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THOUGHTS
FROM THE
KITCHEN
TABLE OF...
**A PCC
member**

Ardent readers of 'The V & V' will have noticed that over the last few months this column has been written by a variety of people. This is because we have been without a Vicar in our two Parishes of The Winterbournes and of Compton Valence. We are in a 'vacancy' (historically an 'interregnum', but strictly this is only the correct term if between reigns).

If you look up a definition of 'vacancy' you discover that it is both 'a state of consciousness' and 'a gap between people in a post' - obviously in this case, it's the latter! Since the Rev'd Jean left the role, this gap has been filled by the Rector of our Benefice, Rev'd Keith (Team Rector), with support from Rev'd Heidi, and others from outside and within our Parishes.

Our thanks are due to them and particularly to Rev'd Jo for her work at Abbas, to Allen and Peter for all their work in Martinstown and Steepleton and to the Church Wardens, Joy, David, Dick, Ellie, Peter and Jeremy.

What happens next? We are, hopefully, on our way to having a new Vicar. Until then, everything will be kept going by the team above supported by members of the PCC and other people - both churchgoers and church supporters who feel strongly that they wish to keep our churches running in our four villages. Happily the Churches extend beyond their physical boundaries and into our communities, through this publication, events and services on the Martinstown Green, home visits, Messy Church, The Food Bank, The Community Larder, Carols in the Pub and many other means.

Like his/her three predecessors, our new Team Vicar will be unpaid, but in a 'house for duty' post. This requires them to live in the Rectory in Martinstown in exchange for nominally two days of work (plus Sundays) to plan for four churches. They may be priests, but they are not magicians and need our support to carry this out. We look forward to welcoming our new 'Reverend'!

Alison Crawford

Member of the The Winterbournes Parochial* Church Council

* 'Parochial' like 'Vacancy' has two meanings: 'relating to a church parish' and 'having a narrow outlook or scope'. We certainly aim to be the former!



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.





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...

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY 7TH • EASTER 2

10.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

SUNDAY 14TH • EASTER 3

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

SUNDAY 21ST • EASTER 4

10.00	Worship Together	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Morning Prayer	Martinstown
5.00	Church@5	Martinstown

SUNDAY 28TH • EASTER 5

11.00	Worship Together	Martinstown
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St. Martins' Church The Home Group

March 2024 was a busy month in the church calendar. The forty days of Lent, which started on Ash Wednesday in February ended on Good Friday, when we remembered the crucifixion of Jesus. And on the last day of March we celebrated Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection, when Jesus was raised from death.

This year, the first day of April begins another period of 40 days, this time spanning the time between Easter Sunday and Ascension Day, when Jesus, after appearing in bodily form to his disciples and friends on a number of occasions, is taken up into heaven.

Ten days later, this year on 19 May, Pentecost, also known as Whitsun, marks the coming of the Holy Spirit, which gave strength and power to Jesus's followers enabling them to proclaim the message of love for everyone, Jew and Gentile. Thus, that first Pentecost is regarded as the day the Christian Church was born.

But what did the disciples and those men and women who had followed Jesus through his ministry do, and what did they feel and think during that time? They would certainly have had many questions and doubts; wondering why the person they had perceived as their saviour, come to liberate them from Roman oppression, had to die. 'Why did God not intervene?' 'What were they to do so next?'

People continue to ask these questions, and many more and would almost certainly add, 'Why does God allow wars, conflicts and the suffering of innocent people to continue?' Perhaps in these past two years particularly and in so many parts of the world those questions will be on the minds of many.

In our parish some of us meet as a small group every two weeks, to read the Bible, to share our thoughts, responses and experiences and try to understand more about God. We don't find easy answers, but our knowledge and understanding grows. We learn from each other and from having a time and space to think together.

If you would like to join us, you would be most welcome. **Please contact Cathie (889244) or Nigel (889910), coordinators of 'The Home Group' to find out more.**

Meditation @ Steepleton Church

*Beginners welcome
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The curious welcome*

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In Springtime

**St Martin's Church
Martinstown**

Saturday 11th May 2024 at 7pm

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Refreshments will be served before the concert and during the interval.





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DORCHESTER FOOD BANK NEWS...

The trustees of the Dorchester Food Bank want to thank all our donors of both food items and money for their generosity over the past year. Even though we distributed 1251 food parcels to clients, an increase of 41%, and our food costs increased to over £600 per week from £150, we still managed to balance our books and provide a supermarket gift token to each of our clients over Christmas 2023. Without you we could not provide this support to people in food crisis.

Important information:

Because we have become a charity in our own right (charity number: 1200552) we have been obliged to move to a different type of bank account within Barclays bank. Please either email us at dorchesterfoodbank@gmail.com or enquire at the reception desk at Dorchester Baptist Church to get the new account details.

Would you please make sure that you change the account details in any BACS or Standing Order payments you make in the future. Although the old account will remain open for a few months be we will under pressure from the bank to close it after a maximum of 3 months.





VALLEY CLUB

Valley Club News

I was already sorry to have missed February's talk but when I read the Chair's review below I had even more regret – it all sounds very entertaining and not a little exotic...!



"In February we had a fascinating talk by Mike Burks, the managing director of 'The Gardens Group'. The focus being 'Gardening Folklore' lent itself to unearthing some centuries old and quite bizarre traditions followed by farmers and keen gardeners alike. Did you know that for the best outcome when sowing seeds, you ought to do it when the moon is waxing or waning and you should be under the cover of darkness? When sowing seed potatoes, you should do that on 'Good Friday' also at night whilst being naked! Other invaluable nuggets included planting broad beans on either Bonfire Night or on Boxing Day, pruning Roses on Grand National day and stealing your parsley

rather than sowing it will make it grow successfully!"

We will have had the Club's AGM by the time of going to print and membership renewals mostly in I expect but there's space to remind everyone of the talk & shopping to be enjoyed with the 'Tea and 25% discount' event at Poundbury Garden Centre on April 8th at 6:00 pm.

Hope everyone's enjoying the Spring!

Chris Evans • Secretary

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT!

Saturday 23rd November • In Martinstown Village Hall

We are looking for anyone who would like to take part in this event.

Can you Sing? Dance? Act? Recite Poetry? Play a musical Instrument?

Could you perform in a group or a duet? Would you like to stand up and tell jokes or perhaps perform magic tricks?

If you would like to perform on stage this is your opportunity! Come and show us what you can do!

We will consider performers of any age, whether you're nine or ninety!

The Martinstown Players will also be performing and if you would like to join this group of outstanding thespians give me a call or send an email.

Let me know asap if you would like to take part. Auditions will take place in the summer so there's plenty of time to rehearse.

Vince Jones

01305 889202 • janeandvince@btinternet.com

All proceeds will go to the Village Hall.



Thistles Scottish Country Dancing



After ten fun-filled weeks of excellent tuition by Liz, Irene and Sue, the Thistle Dancers have not only improved but raised £250 for Brain Research UK.

Our end of term party was a Curry Night at The Brewers Pub, which was well attended and enjoyed by 17 members and our 3 illustrious instructors, Liz, Irene and Sue who kindly gave their time for free but were happy to accept a dinner as a small token of our appreciation.

I would like to thank everyone who supported my new initiative and made it so enjoyable. Gold stars go to Jo Cuzens, Pat Westlake and Riou Baxter for full attendance. And silver for Barbara Haslam. Also my special thanks to Riou for taking over while I deal with Achilles

tendinopathy.

The class has proved so popular that we are planning an autumn term to run from

Tuesday 29th October 5.30pm – 7.00pm for six weeks until Tuesday 3rd December. After the Christmas break, we will reconvene Tuesday 14th January until 4th February for the final four weeks. The cost will be £30 for ten lessons. Again, the balance after the village hall hire rental will go to Brain Research UK.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining laurabaxter@perceptionsmatter.com

S.O.S. (Save Our Show)

Many of you reading this will remember the village Martinstown Garden and Craft show which was hotly contested by many villagers. Cakes were made, tray bakes were perfected, jams and chutney's were proudly shown, vegetables were grown to enormous sizes and flowers were shown in beautiful displays. There were many other categories and cups and trophies were awarded to the category winners.

Despite the fierce competition, it was great fun and the entire village seemed to be involved in one way or another. However, although the show is staged on one day a year, usually in September, it is hard work for the committee to organise this. Staging the show has had difficulties in the last few years for a variety of reasons and some existing committee members have decided to stand down

There is every possibility that the show will discontinue unless we can entice some new people to help run this event. If you would like to be part of the team or would like to find out what work is involved please contact me in the first instance.

Thanks - **Richard Benson 01305 889466, or 07985951859 richard.benson60@icloud.com**



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INSPIRING WOMEN

THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM Martinstown Women's Institute



At our meeting in March we enjoyed Line Dancing with Lynne, led by our own member Lynne Axford – great fun when we had mastered the steps!

As the clocks go forward on 31st March and we have lighter evenings we will be meeting at 7 pm during the summer. The next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on 10th April in the village hall at 7 pm when we will be electing our new President and revealing our interesting and varied programme for the next 12 months. New members are always welcome – do come and join us.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

CELEBRATING DORSET FLOWER FESTIVAL

If you would like to sponsor an arrangement in memory of a loved one or because you have reason to be grateful to the church and would like to contribute please contact:

Dick Corbett Winder on 889410

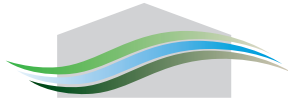
Celebration of Dorset Flower Festival
11th and 12th MAY
Martinstown church and churchyard

11am – 4pm Saturday and Sunday
Come and see arrangements depicting scenes of Dorset Life

Refreshments served in the Village Hall

All proceeds to Dorchester Poverty Action and Martinstown church fund





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

**YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU,
ELECTIONS IN MAY, 9 SEATS UP FOR GRABS...**

NEWS

APRIL 2024

Ongoing Concerns

Almost 20 years ago, due to my robust objection to an attempted land grab, I was asked to be a parish councillor, I was co-opted and sat at my first meeting. The concerns raised by parishioners were – McDonalds, speeding, flooding, tractors...

McDonalds - Bought what was formally a greasy spoon roadside cafe, so planning had already been gained.

Many have asked over the years, why doesn't the Duchy give them some land for parking, the fact is that the Duchy warned of the problems at the outset so why should they now be expected to sort them out?

Speeding - We have tried many ways to reduce speeding, the district council restricts us to where we can install a speed indicator device (SID) and we had to install monitoring points at a cost of £400 each to prove where a device was necessary, which in our case was only Mallards Green, 7 years ago with the DC as the sole suppliers, we purchased a SID at approx £3000 and the mounting poles at £250 each, unfortunately the SID has now broken but the votes are in and money set aside for repair.

Flooding - Years ago the DC did the river maintenance and then decided they would only do the road side of the river, leaving riparian owners to do theirs, and then it seems both sides decided to do none at all.

After the 2012 floods a group of volunteers from Winterbourne, Steepleton and Martinstown was formed to jointly help maintain the river, after a few years there was a dispute which left Martinstown on their own, somehow the Martinstown PC made themselves responsible for maintenance and we now pay a contractor £2500 a year to maintain parts of the river which should be done by riparian owners. Ongoing

Tractors - We are a farming village so we should expect tractors but they have become bigger and bigger and have destroyed the verges, we ask the

farmers to be considerate, but still don't have a solution.

New Concerns

Wessex Water - We continue to hassle WW over the sewage overflows and check there records, one which amazed me was the number of times they discharge into the river when the pumping station can't cope. Fertile land at Monkton I would guess?

Proposed development west of Dukes close

- We were asked to a meeting a few years ago by an affordable housing developer to approve a development in the field west of Dukes close, which we supported in principle, several developers later we are faced with a proposed development of retail houses with the minimum of affordable's which we are strongly objecting too, one being the extra sewage!

Reading room/parish office - In the 1920s the RR was given to the village in a deed of trust, for the good of the village with four nominated trustees, after many years and the deaths of the trustees it would appear that it was abandoned and then taken over by a builder who used it as an office. When he vacated the building in the early 90s the PC took control and used it as the parish office, we are in the process of trying to obtain legal title through adverse possession.

Village Green - Many years ago, in their naivety in my opinion, the PC rented the village green from the owner, thus removing the cost of maintenance from the owner to the PC, we learned recently after complaints about parking that the area in front of Fishers Barn is registered as part of the village green, therefore open space for the enjoyment of all villagers, which also applies to the area in front of the church and carries a hefty fine for anyone driving over or parking on the land, and would appear to be non negotiable.

Please give the message at the top some consideration.

Dave Read



Green Martinstown

Web: greenmartinstown.org.uk

Email: greenmartinstown@gmail.com

Green Martinstown are very excited at the prospect of hopefully acquiring some land adjoining the village. It will be a long process to apply for this. At this stage, if you have experience in legal contracts or writing business plans please contact us. If it goes ahead the use of the field will be in keeping with Green Martinstown environmental and community principles.

There is a chance that the X51 bus service might be re-routed back through Winterbourne Steepleton and Martinstown, as a trial. This urgently needs our support. Please email Peter. McNaughton@firstbus.co.uk, & please copy your email to Les Scarth at clifden39@gmail.com

The **composting** area in the churchyard is a community resource & anyone in the village is welcome to both add to the bins & take away bags of compost. There is guidance at the site to let you know how it works.

The **recycling** collections for tetrapaks, foil & plastic tops are well used. The tetrapak & foil bins are emptied twice a week by two volunteers. Please follow the instructions. Those who can are encouraged to take their own recycling to the bins in the Fairfield car park or at the tip. Just one volunteer manages the bottle tops. Recently two bags of these went to Beaminster school for projects in the resistant materials class.

Spring is in the air:

The **flowers** at the bus stop opposite the playground are getting more established. The snowdrops were lovely, followed by the narcissi, and now the wild garlic & bluebells are coming through.

Hedgehogs are likely to start emerging from hibernation now. Whilst they are still tucked up in their winter nests take care not to disturb them as you start to tackle your gardens. If you do disturb them, don't handle or move them, just cover them over again & leave them alone.

Those families that made bird boxes last year are hopefully seeing blue tits & great tits showing interest & building nests. If you have any questions please contact Andy Daw (889433).

With spring our frogs & toads need to find a pond to lay their eggs in. If you could find space for a small pond in your garden, Green Martinstown members can help you plan, dig and plant your pond if you need a hand, along with a financial contribution to help you with the cost of materials.

The stream survey along the Winterbourne continues. We are maintaining the 70 Platinum Jubilee trees at Grove Hill. Some are even showing their heads above the tree guards.

MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW

Compton Valence MARCH Draw
£25. Rachael Clarke
£10. Faith Harvey
£5. Mhairi-Skye Tweed

Martinstown MARCH Draw
£25. Howard bowering
£10. Debbie Follitt
£5. Jeffrey Haine



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

...St David's Day & Birthday Celebrations by Laura Baxter



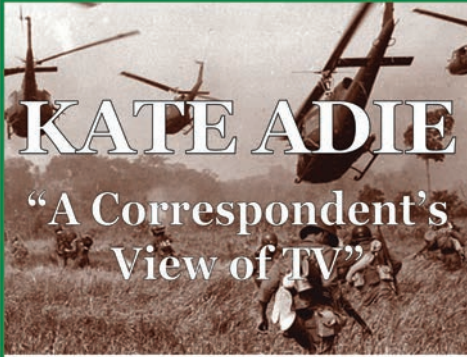
A happy band of 12 mileaters set off from Hardy's Monument on a miraculously partly sunny, partly cloudy, some hail but dry day! To meet four more members at the designated coffee break where Mimosas, Sausages, Chocolate Brownies were served to celebrate St David's Day and my birthday. Thankfully enjoyed by all except the disciplined carrot muncher! Who has triumphantly lost a stone, no mean feat in this age of gluttony!

On we went along the Ridgeway with stunning views, threatening clouds and strong winds, down to West Bexington. There were patches of mud, hardly surprising after the wettest February on record. The alternative would be to walk around Poundbury, not so scenic but mud free for the mud phobic.

After a bracing six miles for the stalwarts who did the whole route and four miles for the four with sick notes, we all had an excellent lunch at The Manor House Hotel in their warm, sunny conservatory with picturesque sea views. An ideal spot, great company and more birthday cake!

Thank you to Sheree Fitzgerald, Lesley Pemberton and Colin Tracy our professional photographers. And to our drivers, Tom Webb, Richard Benson, Stuart Nuttall, Chris Evans and of course Riou Baxter who led the walk and the car logistics.



KATE ADIE

“A Correspondent’s View of TV”

After the talk there will be an opportunity for questions
Wine, drinks and light refreshments available to purchase

In aid of **St George’s Church Hall** Dorchester DT1 1LB
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 For tickets contact :
 Lesley Pemberton 889643 lpemby@hotmail.co.uk
 Angela Barrett 889628 angelabarrett@uwclub.net





A Dogs Tail - sorry, Tale.

Hello good people – my name is Boris –No! – not that one. I am a long haired terrier and my grandad was a patterdale terrier with the local hunt so I have good breeding!

My first home was in Devon on a small farm in the Dart valley and they had a deer hound that was however far too proud to mix with me but their cat loved me and we had great fun chasing each other round the garden and farm yard. I therefore like cats - but not many like me!



We moved to Martinstown fairly recently and were very pleased to find lovely walks in all directions. My lady owner, I will call her 'She', loves walking and insists on doing 10,000 steps a day which suites me, except when it is cold and wet. I am now about 15 years old and recently lost my eye sight and hearing but can still have a good sense of smell and can easily follow her scent on our walks.

I am always kept on a lead in the village but off the roads 'She' lets me off the lead and I trot along behind her following her scent. Just 'back along', as they say in Devon, when near a farm, I picked up the scent of cats and thought they would like to meet me. I followed their scent into the farm yard and they disappeared –probably climbed up into the barns. 'She' did not miss me for a while as her eyesight is also not good and she has to concentrate on the track to avoid tripping over stones. Suddenly 'She' realised that I was not following her and had no idea where I had gone. 'She' used her phone to contact the family and a search commenced with several other dog walkers joining in included the lovely lady in a wheel chair who lives near us and gives me treats.

I wondered back through the farm yard towards the path over a flat area of very green grass but it suddenly collapsed under my weight and I was in a rather smelly fluid called, I think, slurry! Unlike most terriers I do not bark so I just screamed and it was a very long time before a lovely girl on the farm heard me and spread the news. A crowd gathered and the fire brigade arrived but did not have the correct equipment with them to rescue me. I was of course very tired at this this time and having difficulty with keeping my nose above the slurry. 'She' and all the others were distraught but were unable to help.

Next to arrive was the farmer called Noel in a big teleporter machine but the extended bucket could not reach me. His very brave son Tom climbed into the bucket and with a net on the end of a very long pole managed to 'fish' me out. What a relief! I had been in the slurry for over two hours and would not have lasted much longer.

In the farm yard the ladies hosed me off and after profuse thanks to all that had helped 'She' took me home and I had the first proper bath of my long life.

I am now fully recovered and 'She' has bought one of those extendable dog leads so I will never get lost again. I am of course extremely grateful to all those that helped me including the fire brigade, the dog walkers and of course all those lovely people from the farm.

Ian & Jennie Jones





Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

APRIL 2024*

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

7th (Thursday)	- recycling and food	11th (Thursday)	- rubbish and food
18th (Thursday)	- recycling and food	25th (Thursday)	- rubbish and food
10th (Weds)	- garden waste	24th (Weds)	- garden waste

* Correct at time of printing.



**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 **£7.00**. Lunches are usually on the first Friday of each month, recommencing on **2nd February**.

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!).

- USEFUL CONTACT ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS -

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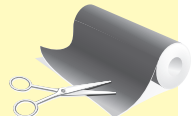
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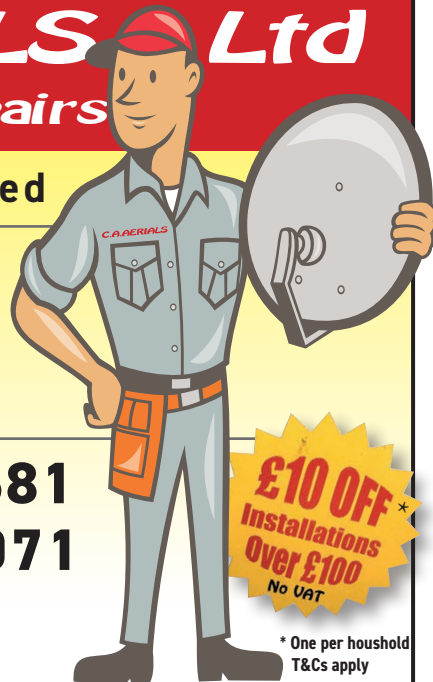
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