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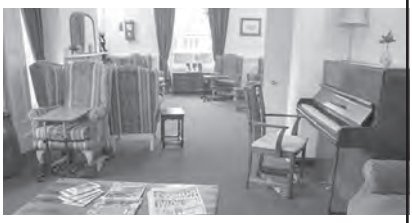

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EDITORIAL in VALLEY & VALENCE

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The Vicar writes...

On Sunday 15 July we celebrate 'Rural Mission Sunday', the theme of which this year is 'Growing together'. Rural Mission Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the life of the rural church and is promoted by the Arthur Rank Centre (a Christian organisation that supports rural ministry).

Social isolation is now a real problem for our society as a whole, but the challenges can be even more signi cant in rural areas. Those who live with a disability are particularly vulnerable to social segregation. They may have dif culty in getting to local events; venues may not be suitable for their needs and even when amongst others some may still feel excluded.

A booklet entitled: 'A Church for Everyone: Listening to Disabled People' is based on suggestions from disabled people about what they appreciate as members of the church, what they nd dif cult and what would be helpful to them. Their views were gathered by a working group from the churches in the Anglican Dorchester Deanery. The booklet provides practical insights about what might enhance the lives of disabled people and signposts useful addresses and resources available locally and nationally. A contributor, said: 'We like to contribute to our community and be treated like anyone else. Sometimes we need a bit of help and it is nice to be asked about what matters to us'.

Hazel Morgan, who led the working group, said: 'We know that sometimes disabled people can feel marginalised and not just in church communities. We hope that by listening to disabled people, we have produced practical guidance which can make a difference to people's lives.'

'A Church for Everyone: Listening to Disabled People' can be downloaded from the following website or a copy can be found in our churches: **www.dorchesteranglican.info/churches/st-peter**

If you are, or know of, someone who would like to come to church but has dif culty in getting there or someone who nds church services a challenge through hearing or sight impairment please do let us know how we can help. We look forward to welcoming you to our Rural Sunday Services on 15th July.

May the God who created you bless you with love.
May Jesus continue to walk with you through the world.
May the Holy Spirit help you to grow together in unity.
May the Holy Trinity hold you in peace this day and always. Amen
(A blessing for Rural Mission Sunday.)

Yours in Christ
Jean, Team Vicar

'A church for everyone...'

The Parishes of The Winterbournes & Compton Valence

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The Parish of the Winterbournes
There is a single Parochial Church Council for Martinstown, Steepleton and Abbas but each parish church retains its own local church committee.

Churchwardens – **Dick Corbett-Winder** (889410), **Ellie Sturrock** (07980 089470), **Joy Parsons** (889611)
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Any of the above can be approached in the rst instance for Baptism, Marriage, Home Communion or just a visit and they would welcome being told when anybody has been bereaved or is ill. They have answerphones for you to leave a message.

If you want us to remember anything or anyone in the public prayer of the Church, we would be glad to do this as long as permission of the person involved is assured.

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(no service in August)
at **St Martin's Church, Martinstown**
An informal service centred on worship, prayer and the bible. We will begin with light refreshments, followed by music led worship at 5.15.

All welcome

The next QUIET DAY will be on Saturday 14th July 2018

at The Puddletown Church Rooms (next to the church in Puddletown.)

The title for the day is 'Give us this day... Our Daily Bread'.
The day starts with tea and coffee at 10.30am and nishes at 3pm with refreshments and ca

If you would like to come or would like further information,
please contact Caroline at: carolineellerby@phonecoop.coop or telephone: 01305 4596

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11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

SUNDAY 8 JULY – TRINITY 6

08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Martinstown
09.30	Holy Communion	Compton Valence
11.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Steepleton

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SUNDAY 22 JULY – TRINITY 8

11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown
17.00	Church at Five	Martinstown

SUNDAY 29 JULY – TRINITY 9

11.00	Blessing of the Animals Service	Martinstown – Village Green
15.00	Memorial Service for Margaret Skinner	Winterbourne Steepleton

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10.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown
18.00	Sung Evensong	Martinstown

SUNDAY 12 AUGUST – TRINITY 11

08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Martinstown
09.30	Holy Communion	Compton Valence
11.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Steepleton

SUNDAY 19 AUGUST – TRINITY 12

10.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

SUNDAY 26 AUGUST – TRINITY 13

11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

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Did you know that the 3 churches in the Winterbournes Parish are now on Facebook? You can 'like' and 'follow' for news and photos from St Michael's, St Mary's and St Martin's.

A Silent Space

During this time of quiet we will sit and try to identify with people affected by some of the traumas in our world today. We invite you to join this multi faith group as we come together in St. Martin's church, on 3rd July and 7th August at 6pm for 20 minutes of silence, drawn to a close by reading poetry and prose. Please join us and bring some poetry or prose.

Jo Lacy-Smith 01305 889476 and 07841 776759 jolacysmith@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018

A big thank you to all who donated to the Christian Aid Week collection in our villages during May, and a special thanks to those who gave their time to deliver and collect envelopes. The sums raised were: BVgi^chidlc " —&!%-,#'. ™ L^ciZgWdjgcZ 6WWVh VcY L^ciZgW

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Thanks also to those who took the time to complete the gift aid declaration on the reverse of their envelope as this really does boost the actual amount received by Christian Aid – by almost £200 on the overall amount above.

Although the Christian Aid Week focus this year was on their work in the Caribbean, our donations will also go to support their many aid programmes in 37 countries throughout the world.

A Service for the

Blessing of Animals

Sunday 29th July at **11am**

The Village Green, Martinstown

Bring your cats and dogs, birds, reptiles, sh, goats, cows, sheep, horses, pigs – all God's creatures! If you are not able to bring an animal then bring a picture of an animal you love or of an endangered species in the wild.

All animals must be on a lead/head collar, in a carrier or in a secure pen for the safety of other animals.

A special focus for this service is a public expression of the bond we have with all animals. Through this service we ask for God's blessing on all creatures and give thanks for the relationships we have with them.

Sung Evensong

St Martin's Church, Martinstown

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Come and enjoy this beautiful, peaceful service in idyllic surroundings.

Refreshments after the service.

All welcome!

ST MICHAEL'S, WINTERBOURNE STEEPLETON

After being closed for more than 8 months, it is planned to re-open St Michael's in late June and the rst service there will be on Sunday 8th July. Do join us that day to celebrate bringing the building back into to use and see what has been done to the ceiling. See the pictures on the Steepleton Facebook page that show the damage and subsequent repairs.

The MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL Notice Board

MONDAY

Baby & Toddler Group	10.00am - 12noon	Contact: Lizzie Walden - Tel: **07949 639011**
Table Tennis	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Contact: Margaret Hearing - Tel: **01305 889346**
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Contact: Sue Gower - Tel: **01305 889388**
Valley Club (3rd Monday in month)	7.30pm - 10.00pm	Contact: Pat Willets - Tel: **01305 568458**

TUESDAY

Botanical Art Group (term times only)	9.30am - 12.30pm	Contact: Geoff Roberts - Tel: **01305 815735**
Dance Group	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Contact: Ann Matthews - Tel: **01305 889248**
Badminton	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Contact: Trevor Elliot - Tel: **01305 267897**

WEDNESDAY

Pilates	9.30am - 10.30pm	Contact: Sammie McFarland - Tel: **07807 090013**
Chair-based Exercise	11.15am - 12.30pm	Contact: Suzanne Fellows-Joyce - Tel: **01308 281882**
W.I. (2nd Wednesday in month)	6.45pm - 9.00pm	Contact: Jan Grif ths - Tel: **01305 889738**
Beginners Dance	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Contact: Ann Matthews - Tel: **01305 889248**

THURSDAY

Art Group	10.00pm - 1.00pm	Contact: Teresa Blades - Tel: **01305 889947**
Dance Group	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Contact: Ann Matthews - Tel: **01305 889248**

FRIDAY

Keep Fit Class	10.15am - 11.30am	Contact: Suzanne Fellows-Joyce - Tel: **01308 281882**
Bingo (Every other Friday)	7.00pm - 9.30pm	Contact: Ann Matthews - Tel: **01305 889248**

Chairperson: **Jane Jones –** Tel: % & (% * - - . ' % '

Bookings: **Ann Matthews –** Tel: **889248** or email: **ronann.matthews@btinternet.com**

To book the hall, contact:
Ann Matthews -Tel: **01305 889248**
Email: **ronann.matthews@btinternet.com**

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB 2018 DATES:

All are very welcome to our monthly Community lunches in the Village Hall which are mostly held on the rst Friday of the month.

Dates for 2018:
6th July, 7th September, 3rd November, 7th December - There is no lunch in August, and in October please look out for the Harvest Supper instead – 13th October: details later in the year.

To book, please telephone **Ced on 889438**.

We are always pleased to hear from people who'd like to be involved in any way, from cooking to laying tables. Please contact Jan on 889738 if you'd like to be involved – we do enjoy ourselves as well as work!

HELP!

We need more cooks for the Community Lunch!

Any interested volunteers please contact: Jan on 01305 889738

'Fab Gear' 60's Night at Village Hall...

On **Saturday 9 June** the **Martinstown Circle Supper group** organised a 60's fun night in the village hall. Over 50 revellers dressed up as hippies and sixties groovers and danced the night away to the disco organised by Steve Howlett who played some amazing music. A retro supper was served which included Boeuf Bourguignon and Black Forest Gateau and a bottle of Black Tower and Blue Nun wine were given as prizes.

The money raised from the evening was in excess of £500 which will go to Winterborne Abbas First School who the Circle Supper group are supporting this year.

We are always looking for new members and if you would like some information please contact Cathie Seigal on 889244

The next Social event will be a quiz evening on Saturday 20 October so put this date in your diaries now.

To book the hall, contact:
Ann Matthews -Tel: **01305 889248**
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VALLEY CLUB NEWS

Our combined Valley Club and WI outing on 17th May to Hinton Ampner and The Watercress Line was enjoyed by all who came. It was a lovely dry day with an ideal temperature. Unfortunately we were unable to tour the inside of Hinton Ampner owing to emergency electrical work being undertaken, which had caused a great deal of upheaval. We were able to go into the Entrance Hall where we had an interesting talk, which was followed by a tour of the wonderful gardens. We all agreed it would be well worth a second visit in a couple of years time when all the electrical work has been completed.

The Watercress Line, which runs from Alresford to Alton, was a real treat with both railway staff and visitors soaking up the nostalgic days of steam trains. All in all, a very successful outing.

Don't forget to keep tending and feeding your geraniums so that you can enter them in the Garden & Craft Show on the 19th August. There is a special class for Valley Club members.

As members of the Gold Club, many of you have in the past enjoyed the Summer Party open-air theatre performances by Ilyria held at Castle Gardens in Sherborne. This year the performance will be "The Adventures of Dr. Dolittle" on Sunday 22nd July, 2018. It will take place in the afternoon with a Pimms Reception & Nibbles at 2.00pm, followed by the performance of Dr. Dolittle at 3.00pm. Tickets cost £17.50 each and can be obtained from Castle Gardens, Sherborne.

We do not meet in July and August but will commence our Autumn programme on Monday September 17th at 8.00pm with a presentation on "Julia's House".

It was a great shock to hear of the sudden death of Ann Priddle. Ann was a lovely lady and an enthusiastic member of The Valley Club. She was involved in many other clubs and activities including the Martinstown Garden & Craft Show. She will be greatly missed by us all. Our thoughts are with Nick and all the family and we send our deepest sympathy to them all.

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Thursday 17.05.18 Martinstown W.I. boarded the 9am coach (with the Valley Club) to The Hinton Ampner N.T. Estate in Hampshire and The Watercress Steam Train. The house itself was closed due to electrical repairs, fortunately we had a warm sunny day, so being outside was a favourable option. We were herded into the main entrance to hear about the history of the house and it's alterations , making it into the Neo Georgian style house and gardens of today. Then we were taken on a guided tour around the gardens by the Head N.T Gardner, taking in beautiful sights and smells. At Midday we all ventured off to the restaurant to join the queue for light refreshments, then to sit outside in the sunny courtyard to savour the delights. Some of us visited the garden and gift shop, and the " thornless rose " was a popular purchase. Next back onto the coach to travel to Alresford, to catch the steam train,along the Watercress Line to Alton. The journey took 35 minutes, passing glorious views of the Hampshire countryside. Once at Alton we wandered around the station at leisure, visiting the shop and buying drinks and icecreams. When the time came we reboarded the train back to Alresford. As the train guide was preparing the train to leave , we realised we were missing Sally. Group panic set in," Stop the train, we are missing Sally! " Lesley shouted to the guard. Then Sally appeared from the end of the carriageway, arms full of "Watercress Beer ", as she had been busy in the buffet car totally oblivious to the panic, phew !!! Then a leisurely stroll back to the coach, where we spotted " our little Margaret H "nearly getting on the wrong coach, (with a group of foreign travellers...) " oops ....bless her x". It was de nitely an enjoyable fun day to remember.

W.I Diary Dates:

11/07/18 - "Painting with Wax" by Sue Board.

8/08/18 - 70th Birthday Celebration.

Together we re ect on the sad loss of one of our committee members Ann Priddle, such a beautiful soul who will be greatly missed. We were honoured to have had Ann as such an aspiring active member. We will work together to deliver her vision, for an " active and fun embracing" W.I. xxxxx.

Heather Bonser (W.I Press Of cer).

Local Boy Makes Good

by **Terry Hearing**

What is the connection between a great storm in the Channel, a young man riding fast along the Winterborne Valley and a London Underground station? Pause for thought…

In January 1506 a little ship staggered into Weymouth Harbour, battered and broken from a mighty tempest. When the Mayor of Melcombe Regis heard the names of the passengers he rushed through wind and rain to greet them: they were the King and Queen of Castile in Spain, perhaps the richest royal family in Europe. Philip was also Archduke of the Netherlands, and had just inherited Castile through his wife Joanna. Their ill-advised winter voyage to the new kingdom had ended in disaster, and their only communication lay through the Latin of the Spanish and English priests.

Hasty arrangements were made to convey the royal party to the nearest suitable host – Sir Thomas Trenchard of Wolfeton near Dorchester. Most Dorset people did not speak Spanish, but Sir Thomas knew a man who did, and sent for his kinsman John Russell of Berwick near Swyre. Russell, aged about twenty, had spent time in Europe on family business, and so galloped through the night along the Winterborne Valley to Dorchester and Wolfeton. He seized his opportunity with a will, and gave the royal visitors such good service as an interpreter that when they moved on to Winchester and then Windsor at the invitation of the King of England, he was asked to go too.

Henry VII, rst of the Tudor dynasty, recognized competence when he saw it, and made good use of Russell to negotiate various advantageous treaties with the monarchs that fate and the English Channel had dropped into his lap. Philip (nicknamed'The Handsome') and Joanna duly passed on to Spain. Philip died the same year, and Joanna went mad, to be incarcerated for the rest of her life. Their son Charles became Holy Roman Emperor (ie in control of Germany, the Netherlands and much of Italy) as well as King of Spain and the Spanish colonies which included North America, most of South America and the West Indies. An empire indeed – it was a useful connection for Russell and the English government to have…

Russell stayed at Court, and became acquainted with the Heir Apparent, Prince Henry, only a year or two younger than himself. When Henry VIII became King in 1509, Russell was there, and in 1513 was knighted for his services in Henry's campaign in France. Thereafter he made diplomatic missions to Europe, both open and covert, and was rewarded by being appointed a Gentleman-in-Waiting of the Privy Chamber: which effectively gave him a hot line to Henry's ear.

The 1530s and 1540s were dangerous decades for Queens, courtiers and churchmen. Russell worked as a close associate of Thomas Cromwell, who engineered the breakaway of the Church of England from Rome. He must have steered a very circumspect course because he survived Cromwell's fall in 1540, having become Lord Russell and the Great Admiral of England. Under the boy-king Edward VI Russell continued to hold of ce, and even under Queen Mary (who turned England back to Catholicism) he was Lord Privy Seal and elevated to the Earldom of Bedford in 1554. He died the following year.

Like other in uential courtiers Russell had built up a substantial estate mainly from the lands con scated from the monasteries which had been dissolved, such as Woburn in Bedfordshire. He also married a wealthy widow, Ann Sapcote, and therefore acquired Chenies in Buckinghamshire. For his descendants perhaps his nest acquisition was Covent Garden in London and the lands north of it, which were to become the basis of the West End and its fashionable squares – hence Russell Square Underground Station.

Summertime and the livin' is easy...!

...well, it will be if the sun keeps shining particularly when the school holidays arrive.

During the school holidays we have two Artsreach children's workshops. Always well planned, resourced and excellent events.

<PM ÅZ[\ WVM Q[I ¹/ZI \Q _WZ Saturday 28th July from 10am -4pm, age group 9 years+ - ticket price £10 . Bring a packed lunch.

So, if you wish to be the next Banksy then come along to this workshop and learn how \W UISM I OZI \Q \IO IT[W LM[Q OZI \Q IVL \ISM PWUM \PQ[_WZ your room!

Then on Friday 3rd August from 1pm -4pm age group 6+ there will be a Mammoth Mono-prints workshop .

This involves 'mark-making'. Here you will explore and create large, unique and individual prints using feathers, stones, sponges, brushes and more! Ticket price £6

'Dress for mess' is the advice for both events!

All tickets available from 2IV /ZQ \P[on 01305 889 738.

On Saturday 4th August at 3pm our very own Vicar Jean PI[W MZML \W PW[\ a Marie Curie Blooming Great Tea Party in the rectory garden. Donations of delicious cakes, biscuits IVL ZI M XZQbM[_QTT JM gratefully received .

So come along and spend a pleasant few hours in an English country garden!

Fingers crossed for the weather!

Dorchester Poverty Action (Reg.Ch.no.1041397)

For over 25 years this charity has been helping local people (DT1 & DT2) at times of crisis by providing emergency grants of up to £200. This relatively small amount of money can prevent debt, homelessness and acute stress. Over the last few months, working with local social workers, health visitors, housing support of cers etc, grants have included money for a cooker and fridge, school uniform and shoes, baby equipment including a cot and buggy and rent arrears following funeral costs. Recently the number of requests has risen, so please support the group's annual coffee morning to raise money to support more local people, in some very dif cult situations. Every penny can make a difference, with all money raised locally and spent locally.

Coffee Morning

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at United Church, Dorchester

Refreshments with home made cakes, stalls & raffle

Ann Priddle - A dear friend! by Sally Webb

I rst met Ann when she was selling damsons on the WI 'Made in Martinstown' stall. I was disappointed to learn that the damsons were in fact grown in Essex at her old house in Billericay and that that there would be no more. I was not, however, ever disappointed by Ann who was to become a dear friend to me, to many others in the village and the wider community. She was an enthusiastic doer – an important member of the WI; on its committee, baking cakes for events, going to book club, hand bell ringing at Denman's and raising money for Denman with a quiz evening she organised. The WI were looking forward to taking part in her next project – walking netball; something very dear to her heart.

Ann was well known for her love of gardening and all things botanical. She was the driving force behind the Martinstown Garden and Craft Show, she was thrilled by its success and thrived on the competition, winning many of the categories in the vegetable, baking and, of course, the orchid category! We must ensure that it continues to go from strength to strength.

So many institutions will miss her dearly: she was on the Parish Council, regularly attended St Martin's Church and was a member of the church's charity group. Ann loved to sing and was part of the Aviva choir – something that gave her great joy. She was involved in Dorchester U3A – in the gardening, ornithological and archaeology groups. She, with her husband Nick, was keen Mileater taking part in many walks around the Dorset countryside and, of course, the walking holidays further a eld. Ann was always particularly delighted by her walks with Nick to look at wild owers.

Ann was very family minded; she was thrilled by her son Alex's marriage to Kirsty last year and by her daughter's recent engagement to Paul. She loved the many visits to Dorset by family and old acquaintances from Essex. She was very inclusive in her friendships inviting old and new round for BBQs, a curry, or a cuppa often accompanied by a slice of her famous passionfruit cake or date and walnut loaf. Her easy banter and hospitality will be missed.

Despite her many health problems, Ann threw herself into everything she did with energy and enthusiasm. She was a loving wife, mother and friend with great generosity of spirit, always nding time to give a lending hand, a cup of tea and a kind word – she will be missed so much, by so many, her memory will always be with me and the many others who were fortunate to know her.

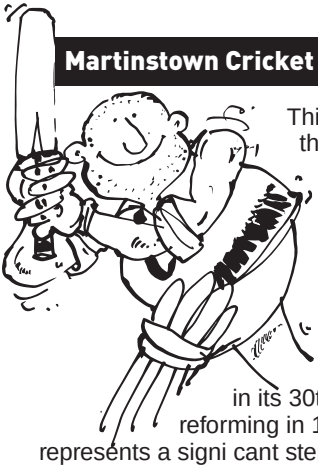
The Chesil Sailing Trust Sponsorship

The Churches of the Winterbourne Charity Group would like to thank everyone who sponsored a boat. We raised an amazing £510- R Duke won the trip around Weymouth Harbour courtesy of L & M Pemberton. It is wonderful to live in such a generous community.

Sally Webb

Martinstown Cricket Club NEWS

David Gargrave - Chairman



This season has seen the completion of an extensive upgrade and refurbishment to our clubhouse. Changing facilities, the kitchen and entrance area have all been extended.

With the club now in its 30th year since reforming in 1988 this represents a signi cant step in the development of the club. At the recent opening ceremony, local councilor, Robert Freeman praised the club for its commitment to the community and the excellent work that it was doing to further cricket in the area across all ages and all abilities.

We would like to thank he numerous people and organisations who have given their support the project. Without this level of support and the skills of our own build team none of this would have been possible. Everyone in the club can take great pride in what has been achieved.

The same event saw the presentation of a bench in memory of Brian Canniford.

On the eld the club is currently enjoying a good season with both the rst and second teams occupying high order positions in their respective leagues.

Our junior teams continue to ourish whilst the newly formed Ladies and Girls section is has proved very successful as has the All Stars 5-8 initiative.

On a nal note we always welcome spectators at the ground, even if it is a brief look in – our teams are always very appreciative when people take an interest in watching them. The unusual spell of pleasant weather can make for a very enjoyable afternoon – ample refreshment is available.

Our rst and second teams normally alternate between home and away games. Fixture cards are available at the village shop.

Guests at the Opening.

Councillor Robert Freeman prepares to cut the ribbon and congratulates the club on their success

FILM NIGHT **BREWERS ARMS**

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CHARADE

Starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant

It was a drizzly, cool and misty morning on 14th June as 15 of us, together with 3 dogs, made our way to the Thimble Inn at Piddlehinton. Although we knew our gardens were in desperate need of rain, we rather hoped it wouldn't come in the next 2 or 3 hours, particularly as it was the rst time Peter and I had been in charge. Whilst it didn't, nevertheless enough moisture had already fallen on the Piddle valley to wet the grass and most of us emerged from the initial overgrown track with rather soggy trousers and boots. Then the sun came out and the wind blew and all was well again.

On the highest part of our walk, we admired the panoramic view of the Dorset countryside whilst we had our coffee stop and, as we moved on, were then treated to a y-past by three low-ying jets (which, of course, the organisers had laid on specially!). Back at the Thimble Inn, the consensus seemed to be that it had been an enjoyable walk (the dogs also voting in favour), even if it had been a mile longer than we'd promised it would be, and the excellent lunch was the icing on the cake.

Just over the hill....

My name is Liz Cross, and I am a retired priest; I have been living in Martinstown for eighteen months now, but am still helping out in the Chalk Stream parishes, including Bradford Peverell and Stratton.

Because I used to teach Modern Languages, I have been very involved in Bradford Peverell's Twinning with a little village in Normandy. You may know that Dorset is twinned with the Manche (the sticking-out bit, across from our coast) and our twinning is now in its thirty-third glorious year. That makes for some very long-standing friendships across the Channel, renewed every year, because we visit each other's homes for a weekend every May and August, travelling by ferry from Poole to Cherbourg. The village is called St. Sebastien de Raids, its nearest market town being Periers. It is in William the Conqueror and World War 2 beaches territory.

I am writing this because the membership of our twinning is not restricted to Bradford Peverell alone, but includes surrounding villages, and you would be welcome to join us. This year 28 people came to stay, aged from 7 to 77; the party included 8 children. It is not necessary to speak much French, but you would need to be prepared to host one or two guests for a weekend, which will be full of organised activities. And the ferry to France costs less than £20.00 return.

Also, during the year, we have a programme of events; in part they raise money to pay for trips and hospitality when the French arrive. The next project for our members is to run a French cake stall at Stratton Fair on June 24th, and the next social is an evening of sea shanties with a sh-and-chip supper in the autumn. You are never too old or too young to join, so if you think this may be for you, then contact me on 889194, or at lizmcross@btinternet.com, and we can meet up for a chat.

A bientot! **Liz Cross**

The Abbas Fete

A collection of wedding dresses from the 1950's until the present day will be part of an exhibition wedding gowns and christening gowns at the summer fete at St. Mary's Winterbourne Abbas. Alongside these will be Christening gowns dating back to Victorian times. All the items have been lent to Gill and Joy by people from the valley villages.

Live music will be playing from 2pm till 3pm so come look, listen, remember, dream and a have a cup of tea and a beautiful piece of cake or a light snack for lunch.

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Reba McEntire

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Lord Byron

CHARITY CONCERT FOR WATER AID

This will be held in

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Saturday 7th July at 7pm

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The next meeting of the Parish Council is on:

Monday 23 July 2018

Full Parish Council Meeting dates all at 7.30pm at the Parish Office

Wednesday 29 August 2018
Monday 24 September 2018
Monday 22 October 2018
Monday 26 November 2018
No Meeting in December
Monday 28 January 2019

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