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This has been an extraordinary summer – day after day of sunshine and hot, hot temperatures. Great for those who enjoy the heat!

I remember well the summer of 1976 (or at least I think I do). We holidayed in Majorca at the end of May only to return home after two weeks of lovely weather to find everyone had enjoyed similar weather in this country. The hot, sunny weather continued until the end of August. I was living in Lymington at the time where the August Bank Holiday weekend was always carnival time. The rain started to fall just as the carnival procession was beginning but no one seemed to mind – we were all just grateful for the refreshing rain and an end to scorching weather. That evening there was a dramatic thunderstorm ending the legendary ‘Summer of ’76’.

It is in weather such as we have experienced this summer that we are made acutely aware of the fragility of our resources and it brings to the fore the reality of climate change. Unlike the Summer of ’76 we haven’t experienced queuing at stand-pipes for our water, nor have we had a hosepipe ban but we have been reminded that we should do our very best to preserve our water so that these extreme measures may be avoided. The farmers have struggled to feed their livestock and some of their crops have had to be ploughed back into the ground - lack of water rendering them useless. Even so, all of this is but nothing compared with many areas of the world where there is a constant struggle to grow crops and feed animals because of extreme drought.

Churches throughout the land are committing to a ‘greener’ way of living, encouraged by the Eco Church Project. Our own Bishop of Salisbury is the Church of England’s lead bishop on the environment. He says, “There is an urgency about environmental issues. They press hard on all of us, but the poorest of the earth are the most vulnerable. Faith communities are taking this seriously.” The vision of Eco Church is for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully by expressing our care for God’s world in our worship and teaching; in how we look after our buildings and land; in how we engage with our local community and global campaigns, and in the personal lifestyles of our congregations. These may seem like small efforts but like so many things where the scale of the problem seems so great, it is those small things that we do that can ultimately provide possibilities for great change.

On Sunday, 23rd September, 11am at St Martin’s Church, Martinstown there will be a special service centred on our care for the earth and where we are invited to share in God’s care for one another and for all God’s creation. Come and join us!

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

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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

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER - 14th AFTER TRINITY
10.00 Holy Communion and Harvest Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion Martinstown

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER – 15th AFTER TRINITY
08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Martinstown
09.30 Holy Communion Compton Valence
11.00 Holy Communion Winterbourne Steepleton

SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER – 16th AFTER TRINITY
10.00 Holy Communion Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion Martinstown

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER – 17th AFTER TRINITY
11.00 Holy Communion ‘Eco’ Church Martinstown
17.00 Church@Five Martinstown

SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER – St Michael & All Angels
11.15 Holy Communion Winterbourne Steepleton
**church @five**

**Sunday 23rd September at 5pm**

at **St Martin’s Church, Martinstown**

An informal service centred on worship, prayer and the bible. We will begin with light refreshments, followed by music led worship at 5.15.

*All welcome*

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**A Service of Thanksgiving and Patronal Festival**

St Michael’s Church • Winterbourne Steepleton

**Sunday, 30th September • 11.15 am**

To celebrate the reopening of the church following repairs

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The **September QUIET DAY** is on **Saturday 22nd September** at the

**Quiet Space in Poundbury.**

**The title for the day is Day by Day Dear Lord.**

It starts at **11am** (refreshments at 10.30am) and finishes at **3.30pm** with tea, coffee and cake.

There is no charge but donations are very welcome to cover costs. Please bring a Bible, notepad and pen and a packed lunch.

If you would like to book a place or to find out more please contact **Caroline Ellerby** at

carolineellerby@phonecoop.coop or on 01305 459622, mobile 07716677099.

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**Singing for pleasure**

If you enjoy singing, then you might like to join in with a new Martinstown group starting up this month. We’ll be looking at music of very different kinds – from the secular to the sacred; from musicals, pop and folk to the classical repertoire. The church has kindly agreed to our meeting there, so, although this won’t be a church choir, I’d hope the group might reciprocate by, on the odd occasion, sharing in a service at one or other of our parish churches.

We’ll be meeting fortnightly to begin with and our first session will kick off in the church at **7pm on Wednesday 12th September**. If you would like to be there, it would be really helpful, for the planning of the session and arranging music copies, to know as far ahead as possible that you’re coming and whether you’re soprano, alto, tenor or bass. My email address is p_wilkinson@hotmail.com. (If you’d have liked to sing, but can’t make the 12th, please let me know that too so we can include you in the numbers for the future.)

**Peter Wilkinson**
Harvest Supper

Saturday, 13th October at 7pm
Martinstown Village Hall
Two courses plus coffee - (bring your own drink)

Entertainment includes:
the Steepleton Music Group,
the Bottle Band
and a short (hilarious!) play

Tickets £7.00
(available from
Martinstown
Village Shop,
The Brewers Arms
or any of the
Church Wardens)

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.
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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:
7th September, 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!

HELP!

We need more cooks for the Community Lunch!

Any interested volunteers please contact: Jan on 01305 889738

Appeal of Bells
Memory and Memorial
Saturday 10th November 2018
Village Hall and the Church of St Martin,

Appeal of Bells – Memory and Memorial will be a celebratory event and an opportunity to remember the 33 Dorset bell ringers lost to conflict in WW1. During the afternoon there will be talks, readings and a hands on demonstration of bell ringing, taking place in Martinstown Village Hall, where refreshments will be available.

This will be followed in the early evening by a newly commissioned performance piece for voices and six bells performed in the Church of St Martin, Martinstown.

David Ward (visual artist), collaborating with Orlando Gough (composer), has been commissioned by the Dorset County Association of Bell Ringers to make a multifaceted artwork for Armistice Day Centenary Weekend 2018. Part of a citizen-led commissioning programme, New Patrons (Fr.).

The performance will highlight the significance of the Martinstown Church Bells, which were installed as the memorial to the five men of the village who lost their lives in WW2. The libretto, written by David Ward, and readings, make reference to the 4 men who lost their lives in WW1, remembered in the village by the dedication of ‘The Reading Room’ as their memorial.

These events will ‘echo’ the community of Martinstown’s history of remembrance.

For further information contact: info@divacontemporary.org.uk
I hope you have all had a good summer and have been able to get out and about in the glorious weather we have had.

Our last meeting was way back in June, when Robin Cook gave a very entertaining talk on “Life and Times at Harrods”. Unfortunately I was away so missed this talk. Apparently it was well attended, despite competing with the football! Many thanks to Angela who made the following notes on the talk.

Harrods was founded on the present site in 1849. Their Latin motto roughly translates “All things for all people everywhere”. Robin Cook started as a junior in the Kitchen Dept. in 1959 and worked there for 13 years, becoming a buyer in the Bathroom Dept. in 1968. When he started there was a very strict dress code and he had to undergo a two year probationary period. At this time, change was sent up from the basement in a tube which brought back memories for many members. Harrods, which was privately owned by the Burbage family, was sold to Frasers in the 60’s. There was a clock winding service, estate agents, dry cleaning and laundry, banking and telephone service manned 24 hours a day (including Christmas Day in case there was a problem with Christmas food delivery).

Robin also mentioned some of the characters who worked there and some of the celebrities who visited – the Queen, Prince Charles, the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. He also showed everyone a picture of John Lennon’s circular bath with gold plated taps!

September is fast approaching and our Autumn programme will begin with a presentation on “Julia’s House”. This will be on Monday 17th September at 8.00pm in Martinstown Village Hall. Non members are welcome to attend at a cost of £3 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Date for your diary:

**Monday 15th October**

7.40pm Fish & Chip Supper followed by 8.00pm “The Monks, Scholars & Families of Sherborne” – a presentation by Joy Wallis.

*We were all shocked to hear of Roger Axford’s illness and sudden death. Lynne is a much valued committee member and Roger was also a supportive Valley Club member. He was always willing to lend a hand and help with all our events and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with Lynne and all her family.*

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**To book the hall, contact:**

Ann Matthews  -Tel: 01305 889248

Email: ronann.matthews@btinternet.com

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**Valley Club News**
Just after the Second World War, way back in 1948, the W.I. was formed in Martinstown. The Martinstown W.I committee got together, to organise a 70th Anniversary Party.

The committee organised fun interactive games, a ‘High Tea’ and a ‘Best Corsage’ competition. On arrival the members were served a refreshing cool glass of Prosecco (with a raspberry added). The committee co-ordinated and refereed the interactive games. The games were tricky, due to the Summer dresses and the sandals worn. The committee was required to referee the games, due to cheating by one of the teams.

The ‘Best Corsage’ was won by Roelie Newman and Angela Barratt was runner up. Both corsages used unusual flower arrangements to create a stunning effect. Then a quirky poem was read out by Anne Tate, describing the members and events of the W.I. The poem received a reflective and joyful response, from the receptive W.I. members.

The ‘Pick & Mix’ game had old shilling coins dated 1948, as prizes. Instead, of a birthday cake, Lesley Pemberton carried through a watermelon, with the birthday label and candles attached. Then all the W.I. members sang ‘Happy Birthday’ together.

Let us all hope to continue to have many fun and eventful times, in the coming years for Martinstown W.I.

Future Events:
12 September at 6.45pm. Open Evening to non members (men also welcome).
British Owls. (Cherry Barlow).
An interactive and thought provoking evening.

Heather Bonser (W.I Press Officer).
On a still summer night you can hear the trains rattling down the incline into Bincombe Tunnel. Sixty years ago you would have heard the cheerful toot of the steam locomotive. A hundred and eighty years ago you would have heard nothing but the nightingale (if you were lucky) – there was no railway – but you might well have heard the talk about ideas and plans for railroads to come. Many schemes were devised, submitted for parliamentary approval, initial finance raised – and then abandoned as the engineering problems such as tunnels and bridges would have cost too much. One of those schemes chewed over by forward-thinking investors in the 1830s was to link London to Southampton by rail, and then to extend the line to Dorchester and Exeter. This was a period of cheap money, cheap labour and boundless business confidence. In 1840 the line from London to Southampton was completed by a company called the London and South-Western Railway. On to Dorchester!

One can imagine the smoke-filled room as the venture capitalists sat round the polished-oak table, on which there was a large-scale map. Dorchester to Bridport, Bridport to Axminster, Axminster to Honiton, Honiton to Exeter...and the profits of a direct line from London to Devon came rolling in front of their eyes. The possibilities for trade and industry were seen as immense, and passenger travel might just be the icing on the cake.

A Wimborne solicitor called Castleman vigorously pursued a campaign to bring the line from Southampton through to Dorchester. In order to maximize income, he persuaded the LSWR to accept a roundabout route which would wind its way through Dorset, linking as many of the market towns as possible. It soon became known as “Castleman’s Corkscrew”! The Railway Board accepted the proposal in February 1845, but would not authorize at that time Castleman’s plan for extension westwards to Bridport. However, the plan submitted by the Great Western Railway for a line from Bristol to Dorchester and Weymouth was agreed, and although it was not completed until 1857 the link to the GWR route from London to Plymouth effectively killed the idea of extension via Bridport.

In 1847 the first train rolled into Dorchester. Suddenly the market for West Dorset produce exploded. Fresh meat, eggs, milk and vegetables could be on London dinner-tables within a few hours rather than weeks. Live cattle and sheep could be transported all over the country, instead of losing weight by being driven over the ancient roads and tracks. Farmers along the Winterborne Valley must have realized the advantages very quickly.

But... just imagine the result if Castleman had got his way. It could have happened. (Dorchester Station was configured to make a westward extension possible, and as a result trains coming up from Weymouth had to back into Dorchester for the next 130 years).

There would have been stations at Martinstown and Winterbourne Abbas. Trains would have clanked and clattered along the Valley, with trails of smoke and steam. Inhabitants would have been divided in their feelings: railways were not only noisy and smelly, they were also dangerous, especially in their early days. In 1845 there were seventeen accidents on nine railways, and that was just in one week in August! The new magazine called ‘Punch’ suggested passengers should carry a ‘Pocket Companion containing a small bottle of water, a tumbler, a complete set of surgical instruments, a packet of lint and directions for making a will’.

But still – it would have been nice to catch a train into Dorchester – and beyond...
Fran’s Diary by Fran Taylor

Summer Activities!

One Saturday morning, at the beginning of the Summer holidays, 11 children aged 9+ arrived at the Village Hall. They were dressed for mess and all ready for the “Banksy Art” experience.

Skillfully lead by Abigail Thommes, the children using a variety of materials, colourful subjects and thoughtful text, concentrated on creating a type of fine art which would have cheered up many a dull street wall.

Three days later it was the turn of a younger group of artists.

7 children aged 6+ turned up to take part in a “Mammoth Monoprint” session lead by Fran Quinlan. Having experimented with mark-making techniques and features the young printers set about creating their own prints. With the help of sticks, stones, sponges and a variety of coloured inks and rollers they took their original design and created a huge print.

At the end of both days admiring parents were treated to colourful and thought-provoking Art exhibitions. A big thank you to both Abi and Fran for their expertise and leadership.

The Great Tea Party

On the morning of Saturday 3rd August with the weather set fair, preparations were being made in the Rectory garden for a fundraising tea party in aid of Marie Curie Terminal Care.

Garden tables, chairs and parasols were strategically placed, bunting was hung and raffle prizes and bric-a-brac gathered in. As the morning wore on cakes of varying size and shape, colour and scrumptiousness arrived. The church clock struck 3 as our first foot fall appeared! All in all over ninety customers turned up to eat, drink and sit chatting in the shade with friends and neighbours.

At the end of the afternoon just under £500 was raised through the generosity of the visitors, our Vicar Jean, the cake bakers, the washing up team, the raffle creators and several more who helped to make this Community event such a great success.

A Great Big Thank you to everyone.
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; CHILDREN'S 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
Starts again on Thurs 20th September at 7.15:
CHARADE
Starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant
MACMILLAN
COFFEE MORNING
FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
AT STEEPLETON MANOR,
WINTERBORNE STEEPLETON
1.30 - 4PM
ALL WELCOME
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BAKE A CAKE

A-LINE TAXI
SHUTTLESERVICE
Mondays & Fridays ONLY
10.00am - TO DORCHESTER
1st Pickup - Mallards Green
2nd Pickup - Manor Grove
3rd Pickup - Village Shop
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3rd Drop-off - Village Shop

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Mileaters Coasting it....

An early start was the order of the day for 12 doughty walkers & 2 canine friends, as we set off on the next section of the Dorset Coast Path from Chickerell to The Kings Statue on Weymouth sea front.

What looks on paper to be a gentle stroll is in fact a lot further than first thought, as the Path follows every inlet along The Fleet. At one such inlet, a stop for refreshments was called and Malcolm produced his “Snack” - the biggest pasty you ever did see. Fortunately there was no red flag flying at the Tidmoor Rifle Range so we risked the Coastal route and after 5 1/2 miles reached the “delights” of Ferrybridge. A slight breeze off the water did little to alleviate the heat but the shade of the gardens at Sandsfoot Castle provided a cooling spot for lunch, ice creams or cold drinks, and in some cases all three.

Moving on, we passed a number of OTT piles on what was now a fully urban section, before reaching The Nothe. Some were tempted to take the rowboat ferry across Weymouth Harbour but the alternative attraction of fish & chips, or a beer (or both) won out. All too soon our leader, hard taskmaster that he was, tapped his watch and we were off to meet the bus back to our starting point, some 8 3/4 miles under our belts.

A flattish walk but quite a challenging one on such a hot day. Well done all.

The Quaker Service Exhibition in Dorchester
October 1st to 6th 2018

Quakers have been well known for their peace work over many generations, work which still continues in a quiet, effective way now. From October 1st to October 6th 2018, Dorchester Quakers are holding an exhibition about this work in the foyer of the United Church in South Street Dorchester (DT1 1EE).

The exhibition shows the various forms that this work took before and during the First and Second World Wars (including the Friends’ Ambulance Service), in the turbulent times around the world after the Second World War, and continues now.

It is hoped that the viewing times will be Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday at the United Church foyer from 10am to 2pm, and later in the day on Friday October 6th at the Meeting House in Holloway Road, Fordington, DT1 1LF.
Parnham Voices on Safari

Parnham Voices, the Beaminster based a cappella choir, will be on safari on

Saturday 1st September 2018

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They perform three concerts every year, usually in the beautiful setting of St John’s Church in Weymouth and, in the summer, at All Saints’ School in Wyke Regis.

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JULY 2018
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**Not all stops listed above are on all routes. Times are shown where the routes are expected to stop; apart from Winterbourne Steepleton on the X51 service, however, times are not given on the operator's schedules.

For PlusBus please call 01258 287980 to register and book the service which runs on Wednesdays only. Service is to and from Trinity Street.

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A Line taxi office/Trinity Street. Booking can be made on 01305 264747.
Winterbourne Abbas have a very successful local group who maintain the stream through their village and it is hoped that villagers in other localised areas will form their own groups. The SWCFAG volunteers can only do so much and they sometimes feel that the more they do, the less the riparian owners feel inclined to do! So please, get together with your neighbours, help each other and help the community as a whole. You will discover that it is not only good exercise but actually a good way of getting to know your neighbours and generating goodwill!

Just a reminder that the term “Riparian Owner” relates to anyone who owns a property alongside a stream or river. Common Law gives the owners both rights and responsibilities covering the stretch of water within the boundaries of their property. It is assumed that a riparian owner owns the land up to the centre line of the stream or river where it forms the boundary of the property. It seems that the default position (Law of Property Act 1925) is that the property owner is a riparian owner unless the deeds specifically exclude this or it is clearly owned by another party.

As a riparian owner you are responsible for accepting water from the upstream owner and transferring this, together with any drainage water added, to your neighbour immediately downstream.

The Winterbourne running through our valley is an “ordinary watercourse” and as such maintenance falls outside the responsibility of either the Environment Agency. Essentially it is up to the village(s) residents to ensure the stream is properly maintained.

**Riparian Owner Rights**
As a riparian owner you are entitled to:
- Protect your property from flooding
- Protect the banks from erosion

However these rights are modified by a duty of care to the rest of the community and to the environment. This means that permission must be obtained for any work that might adversely affect the flow etc.

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

And finally will all of those who are helping keep the stream clear make sure that any vegetation removed is disposed of properly and not just left on the bank where it could well be a health hazard to wild life and pets.
Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

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