The Parish Magazine for
Winterborne St. Martin (Martinstown) • Winterbourne Abbas,
Winterbourne Steepleton • Compton Valence

“Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me” Edition

APRIL 2017
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I am always trying to offer more services to my customers, as it is the little things that can make all the difference. I recently discovered Portesham Doctors Surgery have a few rural prescription collection points. So after enquiring I have now been successfully added to the list of places to collect from on their prescription scheme.

If you are a patient at the surgery and wish to collect your prescriptions from the shop you just need to contact the dispensary directly to arrange.

Hope to see you soon.

Karen Barrett

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CONTRIBUTORS WANTED
If you have a story to tell, an interesting anecdote or some news that you would like to share with others, please send them in - and don’t forget to send photos!
Graham Herbert, Editor – Tel: 01305 889786

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Dear Friends

As I write our villages are filled with daffodils. Such a happy flower, I always think, and a sure sign that spring is on its way. By the time Easter Day arrives spring will be well and truly ‘bustin’ out all over’ (as the song from the musical Carousel goes - though it was actually talking about June!). The end of April sees the bluebells in full bloom – fabulous cobalt carpets of dancing blooms lighting up our ancient woodland (and my favourite flower).

In fact throughout April (and most of March) nature really shows us what it can do. New life is to be seen everywhere.

Easter Day this year is on Sunday, 16th April, so right in the middle of this frenzy of regeneration in the plant world. A resurrection, you might say, of things thought to be dead. That is the wonderful thing about our seasons – through them we are better able to fully appreciate the wonder of new life again and again and appreciate that with newness comes hope.

On the first Easter day the disciples of Jesus moved from despair to hope. They had lost a friend, a teacher, a special man who could perform miracles, a man who stood up for those marginalised by society, who was an advocate for those whom society rejected. But on that first Easter Day their despair in losing him turned into joy when they met him again as the risen Lord. What they thought was the end was just the beginning – a new hope offered for all people.

As we celebrate Easter with all its symbols of newness – baby chicks, baby lambs, Easter bunnies and of course Easter eggs – let us not forget that the reality of the Easter message is that, because he died for us, in Christ we too can be made new - and not just at Eastertime but at Anytime. No matter what is in our past, when we turn to Jesus as our Saviour we will find acceptance and forgiveness.

So at this Eastertime let us give thanks to the risen Lord for His glorious gift of life and his offer of new beginnings.

The Churches of the Winterbournes and Compton Valence wish you a blessed Easter and we look forward to welcoming you to our Easter Services.

Yours in Christ
Jean Saddington - Team Vicar

“...because he died for us, in Christ we can be made new”
The Parishes of The Winterbournes & Compton Valence

TEAM RECTOR
Rev’d Canon Thomas Woodhouse (01305 267944)

TEAM VICAR
Rev’d Jean Saddington (01305 889992)
Available on: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Sundays
Please only contact her for urgent matters on other days.

LICENSED LAY MINISTER
Allen Knott (01305 267217)

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), John Crawford (889377), Joy Parsons (889611)
PCC Hon. Secretary Alison Crawford (889377)
PCC Hon. Treasurer Bruce Robertson

The Parish of Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Compton Valence
Churchwarden & Treasurer – Jeremy Russell (01308 482227)
Churchwarden & Secretary – Peter Steel (01308 482782)

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday Services – 9th April
8 am – Holy Communion (BCP) – Martinstown
9.30 am – Holy Communion with palm procession – Compton Valence
11 am – Holy Communion with palm procession – Winterbourne Steepleton

Holy Week
Monday, 10th April, 9 pm – Compline (Night Prayer), Winterbourne Abbas
Wednesday, 12th April, 8 pm – Compline (Night Prayer), Martinstown
Maundy Thursday, 13th April, 7 pm – Holy Communion & Vigil, Martinstown

Good Friday, 14th April
11 am – Family Service, Martinstown – with Hot Cross buns
3 pm – Good Friday Service, Winterbourne Steepleton

Easter
Easter Day, Sunday 16th April
9.30 am – Holy Communion, Compton Valence
10 am – Holy Communion, Winterbourne Abbas
11 am – Holy Communion, Martinstown
### Messy Church at Easter

**St. Mary’s Winterbourne Abbas**

**Saturday 8th April 2017 10am till 1pm**

For families of all shapes and sizes. Join with us for stories, activities, song and sharing lunch together.

Jo Lacy-Smith  01305 889476

### A Silent Space: Being Open

At this time where there is a tendency to focus on ourselves it is important to give clear attention to friendship, connectedness and being open to others who are different from us.

Join with a group who come together to open themselves up to the Holy Spirit in St. Martin’s Church, on Tuesday April 4th at 6pm for 20 minutes of silent mediation, drawn to a close by reading poetry and prose.

Jo Lacy-Smith  01305 889476

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Morning prayer is every held every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am in Martinstown and evening prayer on Thursdays at 5:30pm at Winterbourne Abbas.
CHARITY CONCERT
IN AID OF HILFIELD

St. Martin's Church, Martinstown

Saturday 22nd April at 7.30

Local Choirs and Musicians

Refreshments in the interval
- nibbles and a glass of wine or soft drink

Donations will be gratefully received.

Please come and support this event
# Notice Board

**Chairperson:** Jane Jones – Tel: **01305 889202**

**Bookings:** Ann Matthews – Tel: **889248** or email: ronann.matthews@btinternet.com

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To book the hall, contact:
Ann Matthews - Tel: 01305 889248
Email: ronann.matthews@btinternet.com

ALL VILLAGE HALL USERS • ALL VILLAGE HALL USERS • ALL VILLAGE HALL USERS

Venue: Martinstown Village Hall – Date: Friday 12th May 2017
Time: 7pm – Event: YOUR village hall AGM
Requirements: YOUR presence

• Come and have your say!! We look forward to seeing you there. •

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FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB 2017 DATES:

All are very welcome to our monthly Community Lunches in the Village Hall on the first Friday of each month, except for April (Lent Lunches each Friday until Easter) and December (2nd Friday).

5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th Aug, 1st Sept, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 8th Dec (NB second Friday).

To book, please telephone Ced on 889438.

We are always pleased to hear from people who’d like to be involved in any way, from cooking to laying tables. Please contact Jan on 889738 if you’d like to be involved – we do enjoy ourselves as well as work!

Martinstown Baby & Toddler group provides a friendly meeting place for parents, grandparents, carers & childminders. We offer a safe and fun environment for your babies and toddlers to play and socialise. We are an inclusive group and welcome new joiners from all locations.

We meet every Monday from 10-12pm all year round, including school holidays. There is also plenty of free parking.

Do come along and enjoy the benefits not only for your little one, but for you too! The cost is £2 per family and we look forward to meeting you and your little ones.

In order for our group to run successfully, we do need some extra volunteers. If you are able to offer any help, whether that’s on a ad-hoc basis or regular support, please contact Lizzie, either on 07949 639011 or on our Facebook page “Martinstown baby and toddler group”.

BABY AND TODDLER
Martinstown

EVERY MONDAY
10-12PM
MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL
Contact Lizzie at 07949 639011 for further details

Come and have some fun!
That fun Community Panto - “Cinderella”

“Fantastic! “ Better than a real one!” “After the first few minutes I didn’t notice that they were holding their scripts!”

These are just a sample of many of the comments that were made after two performances of the Martinstown Village Hall pantomime that took place on the third weekend of “panto in three weekends.”

This was a production with a difference. A witty traditional “Cinderella” performed by an enthusiastic cast under sound directorship. It was obvious that this had been a well-coordinated team effort from the cast, a highly efficient back stage management and musicians alike. The highly responsive audiences had a very enjoyable experience judging by their noisy participation.

As a result of this hard work an amazing sum of over £1,000 was raised for the Village Hall funds.

So, anything planned for next year? Watch this space!
We look forward to another exciting season at the club. Our preparation and coaching has continued throughout the winter with coaching and training, both at senior and junior levels. Care and preparation of our facilities has been maintained – the ground has wintered well.

A new development has been the construction of a state of the art electronic scoreboard. Even more remarkable has been the fact that this complex unit was produced by our ground staff. Funding came from a variety of sources led by a highly successful evening at the Museum in the company of the leading historical author Damien Lewis.

As ever we are indebted to all of our supporters and sponsors. This year we will be starting the building work on the new club extension. This is an important development for the club and one that reflects the growing strength of cricket in the village.

In summary the project involves:
- An extension of the existing clubhouse
- Additional toilet and kitchen facilities
- Improved access and facilities for juniors, visitors and players

We will be undertaking a number of fund raising initiatives and applying to a variety of potential grant providers.

One omission last season was the popular Autumn Jumble Sale in the village hall. This traditional event was maintained for a number of years but like many such activities placed a huge burden on the organisers primarily in terms of the collection and storage of stock. However should another opportunity arise to reinstate the event we would of course give it serious consideration.

The club has the backing of a wide range of businesses and individuals - we hope very much that supporters both existing and new will continue to add weight to our efforts.

To find out more about sponsorship or offers of support please contact:

David Gargrave - Chairman
01305 889291
davidgargrave@yahoo.co.uk
or
Dick Corbett-Winder - Vice Chairman
01305 889410
dickcorbettwinder@hotmail.com

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St Mary’s Church, Winterbourne Abbas

Back by popular demand...

‘SUPPER AND SAGACITY’
(A QUIZ NIGHT WITH FOOD!)

Saturday 8th April • 7.30pm
Martinstown Village Hall

Teams of up to 6 people

Tickets £10 each (includes delicious 2 course supper)
For tickets please phone: 889611
We are currently working on the Show Schedule which will be published in April/ May. There will be some exciting new additions to the Classes and all of the old favourites too.

Seed Potatoes for the Greatest Weight of Potatoes Class have arrived. They’re now available from Ann Priddle (01305 889189) with instructions. Please ring to arrange to collect your potato as now is the time to put seed potatoes somewhere bright and warm so that the ‘Chits’ or sprouts are produced.

GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL

This is probably the busiest month of the year for gardeners as all of the hardy summer seeds can now be sown. If your soil is not too wet root vegetables, such as carrots, beetroot, radishes etc can all be sown. Less hardy seeds such as tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, courgettes, runner and French beans can be started under cover ie. in a greenhouse or cold frame. They will then be ready to plant out when the risk of frost is passed. There are also plenty of hardy flower seeds that can be sown and Summer Bulbs that can be planted out.

All Garden centres will be selling seedlings for flowers and vegetables so if you only want, or have room for, a small number it is probably the easiest way to go about it. It is amazing what can be grown in a container if you do not have any garden space. There are many tomato varieties that will thrive outside as well as root vegetables, strawberries, beans and flowers. *Happy Gardening.*

MARTINSTOWN OPEN GARDENS 2017

Saturday & Sunday 17th and 18th June

Support this years Martinstown Open Gardens weekend and help refurbish the children’s pay area from the profit made.

The event needs more gardens open for people to visit, that is the purpose of the weekend. Being large and perfect is not what is needed. Gardens being open for people to wander into makes the weekend work. Give it a go.

More information will appear here soon...
At our meeting in March we enjoyed a session of gentle chair-based exercises – many thanks to Celia Benson for stepping in at the last minute to organise this.

Our next meeting on 12th April will be our AGM when we will also be having a talk from the police on how to protect ourselves from cyber crime.

We have started taking bookings for the combined WI and Valley Club Outing on Wednesday 21st June to Mottisfont (NT) and Romsey, leaving the village at 9am. The cost will be £16 (non-refundable) for the coach plus £11 entry to Mottisfont house and garden (free for NT members).

To make sure of your place contact me on 889628 or Eileen Fisher on 889584.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

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**FILM NIGHT at the BREWERS ARMS**

Next screening - Thurs 13th April at 7.30:

**The Thomas Crown Affair**

Starring Steve McQueen and Faye Dunaway
Martinstown’s great
CAR TREASURE HUNT!
SUNDAY 11 JUNE

PRIZES!!

JOIN US!
Meet at Martinstown Village Hall at 2.30pm
Staggered start - not a race
REFRESHMENTS!
Drinks & Ploughman supper at the finish (Pre book)
TEAM FUN!
Make up a team with friends
3 plus driver per car
LIMITED SPACES
Please pre register by 2nd June
ENTRY
£10 PER CAR

CALL TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFO
STUART NUTTALL - 01305 889920 OR
CATHIE SEIGAL - 01305 889244
ROELIE NEWMAN - 01305 889192

Fundraising for Kennedy’s Disease UK
Registered Charity No: 1160793
www.kennedysdiseaseuk.com

Organised by Martinstown Circle Supper Group
Abbotsbury and Portesham Branch

We welcome Roger Taylor as our new Honorary Branch Secretary. Roger is no stranger to Committee work and also deals with welfare issues. The Branch was until recently in danger of closure until Roger kindly stepped up to the mark and volunteered to take on a new role.

Future events:

On 27 April he head into Devon and visit the Seaton Tramway. We will join the tram at Colyton, where there are light refreshment facilities, then head down the 3 miles to Seaton itself. There will be time to browse around the town before we re-trace our footsteps. Join us for a nostalgic experience of travel reminiscent of days when we had “time to do things” and enjoy them! Fare and the provision of a coach depends on numbers travelling. Visitors welcome. Pick-ups through West Dorset.

4 May there will be Branch and Social Fund Committee Meetings starting at 7.30 p.m. at Portesham Village Hall. Observers are always welcome.

Another nostalgic journey, this time by steam hauled train (‘Special’) by kind permission of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust. We will run a coach for this event, picking up in West Dorset before heading north from Dorchester to Bishops Lydeard. The line runs to Minehead and is the longest preserved line in England. There will be several hours of free time in Somerset, time to explore the town or even travel out to the lovely village of Dunster. The date is 8 July, but now is the time to book. Visitors as usual are welcome.

19 July is our Fish, Chip and Games evening at Portesham Village Hall. Fuller details later.

Enquire immediately if you wish to join my 8 day tour of Switzerland starting on 24 September. There are a few seats left at the time of writing. Any profits go to the RBL Poppy Appeal/Air Ambulance.

Des Baker – Social Fund Chairman • Tel: 01305 267617 or email: aveswood@sky.com

AGE UK DORCHESTER …would WELCOME your ADVICE!

Age UK Dorchester has need of volunteers to join its Information and Advice team to provide information and advice to older people and their carers. Vacant slots are available on Mondays 9am to 12.30pm, and Wednesdays and Thursdays 12.30pm to 4pm.

Information and Advice volunteers interview clients, identify and research information, act on clients’ behalf, and help with letter writing; undertaking diagnosis, providing information with options and identifying action. If you:

• Like to identify problems and solutions in meeting the needs of older people
• Have some spare time to give
• Enjoy volunteering
• Basic computer skills

Please contact Peter Lindsley on 01305 269444  peter@ageukdorchester.org.uk
Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW
25 years ago when the Mileaters walking group first started, they did some of the South Coast Path. On Monday 13th March, 15 of today’s group led by Roelie and Phil along with a dog, set off from the Martinstown’s village green to walk in their footsteps. We drove to Lyme Regis, parked the cars and caught a bus to Axmouth bridge. Immediately the walk was up hill through part of the golf course. Then came the coastal path and mud – lots an lots of mud. There wasn’t much let up from the mud even though the sun was shining and a beautiful day for walking.

We came across an old sheep wash that had stayed intact with the landslide many years ago, it was a great place for our coffee and snack break. Once refreshed we moved on to battle our way to Lyme Regis through yet another mud soaked path.

During this walk the unusual call of a bird could be heard; Oh Ah, EEK! We soon discovered it was a very rare Celia bird who was very vocal each time she slid on the mud and EXTREMELY vocal when she ended up on her rump in the mud! The biggest casualty this time was Malcolm’s walking pole which broke in half when he also succumbed to the mud.

Every now and then we had a view of the sea or the coast which was just stunning and we remembered why we came to live here. The ups and downs were soon taking their toll and the slippery mud making it hard to get a good footing, had meant it took longer than anticipated – so a pub lunch was out and tea was more on our minds.

15 very weary and extremely muddy walkers arrived back at the car park – only Ollie the dog seemed unfazed. Not all had the energy for the pub (or clean clothes) but a few well earned pints did go down well.

The next phase of the walk will be undertaken maybe when the weather has been drier.

Note to all – Gerald’s mud walk has been knocked off the top slot!

Next walk is 29th March, led by Richard and Celia.

For further information on the Mileaters please contact Nick Priddle on 01305-889189.
ART CLASS STARTS SOON

NEW COURSE!
We are now taking enquiries for our New Classes. This fun course is a great way to meet new friends and develop new skills. Please call now for a chat.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS TO IMPROVERS WILL LOVE THIS COURSE!

GREAT NEWS for all our readers looking for something fun to do over the next few months! Our current class is full but we are now taking enquiries for our next part-time Art Class, which starts soon. The classes are held once a week for three hours.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS TO IMPROVERS - JUST LIKE YOU!
The course is designed to be fun for absolute beginners who have never picked up a brush before through to Improvers.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDANCE
We adapt to each student’s needs and give them all the guidance and help they need to develop their artistic skills. The curriculum is fun, comprehensive and interesting. Over the course we will explore four different media; pencil drawing & sketching, oil pastel painting and techniques, painting and blending with water colours and acrylics. Step by step tuition in the basic techniques and secrets needed to create beautiful pieces of art.

STILL LIFE TO LANDSCAPES
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On a cold October day in 1586 the Reverend John Adams, former Rector of the Parish of Winterborne St Martin, was dragged on a hurdle through the streets of London to the gallows at Tyburn. As a convicted traitor he was hanged drawn and quartered.

Under the first Queen Elizabeth (1558-1603), England was a moderate Protestant country with an established national Church. Having had a series of rapid changes, from Catholic to Anglican, then to more radical Protestant, and then back to rigorous Catholicism, most English people were content to follow their Queen in a Church of England established by Parliament that allowed a great deal of latitude in belief and a wide interpretation of conformity. For many there was a strong sense of revulsion against the burning of more than three hundred people under the Catholic Queen Mary.

For the first ten years of Elizabeth’s reign there was comparative quiet on the religious front. Across the country there were pockets of Catholicism, where Catholic gentry simply failed to enforce the law and carried on their own worship as before. The government were more concerned about the radical preachers aiming to destroy church government altogether. However, the wider politics of Europe exploded and burst the delicate bubble of religious peace.

King Philip II of Spain had been married to the English Queen Mary, and when Mary died he hoped to marry her successor Elizabeth. Elizabeth resisted his advances: to accept them would have meant England becoming Catholic again, and subject to Spanish domination. Philip took his time but eventually despaired, as English adventurers intervened in the Spanish colonies in America and gave help to Dutch rebels fighting Spain. A new Pope in 1570 seized an opportunity to issue an order, known as a Papal Bull. Elizabeth was excommunicated, declared a heretic, and her subjects were absolved from their allegiance to her. In effect it called on the English people to rise up in rebellion and kill their Queen.

Inevitably, the reaction in England was to increase greatly the restrictions and penalties on Catholics, who might now be regarded as potential traitors who would assassinate the Queen. Acts of Parliament made it high treason to deny the Queen’s authority or to attempt to convert her subjects to Catholicism. This meant that catholic priests were automatically traitors, as was any one who tried to harbour them. From 1568 Catholic men aiming to become priests had travelled to France for training, and had come back to minister and convert. They were now in permanent peril of their lives.

Yet there were those who had worked in the Church of England as priests and who felt called to Rome. One such was John Adams, the Rector of Martinstown. Little is known of him – he does not appear on the printed list of Rectors. He may have been born in the parish, he probably studied at Oxford, and may have been a priest in the parish of Siddington St Mary in Gloucestershire in 1562 before coming back to Martinstown. He had long discussions with John Chapman, the Rector of Litton Cheney, and in 1579 they suddenly rode to London, took ship at Dover and entered the seminary at Rheims for training as Catholic priests. Ordained at Soissons, Adams was sent on the secret Mission to England.

He went back to France, and once again to England in 1583, where he seems to have worked in Hampshire. He was caught and imprisoned in London in 1584, and mercifully deported to France. He promptly returned to England – was he seeking martyrdom? Arrested at Winchester in December 1585, he was tried and sentenced to death as a traitor.
Residents of Winterbourne Abbas, together with local commuters and passing drivers have been celebrating the re-opening of the village forecourt and shop. Situated on the busy A35 between Bridport and Dorchester, the business closed last year and was subsequently sold to West Country forecourt operators, Chartman Retail. Chartman are an independent group, who were awarded the Forecourt of the year accolade in 2015 at the national Retail Industry Awards.

For ex-Weymouth Grammar School students John Hartshorne and Clive Sheppard the acquisition represents something of a homecoming. After leaving school in the mid 1970’s the pair started working together at the former Lodmoor filling station, which John managed at the time. John continued in similar roles whilst Clive went away to University in Southampton, but their paths then met again later before Chartman was founded in 1987. Since then the Company has grown to become the largest independent fuel station operator in the South West, with locations spanning four counties. John and Clive always retained memories of the Winterbourne Abbas site being a busy location in it’s heyday, and were delighted to secure the purchase of the site with a view to restoring it to it’s former glory.

Chartman have secured planning approval to redevelop the forecourt with a 2000sq ft shop, and work is under way to bring this about, but in the meantime the first step has been taken by restoring fuel supplies, stocking the shop and introducing Costa coffee, where sales alone reached nearly 100 a day just three days after opening.

The business is open from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week

Winterbourne Valley CE VA First School PTFA

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To date we have collected 139 points from the vouchers - donations are accepted until 30th June, so do keep collecting on behalf of the local school.”
At our AGM on 20th March two of our long-standing committee members decided not to continue; both Sally Webb and Denise Parmiter have made an invaluable contribution to the success of the Club and we will miss them enormously. On behalf of the committee and members, I would like to thank them for all the support they have given us. As a result, we need at least two more people to join our committee, one being the secretary, as Sally took on this role last year. We are a friendly group and only have a maximum of four meetings a year, so if you are interested in joining us please get in touch with me.

On Monday 3rd April, at 6.45pm, we will have our annual visit to Poundbury Garden Centre where, after a short talk, Valley Club members will be given a 25% discount on all items purchased. A geranium plug plant, kindly donated by the Garden Centre, will also be given to each member to grow on for the Garden & Craft Show on Sunday 20th August 2017 in Martinstown Village Hall.

Finally, if you would like to come on the Village Outing to Mottisfont(NT) and Romsey on Wednesday 21st June, don’t forget to add your name to the list (if you haven’t already done so) by telephoning Eileen on 889584 or Angela on 889628.

I hope you all have a very Happy Easter.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 889597

Can anyone please help...?

I’m trying to trace a branch of my Churchill family, and hope that maybe Valley and Valence readers could help. In 1733, Charles Churchill (of Langton) married into the Cusens/Cummershall family and lived at Martinstown. His 5 children and 12 grandchildren were christened there, with family events up to 1818. Other linked names include Bartlett, Knight, Tizzard, Ellis, Phelps, Gook, Bach and Pitman. I have no clue where they lived or what they did. Labourers, I believe. Thankyou!

Please contact: Anthony Churchill at churbarry@aol.com, 07785 552163 or 11 Altofts Gardens, Ventnor, Isle of Wight PO381DT
With thanks to Michael Hall for compiling this Timetable

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Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

April 2017

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**Monday 27 November**  ...all start at 7.30pm

*Be sure to visit the Parish Council website at:*
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