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Dear Friends

In the August edition of Valley and Valence John wrote about the Pass-It-On fundraising campaign which the PCC is planning for October. This campaign is very important for the continued well-being of the 3 Valley churches, to ensure that they are available to all and to make sure that they remain in good condition for those who simply enjoy them as buildings. We recognize and are very grateful to all the existing regular givers and practical helpers who have given and done so much over the last 5 years; without their contributions we would be in bad trouble indeed. Inflation, however, rapidly erodes income and instead of relying on reserves to balance the books, as we are doing at the moment, we need to take action now to move back into the black.

We do this partly by the individual churches running fund raising events: the Abbas fete, the Steepleton Advent concert and the Martinstown walking treasure hunt are but a few examples. These all help but, by their nature, they are a bit unpredictable in their outcome. Almost more important though is the steady monthly income that allows the PCC to plan ahead and make commitments, knowing that for the next 4 – 5 years it will be able to meet them. To achieve this, the PCC needs to renew its financial appeal regularly and the Pass-It-On campaign is a tried and tested way of doing this.

We all expect the church buildings and the Vicar to be available when we want to arrange a baptism, a wedding or a funeral. We all look forward to Christmas carol services; we assume the buildings will be watertight, warm and lit, the paintwork clean, and they will be safe to use. We are so accustomed to seeing them that we simply take them as part of the backdrop, a natural part of the village community. All these aspects and more we tend to take for granted with little conscious thought…. So please be ready therefore when the Pass-It-On folder is delivered to you and be thinking now how you personally could respond, both financially and practically. The campaign will be launched in St Martin’s church on Sunday 1st October; please join us for the occasion.

Many thanks, in anticipation of your support,

Dick Corbett-Winder
Joy Parsons
John Crawford

The Churchwardens

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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

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER - 12th AFTER TRINITY
10.00 Holy Communion Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion Martinstown

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER – 13th AFTER TRINITY
08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Martinstown
09.30 Holy Communion Compton Valence
11.00 Holy Communion Winterbourne Steepleton

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER – 14th AFTER TRINITY
10.00 Holy Communion Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion Martinstown
18.00 Songs of Praise Winterbourne Abbas

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER – 15th AFTER TRINITY
11.00 Morning Worship Martinstown

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
10.00 Patronal Festival Winterbourne Steepleton

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.

ASSOCIATE PRIEST
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Saturday
30th September
10:00 -1:00pm

A morning for all the family including children of all ages, enjoying activities, singing songs, listening to stories, eating lunch, drinking coffee and chatting - Having a good time Celebrating the Harvest!

Jo Lacy-Smith on: 01305 89476 or 07841776759
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A silent space: Being Open

At this time where there is a tendency to blame others who are different from us, it is important to take time to find compassion and openness for those we sometimes scapegoat.

We invite you to join this multifaith group who will be coming together to open themselves to the Holy Spirit in St. Martin’s Church, on 5th September at 6pm for 20 minutes of silence, drawn to a close by reading poetry and prose.

Please join us and bring some poetry or prose.

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Quiz Night

Martinstown Village Hall
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As part of our prayers, we use the prayer books that are placed in each church for anybody to write in to ask for prayer. If you would like prayer, you can contact me, or write in one of the books.

If you would like to join us, please contact me for details of when and where we will be meeting this month.

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Songs of Praise
17th September at 6pm
St. Mary’s, Winterbourne Abbas

Join us for 40 minutes to clear the cobwebs out by singing our well known hymns/songs, listening to bible readings and reading some of our favourite poetry or prose.

Please bring along some poetry/prose and let me know in advance any hymns or songs you would like to sing.

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Chairperson: Jane Jones – Tel: 01305 889202
Bookings: Ann Matthews – Tel: 889248 or email: ronann.matthews@btinternet.com
To start the Autumn meetings, on Monday 18th September at 8.00pm in Martinstown Village Hall we will be having a talk by a member of The Gardens Group on “The Garden Centre Year”.

With details of what goes on behind the scenes, how they plan for the different seasons and which plants are proving to be popular year after year, this talk will give us an insight into the garden centre industry.

We hope to see many members on the 18th and non-members are always welcome at a cost of £3.

Valley Club News

Dates for your diary:

**Monday 16th October**
7.40pm Fish & Chip Supper.
8.00pm presentation by Selwynn Williams on “Treasure of the Golden Grape”.

**Friday 24th November**
8.00pm Social Evening with entertainment, mulled wine and mince pies.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 889597

Mind the Gap: Gender Equality in the 21st Century

This is the title of a talk that will be given by Alison Judd on 26th October at 7pm in the United Church, Dorchester, DT1 1EE (entry from South St. or Charles St; park in Charles Street)

Alison Judd is the World President (until 2021) of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, a position which is taking her all over the world to listen to women, work with them, learn from them and bring them encouragement.

Her visit to Dorchester was arranged by Dr Margaret Barker under the umbrella of Churches Together in Dorchester. (Margaret and Alison have been friends for over 40 years.) Alison’s husband, Rev. Les Judd was the Superintendent Methodist minister in, first of all, Sherborne and then Weymouth, so Alison is already well known in this area as a hard working person and an inspiring speaker.

Entry is free, there will be light refreshments at the end and all are welcome.
Bus Pass Usage Before 0930 hrs

In early-2017 Dorset County Councillors voted to stop funding the use of concessionary bus passes before 0930 hrs from 24th July 2017. Since then Sir Oliver Letwin MP and the Winterbourne Valley Transport Group have pursued this matter with several different people within DCC trying to persuade them to make an exception for Winterbourne Valley residents as the only buses we have that go into Dorchester all run before 0930 hrs. I regret that, to date, we have been unsuccessful and therefore travel into town on the early morning buses will have to be paid for.

We continue our attempts to get additional buses through the valley and hope to be able to bring better tidings in the future.

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Well Done Chloe!

My daughter, Chloe Gunn who is a Local horse rider from Martinstown is celebrating after attending The National Side Saddle Championships at Addington Manor last week

She was in the ribbons in every class bringing home a haul of rosettes and trophies.

Winning the Dressage Championship, Champion Pairs, Team Relay Show Jumping, Reserve Champion Open Rider of the Year and Amateur Rider of the Year awards.

Kind Regards, Richard Gunn

Thank you to all the kind friends (and strangers) who bought kindling or cookbooks from the shop or made donations to our fund. Charlie, my Grandson, is now in Kenya and so far they have run a Scout camp, renovated the dormitory, painted the village school and had a ‘cultural evening’. This week he was invested as an Explorer Scout at the Baden-Powell Museum in Nyeri. He has yet to trek to Mt Kenya. Thank you for giving him this marvellous opportunity.

Monica Ellis
On Wednesday, 9th August we had planned to have a cream tea in Margaret Hearing’s garden, but as the weather was rather cool and threatening to rain, we enjoyed our tea indoors instead. We are very grateful to Margaret for her hospitality once again. We concluded the afternoon with a toast to Margaret and Terry for their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and wish them many congratulations from all in WI.

A group of us visited the Dorset Arts & Craft Exhibition in Wareham which included a room displaying items made by WI members throughout the county. We were very impressed by the beautiful and intricate work on show and some of us were inspired to see what we can produce.

On Wednesday 13th September we resume our monthly meetings in the Village Hall when we look forward to a visit from Wendy Williams who will be speaking about alpacas and bringing some with her. This will be an Open Meeting, so do come along and meet the alpacas!

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].

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!
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Church Wardens)
Earlier this year Winterborne St. Martin Parish Council commissioned an Automated Traffic Count (ATC) from the highways team of Dorset County Council. This was primarily to determine if the sites surveyed would meet the criteria set by the highways team for the use of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) if the Parish Council should decide to buy one for its own use in the village. If the Parish Council decides that a SID could have a positive impact on the reduction of the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit then a SID can only be deployed in locations approved by the DCC highways team. This is for the safety of the persons deploying the SID and also having a number above a set level of speeding vehicles, as measured by the use of the ATC.

The ATC is a set of cables laid across a road and connected to a metal box in the roadside measuring volume of traffic and speed.

DCC highways team installed the ATC at two locations in the village, Mallards Green and just past the Brewers Arms to measure the traffic in the two locations often raised by residents as having a problem with vehicles travelling at excessive speeds. They were operational for the week of Monday 19th June to Sunday 25th June 2017.

The results showed that at Mallards Green a total of 23,836 vehicles passed through during the week. Weekday averages were in excess of 4000 and weekend daily averages were in excess of 2000. Of these 62%, almost 15,000 vehicles, were exceeding the speed limit. 1570 vehicles travelled through the Mallards Green area exceeding 40mph.

The results of the survey at Mallards Green do meet the DCC highways team criteria for the use of a SID which could be used in each direction.

The results from the ATC laid near the Brewers Arms were perhaps more surprising in that the levels of speeds recorded would not enable DCC highways team to authorise the use of a SID in that location at this time. Total vehicles counted were 13,433 of which 18% (2351) were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit with 79 vehicles at 40 mph or above. Although any amount of speeding is not acceptable to us as residents, the occurrence of speeding vehicles is not high enough to meet the industry standard criteria used by DCC highways to authorise the site for the deployment of a SID.

At the Parish Council meeting in July, councillors discussed the outcome of the traffic survey and considered whether it was reasonable to purchase a SID which at this time could be used at Mallards Green alternating in each direction for set periods. The councillors decided to defer this decision until further information could be gathered about the effectiveness of the SID used in other villages in Dorset and the possibility of other types of traffic calming such as physical road features. This type of traffic calming could only be decided on and undertaken by Dorset County Council.

If the parish council were to purchase its own SID, DCC Highways Team specify the model that can be used. The cost would be approximately £2,800. The parish council started this financial year with reserves of £13,738 some of which is earmarked to cover future maintenance expenditure for the village green area.

When the parish council has collected further information the decision as to whether it should purchase its own SID will be revisited at the meeting on the 25th September.

It will assist the parish council to learn the views of the households of Winterborne St Martin in this regard. Please email the parish council at winterbornestmartin@dorset-aptc.gov.uk to let them know what you think about this or alternatively speak to any parish councillor or the clerk Stephen Slade.

Visit the parish council webpage on the village website www.martinstown-news.co.uk for the full traffic survey results, the report that went to the July meeting and contact details for all of your parish councillors.

It’s 30 for a reason...

Residents of Martinstown will hopefully have noticed the bright notices attached to some wheelie bins each Thursday through the main roads of the village. The parish council obtained permission from Dorset Waste Partnership for the adhesive stickers to be applied to the wheelie bins. Advice was also sought from Lytchett Minster and Upton Parish Council who were already using the signs.

The parish council is enormously grateful to the Waste Watch group for agreeing to fund the purchase of 100 of the ‘It’s 30 for a Reason’ wheelie bin stickers.

The traffic survey mentioned above was undertaken before the stickers were delivered to residents so would not have impacted in the results of that survey. These very visual reminders do appear to have an effect on the traffic, particularly the centre of the village.
The northern boundary of the Winterborne parishes is the A35 – a Roman road.

From the 1st to the 5th century AD that road bore a lot of traffic. Some of it was military, some was postal, some was tax-collection: but most would have been commercial. Roman Britain thrived on internal trade, and the produce of the countryside went to feed and clothe the Roman towns and the Roman Army. Durnovaria (Dorchester) was an important market centre, with a variety of business and administration services, as well as entertainment. Estate-owners and richer farmers along the Winterborne would track up to the A35 and ride easily into town – pushing past the flocks of sheep and packhorses loaded with grain.

Some businesses left evidence of their activity – the makers of decorative tile pavements for example, whose artistic creations are to be seen in the County Museum and in many sites across south-western Britain. One commercial activity remains mysterious, but the evidence is solid.

In 1936, the site of 48 South Street in Dorchester was being cleared for the construction of a brand-new Marks and Spencers Store – which stands to this day. One of the labourers, Mr McIntyre, swung his pick and turned up a Roman coin – not unusual in the area, but interesting. He dug further and found a bronze bowl and jug, and they were filled with coins. Altogether there were 22,000 of them – treasure indeed.

Somebody in 3rd Century Roman Dorchester buried their savings in the garden. The individual coins, mostly antoniniani, weren’t worth that much: about two days’ wages for a labourer. The total hoard represented spending power of many hundreds of thousands of pounds today. The coins were of poor quality, being copper with a silver coating, but most were mint-fresh and had not been in circulation. The latest is dated to the year 257AD, just before a new issue of coinage which had even less silver. As soon as traders realised this they put up their prices to try to get the same quantity of precious metal, and the Roman Empire suffered from bursts of wild inflation.

What sort of business produced such piles of money? Imagination could run riot. Perhaps the stash was ill-gotten gains, perhaps a criminal gang of thieves entrusted their loot to the man – or woman – who acted as treasurer. Perhaps it was simply the result of a lifetime of honest trading in the Forum. Perhaps a corrupt town official had been taking bribes. We will never know.

Whoever buried the hoard never came back to retrieve it, and presumably never told anyone about it. Seventeen hundred years later Mr McIntyre struck lucky.

The hoard is on display in the County Museum. It is an inspiration to diggers in town and country. You never know what is buried at the bottom of your garden.

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Adders, slow worms, butterflies, early blackberries, messing round in the river and a feast of ale, cider and steak and kidney pudding all happened on Friday, 14 July and somewhere in between the Mileaters managed a walk of about five and a half miles!

A group of 17 walkers and 5 dogs led by Sally and Tom, put their best feet forward in a bid to complete the Two Rivers Walk at Wareham, the morning was fresh and much umming and arghing took place in the car park as to whether waterproofs should be worn or even taken – fortunately the dry weather held.

The route partially followed the ancient town walls, ramparts built by the Saxons; the rest of the time we were walking the flat flood plains and banks of the River Piddle and the River Frome – a landscape rich in moisture loving flora and fauna and a wildfowl haven. It was pleasant walking and talking, studying architecture, nature and waving to people on boats. A couple of the dogs enjoyed a good swim and with a bit of kindly shaking, shared the river with us. A high or a low point depending on your interest in reptiles was seeing a truly large female adder basking in the late afternoon sun – she was described as fascinating, beautiful and terrifying in the same breath!

It would hardly be a Mileaters venture if I did not mention that we ended at a pub – this time the King’s Arms on North Street, Wareham; one of only four thatched buildings remaining in the town after the great fire of 1786. We had a welcome drink and some lovely food out in the sunshine in the beer garden after which we ambled back to the car park on our way admiring the tortoise.

But that’s another story...
August in Martinstown

The schools have broken up and so has the weather. We have passed from warm balmy days of Summer to dreary downpours interspersed with splinters of sunlight. The big question, how to separate the children from their screens when days on the beach are not possible unless all are encased in waterproofs and wellies?

Fortunately there was an option. One wet Saturday an Artsreach children’s workshop in the Village Hall was on offer. Two groups of local children, one group in the morning and another in the afternoon, arrived to take part in a stone carving session led by Bec Freiesleben.

After a safety briefing the children were introduced to their piece of Bath stone and the various tools that they were about to use. A quick sketch which was then transferred onto the stone and they were away, only stopping for a drink and a biscuit. It was hard work but undaunted they carried on, chip, chip, chip!

Time flew by and before long it was time for the carvings to be painted. At the end of both sessions all the children had produced something to be proud of but you should have seen the dust!

Talking of activity in the Village Hall, I was recently given a copy of the W.I programme for the next twelve months. A selection of talks had been planned. Topics ranged from ‘Illegal immigrants in the garden’, ‘a tea party’, ‘a Christmas party’, ‘an introduction to Alpacas’, ‘Nuclear power’, ‘a planned visit to a council meeting in Poole’ and ‘life on board the Royal Yacht Britannia’ to name but a few.

This was definitely not the W.I of “Jerusalem” and jam-making which had been my misconception.

I decided to look at past W.I programmes.

The W.I arrived in Martinstown after a public meeting chaired by Mrs Monica Furze was held in the school room at 3.30 on Tuesday 19th October 1948. Twenty one interested ladies turned up. The first gathering then took place on 1st November 1948 at 7.15.

Programmes from the 1950s onwards included a range of talks plus various exhibitions such as ‘My Nicest Christmas Card’, ‘Hyacinth bulbs grown by members’, ‘the oldest thing in my house’, to name but a few. A competition was also regularly incorporated ‘A telegram of 18 words beginning with a letter C’ or ‘Something I have knitted’, ‘Spring nosegays in an egg cup’ or ‘my favourite gadget’. I wonder what a 21st century favourite gadget would be?

By 1967 the competition category appears to have been dropped to be replaced by something called “Social Time.”

It strikes me that socialising in varying forms is what the W.I is all about offering evenings and days of entertainment to all. Long may it be so!

New members are welcome and guests can come along to any meeting. Men invited to open meetings only. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Village Hall.
Abbotsbury and Portesham Branch

The Government has made limited funds available to enable war veterans and their close relatives to visit the D-day landings sites in France, together with one or two carers. Ask for further information if interested.

At a meeting in July John Perry, Branch Vice Chairman, thanked Des and Jean Baker for their contribution to the success of the Branch for over twenty years. A bouquet and a book were presented in recognition of their voluntary service.

At the August R.B.L. Branch and Social Fund Committee Meetings it was decided to advertise for the following voluntary posts: Editor of the Branch Newsletter, published about eight times a year, which the membership relies upon for information about forthcoming events, news and comment. A challenging job with an established format, now nearing its 100th edition. Poppy Appeal Organiser responsibility for organising and co-ordinating various aspects of fund-raising throughout the year. Poppy Appeal Collectors for the Chesil Bank area. Come and join an established band of wonderful volunteers who support this worthwhile nationally recognised appeal. None of the foregoing requires the person concerned to be a Legion Member. Training in all aspects of these posts will be readily available. Apply to the Branch Chairman Steve James on 01305 871881.

Our new Branch Padre will be Margaret Preuss-Higham, vicar of Abbotsbury and Portesham.

At 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 16 September we welcome to the stage the Bovington Military Wives Choir in Portesham Village Main Hall – tickets are now available at £10 each from the writer or Ken Citroen, 6 Frys Close, Portesham (01305 871628).

The Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on 2 November; items for the agenda must be submitted to the Secretary by mid-October.

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