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ONE VICAR AND HER DOG...

Some 120 parishioners and friends attended St Martin's Church on the final Sunday in July to say 'au revoir' and thank you to Jean for her nine years of service given to this parish, and beyond.

The service reflected Jean's churchmanship and in particular, her love of music. A gathering of helpers transformed the church into a flourishing garden, the fragrance of the flowers carried on the voices of the congregation, as they sang her favourite hymns. It was somewhat apt that the final hymn, sung a capella by the choir, was a stunning rendition of God Bless Africa, 'Nkosi Sikelel ' : composed in the form of a blessing it offers a message of celebration, unity, uplift and an exhortation to act morally and spiritually - pretty well summing up Jean's ministry!

After the service those assembled adjourned to the village hall for refreshments and the presentation of retirement gifts. Miraculously refreshments were produced and served by the same gathering of helpers who had all previously been in church!

Jean will be missed especially by those who have experienced the love and kindness displayed to those in time of need.

It is, however, 'au revoir' as Mabel will still be walking Jean through the village.

Dick Corbett-Winder - Martinstown Church Warden

PS. Since Jean's departure services on the second Sunday of the month will include visits from the team rector Keith and the curate Heidi. On the last Sunday in September a service of Harvest Festival will be celebrated at St Martin's. As in previous years gifts donated will be sent to Weymouth Food Bank.

CHURCH SERVICES during...

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY 3RD - 13th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Holy Communion - Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion - Martinstown

SUNDAY 10TH - 14th Sunday after Trinity

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

SUNDAY 17TH - 15th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Worship Together - Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Matins - Martinstown

SUNDAY 24TH - 16th Sunday after Trinity

11.00 Worship Together for Harvest - Martinstown



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)

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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), 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.

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Jean



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Forthcoming events...

Perhaps even as you read this, **Richard Benson** and **Lynne Axford** are conspiring to confound us with the compilation of this year's test of knowledge at the **Fish and Chips and Quiz Night**, set to happen on the **25th September** from **7:45 pm**.

We won't be issuing tickets but members can book their places through Treasurer **Barbara Pearson (889068)** or **Eileen Fisher (889584)** or any of the committee members. Your place at the table is priced this year at a mere **£10**.

The numbers are limited to 50, so I'm afraid at this point the evening is open only to members.

The Valley Club
Fish and Chips and Quiz Night
September 25th at 7:45 pm
£10 per person
Members only

Then on **16th October**, again at **7:45 pm**, we look forward to a talk from **Chris Stevens** (on behalf of the Bridport Museum) will talk on **'Fortified Dorset'**. He will cover the history and stories of lost and existing fortifications in Dorset ranging from the majestic **Corfe Castle** to the simpler but equally important hill forts of which there are plenty.

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Our guest speaker will be John Calder, Project Manager of the Dorset Climate Action Network's project The Great Big Dorset Hedge (GBDH). John will be speaking about the critical importance that hedgerows play for wildlife habitats and mitigating against climate change, whilst at the same time allowing space for farming and the essential production of food. The surveying of hedges, now taking place in Martinstown and elsewhere across Dorset, is an essential first step in assessing hedges for the Sustainable Farming Incentive – part of the soon to be introduced Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS). John will talk about how the GBDH scheme works and how we liaise with farmers. John is part of the team working on hedges for DEFRA.

There will also be information about the Green Living Project

Dorset Greener Homes 23rd September - 1st October 2023

Dorset Climate Action Network is once again organising the annual open homes event. Visitors are welcomed to homes across Dorset, including in Martinstown, where significant green changes have been made. Ask all those

questions you have about solar panels, heat pumps, batteries and much more. Installation costs are reducing, making the payback time as short as 5 years. Listings can be found here: www.dorsetcan.org/greener_homes/

Citizen Science Project The River

Winterbourne, is now being tested every month, from its source in Winterbourne Abbas to West Stafford, where it joins the River Frome, by our team of volunteers. There are 10 testing sites and each is tested for phosphates, turbidity (solids in the water) and temperature.

Streets Alive - Car Free Day - 22nd September 2023

International Car Free Day is on Friday 22nd September. Organised by Dorchester Transport Action Group some streets in Dorchester will be car free and in the Charles Street car park adjacent to Waitrose there will be fun activities for the whole family. This is an opportunity to inform people about the harmful impact of cars and car pollution and to mobilise people to take back control of their own urban environment.

The cycle path to Maiden Castle Road has been resurfaced. Making cycling to Poundbury and Dorchester very safe. It only takes 15 minutes to Poundbury, 20 minutes to Dorchester – and you get fitter at the same time. Can't get any better than that!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM Martinstown Women's Institute



The sun came out for our **Summer Tea Party** in **August**. After enjoying jam, cream and scones with a glass of Pimm's, we were able to go outside for games organised by **Lesley Pemberton**. We were pleased to welcome **Jenny Preston**, Chair of Dorset Federation, and guests from **Charmouth** and **Chickerell WIs**.



Our next meeting on **13th September at 7pm** will be a talk from local resident **David Haslam** – **"Years of Practice"** – about his time as a GP. This will be an **Open Meeting**.

This year is our **75th Birthday** and we plan to celebrate this milestone at our **Christmas Party** in **December**.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

Choral Services and Musical Events at St Peter's Church, Dorchester during September

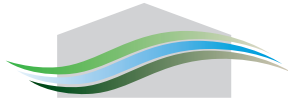
After our August break, we're delighted to announce the musical events taking place at St Peter's Church, Dorchester in September. On Sunday 10th September, our monthly service of Choral Eucharist at 10.30am resumes. The music includes Stopford 'God be in my head' as well as 'Listen sweet dove' and the 'Missa brevis' by Grayston Ives.

Later in the month on Saturday 23rd September, our service of cathedral-style Choral Evensong will take place at 4.30pm. The music includes: Grieg 'Ave maris stella', Burton 'Preces & Responses', Stanford 'Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in Bb' and Faure's 'Cantique de Jean Racine'. Do join us for a glass of wine after the service.

Looking ahead to Monday 9 October, we are thrilled to announce that John Challenger (Assistant Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral) will be giving a recital to celebrate 200 years of there being an organ at St Peter's Church. John's performance will be preceded by a brief introduction from the eminent historian Max Hebditch CBE FSA. The event begins at 7pm. Tickets (which include a glass of wine to be enjoyed after the performance) are priced £12 and available to purchase online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester.

You can keep up with events via our website: www.dorchesteranglican.org.uk/musicatstpeters or by following us on social media: Facebook: www.facebook.com/musicatstpetersdorch - Twitter: @musicatstpeter - Instagram @musicatstpetersdorch





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 SEPTEMBER 23

Some time ago I mentioned moves regarding what was originally known as the Memorial Hall, and later as the Reading Room or Parish Office. In essence those who had taken on Trusteeship had tired of it and sought to pass it to the Parish Council. In some ways this would be passing it back, as the few documents retained show that the management and finances were intermingled in the 90's, something which eventually caught an auditor's eye and led to a parting of the ways.

Now we are exploring methods of bringing this building back to something near to the original intention, a facility of service to the Parish. We are starting at first principles and have engaged lawyers to advise on whether we might legally take ownership in trust, and on our best method of establishing a title given that the original indenture (on vellum no less) was 1915, and the trust was established in 1922 with a copy of that document held in the National Archives.

I said "something near" the original intention as one of the four clauses is partially unreadable, and the others are very much focussed on men rather than having any sense of equality. I do actually feel that Clause 2: "For the benefit of those who are serving or have served in the Forces of the Crown" has merit, but I might be biased, and I feel we will be looking for room to generalise in favour of today's Parishioners. But, step one is discovering whether we can actually have anything to do with it.

We have established a Working Group to see the process through and there is no reason why this cannot include anyone who has an interest in seeing this building brought back into community use. Indeed from my position outside the Working Group I'd welcome wider involvement – please do get in touch if you think you can help.

Other than that the main news is my oft repeated please for people to come forward to serve as Councillors. Whilst there is little to commend it, and as we are now down to 7, one of whom will be away for a number of months, what little power we have is vested in very few people. This is not necessarily the best way to ensure we that balance decisions on behalf of the various interests of the constituents of our parish.

As always we welcome feedback on the Council's activities so please feel free to speak to any of the Councillors or contact us officially through our Clerk – clerk@winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk. As a Council we are committed to following Dorset Council in moves towards being "paperless" so the majority of documents are now published on our website <https://www.winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk/community/winterborne-st-martin-parish-council-18643/home/> so please do have a look or even subscribe for updates.

Regards, **Mark Pemberton** - Chair

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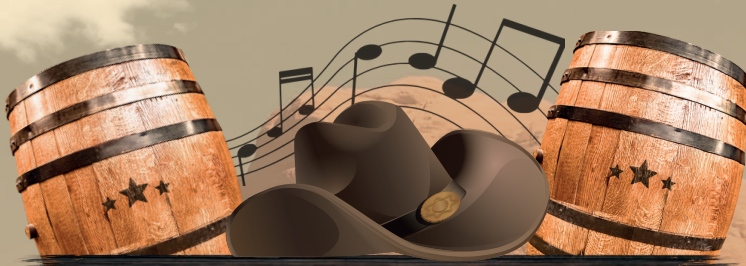
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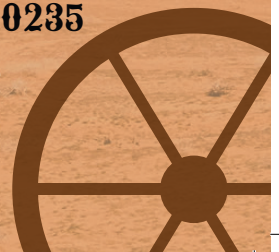
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The **MILEATERS** out and about...

by Rosie Duke



Despite a forecast of 70% chance of rain, an intrepid group of 14 Mileaters plus three dogs set off for the Woolsbarrow carpark, Wareham forest for the start of a walk led by Gerald and Rosie Duke.

The route took us to Woolsbarrow fort, the smallest hillfort in Dorset; not a difficult stroll to reach the top and once there one could see why its commanding views

over the western end of Poole harbour would have been so important. We carried on along the St Edward Way – so named after the processional route taken for carrying King Edward's body from the priory at Wareham to the abbey at Shaftesbury. King Edward I (also known as Edward the Martyr) reigned for about 3 years and was murdered in 978 in the market place at Corfe Castle, apparently by his stepmother, he was probably about 15 or 16 years old.

The route crossed the A35 in two places and we were safely seen across this fast road by Gerald wearing his hi-viz jacket (bought especially for the occasion!)

The rain didn't materialise and on our return to the carpark, we drove to The Silent Woman pub for a well earned lunch after a 5.3 mile walk.

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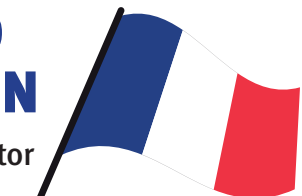
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