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Christmas is always a busy time of year so hopefully I can help you with a few local craft gift ideas, foodie items, wrapping paper, cards and Post Office gift cards to use in several high street shops. I will also be having my usual Christmas meat raffle.

So all that is left for me to say is ‘Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year’ to all of my customers and maybe a mince pie or chocolate treat may be waiting for you when you next visit!!

Best wishes Karen Barrett
“For Christmas this year, try giving less.
Start with less attitude.
There’s more than enough of that in the
world as it is – and people will usually
just give it back anyway!”
– Anne Bristow

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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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I am writing this with my head still full of the amazing Remembrance commemorations that have taken place in towns and villages across the nation on Sunday 11th November. This year, in tribute to the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1, there have been many TV programmes depicting what life was like at that time and I for one have had my eyes opened to many things about that awful war that I was previously unaware of. It’s strange that it takes a significant anniversary to bring to the fore how things really were for all those who lived through those dreadful times and there can barely be a person in the land who hasn’t been aware of this important centenary and its implications.

And now we turn our attention to Christmas. This is a remembering of a very different kind. We dare to call it a celebration because of the significance and wonder of what God did for us in the birth of His son. The story of the baby born in a stable in Bethlehem 2000 years ago was, at that time, a message of hope for people in real situations in the real world and it still is today for us.

In 1965 the producer and director George Stevens made a film called ‘The Greatest Story Ever Told’. It originated in 1947 in the US as a radio series of half-hour episodes about the life of Christ, inspired by the Gospels. The screenplay for the film took two years to write and on its release it was hailed as a ‘big, powerful, moving picture...’, was nominated for five Academy Awards but didn’t win an Oscar. If you were to watch the film now I expect you would find it rather dated and ‘slow’, but what a wonderful title! ‘The Greatest Story Ever Told’ is so apt for a story about Jesus Christ, Son of God – a story that has endured over many centuries and affected the lives of millions of people, bringing them life in all its fullness.

Despite all the commercial trappings of Christmas it is difficult to ignore what it is really about. The Christ child is all around us – in the singing of our much loved carols, in the lights and in the love that comes bubbling to the surface as we give gifts and cards and make a special effort to be with our loved ones.

‘May you, and all those you love, find peace in the season of Advent and joy this Christmas.’

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Each year we remember God’s gift to us – his son, walking amongst us, bringing us the love of God in all its splendour and beauty. Jesus showed us the very nature of God by his deeds and his teachings. At this time of year love, as the song says, is all around - the love that is of Christ.

As we approach this most special season let us remember the true meaning of Christmas and in remembering the baby born in a stable Bethlehem turn our thoughts to love, for God and for each other.

May you, and all those you love, find peace in the season of Advent and joy this Christmas.

Yours in Christ
Jean, Team Vicar
### CHURCH CALENDAR

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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.
A Silent Space

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Jo Lacy-Smith • 01305 889476

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Christmas Messy Church

St. Mary’s, Winterbourne Abbas
Saturday 8th December - 10am ’till 1pm

A morning of meeting other families, children’s activities, a gentle and relaxed lunch, storytelling & song.

Jo Lacy-Smith on 01305 889476

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Darkness to Light

A service of Advent Carols and Readings
St Martin’s Church, Martinstown
Sunday 2nd December • 6 pm

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Chairperson: Jane Jones – Tel: 01305 889202

Bookings: Ann Matthews – Tel: 889248 or email: ronann.matthews@btinternet.com
The speaker at our November meeting was Andrew McElwee who gave us a very amusing account of his time as manager of the National Trust property at Polesden Lacey in Surrey.

This year we have produced our own calendar (don’t worry we are all fully clothed!!). Members have been photographed around the village throughout the year. We are very grateful to Celia and her son-in-law Dan for all their hard work in producing the calendars.

Once again we will be collecting toiletries for the Women’s Refuge (now called “You First”). Many women have to leave home without basic essentials such as deodorant, toothpaste, etc.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party on Wednesday 12th December when we will have fun with an indoor kurling match and Christmas pudding blind tasting.

We meet again on Wednesday 9th January 2019 when we will be discussing the proposed resolutions to be voted on at the National Federation Annual meeting.

Angela Barrett • Secretary

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Do you need to make or change a Will or Power of Attorney?

Every few months Age UK Dorchester has a BY APPOINTMENT surgery where individuals can come and ask an expert questions about wills, powers of attorney and other legal aspects of your home and finances. This is a FREE one-to-one surgery given by Ian Campbell, Senior Associate at Blanchards Bailey, solicitors.

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On 15th October we had a delicious and very successful Fish & Chip Supper, followed by an interesting and knowledgeable presentation on “The Monks, Scholars & Families of Sherborne” by Joy Wallis. It was very well attended by members and visitors.

St. Aldhelm became the first Bishop of Sherborne in AD705, being the first bishop of the West Saxons and the first of 26 Medieval Bishops. Sherborne Abbey, the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin, has developed from a Saxon Cathedral, a Benedictine Abbey, to a beautiful Parish church. It was built by the Benedictine Monks or “Black Monks”, who moved in in 1075 and were a closed order. Sherborne Abbey remained a Benedictine house until 1539 when it became the Parish Church of Sherborne.

Inside the Abbey, the Great West Window by the late artist John Hayward was dedicated in 1998 at a service attended by HM The Queen and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. In the Lady Chapel is a fine engraved reredos by Lawrence Whistler. Much of the current church dates to the 15th Century, though the nave arches are Norman. The arches support a superb late medieval fan-vaulted roof, decorated with 115 painted bosses. Immediately behind the Abbey is Sherborne School which was founded in 1550 on the site of a Saxon school said to have been attended by Alfred the Great. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries, King Edward VI refounded the Abbey school and part of the Lady Chapel was converted into the Schoolmaster’s House.

We have no meeting in December, so on behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2019.

We will look forward to seeing you all on Monday January 21st when Ian Williamson will be giving us a presentation on “My Travelling Experiences in Tasmania”.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 568458

Q: Why is Santa so jolly?
A: Because he knows where all the naughty girls live.

Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
A: Claustrophobic.
A very PLUSH walk...

On a gorgeous late October morning, 12 Mileaters (plus Olly, to keep us from straying) set off from near the former Fox Inn at Folly, north of Plush; one has to wonder why there was ever an inn here, being a hamlet of a few solitary dwellings.

Leaving the thought of ancient pints behind us, and with future ones awaiting us later, we headed off eastwards up the Wessex Ridgeway, diverting down past Nettlecombe Tout hill fort to visit the atmospheric Dorsetshire Gap - a meeting place of old drove roads in the middle of the woods.

Retracing our steps back up the hill our leader David then promptly marched us down the other side into Lyscombe Bottom for a reviving drinks break at the restored 12th Century Lyscombe Chapel, and ruined priest’s house (what led to the priest’s ruination?) A divine location!

Our pace up the climb out of the valley was obviously too slow for Olly and he decided to round up a few tardy sheep instead. No damage done to sheep or humans, we eventually arrived for a breather at the top of Hog Hill with great views all around of ancient landscapes - strip lynchets, tumuli and cross-dykes in the foreground, the expanse of Blackmore Vale to the north and even a view of the distant Needles to the east. A view certainly worth lingering over.

It was then all downhill to complete our 5 mile circuit and back to “The Brace of Pheasants” for a well-earned reward. Many thanks to David for a great walk.

The True Meaning of Christmas...

Journey to the stable is an interactive experience helping to explain the true meaning of Christmas. This is ideal for adults and children alike. The journey takes 20 – 30 minutes. There are seven stations focusing on a person or a part of the Christmas story with readings and reflections. At each there is a small activity or object for you to take away, so you leave with a bag of reflections and goodies.

Open at the United Church, South Street, Dorchester Sat 8th Dec and Wed 12th – Sat 15th Dec 11-3pm ( Fri 14th 11-2pm), Mon 17th – Sat 22nd 10- 2pm ( Wed 19th 11-2pm) In the busyness of all the Christmas shopping, writing the cards and icing the cake take a few minutes to be still and reflect on what Christmas is all about.
Soon after we moved into Hardy Close in Martinstown in 1966 the parish priest, Mr David Hughes, called. Over a cup of tea, he mentioned that he was also the Chaplain to Dorchester Prison, and was trying to recruit Prison Visitors.

Visiting prisoners who otherwise have no visits has long been a charitable act: I had heard something of it from a friend in London, and so agreed to give it a go. Thus began an acquaintance with the Criminal Justice system which lasted more than thirty years.

There had been a prison in Dorchester from at least the 14th century until 2013. The site behind North Square was finally chosen and funded by the County magistrates in the late 18th century, but the walls and blocks mostly date from a rebuilding in the 1880s. The forbidding gatehouse – a survival from 1795 and not visible from North Square – was the scene for public executions. The last execution in the gaol was in 1941 – a drunken young soldier had attempted to shoot off the lock of a servicemens’ café in Princes Street in Dorchester, and had killed the nightwatchman.

I went into the prison every Sunday night for eleven years. I had no religious purpose, and the aim was to offer friendship and chat, without an official (or criminal!) connection. The prisoner would have been offered the chance of a visitor, and so I was expected – but if he didn’t like the look of me he could refuse to let me in to his cell. In fact I never met with refusal. Conversation ranged far and wide, but I learned early on that dreams were often confused with facts – and a different version might well emerge the following week. In the very first cell I entered I was given detailed instruction on how to break into a Mini, an accomplishment I have never yet had occasion to practise. The golden rule for Visitors was that everything spoken in the cell was confidential.

In 1977 I was appointed Justice of the Peace, and the governor of the prison politely showed me the door – apparently I was now a security risk, in that an aggrieved prisoner might decide to take it out on an upholder of the law.

As it happened, at that time I received a phone call from Frankie (not his real name), a man whom I had visited in the prison on and off over many years – he was a repeat offender. He phoned from Scotland where he was working as a welder on the oil rigs, a skill learned in Dorchester Prison. He had been offered very lucrative employment as an underwater welder in India, but he had no passport. He needed to fly to India within a few days and asked if I would sign his passport application, as I had known him over a long period. I could see no reason why not – the signature was only identification, not character reference. We arranged to meet in Weymouth a couple of days later, and he would take the form to London for rapid processing.

I worried. Was I possibly aiding an escaper from the law? On the advice of a senior magistrate I visited Dorchester Police Station where they would be able to check using their new computer. Within minutes I was ushered into a back room: Frankie was wanted for cheque fraud in Scotland. I was to meet him as arranged, and then identify him to accompanying detectives.

This was shattering. I would be betraying the trust of a friend. And when Frankie came out of prison he would be only too likely to seek satisfaction – his record included violence - and I had a young family to consider. Supposing I refused the police request: this would certainly result in my dismissal as a magistrate for breaking my oath, and a lifetime of regret. There was a further issue, because Frankie had said that if he was going to be late for our meeting he would give me a ring. What would I say to him? Don’t come to the meeting? Or would I castigate him for breaking my trust? Or say nothing?

I sat at home and was extremely worried. The phone rang.

What would you have done?

Think about it, make a decision, and then turn to page 16.
Explorer Scouts Charlie Dovey and Archie Lloyd, who are off next year to volunteer in Kenya.

We held a Christmas Prize Bingo in November, and we were very pleased to have anybody turn up as the weather conditions were so extreme! Thankfully the earlier power cut didn’t come down as far in the valley at Martinstown! We are very grateful to you all, and of course, to Cedric who called out the numbers for us. THANK YOU! We are pleased to let you know that this raised £190. We would like to thank all those in the village who turned out on the evening, to those family members who helped prior to the event, those who helped on the evening and those who kindly turned up with raffle prizes, including the Brewers Arms for their continued support.

Incidentally, if anyone is thinking of replacing an old laptop at Christmas this year, or indeed replacing a mobile phone, provided the data has been removed, and both are still in good working condition, we would very much appreciate your donations of these, as the laptops can be donated to the Head teachers of the school in Murugi and the mobile phones can be refurbished and sold to help support the school projects over there. If you would like us to collect any, please do get in contact with us. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

Our next fundraising event will be a Christmas Raffle on Sunday 9 December in the Brewers Arms at the Carol Evening - Ben & Leanne host for the churches. We very much look forward to seeing you there! There will also be an opportunity throughout December to ‘Guess how many sweets in a jar’ which again will be kept on the bar at the Brewers for those wishing to enter the competition.

On Saturday 12 January we are holding our first ‘Breakfast Café’ in Martinstown Village Hall from 10.00am – 12 noon. Breakfast rolls, tea, coffee, cakes and books will be available to purchase, if you would like to join us, you will be made very welcome.

Again, we would welcome any individual support from locals in addition to sponsorship from local businesses operating within the valley.

Finally, we would like to wish all readers of this publication and our most generous supporters and sponsors a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year, and look forward to seeing you at one of our events in 2019!

Thank you – Charlie & Archie

Charlie Dovey - Tel: 01305 889250 or email: bdovey@hotmail.co.uk
Archie Lloyd - Tel: 07970701716 or email: vickylloyd1977@btinternet.com
Fran’s Diary by Fran Taylor

Sunday 11th November 2018 dawned overcast with threatening storm clouds. As I left home to join the crowd gathering outside the church the heavens opened and the umbrellas followed. Fortunately, minutes later the skies cleared and the sun peered out. After the 2 minute silence, the laying of wreaths and the ‘Last Post’ had sounded, we moved into the beautifully decorated church. This thought-provoking, emotional experience remembered those who had died in conflict and marked the end of World War 1, a hundred years ago.

Part of the order of service was broken up into themes, namely ‘Sacrifice’, ‘Comradeship’, ‘Coping with Loss’ and finally ‘Hope’. The first three were illustrated by appropriate poems and the last one, ‘Hope’ with a rendition of ‘When this Lousy War is Over’ and a reading of the poem ‘If Ye Forget’. A musical contribution of ‘Drop, Drop, Slow Years’. Psalm 42 and a reading from Matthew 5 added depth to an amazing village memorial occasion.

On this day I carried the medal and the story of my husband Chris’s Grandad who lied about his age in order to enlist. This was just the start of his journey. I am not alone. Within this valley there must be many tales to tell.

Perhaps Jack Taylor’s story is the beginnings of a collection worthy of print to mark the end of this so called war to end all wars!

...and now for something completely different!

On Saturday 8th December at 7.30, Near-Ta Theatre’s production of ‘Christmas Time’ will be taking place in Martinstown Village Hall. Chris and Toby are serving time in prison and are determined to celebrate Christmas. We are invited to join them as they pass through a mystical adventure involving Dickens, pantomime, musicals and movies in their determination to enjoy a “Merry Christmas”.

Another Artsreach experience not to be missed.

Tickets available from me on: 01305 889963

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: **14th December (NB this is a revised date)**

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 Vicar Sent Me to Prison...the end of the affair (from page 14)

The phone rang. It was the Dorchester Police. They were sorry – there had been a mistake on their new computer, and Frankie was no longer wanted by the Scottish police.

Ten minutes later the phone rang again. It was Frankie – could we meet an hour later than arranged? Supposing those two phone calls had been reversed, what would I have said to Frankie? To this day I do not know.

**Postscript:** three months later I received a picture postcard from Frankie thanking me, and saying how well he was getting on. That was forty years ago, and I have never heard from him since.
FILM NIGHT at the BREWERS ARMS
Thurs 17th January 2019 at 7.15:
Bridge of Spies
Starring: Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance

A-LINE TAXI SHUTTLE SERVICE

10.00am - TO DORCHESTER
1st Pickup - Mallards Green
2nd Pickup - Manor Grove
3rd Pickup - Village Shop
Finish - A-Line Office, Dorchester

13.00pm - TO MARTINSTOWN
Start - A-Line Office
1st Drop-off - Mallards Green
2nd Drop-off - Manor Grove
3rd Drop-off - Village Shop

A-Line Taxis: 01305 264747 to book

@ THE BREWERS ARMS

Enjoy the singer/guitarist...

STEVEN WATERS
Sun 2nd December • 4-6pm
TEL: 01305 889361 • WEB: thebrewersarms.com

“Remember, Christmas isn’t about how big the tree is, or what’s under it. It’s about who’s around it”
COMPTON VALENCE SNOW DROPS
VILLAGE HALL LUNCHES and TEAS
Monday 4th - Friday 15th February 2019
COME and WALK/DRIVE through our beautiful village and see
the stunning white drifts of snowdrops. (The village hall is below the church)
OPEN (weather permitting): 10.30am - 3.30 pm Daily
To Book please ring or email so we can cater accordingly:
Tessa Russell: 01308 482227 - email: tessa@cvfarms.co.uk
or Pippa James: 01305 889338 - m: 07880882985
email: enquiries@dovehousedorset.co.uk
Pre booked guests will take priority as the hall is small.
In bad/icy weather we may not be open.
Please be considerate of our village/verges etc when parking or ring us to discuss your needs so we can advise you where to go.
We very much look forward to seeing you.

V I L L A G E  H A L L
100 CLUB DRAW

Martinstown Draw
OCTOBER 2018
£25 Lorna Power
£10 Ann Tate
£5 Margaret Jeffrey

Compton Valetence Draw
NOVEMBER 2018
£25 John Coulson
£10. Andrew Neville Rolfe
£5 Paul and Julie - The Hollows

The Old Reading Room, Martinstown
The next meeting of the Parish Council is on:
Monday 28 Jan 2019
Full Parish Council Meeting dates all at NEW time of 7.00pm at the Parish Office
No Meeting in December
Monday 25 February 2019
Monday 25 March 2019
Be sure to visit the Parish Council website at:
www.martinstown-news.co.uk/the-parish-council

Q: What's an ig?
A: An eskimo’s home without a loo!
During the preparations for the Armistice Centenary Service I was approached by a number of villagers who offered to share their family memories from World War One. Unfortunately the church service could not provide a platform for these memories, but during the conversations it became evident that there is a wealth of letters, photographs, documents and stories from that conflict in this valley and that many of you want to share them.

On the strength of this, if enough people feel that they could share any of the above, Graham Herbert and I are prepared to look at the possibility of producing a WW1 Commemorative Book. A book which would provide a place for local people to share family memories both from the battlefields and the home front. Stories don’t have to be Dorset based, you just have to live in the valley area.

If you are interested in contributing to this venture please give me a call on 01305 889202 or by email at janeandvince@btinternet.com.

Alternatively you can leave your documents with Graham Herbert at 1 Cowleaze, Martinstown. email: info@grahamherbert.co.uk

All documents will be treated with utmost care and returned to you. If you interested in helping with this project, we would ask that you get any relevant details and/or materials to us by Friday 15th February.

Thanks for your time, Vince Jones

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**RBL Poppy Appeal 2018**

The grand total of £707 was collected from Martinstown.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Bob Wilkins

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**“I bought my brother some gift wrap for Christmas. I took it to the gift wrap department and told them to wrap it, but in a different print so he would know when to stop unwrapping.”**

– Steven Wright
Carols and Christmas Services in December 2018

... looking forward to seeing you!
A ‘just in case you are feeling bored over Christmas’ CROSSWORD

...because there’s never enough to do once you’ve, decked the halls, sung the Carols, wrapped the presents, opened the presents, cleared the wrapping paper, gone to church, gone to the pub, prepared the dinner, sipped the Sherry, cooked the dinner, ate the dinner, washed up, watched the Queen’s speech, watched the kids (argueing), watched the Sound of Music, listened to the sound of snoring, prepared tea, ate tea, thanked granny, thanked goodness its nearly over... etc. etc.

Across
1. Extremely cold (5)
4. Out of fashion (5)
8. Communication channel (7)
9. Crowd scene actor (5)
10. Part of a church (5)
11. Unlawful (7)
12. Natural abilities or qualities (6)
14. Conundrum (6)
18. Malleable (7)
20. Irritated (5)
22. Spear (5)
23. Acute (7)
24. Stringed instrument (5)
25. Overheads (5)

Down
1. Chivalrous (7)
2. Guides (5)
3. Distinguish (7)
4. Writing implement (6)
5. Carapace (5)
6. Lured (7)
7. Intended (5)
13. Curt (7)
15. Ludicrous (7)
16. Interminable (7)
17. Sheep known for its high quality fleece (6)
18. Greek letter (5)
19. Paragon (5)
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Just for fun - answers in the February 2019 issue
Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

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For more information contact:

www.dorsetforyou.com/recycle

Dispose of your own Xmas trees...

Dorset residents will have to dispose of their own Christmas trees this year.

The Dorset Waste Partnership will not be offering the free kerb-side collection it has previously carried out.

The group, which is run by local councils, says it is not obliged to collect the trees, which contradicts its waste strategy, ending up as landfill.

Residents will be encouraged to use their garden waste service, if they pay for it, or take their Christmas tree to a household recycling centre.

www.martinstown-news.co.uk

...send us your news and views

email: info@martinstown-news.co.uk
With thanks to Michael Hall for compiling this Timetable

A REGULARLY UPDATED VERSION OF THIS TIMETABLE IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT WWW.MARTINSTOWN-NEWS.CO.UK

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*Term times

For PlusBus please call 02358 47900 to register and book the service which runs on Wednesdays only; Service is to and from Winterbourne Steepleton on

FROM 23 SEPTEMBER 2018
### USEFUL CONTACT ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS

- **West Dorset General Hospital**
  Williams Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2JY
  Tel: 01305 251150 • www.dch.org

- **Dorset Police**
  Emergency: 999 • Non-emergency: 101
  www.dorset.police.uk

- **Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service**
  Emergency: 999 • Non-emergency: 01722 691000

- **Dorset ‘Out of Hours’ Medical Service**
  Tel: 0845 600 1013

- **Bus Timetables**
  Tel: First 0333 014 3490 • Web: www.firstgroup.com

- **Train Timetables**
  Tel: South Western Railway 0345 6000 650
  Web: www.southwesternrailway.com

- **Electricity Emergencies**
  Tel: 0800 072 7282

- **TO REPORT A POWERCUT**
  Tel: FREEFONE 105 - www.powercut105.com

- **Gas Emergencies**
  Tel: 0800 111999

- **Drains/Water Emergencies**
  Tel: 0845 7300600

- **Flooding Enquiries**
  Local Flood Warden (S.Slade) Tel: 01305 889411
  Environmental Agency Tel: 0800 807060

- **RSPCA West Dorset Branch**
  PO BOX 5460, Weymouth, DT3 6WH
  Tel: 01305 259672 • www.westdorsetrspca.org

- **Age UK Dorchester**
  4 Prince of Wales Road, DORCHESTER DT1 1PW
  Tel: 01305 269444 • www.ageuk.org.uk

- **Plaza Cinema**
  Trinity Street, Dorchester, DT1 1TT
  Tel: 01305 262488 • www.plazadorchester.com

- **Dorchester Odeon Cinema**
  Filmline: 0871 22 44 007 • www.odeon.co.uk

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Online Christmas Scams to watch out for.

Last year, according to the Centre for Retail Research, UK consumers spent almost £80bn at Christmas. A fair proportion of that money was spent online. Unfortunately, this means rich pickings for fraudsters, who like to make the most of the festive season by coming up with ever more ingenious ways to target consumers during the Christmas rush. So how can you spot the scams and, more importantly, protect yourself?

Fake online shops

Tip: Look for online reviews of the site and think about phoning the contact number. If there isn’t one, this could be a warning sign.

Charity phishing

Tip: If you want to give to good causes at Christmas, go through the charity in question’s own site.

Fake delivery emails

Scammers send out emails that purport to come from legitimate courier companies. These ask recipients to click on a link. When they do, they download malware or are taken to a scam site.

Tip: Check the sender’s address to ensure it is a legitimate company and go to the company’s own website to track orders.

Wish list scams

Such lists often contain personal information and this makes the list owner vulnerable to identity theft. Cyber-criminals can also use items on the list for targeted phishing scams.

Tip: Ensure the privacy settings on any online lists are set to high.

E-voucher scams

Potential victims are told that, to claim a voucher, all they need to do is click on a link. This can take them to a fake site where they will be asked for their details.

Tip: Look out for poor grammar and, if in any doubt, check the voucher by emailing the shop.

Social media scams

Scammers use social media to tempt people with irresistibly good deals on goods such as electronics and jewellery. The social networks are also a place where links to phishing sites and malware can be widely shared. Scammers may even be “friends” of real friends of yours who say yes to every connection request.

Tip: The best defence here is not to click on links that look even remotely suspicious.
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