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Spring is nearly here so lighter evenings and brighter days too... hopefully!

Please do pop along and see what’s in store - fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, bread, store cupboard supplies, frozen meals all available; also papers, craft goodies along with local artist’s cards.

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Graham Herbert, Editor – Tel: 01305 889786


EDITORIAL in VALLEY & VALENCE
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Holy Saturday, 31st March 2018

On the Eve of Easter we invite you to start the Easter celebrations together as the nine worshipping communities of the Dorchester and The Winterbournes join together at St Mary’s Church, Edward Road at 8pm.

The notes below explain the symbolism of the service. By way of celebrating our common life we will light from the flames of one fire the paschal candles of the nine churches and we will also renew our baptismal vows together.

This is a moment of unity, a service that I hope you want to come to…

• The Liturgy of the Light takes place after dark on Saturday outside the Church. The Paschal Fire is blessed and from its flames a light is taken to ignite the Paschal Candles. We glimpse the fragile light of Resurrection and its light leads us back to God.

• The Vigil of Readings are the stories of our redemption. Starting in the Old Testament, the Vigil draws us toward the moment of Salvation, we proclaim Christ as risen! For the

• Liturgy of Initiation we stand at the font. Having heard of flood, of grave, of glory, we stand in the light and we recall our baptism promises.

• Proclaiming the Good News! Mary was the only disciple to see the Risen Christ on that first visit to the tomb. The other disciple, saw, believed and went to tell the others. We too go and we tell the Good News.

As ever

Thomas Woodhouse
Team Rector of Dorchester and The Winterbournes
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 (01305 889410), John Crawford (01305 889377), Joy Parsons (01305 889611)
PCC Hon. Secretary  Alison Crawford (01305 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)

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.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Due to your fantastic response over the Christmas period, Food Bank clients were able to receive, not only standard meals but also chocolates, puddings, cakes, biscuits and other festive fare.

From January to December 2017 the Food bank received 1155 referrals, of this, 1692 were adults and 951 children. Therefore 2643 people were provided with 3 meals a day for 3 days from your donations. This is an incredible 23787 meals in a year which is an increase of 34.2% over 2016.

Thank you for your support in 2017. Please continue to help those in need by placing donations of tinned and packet food in the collection boxes in the village shop and St Martin’s church.

Thank you
Helen Thompson

Quiet Day

at ‘The Quiet Space’ in Poundbury on Saturday 24th March 2018
at 11.00am – 3.30pm.
(Refreshments from 10.30am.)

The title is ‘Bountiful Blessings’.
Donations welcome on the day to cover costs.

Please book a place by email carolineellerby@phonecoop.coop or Tel: 01305 459622; Mob: 07795140708

Bring a packed lunch, Bible, notebook and pen. Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake provided.

Further information on The Quiet Space www.thequietspacedorchester.org
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**Find us on Facebook**
Did you know that the 3 churches in the Winterbournes Parish are now on Facebook? You can ‘like’ and ‘follow’ for news and photos from St Michael’s, St Mary’s and St Martin’s.
**CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

**Are you on it?**

It is the time of year when we revise the Church Electoral Roll. If you have come to live in the Valley during the past year and are unsure whether you are on it or not, and wish to be on it, please contact Alison Crawford (Church Electoral Roll Officer) for an Application for Enrolment Form

Tel: 01305 889377
email: alisonmrcrawford@yahoo.co.uk, by 25th March.
Thank you.

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**Songs of Praise**

- listening to stories from our valley.

Forty minutes of singing our favourite hymns and listening to stories of the valley from times past.

Please come and join us at **6pm 18th March** at **St. Mary’s Church Abbas**.

Please contact Jo Lacy-Smith to let me know what your favourite hymns are.
Tel: 889476, jolacysmith@gmail.com

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**Holy Week and Easter**

**Holy Week**

**Monday, 26th March**, 9 pm – Compline (Night Prayer) - Winterbourne Abbas

**Tuesday, 27th March**, 9 pm – Sung Compline (Night Prayer), Martinstown

**Wednesday, 28th March**, 7 pm – Tenebrae Service, St Mary’s Church, Edward Road, Dorchester

**Maundy Thursday**

29th March
7.30 pm – Holy Communion and The Watch, Martinstown

**Good Friday**

30th March
11 am – Family Service, Martinstown – with Hot Cross buns!
3 pm – Good Friday Service, Winterbourne Abbas

**Holy Saturday**

31st March
8 pm - Team Easter Vigil Service, St Mary’s, Edward Road, Dorchester

**Easter Sunday**

1st April
9.30 am – Holy Communion, Compton Valence
10 am – Holy Communion, Winterbourne Abbas
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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: 2nd March (NB this will be a Lent Lunch menu), 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!

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA
From Monday 12th March to Friday 16th March the play area in St. Martinsfield will be put of bounds for refurbishment.
There will be an official re-opening at 10.00am on Saturday 17th March.
Everyone is welcome.
Jane Jones

HELP!

We need more cooks for the Community Lunch!
Any interested volunteers please contact: Jan on 01305 889738

JUMBLE SALE
17th March 2018 • Martinstown Village Hall
Open between 1pm and 4pm. Setting up at 11am
Jumble Sales are good for the planet and for raising money for St. Mary’s Church Abbas. We would love your help, if jumble is your thing and if not please drop by for a cup of tea and homemade cake.

If you have any books, clothes, toys or bric-a-brac to donate, please contact Joy Parsons (01305 889611) or Jo Lacy Smith (01305 89476 07841776759 jolacysmith@gmail.com) and we will collect the jumble.
At our first meeting of 2018, Brian Bates gave us a fascinating presentation, which had been extensively researched, on “Dorchester Great War Memorials”.

As a garrison town, with a population of 10,000 in 1914, the outbreak of WW1 had more significance for the inhabitants of Dorchester than most other towns. Through the stories of some of those who perished in that terrible conflict, Brian was able to explain how their families and the local communities dealt with the tragic losses. At the end of the War, 285 names were added to the town’s various war memorials. It was not only in battle that many soldiers died - disease, heat and accidents were also to blame. The Cenotaph at the bottom of South Street (which was constructed by a stonemason named Grassby, not directly related to Grassby’s the funeral directors) was unveiled on Empire Day in 1921.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 19th March when our AGM will begin at 7.40pm. Membership fees of £8 per person will be due on this evening. If you wish to pay in advance, please drop your name and money/cheque (payable to ‘The Valley Club’) through Eileen’s letterbox. At 8.00pm, following the AGM we will have a talk on “Seasonal Colour & Interest in the Garden” by a member of the Gardens Group.

On Monday 16th April we will have our annual visit to Poundbury Garden Centre for our 25% Discount Evening. Please meet at the Garden Centre at 6.45pm.

On Thursday 17th May our village outing will be to Hinton Ampner (NT) at Alresford, Hampshire to visit the Georgian house and extensive grounds followed by a return trip on the Mid Hants Railway Watercress Line from Alresford to Alton. This will be an all day outing leaving Martinstown at 9.00am and returning at approximately 6.45pm. The cost for this full and varied trip will be £31 if you are a member of the National Trust. We will need to take full payment at time of booking. Once again, please contact Eileen – tel. 889584 if you wish to be included on this trip.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 568458
Martinstown Women’s Institute

Due to the torrential rain and flooding we decided to cancel the speaker at our February meeting. Despite the rain we had a good turn out, including some potential new members. Well done to everyone for braving the weather.

We are able to announce details of the Valley Club and WI Village Outing on Thursday 17th May (when hopefully it will have stopped raining!) In the morning a visit to Hinton Ampner (NT), a house and garden near Alresford. After lunch we will be taking a ride on the Watercress Line steam railway to Alton and back. The cost will be £31 (£18 coach and £13 for the train) plus entry to Hinton Ampner for those who are not members of the National Trust. This should make an interesting and varied day out and all from the village are welcome. To book contact me on 889628 or Eileen Fisher 889584.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th March at 7 pm in the Village Hall when our speaker will be Richard Balson from Britain’s oldest family butchery business in Bridport which has been featured on television. This will be an Open Meeting and all are very welcome.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

FILM NIGHT at the BREWERS ARMS
Next screening - Thurs 22nd March at 7.30:
When Harry Met Sally
Starring: Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan
Brian Canniford - Martinstown Cricket Club

The loss of Brian leaves a gap in the club that will be hard to fill. In his role as President, Brian brought a sense of fairness and understanding. From the early days when the club was reformed right up until the present, you always knew that Brian was the person to go to for sound advice on both cricketing and managerial matters.

His long association with the game carried on from his own playing days through to umpiring at a high level including the armed forces and local schools, always gaining the respect of everyone who played under his watchful eye.

Those of you who have known Brian will no doubt have many personal memories but for everyone at the club the abiding legacy will be his warm, welcoming manner and probably most importantly to see cricket ‘played as it should be played’.

Brian can be assured that his beliefs and principles will continue to be upheld in the best tradition by his friends and players at the club; a fitting tribute to someone who always gave so much, so willingly.

David Gargrave - Chairman

Thank you so much to my family & friends, and the Acute Care Nursing team for the care and support. Thanks for the lovely flowers and kind messages and a really BIG thankyou to the fiends who walked ‘Bazzy’ dog.

What would I have done without you all? Hope it won’t be long before I’m out and about again.

With appreciation and love, Sue Matthews

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Profits from this performance to our local school
Winterbourne Valley First School

Martinstown Village Hall
3rd March 2018 07:30 bar from 07:00

THE BOADICEA OF BRITANNIA STREET

Ade Morris

"an absolute gem of a play, beautifully observed and should be on your 'must see' list"

This very funny, very touching play about female friendship has been described elsewhere as, "Calendar Girls meets Dead Poets Society"

Tickets: £10 per person
please call:
Roelie 01305 889192
Richard 01305 889466
Government statistics suggest that more than a quarter of people suffer mental health problems at any one time. Most illnesses are temporary, but the chronic and the serious receive expert help in or outside hospital. What happened before there were expertise, emollient drugs or the communal wealth to provide care and safety?

The records provide little information, but what does emerge is a very sad story of ignorance, fear, neglect and cruelty. The provision of Poor Relief from the 16th century with its accompanying accounts of tax and expenditure gives occasional reference.

“Whereas complainte is made unto this Courte, That one Ashe a poor dumbe boye of the parish of Fordington in this Countie being nowe growne almost to mans estate doth wander about the Countrie and comes often to the Towne of Dorchester and there beggs and affrightes and terrifies the children and it is much doubted that he will doe some mischiefe...” [Dorset Quarter Sessions Order Book October 1626].

The subsequent order for restraint could not have been effective – there was no means to do so. If the boy committed a felony – the theft of food for example – he could be prosecuted and hanged, and many were. Sometimes ‘lunaticks’ were sent by the magistrates to the House of Correction, a prison in all but name, and the home parish was charged for maintenance. The ratepayers would not be pleased, and it was not even made legal until the mid-18th century. In 1808 an Act of Parliament permitted private asylums supervised by the magistrates to be set up, to which pauper and criminal lunatics could be sent, the fees being paid by the parish.

The growing concern of the rising middle classes, both beneficent and financial, led to Parliament giving the County magistrates the right to establish their own asylums in 1828. Four years later a prominent Dorset landowner and magistrate gave Forston House near Charminster to the County for just that purpose. Francis John Browne accompanied the gift with £4000, the equivalent of several millions today.

It was not enough for the conversion, but subscriptions and loans were raised. The demand for admissions leaped upward, showing the hidden depths of need for care and treatment. In 1864 a new hospital was opened at Herrison with 300 beds, but Forston House was retained until 1895, and the Reverend Carr John Glyn, JP, urged that it should be kept for lunatics ‘immediately above the pauper classes’. In 1877 imbeciles were also admitted, having previously lived in the workhouses set up in 1834. Further extensions to the hospital were made in 1895 and 1904, and in 1913 there were nearly a thousand patients.

The magistrates handed over control to the new County Council in 1888, and the hospital became part of the National Health Service in 1948. The site developed into a self-supporting community in many respects, with its own farm, nurses’ home for 95 staff, laundry, ballroom, cinema and surgical facilities. A bus service to Dorchester was organised for patients, visitors and staff, but even though it did not have a road-service licence it was popular with the residents of Charminster!

Substantial improvements in treatment in the mid-20th century, particularly in the use of drugs, made possible more care in the community, and gradually the numbers of inmates diminished. By 1979 there were only 200 long-stay patients remaining and the final closure came in 1992.

The site was sold for building, and a separate community has developed, known as Charlton Down. The large buildings became apartments, and modern terraces, closes and playing fields cover the 400 acres of Herrison.
14 Mileaters gathered at Burton Bradstock for the next section in our Coast Path odyssey. On paper, a fairly level walk to Abbotsbury awaited, but after eventually negotiating the 3 miles to West Bexington, 50% of which was on shingle, we realised why the Army used beaches for training.

At West Bexington a well-earned coffee break was enjoyed and 5 more members joined us for the final 3 1/2 miles to Abbotsbury; 10 minutes of beach and then it was merely a case of avoiding the deep pools of rainwater remaining from recent downpours - a stark contrast to the wonderful weather that accompanied us on our route, cool and breezy but clear blue skies.

At last St.Catherine’s Chapel came into view and time for a photo-call, with great views south to The Fleet, and north to the surrounding hills. One small rise and we were across the finishing line; our reward awaited. But no, the pub had run out of draught beer! Toys collected from around the pram we made good with ciders, lagers and the odd “Peculier” bottle, accompanied by an excellent lunch. Next stop Chickerell.

Martinstown Scout Group
Indoor and outdoor activities for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Meeting Mondays 5.30pm - 6.30pm (Beavers), 6.15pm - 7.30pm (Cubs & Scouts)
• Martinstown Village Hall For more information call SUE GOWER - Cub Leader on 01305 889388 or 07800 537722 • Adult helpers sought (no previous experience necessary).
Do you have issues with parking? Noisy neighbours? Concerned with an animal’s welfare? Not sure who to contact... Then AskNED – the non-emergency directory.

Dorset Police has launched a new online knowledgebase designed to help the public find answers to common enquiries and guide them to the right agencies.

AskNED offers help and advice around a whole host of topics such as civil matters including landlord and tenant disputes, as well as criminal matters including burglary and assault. AskNED provides advice and information about what you should do and who can help.

The online service is quick and easy to use. It is an alphabetical list of topics the police commonly receive enquiries about, along with details of the agencies who can help you.

Head of Contact Management for Dorset Police, Superintendent Steve Lyne said: "Ask NED is a useful resource for the public, providing information on topics we are most commonly asked about.

"It is an alphabetical list of topics that hold information and signposting details for that subject.

"Ultimately, I hope that AskNED will assist the public with questions they may have and divert people away from the 101 non-emergency number which will in turn provide further improvements to our service."

To access the AskNED knowledgebase visit www.dorset.police.uk/askNED. Remember, it is quicker and easier to report online, however the 101 non-emergency service is available should you wish to speak to someone. If a crime is in progress or life in danger always dial 999.

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COFFEE MORNING

Manor Grove Communal Hall • EVERY THURSDAY • 10.30am -12.00
Entrance: 50p to include cake and biscuits • ALL WELCOME

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Prayer Group

We meet every 2nd Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm at various people’s houses, to have a cup of tea and then spend 40 minutes in prayer; praying for all those in our communities, our churches and the world. If you would like to join us, please contact me for details of when and where we will be meeting this month.

Jo Lacy-Smith 01305 889476 and 07841 776759  jolacysmith@gmail.com
Winter is beginning to draw to its wet and muddy end. (I hope!) and Spring brings us another Artsreach production.

On Saturday 24th March at 7.30 the Martinstown village hall will be host to a one-man staging of Milton’s Paradise Lost. A totally different experience to your expectation on reading my opening sentence.

Combining theatre, comedy and movement this is a journey through the story of the creation of everything. A show bringing you the highlights of this often forgotten story beginning with Lucifer’s rebellion and ending with Adam and Eve’s expulsion from the garden of Eden.

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Fronted by Artistic Director and National Dance Critic’s, Ben Duke, this highly entertaining dance/theatre company Lost Dog has been performing this one man show of Paradise Lost to critical acclaim and packed audiences up and down the country.

This work was premiered at Battersea Arts Centre and went on to run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August 2015. It has also been short-listed for a total theatre award.

This is a show for any one who has created anything, (a garden, a paper aeroplane, or even a pudding) and watched it spiral out of control.

The performance has been brought to us through the auspices of Artsreach, the counties touring arts charity. A fantastic experience not to be missed!

Tickets available from me on 01305 889963.

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The Schedule and Entry forms will be available in the late spring. However the Class for growing a seed potato in a container requires early preparation. If you would like to try to grow some, please email annpriddle@btinternet.com or ring 01305 889189 to reserve you potato which will be available at the end of February.

GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH

The Garden Centres now have all of their seeds in stock so it would be a good time to go and buy. Whilst you are there please remember that there are classes in the Show for Summer flowering bulbs. They are easy to grow so do look out for gladioli, lilies etc.

Happy Gardening.

Begging again!

Before Christmas I was moved and overwhelmed by the response to my request for clothing and toiletries for Pilsdon, now I am on the scrounge for something different. Pilsdon Community supports wayfarers short term and those in crisis long term and as such meet the needs of these people in varied ways. They do not have internet signal so entertainment in the evening is usually a DVD, these get scratched and broken with repeated use so they are rather desperate for some more.

If you have any DVDs in good working condition that you are tired of and are thinking of throwing out, could you please drop them into me at Old Brewery House, Martinstown by 23 March. (If I’m out, just leave in the porch). I will pass them onto the community in time for Easter.

Wishing you all a happy Easter and thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Sally Webb

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...new Editor for the magazine.

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