joy to see blossom appearing in the hedgerows and gardens. Here at Kingston Lacy, we're lucky enough to have well-established blossom trees in the garden, but we've been increasing the planting as well. Our Japanese Garden – first created by Henrietta Bankes more than a century ago – first taught us to appreciate the tradition of 'hanami': a term for enjoying the transient beauty of flowers that has developed into a great excuse for a picnic beneath the cherry trees. In February, the garden team planted 100 new cherry trees, a gift from the Sakura project (<https://japanuksakura.org/>) which celebrates Anglo-Japanese friendship. Though these two-year-old trees won't be as magnificent as our established trees, it's a symbol of both a new beginning and a legacy for future generations.

But it's not just the garden that's blossoming; you'll see blackthorn and wild cherry coming into bloom in hedgerows around the estate, providing an important food source for insects, butterflies and other pollinators that are now appearing on sunny days (the ranger team spotted the first Brimstone butterfly down at White Mill on 26 February).

Cattle will now be out for the summer; the Red Ruby Devons are on Badbury Rings from 15 March and Holt Heath from 29 March, so please take care when driving across the heath.

Spring is also the time when ground nesting birds such as skylarks and nightjars are building their nests for the season. These birds are very vulnerable to dogs – you may not spot their nests, but your dog's keen nose will surely sniff them out! Birds that are disturbed are unlikely to return to their nest, so please keep your dog on a lead in these areas.



We are expecting Easter to be busy. Ticket slots will be increased, but we won't be returning to full capacity yet and the booking system remains in place for the foreseeable future. We won't be opening the house until May; the café will be open for takeaways only, but the shop remains closed till after Easter. This gradual reopening will be subject to change if government guidance changes.

Finally, we are coming into bluebell season. It doesn't get more spring-like than a bluebell wood in full bloom, but please stick to the paths and respect signs and fences to enjoy this beautiful sight without damaging the bulbs. Have a look on our website if you are in need of some inspiration for walks where you can still see bluebells but which are likely to be less busy.

If you would like to get in touch, please email [kingstonlacy@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:kingstonlacy@nationaltrust.org.uk).

# **THE BRIDGE & LOWER STOUR CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2021**

## **GOOD FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

- 2pm Pre-Recorded Service with Choir, Stur. Marshall  
TBA Pre-Recorded Service with Choir, Kingston Lacy  
2pm Reflective Service, Spetisbury

## **SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

- 9.15am Communion, Kingston Lacy  
9.15am Parish Communion, Sturminster Marshall  
10.45am Communion, Charlton Marshall (also  
Available via Zoom)  
10.45am Morning Prayer, Spetisbury

## **SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

- 9.15am Parish Communion, Kingston Lacy  
9.15am Morning Prayer, Sturminster Marshall  
10.45am Communion, Blandford St Mary

## **SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

- 9.15am Communion, Shapwick  
10.45am Zoom Family Service, Charlton Marshall  
10.45am Communion, Spetisbury

## **SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

- 10.30am Joint Bridge Benefice Service with  
Bishop Karen, outside weather permitting at Shapwick  
10.45am Communion, Spetisbury

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**THE BRIDGE & LOWER STOUR CHURCH  
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## Readings for April

|                                                            |                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Easter Day                        | Acts 10:34-43<br>I Corinthians 15-1-11<br>John 20:1-18 |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> April<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter | Acts 4:32-35<br>I John 1: 1-2. 2<br>John 20: 19-31     |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> April<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter | Acts 3:12-19<br>I John 3: 1-7<br>Luke 24: 36b-48       |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> April<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | Acts 4:5-12<br>I John 3: 16-24<br>John 10: 11-18       |

### **From the Registers:**

#### **Funeral:**

Frank Wetenhall

#### **Interment of Ashes**

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## English Usage, a personal view by Michael Evans

### These kind of things should be a criminal offence!

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Even better, the forecaster could have used simpler language and said “The strong winds will last until Thursday”

“Kind of”, “sort of”, “kind of like” and plain “like” are unnecessarily invading the language more than ever. Some people say them so often that I find myself counting the number of times, and lose track of what they are talking about!

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The Local Plan consultation period ended on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, after eight weeks. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has attended Parish Council meetings with views, information and suggestions, which has helped to collate the Parish Councils response, and to those who have taken the time to write personal responses. The work carried out by the community group has been much appreciated. The Questions and Answers from the Parish Councils meeting with Dorset Council, and the Parish Council Response to the Local Plan can all be found on the Parish Council Web site mentioned above. We now have to wait until the Autumn/Winter for the publication of the draft Local Plan for comment.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are busy with the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, Local Greenspace Study, and the Footpaths and Cycleways Study, and are now looking at the Site Assessment Technical package that has been carried out on their behalf. The next step will be an Options Consultation this Summer.

I hope very much that by the time you read this we will be enjoying better weather, but when I checked the Jottings from this time last year it seems we were experiencing the same sort of wet and windy conditions. Hopefully we will now be able to have all the essential parish maintenance work carried out that has had to wait until the Spring. The new piece of play equipment for younger children should be installed, and we hope it is being enjoyed and getting plenty of use.

The COVID 19 restrictions are very gradually being eased, but we all still need to be mindful that not everyone has had their vaccine yet. Please remember to still wear a mask, wash your hands and keep your distance. Usually at this time of year we would be holding our annual Litter Pick but due to the restrictions we have been unable to do so. However, I have seen villagers out and about around the village with litter pickers and a bag doing some tidying, and I would like to say a big thank you, but please be careful and stay safe.

In last month's Jottings it was reported that the A350 was going to be closed towards the end of April at Spetisbury overnight, this has been postponed for the time being, and at the time of writing we do not have a new date.

### **Recent Plans:**

3/20/2007/SEC 2-6 And 9-17 Jubilee Way, Sturminster Marshall. BH21 4JU.

To modify a planning obligation.

Continued overleaf

3/20/2184/FUL The Churchill Arms, 45 High Street, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne. BH21 4AS.

Change of use of building Use Class A4(closed public house and managers flat) to single detached residential dwelling Use Class C3.

3/20/2147/HOU Wychwood, Blandford Road, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne. BH21 4AF.

Front elevation alterations; side dormer extension.

3/21/0075/CONDR 18 Bridge Street, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne. BH21 4DB.

Minor material amendment to vary condition 2 of planning application

3/16/1502/FUL (Demolish Existing Building and Erect Seven Commercial Units with Associated Parking) to reduce the number of units from 7 to 6.

3/21/0427/TCA 1 40 High Street, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne. BH21 4BA.

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3/21/0201/TCA St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Sturminster Marshall. BH21 4BU.

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At the moment we are still uncertain when we will be able to get back to face to face meetings with our SMEWI members but in the meantime, we have set up some regular monthly Zoom group meetings. Our April meeting will be on 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. – British Seaside Pleasure Piers by Chris Foote-Wood, author, editor, publisher and brother of the late Victoria Wood. If you would like to join us, please contact Heather (details below) and she will send you an invitation.

Looking ahead, we are hopeful that our walking netballers will be able to resume practice sessions as of 29<sup>th</sup> March and our walking group will be out and about again as soon as is safely and practically possible.

If you would like more information about SMEWI please follow us on our website [www.sturminstermarshalleveningwi.weebly.com](http://www.sturminstermarshalleveningwi.weebly.com) or contact Heather Trenchard on 01258 857823 or see our Facebook page **Sturminster Marshall Evening WI**.

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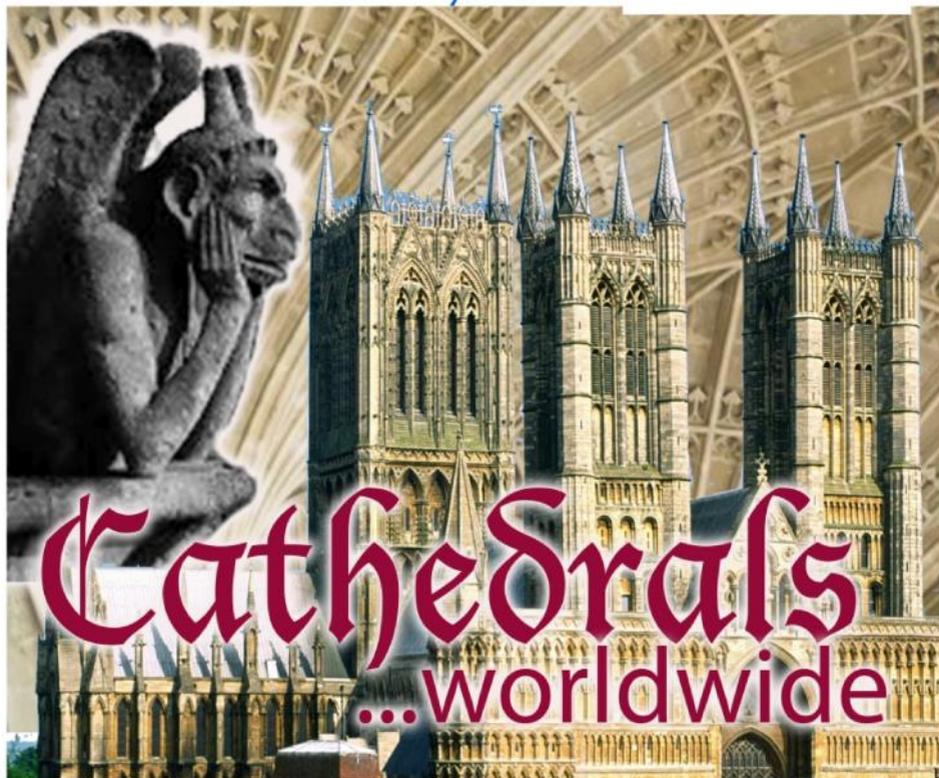
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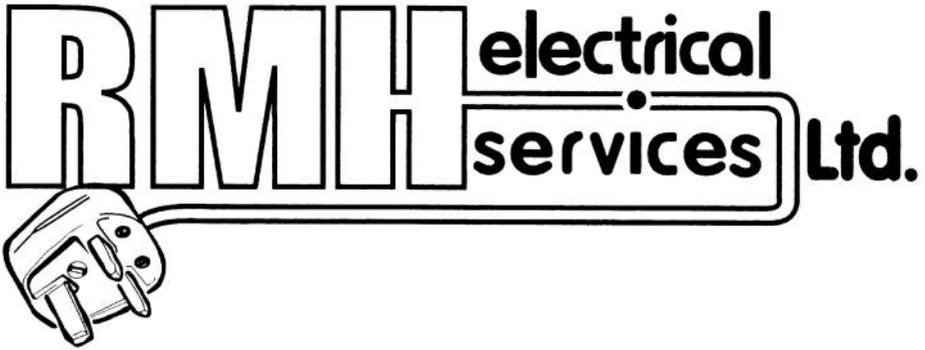
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1. What does the word April mean?

- a)flower      b)open      c)spring      d)warmth

2. What is the gem associated with April?

- a)diamond      b)sapphire      c)jade      d)ruby

3. April the first is April Fools' Day. We call someone who is tricked an April Fool. What do the French call such a person? (English translation will do)

- a)April fish      b)April dunce      c)April donkey      d)April sparrow

4. Which of these flowers is considered the flower for April?

- a)rose      b)bluebell      c)dandelion      d)daisy

5. Easter is always in April, true or false?

- a)True      b)False

6. This day, created to make people aware of environmental problems, was first celebrated internationally on April 22, 1970. What day is it?

Answer is two words.

7. Which of these countries does not have an Independence Day in April?

- a)Zimbabwe      b)Sierra Leone      c)Namibia      d)Togo

8. England's patron saint is remembered on April 23. Who is he?

- a)St. David      b)St. Andrew      c)St. Thomas a Becket      d)St. George

9. Who wrote 'Oh to be in England now that April's there'?

- a)Byron      b)Browning      c)Wordsworth      d)Tennyson

10. The Anglo-American poet T. S. Eliot wrote 'April is the ... month.' What is the missing word?

- a)Loveliest      b)Cruellest      c)Wettest      d)Prettiest

Answers next month

## I Know A Bank..\* by Lys de Bray

Opposite my kitchen window there is a steep dampish bank (there are springs in this garden) and as I stand doing the washing up it gives much pleasure at this time of year. I planted wild daffodils here some years back and these are increasing; elsewhere in the garden I snip off daff heads as soon as they've finished flowering, but I leave some heads to form seed here (they will come true because *Narcissus pseudo-narcissus* is a species, not a variety). After flowering the leaves turn yellow and wither, lift the clumps and pull them carefully apart and replant in groups of two, three or five bulbs at the same depth as before. Don't disturb the clumps that are forming seed. Mark the place if you are going to plant other things around, otherwise don't bother.

The snowdrops have been wonderful this year and the clumps can have the same treatment; these too will seed if left undisturbed so don't dead-head. Nature isn't a tidy gardener which is a great comfort. I have introduced some Snowflakes, *Leucojum vernum* here, these look like giant snowdrops; they are the same family and are about 12ins high and non-gardening visitors stop in their tracks. They can be bought as bulbs in the autumn and are treated in the same way as snowdrops. A steep bank is a good place for them because you can look up into the flowers as you go past.

The primroses are increasing well, forming fat happy plants with many flowers. When these are over the larger clumps can be carefully divided. I have ready as many small pots as I hope to get divisions, and I plant one division to a pot; this way I can keep a closer eye on them until they get to growing. Another method is to divide them *before* they flower, cutting off flowers and buds. Their vigour will then go into forming the new plants. Try both ways to see how you get on.

As I write this the celandines are starting to flower and very soon on sunny days there will be a million golden flowers which shut tight on dull days, a bit of a shock if you have been used to seeing the glossy flowers wide open to attract pollinators. The shine is for the same purpose. Belt and braces, so to speak.

\*William Shakespeare.

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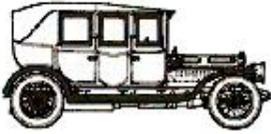


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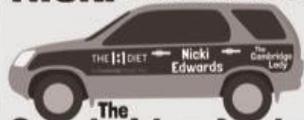
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