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Graham Herbert, Editor – Tel: 01305 889786

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If you might be interested in taking on the job, please contact Graham Herbert on: 01305 889786 for more info.

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Happy Easter! Even if you’re reading this after Easter Sunday, it’s still ‘Happy Easter’! The season of Easter in the Church lasts for 50 days, ending with Pentecost or Whit Sunday, which this year is on 20th May. (But no, sadly, we don’t get 50 days of Easter eggs.)

As you know, Easter is a ‘moveable feast’, so the date of Easter is not fixed but is determined by a system based on a lunar calendar. The date for Easter was adapted from a formula decided by the Council of Nicaea in AD325 and so Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox and can range between 22nd March and 25th April. We’ve been celebrating Easter as a moveable feast for about 1700 years but we can expect no quick decision on whether the date should be fixed!

But before we can celebrate this joyous festival we will have remembered again, on Good Friday, the ultimate sacrifice Christ made for us. Jesus’ followers had witnessed him dying on the cross so we can only imagine how they felt when the friend they knew and loved, and who they thought was dead, appeared to them again as the risen Lord - what they thought was the end was just the beginning.

2018 is a FIFA World Cup year so inevitably it brings to mind the words of Kenneth Wolstenholme when commenting on the 1966 World Cup Final between England and Germany. ‘They think it’s all over’, he shouted, as fans, believing the match had ended, ran onto the pitch. Then, as Geoff Hurst hammered the ball into the top of the German net to complete a remarkable hat-trick, came the immortal line, ‘It is now!’.

Nearly two thousand years earlier a very different scenario was unfolding, in which once again things seemed to be coming towards an end. For his followers Jesus’ death must have seemed as though not just his life but also the hopes and faith they had invested in him were at an end too. But three days after his crucifixion news came that Jesus was alive and they eventually experienced the joy of meeting him again face to face. The disciples had thought it was all over, and so it was, but it wasn’t life that was finished but death. What had looked like the end was in fact a new beginning.

And so the joy of Easter is in knowing that Christ’s death was not the end, it was just the beginning, and for over 2000 years the influence of his resurrection has been far-reaching, with an amazing capacity to change lives forever. Why? Because we celebrate not simply the fact that Jesus rose from the dead but we celebrate the fact that he lives on into the present day.

Wishing you all a joyous Easter.

Yours in Christ - Jean
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There is a single Parochial Church Council for Martinstown, Steepleton and Abbas but each parish church retains its own local church committee.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 2018

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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.
GATHER ON THE GREEN
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 7TH. MAY
______________________________ at 2PM. __________________________

We are in the process of organising May Celebrations on Martinstown Green on the first May Bank Holiday afternoon. There will be a bar-b-que, live music, and the possibility of a maypole and other attractions.

If you and/or local organisation would like to set up a stall then please contact me. There will be no charge and you keep any money you raise.

This is intended to be a ‘Valley and Valence’ event when we can come together for good old fashioned village fun.

Please put the date in your diary, come with all your family and friends and, if you can help, contact me ASAP.

Allen Knott, Licenced Lay Minister
01305 267217 sarumrdr@gmail.com

Please and Thank you once again for the Pilsdon Community

Thank you to everyone who dropped off DVDs for the Pilsdon Community, the response was magnificent; they are absolutely thrilled and overwhelmed by the Winterbournes generosity once again.

Each resident has a DVD player in his or her room and the stock of usable DVDs was dwindling rapidly, this will enable those who stay in the community to enjoy a little entertainment and escape from what for some is a very harsh reality.

The community tries to be self-sufficient, they keep various livestock to provide meat and eggs, they also try to grow as much veg as they possibly can and also tend a pretty garden in which they can relax. All the work is carried out by those staying there; it is therapeutic, gives a sense of self-worth and enables many to learn new skills. Those managing the community would be grateful to receive any packets of seeds that you do not want or have surplus to your own requirements, they can use veg seeds to support the kitchen and flower seeds to create a nurturing and mending environment in the garden.

Please drop off any packets of seeds that you can spare to me at Old Brewery House, Martinstown, if not in please put through the letterbox or leave in the porch by Friday, 4 May 2018.

Thanking you for your past kindesses to this worthy cause and in anticipation of your future generosity.

Wishing you Happy Easter and a joyous spring – Sally Webb.
# Notice Board

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Chairperson: Jane Jones – Tel: 01305 889202
Bookings: Ann Matthews – Tel: 889248 or email: ronann.matthews@btinternet.com
FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB 2018 DATES:
All are very welcome to our monthly Community lunches in the Village Hall which are mostly held on the first Friday of the month.

Dates for 2018:
6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 7th September, 3rd November, 7th December - There is no lunch in August, and in October please look out for the Harvest Supper instead – 13th October: details later in the year.

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!

VILLAGE HALL AGM - Monday 23rd April at 7:30pm.
Everyone is welcome. Please come along and give us your support. The Hall is a very integral part of village life for many.

Perhaps you may consider joining us on the committee. We have but four meetings a year, and are always looking for new ideas to take us forward.

We have had a busy twelve months with a successful Open Gardens; a new metal shed erected to the side of the Hall; and new play equipment in the children’s playground.

Our AGMs are succinct, informative and offer all present an opportunity to give their opinions and ideas.

We hope to see you. Jane Jones (chairperson)

HELP!
We need more cooks for the Community Lunch!
Any interested volunteers please contact: Jan on 01305 889738
Our next event will be on **Monday 16th April** when our 25% discount evening at **Poundbury Garden Centre** will take place. While you enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee, Lucy, the Garden Centre Manager, will introduce us to a variety of plants and products which are new this year. Following the talk, you will have the opportunity to look around the Garden Centre and obtain a discount on all purchases – so this is the ideal time to stock up on your plants and garden accessories! We will meet at the Garden Centre at 6.45pm.

On **Thursday 17th May** we will have our Village Outing to **Hinton Ampner (NT) and The Watercress Line at Alresford, Hampshire**. Hinton Ampner, then owned by Ralph Dutton, suffered a catastrophic fire in 1960 and was rebuilt in the light and airy Georgian style that he loved. Ralph was a passionate collector and filled his sunny rooms with ceramics and art. Outside, Ralph designed a series of tranquil “rooms” containing topiary, exotic-coloured dahlias and borders of repeat-flowering roses, which lead on to terraces with panoramic views across the South Downs. There is also a picnic area, cafe and shop. We will spend the morning and lunchtime at Hinton Ampner, leaving at approx. 2.00pm to travel to the Mid-Hants Railway, known as the Watercress Line, which is close by. We will catch the 3.00pm steam train from Alresford to Alton and return, arriving back at Alresford at 4.35pm.

We will leave Martinstown at 9.00am and return at approx. 6.45pm. The cost will be £31 for National Trust members, plus entry to Hinton Ampner for non-NT members. Please book a place with Eileen (Tel. 889584), or Angela (Tel. 889628); you will need to pay the full cost when booking. All friends and anyone not connected with the village are welcome to join us on this trip. We anticipate that this outing will prove extremely popular, so early booking is advisable.
The speaker at our March meeting was Richard Balson from R J Balson & Son who are the oldest family butcher in the country. The business started in 1515 during the reign of Henry VIII as a stall in The Shambles on market days in Bridport. They purchased their current shop in 1892 and are now the 26th generation to run the business. In 2015 they celebrated their 500th anniversary amidst much publicity in the media and a number of television features. Richard said that the secret of their success was to keep the business small and in the family and to offer a friendly personal service selling locally sourced produce.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Wednesday 11th April at 7 pm which will be followed by a talk on Bereavement by one of our own members, Cathie Seigal.

Don’t forget the Village Outing to Hinton Ampner (NT) and the Watercress Line on Thursday, 17th May, cost £31. To book contact me on 889628 or Eileen from the Valley Club on 889584.

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I must emphasise that in relating this story, I have no wish to offend the current Lord, Gerald Duke.

I have recently discovered that I may have a direct line of descent, on my mother’s side, from an early Lord of the Manor, Hawise de Lincoln. In 1232 she inherited the position from her brother, Renulf de Blondville, who died in 1217. He died in 1217, the first Earl of Lincoln and 6th Earl of Chester. He had been the Lord of the Manor of Winterborne St Martin. Hawise was reputedly a wealthy lady due to her property holdings. The father of Hawise and Ranulf was Hugh de Kevelioc.

My mother was originally Miss Bostock, from a family of middle level Knights in the north and mid Cheshire; there is much information on this family on the Web. My mother’s ancestor was Sir Warin de Bostoke (or Bostock). He married, in 1220, Hawise the Countess of Lincoln who lived from 1180 to 1243. Before her 2nd marriage she was the widow of Robert de Quincy.

The de Lincoln family had connections to the Earls of Chester, a position now held by the Prince of Wales. They also had Royal connections and with Simon de Montfort. The Lordship of Winterborne began with Alured de Lincoln and remained with his family until 1264. Other connections of the de Lincoln family include Lady Godiva, the Earls Marshal and President Lincoln of USA. A much more recent Lord of the Manor was Lord Alington who shared with King Edward VII, the services of Alice Keppel - who was mistress to both of them! This assumes that he was Humphrey Sturt, the 2nd Baron.

Do these relationships suggest that, perhaps, my eligibility for the Lordship of the Manor of Winterborne St Martin should be considered?

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**Martinstown Scout Group**

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• Martinstown Village Hall For more information call SUE GOWER - Cub Leader on 01305 889388 or 07800 537722 • Adult helpers sought (no previous experience necessary).
This Martinstown Home Guard roll dates from the period 1940 to 1944. The original of this was offered on Ebay on 4.2.18 and was subsequently bought - maybe by someone local?

There are references to the Martinstown platoon of the Home Guard in Margaret hearing’s book on Martinstown and maybe the names on the roll will be familiar to some of the older residents of the valley.

I am particularly interested in the Auxiliary Units in World War 2. These were special units made up of selected local men, often from the Home Guard platoons, who were to stay behind enemy lines, in the event of a German invasion of Britain. They were then to carry out acts of general disruption and sabotage of German forces.

There were three Auxiliary Units in the immediate Dorchester area, namely the Dorchester, the West Dorchester and the Came Down. (see website - www.coleshillhouse.com/dorset-auxiliary-units-and-obs.php)

However, none of the names in these Auxiliary Units tally with the names in the Martinstown Platoon Dorset Home Guard list.

There are also Auxiliary Units in Abbotsbury and Portesham, although I am unable to find a list of those serving in them. The Portesham unit had an operational base in Benecke Wood, near Hardy’s monument, so maybe local men from the Winterborne valley were connected with them.

Apart from the main landing in the South East of England, initial German plans for the invasion of Britain in 1940, known as Operation Sea Lion included a secondary landing in the Weymouth area (the western end of Chesil Beach?). Should this have occurred, all local Home Guard and Auxiliary Units would have been involved right from the start of the invasion.

Any further information about the local Home Guard platoon or Auxiliary Units would be welcome.

Editor's note: you can email info@valleyandvalence.co.uk, and I will pass it on to Martin Reeves.
I guess it should not have been too much of a surprise after the heavy rains and snow melt, that the latest venture for the Martinstown Mileaters ended up a very muddy affair and although a relatively modest 4 1/2 miles, our intrepid group of 19 were glad to reach the sanctuary of the pub after dragging round very clogged up boots for much of the way.

The weather was very overcast and misty with a little rain at times, but we remained cheerful throughout, (at least on the outside!)

The walk was very pleasant from the Fox Inn at Ansty, across farmland, woodland tracks and ancient bridleways, taking in lovely views over the Blackmoor Vale and adjoining rolling countryside. We passed through Higher Melcombe, Melcombe Bingham and Bingham’s Melcombe, along the way taking in a view of the “lost village” of Melcombe Horsey. Confused! So were we!

We were told that the Beesleys achieved the proud distinction of the second muddiest Mileaters walk ever. The Newmans still are in Gold Medal position!

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Winterbourne Valley On Ice

The pundits weren’t wrong about the snow. Martinstown looked wonderful when snow settled on roofs and surfaces. Schools closed, children and adults, braving “Beast from the East” and clutching sledges headed for the slopes. Oh memories of hurtling downhill on a cushion-stuffed fertiliser bag. This time, the warmth of the Brewers Arms was more attractive and several like-minded locals soon gathered around the bar.

Friday’s freezing rain brought treacherous surfaces. A duet of rooks was observed ice-dancing on the shop’s flat roof and the Community Lunch was cancelled. However, the snow melted and one unpleasant result of snow-covered fields was the exposure of dog faeces not being picked up. Last year, after a campaign concerning health threats to stock, offensive waste was dealt with. Come on dog owners you know what has to be done! “Pick up or Pay up” £80 fine!

In February the funeral of Brian Canniford was held in St. Martin’s Church. It was packed. After appropriate hymns and readings reflecting many aspects of the character of our dear friend, the service ended with the hymn: “I Vow to Thee my Country” followed by “Sunset”, played on 2 trumpets accompanied by the organ. An emotive ending to a thought-provoking service.

Afterwards the congregation headed to the Village Hall for a proper Cricket Tea provided by the hard-working Martinstown Ladies. Home-made cakes, varieties of sandwiches (with or without crusts) and scones with jam then cream were served. In Cornwall scones are served with jam and then a dollop of cream. In Devon, scones are served with cream then jam. Brian was a Devonian and I’m sure he would have had something to contribute to this topical argument!

Finally, a date for your diary. The Marie Curie Christmas Craft Fair will not happen this year. Instead a coffee morning, a book swap and bric-a-brac sale to raise money for Marie Curie, will take place at my house: Steven’s Farmhouse, Martinstown on Saturday 14th April at 11am onwards. All contributions of cakes plus your company welcome. For more details, phone 889963.

We would like to thank all our friends for their great kindness to our family.

The amazing Cricket Tea provided by the ’A’ team and the lovely W.I. ladies, under the guidance of Jan. We had many compliments on the delicious sandwiches and cake. A big thank you to Ann who hung up her dancing shoes for the afternoon. This made the party possible. We have had flowers for weeks and lovely cakes.

We are very fortunate to be so well supported during this difficult time.

Thank you all very much,

Geraldine, Robin and all the Canniford clan.

Thanks to Mike Bennett for the photo
We’re well into Spring now, with gardens beginning to flourish and it is time for the area’s gardeners, crafters and cooks to start thinking about the Garden and Craft Show to be held this year on Sunday, 19th August.

The committee sat down in February to discuss and finalize the show schedule and we hope there’ll be classes to attract plenty of entries. Each year, we talk about reviving the separate class for Art, for there are many talented artists in our communities, and each year, regretfully, we come to the same conclusion; in the limited space we have, we simply cannot adequately display Art work, doing it full justice and keeping it safe. Is it time to consider arranging a separate Art show?

Our very experienced fruit and vegetable judge has passed on a few hints and tips, bearing in mind that this is a village show:

- Among other things, judges will be looking for culinary suitability as one of the judging criteria – how is it likely to cook/eat!
- Presentation does have an impact – onion roots trimmed, carrots cleaned up, for example – especially when entries are very similar in other respects.
- If entering classes with more than one item – 3 apples, 6 runner beans etc – try to put in examples which are the same size and overall appearance.
- In mixed classes, when entries’ qualities are very similar, consideration may be given to difficulty of cultivation.
- Do check the show schedule and stick closely to the rules, checking the wording – if in doubt, contact a member of the committee before the day to iron out any problems; for example Any Other Vegetable means exactly that – a single vegetable not in any other class.
- For both flowers and for pot plants (flowering and foliage), clean up all exhibits: make sure flowers are in their prime – pick or snip off any that are dead or withered. Do the same with leaves and stems – check underneath the topmost growth of leaves.
- For pot plants make sure there are no dead leaves or flowers on the surface of the compost.
- Keep pinching out the growing points of pelargoniums (and most other pot plants) to encourage bushy, strong growth and plenty of flowers.
- When the central flowers of heads of pelargoniums die off, snip them out carefully (try using grape or nail scissors) and the buds underneath will rise and replace them.
- Orchids should be grown and preferably exhibited in clear pots – light should not be excluded from the roots which photosynthesize.

Finally, don’t forget to contact Ann Priddle, ‘phone 889189 or annpriddle@btinternet.com, to arrange to collect you seed potato to that you can enter our very popular Greatest Weight of Potatoes class. Happy gardening!
### Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

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### Martinstown Parish Council

The Old Reading Room, Martinstown

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on:

**Monday 23 April 2018**

at 7.30pm

Full Parish Council Meeting dates all at 7.30pm at the Parish Office

**Wednesday 30 May 2018** – to include Annual Parish Council meeting

**Monday 25 June 2018**

**Monday 23 July 2018**

**Wednesday 29 August 2018**

**Monday 24 September 2018**

**Monday 22 October 2018**

**Monday 26 November 2018**

**No Meeting in December**

**Monday 28 January 2019**

**Monday 25 February 2019**

**Monday 25 March 2019**

Martinstown Annual Parish Meeting
**Thursday 17 May 2018 at 7.00pm**

at the Village Hall

Be sure to visit the Parish Council website at: [www.martinstown-news.co.uk/the-parish-council](http://www.martinstown-news.co.uk/the-parish-council)

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### Village Hall 100 Club Draw

**Martinstown Draw**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

- £25  Eileen Hobday
- £10  Nigel & Nicky Singleton
- £5   Jackie Martin

**Compton Valence Draw**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

- £25  Hugo James
- £10  The Sparkes Family
- £5   Di Honeybun

**MARCH 2018**

- £25  Chris Roberts
- £10  Emma Shelton
- £5   Honeybun Family

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