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THOUGHTS FROM THE DESK OF The Team RECTOR

It has been a couple of months since I was installed as Team Rector, but It may be at least a few more until I am able to meet many of you in person. So I thought that I should let you know a little bit about myself by way of introduction.

I was born in Derry in Northern Ireland in 1960, the youngest of four children. I have two older brothers and a twin sister. We moved to Bangor when I was eleven and I spent my teenage years living happily by the sea. After I left school I did a variety of jobs including working in a bank and as a civil servant.

I met my wife, Ruth, in October 1987 at a conference in London which lead to me moving over to England in the next summer. We were married in April 1989. I worked as a bus driver and Ruth worked in a bakery of ce and we lived a comparatively uncomplicated life together. As I became increasingly more involved in our local church, I was encouraged to undergo further study and so in 1992 I started a theology degree at Trinity College in Bristol. This was followed by a PGCE at Bristol University. While we were in Bristol our daughter, Rebecca, was born. I taught RE in a high school for three years before training for ordination at Westcott House in Cambridge. This also included also spending some time studying in Chicago.

I was ordained in Chelmsford Cathedral in 2001 and served my curacy in South Woodham Ferrers. This was followed by seven years as vicar of St John's, Moulsham in Chelmsford. In 2012 we moved to Leicester where I was vicar of St Mary's, Knighton and chaplain of Leicester High School for Girls. After four years I was asked to move across Leicester to St Peter's, Braunstone Park. Knighton was a largely af uent residential parish. Braunstone was a large housing estate. Although they were opposite ends of social scale, each parish brought their challenges and rewards. During my time in Knighton I took a three month sabbatical. As part of this I spent ve weeks walking the 500 miles of the Camino de Santiago through northern Spain.

Our move to Dorchester brings us to another very different location. We had holidayed in Dorset a few time in the past, but the area is largely unknown to us. Of course, moving to anywhere new with the current climate of restriction and lockdown is tricky. I am looking forward to immersing ourselves in the area and particularly in the churches of the team. There will doubtlessly be many new challenges and opportunities to which I am very much looking forward.

Wishing you every blessing,

The Reverend Keith Magee

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CHURCH DURING LOCKDOWN FEBRUARY 202

While services in our church buildings remain suspended there will be an on-line service on Zoom every Sunday morning at 1000. If you are new to these and would like to join please contact the Vicar on (01305 889992 or email revjeanwinterbournes@hotmail.com.

Listed below are the readings for these services:

SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY • 2ND BEFORE LENT	Colossians 1. 15 – 20	John 1. 1 – 14
SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY • LAST BEFORE LENT	2 Corinthians 4. 3 – 6	Mark 9. 2 – 9
SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY • 1ST OF LENT	1 Peter 3. 18 – end	Mark 1. 9 – 15
SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY • 2ND OF LENT	Romans 4. 13 – end	Mark 8. 31 – end

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The Parishes of The Winterbournes & Compton Valence

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Rev'd Keith Magee (07766 645136)

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On other days please contact one of the Church Wardens for all parish matters.

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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.

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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 th 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 involved is assured.

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Advent Window & Pantomime Trails

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the December Advent Window and Pantomime Trail

Everyone put in such a lot of effort with wonderful results - it gave a lot of people joy in a climate of Covid-19 despondency. The feedback received was fantastic with participants and viewers gaining a lot of pleasure; so much so, that maybe we can do it again next year?

The original intent was to brighten up Martinstown for Christmas but it had the added effect of raising money for the homeless charity Crisis – in total we were able to give an amazing £925! How wonderful that we could lighten the lives of people facing such despair.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who took part by creating a window, a scarecrow or both to the village for its very positive response and to everyone who donated.

Wishing you good health and a happy new year.

Sally Webb

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Groundhog Day

by David Haslam

When did you take your Christmas decorations down? For years, the traditional expectation was Twelfth Night, but in this especially tough year, English Heritage encouraged the public to do as their medieval ancestors did and leave up their festive adornments until Candlemas on 2 February.

In our house, we did indeed take the tree down on Twelfth Night – after all, there comes a point when the shedding of needles becomes more than a little irritating. But – in this year when we all need a little more cheering up – we left up a few twinkly lights outside.

And Candlemas, of course, is also the date of Groundhog Day. Groundhog Day isn't just a movie. It's a real day and a real celebration. Wonderful though the 1993 Bill Murray film might have been, and however often you may have seen it, the original festival probably originated with settlers from Germanic speaking areas of Europe who emigrated to Pennsylvania. By tradition, animals were seen as having weather-predicting skills depending on whether they emerged from hibernation at the time of Candlemas. In Europe they were badgers, foxes, or bears. In Pennsylvania – it was the Groundhog.

By the late 1880s, Groundhog Day was being celebrated in Punxsutawney, and massive crowds have attended annually ever since – whether that will continue in the era of Coronavirus is anyone's guess. Any sensible groundhog will stay well hidden.

And Covid-19 has rendered so many of our days as being versions of Groundhog Day, the movie – with our routines being depressingly predictable. Get up, breakfast, move to the laptop, log onto Zoom, stare into space, log off from Zoom, repeat. Endlessly repeat. We might not have the relationship challenges of Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell, or have to face "I got you, Babe" on the radio every single morning as we wake, but the daily repetition of daily life is surely getting us all badly down.

We're drowning in time. It's the one thing that most of us currently have too much of. Day after day spent within the same four walls. Day after day wondering how best to fill the time, to use the time, to pass the time. We alternate between time filling and time wasting, though know that both are often exactly the same.

So what was the lesson from Groundhog Day, the movie? Phil, Bill Murray's character, eventually gives up fighting the monotony, and begins to see the recurrent loops of identical days as being a blessing instead of a curse – and even found ways of using the time productively. The excuse that most of us use to delay tackling tasks – "I simply don't have the time" – simply doesn't wash in lockdown.

Lockdown is infuriating, frustrating, challenging, and critically important. But if you're stuck with it – you might as well use the time that it liberates, time that isn't available in normal life. Me – I'll probably spend it watching Groundhog Day again. Somehow it seems appropriate.

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The Winterborne St Martin Parish Council NEWS

The Parish Council continues to meet using 'Zoom'. The 'Zoom' instructions are included in each agenda. We will continue to do this for the foreseeable future. As always members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and each meeting includes a democratic forum for any matters residents wish to raise.

We are in the process of building a new website for the Parish Council. in order to comply with the latest legislation to improve the accessibility of the website for people using additional aids to read the pages.

We have been very fortunate for a number of years to be able to have pages of the Martinstown News & Views website for Parish Council use and we are hugely grateful to Graham Herbert for facilitating this for us.

The rst stages of the process include setting up a new email address:-
clerk@winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk

Please use the new email address as the rst point of contact for the Parish Council. All Councillors can also be contacted in the usual ways - generally while taking their daily lockdown exercise - from a 2 metre distance of course!

We have recently completed the contract with BT to enable a village community group to take on the, now empty, telephone kiosk. When the weather improves the kiosk will be tidied up and repainted and a new community use found for it.

The next meetings of the Parish Council are:

Wednesday 27 January at 7pm

Wednesday 24 February at 7pm

Wednesday 24 March at 7pm

All through 'Zoom' from the comfort of our, and your front rooms.

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MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL

Regular Group M

MONDAY

Baby & Toddler Group	1000am - 12noon	Contact: Claire Benson - Tel: 07859 849094
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

Chair-based Exercise	11.15am - 12.15pm	Contact: Suzanne Fellows-Joyce - Tel:01308 281882
W.I. (2nd Wednesday in month)	6.45pm - 9.00pm	Contact: Rosie Duke - Tel: 01305 889555
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
Yoga	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Contact: Gemma - Tel: 07821 593314

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

For BOOKING information, contact: Ann Matthews – Tel: 889248 or email: ronann.matthews@btinternet.com

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Martinstown Women's Institute

Our January meeting was once again held on Zoom and it was lovely to see friendly faces again.

Every year the National Women's Insitute select a campaign to promote and we considered the Resolutions to go forward for further discussion and voting at the Annual Meeting which is planned for April 2021.

The majority vote was "Now is the time to act! Protect your nature space to create wildlife-friendly communities". We hope to get involved with Green Martinstown in the future.

On 10th February our speaker will be Tess Thompson from Support Dogs – a charity providing assistance dogs for those with disabilities. This will again be via Zoom and we are so sorry that this does exclude some who are not on the Internet – we hope to return to "real live" meetings one day! In the meantime keep safe and look forward to brighter times.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

Nigel Singleton - Rest in peace

Nigel was always generous with his time in lending his considerable skills to numerous voluntary and charitable organisations. He went about his daily life in a quiet, unassuming and self e acing manner, if he could be of service, he would. He lead with his heart and will be greatly missed, our thoughts and prayers are with Nikki , their two sons, Matt and Dan and partner Jenny.

Further re ections of Nigel's life will appear in a future magazine.

MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE STORE

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Best wishes and keep safe - Karen Barrett

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Despite the limitations that Covid has brought, this year the Martinstown Circle Supper group are proud to say that we are able to give a cheque for £1000 to our nominated charity for 2020, the Dorset County Hospital chemotherapy appeal.

This is because we were able to host our first round of suppers in January and February, and also hold a clothes swap at the beginning of this year and a very successful produce sale in October.

For those of you who are new to the village, Martinstown Circle Suppers are a supper group where friends in the village take it in turns to host and be guests in each others homes. Hosts provide a meal and guests pay for their supper, and this way we raise money for a local charity. Over the past five years we have raised money to support four different local organisations, charities or national charities with a local connection.

In addition to the suppers the group organises two or three additional fund raising activities during the year; amongst which we have had barn dances, a car treasure hunt, race night, quiz and a 60's night. We have a walking treasure hunt ready to roll out when the restrictions are lifted and plenty of other ideas for 2021.

We have decided to continue to raise funds for the local hospital chemotherapy appeal in 2021, and if you would like to be included in the suppers, or just have a conversation about what we do, please call either myself Cathie Seigal 01305 889244, Richard Benson 889466 or Roelie Newman 889192

Cathie Seigal

A Short History... of the Mills family

I moved from London to Dorset in 1969, back to where the Mills family originated from, the Winterborne Valley, Martinstown and Dorchester. I did not know a lot about my forebears so I started my family tree, it opened a new world of country life far from the hustle and bustle of London.

I have traced back three hundred years. The first Mills I found was Andrew. I don't know his date of birth but he died in 1761. He had 8 children one was also called Andrewand was a blacksmith. Another son, Samuel, doesn't have a lot of information on him, but his son was also called Samuel. I think he was the church Sexton and his name is on many marriage banns. He probably rang the bell and was also the grave digger. His son was Thomas, a farm worker and the next was Isaac Mills who married Rebecca Jane Mills, his cousin. They had 6 children – one of which was my grandfather, Henry Charles Mills. His siblings were Thomas, Elizabeth, Mary, Emily and Matilda, all born in the 1890s.

When I visit Martinstown I stand in the church and think of all my forbears who where baptised in the font, married at the alter and buried in the church by Rev Stafford in the early 19th century as well as Rev Ludlow in last part of the 19th century. Rev Edward Ludlow's grave is by the front door of the church.

Outside I here the sounds of the ghosts of the distant past, the clang of the blacksmith, the sound of carts and the bleat off sheep going to market. I hear the laughter of children and the old boys at the Brewers Arms putting the world to right.

There is a saying you can take the boy out of London but you can't take London out of the boy but think I have more Dorset and Martinstown in me than I thought.

John Mills

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The Storm

...a short st

After the storm the elds were a ruin. Many of the houses had suffered damage and some people living in rough shelters. They were not the only ones to be hungry and cold. Heating, water and food supplies were disrupted. Many people in the towns and villages had died and been hastily buried.

Not far away, but not very close, were castles, walled estates and forti ed houses, many of them in places well removed from the scenes of starvation, poverty and despair. The gardens were well kept and beautiful. Their owners possessed enough wealth in money and goods to more than compensate for the damage caused by the storm and enough to plan to mitigate another disaster. Inside the houses, at the meal tables where good food was served, the conversations were clear.

“I am glad we had the foresight to stock up.”

“My barns and stores are full and we can continue to enjoy life.”

“In the last three months I have seen my net worth treble as I take the opportunities this disaster offers.”

“I have many good people working for me. They do such a good job and are always cheerful. But I am two maids down and must arrange for replacements.”

“When this is over and the worst cleared up we are going to embark on a new business venture.”

“Recovery plans are well in hand. We are all involved in providing the means for a new life for everyone. Our businesses do such great work in providing for everyone.”

But one person expressed doubt about such optimism.

“Yes, yes, but we are so few and the people outside are so many. If they only realised what they could do. How different it would be.”

I agree. What if they really understood the way things are?”

She was answered by:

“Now, now. Just think. Don’t worry. We have the police, the army and the law. We give the rabble entertainment and diversions. And now they have more important things to occupy them. They will be only too pleased to take what work we send them. It’s always been that way. Change has always been managed and we take credit for every recovery.”

In the villages and towns well removed from the chattering around the meal tables the mood was sombre. In one ill lit and cold house the family greeted the entrance of the eight year old daughter.

“Where have you been this time? Have you been talking with the birds again, like last month?”

“Yes, I have. We spoke for hours, and not just with the birds. This time the animals spoke with me as well. They told me they were all leaving. We won’t see them any more.”

Beyond the horizon, where everyone could see it, a new storm was gathering.

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Rendezvous

...a short story by Stuart N

The rst encounter was coincidental, one of those random, rare, and delicious twists of fate that change your life forever. Not planned, I promise you but delicious, yes.

I don't regret any of what I will describe to you, but I do feel some guilt, of course, deceit never sits easily with me.

Let me start at the beginning because in no small way I credit Boris Johnson for it all. It was he who said, "Get out in the fresh air and exercise" and so I did.

Two or three late afternoons each week, through the village, turn by the milk machine and on my way to Ewleaze farm. The pull up that road gets the strongest heart beating rapidly without the need for a clandestine engagement. But it's good for you, the rst bit not the second

It was on my third maybe fourth trip that we met, she was coming down the road breathing easily, I gasping. But I still had the presence to smile and the excuse to stop. Social distancing was ignored from the start. I couldn't have spelled or even pronounced 'Coup de Foudre' but that's what it was, the lightening bolt, love at rst sight. For her too, I believed.

There was little talk, a few mumblings from me perhaps, although time was too precious for words to disrupt. She was my arms and our eyes gazed mutual love. Such early joy.

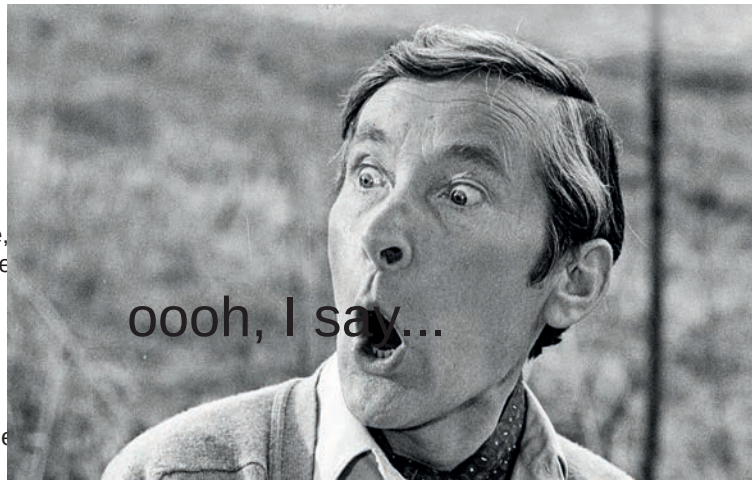
We met regularly after rst meeting, same place, similar time and before long she was coming home with me, wife safely distracted elsewhere course. I'm devious but not stupid. The kitchen table was favourite, mine too! That rst time, I swear, the devil was in her eyes as virtually leapt on it, shocking me her outrageousness. And as gently lifted her, she knew my intention, murmured her assent and more as I lowered her down.

I worried constantly afterwards that some trace of her would be found, some stray hair or lingering smell, but somehow, I survived. Perhaps the fear of discovery gave even more thrill to the encounters. What a roller coaster! It's a sad fact though that all fairground rides come to a stop and so eventually, did ours.

It happened quite simply, we were on Ewleaze road, our special place, she was in my arms, our heads together, I stroking her neck in the way she loved, her tongue gently licking my ear, when I felt it. It was there, why hadn't I ever noticed before? That lump in her neck. I held her away from me to look in her eyes, could it be true, I felt again. De nitely. I'm not the best Electrical Engineer in the world but I know a microchip when I feel one.

The realizations came ooding in, she wasn't mine after all. Somewhere she had a basket, a litter tray, a cap ap. Perhaps there was someone else whose ear got tickled by her tongue. The deceit was unforgivable. I had been undying in my adoration she as ckle as …well, a cat.

We never met again and I avoid that track to Ewleaze farm at all costs. It got me into some little trouble. I surely don't want to risk that again! Do I?



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The PCC says, ‘Thank you’... Alison Crawford

The journey of a printed edition of the much loved ‘V & V’ has many steps. Early each month regular contributors receive an email from Editor Graham reminding them that items are due in by the middle of the month. Graham then works his wizardry with his computers and a beautiful magazine takes shape. This wings its way over the web to the printers who produce 750 copies for the main distributor. Until last month this vital role was held by Monica Ellis, who, for as long as I can remember, has painstakingly counted out all the bundles for the various delivery rounds in the Valley and Valence. Last November she stepped down, but it was just one of several roles that she and her dear late husband, John, have lled over the last four decades that have ensured the V & V keeps going. That is over a generation’s worth of magazines!

On arriving in the Village in 1982, Monica volunteered her help and soon became responsible for the magazine’s production. She had to produce a wax master copy which was then run off on an old Gestetner or a second machine - both of which frequently broke down! To Monica’s delight, a newer machine was donated that could print a straightforward typed copy. Assisted by button-pressing grandchildren, copies would y off the printer, housed for some while in John and Monica’s dining room and eventually the Rectory. When others later took on the mantle of Editor, Monica retained her part in distribution

So we say a very big thank you to Monica for all she has done to keep the ‘Parish Mag’ going over the years. Each and every person involved in its creation, distribution and funding is much appreciated - the PCC is very aware that our highly valued ‘V & V’ would not exist without such commitment.

Alison Crawford • Ex-Secretary to the PCC

PS. If anyone can make use of an old printing machine, there is one still lurking in the Martinstown rectory. Working order not guaranteed!

DORSET HOME LIBRARY SERVICE – DOORSTEP DE

Although our much-loved Home Library Service had to be suspended due to the Coronavirus situation, we are now providing a temporary non-contact Doorstep Delivery Service to those that cannot easily get to their local library, either short term or long term.

Our volunteers have strict safety guidelines and all necessary risk assessments have been carried out. Books are chosen by staff at each library, based on individual preferences, and made ready for our volunteers to pick up and deliver to our clients’ front doors. The volunteers will not enter the house, and they will keep a safe distance at all times; they can also pick up books and return them to the library. This service is entirely free and is available across Dorset and BCP areas. We are keen to let more people know that it is available to them if they nd themselves unable to get to the library.

To nd out more please contact Maria Jacobson, Service Manager Dorset Home Library Service, on 01305 236666 or 07786 635154, or e-mail maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

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Weeks of lockdown...

Fran Taylor

So here we go again – into another lockdown.

Christmas and New Year happened and there were highlights to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. In late November it was obvious that something was brewing in St Martin's churchyard. A small group had gathered to create something wonderful in the shape of a Nativity tableau. Dawn and Frances had sourced the necessary ply wood and Geraldine designed the well known gures. The boards were then delivered to Russ (the potter) who cut them all out and returned to Geraldine, who painted them.

The whole tableau was assembled under the close supervision of Dawn and Frances, who originally conceived the idea. It was truly a wonderful display, enjoyed by all who came to admire it.

So Christmas was upon us. Christmas Eve, and families came to enjoy the open Nativity with music provided by Peter Wilkinson, Allen Knott & Nigel Power.

Christmas Day - and Jean was determined that some sort of service should take place in recognition of this important day and even the weather was on her side! A service took place with carols and readings, lead by a socially distanced choir. Those leading the service congregated in the churchyard whilst others, including passers by stood, well distanced, on the green to listen and enjoy this unusual service. All of this was made possible by the expertise of a professional sound engineer enabling the whole service to be heard by everyone.

Time passed and soon the celebration of New year was upon us! What celebration? Midnight came and went like a damp squib!

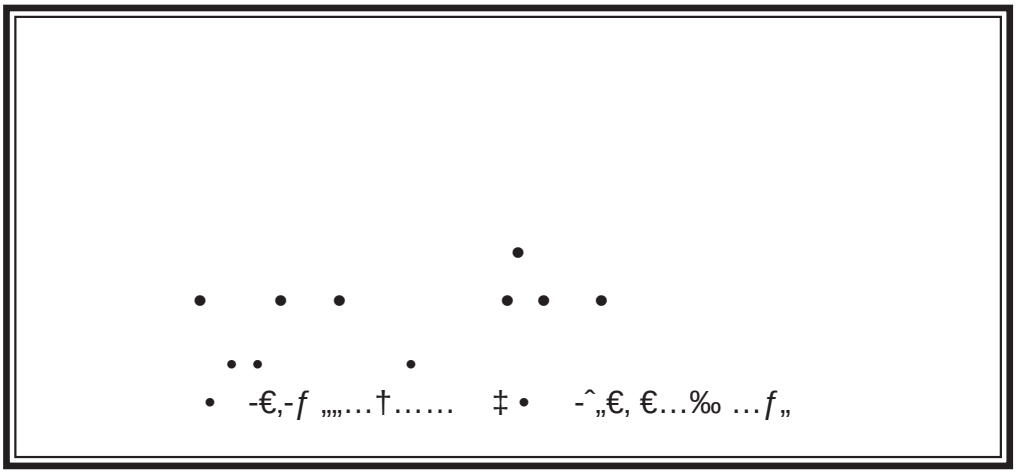
Now lockdown is upon us once more and with it no promise of live drama such as Artsreach but the Martinstown Players have been busy.

In December, lead by Vince Jones and using 'Zoom' we took part in a play called 'The Worst Village' (completely different to Martinstown!). Next came a play, written by Vince, entitled 'Christmas Cracker'. Taking on the roles as naughty children we romped through this hilarious script.

So what's next? you will have to wait and see but if this has stuck a thespian chord in your soul then please contact Vince on: 01305 889202.

All welcome!

Finally, is there a child who does not have access to a computer? My son has one to donate. Just phone me on: 01305 889963 for further details.



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Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

February 2021

11th (Thursday)	- rec ycling and food	4th (Thursday)	- rub bish and food
25th (Thursday)	- rec ycling and food	18th (Saturday)	- rub bish and food

3rd (Weds)	- garden waste	17th (Weds)	- garden waste

For more information contact:
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The MILEATERS out and about.

...the last walk before Lockdown 3 by Stuart Nuttall

With the lock down restrictions eased enabling organised groups to meet up outside for exercise, a walk around the south side of Portland was planned for the Mileaters. The walk was carefully chosen to ensure there were no stiles or gates so that the 2 metre social distancing rule could be observed and the wide pathways in Portland were ideal. What was not ideal was some paths were a bit muddy but the hardy bunch of walkers were not going to let this spoil things.

Twenty or so set of from the car park near Easton which we discovered was where in 1803 the massacre of Easton took place. Three people from the village were shot and killed when they tried to stop the press gang taking men to go to sea.

As we set off through the mist we thought that the walk was going to be uneventful but we were treated to sunshine emerging from the gloom of the fog making fascinating effects over the sea, truly atmospheric.

We headed south towards the lighthouse where we had a coffee stop before following the coast path to Weston and back towards the cars.

Unfortunately there was no after walk lunch at a pub but we all felt relieved to be able to meet and catch up with friends and for a brief moment life appeared to be normal again.

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