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THOUGHTS
FROM THE
DESK OF...

Keith Magee
Team Rector

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.

We sing these words as the chorus to the familiar hymn, "We plough the fields and scatter", at our Harvest Festival services. The central theme of the hymn is being thankful to God for all God's goodness and for all that we receive from God. At this time of the year we are particularly thankful to God for the harvest which has been and will be gathered in from the fields that surround us and also for the harvest that comes from further afield. We are thankful to God for our food, for those who have grown and harvested it and for those who have transported it to us from around our country and around the world.

Thankfulness is a gift from God. It is the ability to appreciate all that we receive from God and from other people with a generous and open heart. It is not something that we turn on and off depending on how we are feeling. It is a way of being that comes about because of the gift we have received from God. It is not a decision we make, whether or not to be thankful. We are thankful people. That is our default setting.

We are thankful people all year round and during the season of Harvest, our particular focus is being thankful to God for the harvest of food we enjoy all year round. As we enjoy the richness of God's provision, we should also be mindful of those who do not have the relative abundance that we enjoy. In our villages and in our neighbouring town there will be people who struggle. A daily question for them might not be "What shall we eat?" It might be, "Can we afford to eat?" Part of the sense of celebration and thankfulness we have should also include a sense of compassion and generosity towards others. This might be shown through supporting local food banks. This might also be through supporting a charity such as The Trussell Trust, that seeks to combat hunger and food poverty.

As we sing our Harvest hymns of thankfulness, we pray that God will help us to continue to discover new ways and reasons, to be thankful and to enable others to receive and share in this precious gift from God.

Yours in Christ
Keith Magee · Team Rector

The Parishes of the Winterbournes & Compton Valence

Team Rector – Rev'd Keith Magee (07766 645135)

The Winterbournes and Compton Valence Ministry Team

Team Vicar – Vacancy (please contact one of the Church Wardens for all parish matters)

Associate Priest – Rev'd Jo Lacy-Smith (01305 889476)

Licensed Lay Minister – Allen Knott (01305 267217)

Permission to Officiate – Peter Wilkinson (01305 889077)

Organists

Nigel Power – Martinstown (01305 889910)

Peter Wilkinson – Winterbourne Steepleton (01305 889077)

Laurie Reading – for music at Winterbourne Abbas (01305 889693)

For Compton Valence please contact the Church Wardens

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),
David & Joy Parsons (889611)

PCC Hon. Secretary – **John Crawford** (01305 889377)

PCC Hon. Treasurer – **Tom Webb** (01305 889097)

The Parish of Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Compton Valence

Churchwarden & Treasurer – **Jeremy Russell** (01308 482227)

Churchwarden & Secretary – **Peter Steel** (01308 482782)

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.

CHURCH SERVICES during...

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY 1st • 17th Sunday after Trinity

10.00	Holy Communion – Harvest - Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Holy Communion – Martinstown

SUNDAY 8TH • 18th Sunday after Trinity

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

SUNDAY 15TH • 19th Sunday after Trinity

10.00	Worship Together – Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Matins – Martinstown

SUNDAY 22nd • 20th Sunday after Trinity

11.00	Worship Together – Martinstown
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SUNDAY 29th • 21st Sunday after Trinity

11.00	Holy Communion - Martinstown
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please join us
for

Harvest

Sunday
1st October
10am

help us decorate the church at 4pm
Saturday 30th September
come to our service at 10am Sunday
and
lunch at 12.00

r.s.v.p. for lunch Joy
889611
by 28th Sept.

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Meditation @ Steepleton Church

Beginners welcome
Practiced meditators welcome
The curious welcome



7pm till 8.30 pm
weekly on Wednesdays
Jo Lacy Smith
889476 or 07841776759



Cream Tea with an Angel

at St. Michael's Church, Steepleton.

Thank you all of you that came and enjoyed our cream tea on 20th August.

We are very happy to say that we raised £216 plus gift aid of £54 for UNICEF's work in Ukraine

This coming year we are hoping to put on a craft afternoon, musical evenings, Coffee with an Angel, and another Cream Tea with an Angel next summer.

Money raised from these events will go to a charity so if the people of Steepleton have a particular charity they would like to support next year please do let Ellie Sturrock know, or leave a note in the church.



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.





Join us at Messy Church
 St. Mary's Church
 Winterbourne Abbas

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



messy activities
 games
 songs stories
 and supper

Free

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Captain Bob (Robert Wilkins)

Many thanks to everyone for their kind thoughts, tributes, cards and flowers following the death of "My Rob" in August.

He enjoyed being part of the village and managed to continue playing cribbage in the Brewers Arms team right up to the end of the season in April. I know many of you will miss his story telling as often mentioned in the tributes to him.

In gratitude, Eileen Fisher



Martinstown Charity Christmas Fair



Saturday
 2nd December 2023
 10am—12noon

Games
 Tombola
 Gift stalls
 Raffle

Crafts
 Refreshments
 Cake stall
 Eric a Brac

A great morning out for all the family!



News from PCSO Sarah...

Dear Readers

As your local PCSO I am still patrolling although you may not of seen me as regularly as you would like.

This is due to a number of factors but I am always contactable as are other members of the Neighbourhood policing team via - DORCHESTER NPT LINK: Dorchester | Your area | Dorset Police | Dorset Police or via CONTACT US LINK: Contact us | Dorset Police

PLEASE NOTE

- Silent 999 calls have increased and the large majority of these are "pocket dials". If taking your phone out with you, please ensure that the screen/keypad is locked, to avoid any unnecessary calls.

If you accidentally dial 999, please do not hang up. If possible, please stay on the line and let the operator know it was an accident and that you do not need any assistance. Silent calls to 999 are never just ignored.

Nationally, all emergency services are experiencing record high 999 call volumes, which is believed has been impacted because of an update to Android smartphones.

The update, issued between October 2022 and February 2023, added a new SOS emergency function for devices to call 999 through the power button being pressed five times or more on devices.

If you have an Android phone, you can check your emergency settings to turn off the functionality added in the latest update, if you wish to.

Go to 'settings' then 'safety and emergency' and slide the button which says 'emergency SOS' to switch the functionality off.

- Withdrawal of 101 email address:

Improving the way, you contact us

We receive thousands of digital contacts from residents and visitors every month and contact overall to Dorset Police has recently been reaching record levels.

It is important for us to use the best systems and processes to ensure emergency lines are kept open and non-emergency calls can be answered from those who are unable to contact us online.

We have been looking at ways to ensure we can meet the needs of our communities as quickly as possible as well as ensuring that members of the public are directed to the correct agency, such as the local authority, who may be best placed to deal with their request for service.

Following the launch of our new website in March, we have seen a huge increase in the quality of information captured on digital reports completed via our website, ensuring we are able to record crimes effectively and task officers and staff appropriately

- Why are we making these changes?

We are asking members of the public to use these web forms when contacting us digitally instead of sending an email to ensure we have all the relevant information we need and can respond as efficiently as possible - meaning we get you the advice, information and help you need as soon as possible.

Our non-emergency email was withdrawn from 5 June 2023 and digital contact should be made via our website - CONTACT US LINK: Contact us | Dorset Police

Alternatively, you can still contact us for non-emergency enquiries by calling 101.

Cheers Sarah

Sarah Pilcher 5410
Police Community Support Officer



GIMMEE! GIMMEE! GIMMEE! DANCING QUEEN!

ABBA

Party night

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023

MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL

CASH BAR	7PM START	£15PP INCL TWO COURSE SUPPER	DISCO DANCE	FANCY DRESS
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Prizes!

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Circle Supper Group

POP-UP

curry night

**Friday 20th
October 2023**

5.00 - 7.30pm

**St Mary's Church
Winterbourne Abbas**

In aid of a Community
Christmas Celebration
to be held on
Sunday 10th December
(Details to follow)

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MENU

- Chicken Jalfrezi (Hot)
- Chicken Bhuna (Medium)
- Chicken Korma (Mild)

- Butternut Squash &
Chickpea Curry
- Spinach & Potato Curry

- Poppadum
- Samosa
- Onion Bhaji
- Naan Bread
- Chutney & Raita

- Selection of desserts

- Meal Deals from £10.00**





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INSPIRING WOMEN

T H I S M O N T H ' S N E W S F R O M

Martinstown Women's Institute



We were delighted to welcome our friend and neighbour Sir David Haslam as the speaker at our September meeting. David has had a distinguished medical career, including former Chair of NICE and President of the British Medical Association. He is currently Chair of the charity "Young Lives vs Cancer". He spoke about his experiences as a GP in Cambridgeshire for over 35 years, during which time he conducted over a quarter of a million consultations. He told us how medicine has changed over the years with so many different treatments now available. He stressed the importance of preventative medicine and quality care – knowing your doctor. It was good to see a number of visitors for this open meeting.

Earlier in the month a group had a very interesting tour of Monkey World and we look forward to a talk from them next year.

Plans are in the pipeline for next year's joint outing with the Valley Club which will be on 20th June – more details to come.

Our next meeting will be on 11th October at 7 pm – Brian Bates on "Child Criminals and Child Victims in 19th Century Dorset".

Angela Barrett - Secretary



COMMUNITY • LUNCH •

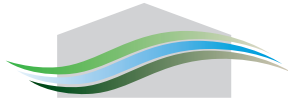
The Community Lunch

Come and join us at the Village Hall for a scrumptious 2 course lunch and coffee, with lots of chat and laughter, all for £7 (£10 in December). Lunches are usually on the first Friday of each month, but in **January 2024** the team will take a break., recommencing on **2nd February**.

PLEASE NOTE HOWEVER that the legendary Christmas Lunch this year will be on **FRIDAY 15th December**.

Booking really is essential to ensure that we have the right amount of delicious food, so please 'phone **Ced on 889438** if you didn't put your name down at the last lunch in July (or if you're not sure!).





MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL Regular Group Meetings

MONDAY

Martinstown Playgroup	10 - 12 noon	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	Ange Schulke - 07788858935

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 Fellows-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 Fellows-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





Winterborne St Martin
PARISH COUNCIL

NEWS

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My name is David Hutchings, I joined the Parish Council in April this year. Having worked in Martinstown for nearly 4 ½ years, we moved into the neighbouring parish just over 3 years ago and moved to the parish this April. Having settled into the local area so well with my family, I thought I would do my piece for the local area and volunteer as a Councillor. So far, I have found this interesting and engaging, and in becoming an active member of the council, I have been able to join the working groups for gaining back control of the Reading Room, as well as The Staffing Committee, and I have now joined the Budget Working Group.

Since joining the Parish Council, I've found it to be an intriguing learning curve, trying to work out how the council functions; with things like motions/proposals, policies, spending/budgets, local planning applications are dealt with. All information relating to Parish council can be found on the Parish website - www.winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk/community/winterborne-st-martin-parish-council-18643/home

As you may be aware, our Parish Council is currently 2 members short of being a full council. We usually meet monthly, on the 4th Thursday of the month at St Martin's Church. To be eligible as a Parish Councillor you need to meet the criteria found on this website: Part 1 Can you stand for election P and C (electoralcommission.org.uk). Any more information please contact our Clerk

- clerk@winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk or a Councillor.

At the last meeting in August, we had an update on the Hardy Half marathon from Michael Paulley stating that they are planning to repeat the event again on 12th May 2024. He acknowledged an issue with the radios and the road closure which led to a bit of a confusion with a tractor. If anyone has any comments positive or negative, please contact the Clerk or a councillor so that we can put your views forward.

The Sheep Washpool in Martinstown has been on the radar for a while and after obtaining some quotes, and advice from Historic Buildings Officer work has begun. The repairs needed included removing an elder tree root and making the bridge structurally stable, as well as some repointing. Councillors Andy Daw and Richard Eversden removed the tree root beside the bridge. This was in preparation for the repair works to the bridge to be undertaken by a local stonemason.



David Hutchings

MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL + 100 CLUB DRAW

MARTINSTOWN SEPTEMBER 2023

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COMPTON VALENCE SEPTEMBER 2023

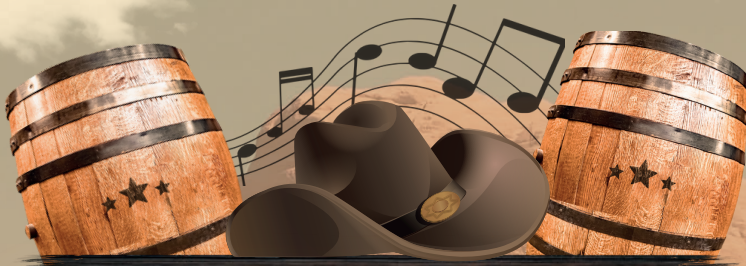
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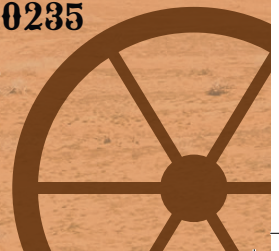
SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

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7:30 - 10:30PM

MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL

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

Some Like it Hot... by Richard Benson



After a miserable July and August the sunshine reappeared in September and the walk around Portland was considered a good choice to escape the record high temperatures where a cooling sea breeze was enjoyed. Nineteen walkers joined the walk which was reduced to a mere 4 miles as it was too hot to go the usual distance. Fortunately no one complained.

The walk began in Southwell and we headed towards Portland Bill for our first of many refreshment stops. The opportunity to enjoy an ice cream at The Lobster Pot cafe was too hard to resist for many.

We stopped at Pulpit Rock for a group photograph before continuing to the Eight Kings pub in Southwell for lunch. The disappointment on some faces when we were told that there was no draught beer was priceless but the food that followed was of a good standard as was the service.

Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

OCTOBER 2023*

For more information contact: www.dorsetforyou.com/recycle

5th (Thursday)	– recycling and food	12th (Thursday)	– rubbish and food
19th (Thursday)	– recycling and food	26th (Thursday)	– rubbish and food

11th (Weds)	– garden waste	25th (Weds)	– garden waste
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* Correct at time of printing.





VALLEY CLUB NEWS

Forthcoming events...

Up next in our schedule of talks is Chris Stevens from the Bridport Museum, who'll be telling us about the fortifications all round Dorset. This is on the 16th October at 7:45 pm.

Please also note that the perennial and always warmly anticipated Valley Club Christmas Celebration will be taking place on Saturday the 2nd of December.



Not a lot of people know that...

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Cat urine glows under a black-light.

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SAVE THE DATE WITH AN ANGEL

Please join us at St. Michael's and All Angels church, Winterbourne Steepleton, to make this beautiful angel.

Mary will be showing us how on **Saturday 4th November 10am-12 noon**. All materials will be provided and there will be refreshments.

We cannot confirm the cost yet but will be able to soon. So if you are interested please email Wendy Frost who will send you further details and book you a place.

wendymfrost@gmail.com

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Julia's House Fundraising

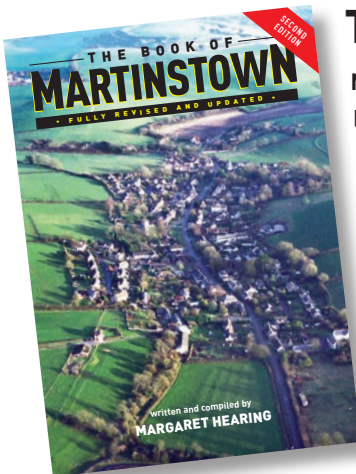
= QUIZ =

Saturday 11th November at the Village Hall.

There'll be a quality **raffle, fish and chips supper**, prizes for the winners. six per team/table.

£12.50 per head.

Tickets on sale from **October.**



The Book of Martinstown...

Margaret Hearing, the author of **The Book of Martinstown** has produced a new **print run** of her fascinating book. The original print run of the '**second edition**' has long sold out BUT, due to popular demand, you can now buy a copy for **£12.80**.

"This book charts the history of Martinstown and the immediate area in an interesting and informative way. Something EVERY villager should have!"

If you would like to buy a copy, the books are on sale at the village shop - **The Merchant of St.Martin.**

Hurry though, because like previous copies, they WILL sell out fast!





Martinstown Circle Suppers...

Martinstown Circle Suppers are a fund raising group who each year raise money for a local charity. This year we are supporting the Dorset Family Counselling Trust.



Members commit to hosting one supper a year and are invited to three. As a host you provide the supper and your guests bring drinks and donate £20 each which goes to the chosen charity for the year. A rota is drawn up at the start of the year which shows when (within a three month period) and who you are hosting, and when and where you are a guest. We aim to mix people up so there are opportunities to meet new people. As a host you can choose whether to host four guests or more.

We also hold two major fundraising events each year; this year we held a very successful auction in April and are having an Abba evening on November 25th in the village hall.

We haven't chosen our charity for next year yet but would love to invite new people to join us for 2024. We start to work on the rota in November, so if you are interested in joining us, please do call one of the committee members to chat about it.

**Cathie Seigal 889244 Stuart Nuttall 889920 Marian Palmer 889950 Roelie Newman 889192
Lilly Evans 07815 900591 Trudy Braithwaite 07834 243285**

Martinstown Village Hall
Friday 20th October at 7 p.m.

ANYTHING GOES!

Winterbourne Singers and friends

invite you to an evening of light choral and instrumental music

Admission free - retiring collection in aid of



Bar and raffle





Martinstown Cricket Club

On the 20 August the club held a "Club Memorial Day" to remember past members, Brian Canniford our President, Des Evans player, and Nick Quintrell club captain. The day included awards to youth members, a draw and a inter club 40 over game of cricket that included Girls and boys youth and older members. In addition, we invited club sponsors from within the village to a cream tea to thank them for their support. The sun shone just, the cricket competitive and the cream teas delicious (jam first, the proper way).

A huge thankyou to Ben and Leanne from the "Brewers Arms" who gave up their time to provide and run the Brew Bar, we also had a BBQ manned by Martin Fitzgerald who slaved over hot coals until all stock exhausted, thanks Martin. 80 guests had an afternoon to remember with Geraldine Canniford and Ros Evans presenting the awards, the club looked a real picture ,again our ground staff excelled and we managed to raise a sum in excess of £700 on the day. Thanks to everyone who took part.

We are about to embark on a Pavilion upgrade as our current facilities are now no longer suitable for Male and Female players. This will take a huge effort to raise the funds necessary, but we are not at all daunted by this as we have over the years had many similar hurdles to overcome. The Club offers a facility to the village, second to none, and is a beautiful situation in which to play cricket or just relax and watch the gentle game.

Come along and watch, join in, all ages welcome.

President MCC

07484126460 or visit www.martinstownplaycricket.com





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TIME!*

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at the **Village Hall**
Eyes down **7.00pm**

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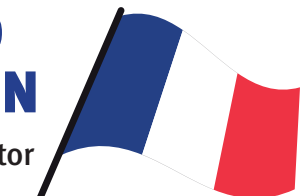
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