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Graham Herbert, Editor – Tel: 01305 889786

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Dear Friends

One Sunday in July, at a service at Winterbourne Abbas, we marked ‘Rural Mission Sunday’, the theme of which was ‘Everybody Welcome!’ Rural Mission Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the life of the rural church and is promoted by the Arthur Rank Centre [a Christian organisation that supports rural ministry]. The theme of hospitality was chosen long before the seismic national and international events of the last year unfolded but it now seems particularly pertinent.

Rural churches and communities usually are hospitable and welcoming (certainly the four churches and communities of the Valley and Valence are) but this special Sunday helps us to focus on the Christian understanding of hospitality and to reflect on what we are already doing and what more we can do.

Throughout his ministry Jesus showed a bias to the poor and time and again his words showed that a concern for the poor is not just an optional part of discipleship but integral to it; an inescapable challenge to all who would follow him. He does not insist that the help we give others should be in grand gestures but rather in the simple things. Giving a hungry person a meal, a thirsty person a drink, welcoming a stranger or cheering the sick. These are the things anyone can do – simple help to people we meet every day.

I have written before on this page about the extraordinary community spirit I have witnessed in our four villages – people looking after each other in the best way they can. I love the term ‘selfless service’. It is something we should strive to do each day – some small act of selfless service, showing the love of God that is within us, being Christ’s body on earth.

Social isolation is now a real problem for our society as a whole, but the challenges can be even more significant in rural areas. Jesus’ challenge to us is to care for others regardless of who they are. The key to providing authentic hospitality is to see Christ in those to whom we offer that hospitality and from whom we receive it. Hospitality is two-way: we learn and receive as well as give.

*May God bless us with love.*
*May the Son walk with us on the journey.*
*May the Spirit inspire us to welcome those we meet.*

(A blessing for Rural Mission Sunday.)

Yours in Christ
Jean Saddington - Team Vicar
The Parishes of The Winterbournes & Compton Valence

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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 Parishes 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)
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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 CALENDAR

AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST – TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST
10.00 Holy Communion Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion Martinstown

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST – 9th AFTER TRINITY
8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Martinstown
9.30 Holy Communion Compton Valence
11.00 Holy Communion Winterbourne Steepleton
18.00 Sung Evensong Martinstown

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST – 10th AFTER TRINITY
10.00 Holy Communion Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion Martinstown

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST – 11th AFTER TRINITY
11.00 Holy Communion Martinstown

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.
FUNDRAISING FOR THE WINTERBOURNES PARISH

For some time a fundraising campaign has been run in the Valley about every 4 – 5 years when the income of the valley churches no longer meets their expenditure. Known as the ‘Pass-It-On’ campaign, it aims to appeal to all people in the valley whether church-goers or not because, historically, many people of all persuasions know that the churches are a central aspect of the fabric of their community.

There are many reasons why people might support this campaign. For some it may be because the church is an integral part of their lives. For others it may be because they look to the church for support at particular points in their lives, typically: baptism, marriage, sickness and bereavement. For yet others, the church building is an important and valued visual focus in their village and they want to keep it that way.

We are aware that this year will see many calls on people’s generosity, at a time when incomes are falling behind inflation and financial uncertainty is widespread. Whatever your reason, however, please give your generous support to this Pass-It-On fundraising campaign when it is launched in October and help to keep the churches in the Valley open and available to all.

Many thanks, in anticipation of your support.

John Crawford

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SATEDAY 5TH AUGUST 2017

Meet at the Brewers Arms, Martinstown between 6.00 pm and 6.30 pm

The treasure hunt will take about 1½ hours on foot around the village.

Admission: £4 per person – children half price

Prizes awarded

Proceeds are jointly for maintaining the fabric of St Martin’s Church, Martinstown, and St Laurence’s Church, Upwey, Facilities Fund

To enter – Just turn up bringing a pen and stiff backing for your question paper. Teams of two to six persons.

Contact:
John Huggins • Tel: 01305 813243 email: john-huggins@btconnect.com or
Dick Corbett-Winder • Tel: 01305 889410

Dining at the Pub: If you intend to dine at the pub afterwards booking is advisable
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.

We invite you to join with a group who come together to open themselves up to the Holy Spirit in St. Martin’s Church, on 1st August 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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Food Bank Donations

There are two collection points for Food Bank donations. One in Martinstown village shop (thanks to Karen) and one in St Martin’s church. Thank you to everyone who puts donations in these boxes. During the summer the number of items collected seems to be falling off possibly because many people are away on holiday. However the needs of families in crisis are no less whatever the season. All food donations are very much appreciated.

Martinstown contributions are taken to a local distribution point.

N.B. Packet and tinned foods, please.

Thank you,

Helen Thompson
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Chairperson: Jane Jones – Tel: 01305 889202
Bookings: Ann Matthews – Tel: 889248 or email: ronann.matthews@btinternet.com
In May members and guests were treated to a very informative and interesting presentation by Ian Williamson on “Trekking in Nepal”. Unfortunately I was away and unable to attend, so many thanks to Angela who wrote the following:

Ian went on the Nepal Challenge Trek two years ago in aid of St. Margaret’s Hospice, Yeovil. He was the organiser and was joined by people raising funds for other hospices around the country. The trek involved walking for two and a half days, continuously uphill on steps, and then the same time coming down. They were aided by sherpas and porters and accommodated in tea houses, which were very cold and damp. Although the temperature was in the mid 70’s, it was extremely cold at night. They ascended Poon Hill (3210 metres), getting up at 4.30am, to see the beautiful sunrise and spectacular views of the snowcapped peaks.

They visited a school for 300 children, many of whom walked for two hours to school each day. The facilities were very basic.

This was shortly after the earthquake in April 2015 and they saw many signs of the devastation. Tourism is very important to the economy but, because of the earthquake, the visitor numbers were down by 90%; they are now nearly back to normal. The people are very poor but resilient. 9,000 were killed and many thousands left homeless. After the trek Ian stayed on and joined the ‘Rebuild Nepal Scheme’. A group of 9 volunteers (including two experienced builders) built a house in 5 days for a family who had been living in a cowshed for 6 months in the Kathmandu Valley.

The Valley Club/WI joint outing to Mottisfont in June was a most enjoyable day. Midsummers Day surprisingly lived up to its name this year with glorious sunshine all day long - even a little too hot at times! The old-fashioned roses in the gardens were stunning. The house was well worth seeing and the drawing-room painted by Whistler was extraordinary. Unfortunately, when we arrived in Romsey the Abbey was closed for filming for 3 days, but a lovely river walk and plenty of tea shops made for a relaxing afternoon.

We have no meeting in August – but don’t forget to enter your geraniums in the Garden and Craft Show on Sunday 20th August. Our next meeting will therefore be on Monday 18th September in Martinstown Village Hall, when we will have a talk by a member of The Gardens Group on ‘The Garden Centre Year’. Enjoy the remainder of the Summer and the glorious weather.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 889597
OPEN GARDENS EVENT 2017

More than £2,300 was raised during the weekend of the 17th & 18th June – a fantastic achievement considering the soaring temperatures!

Our biennial Open Gardens event is very much a ‘community’ event, where many people come together to raise funds; all of which go towards the refurbishment of our well-used children’s play area this year.

There are too many people involved to name them all individually, but I would like to give special thanks to the following:-

- All those people who were happy to open their lovely gardens to the public.
- Our five sponsors: Colin Tracy, Park House, Ralph Browning, Timberline Plants and Waste Watch.
- Antonia Cook for organising and running the popular Dog Show.
- Gill McCourtie and family for the wonderful Pimms & strawberries.
- John Crawford for his well-organised team of stewards (some village hall committee members and some not).
- Jan Griffiths for organising her W.I. team of ladies, who provided many cakes and served teas over the two days raising more than £500.
- All those who donated some excellent prizes for the raffle. This brought in £235.
- Colin Tracy for his design of the programmes.
- Noel & Mandy Marsh for giving us the use of their field for parking cars.
- Anne Tate for not only running her plant stall, but also donating many of her home-grown plants and raising almost £150.
- Karen Barrett for selling programmes in the shop.
- Nick & Sally Derrick for providing us with a wonderful display of vintage cars on the Saturday.
- And last of all, but certainly not least, Cedric Moorcroft for all his time and effort putting up posters in garden centres and many other places in a 20-mile radius of Dorchester; and erecting all the signs (along with John Crawford) around the area.

Jane Jones (MVHA Chairperson)

THE MARTINSTOWN PLAYERS

If you would like to be involved with the next production from the Martinstown Players Theatre Group please read on.

Next month there will be an opportunity to read through the script of a new comedy play entitled “Miss Bedworthy Presents”. The play is based on the characters from the 2012 production of “Coronation Fever” but has a number of additions to the cast.

I am holding the read through sessions on Wednesday 16th and 30th of August at “Narnia”- the house not the country!

If you would like to come along to a read through please contact me on 889202 or on email at janeandvince@btinternet.com.

Vince Jones
Martinstown Women’s Institute

WI have been very active this summer. In June we held our Dorset Centenary picnic with games organised by Lesley Pemberton, and excellent food provided by members, all helped by a glass or two of Pimms!

The following Wednesday was our combined outing with the Valley Club to Mottisfont on one of the hottest days of the year. The rose gardens were beautiful but we were wilting by the end of the day!

We have also provided teas and cakes for the Open Gardens and for a very successful fund raising event for Marie Curie Nurses held at Minterne House.

On 12th July we heard from Dr Francis Burroughs about “Illegal Immigrants in your Garden”. He told us that nearly all the plants, fruits and vegetables in our gardens had come from all over the world and there are very few native plants.

On Wednesday, 9th August at 3 pm we look forward to a cream tea in Margaret Hearing’s garden.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

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 December (2nd Friday).

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!

The Coffee Morning held at Jim and Jan Trevett’s on 16th June raised £287.40 for the Alzheimer’s Society.

Thank you to all who came and so generously gave donations. Also to family and friends for all their help!

Everything you should know about Bonfires!

Bonfires! A word that tends to split opinion... good? ...or bad? One thing is for certain - there is a lot of miss-information and myths regarding things like: when, where and how we have bonfires. To read more about the rights (and wrongs) of bonfires, the Environment Protection UK have produced a leaflet giving us all the information we need to know - visit:

www.martinstown-news.co.uk/images/PDFs/Bonfires-Leaflet.pdf for a PDF leaflet.
The Show is almost upon us so now is the time to dig out the bright yellow schedule which came with the May/June Valley and Valence.

Please read the Rules carefully. They are not complicated but you do need to take note of some simple things such as:

**Fruit and vegetables and whether they should have stalks on.**

**Size of containers for Flower Arranging Classes and Pot Plant Classes.**

**Preserves in jars with no commercial markings visible.**

The Entry Form is at the back of the Schedule and may be photocopied. Extra Schedules are available from Ann Priddle on 01305 889189.

If you deliver your form to Ann at Park Farm by Tues. 15th Aug. it will only cost 50p per entry. If you prefer to wait until the day of the Show you can enter up to 3 entries by 9.30am to the Hall. These Late Entries will cost £1 each. All Entries into Children’s Classes are Free.

If you have children who would like to have a go at making a miniature garden Seed Trays are available for free from Ann Priddle.

Please remember that we sell off items at the end of the Show for Charity so if you have a glut please donate.

There will be refreshments available so even if you have nothing to enter please come along, have a cuppa and admire the beautiful display.

**GARDENING TIPS**

Keep weeding, feeding and watering.

Soft Fruit and Vegetables such as beans, peas courgettes etc. need to be picked regularly. If not they will stop producing. Likewise most flowers, especially roses and annuals, benefit greatly from cutting and dead-heading.

*Good Luck.*
On the field

The season started in good spirit following the winter preparations with a familiar pool of players and welcome new faces engaging with an increased fixture list.

After a reasonable start the first team faltered, with consistency in the first league proving elusive.

However, despite the struggle to hit form the team came very close to an early upset against the league leaders, Swanage; and at the time of writing have just achieved a significant win against neighbourhood rivals Dorchester, in a game which saw the team performing well in all quarters.

The second team have also been unlucky with their results but have shown great resilience and given their opponents a close run. Once again the second squad continues to provide a conduit for many of our junior players who are keen to gain senior experience.

Evening and Sunday league teams have competed strongly although this has not always been reflected in the league positions. Given the large number of fixtures being played by the club we do well to field full sides on a regular basis.

Once again the club reports a very good showing from our junior players across all their leagues. Highlights include:

- Under 15’s made the County cup semi final for the second year running
- Under 13’s made the County cup quarter finals
- Good league performances in all age groups
- Players gaining selection for West Dorset and County appearances
- A total junior section in excess of 80 youngsters

As always a huge thank you to all the team managers, coaches, helpers and of course parents - without their help it would not be possible to maintain such a large junior programme.

In addition to the club based activities, Martinstown CC continues to participate with Thorners and Winterbourne Valley schools as part of the ECB ‘Chance to Shine’ scheme. The school holidays will see a rerun of the popular summer camp sessions.

Looking ahead we are currently working on a full winter programme, including specialist workshops for the first time.

Off the field

The club would like to thank all the individuals and businesses who continue to support the club in the form of sponsorship. Our plans to extend the club house are on track and we are delighted to have been awarded a significant grant from West Dorset in support of the project. We also have other funding applications underway which if successful, could further bolster our funds. We anticipate a start to the building work in September.

Once again a big thank you to everyone who plays, supports, maintains or simply takes an interest in our club. We are always pleased to welcome anyone keen to participate in any of the aforementioned activities.

Finally, on behalf of all at the club, may I thank the ground staff whose tireless maintenance of the ground routinely provides a pitch that is the envy of all.

David Gargrave – Chairman
You may think Government Enquiries are a curse of the 21st Century, with weighty Reports often years late, read by few and often growing old on the shelf. Four hundred years ago, late in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, such Enquiries were not unusual.

In 1594 the Privy Council (roughly equivalent to today’s Cabinet) sent a Commission down to Dorset to enquire into rumours that a group of gentlemen and clergy were spreading blasphemy, heresy and atheism. This would have been very dangerous at a time when religion was firmly controlled by all governments, and dissent from the official doctrine of the Church of England could easily be seen as treason.

The Commission met at the Nag’s Head in Abbey Street Cerne Abbas. In fact, it was a put-up job by a group of courtiers determined to bring down the Queen’s favourite Sir Walter Raleigh. Raleigh, who lived at Sherborne Castle was well-known for his intellectual ability, willingness to say what he thought, and contempt for those gentry he considered lesser mortals. These characteristics he had demonstrated at an extraordinary dinner-party held at Wolfeton near Dorchester, the home of Sir George Trenchard.

On a warm summer evening in 1593, Trenchard had invited Raleigh and his elder brother Carew, Sir Ralph Horsey, John Fitzjames of Leweston, and two local clergymen – Parson Whittle of Fordington and the Vicar of Winterbourne Abbas Roger Ironside.

One might suspect Trenchard of mischievously stirring the pot. The wine would have flowed freely, the Raleighs would speak as they felt and the two clergymen might overcome their reluctance to contradict their social superiors – with interesting results! Roger Ironside’s evidence to the Commission gives an account of the dinner-party which indicates that the temperature gradually rose as the Raleighs teased the clerics with questions about the nature man’s soul and the existence of God. Carew Raleigh showed no respect for Ironside’s answers, but Sir Ralph Horsey protested. Walter Raleigh told Ironside he was no scholar, but was answered by John Fitzjames with a quotation from Aristotle. In the end, Raleigh threw up his hands and called for Grace to be said to end the meal ‘For that is better than this disputation’. At that point the two clergymen promptly left!

At the Enquiry, a stream of witnesses, mainly clergy, reported hearsay. They answered a series of basic questions put to them by the Commission. ‘Whom do you know or have heard to be suspected of Atheism? Whom do you know who hath spoken against God? Whom do you know who has said that the Scriptures are not to be believed? The Vicar of Blandford said that he had heard Carew Raleigh say that there was a God in Nature – a revelation of Paganism.

However nothing came to light that could justify a charge against Sir Walter – the questions he had reportedly asked of Roger Ironside at the dinner-party could be described as legitimate theological discussion. The Queen and her ministers certainly did not want Raleigh to be disgraced, and the Enquiry found nothing untoward. Raleigh’s enemies had to wait until James I succeeded to the throne in 1603 to get their revenge. Very rashly the great adventurer listened to Lord Cobham’s plan to overthrow the new monarch, and although he took no part in the plot was convicted of High Treason. Raleigh spent fourteen years in the Tower of London and then had his head chopped off to appease the Spanish who hated him. Dangerous times indeed!
“Along the Winterborne”
by Terry & Margaret Hearing

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*Originally published in the Valley and Valence Parish Magazine

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After a prolonged spell of fine weather the much needed rain fell which meant that the walk planned for Wednesday 28 June had to be postponed until the following day. Due to the change of date and the uncertainty of the weather our numbers were reduced to eight.

Six of us set off from the Springhead pub in Sutton Poyntz (with Ann and Celia meeting up along the route). We walked through the village and took the coastal path to Osmington Mills via the caravan park and enjoyed some spectacular views even though it was rather misty. We met up with Ann and Celia in Osmington where Malcolm could not resist buying and ice cream. We continued through Osmington and walked underneath the White Horse hill through fields of wild flowers and ended up in the Springhead for lunch. Unfortunately there were no dogs in the group and the ‘doggie treats’ offered by the pub were not taken.
Fundraising in Martinstown

These past weeks have seen a plethora of fund raising activities happening both inside and outside the Village.

On the 11 June a Car Treasure Hunt took place. Over twelve cars set off to scour the Dorset countryside on an afternoon of solving brain-scratching clues which at one stage lead us to the Crown at Puncknowle. Well, it would have been rude not to have stopped for a refreshing glass of something tasty. We all ended back at the Village Hall for a tasty ploughman’s. As a result of all this fun over £400 was raised for Kennedy’s disease.

At the same time a delightful quintessentially English game of croquet and cream teas was taking place at Wyle Croft. This fun get-together helped to raise £160 towards the filming of “Kinetic”. “Kinetic” is an honest and humorous play, providing insight into living with a chronic condition. More funds are needed so Phil Wylie has taken part in the 3 peaks challenge to raise money for Parkinsons.

And so the fund raising went on and the weather was kind. Jan and Jim Trevett and daughter Becky held a garden coffee morning and raised nearly £300 for the Alzheimer’s Society.

Open Garden’s and The Dog Show followed. Over 18 enthusiastic gardeners and helpers had tidied, weeded and prepared their gardens for inspection. The W.I ladies beavered away in the Village hall producing teas and cakes for appreciative customers.

Meanwhile the Dog Show was taking place on the Village Green and despite the seriously hot weather there were still enough dogs to be judged and petted.

Although footfall was light, over £2,300 was raised during those two days for the refurbishment of the Village play area.

Sometime ago, Jan Griffiths was asked to provide teas and cakes for a Marie Curie fundraising event at Mintern House. Once again the W.I ladies were hard at work.

Throughout that afternoon a steady stream of customers passed through a very wind-blown marquee. A fine selection of homemade cake was set out for inspection and consumption and the enthusiastic W.I team and friends supplied teas, coffees and served slices of cake, shortbread and delicious cheese scones and washed countless cups, saucers plates and cutlery.

The main attraction was the display of classic cars and the opportunity to have BBC’s Antique Road Show Paul Atterbury value precious family possessions.

Over £2,000 was raised for Marie Curie Terminal Care. £454 was the hard-earned contribution from Martinstown W.I ladies and helpers and their delicious teas and donated homemade cakes.

Finally, the Parish of the Winterbourne Valley Charity Group held a Bring and Buy cakes and coffee morning in St. Martin’s Church. Over £570 was raised for the Toilet Twinning charity. Toilet Twinning raises funds to enable people living in poor communities to have clean water, a basic toilet and to learn about hygiene - a vital combination that helps end generational poverty.

If my Maths is correct, throughout this Summer, £4,184 has been raised. This is all down to the dedication of the fundraisers and the generosity of this giving community.
We are glad to report that this has continued to be an uneventful year for the stream helped by the relatively dry spring and the work done in the autumn to remove vegetation. However at this time of year the vegetation grows vigorously in the stream and reminding that the 2012 “event” was in early July we all need to make sure the watercourse is kept clear. A recent volunteer evening was held and a group of nine cleared some of the growth in Martinstown but much more needs to be done. We cannot rely on the flood group’s volunteers to clear the whole of the stream and really need to look to the Riparian Owners to clear their part. If the “owner” is unable to do this due to ability or health then please let us know and we will try to help. Otherwise the riparian owners really do need to do their part. The larger community can also help and ideally would group together to maintain their own small areas – not only the stream but for litter and general upkeep of footpaths etc.

A reminder as to Riparian Owner Duties

As a riparian owner you have a duty of care towards neighbours both upstream and downstream and must avoid any action likely to cause flooding on your neighbour’s property. The ultimate responsibility for maintenance of the watercourse, including banks, is with the riparian owner regardless of whether in the past the work has been done by the Council or indeed any other body. The maintenance will include clearing obstructions, repairing banks and protecting vegetation and trees as well as maintaining wild life habitat. Overall the riparian owner must not cause a nuisance such as causing obstruction to the flow by allowing the stream or river to become obstructed or blocked. These riparian duties should not be seen as voluntary as failure of a riparian owner to discharge their responsibilities can result in legal action.

Our understanding is that where the stream runs alongside a roadway the owner needs to keep the whole of the watercourse clear.

Since 2012 we have managed to keep the stream mostly clear of vegetation and this has really helped keep any flooding down to an absolute minimum so we must really maintain a strong focus on this and we need to look to Riparian Owners to play their part.

We are a totally local Group and would welcome new members / volunteers. If you are interested please contact us by e mail swcfag@gmail.com and we can add you to the circulation list for meetings and volunteer sessions.

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A BIG THANK YOU

...to all who helped, donated, attended, grew plants or contributed in any other way to the Coffee Morning Bring & Buy in aid of toilet twinning.org. held on Saturday, 24 June. We have raised over £570 for this brilliant cause, enough to buy two school toilet blocks and a single toilet for an impoverished community with a little bit to spare for loo paper!

Your support and generosity has been very much appreciated, thank you once again – the Parishes of the Winterbournes Charity Group.

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Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

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