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THOUGHTS
FROM THE
DESK OF...
**A Church
Warden**

Vacancies (Interregnums) often last a considerable time. In the last issue of the V&V, Alison Crawford wrote *'that we are hopefully on our way to finding a new Vicar'*. Her statement proved both to be timely and prophetic. On the morning of the 7th April the following statement was read at all the Dorchester Benefice Churches:

'The Bishop of Salisbury and Archdeacon of Sherborne are pleased to announce the appointment of Teresa Stewart-Sykes to the post of House for Duty Team Vicar in the Dorchester and the Winterbournes Team, based in the Winterbournes and Compton Valence. This is subject to the necessary checks. For Teresa this is a return from the Oxford Dorchester where she is currently Team Vicar, to the Dorset Dorchester where she was formally an associate priest. Teresa comes with a wide range of experience, in youth and children's work, in community engagement as well as the liturgical and pastoral work of a parish priest. Thank you to all those who participated in the selection process. We hope that there will be a licensing service early in September.'

Teresa had previously visited the Valley churches in early March and met with a gathering of parishioners prior to her interview the following day. We look forward to welcoming her in the Valley.

Out with the old, in with the new...

In 2004 I took on the role of Church Warden of Martinstown; 20 years later, at our AGM in May, I finally retire, having served under three parish priests and overseen 1000 plus services, numerous weddings, baptisms, funerals, PCC meetings and many dealings with Salisbury diocese.

Much of the work has been a great pleasure, particularly the weddings of those that have grown up in the village, those that return for the baptism of their child, the outdoor Remembrance Day Services, Teddy Praise and some very memorable services, often when the musical contribution has been outstanding. Activities such as the Advent Craft Days (particularly the first one – it clashed with the Rugby World Cup final), Breakfast club and teddy bear parachute drops from the tower, all leave very good memories. There are also memories of candle wax, service sheets catching fire, children being sick...

A passing thought – when we arrived in 1988 we were amongst the youngest in the congregation, 36 years later we still are...

Dick Corbett-Winder • Church Warden



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...

MAY 2024

SUNDAY 5TH • EASTER 6

10.00 Holy Communion – Winterbourne Abbas

11.00 Holy Communion – Martinstown

SUNDAY 12TH • EASTER 7

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) – Martinstown

9.30 Holy Communion – Compton Valence

11.00 Holy Communion – Winterbourne Steepleton

SUNDAY 19TH • PENTECOST

11.00 Holy Communion – Martinstown – Bishop of Sherborne

SUNDAY 26TH • TRINITY

11.00 Worship Together – Martinstown






CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2024

The Christian Aid Week collection this year will be the week 12th to 18th May. Please look out for delivery of the familiar red envelope coming through your door. Please return envelope, with your gift, to the village shop in Martinstown or to the collection box in the Church at Winterbourne Abbas.

Many thanks for your support.

Join us at Messy Church
 First Tuesday of the month.
 7th May
 3- 5pm

St. Mary's Church
 Winterbourne Abbas



messy activities
 games
 songs stories
 and supper

Free

Cake With An Angel 

Saturday 4th May @ Steepleton church

Please help us to clear the graveyard from 9.30 am


or just come for coffee and cake from 10.30pm till 12

money raised will go to Dorchester Poverty Action Group via the Martinstown Charity group




Meditation @ Steepleton Church

*Beginners welcome
 Practiced meditators welcome
 The curious welcome*



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

St Martin's Church,
 Martinstown
 Present a concert by:



Parnham Voices Directed by Stephen Tilton

In Springtime

**St Martin's Church
 Martinstown**

Saturday 11th May 2024 at 7pm

Donations at the door.
 Proceeds to Dorchester Poverty Action and Martinstown Church Fund.
 Refreshments will be served before the concert and during the interval.





Garden and Craft Show

Sunday 8th September 2024 • Martinstown Village Hall

Martinstown Garden and Craft show 2024.

This is an advanced notice to inform the residents of Martinstown that there will be a show this year.

The revised date will be on Sunday 8 September (originally planned for Sunday 18 August)

The show committee will be compiling a list of classes and categories which will be delivered with the V&V magazine to every household shortly.

Previous shows have included vegetables, flowers, jams, preserves, crafts, photographs and much more and this show will be just as varied. We are planning to expand categories as well.

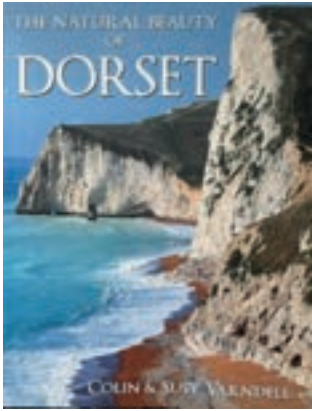
So, it's now time to start growing your beautiful flowers and magnificent vegetables and honing your creative talents so as to reach perfection for September.





VALLEY CLUB

Valley Club News



Back in March we had a last opportunity to enjoy an evening with Colin and Susy Varndell before they retire from presenting as Colin shared a lifetime's work capturing the natural beauty of Dorset, while Susy expertly managed the visual images on screen.

Less a formal presentation, it felt more like an intimate chat wondering around the broadest imaginable spectrum of wonders they'd experienced over the years. From the first waterside encounter Colin had with a Kingfisher, which inspired him to devote his career to photography, through the dramatic geological upheavals over millennia which have given us the captivating scenery around us and to the hours of patient set-up and waiting for the perfect shot.

We were taken through stunning images including Monmouth beach, from where the Duke of that name started his march on London in 1685, ammonites from Kimmeridge and panoramas across the West Dorset. One particularly spectacular photograph was of Marshwood Vale. Colin had been up before dawn on more than 40 days waiting to capture this

one shot - and the effort paid off.

Not only was it fascinating to see so many brilliantly produced images of scenery and wildlife, it was another reminder (as if we need one) of how lucky we are to live in these parts.

Since then members have enjoyed the Talk & Shopping 'Tea and 25% discount' at the Poundbury Garden Centre and next up on May 20th we can look forward to a talk with Jeff Little on 'The Battle of Britain' - but with a difference! I'll only say this - the set-up for that talk will start happening the day before...

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.





Notification of Road Closure: Sunday 12th May 2024

We wish to update the village on the upcoming charity half marathon that will be passing through Martinstown.

Firstly, thank you to everyone that came out last year and supported the runners. The atmosphere through the village was fantastic and we are hoping to provide musical entertainment again this year.

Please see the detailed description of road closures and timings below, the plan is identical to last year. It is important to note the objective of the closures is to reduce the through traffic in the village and not to prevent villagers movements.

During the closures we do ask you to avoid travelling if possible, if not, then please take care as there may be runners on the road. Runners will be told to be aware of local traffic and will be asked to remain on the left side of the road. Each closure point will have a volunteer to assist you in either exiting or entering the village.

Orange is the runners route and the three road closure points are shown in boxes.

Race start and finish

The race is due to start at Dorchester Rugby Club at 10am. The runners will pass through Martinstown at the start of the race and therefore will not be as spread out as they will be towards the end of the race. The first runners are expected to run through Martinstown at around 10.15am with the sweepers (back runners) through by approximately 11am.

The runners will finish at Dorchester Rugby Club between midday and 2pm. The return from Hardy's Monument does not pass through Martinstown but will cross the B3159 by Higher Ashton Farm and pass by the cricket club (there is no match scheduled) towards Maiden Castle.

Road Closure 1:

Bats Lane junction 09:30-11:30

We are expecting the closure, at this point, to hopefully only be for a maximum of 45 minutes. However, the Traffic Order will be in place for 2 hours to allow for any delay at the start. Bats Lane and Mallards Green, north of the closure, will remain open to allow vehicles to turn back.

Road Closure 2:

B3159 Weymouth Road junction heading east 09:30-13:30

This closure is significant, and will cause the largest disruption to the public wishing to use the B3159 towards Weymouth. This is due to runners crossing the road B3159 again on the return to Dorchester at Higher Ashton Farm.

Road Closure 3:

Village green by the Village Shop 09:30-11:30

The road will be closed to the east of the shop. Runners will be heading south up the footpath opposite the village green. We anticipate this closure to be for 45 minutes as per the Bats Lane/Mallard Green closure.

For any queries please contact us at hardyhalf@gmail.com.





T H I S M O N T H ' S N E W S F R O M
Martinstown Women's Institute

In April we held our Annual Meeting. This was an opportunity to look back over the previous year's activities – one of the highlights was our new banner which we proudly displayed at the meeting. This was our 75th year and we are still going strong, with 34 members including 3 who we have welcomed recently.

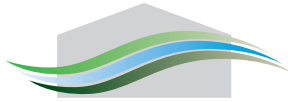
Rosie Duke has stepped down as President after serving for 5 years. She led us through difficult times during Covid lock down, when we had to meet on Zoom and find other ways to keep in touch and we are so grateful for her leadership and encouragement. We look forward to the future with our new President, Anne Tate. Celia Benson and Lesley Usherwood have also retired from the Committee after a number of years' service.

At our next meeting on 8th May at 7 pm in the village hall we have a talk from Alison Bristo on "Orangutan: Man of the Forest".

There are still one or two tickets left for the outing to Rosemoor on 20th June. If you have any friends who would like to join us please contact Lesley on 889643.

Angela Barrett - Secretary





MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL Regular Group Meetings

MONDAY

| | | |
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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 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

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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





Martinstown's Defibrillator outside the Village Hall



Have you noticed the defibrillator outside the Martinstown Village Hall? Would you know how to access this and to be able to use it?

According to the British Heart Foundation there is 1 cardiac arrest every year per 1000 of the population. Most of these occur at home.

Would you know what to do if this happened to your nearest and dearest? In the UK, only 35% of people who arrest get CPR and this is vital to their survival.

Follow the “Chain of Survival” in the correct order.

In the event of severe chest pain or sudden collapse, **RING 999 FOR AN AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY.**

Stay with the victim and activate the speakerphone on your telephone (find out how to do this now if you don't know)

Time is of the essence. In the event of a sudden collapse – Check if the unresponsive person is breathing normally. If not, then start regular chest compressions.

Use straight arms, in the centre of chest at about 100 per minute (to the beat of Nellie the Elephant or if you are younger, Staying Alive) The pressure needed is enough to compress the chest by a third.

Adults need chest compressions more so than breathing, so if you don't feel able to give rescue breaths then don't worry, as compressions are more important. Only if someone else is available - then send them to get the defibrillator. They will

need a code from the ambulance service to open the box on the wall.

Chest compressions are tiring, and you will need to swap with someone after a few minutes. Do not stop compressions during the handover.

Once the defibrillator arrives, expose the victim's bare chest (don't be shy!) Take off the backing sheets and apply the pads as shown on the pads themselves. (though it doesn't really matter which way round they are – (left and right)

Dry the chest if wet, as the pads won't stick properly. Likewise, very hairy men may need rapid shaving to aid pad contact if there is a razor in the box.

Switch on the defibrillator and listen to the prompts. Do not stop compressions until it tells you to stop.

Not all cardiac arrests need defibrillation, so the machine may tell you to continue compressions without a shock. If it does say a shock is required, then stand well clear whilst this happens. Do not touch the patient at this time. As soon as it shocks, get back on the compressions.

Do not stop compressions if the ambulance arrives - unless they tell you to stop. It is very unlikely that you will need to resuscitate someone, but learning and acting on your training gives them the best chance of survival.

For further information, contact St John Ambulance www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/ or The UK Resuscitation Council www.resus.org.uk





Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of Dorset Council Land owned by Dorset Council

Following meetings with Green Martinstown Members and an open meeting in the village hall, it is clear that there is a desire to go ahead with an application for the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) This article outlines the process for those not present at those meetings. Further details may be found at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/transfer-community-assets.

In August 2020 Green Martinstown sent a questionnaire to every household of the parish. The replies identified their priorities to be nature, food, energy, transport, recycling and waste. This gave us a direction for the activities of Green Martinstown.

Near the end of 2023 GM communicated with Carly Galloway (Service Business Manager, Dorset Council) regarding the possibility of buying or leasing 10 acres owned by Dorset council which adjoin Stevens Farm. We met with Carly on 4 December to explore the idea more fully.

This prepared the way for a meeting of the

members of Green Martinstown in February 2024 (24 attendees) and a Village meeting in March 2024 (39 attendees) The purpose of these meetings included the sharing of the Community Asset Transfer process and timescales, gauging interest in Green Martinstown, commencing the CAT application, and gathering ideas for possible community activities on the land. Both meetings included presentations about Green Martinstown and the CAT land transfer, followed by an opportunity to express interest, share ideas, ask questions and discuss the answers.

The participants at both meetings welcomed the CAT of the land from Dorset Council and wanted Green Martinstown to apply for the land on behalf of the village. The collecting of ideas for the use of the land was an initial gathering exercise. The management of the land would follow Green Martinstown and CAT values. This means that use of the land will be only for the benefit of the community and the environment. The final plan of the use of the land will be decided by the village in participatory planning.

In order for the CAT to be successful the village must provide support and backing for the purchase and the maintenance of whatever activities are decided upon. The first part of the application will be submitted shortly. Our aim is to keep everyone informed of progress through these pages and via our website greenmartinstown.org.uk Please contact GM with questions/ comments via greenmartinstown@gmail.com or use the suggestions box in the village shop. If you can recommend a solicitor who works in this area please let us know.

Thank you.





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

by **Stuart Nuttall**



Turning right at the ridgeway we walked a further 200 metres before taking the path down to Friar Waddon road. The coffee break was at Corton Chapel and a neighbour kindly unlocked the door to allow those who wished to see inside.

Suitably refreshed we tracked over the field to reach the first of our stiles. More a slab of stone really and quite aesthetic but difficult for large dogs. Keith was a star in helping out here.

The route back to the ridge is quite steep and there is one tricky stile where the land drops away and is slippery. Rollo was the superman this time, assisting everyone who needed it.

The promise was no mud and some exertion and the walk lived up to it.

There were eighteen of us assembled at the Brewers ordering our lunch on what was a dry day. A minor miracle during the recent weather.

We used the track up Grove hill to gain the ridgeway. The row of trees planted some three years ago are mainly looking healthy and there is now a new track of compacted white stone along the flat section which is less comfortable on the feet but very successful at reducing the mud.

A recently fallen ash tree across our path, was a demonstration of the effect of die back, the black core clearly showing the destruction by the disease. The ridgeway was eventually accomplished and after a pause to recover we returned by the same track we had used two hours earlier.

The Brewers was excellent as usual. The walk was around six miles with 850 feet of ascent and no mud! Well not much. Thanks to everyone who came and made it such an enjoyable morning.



Flower Joy Ceramics - venue 116

Makes decorative ceramic homewares celebrating the beauty and fragility of nature. Made from porcelain paper clay imprinted with seasonal flowers and plants.

1 Higher Dairy Farm, Compton Valance

John A Graham - venue 133

John's oil paintings are displayed in the wonderful Ashton Farm Barn. Subjects include landscapes, animals, shells, hands, flowers, and more.

Ashton Farm Barn, Ashton Farm, Martinstown

Art Related - venue 134

Sister and Brother **Anne Tracey Guinea** and **Colin Tracey** bring together fabric, paint, photography and stunning stitch work, and new work emerging from each others art.

17 St Martinfield, Martinstown

For full opening times, go to Dorsetartweeks.co.uk or download the app.



Winterbourne Abbas & Steepleton Parish Council

Following our January meeting, your Parish Council would like to share what we are focusing on in respect of our two villages.

Copyhold Lane, Winterbourne Abbas: Dorset Council have now made the decision to change the Lane to a "restricted byway". This is very similar to the existing bridleway but horse drawn (not motorized) vehicles would be allowed to use it in addition to walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Dorset Council have based the decision on extensive historic research right back in the 1800's despite it having no local support. When the order is published, the Parish Council, along with other parties will make formal objections and the matter will be finally be decided at a public inquiry.

National Highways (A35): We have had a further meeting with the A35 route manager to discuss road crossing safety, street lighting, drainage and pavement issues. Work to improve the highway ditch at the rear of the Steepleton Water houses will be starting in the near future. When the filling station fuel tank work is completed, the pavement along the forecourt is scheduled to be resurfaced. Highway drains have been cleared and further investigations are being carried out. An undertaking has been given to clear the leat through the village in the late autumn. Improvements are planned to the road markings and white lines after April as a precursor to the installation of average speed cameras in 2025 hopefully.

Wessex Water: We continue to correspond with a director of Wessex Water regarding the main sewer that runs from Abbas via Steepleton to Martinstown. This system was installed in

the early 1970's and has obviously not been upgraded to cope with the increased loadings due to new developments and usage. Together with Martinstown parish council, we will be meeting with Wessex Water to discuss sewer capacity. All the parishes will assist Wessex Water in local publicity to try and prevent wet wipes etc getting into the system and causing blockages. Wessex water will continue to try and reduce surface water ingress.

Flooding: Prolonged rainfall during January caused continuing flooding of roads and surcharging of drains in both parishes. In addition to Wessex Water above, we are planning to meet with landowners, farmers and other agencies in an effort to reduce run off from fields.

X51 Bus Trial: We would urge everyone to contact First Wessex to support a trial reinstatement of the bus service through Winterbourne Steepleton and Martinstown in the summer. Details can be found in an article in this magazine or on our website.

Website/Facebook: We update our noticeboards in the bus shelters and our website and facebook page on a regular basis. The website can be accessed via Dorsetforyou or by entering the web address www.winterbourneabbassteepleton-pc.gov.uk/home

Meetings: We meet normally on the third Monday every two months starting at 7.00pm, in the rear room of the Coach House Inn, Winterbourne Abbas. Residents are very welcome to attend and raise any issues that the Parish Council should be made aware of or investigate.

MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW

Martinstown APRIL Draw
25.00 Katie Wilkinson
£ 0.00 Tim&Ronnie Pedder
£5.00 Sally Webb

YOUR NEW BUS SERVICE

After intense lobbying by Dorchester Transport Action Group, spearheaded by Les Scarth, a local Martinstown resident, First Bus agreed to a trial diversion of the X51 Weymouth to Axminster via Dorchester, Bridport and Lyme Regis service to operate via Martinstown and Winterbourne Steepleton for the duration of the **Summer 2024 timetable (12th May to September 2024)**. This is a commercial service so receives no financial support from Dorset Council. For this trial to become permanent the Winterbourne Valley residents must use this new service and generate sufficient revenue to justify the costs of this diversion.

There has never been a better time to take the bus:

Summer parking charges: 3 hours in Weymouth now costs £6.

Fuel is now approaching £1.50 per litre.

With a bus pass it's free, subject to certain morning restrictions.

Without a bus pass, the maximum single fare is capped at £2.

A day out in Dorchester, Weymouth or even Lyme Regis is now possible without the car at an affordable price.

A recent survey showed Martinstown Parish Council's No 1 transport priority: restore the bus.

Please take advantage of this new service. It will only survive long term if local people use it.

For timetable details, go to the First Bus website - www.firstbus.co.uk/wessex-dorset-south-somerset

Tell your friends and neighbours.

First Bus will monitor passenger numbers: so,



Stewart Palmer... Chair, Dorchester Transport Action Group (DTAG).



Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

MAY 2024*

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

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|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 2nd (Thursday) | - recycling and food | 9th (Thursday) | - rubbish and food |
| 18th (Thursday) | - recycling and food | 23rd (Thursday) | - rubbish and food |
| 30th (Thursday) | - recycling and food | | |
| 8th (Weds) | - garden waste | 22nd (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 -

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Emergency: 999 • Non-emergency: 01722 691000

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GAS EMERGENCIES

Tel: 0800 111999

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www.powercut105.com

DRAINS/WATER EMERGENCIES

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RSPCA West Dorset Branch

PO BOX 5460, Weymouth, DT3 6WH

Tel: 0300 1234 999

www.westdorsetrspca.org



...it's back!

FRIDAY NIGHT

BINGO

NEW
Every fortnight
at the **Village Hall**
Eyes down **7.00pm**

ALL GOOD FOOD PRIZES TO BE WON!4





Thinking about Pre-School?



Chesil Bank Pre-School

STRANGWAYS HALL, ABBOTSBURY, DT3 4JR

For more information about our highly rated, independent, friendly and popular school for children from 2 years upwards in our lovely village.

Please contact **Sharon Pugh**, our school manager
on her mobile number: **07752-050507**

There are also regular updates on our activities on:
www.chesilbankpreschool.blogspot.co.uk

Or please visit **www.chesilbankpreschool.co.uk**



We now have vacancies for children from aged 2 upwards and we would like to invite grandparents, parents, friends and relatives to get in touch, or come along for a taster session. You will be able to see first-hand what a unique educational and caring service we can offer at very reasonable rates.

These are currently £5 per hour for each three-hour sessions, in the morning or afternoon, Monday to Thursday, 9.00am – 3:30pm and at the Toddler Group session Friday morning, which is £5 per family, and runs from 10am-12:00

We are also considering extending our opening hours to improve our service and can only do this if we are confident there is enough demand in the local area for these extra hours. The proposed new opening hours would be:

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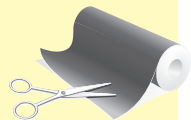
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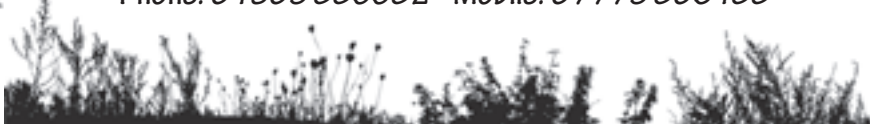
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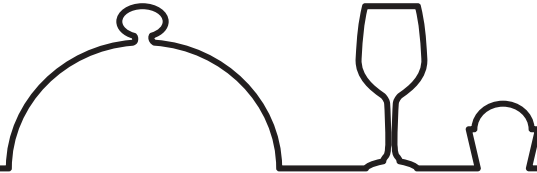
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