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Graham Herbert, Editor – Tel: 01305 889786

Front cover main photograph by Teresa Bychurch ©2018.
It has been a real joy for me to be part of the Winterbournes Team and a privilege to have this opportunity to reflect on my time here thus far. All four of our churches have become special to me. All are different and all, in different ways, are ‘thin’ churches. Thin in the sense that when I enter them I am aware that the space between myself and God has become thin. They all give a deep sense of the Holy.

God’s Kingdom, however, is not just about buildings. It’s about people. I have found much of God’s work being in our villages. Care for the sick, concern for the elderly, companionship for the lonely, food for the hungry, help for the unemployed. I could go on and on.

We are richly blessed, but with God’s blessings come responsibilities. I am witness to many wonderful things in our community and my prayer is that we never take them for granted. In our appreciation, we must do all we can to ensure that they continue. We do that by welcoming everyone, being sensitive to both tradition and change and by respecting views that may be different to our own. Loving others as we do ourselves. I think we are pretty good at this and, with God’s help and guidance, will continue being so.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful valley community. I hope I may be privileged to serve you all for a while longer.

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

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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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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

OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER – 19th AFTER TRINITY

10.00  Holy Communion  Winterbourne Abbas
11.00  Harvest Festival  Martinstown

SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER – 20th AFTER TRINITY

08.00  Holy Communion (BCP)  Martinstown
09.30  Harvest Festival  Compton Valence
11.00  Harvest Festival  Winterbourne Steepleton

SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER – 21st AFTER TRINITY

10.00  Holy Communion  Winterbourne Abbas
11.00  Holy Communion  Martinstown

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER – BIBLE SUNDAY

11.00  Holy Communion  Martinstown
Remembrance Sunday
11th November 2018
St Martin’s Church, Martinstown

A special service to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the 1st World War

We begin on the village green at 10.45 am with the laying of wreaths and a 2 minute silence

This will be followed by a church service of sound & vision and poetry by GA Studdert Kennedy (Woodbine Willie)
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.
# The Village Hall Notice Board

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(Every other Friday)

Chairperson: Jane Jones – Tel: 01305 889202
Bookings: Ann Matthews – Tel: 889248 or email: ronann.matthews@btinternet.com
On Friday 7/09/18 four W.I members (Margaret, Lyn, Anne & Heather) set off to visit The Hauser & Wirth gardens and art gallery at Bruton. On arrival, we visited the gardens first and we were amazed by how stunning they were. The gardens had been thoughtfully designed to demonstrate an abundance of colour and texture.

The gardens had various grasses added among the flowering perennials, which added movement and enhanced the natural ambience. After over an hour of wandering around the gardens we then ventured off to the restaurant. Due to the high restaurant prices, we all ordered just starters. Then off to explore the art galleries to admire and be amazed by Alexander Calder’s “Kinetic Sculptures” (the forerunner in using “mobiles”, as an art form). Also, in the gallery was a fascinating display of some of the artist’s personal possessions, like his clogs, chairs, lamp and rug. All of the possessions had a very unique and stylish design, for the period they were made. It was hard to comprehend the age of the artist’s possessions, and art work as they looked modern in their design. After, we then took a brief tour around the shop, but due to the highly priced gifts, only post cards were purchased.

On our return journey back to Martinstown, we reflected together on what an awe inspiring day we had experienced, and how we would be keen to return with other members, hopefully next July.

Heather Bonser (W.I Press Officer).
Our next event will be on Monday 15th October when we will be having a Fish & Chip Supper at 7.40pm followed by a presentation by Joy Wallis on “The Monks, Scholars & Families of Sherborne”. The cost of the Fish & Chip Supper will be £6.00 for members and £8.00 for non-members. Tickets are available from Eileen on 889584.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to say a big thank you to Ian Gibson as he has decided to come off the Valley Club Committee. Ian was the founder and Chairman of the Valley Club when it first started in January 2005 and has continued on the committee since giving up the Chairmanship in 2008. Ian’s recipe for the Mulled Wine which we all look forward to at the November Social each year is legendary, and he has kindly passed on his secrets to fellow Committee member Richard Benson.

Date for your diary:
Friday 23rd November - 8.00pm - Social Evening with entertainment, mulled wine & mince pies.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 568458
Water Aid Concert
by Sally Webb

On Saturday, 7 July the Winterbournes Church Charity Group held a concert to raise money for Water Aid.

The concert was well attended and the audience gave very generously to the extent that we were able to raise £606! We were brilliantly entertained by the Steepleton Music Group and by Viva choir led by Kathy Prince, the programme included many water based musical compositions and songs; Cathie Siegal read a beautiful and moving poem.

I would like to thank the members of the Charity Group and all the other volunteers who helped on the night, the entertainers for giving of their time and talent and to those who kindly donated raffle prizes especially The Brewers Arms and to all those who donated to this worthwhile cause.

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: 3rd November, 7th December - There is no lunch 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!

Poundbury ART GROUP
With The Poundbury Quilters
Will be holding an EXHIBITION of their work

13th & 14th October 2018
at the Brownsword Hall
Pummery Square, Poundbury

The exhibition will be open each day from 11.00 am – 4.00 pm
FREE ADMITTANCE

THANK YOU...
I just wanted to find a way to say a huge heartfelt thank you to all in the Martinstown for the overwhelming love and support you have shown me due to the recent loss of my sister.

I have never felt so much warmth and it’s at times like this I feel so very blessed to live here in the village.

Love to you all, Karen Barrett
(Martinstown Village Shop)
A hundred years ago this month, there were 5000 German soldiers encamped in Dorchester. In a war, what do you do with prisoners? In primitive times, you held the officers for ransom and enslaved or massacred the rest – simple, efficient and profitable. Since the eighteenth century the practice of holding, feeding and housing prisoners has grown more common in wars between civilised nations, but this is costly and takes a lot of manpower out of the front line. Dartmoor prison was built in 1800 to hold French prisoners in the Napoleonic Wars, but in the comparatively peaceful 19th century the need was very small. Only with the Great War 1914-1918 did the demand for prisoner accommodation suddenly surge. The British Army was in France, entrenched along the Western Front. The barracks at home became vacant, and very soon the Artillery Barracks in Dorchester were filled with the first batches of the captured German enemy. The overflow were housed in tents, but clearly this was only temporary, and adjacent land was laced with substantial huts. Row upon row were built, with adequate heating and plumbing, as befitted the proper standards of the United Kingdom, the world’s leading economy.

The numbers grew rapidly, until there were more Germans than there were Englishmen in Dorchester. This huge alien community ran smoothly with the co-operation of the inmates. Organisation and maintenance were largely undertaken by prisoners, and those men not employed about the camp were taken out to work on farms and in the gravel pits, and even to sweep the streets. They were paid very small wages for this labour. An elderly resident of Martinstown used to recall how as a child he stood in the village street to watch the lorries pass by with the prisoners bound for the farms. On the way back the Germans would toss out to the children the little wooden toys they had carved during the lunch-hour.

The camp grew on both sides of the Great Western Railway line. To the concern of the authorities in the first year of the War the natural curiosity of the Dorchester people sometimes extended in the direction of fraternization, at least to the extent of girls waving and even blowing kisses over the fence. Such friendly gestures became rare as people lost husbands, sons and brothers on the Western Front.

When the Great War ended in November 1918, the German prisoners had to wait a further year before their repatriation. The site of the camp was eventually cleared, and much later became the Poundbury industrial park that it is today. Stand in front of Mole Country Stores and look up the hill. In your imagination sweep away the bustling commercial enterprises and think of the bleak rows of huts that were home to 5000 men in those war-torn years.

Twenty-five years later the problem re-asserted itself as the Allies invaded north-west Europe. In the Second World War, German POWs were often sent across the Atlantic, but after D-Day temporary camps had to be found in England. Many were found in the countryside, including the one in the field opposite the church in Martinstown. It had been used by the now-departed British and American soldiers. This time the prisoners were held until three years after the end of the war in Europe, and in the days of peace came to form a community integrated into the village. They even helped to restore the bells in the church. Early in the 21st century one former prisoner was brought over by his son to visit the scene, and was astonished to find that though there were many familiar survivals, his prison camp was now Hardy Close.
The Martinstown Garden and Craft Show is quite inspirational really. It’s a bit like a party where everyone’s invited and people bring the best things that they have grown or made, to be admired by one and all.

The judges are essential of course, because not everyone can win 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. One judge who has been meticulously judging fruit and vegetables since the Show’s inception, the venerable Fred Penhaligon, spent several hours carefully considering every entry and his knowledge and experience are legendary. The same applies to the other judges and we thank them all very much for their efforts because this is a serious business.

But it is also great fun and the inspiration for the spirit of the Show came from its founder and Chairperson, Ann Priddle, until her sad and sudden death just a few months ago.

Certainly she would have loved the whole day. The number of entries and the standards attained were better than ever, a fine achievement when you consider the exceptional conditions of this hot and dry summer. A new crystal bowl, The Ann Priddle Trophy, was proudly donated by Ann’s family and won by Lesley Usherwood for her baking skills.

We hope all the lovely people who helped to make the day go so smoothly (setting up, serving teas and washing up, writing on raffle tickets – all the usual things!) will volunteer again next year, if we promise they can try some of the fruit gin entries after the judging.

So that’s it for another year. If you are planning to make a fruit gin to enter in next year’s Show, now would be a good time to start. It should be ready to drink around Christmas time, but keep some for the Martinstown Garden and Craft Show 2019 when it will have matured to its full flavour.

Perhaps it could even win!
We are two Explorer Scouts from the Martinstown; Charlie Dovey, and Archie Lloyd, both aged 14 and we attend The Thomas Hardye School, in Dorchester. We are off to Kenya next summer with the Dorset Expeditionary Society (www.dorsetexp.org.uk). As part of this trip we get to experience work in a Kenyan province (Maara Sub-County) assisting with building and maintaining community structures (classrooms, health centre, Baragu hospital, and housing); home visits to orphans and needy children on the Dorset/Murugi Sponsorship Programme; assisting teachers in Dorset linked primary and secondary schools and working with children in the Donna Kelly Special Educational Needs unit in Kiriani School. We will be living on a small farm in a village on the slopes of Mount Kenya buying and cooking our own meals.

However, we do have to pay expenses for this trip (which our parents are kindly funding for us!), in addition we each have to raise £1500 towards construction and infrastructure costs for the province – all of this money goes into the community as the Dorset Expeditionary Society is a non-profit making charity.

With this in mind, we are looking at a variety of fundraising initiatives throughout the next year, a Coffee morning on Saturday 6 October and a Prize Christmas Bingo on Friday 9 November which will be advertised within this and later Parish Magazine editions, as well as throughout the valley, and would welcome any individual support from locals in addition to sponsorship from local businesses operating within the valley.

Thank you – Charlie & Archie
Charlie Dovey Tel 01305 889250
or email bdovey@hotmail.co.uk

Coffee Morning
Saturday 6 October
10 –1pm
Martinstown Village Hall

Stalls include CHRISTMAS CRAFTS; RAFFLE; CHILDRENS STALLS; CAKES; BOOKS; TOYS & MUCH MUCH MORE!

Please come and support two local Explorer Scouts, Charlie Dovey & Archie Lloyd who are fundraising for a trip to Kenya next summer, hoping to raise £1500 each.

If anyone would like to offer sponsorship for this event (for us to purchase raffle prizes) or indeed donate, please do get in touch with us on the contact details given in the parish magazine.

FILM NIGHT at the BREWERS ARMS
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3rd Drop-off - Village Shop

A-Line Taxis: 01305 264747 to book
Sutton Poyntz Mileaters Walk

On the afternoon of Friday, 24 August, 12 people and four dogs set off from the Springhead Pub for a 5 mile circular walk taking in Came Down and the ridge above Sutton-Poyntz. The weather was a little wild towards the end and some of the slopes a bit steep but generally the views were good, the conversation excellent and the dogs extremely well behaved.

We returned to the pub just before the heavens decided to truly open, where we enjoyed a delicious evening meal and a well-earned drink.

Sally & Tom Webb

Moreton Mileaters Walk

On Thursday 6 September sixteen Mileaters and four dogs set off on a glorious sunny day to walk a 6 mile circular walk starting from Moreton. This wasn’t the original walk planned as we hoped to add another section of the coast path which we have been doing in stages throughout the year. However as many people were not able to make this date the walk was switched to Moreton. Those who came were not disappointed and we even managed to find plenty of water and sand despite being several miles from the seaside.

The walk began at Moreton where we crossed the river Frome by a footbridge adjacent to the ford and headed north towards Briantspuddle through woodland areas of a mixture of oak, silver birch and conifers. We followed a peaty and sandy path and stopped for coffee at Cullpeppers Dish which is a extremely large sink hole some 300 meters across which was named after Nicholas Cullpepper the herbalist.

We continued over typical Dorset heathland, a blend of bracken, conifers, heather and sand and reached the tank training area from Bovington unfortunately we did not see any unless they were too well camouflaged. The walk took us past Clouds Hill, the cottage once the home of T. E. Lawrence and back to Moreton.

We took refreshments at the Frampton Arms pub next to Moreton Railway Station which was very enjoyable

Richard Benson
The club ended the season in sparkling form. The second team clinched promotion with their final game against Weymouth whilst the firsts secured their highest ever position in the premier division; with a remarkably convincing win in their last game against the leaders, Wimborne & Colehill. Two very worthy achievements by our Saturday sides who once again benefited from participation by rising stars from the youth section and the addition of new senior members.

Our evening league side held their own with some good all round performances against higher placed teams.

Martinstown youth teams scooped a number of trophies in a variety of competitions:
- Under 19 team winning the Dorset County cup
- Under 15 team reaching the County semi-final
- Under 13s reaching the area cup final

The season saw junior players gaining selection for West Dorset and County representation.

This was first year of All Stars programme, aimed at younger children; this proved very successful attracting 35 children across two venues, 80-90 children in total.

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

Another first this season was the formation of a ladies and girls section. This proved very popular with the team quickly making its mark in a local competition. The autumn will see the section competing in a winter league.

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**Off the field**

Led by John O’ Brien a dedicated group completed the build of the clubhouse extension which was completed on time and within budget. Our fundraising efforts proved successful and as ever we are indebted to all our sponsors, benefactors and funding agencies. Our ground staff continue to give us a playing surface that is the envy of many clubs – we now have a clubhouse to match.

2018 was also in other ways a significant year as we celebrated 30 years since the club was reformed following a period of inactivity. Many of those involved in the rebirth are still active participants and the club has much to thank them for, all the work and effort that has brought the club to where it is today.

**David Gargrave - Chairman**
The next meeting of the Parish Council is on:

**Monday 22 Oct 2018**

Full Parish Council Meeting dates all at NEW time of 7.00pm at the Parish Office

**Monday 26 November 2018**

**No Meeting in December**

**Monday 28 January 2019**

**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

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**Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates**

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**Dorset Police – Safer Neighbourhood Team**

**Meet your local Neighbourhood Policing Team 2018**

at Martinstown Shop & Post Office 2nd Wed every month • 11.00 -11.30

If you cannot make this but would still like to speak with us please contact:

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**Dorchester Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team**

Sgt 1824 Ged Want • PC 0229 Pete Moore • PCSO 6230 Dan Gent • PCSO 5410 Sarah Pilcher

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**The Old Reading Room, Martinstown**

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**VILLAGE HALL**

**100 CLUB DRAW**

**Martinstown Draw**

**AUGUST 2018**

£25 Christine Mooney  
£10 Rob Wilkins  
£5 Gerald Duke

**Compton Valetine Draw**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

£25 Chris Roberts  
£10 Andrew Neville-Rolfe  
£5 Jeremy Russell
With thanks to Michael Hall for compiling this Timetable

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