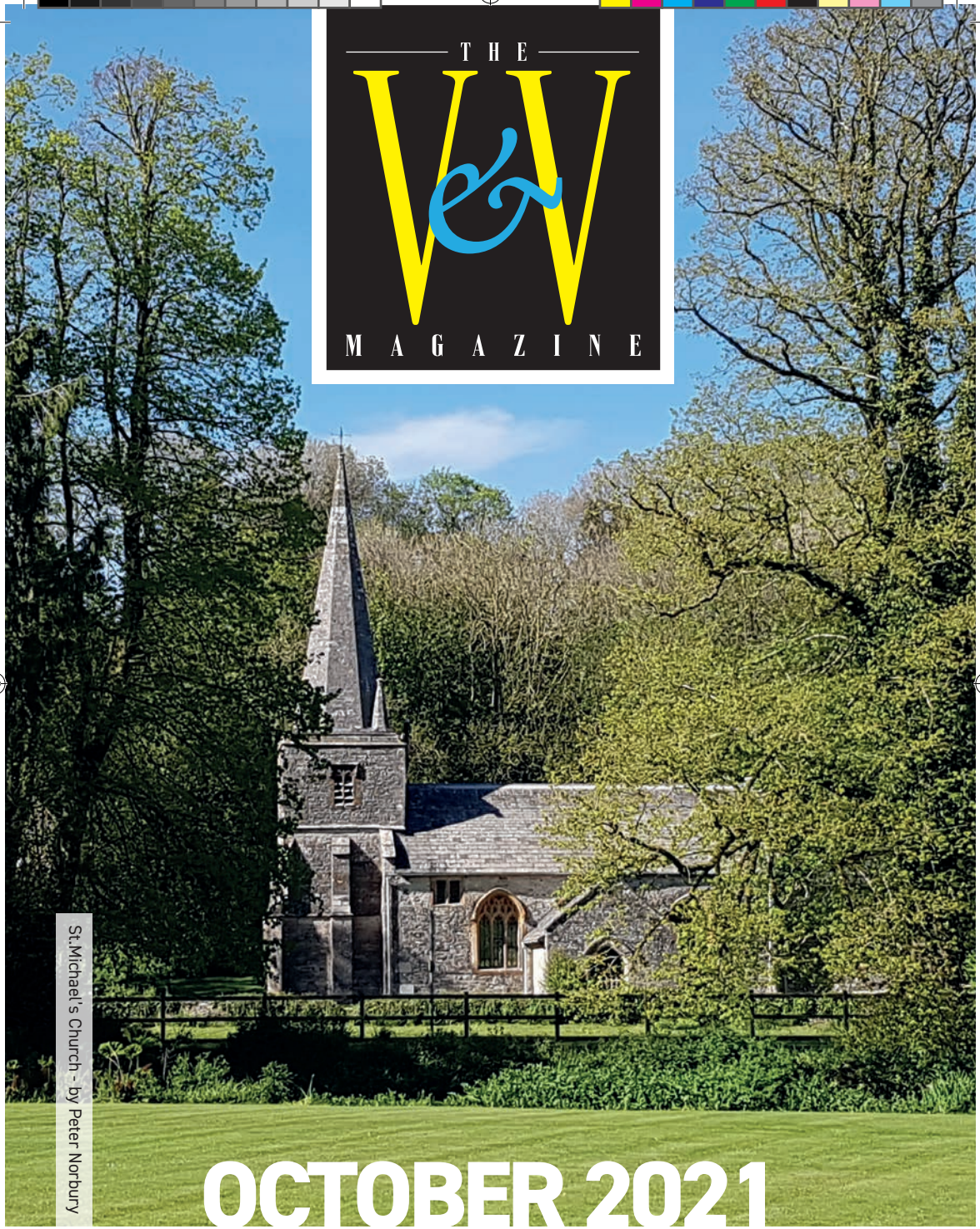


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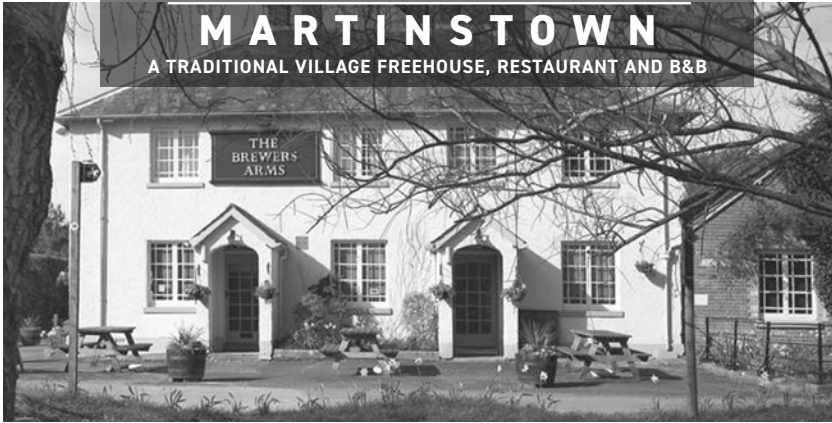
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THOUGHTS
FROM THE
DESK OF...

**Rev. Jean
Saddington**



My maternal Grandfather used to say that bread is the 'staff of life'. He died when I was very young but even as a child I think I always knew that he was talking about bread being a 'staple' – a food that so long as it's available we are able to live. My Grandfather came from a fairly well off family of saddlers so I doubt that they were ever without bread on the table but he would have acknowledged, as a Christian, that there were many for whom that was not the case and also that we weren't just talking about physical hunger but spiritual hunger too, not just physical bread but Jesus, the bread of life. My Grandfather would have known his bible well and the many references to bread (the word bread appears 271 times in the bible – 83 of which are in the New Testament) and he would have understood bread as a metaphor for the life-giving grace of God.

There is something about food, about being fed, about eating with one another, that is deeply spiritual. Sadly, because of COVID, there is no Parish Harvest Supper again this year but when we were able to have our Harvest Suppers we celebrated being together, being a community, being a family under God, being friends with one another. Our friends and neighbours prepared the food and served it. Theirs, yours, is an act of love towards each one of us and for that we can be thankful.

But even as we are being fed, both spiritually and physically, we know there are many others in this country and around the world who will go hungry today. That is why, at Harvest time in particular, we offer some of our food, some of our money and some of our time to help feed others. For us the harvest is plentiful and so we can be generous in our giving.

As we celebrate our Harvest Festivals let us give thanks to God for the simple things that sustain us – the love of our family, friendships, God's beautiful creation, bread – the staff of life and God's unconditional love given for us in his son Jesus Christ our Lord – the bread of life.

September Harvest services are on 26th September

10am at Winterbourne Abbas

11am at Martinstown

October Harvest services are on 10th October

9.30am at Compton Valence at 9.30 am

11am at Winterbourne Steepleton.

Come and celebrate with us.

Donations for the Food Bank can be left in any of our four churches.

Yours in Christ, Jean





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.

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Dorchester and The Winterbournes Team Website: www.dorchesteranglican.info

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.



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**The Winterbourne Community Trust
Annual Meeting, postponed from
September, will now be held on
Sunday 10th October at 6pm in the
Village Hall. All are welcome.**



Find us on Facebook

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.





CHURCH SERVICES during...

OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER - 18TH AFTER TRINITY

10.00	Winterbourne Abbas – Holy Communion
11.00	Martinstown – Holy Communion

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER - 19TH AFTER TRINITY

8.00	Martinstown – Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30	Compton Valence – Harvest Praise
11.00	Winterbourne Steepleton – Harvest Praise

SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER - 20TH AFTER TRINITY

10.00	Winterbourne Abbas – Worship Together
11.00	Martinstown – Holy Communion
17.00	Martinstown – Church@Five

SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER - BIBLE SUNDAY

11.00	Martinstown – Worship Together
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SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER - ALL SAINTS' DAY

11.00	Martinstown – Matins
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RIDE AND STRIDE 2021

A big thank-you to everyone who sponsored me for this year's Ride and Stride on Saturday 11th September in support of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust, the charity that makes grants to help with the upkeep costs of our parish churches. You generously donated a tremendous

total of £620 which is a considerable improvement on last year. Half of this amount comes back to the Parish and the other half plus all the GiftAid goes to the Trust, for grant-making to any church in the county. Thank you also to those who welcomed to our churches the Riders and Striders from other parishes; a friendly welcoming face and offer of a drink makes such a difference to the tired, footsore and thirsty!

This year I walked around all 6 of the Dorchester churches then on to Stinsford, West Stafford (for lunch and a pint), West Knighton, Broadmayne, Whitcombe and Winterbourne Came; a distance of about 13 miles. The weather was ideal – warm, breezy and dry – and along the way I met many others doing the same thing, both on foot and on wheels. Anyone for a stroll with me next year?

John Crawford

Roger Berry...

Jean and family would like to say a big thank you for the wonderful amount of love and sympathy they have received for Roger's death, and also for all the good wishes to Jean for her birthday.

What a lovely village we live in!





church @five

Sunday 17th October 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!

The Churches of the Winterbournes and Compton Valence

This year our Harvest Festival giving will be to the local Food Banks. If you wish to give you can leave your donations in any of our four churches. Below is a list of items they need (and some they don't need!)

WE NEED:

- Peanut butter/marmite
- Meat or fish paste
- Tomato ketchup/Mayonnaise/Salad cream
- Cooking oil
- Milkshake powder
- Instant hot chocolate
- Shaving foam
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Shower gel
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Washing powder
- Washing up liquid
- Toilet rolls

WE CURRENTLY DO NOT NEED:

- Baked Beans
- Tinned Soup
- Pasta
- Tinned Fish
- Tea Bags

Many thanks for your continued support.

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 St. Mary's Church
 Winterbourne Abbas

First Tuesday
 of the month.
 5th October
 3- 5pm



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ADVANCE NOTICE Remembrance Sunday

10.55 am (prompt start)
 14th November 2021
 Martinstown Village Green

The Remembrance Sunday service will again be held on the village green (weather permitting).



Martinstown Cricket – 2021 Season

After a reduced 2020 season we returned in 2021 with a full season of games across all formats.

It was certainly worth the wait with the club achieving one of its best achievements.

Leading the way was the club's First Team who finished third in the competitive Dorset Premier League, their best ever position. On the way the team won games against top opposition and up until the last game of the season remained in contention for the title. In their final game they hit an astonishing 436 runs – a club record.

Meanwhile our Second and Evening teams put in robust performances in their respective leagues.

Equally it was wonderful to see youth cricket returning to the ground.

For the early years there were the All Stars and Dynamo programmes, attracting both girls and boys whilst the under 15s managed an undefeated season, with cup success for both the under 13s and under 11s.

Our youngsters again featured heavily in the adult teams, with often at least eight of the first team

comprising of home-grown talent. There was further representation at county level..

The club will be looking at running a winter programme once again, including the successful Youth Academy. If you are interested then please visit our website or email therealmcc@hotmail.co.uk.

Our usual thanks of course for the support and dedication of the whole team of coaches, managers, ground staff and committee members – we cannot thank them enough for their support and encouragement.

Finally, and on a personal note I will not be re-standing for Chairmanship at the next AGM.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the club over the last five years of my tenure. It has been a rewarding experience and I am sure everything is in place for the club to continue to prosper.

David Gargrave - Chairman

Is Margaret the 'Oldest Swinger' in Martinstown's?

by S.N.

Margaret Hearing is still a girl at heart despite what the calendar might suggest.

Having lived in Hardy Close for well over fifty years and with an enviable garden and enormous knowledge and experience she appears to have almost any plant you can think of. But one addition to it she lacked and always wanted was a swing. She had envied her sisters garden swing for many years and always enjoyed it when she visited her.

However, having one herself? Where would it go? A structure would spoil the garden.

But what about the apple tree,



planted by Terry and Margaret some forty years ago and with wide spreading branches, that surely would support her weight and be an ideal location without too much impact.

And so with a bit of spare wood, a couple of shackles and redundant rope it appeared, as if by magic. Since then it's been tested by far heavier folk than Margaret. The tree is known to let out the occasional groan when it sees a heavyweight approaching but it's strong limbs never make a murmur when Margaret is swinging.

Well done Margaret, still swinging at **?



Green Martinstown

We are **Green Martinstown** and we would love you to be part of it. If you care about any of the following, know that we do too.

Waste & recycling. Aluminium and TetraPac collection; community composting.

Tree planting. Identifying and clearing sites; inviting contributions of £10 to enable a tree to be planted.

The Winterbourne. Care and management of the stream.

Local transport. Need for a bus service; cycle path improvement.

Energy. Investigating the possibility of solar power for the village.

Sharing resources. Making equipment available for others to borrow.

Wildflower areas. Clearing, seed sowing and planting.

Telephone box. re-purposing for community use.

If you would like to join us, can offer help, or have relevant expertise or contacts, please email us at greenmartinstown@gmail.com

TREE PLANTING in Martinstown will be starting soon and we're inviting you to be involved. We're aiming to plant 70 native broad leaf trees at Grove Hill Bottom. This will be a part of the Queen's Green Canopy (www.queensgreencanopy.org), to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. You can come along to plant a tree (keep an eye open for the date later this year); and you can also donate £10 for one through the Green Martinstown website. If you would like a tree to be in memory of a loved one, or to mark a special occasion, then please contact Deborah Daw (889433).

Trees absorb CO2, which helps to combat climate change, so as well as watching your tree flourish you can know that you're doing your bit to help the planet!

And you may have noticed that the verges by the bus stop at Blagdon Close have had a major haircut and tidy up. This has been in preparation for a seating area and WILD FLOWER planting, all part of the Green Martinstown project. So if you see people working there over the next few weekends, come and see what's going on – you could maybe even offer to lend a hand!





VALLEY CLUB NEWS

Thank you to the organising committee for a most enjoyable Village Show in August. Although it was a 'scaled down' version there were many wonderful entries. Congratulations to Jill Pearce for her Fuchsia which won first prize in the Valley Club category.

Several Valley Club members had a very interesting visit to Keyneston Mill gardens near Blandford on Tuesday 14th September. The gardens cover many acres and are planted in sections depending on their scent. The plants are grown for their oils which are used in perfumes which are made at Keyneston. Originally an orchard, the present owners

bought it in 2016 and began planting in 2017. A range of perfumes are sold in the shop/cafe. Many thanks to Eileen for arranging this trip.

We hope you all enjoyed the Fish & Chip Supper which is always very popular.

Our next event will be on Monday 18th October at 8.00pm when Colin Varndell will give a presentation on "The Hedgehog Predicament". He will cover the natural history of the hedgehog, its decline and the reasons for it. He will also tell us what we can do as individuals to help hedgehogs. Non-members are always welcome to attend the talks.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 568458

Martinstown Telephone Box...



A small group of residents is looking at possibilities for re-purposing our village telephone box. This is likely to involve installing some shelving.

In order to disguise these internal fittings (the back of which will be seen through the glass) it has been

suggested that some form of decorative panels eg. Paintings, photographs, or mosaics could be installed behind the glass.

If any individual or artistic group would like to adopt this idea as a project, please contact me to discuss.

Similarly, if anyone has other ideas about what is proposed please also contact me:
rjevans2104@gmail.com

Richard Evans

Abbas Church Fete...

Sunday 5th September saw a beautifully warm late summer's day, perfect for Winterbourne Abbas Church fete. This year the fete was larger than previous years with stalls and food in the church yard. Here, there were cake and book stalls, plant and second-hand clothes and the tombola and raffle. Delicious food was being served at the base of the tower while the crowds sat in the sun or in the shade of gazebos eating and chatting.

Meanwhile in the field behind and above the church there were more stalls, animals and birds and a children's area. A beautiful Harris Hawk, ferrets, chickens and ducks were of interest to children and adults alike. More stalls lined the edge of the field as children enjoyed pony rides, a fancy dress parade and a talent show - won by Jasmine and Hattie.





NEWS MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We're all very excited that we've been given a National Lottery grant of £10,000 for the playground. This will be of enormous help as we continue to improve the only designated and equipped public play space in the Valley. A huge thank you to Frances Clifford who has worked so hard on the bid.

Our first priority is to replace the fencing, but we have a list of other ideas and we've been consulting Valley residents, playground visitors and an experienced playground installer/designer. We particularly want to make more provision for the younger children. Let us know if you have any

thoughts (phone Jan Griffiths or chat to any hall trustee). We'll be continuing to raise money and look for other funding sources, since the more there is in the pot, the better our playground will be! By the time you read this, all being well, we'll have had the first of our local fund raisers, the table-top sale – a lot of hard work, but cake always helps!

We've also been talking to the Parish Council about the role of the wider community in looking after the playground: it is, after all, an asset for us all, not just for the hall users (even if some of them do enjoy the swings) ...watch this space.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM

Martinstown Women's Institute

At our September meeting we were shown "Fun Ways with Scarves" by Jan McNeil. It's amazing how many different ways there are of tying scarves and the way they can brighten up any outfit.

This was our Annual Business Meeting, postponed from April. We looked back over the last 18 months and were able to congratulate ourselves that we kept going with the help of Zoom, monthly newsletters and meeting outdoors when restrictions allowed. We have even gained some new members and give them a very warm welcome.

The next meeting of the WI Gardening Club will be on Monday 11 October at 3.30 pm. (note: this is a change from the usual date). Now is the right time to divide perennial plants, so pot and label some ready for a plant swap at the meeting.

Our next WI meeting will be on Wednesday 13 October at 7 pm when we will be having an amusing talk from Hilary Green on "Marriages and Deaths".

Angela Barrett – Secretary

"Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, please put a penny in the old man's hat..."

This rhyme is at least 100 years old. It asks for a penny or a ha'penny which would amount to rather a lot now with a century of inflation!! The Winterbourne Churches Charity Group is raising money this Christmas for two charities which support the homeless - The Lantern Trust and the Dorset Bus Shelter Project.

On Saturday, 20th November, we are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning Bring & Buy and not only are we hoping for your support on the day but we are also after the following items for our stalls.

New or as new items for the Bring and Buy Stall, Raffle prizes, Christmas items and cakes - it would be wonderful if you could drop these off to Old Brewery House from Saturday, 23rd October onwards or in the case of a cake the day before the event.

A quick update on the Advent Calendar Window Trail, at the time of writing this we have 14 window slots still up for grabs!

Many thanks in appreciation of your generosity.

Sally Webb 01305 889097



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING
BRING & BUY
MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY, 20 NOVEMBER - 10-12 NOON

Please come along and enjoy coffee and cake with friends whilst raising money for the Lantern Trust and the Dorset Bus Shelter Project, both charities help the homeless of Weymouth and Dorchester.

**Bring & Buy • Refreshments
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 Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake
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As the rainy season approaches the Martinstown Flood Volunteers have started work on some particularly overgrown stretches of the western end of the stream where the water had become practically invisible. You may have noticed our work.

Dorset Council's reduced mowing policy has not helped with the stream's visibility, resulting in a bit of a hazard for walkers and motorists alike. It's still a work in progress, but the volunteers achieved some satisfying clearance in early September.

Time is of the essence when it comes to stream clearing. There is an autumn ecology window of just two months, September & October, minimising



Many lengths of the stream have heavy growth in the main channel which needs to be cleared by hand, or it leads to mud bank development; which in turn provides opportunity for further plant colonisation. Collectively this quickly turns the base of what should be a sparkling chalk stream into a muddy brook!

So please join the Flood Volunteering group, it's very informal, volunteers only do what they are comfortable with doing. There are no committees or bureaucracies; it's simply a group of caring villagers who get together under their own steam, mostly in the autumn, to help reduce the flood risk to Martinstown village homes.

We have a list of stream (riparian) owners with mobility problems who need help with clearing their part of the stream. We would really love to do as much as we can for these villagers but are very short of volunteers. The main workforce of the group is half a dozen villagers who already do the bulk of the work, none of which are teenagers! Are you able to volunteer to be called upon to help clear a neighbour's section of the stream? Perhaps you have a teenager you can volunteer?

If you are able to help please contact me & I will tell you when next to break out your wellies & join us.

Thank you,
Deborah Follett

Flood Volunteer - **0780 8020229** or find me at the Martinstown village shop Mondays before noon.

the risk of disruption to wildlife. So we find we are always up against the clock trying to achieve the maximum clearance, in the minimum of time. (Without exhausting the volunteers, none of us are getting any younger!)

Dorset Council's investigation into previous flooding identified lack of capacity in the village as one of the two main causes of the flooding of village homes. Hence, we, as do the other upstream villages, try our level best to ensure the stream is in a good state for water to pass right through the village, unhindered from obstructing branches and other matter.



The **MILEATERS** out and about...

...Cattistock walk – Martin & Lesley Usherwood



On the hottest day of August, so far, 26 Mileaters ventured out to walk in the environs of Cattistock. The number equalled the record but the accompanying 8 dogs was a new record. I am sure the number of participants was swelled by the recommendaton for the Fox and Hounds pub by Nick Priddle.

I had only been to Cattistock once before and that was to visit the famous "Dorset Knob Throwing Festival" sadly, this has moved to a more easily accessible site since then. Until that visit I didn't know there were so many things one could do with a Dorset Knob. Having tried to eat one I think the best thing to do with them is throw them!

A gentle contour upwards from Cattistock led to the Wessex Ridgeway, a panoramic view was enjoyed by all. I had kept the next bit as a surprise. Who knew that grown men would come here to fly their model aeroplanes? Whilst we sort the appropriate permissions to cross the runway (a bit like Gibraltar) we were entertained to an aerial display by one of the owners. Fearing an attack by our dogs on one of the planes we quickly moved on into the wheat field next door. (I suppose it would have been a dogfight?)

Further on along the Ridgeway a convenient place was found for a Coffee stop. Imagine the disappointment felt by some when a 4x4 appeared on the horizon looking every bit like an ice cream van only to turn out to be the local gamekeeper checking the area. (Curses foiled again!)

One of the challenges to leaders these days is to find a few feet of footpath that has not been walked by our esteemed leader Nick. I think this walk managed

to achieve the objective for about 20 metres but I don't think he had seen the aeroplanes before, so job done.

The return leg was via Maiden Newton. Here we were informed that the railway was only there because it was too expensive to drive a tunnel through to Cerne Abbas. We found the first of three churches which marked the turning point for home and lunch. Our path was now along the Macmillan Trail which follows the valley of the River Frome back past Chilfrome to Cattistock. The dogs had a mad five minutes splashing in the water and then soaking everyone who happened to be in the wrong place come 'shaking' time. I was disappointed that none of the group was tempted to use the rope swings despite earlier intrigue, assurances and vague promises.

This part of the journey sees three churches within a mile of each other. Each one having distinctive features to its neighbour whether this be 'No pews', extreme gargoyles, William Morris windows, fresh water spring in the church yard, an exceedingly tall tower or the largest font pedestal I have seen being several metres tall and needing a few strong people to lift it by pulley.

We were very glad to reach the pub for lunch and ignored the locals who asked if we were a coach party. "No we are Mileater from Martinstown". I was amazed how quickly the food was served the quality and quantity being superb. I think every one of the 26 would recommend a visit. Tip: Take a designated driver as the Beer is very good also.

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MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL Regular Group Meetings

MONDAY

Baby & Toddler Group	10 - 12 noon	Lauren Whittall - 07733362798 Louisa Shephard - 07585622699
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Sue Gower - 01305 889388
Monday Meeting	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Anne Tate - 01305 889506
WI Garden Club (1st Monday in month)	3:30 - 4:30 pm	Anne Tate - 01305 889506
Valley Club (3rd Monday in month)	7:45 - 10 pm	Pat Willets - 01305 568458

TUESDAY

Botanical Art (term times only)	9:30 - 12:30 pm	Pat Allen - 01308 862063
Sequence Dance Group	2:30 - 4:40 pm	Ann Matthews - 01305 889248
Badminton	7:30 - 9:30 pm	Juliet Rose - 07969292973

WEDNESDAY

Chair Based Exercise	10:30 - 11:30 am	Suzanne Fellowes-Joyce - 01308 281882
W.I. (2nd Wednesday in month)	6:45 - 9:00 pm	Rosie Duke - 01305 889555
Beginners' Dance	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Ann Matthews - 01305 889248

THURSDAY

Poundbury Art Group	10:00 - 1:00 pm	Teresa Blades - 01305 889947
Sequence Dance Group	2:30 - 4:30 pm	Ann Matthews - 01305 889248
Yoga	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Gemma O'Beirne - 07821593314

FRIDAY

Keep Fit class	10:15 - 11:45 am	Suzanne Fellowes-Joyce - 01308 281882
Bingo (every other Friday)	7:00 - 9:30 pm	Ann Matthews - 01305 889248

Chairperson - Jan Griffiths 01305 889738
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The beginning of August saw a family show entitled "Rustle" with the Paddle Boat Theatre which was held in the grounds of the Winterbourne Valley school.

Our next venture back into normality was to be an Artsreach children's workshop which was going to be held in Martinstown Village Hall later that month, on Saturday 21st August.

The extremely talented duo Abigail Thommes and Laurie Newman arrived to prepare for a morning of fun and entertainment lead by by workshop leader, Abigail. Laurie, the author, had brought along a copy of her beautifully illustrated book entitled "Jessie the Jellyfish". The children listened to the sad story of poor lonely Jessie whose friends are missing due to the amount of plastic pollution in our seas. Then, using nonrecyclable plastic they created their own Jellyfish. The morning finished with a hearty singing of a newly learnt song written, taught and accompanied by Laurie on her ukulele, performed in front of a rapturous parental audience.

A fantastic morning enjoyed by all.

So what's next? Something's taking place during

Half Term. Watch out for the publicity arriving in your child's book bag!

And now a treat for the adults.

Yes! Yes! the return of our Community lunch!

Last Friday morning the Cottage Pie had been cooked, the puddings created and now the tables could be set up and laid out in preparation for our returning diners.

At last they started to arrive and soon the village hall was filled with chatter and laughter as villagers met up with friends, old and new, that they had not socialised with for weeks.

It was fantastic. Wine was poured, servers served and lunchtime was in full swing and banter over the washing up was up to its usual standard.

The date for our next lunch is **Friday 1st October**. If there is anyone out there who has never experienced our Community Lunch and would like to join us then all you have to do is contact **Ced Moorcroft** on **01035 889438** to book your place.

All welcome.



It has been a difficult eighteen months for fundraising so the Circle Supper group were delighted to be able to start again this year in August with a village treasure trail. Adults and children were given a map and clues to find Squire Maguire's hidden fortune and all were successful! For many this meant discovering some features in the village they had never noticed before (can you spot the pig in the playground??).

The treasure trail ended in a beautiful garden; the location will remain undisclosed as we may run it again in the spring. Here the children were given a spade to dig up the gold coins and exchange them for ones made of chocolate. The adults relaxed with tea and home made cakes.

We raised £150 which is a welcome addition to our fundraising over the last twenty months. Our current charity is the Dorset County Hospital Chemotherapy Appeal.

If you would like to know more about Martinstown Circle Suppers and are interested in joining us when we start a new rota and charity in 2022 please do give me a call.

Cathie Seigal • 01305 889244

Parish Meeting:

The Annual Parish meeting will now be held on Thursday 14th October in the village hall, we hope to have speakers and results of the village survey.

Parish Council:

The list of PC meetings is on the PC website and Notice board in the Bus stop along with Councillor contact details. The next PC meeting is to be held on 28th October venue to be decided.

Vacancy:

The Council would like to welcome Tim Bareham as the newly co-opted Cllr for WSMPC.

Community Speed Watch (CSW)

The PC are still looking for additional volunteers and a coordinator for a CSW scheme for the village to ensure there are enough on the team to coordinate several sessions.

Dukes Close Consultation event:

Morrish Homes postponed their event on 8th October and will come back to the village once further information has been gathered.

Please see some useful links and contact numbers, more available on the PC website:

Wessex Water:

Contact information for reporting incidents is:

Telephone number: **0345 600 4 600**

Email: operational.enquiries@wessexwater.co.uk

Alternatively, customers can complete the online form available here: www.wessexwater.co.uk/contact-us - using the report a problem link under water supply and sewerage enquiry section.

If residents are having difficulties securing insurance for properties at risk of flooding, there is an initiative call Flood Re, www.floodre.co.uk, that may be relevant and able to help.

To report Emergencies, flooding: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/emergencies-severe-weather/flooding

To report any road safe concerns: Enquiries@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk (or dial 101) for attention of Response Officers

Report online: www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk/enforcement-operations/reporting-traffic-concerns

To contact the Council, E-mail: clerk@winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk

Or speak to any of the Councillors in your usual way contact numbers are on the PC website.

Website: winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk

After 23 years of presenting the Village Hall 100 Club Draw, Margaret Hearing has decided to retire. We send our heartfelt thanks for all those years of giving to the Community.

Taking her place will be Jill Pearce. No4 Manor Farm Court. Tel: 889295.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW

AUGUST 2021
£25 - Fiona Elford
£10 - Sheila Pett
£5 - Phyllis Lacy-Smith

SEPTEMBER 2021
£25 - Alan Pascal
£10 - Stuart Nuttall
£5 - Ann Matthews



It's been a long 18 months without being able to sing as a group, but, barring any reimposition of restrictions, it finally looks as though we are now allowed to make music together. So the Winterbourne Singers will once again be coming together fortnightly on a Friday evening in St. Martin's church from 7 to 8.15 p.m. to sing music of many different kinds, both sacred and secular, principally just for the enjoyment of it. There's no doubt that a session of singing can really lift your

spirits and after what we've all been through, everyone needs that.

Singers are invited to donate £1 each session towards church overheads, but music is provided. It probably helps if you can read music a little, but that's certainly not essential – other singers will help you along – and there's no audition to get through!

Our initial meeting dates are 10th & 24th September, then continuing fortnightly up to Christmas.

If you'd like to join us, please contact Peter Wilkinson - either email to: p_wilkinson@hotmail.com or phone 889077.

Dorchester Poverty Action is this year able to hold its annual Open Meeting once again. All are welcome – please do come!

**On Monday 11th October
at the Dorford Centre, Top o' Town
Dorchester DT1 1RR**

**7pm to 8.30pm - refreshments
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**This year the topic is
Employment Now – Problems
and Some Solutions**

Speaker - Sarah Campbell

Citizens' Advice Dorset has done more work in this area over the last 18 months than ever before and the range of issues is far wider than it has ever been, complicated not only by Covid but by the lack of potential employees because of Brexit. Its specially created Employment Unit is very busy but we are fortunate to have as our speaker, the Coordinator of that Unit.

Very many thanks for your continuing support.

Good wishes, Margaret Barker
Chair of DPA - retiring next March after 31 years!



Employment advice - with Furlough ending have you had any problems in returning to work or being made redundant?

At the end of 2020 all Dorset Citizens Advice Offices combined our resources to set up a specialist Employment Unit to support anyone in the Dorset Council Area specifically with their employment issues. This Employment Unit Dorset (EUD) started to advise clients

from the beginning of December and since then the three specialist case workers together with some specially trained volunteers have advised nearly 200 Dorset residents. Their combined knowledge, experience and focus means we can now advise and support clients even with complex employment issues.

If you would like help and advice with a problem that is bothering you, telephone our freephone Dorset Adviceline number on 0800 144 88 48 between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. Clients with significant employment issues will be asked to describe these before your case is passed to the EUD. Alternatively visit our website - www.citizensadvice.org.uk.





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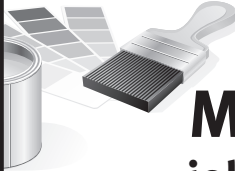
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