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EDITORIAL in VALLEY & VALENCE

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The Vicar writes....

“...a period of reflection rather than rushing into the next big thing.”

Sometimes, on the weather forecast, we are told that that weather is ‘quiet’, meaning that nothing much is happening – no rain, no wind and probably no sun at this time of year! The month of February is a bit like that in the church calendar – nothing much going on except counting the Sundays until Lent (which this year begins on 6th March – Ash Wednesday).

What has enabled ‘Quiet February’ is that Easter Sunday is late this year (21st April). You are probably aware that the date for Easter is calculated from the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox in March (complex!) so apparently the predominant reason why Easter falls on a different date each year is because we now use the solar, Gregorian calendar rather than a lunar one. This means the full moon occurs on different dates each year, and therefore so does Easter. There is more to it than that but I’ll leave you to Google it!

So, back to quiet February. As a Parish priest I very much appreciate a longer wait for Easter. It gives time to recover from the many and wonderful Christmas services and allows time for planning for Lent and Easter. It has a feel of the pace of life slowing down just a little bit – a period of reflection rather than rushing into the next big thing.

In many places in the bible we are encouraged to take time, to relax, to go somewhere quiet and to rest, but it’s not always easy to heed this advice in today’s frenetic world. What’s more we are often judged harshly if we’re not dashing here there and everywhere and so we keep working. The book of the prophet Isaiah speaks in juxtaposition to this:

This is what the living God, the Holy One of Israel says: ‘Return to me and find your salvation in being still, for in rest and quietness lies true strength’, but you just weren’t interested in listening. (Isaiah 30.15)

Many people today feel stressed and overloaded, and crave some respite in which to pause and get their bearings. We all need time to unwind, to reflect on what we’re doing and why – above all, we need time for God. That’s why God’s advice in the verse above is so important, for unless we learn to be still in his presence we will lose sight of what really matters, and all our hustle and bustle will count finally for nothing.

Enjoy quiet February!

Yours in Christ
Jean, Team Vicar

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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

FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY – PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

10.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY – 4th BEFORE LENT

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

SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY – 3rd BEFORE LENT

10.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY – 2nd BEFORE LENT

11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown
17.00	Church@5	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.



Messy Church at St. Mary's Winterbourne Abbas **On Saturday 23rd February 10am till 1pm**

A morning of meeting other families, children's activities, a gentle and relaxed Lunch, storytelling and song.

Jo Lacy-Smith 01305 889476

A SILENT SPACE

On the first Tuesday of each month we commence the time by reading the names, the cause of death and the nationality of 10 refugees that have died during the last 25 years. This is followed by 20 minutes of silence, broken by a canticle.

We invite you to join this multi faith group as we come together in **St. Martin's Church,**
5th February at 6pm.

Please join us and bring some poetry or prose.

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Quiet Day at the Quiet Space in Poundbury

Saturday 23rd February 2019 with refreshments from 10.30am.

The short talks will be led by Caroline on "Gracefully Broken" from the song by Matt Redman.

The day will end as usual with tea, coffee and cake at 3pm - 3.30pm.

Please bring a Bible, notebook, pen and packed lunch. If you would like to come please let Caroline know by e-mail on carolineellerby@phonecoop.coop or ring 01305 459622 so that we know numbers for catering and photocopying.

There is no charge for the Quiet Day but donations towards costs are gratefully received on the day

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Sun 24th February at 5pm **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

Brilliant News!

Together, we raised £805 for Dorchester & Weymouth Cruse Bereavement Care Charity. A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible by supporting the Coffee Morning Bring & Buy that we held on 24 November 2018; your generous donations of goods and money, the outstanding attendance, the efforts of the volunteers and charity group members made for a rewarding and hugely enjoyable event and resulted in a sum of money that will make a difference to this worthwhile cause.

We appreciate and look forward to your continued support in our future charitable endeavours.

Thank you again and a very Happy 2019 to you all. **Sally Webb**

A Benefice Christmas...

I always marvel at the number and variety of Christmas services that happen across our nine Anglican churches, so this year I set myself the challenge of going to one service in each!

1. St Peter's, Dorchester - Darkness to Light Advent Carol Service. At St Peter's there is always a sense of being right in the heart of the community – so close that you can hear noises from the street outside – and yet the candlelight and the choral singing gave this service a real sense of peace.

2. St Thomas, Compton Valence - Carol Service. A beautiful service, with the children and young people of the area doing the readings. Afterwards we went to the village hall for mulled wine and mince pies.

3. St Michael's, Winterbourne Steepleton - The Light of the World. I had no idea that this small church could boast so many musicians! The service was filled with music: piano, organ, woodwind, strings, a choir that packed the chancel, and the joyous sound of handbells.

4. St Mary's, Winterbourne Abbas - Carol Service. Music, bible readings, and poetry, and the church beautifully decorated with foliage.

5. St Mary's, Dorchester - Community Carol Service. St Mary's looked quietly elegant as usual, with gorgeous flowers and the clergy all dressed up in their finest. The choir sang beautifully - I particularly loved "Lully Lulla Lullay" by Philip Stopford.

6. St Andrew's, West Stafford - Crib and Christingle Service. All the children were invited to dress up, and even I got to put on a tinsel halo and pretend to be an angel – brilliant. After a Nativity filled with audience participation and animal noises, we were given Christingles to take home.

7. St George's, Dorchester - Holy Communion on Christmas Day. We chose the carols by shouting out hymn numbers, and our wonderful organist, Evelyn Kingman, immediately played whatever was requested.

8. St Martin's, Martinstown - Favourite Carols. All the carols had been chosen by the congregation, some of whom got up to talk about their choices.

9. St Simon & St Jude, Winterborne Monkton - Holy Communion on the Feast of the Epiphany. My husband Stuart and I were warmly welcomed by Thomas Woodhouse and the small congregation, and congratulated on achieving the full set of nine churches!

So, nine churches visited, dozens of carols sung and much consumption of mince pies and mulled wine. It did take up a bit of time, and as a result, some things

didn't get done (my apologies to those of you who didn't get Christmas cards) – but each service was an absolute blessing and I enjoyed it so much. Thank you all for making me welcome. Can I encourage anyone to take up the baton and do the same thing next year?

For a longer version of this article and more photos, see <http://DorchesterAnglican.info/xmas18>





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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 Griffiths - 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

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Martinstown Women's Institute

There was a good turn out for our meeting on 9 January when we met to vote on the proposed resolutions for the National Federation Annual meeting, which is to be held in Bournemouth this year. Over the last 100 years WI members have campaigned on an incredible range of issues, increasing public awareness and bringing about policy change. In 1954 this led to the Keep Britain Tidy campaign and the issue of plastic pollution was first raised in 1971 and continues with a campaign on microplastic fibre.

After a full discussion the majority vote was for **"A call against the decline in local bus services"**. A subject very relevant to us in Martinstown.

Our next meeting will be on **13 February** – **"The Great Martinstown Bake Off"**. Bake your favourite cake for us to vote on and have a go at cake decorating.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

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VALLEY CLUB NEWS



Happy New Year - I hope 2019 is a good year for you all.

We started our New Year meetings on 21st January with a talk by Ian Williamson on "My Travelling Experiences in Tasmania". Ian has travelled widely and does not take a fee for his talks, but accepts a donation to St. Margaret's Hospice in Yeovil, for whom he has been fundraising for many years. We hope you enjoyed his presentation.

We do not meet in February, so our next event will be on Monday March 18th 2019 when our AGM, starting at 7.45pm, will be followed by a presentation at 8.00pm by Rod Harris, on "Portland Spies". Membership fees will be

due that evening.

Don't forget to keep using your Gold Club 25% discount voucher throughout February for The Gardens Group which includes Poundbury Gardens, Castle Gardens in Sherborne and Brimsmore Gardens in Yeovil. This year this voucher can be used on all products you buy, excluding those already discounted or on special offers. It does not include the restaurants.

Let's hope Spring is not too far away, so keep warm and we will look forward to seeing you all in March.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 568458

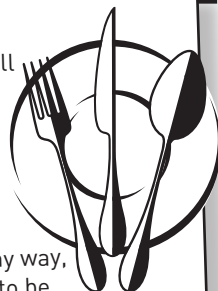
FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB 2019 DATES:

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

1st February, 1st March, 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!



Cricket Club Dinner - from the Martinstown Cricket Club Chairman

Our end of season Dinner found us in the welcoming surroundings of the Brewers Arms hosted by Ben and Leanne. It was fitting that we were able to hold the event in the village given the tremendous support that we receive both from the Brewers and the community as a whole.

The Dinner was attended by forty people which included both senior and junior players, supporters, parents and sponsors.

The event was particularly significant as it provided the first opportunity to announce the appointment of the club's new President, Jim Godding. As everyone will know, Jim has a long association with the club and brings vital knowledge on every aspect of the game. Jim will also continue in his role of working with the grounds staff to ensure that we continue to have one of the best grounds in the area.

The end of the evening culminated in the presentation of a range of trophies and awards. The prestigious 'Spirit of Cricket Award', given in memory of Brian Canniford was presented to Ed Nichols, the out going First team captain. Ed has done a brilliant job in steering the team into its highest ever league position. He will of course continue to be involved in the club as a player and mentor. We wish the incoming Captain, Sam Kershaw every success.

A number of awards were given to both junior and senior players - of special significance was

the Dorset Cricket Board's 'Fair Play' award which is given in acknowledgement of the way the players and members conduct the game. It is important that the club maintains this high standard and that we continue to provide an environment that is welcoming to everyone involved in the game. "Cricket as cricket should be played".

The club looks forward to the challenges of the coming season and welcoming all players both old and new.

In the meantime we have an ambitious winter training programme with for the first time teams competing in both ladies and mens indoor winter leagues.

David Gargrave – Chairman



Chairman David Gargrave welcoming Jim Godding to the club Presidency.

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A recent newspaper article about the discovery of an underground icehouse in central London awakened memories. Built in the 18th century, it was first used to store ice taken from frozen streams in the winter. The ice could then be sold to an eager public when the weather turned warmer. The trouble was the London streams were often used as sewers, and the ice was heavily polluted. In the 1820s William Leftwich had the idea of importing pure ice from Norway, and his business thrived. Since the early 20th century the ice had been produced electrically in a factory under the arches at Waterloo Station.

And so it was that in 1953 as a poor student I found myself as a mate in an ancient green lorry driving over Waterloo Bridge to Buckingham Palace with three tons of ice.

W. Leftwich, By Royal Appointment, Purveyors of Ice to Her Majesty the Queen in gold lettering was inscribed on the lorry door. In fact, the Leftwich firm had long been subsumed by the North Pole Ice Company, whose lorries were all yellow – but the one green lorry carried the name and the right of entry into the Palace.



We took a circuitous route to the Palace, because commercial traffic was not permitted along The Mall. The service entrance naturally was at the back, and was guarded by a policeman who checked our credentials. In fact we were familiar visitors, and the policeman duly accepted the driver's betting slips because he was also a bookie's 'runner' – a totally illegal procedure!

In the yard we cut up the eight-hundredweight blocks of ice into roughly one-hundredweight pieces and hefted them to the back of the lorry with cast-iron 'dogs' like giant tweezers. With a wet sack on shoulder, we each carried a block of ice into the dark corridors of the below-stairs

palace, passing through the kitchens until we reached the huge bins into which the ice was dropped.

That summer was the time of the Queen's Coronation, and the Palace was full of guests from around the world. Large quantities of food needed refrigeration, and plenty of ice was required for cooling drinks. Modern methods of refrigeration had hardly touched royal domestic arrangements, and so the quantities of ice delivered increased dramatically, with two or three deliveries each day. We toiled back and forth.

On one occasion I was sent upstairs to the 'Chinese' suite with a small block of ice for kitchen ice-box. In the lift I was accompanied by an attired footman, who was taking up the Queen Mother's breakfast – a modest tray as I remember.

One afternoon I was passing through the main kitchen on my way back to the lorry when I was stopped by one of the staff. "Here" he said, "Sit down a minute". I wondered if I had committed a misdemeanour, and visions of the Tower of London flitted through my

mind. To my amazement he produced a small slice of rich iced cake on a magnificent plate. "There" he said "Have a piece of the Coronation Cake".

Apparently it was a custom for one of the several tiers of a ceremonial royal cake to be sent down to the kitchen for the staff and tradesmen. I enjoyed my piece of cake, closely watched by my friend – perhaps he feared I might purloin the plate!

I had no delusions of grandeur. It was then back to the rest of the round: Covent Garden Opera House, Marylebone Workhouse, the American Embassy and a multitude of smelly fish shops.

Strolling along the Fleet...



25 walkers and 7 dogs left the new church car park in Chickerell and joined the coastal path towards Abbotsbury. The weather was calm and the views could be called stunning.

Several points of interest were pointed out along route. The 2 concrete bunkers used during WW2 and the Fleet being England's longest Lagoon coming in at 8 miles. This Lagoon was used to test the famous bouncing bomb.

Continuing along the coastal path we came to Moonfleet Manor and walked past Donkey Island (Herbury Island), it got this name when the seaside donkeys at Weymouth came here to holiday over the winter.

Carrying on when we came to Rodden Hive we took the uphill path in land and stopped for a coffee break halfway up and enjoyed the lovely view. Moving on we walked through the quaint village of Langton Herring passing the 13th century gothic church and a splendid patch of snowdrops and daffodils.

Heading back down to the coastal path we climbed the last hill up to West Fleet camp site and joined the road that would take us back to the church. A well earned lunch at the Luggers Inn pub was washed down with some hearty ale. Thank you to all those who walked – lovely to see so many and a big welcome to our new members.



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

Fran's Diary

by Fran Taylor

Prior to the beginning of the Christmas celebrations I was walking my dog along the footpath behind the Church when I came upon Margaret Hearing gazing intently at a huge stone slab. Intrigued, I stopped. A discussion about the stone's heritage ensued and we came to the conclusion that, due to the proximity of the Church, perhaps it was a headstone marking the resting place of some poor unfortunate who had committed suicide. Centuries ago such distressed people were forbidden to be laid to rest in a churchyard, however our surmised was wrong.

Later I was fortunate enough to meet up with John Elliott. He told me that this stone was one of 12 similar stone slabs on the way to the Ridgeway. Do go and look at our village phenomena then see if you can spot them when you next walk up to the Ridgeway.

So another successful Christmas is over and done with for another year. Starting with the Children's Craft Workshop, followed by carols in the pub then of course Carols by Candlelight with beautiful readings and finally the Crib Service for children on Christmas Eve. So, now it's all over. Decorations packed away, cards recycled and thank you letters written.

So what's next? Panto - in three weekends of course, starting on Friday 1st February and ending on Saturday 16th with 2 performances - matinee and evening. Tickets will be available from Ann Matthews: 889 248 and in the Village Shop.

So hope to see you there!

Finally, another children's Artsreach production, suitable for children aged 2+

On Monday 18th February at 4.15 Theatre Fideri Fidera is coming to Martinstown Village Hall to present a heartwarming and entertaining play full of music, good humour and adventure for young children and families. A workshop will follow the production.

Tickets available from me on: 01305 889963

COFFEE MORNING

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Meeting Mondays 5.30pm - 6.30pm (Beavers), 6.15pm - 7.30pm (Cubs & Scouts)

• **Martinstown Village Hall** For more information call **SUE GOWER** - Cub Leader on 01305 889388 or 07800 537722 • *Adult helpers sought (no previous experience necessary).*

FILM NIGHT at the BREWERS ARMS

Thurs 21st February 2019 at 7.15:

QUARTET

Starring: Maggie Smith and Tom Courtney



On at the Brewers Arms this month...

Wednesdays - QUIZ NIGHT - 8.30pm start. £1 per person. CASH PRIZES to be won. FREE chips in the interval!

Fridays - MEAT DRAW - 7pm - £2.50 per strip of tickets (available all week) Must be present at the draw to win!

LIVE ON BIG SCREEN - All England's 6 NATIONS games - apart from the Wales game on 23rd Feb as the pub will be closed for a village wedding!

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In his will dated 1804, Joseph Blanchard of Bradford Peverell left money to be invested for the benefit of the needy living within the parish of Winterborne St Martin, and in particular those who had not been in receipt of Poor Relief for the previous two years.

From the beginning the scheme provided that the income be used to pay pensions to two or three persons. This continued into the 1940s.

Since that time the Trust has evolved to maintain it's relevance whilst keeping the original aim. Funds continue to be used to support families and individuals experiencing difficulty and hardship.

The Trust has been able to expand the area of support to include Winterbourne Abbas and Steepleton and children attending the Valley First School.

Currently there are twelve Trustees which include two appointed by Martinstown Parish Council, the Vicar, and representatives from all three villages. Meetings are held twice yearly and include an open AGM. Other smaller meetings are held on an 'ad hoc' basis to consider any application for support.

The available funds are limited to income from invested capital and rely on donations and fund raising activities within our community.

Applications can be made via any trustee and can be dealt with speedily whilst maintaining confidentiality and discretion. This is particularly important in our close-knit community.

Referrals are also made by statutory agencies such as health and social care on behalf of a valley resident.

The Trust continues to be as

necessary today as it has always been but we are sometimes asked what the trust does and who can apply? So... the trustees have recently applied to change the charity name to **The Winterbourne Valley Community Fund** which hopefully speaks for itself!

For further information please contact **Frances Clifford, Trust Chairman** on **889400** or **Jan Griffiths, Trust Secretary** on **889738**.

A list if the other trustees will be available on the **Martinstown website**.

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I thought I might try bell ringing about nine months ago,
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I went to my first lesson in our village church's tower
And quickly realised that it would take more than an hour.
I listened to dire warnings of the things that could go wrong,
And wondered if I maybe should have taken up ping-pong.

It was extremely tricky and it took me quite a while,
And certainly my teacher must have found it quite a trial.
Like when to grab the sally and then quickly let it go,
And all the time be trying not to let the panic show.

On numerous occasions, how the rope would flap about!
And nearly knock my glasses off which made me want to shout.
But gradually I got the hang of how to ring a bell,
And raising it and lowering the clanging thing as well.

And now I'm in the band of ringers here in Martinstown,
Learning how to ring it fast and then to slow it down,
And trying not to be the one who spoils the lovely sound
Or getting very muddled by the changes in the round.

I'll keep on persevering to improve on my technique,
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FROM 23 SEPTEMBER 2018

	X51 Bus MTWTF	X51 Bus *	X51 Bus MTWTF	X51 Bus Sat	PlusBus Wed	Taxi MF	Taxi MF
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Winterbourne Abbas	06:23	07:23	07:45	09:26	10:15	**	**
Winterbourne Steepleton	**	**	**	**	10:15	**	**
Martinstown Post Office	06:31	07:31	07:53	09:34	10:10	10:15	13:15
Mallard Green	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Poundbury QM Square	06:39	07:39	08:01	09:42	**	**	**
Poundbury Mansell Square	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Dorchester Hospital	06:43	07:43	08:05	09:46	**	**	**
A-Line taxi office/Trinity Street	**	**	**	**	**	10:30	13:30
Brewery Square	**	**	08:10	**	**	**	**
Dorchester South Station	06:57	07:57	**	09:56	**	**	**
	PlusBus Wed	Taxi M/F	X51 Bus MTWTF	X51 Bus Sat	X51 Bus MTWTF	X51 Bus MTWTF	X51 Bus MTWTF
			Term times				
Dorchester South Station	**	**	15:30	16:06	16:11	17:15	18:20
Brewery Square	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
A-Line taxi office		13:00	**	**	**	**	**
Trinity Street	13:00	**	15:33	16:10	16:14	17:17	18:22
Dorchester Hospital	**	**	15:40	16:13	16:21	17:22	18:27
Thomas Hardy School	**	**	15:50	**	**	**	**
Poundbury Mansell Square	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Poundbury QM Square	**	**	15:54	16:17	16:26	17:26	18:31
Mallard Green	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Martinstown Post Office	**	**	13:15	16:01	16:24	16:33	17:33
Winterbourne Steepleton	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Winterbourne Abbas	**	**	16:10	16:33	16:40	17:42	18:48

*Above services operate Monday to Saturday, inclusive, unless otherwise stated at the top of the relevant column.

**Not all stops listed above are on all routes. Times are shown where the routes are expected to stop, apart from Winterbourne Steepleton on the X51 service; however, times are not given on the operator's schedules.

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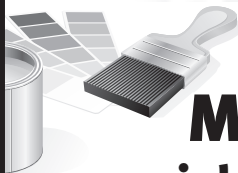
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