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THOUGHTS FROM THE DESK OF...

Rev. Jean Saddington

September comes in as equal first for me in terms of favourite months (May being the other). I'm sure many of you share that fondness for September as we celebrate harvest and God's creation in all its wonderful abundance. But I have another reason for choosing September as front-runner in the favourite months stakes.

Throughout most of my school life, as the long summer holiday drew to a close, I felt an excitement and expectation rising in me. Nice new school uniform, shiny new shoes, new class or new school but most importantly a chance to start again. Every September I vowed to try harder, do better, wipe the slate clean and make this the year I shone as brightly as my new shoes.

Unfortunately, by October, or possibly November if I was having a good year, all those resolutions would have worn thin.....until the next year and the next September optimism.

Although school is long behind me now (as it is even for my children!) I still can't shake that 'September' feeling. And it reminds me that, perhaps unlike some of the teachers that knew me, God is always right there with me in any new start I make (at any time of the year). He supports all my good intentions with no harping back or recriminations for old misdemeanours. His patience is endless, his love unconditional.

There is a lovely old hymn which begins 'There's a wideness in God's mercy', and which continues in a later verse, 'But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will now own.'

Those words really ring true. We tend to assume that God will judge us in much the same we that we so readily judge others and ourselves. Yet the astonishing message at the heart of the gospel is that God is altogether different from us; his attitudes, goodness and forgiveness are on a level we find hard to comprehend. We may be hard on ourselves, feeling we have failed once again, but with God it's never too late to begin again.

September 2021 is a time of new beginnings for us in more ways than one after the restrictions we have endured over the past 18 months and we have seen and heard many examples of amazing fortitude to inspire us. So enjoy the 'September feeling', look to a new beginning. God will be with us all the way even if we fail. He will lift us up and help us start again – his love is unconditional, his patience has no limits.

Yours in Christ, Jean

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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), Roddy Kilpatrick (889238)
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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 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.

THE WINTERBOURNE COMMUNITY TRUST

...is here to support individuals and families experiencing financial hardship is these difficult times. We can offer grants to help with everyday living expenses and some practical support.

We cover Martinstown, Winterborne Steepleton and Winterborne Abbas.

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Please contact Frances Clifford on 889400 or 07780441043
or frances_clifford@hotmail.com
...or Jan Griffiths on 889738 or
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...or Joy Parsons on 889611

The Winterbourne Community Trust AGM will be held on Friday 3rd September at 7pm in Martinstown Village Hall. All 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.

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CHURCH SERVICES during... SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER • 14TH AFTER TRINITY

10.00	Zoom
10.00	Winterbourne Abbas – Holy Communion
11.00	Martinstown – Holy Communion

SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER • 15TH AFTER TRINITY

8.00	Martinstown – Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30	Compton Valence – Morning Service with Baptism
11.00	Winterbourne Steepleton – Holy Communion

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER • 16TH AFTER TRINITY

10.00	Winterbourne Abbas – Worship Together
11.00	Martinstown – Holy Communion

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER • 17TH AFTER TRINITY

10.00	Winterbourne Abbas – Harvest Service
11.00	Martinstown – Worship Together

Don't look away...
This is a Christmas spoiler alert!

Last year the Martinstown Advent window trail raised an incredible sum of money for the homeless charity CRISIS. This year we are hoping to do the same again but supporting a different charity and we cannot do it without your help.

I know September seems a bit soon but we are already seeking volunteers to take on a window in December. If you created one of last year's marvellous windows and fancy doing another one for Christmas 2021 get in touch, if you wanted to do one last year but all the slots were taken, now is the time to be an early bird.

We have 25 slots up for grabs, so if you love being creative, playing a part in your community or you just love Christmas then please give me a buzz on the number below.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you... Sally Webb • 01305 889097

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Canary Craftivists

Have you spotted the Canary?

What is it about, you might be asking yourself?

Apart from being a decorative adornment to a village tree, this canary is taking flight to encourage us to live as sustainably as possible and minimise our carbon footprint. Just as the canaries in the mines warned the miners of toxic gases, the Canary Craftivist is reminding us of the climate emergency.

This November the U.K. is hosting the UN Climate Conference, COP26, in Glasgow, where governments will strengthen their contributions to the 2015 Paris Agreement. Let's encourage our MP and our government to be leaders in research and development to reach zero carbon emissions before 2050.

In early September I will be sending a gift of another canary, made from my stash of recycled and repurposed fabric, with a letter to our MP, Chris Loder, as a gentle prompt to be bold and commit to work faster to reach zero emissions so our planet can flourish for all. Please join me.

If you would like to know more about this campaign please visit :

https://craftivist-collective.com/ where you will find lots of ideas and links to inspiring information.

Thank you, Annie Salmond.

Dorset Open Greener Homes - 25th & 26th September and 2nd & 3rd October 2021 • FREE

Dorset Climate Action Network (Dorset CAN) is hosting a Dorset wide Open Homes Event this autumn. There will be about 40 homes and businesses, where owners have made significant changes towards being more sustainable, open to the public. Some of these involve technical approaches, with heat pumps, solar panels and ventilation systems; or electric cars and charging points. Others are low tech – for example, reducing waste, collecting rainwater, home-made double glazing, using recycled materials or growing vegetables. More details on the homes can be found at:

http://dorset.greenopenhomes.net/dorset-open-greener-homes-254

There will be 2 homes in Martinstown opening their doors. This will be a great opportunity to view and ask questions about solar panels for electricity, solar thermal for hot water, air source heat pumps, batteries and much more.

Green Martinstown Open Day

Green Martinstown will be hosting an Open Day to celebrate all the work being done in the village, in Dorset and around the world to make living in harmony with the Natural World cleaner, greener and more sustainable. Details are still to be finalised – so watch this space and look out for posters around the village.

In the meantime, we continue with our ongoing sustainability projects such as the community compost heaps in the churchyard, the recycling of aluminium and tetrapac bins outside the shop, planting of trees and wild flowers and an improved cycle path to Dorchester. We will be meeting soon to look at what other projects we might begin, such as a 'Friends of the Winterbourne' group to look after the stream, connecting the villages along it, and possibly forming a team of residents to lead a Neighbourhood plan.

If you are interested in joining us or have questions about our work, please email us at: greenmartinstown@gmail.com

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There is much more information and news on our website: www.greenmartinstown.org.uk

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A Secret Mission...

The day of departure arrived in Martinstown, the group split into two & began their long journeys to base camp.

The Naval Lieutenant & fleet auxiliary set off a great pace. The Dorset Girl had to firstly kit check the Squadron Leader whilst chivvying her young tall one, who generally moved at the pace of a sloth, into the car. The Squadron Leader prayed for good weather, fair wind, & dry tarmac. He crossed himself and got in, muttering bravely but quietly, something about women drivers & was his shute packed correctly?

The internal GPS of the Naval Lieutenant failed near a large intersection out Oxford way. We think he felt the pull of the sea & began heading towards London, possibly the docks were drawing him in subconsciously?

Fleet auxiliary apparently sought spiritual guidance several times in the journey, as internal relations began to break down then in desperation she brought out a paper map & flask of fluffy camomile tea. Route finally corrected & driver calmed, they arrived at their billet mid afternoon.

The Dorset Girl fluent with her route, arrived at base camp in record time. The Squadron Leader did comment that the thrust of her Ford engine was somewhat similar to the Rolls Royce Merlin Engines of his beloved Lancaster, as he got out & shook himself all over like a wet border collie. Seemingly no worse for wear though, he muttered, as he checked himself over. Finally ALL had arrived at base camp in Bedfordshire.

After a quick trip to the Catering Squadron for next day supplies, the Naval detachment then made the acquaintance of the advance party. The reserve NAAFI woman, Engineer & Policewoman were delighted to see the Dorset Girl, Tall Sloth One & the Squadron Leader. It had been a considerable while with borders being closed & lockdown etc.

Next morning, The Dorset Girl, being the night owl sort, was not best pleased to be woken at the crack of dawn by a kingfisher, it would be a long enough day as it was. Where was the NAAFI woman with the tea? Still asleep possibly? The engineer obliged with room service.

Fed, watered and now regrouped, D Day of the secretive mission had begun. The engineer led the way across country into Cambridgeshire to the rendezvous point with the plane, as circled on the map.

The Squadron Leader met with the Wing Commander for a quick briefing, "a rank he hasten to add (out loud) that he had spent an entire RAF career trying to avoid". The Wing Commander laughed & saluted him anyway. "Eng" was detailed off to find a wheelchair for the Squadron Leader who meanwhile was being treated like visiting royalty.

Having been "pushed around" at times in life "Eng" as the Squadron Leader referred to him as, found it a refreshing change to" be the one doing the pushing". An observation that tickled the Squadron Leader pink, for most of the day.

There, awaiting the Squadron Leader, cordoned off in Hanger 1 was Canadian Avro Lancaster KB889 and fortuitously in another, was PA474 the Lancaster of the Memorial flight. Both metal birds with one stone - the Dorset Girl was seriously elated!

So there you have it, the rest as they say dear reader, is history.....the life & RAF WW 2 career history to be precise, of Squadron Leader Ken Symonds and his Lancaster Bomber Command Crew.

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As told by the man himself from inside restored Lancaster KB889 whilst nearby PA474 was having its engines serviced. A sight he truly thought he would never be able to see again, being partially sighted, let alone experience up close and personal. What a day!

The event staff of Imperial War Museum Duxford were thrilled to meet him, as were the visitors wondering who the elderly decorated veteran was inside the cordon of the Lancaster.

Anecdotes gleaned from Ken about the plane & his time serving in Bomber Command could be overheard later that afternoon being relayed in their "Lancaster Experience Lecture".

He was invited to place his signature alongside others, who survived, in the museum's Bomber Command Book.

The sheer size of the four Merlin engine Lancaster & its bomb payload dominated that hanger and dwarfed Concorde stood to the side of it. Ken was delighted to see the Avro Vulcan V Bomber behind the Lancaster, a plane he had also spent many hours flying in, along with a Avro Shackleton, & Handley Page Hastings. His logs show he has flown an impressive 32 different planes in his RAF career, that's quite a list.

So dear reader that's how it started; I was relaying to Ken one day the storyline of a live play I had recently streamed called "A cold supper behind Harrods", we digressed into his memories of WW2 as one does. He always speaks fondly of his Lancaster Crew & I have researched for him their histories.

His fading eyesight saddens him & he spoke of how there were only two Lancaster's remaining, one in the UK Memorial Flight, & one in Canada. Neither which he would ever see flying again with his sight. He would recognise their engines if he heard them, but being of course practically housebound for the past 15 years caring for his wife; there was no opportunity to do either.

However, I knew of one other, restored at Duxford, so that night a mission was hatched with the aid of my village friends & my parents in Bedfordshire. It was akin to a military operation with paperwork spread out on the coffee table, the lounge looked like an operations room.

Ken was really surprised when it was all revealed to him much later that he would be leaving the county for a couple of days as an early birthday present. Such excitement was to be had, it was miles but he was looking forward to the road trip & the scenery. Then there was a hotel & cooked breakfast, what luxury.

IWM Duxford's staff treated him like royalty, we were all overwhelmed with their kindness that day. Staff & visitors alike stopped to thank him for his contribution; this humble man was very touched by them all. He was just doing his job, he says, please remember the 57,861 of his colleagues in Bomber Command who gave their lives.

IWM gave me the contact for the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln that opened in 2018. This is a new memorial & interpretation centre telling the story of Bomber Command, both those they lost & those that survived. They have sent staff to make digital recordings of his story & his recollections of his fellow crew members for their archives.

Squadron Leader Ken Symonds AFM served in the RAF for forty years. He was 97 in August.

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We hope you have all had a healthy and enjoyable summer and managed to see friends and family once again.

Our thoughts are now turning to September when we are planning to resume our meetings in the Village Hall. Our first event will be a fish & chip supper and light hearted quiz on Monday 27th September at 8.00pm. Tickets will cost £5 and are available from Eileen (889584) or Angela (889628).

- Before then, as Valley Club members already know, there will be a visit by car to Keyneston Mill near Blandford on Tuesday 14th September between 2pm & 5pm. This is a special NGS open day for the gardens. Entrance is £5 and "afternoon tea" will be provided by volunteers. Please let Eileen know if you are interested and if you would be willing to drive.

I will be giving up my position as Chairperson at the AGM in March 2022 and Eileen will also be giving up her position as Treasurer. We have both thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the Valley Club over many years but feel it is now time to step down. The rest of the committee will continue but we need a new Chairperson and at least two more people to come forward and join the committee. We are a friendly group and, with only a maximum of 3 committee meetings a year, it is not an onerous task. Please get in touch with a member of the committee if you are interested in becoming involved.

As we have not been able to produce a full programme of events this year, Richard has kindly put together the following dates for your diary. A copy of these will be given to you at our meeting on 27th September.

Take care and keep well.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 568458

Upcoming Events

With the pandemic restrictions gradually being lifted and life returning to some normality the Valley Club committee have arranged the events listed below. These will be subject to change if further restrictions are made.

SEPTEMBER
Tues 14 September 2021 between 2 & 5pm
Trip to Keyneston Mill, NGS Garden

Mon 27 September 2021 8.00pm
Village Hall
Fish and Chip Supper & Quiz

OCTOBER
Mon 18 October 2021 8.00pm · Village Hall
"The Hedgehog Predicament"
A talk by Colin Varndell
This talk covers the natural history of the hedgehog, its decline and the reason for it and what we can do as individuals to help hedgehogs.

DECEMBER
Fri 3 December 8.00 pm · Village Hall
Christmas Social with mulled wine, mince pies and musical entertainment by the Winterborne Singers, the Martinstown Recorder group as well as MUGs (Martinstown Ukelele Group)

This event has always been popular and preparations are underway to ensure this happens again this year.

JANUARY 2022
Mon 17 January 8.00pm · Village Hall
"Gardening for climate change" A talk by Poundbury Gardens Group.

MARCH
Mon 21 March 8.00pm · Village Hall
AGM

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NEWS

Your local playground needs you!

Did you know that the playground in Martinstown is owned by and is the responsibility of the Village Hall, managed by a small group of volunteer trustees? All expenses (annual safety inspection fee, grass cutting, maintenance and repairs and so on) are met by the Village Hall with no ring-fenced or playground-specific source of income. Various maintenance issues have been identified & some work has been carried out already.

We were delighted that a volunteer team from National Grid working on the Dorset VIP project was able to come and help us earlier this summer. A lot was achieved and some delicious cake was eaten too (this is Martinstown after all). Many thanks to all of you!

We've been discussing a whole range of other improvement ideas and I'm sure all the playground's users will have their own thoughts about this – we'd love to hear them.

We are applying for various grants and have our fingers firmly crossed, but in order to achieve real improvements, serious fundraising will be needed and/or a willing team of volunteers – both to fund raise and to help with practical matters.

It would be wonderful if the whole community could get behind this and make a real difference to our well-loved and much-used playground.

Please come along to our first fund raiser in the hall - a table top sale on September 25th.

Do get in touch with me, Jan Grif ths (chair of trustees) on 889738, or any of the other trustees, and be part of the playground improvement projects.

TABLE TOP SALE

(in support of the Village Playground)

Sat 25th September

Village Hall

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

(setting up from 12:30 · £5 per table)

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITES

To book a table contact:

Jan Grif ths on 01305 889738

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Martinstown Women's Institute

WI are back in the Village Hall! We celebrated our return, after months of Zoom meetings, with a glass of Pimms and a good WI spread of sandwiches, scones and cakes at our afternoon tea party on 11 August. It was so good to be able to meet together again.

A new initiative is the WI Gardening Club which will be meeting in the hall at 3.30 pm on the first Monday of the month, starting on 6 September. We will be discussing a number of garden related topics, swapping plants and seeds and sharing gardening books. We have also visited some of the lovely gardens owned by members in the village and ventured further afield to visit gardens opened for charity under the NGS scheme. The next garden visit will be to Holme Gardens near Wareham on 7 September.

Our next meeting in the Village Hall will be on Weds, 8 September at 7 pm. when Jan McNeil will be showing us "Fun ways with Scarves" (bring your own scarf). This will be followed by our Annual Business Meeting.

Do hope you can join us – we look forward to seeing you.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

We raised £6.80p on the hoola hoop game for the WI charity ACWW.

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The MILEATERS out and about...

...13th August 2021 - Stuart Nuttall

Sue and Stuart were the leaders for the day, which was of concern to everyone including them. Their reputation for getting lost and taking wrong turns is becoming part of Martinstown legend.

So it was with some trepidation the 22 assembled at the Brace of Pheasants Pub at Plush.

They started well and even the steep incline within ten minutes was taken in their stride. No dissent at all, until that is we got to the corn eld. This way, that way, my way, your way. A decision and on we went. Through enormous elds of corn, nothing to see but corn. I swear someone at the back was singing, I de nitely caught the words “High as an elephants eye”.

And then we were clear, into lovely countryside with far reaching views and it became a very nice walk, over rolling meadows. Even the muddy section didn’t elicit any grumbles, what a good natured lot we all were.

What could be better, exercise to get the heart beating, views to get the soul stirring and conversation to get the mind churning? Yes, I know your answer, a Good Pub. Well, we had that too. Tasty very reasonable priced food and good beer. All in all as Wallace might say “Gromit that was a good day out”

...send us YOUR news and views!

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MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL

Regular Group M

MONDAY

Baby & Toddler Group	10 – 12 noon	Lauren Whittall - 07733362798 Louisa Shephard -07585622699
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	5:30 – 7:30 pm	Sue Gover – 01305 889388
Monday Meeting	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Anne Tee – 01305 889506
WI Garden Club (1st Monday in month)	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Anne Tee – 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	10:00 – 11:30 am	Suzanne Fellowes-Joyce - 01308 281882
W.I. (2nd Wednesday in month)	6:45 – 9:00 pm	Rosie Denk – 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 7821593314

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
Bookings - Ann Matthews - 01305 889248
or email ronann.matthews@btinternet.com

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Fran's Blog...

Fran Taylor

At last, after weeks of uncertainty and a couple of Lockdowns we were offered the opportunity of staging an Artsreach family production.

Due to Covid restrictions it had to take place outside. The Cricket Club was considered but the cricketers would be busy playing cricket and there was nowhere else suitable in Martinstown but what about Winterbourne Abbas? Of course the Village School has a huge playing field and so the Head Teacher, Rachel Horne, was approached and she was delighted to help us out by providing this excellent outdoor space. Parking was available in Joe Foot's farmyard, across the road and the PTFA agreed to provide teas, coffees and home made Flap Jacks. Yum yum!

Sunday 1st August and the the Paddle Boat Theatre theatre company arrived to provide the setting for an interactive family adventure. They parked outside the school and proceeded to bring in all their bits and pieces needed to create a camp where sleeping bags become monsters, rucksacks become friends and bit by bit the closest secrets of the forests were revealed.

Next came the audience, 60 all told, who quickly formed a circle thus creating an arena where the action could took place.

It was a magical production enjoyed by all and the weather, apart from one threatening black cloud, remained fine.

So an enormous 'thankyou' to all those who helped to make this happen - the ladies of the PTFA, farmer Joe Foot and of course, Head Teacher, Rachel Horne.

So what's next in our Artsreach calendar? Having received an action packed programme of Autumn, Winter and moving onto Spring, events - Jan and I have selected a variety of fantastic productions which, hopefully will persuade you to join us in our Village Hall for an evening of excellent entertainment. Meanwhile we wait, with bated breath whilst Kerry and Yvonne, Artsreach Co-directors, sift their way through the masses of applications from many Dorset villages. So watch out for further information.

Finally, there is the return of our Community Lunch on Friday 3 September in the Village Hall. The Community Lunch team are ready and waiting! Contact Ced Moorcroft on: 01305 889438 to book your place.

Meanwhile enjoy the rest of the Summer and keep safe.

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.

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Parish Meeting:
The Annual Parish meeting will be held on **Monday 6th September** 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 PC are aiming to hold a September meeting, and this will be on the 23rd September but venue to be confirmed at the August meeting.

Vacancy:
The Council will be co-opting at the PC meeting on Thursday 26th August 8pm at the Village Hall.

Macdonald's:
The Parish Council have been working closely with our Ward Councillor Roland Tarr, Dorset Council Highways and Highways England over the last 3 years to reach an acceptable solution to the parking issues at MacDonald's.

We are hoping a solution has been found to fund the scheme to install bunds that the PC hopes will stop parking on the verges outside the entrance to the restaurant. Following the flood works being carried out on the A35 at this time there will be excess soil and machinery available to put this project in place.

Community Speed Watch (CSW):
The PC are looking for volunteers and a coordinator for a CSW scheme for the village

Dukes Close Consultation event:
Morrish Homes will be holding a public event on Friday 8th October at the Village Hall, we hope you will be able to attend comment on the proposals for the development. Morrish Homes will be publicising the event locally closer to the time.

Wessex Water:
The PC are in dialogue with Wessex Water and about the issues raised at recent PC meetings regarding the upgrading of the system. If you have issues with sewerage, please can you use the following reporting methods so WW can look into these issues.

Customers could report to WW when they suffer from sewer flooding, whether it is internal, restricted toilet use, to their gardens or to the road (for example a sewer manhole flooding in the road). By reporting incidents, it allows us to investigate and attempt to resolve the issues when they occur, but it also provides us with an understanding and evidence of the extent of the issues and under what circumstances incidents happen.

Contact information for reporting incidents is below:
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 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

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Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

SEPTEMBER 2021

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16th (Thursday)	- rubbish and food	23rd (Thursday)	- recycling and food
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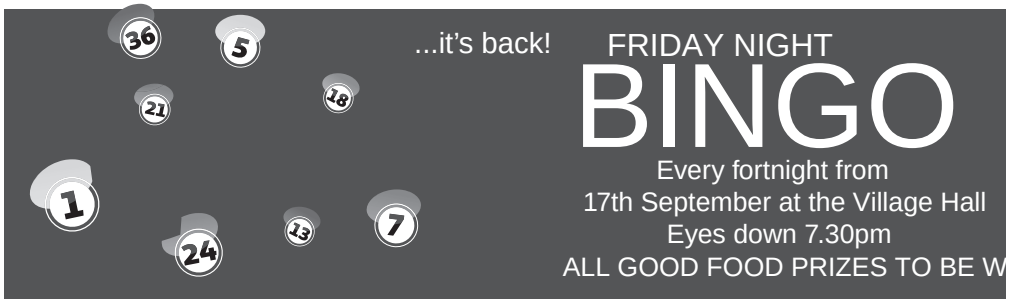

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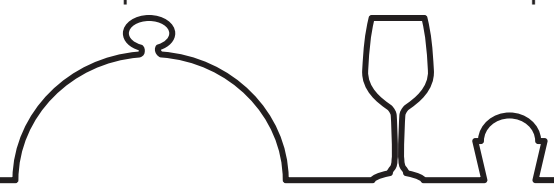

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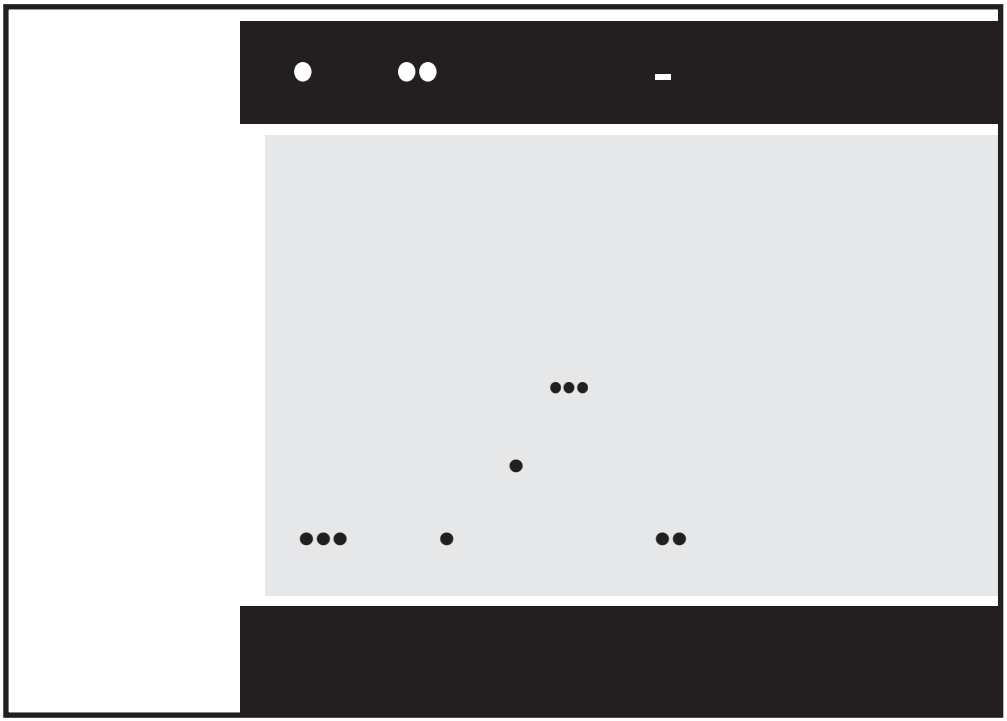

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