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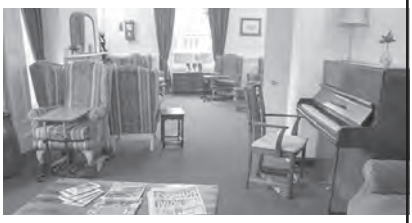

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and don't forget to send photos!

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The Vicar writes…

"I can't believe it's April already!" I seem to hear those sorts of comments frequently these days. Feeling that time is ying by is often attributed to growing older – for the young, it seems, time goes by at a much slower pace. Or does it? We all, even the young, tend to lead busier and busier lives and those who are retired often say that they are busier in retirement than when they were at work. And it's one of life's mysteries that despite having labour saving devices that our grandparents could have only dreamed of, today's society is nevertheless ravaged by exhaustion and burnout, as we attempt to cram yet more activity into our already overcrowded lives. The material rewards of this frenetic way of life may seem worthwhile but the cost is that, spiritually many of us are hopelessly impoverished.

At key moments throughout his life, Jesus made time for quietness, drawing himself away from the crowds and spending time alone so that he could focus on the presence of God. He knew that life is not only lived in 'doing'. Quiet contemplation is rest and food for the soul but sadly society trains us to be doers and makers as if nothing is worthwhile unless there is a tangible outcome.

Jesus, though he was followed by people, surrounded by people and immersed in people, still managed to be contemplative and many of the most active and effective people throughout history have also been our greatest contemplatives. Contemplation is not about withdrawal from the human race, far from it, it is consciousness of the real fullness of life through the pursuit of meaning and it allows us to feel the presence of God anywhere and nd the will of God everywhere.

Our journey through Lent towards the glorious celebration of Our Lord's rising from the dead on Easter Sunday is traditionally a time of contemplation – time to focus on prayer and study of the scriptures, time to re ect on our lives and how we live, and most importantly, time to contemplate on the sacri ce Christ made for us all by dying on the cross and whose resurrection brings us the hope of eternal life.

The Churches of The Winterbournes and Compton Valence wish you a blessed Easter and we look forward to welcoming you to our Easter Services.

Yours in Christ
Jean, Team Vicar

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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 first 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR — APRIL

SUNDAY 7 APRIL – 5th OF LENT

10.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

SUNDAY 14 APRIL – PALM SUNDAY

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

THURSDAY 18 APRIL – MAUNDY THURSDAY

19.30	Holy Communion and the Watch	Martinstown

FRIDAY 19 APRIL – GOOD FRIDAY

11.00	Family Service	Martinstown
15.00	Good Friday Liturgy	Winterbourne Steepleton

SUNDAY 21 APRIL – EASTER DAY

09.30	Holy Communion	Compton Valence
10.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

SUNDAY 28 APRIL – 2nd OF EASTER

11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

Quiet Day at the Quiet Space in Poundbury

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The Parish of the Winterbournes

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will be held on

SUNDAY 5th MAY

at 12.15pm

in

St Martin's Church, Martinstown

Lent Lunches

We shall be offering lunches again this year in the Village Hall on Fridays during Lent.

The lunches will consist of home-made soup and roll with tea or coffee and will cost just £4.00. Proceeds, after expenses have been paid, will be donated to the Weymouth Food Bank and the Holiday Lunch Club Scheme.

Lunches will be served at 12.30pm on 15, 22 and 29 March and 12 April. All are welcome: booking is not required.

THE NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2019

Every 6 years the Parish is required to produce a new Church Electoral Roll. If you wish to be included on the roll, you need to complete a new registration form. Copies of the form are available in all 3 churches in the Parish.

Completed forms should be returned to Alison Crawford, the Church Electoral Roll Of cer, at Stevens' Farm Lodge, Martinstown, DT2 9JR, by Sunday 14th April at the very latest.

If you have any queries regarding inclusion on the roll, please telephone: 01305 889377.

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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.

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week

Monday, 15th April - 7pm
Iona Service -Winterbourne Abbas

Tuesday, 16th April - 7pm
Taizé Service, Winterbourne Steepleton

Wednesday, 17th April, - 7pm
Tenebrae Service, St Mary's, Edward Road, Dorchester

Maundy Thursday, 18th April, 7pm
Holy Communion & Vigil, Martinstown

Good Friday

Friday 19th April
11am - Family Service, Martinstown – with Hot Cross buns!
3pm - Good Friday Service, Winterbourne Steepleton

Saturday, 20th April
Team Easter Vigil Service
St Mary's, Edward Road, Dorchester

Easter Day

Sunday 21st April
9.30am - Holy Communion, Compton Valence
10am - Holy Communion, Winterbourne Abbas
11am -Holy Communion, Martinstown

The MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL Notice Board

MONDAY

Baby & Toddler Group	10.00am - 12noon	Contact: Lizzie Walden - Tel: 07949 639011
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: **01305 889202**

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

WI members and a number of visitors found our speaker's talk this month very informative. Alan Jenkins' topic was Terrorism, Extremism and Radicalisation. Many of us probably went along thinking ' not here, not in Dorset', but Alan's message was clear: people from anywhere can develop perverted and twisted views which can and do lead to actions causing untold harm – from spreading propaganda to planning and carrying out terror attacks. He urged us all to look out for signs of worrying changes in people's attitudes and behaviour, and not to be afraid to report such worries, so that those who hold such ideas can be helped, and prevented from carrying them further. I'm sure all went away with plenty to think about, but also reassured to learn that a huge amount of behind-the-scenes work goes on in the police and security services to do all that is possible to keep us safe.

Our next meeting is on 10th April at 7 pm and or speaker will be talking about Bed and Breakfast – the Other Side.

Following that will the Annual Meeting, so we look forward to seeing as many members as possible.

Jan Grif ths

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

VALLEY CLUB NEWS

On Monday April 8th we will have our annual visit to Poundbury Garden Centre for our 25% discount evening. This is always a popular event and gives us all a chance to stock up on plants and garden equipment. A cup of tea or coffee is served while a member of the garden staff introduces a selection of new plants and accessories. Please meet at the Garden Centre at 6.45pm.

Our Village Outing this year, on Thursday May 16th will be to Knightshayes House & Garden (NT) near Tiverton, Devon and Sheppy's House of Cider near Taunton. Knightshayes has one of the largest plant collections in the National Trust and there are hidden glades and pathways to discover. The Gothic Revival House is a rare example of the genius of William Burges. There is also a cafe, tea-room, well stocked shop and plant centre. We will spend the morning and early afternoon at Knightshayes and then travel to Sheppy's Cider Mill for a guided tour and cider tasting.

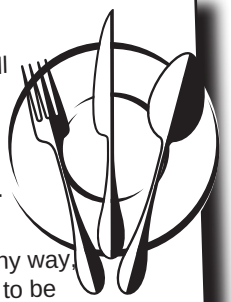
The coach will leave Martinstown at 9.00am and we will return to Martinstown for approx. 6.40pm. Please see Eileen or Angela if you wish to be included on this trip.

If you have not received a geranium plug plant, which you can grow on and enter in the Garden & Craft Show in August, and wish to have one, please contact Eileen on 889584.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 568458

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB 2019 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 are:

5th April (this will be a Lent Lunch menu), 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 6th September, 1st November, 6th December.
In October, there will be a Harvest Supper instead of village lunch, date TBC.

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!

Tea & Chat at Portesham Surgery...

The Friends of Portesham Surgery are holding a Tea & Chat on **Thurs 4th April** from **2pm to 3pm**. It's an opportunity for patients to come and talk to the staff and friends and learn about how the "FoPS" support the surgery and hear of any concerns or suggestions. It happens to fall in Diabetes Prevention Week so there might even be some diabetic-friendly cake on offer!

The Friends meet regularly and aim to have a representative from each main village to work closely with the Surgery staff, helping to provide feedback from patients to improve the work and smooth running of the Surgery. To ll the vacancies, the Friends are looking for volunteers from Abbotsbury, Martinstown, Winterbourne Steepleton and West Bexington and would particularly welcome volunteers with young families.

Various projects are underway such as gardening and decorating as well as producing a lea et on how to contact local activities, clubs and services including those which offer home visits which may be of bene t to housebound patients, e.g. toenail cutting and opticians. If you know of anything that could be included, or would like more information, please e-mail enquiries@friendsofporteshamsurgery.co.uk. The lea et will be available at the Surgery soon!

If you represent a club or service which is looking for custom, why not come along on 4th April and promote it!

Diary dates for fundraising events for Winterbourne Valley CE VA First School

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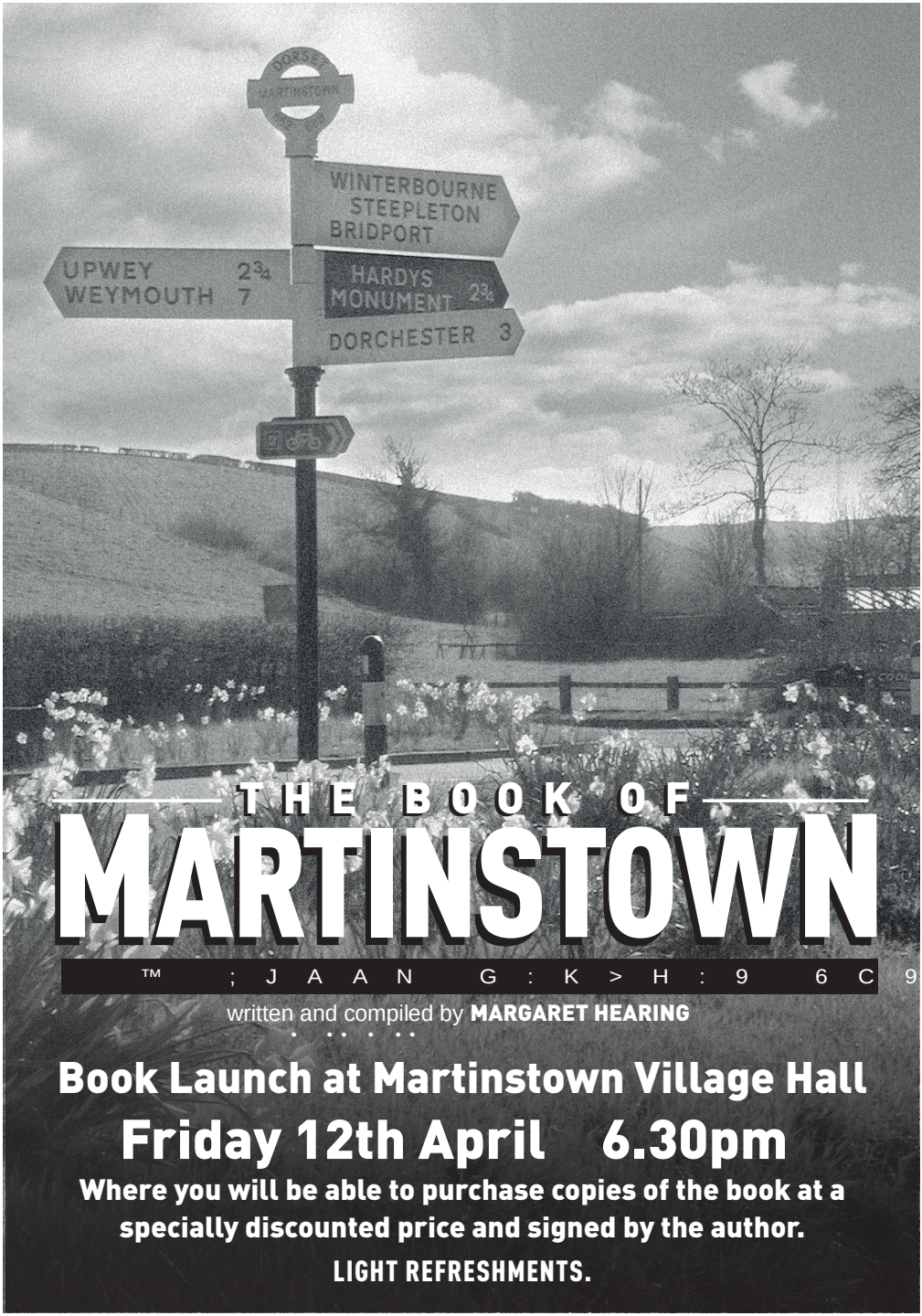
Donations for the Outdoor Learning Area

The school have recently been rejuvenating their well-used outdoor learning area and wish to plant a variety of hardy herbs. This area would also bene t from 12 to 16 new logs as seats for the children (approximately 1.5 feet tall and 1 foot in diameter).

Any donations of logs or hardy herbs, such as rosemary, thyme, sage, mint; as well as lavender and other plants would be welcomed.

Please contact **Ms Braidwood** at the school on **01305 889297** with any kind donations.



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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

Martinstown Mileaters OUT & ABOUT — by Sally R Webb

For a change, we walked in the afternoon. We left from Tibbs Hollow at Frampton, circling round by way of Compton Valence back to the cars. There were 10 intrepid walkers who completed the circuit and two more fragile walkers who joined at the half way mark of St Thomas's church just in time for refreshments.

The views were lovely particularly those looking down on to the village which looked very quaint from afar. Everyone enjoyed the leg stretch including the four dogs. Only ve of our number nished at the pub – The Duchess of Cornwall – where we sampled the burgers on offer and sank a well-earned pint.

Martinstown Mileaters OUT & ABOUT — by Frances Clifford

The current stormy weather makes planning for a walk very dif cult; even the forecast does not always help!

Luckily, having cancelled once due to bad weather, eleven walkers, set off from Kingston Mauward on a lovely sunny morning. Our walk took in Thorncombe Woods passing by Hardy's birthplace and Rushy Pond before heading into, Puddletown Forest and walking a short section of the Roman road Then onto open farmland returning via Lower Bockhampton and the water meadows.covering just over 5 miles.

Everyone including the two dogs behaved very well and Baby Grace, aged just 6 months slept most of the time It was lovely to have her along with her mum Clare.

We nished up at The Wiseman in West Stafford for beer very promptly and food, eventually.

Martinstown FUN Dog Show

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Garden and Craft Show

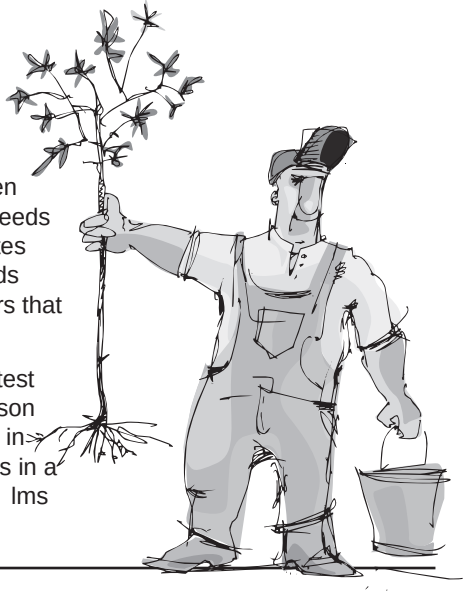
SUNDAY 18th August 2019 at Martinstown Village Hall.

Hints & Tips

The weather is getting warmer, so serious gardening is under way all along the Valley.

It's a good time to plant tomatoes and a wide range of other vegetable plants that are available in Garden Centres. Broad beans, peas, carrots and beetroot seeds can go in now, but leave runner beans and courgettes until late May. Look out for new varieties at the seeds stand. Carrots and beetroots come in various colours that enhance their appeal and so do courgettes.

If you haven't started your seed potato for the Greatest Weight of Potato class, get yours from Richard Benson soon. You don't need a lot of space, just a large pot in a sunny spot outside. Some people even grow theirs in a big sack, or basket. There are some good YouTube lms of successful pot grown spuds, so give it a go!



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PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on:

Monday 29 April 2019

Full Parish Council Meeting dates all at NEW time of **7.00pm** at the Parish Of ce

Monday 13 May 2019

Be sure to visit the Parish Council website:

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The Valley & Valence

NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for someone to take over the production of the Valley and Valence from August onwards. Advice and help will be given if needed.

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Friday 26th April 2019

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OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd June 2019

Next summer is Open Gardens year for the village.

The biannual fund raiser needs your support to be a success. Most important it needs your garden to be open for visitors. Big or small - not the issue, numbers count to make the event work so please consider allowing your garden to be open.

Never done it before? Worried about the issues? The VILLAGE HALL committee members will answer any questions.

We need lots of gardens open - can you help the cause?

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martinstown news and views

In the second half of the 20th century we had living in the Winterborne Valley a remarkable couple whose contribution to the British victory in North Africa from 1940 to 1943 was not well known.

Colonel Lovell Payne and Mrs Anne Payne lived at Lower Rew from 1948, farming for twenty years before retirement. After a short military career following World War I Lovell had worked for Shell Oil, mainly in Syria, and at the outbreak of World War II volunteered to rejoin the army. He was asked to stay in the Middle East and to form a detachment of the Military Police.

In this capacity, early in 1941 he took part in the rst British attack from Egypt into Libya, which was part of Mussolini's Italian Empire. The force included substantial contingents of Australian and colonial troops who fought ercely but required rm handling. Eventually they reached the port of Tobruk, which was heavily defended. Lovell's duty was to wait while the assault went in, and then to follow with his police to establish order and discipline out of the chaos.

He waited for orders, but none came, so eventually he and his police set off in their trucks. Driving through the streets there was no sign of ghting, no sign of the enemy, and no sign of the Australians. All was quiet, and they reached the main square of the city. It was deserted and silent, until suddenly a resplendent Mayor appeared on the balcony of the Town Hall. Dramatically he offered Lovell the ceremonial mace in token of surrender, which was graciously accepted.

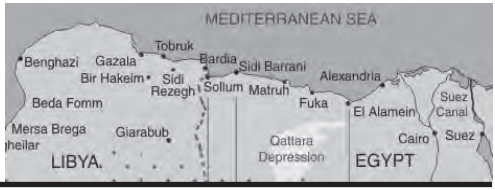
Where were the Australians? It turned out that most of the Italians had already left, and the cellars of the elaborate forti cations were full of magni cent food and wine – very soon so were the Australians. So Lovell Payne captured Tobruk!

It was far from the end of the story: a German army, the Afrika Korps, was sent by Hitler to recover the situation, and Tobruk changed hands twice more. By the summer of 1942 Field Marshal Rommel and the Germans were within reach of Cairo and the Suez Canal. There was a pause while both sides re-grouped, reinforced – and spied. Spying and counter-spying developed rapidly in circumstances where the native population were not overly-fond of the occupying forces of either side.

Cairo was the base for the British forces. The city hummed with every kind of activity – military, political, industrial and social – and it was at this time that Lovell Payne became acquainted with Anne West. Anne was an of cer in the ATS, the Army service for women. Her qualities attracted the interest of the Intelligence Service, and she was recruited to work in the scheme to confuse the enemy by providing them with false information – fake news, in current terms. For this she had to assume the identity of a Greek girl who hated the British and was the girlfriend of a spy working for the Germans. This 'spy' was in fact an Italian who had come over to the British, and then convinced the Italians and Germans that he was a Syrian called Nicossof!

Nicossof and Anne would go out nightly into the desert with a suitcase radio to pass deceptive messages to their contact in the German lines. Since the Germans were fully convinced that the pair were genuine, useful information could be gleaned. Sometimes Anne would carry out the operation on her own, and clearly thoroughly enjoyed the venture. It was extremely brave – discovery and capture would have had horri c results.

Later Lovell and Anne were married, came to Martinstown and played an important part in the life of the village. The contribution of the Intelligence Service in the British victory at El Alamein was of cially recognized in the History of World War II.



Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

APRIL 2019 For more info contact: **www.dorsetforyou.com/recycle**

4th (Thursday)	- rubbish and food	11th (Thursday)	- recycling and food
18th (Thursday)	- rubbish and food	25th (Thursday)	- recycling and food
5th (Friday)	- garden waste	19th (Friday)	- garden waste

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Meet your local Neighbourhood Policing Team 2018

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If you cannot make this but would still like to speak with us please contact:

101 or email: **Dorchester-rural-npt@dorset.pnn.police.uk**

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Martinstown Draw
FEBRUARY 2019

£25 - Dick Corbett-Winder
£10 - Kay Dawson
£5 - Ann Singleton

Compton Valence Draw
MARCH 2019

£25 - Bernie Chung
£10 - Teresa Gale
£5 - Alan And Elena Bashforth

What's on @ your local? -

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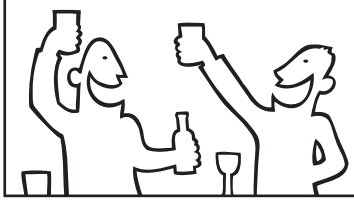

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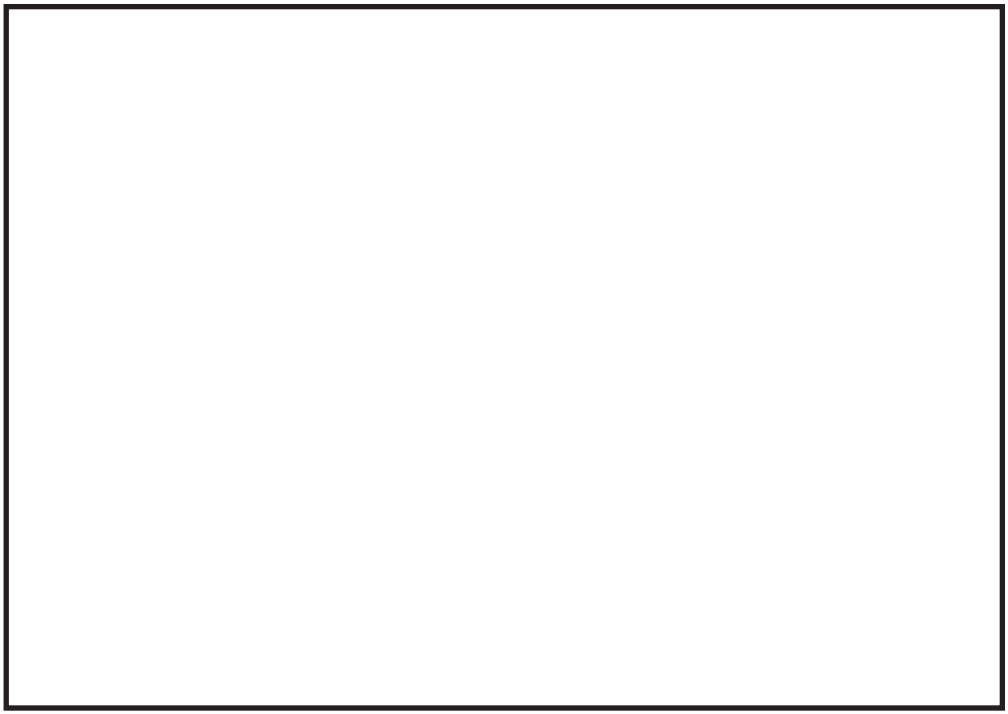
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