



Welcome to Sturminster Marshall's Open Gardens 2017.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ADMISSION TO THE GARDENS, EVENTS AND THE MEMORIAL HALL IS BY PROGRAMME - £5 TO BE SHARED BETWEEN ST MARY'S CHURCH AND THE MEMORIAL HALL

Best Front Garden: A reminder that all front gardens in Sturminster Marshall are being judged between 27 May and 3 June.

Children's Garden Pond on a Plate: Please bring entries to the Memorial Hall with a label stating name, age and contact number. The competition will have two categories: under 7s and 7-12 year olds. All garden pond plates should be up to 12 inches in diameter and entries must be handed in by 11am on 4th June. Winners for both competitions will be revealed at 3pm 4th June in the Memorial Hall.

Village Clear Up! Please join us to help tidy up Sturminster Marshall before Open Gardens. Meet at **6pm on Wednesday 31st May** at the Memorial Hall. Please bring gloves (other tidying equipment provided). All very welcome!

Plant Stall: Any contributions would be very welcome. Please arrange delivery in advance with Karen Gerry or drop off at the school playground on 4 June between 9 and 9.30 am.

Please be aware... we are hoping for lots of visitors so the village may be busy on 4th June, especially around Churchill Close where drivers are asked to park.

Thank you! Any queries, please contact: Karen Gerry 01258 857131 or Charlotte Springett 01258 858460.

This is a draft list of events not an entry programme

There are 13 gardens to explore in this riverside village, some large, some small and all entirely unique!

WHAT'S ON:

11am Gardens open

All day

Memorial Hall: Tickets and programmes, refreshments, water creature trail sheets (and prizes!), children's Pond on a Plate competition

First School: plant sale, ice-creams, *Carole's Bees honey stall???*

Walnut Tree Field:

12-2pm Homemade lunches, Memorial Hall

2-5pm Cream teas, Old School and Lindisfarne, Kings Street

3pm Prizes awarded for children's Pond on a Plate and Best Front Garden competitions, Memorial Hall

4pm Teddy Bear Drop, St Mary's Church Tower

5pm Gardens close

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please note that visiting our village and gardens is **entirely at your own risk**; we accept no liability.

No dogs in the gardens please.

Toilets are situated in the Memorial Hall and in the Old School hall by the Church.

First Aid is available in the halls if required.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK:

Dan Young for designing the programme and posters, Tony Cross at The Bridge, Robert Stephenson, Sturminster Marshall First School for the use of their grounds and the pupils for making mini water creatures, Debbie ?? (window display), Helen Sherman, growers and helpers on the plant stall, all the volunteer cooks and helpers for the Memorial Hall lunches and Old School teas, Jean Turner and her helpers for teas, all the parking stewards, The Red Lion Inn, Pamphill Farm Shop and Wessex Water for generous sponsorship and donations, Local Vocals, *Others...*

Enormous thanks also to our gardeners, without whom this event would not have been possible.

STURMINSTER MARSHALL OPEN GARDENS COMMITTEE

Joanna Edwards, Karen Gerry, Derek Jones, Sue Jones, Andrea Kaciniel, Judith Kenny, Charlotte Springett, Heather Trenchard, Nicola Whitmarsh