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#### CONTRIBUTORS WANTED

If you have a story to tell, an interesting anecdote or some news that you would like to share with others, please send them in - **and don't forget to send photos!**

**Graham Herbert**, *Editor* – Tel: 01305 889786

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## EDITORIAL in VALLEY & VALENCE

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## The Vicar writes....

**...a love that  
knows no  
bounds.**

This year 14th February marks two significant occurrences. The one that most people will be aware of is, of course, St Valentine's day when we think of love, and the other (which happens to fall on 14th February this year) is Ash Wednesday – when we also think of love!

More about Ash Wednesday later, but first what do we know about St Valentine? Well according to my trusty Oxford Book of Saints, St Valentine was around in the 3rd century. He was a priest or a bishop (we're not entirely sure as there are two Valentines listed but they could be one and the same person) and was martyred in Rome in about 269 AD. There is no clear connection with Valentine and lovers but a probable reason is that this was the date in mediaeval times that it is believed that birds mated. On the other hand some see the custom of choosing a partner on St Valentine's Day as a leftover of the Roman Lupercalia festival, which took place in the middle of February. No churches in England are dedicated to St Valentine but from 1835 his relics are claimed by the Carmelite church in Dublin with his feast day being 14th February.

This year, because of the moveable feast of Easter, we mark the beginning of Lent on 14th February – Ash Wednesday, the day after we eat lots of pancakes. The reason I say that we think of love on that day is because throughout the six weeks of Lent we spend time in the Christian Church in study and prayer as we walk with Christ to the cross and acknowledge and give thanks for that ultimate act of love – Christ's death on the cross, a selfless sacrifice of himself for us.

God's greatest commandment for us is to love the Lord and to love one another. And so on 14th February as we celebrate St Valentine and perhaps while buying cards for those we love, we should also remember at the beginning of Lent the love that is greater than any other, a love that knows no bounds, God's love for each and every one of us. An unconditional love and, in the words of Mark Darcy in 'Love Actually' a love that loves us 'just as we are'!

Yours in Christ

**Jean Saddington** - Team Vicar

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## 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** (889410), **John Crawford** (889377), **Joy Parsons** (889611)

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Dorchester and The Winterbournes Team Website: [www.dorchesteranglican.info](http://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.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2018

### SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY – CANDLEMASS

10.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

### SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY – SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Martinstown
09.30	Holy Communion	Compton Valence
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

### WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY – ASH WEDNESDAY

18.30	Holy Communion with Ashing	Martinstown
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### SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY – 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

10.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

### SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY – 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown
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## ST MICHAEL'S, WINTERBOURNE STEEPLTON

The situation to date... the damage to the ceiling of St Michael's church has been examined by the church architect and assessed as repairable, much to our relief. The architect has written the technical specification and we now await the costings of the contractor for doing the work. It is not possible at this stage to forecast when the building will be open again but I am hopeful that it may be late Spring / early Summer. More news to follow as things develop.

**John Crawford** - Churchwarden

## OUTCOME OF THE PASS-IT-ON CAMPAIGN

Although the Pass-It-On campaign of October/ November 2017 did not complete until past the deadline for the last edition it is worth publishing the results. Across the Parish as a whole, planned giving rose by 18% and together with one-off donations the total rose by 29% – compared with the equivalent figures for the 2012 PIO campaign. This result is enormously encouraging and will allow the focus of the church to be where it should be, on the communities it serves. It could not have been achieved without peoples' generosity and the time and legwork of those circulating the packs – thank you very much to everybody concerned.

**John Crawford** - Campaign Organiser



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**Cost: £15** to include music hire and tea (£7.50 for students or those on DWP means-tested benefits)

*Timetable for the Day*

10.00-10.30 Registration	14.30 Break for Tea (provided)
10.30 Rehearsal	15.15 Final Rehearsal &
12.00 Lunch (not provided)	Performance of selected movements
13.00 Rehearsal	16.30 Finish

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# LENT

We mark the beginning of Lent with the

## Ash Wednesday Service

in St Martin's Church

on Wednesday, 14th February at 6.30 pm

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The Lent lunches this year are at 12.30 pm in Martinstown Village Hall on Fridays 23 February, and 2, 9, 16 March

*Do come and join us for home made soup and roll.*

*Monies raised to go to the Food Bank.*

## 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.



## A silent space: the Homeless

We live in a country of huge differences and during this time of quiet we will sit and try to identify with those who are homeless in our own land.

We invite you to join this multi faith group as we come together to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit in **St. Martin's church**, on **6th February** 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.

**Jo Lacy-Smith 01305 889476 and 07841 776759 jolacysmith@gmail.com**



The subject for messy church is the 'parable of the lost sheep'

The start time has changed to **10.30am.**

## Advance notice of Jumble Sale

on **17th March** at **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.

## 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.

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.

**Jo Lacy-Smith 01305 889476 and 07841 776759 jolacysmith@gmail.com**

## 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**

**Even MORE advance notice of...**

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# Notice Board

## MONDAY

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<b>Table Tennis</b>	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Contact: Margaret Hearing - Tel: <b>01305 889346</b>
<b>Beavers, Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Contact: Sue Gower - Tel: <b>01305 889388</b>
<b>Valley Club</b> (3rd Monday in month)	7.30pm - 10.00pm	Contact: Pat Willets - Tel: <b>01305 568458</b>

## TUESDAY

<b>Botanical Art Group</b> (term times only)	9.30am - 12.30pm	Contact: Geoff Roberts - Tel: <b>01305 815735</b>
<b>Dance Group</b>	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Contact: Ann Matthews - Tel: <b>01305 889248</b>
<b>Badminton</b>	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Contact: Trevor Elliot - Tel: <b>01305 267897</b>

## WEDNESDAY

<b>Pilates</b>	9.30am - 10.30pm	Contact: Sammie McFarland - Tel: <b>07807 090013</b>
<b>Chair-based Exercise</b>	11.15am - 12.30pm	Contact: Suzanne Fellows-Joyce - Tel: <b>01308 281882</b>
<b>W.I.</b> (2nd Wednesday in month)	6.45pm - 9.00pm	Contact: Jan Griffiths - Tel: <b>01305 889738</b>
<b>Beginners Dance</b>	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Contact: Ann Matthews - Tel: <b>01305 889248</b>

## THURSDAY

<b>Art Group</b>	10.00pm - 1.00pm	Contact: Betty Hoddinott - Tel: <b>01305 262217</b>
<b>Dance Group</b>	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Contact: Ann Matthews - Tel: <b>01305 889248</b>

## FRIDAY

<b>Keep Fit Class</b>	10.15am - 11.30am	Contact: Suzanne Fellows-Joyce - Tel: <b>01308 281882</b>
<b>Bingo</b> (Every other Friday)	7.00pm - 9.30pm	Contact: Ann Matthews - Tel: <b>01305 889248</b>

Chairperson: **Jane Jones** - Tel: **01305 889202**

Bookings: **Ann Matthews** - Tel: **889248** or email: [ronann.matthews@btinternet.com](mailto:ronann.matthews@btinternet.com)

# VALLEY CLUB NEWS



A very Happy New Year and best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2018. We have a varied and interesting programme over the coming months, so we hope to see many of you at our future meetings.

We do not have a meeting in February, but our AGM will be held on Monday 19th March at 7.40pm in Martinstown Village Hall. This will be followed at 8.00pm by a talk by a member of The Gardens Group on "Colour & Interest in the Garden". This talk will introduce new varieties of plants and give you an interesting and informative guide through what to grow to get the best out of your garden at this time of year. Non-members are always welcome to attend our meetings at a cost of £3 which

includes tea or coffee and biscuits.

We need to recruit some new committee members, so, if you would like to join our friendly committee, please do let Eileen (889585), or myself (on the number below), know before the AGM. We only have 3-4 meetings a year where we discuss ideas and arrange the programme for the following year.

## Date for your diary:

### Monday 16th April

Gold Club 25% Discount Evening  
Meet at the Garden Centre at 6.45pm

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**Pat Willetts - Tel. 568458**

A **big thank you** to all who helped me support Pilsdon Community before Christmas with kind donations of clothes, toiletries and treats. The group were truly appreciative and grateful, the donations came at a time when their resources are most called upon. Your generosity has made a positive difference and I am thrilled and proud at the way the Winterbournes rallied to my plea.

*Wishing you a Happy, Healthy and Content New Year, thank you again...*

**Sally Webb**

## SPECIAL NOTICE

The **Martinstown Village Hall** is a popular venue for various activities. It is almost completely booked up until early **2018**, so if you intend holding an event in the hall this year, I strongly advise to book now!  
Contact: **Ann on 889248.**

Democracy is a fragile bloom which has taken many centuries to grow. Without the interest and concern of the people it could wither and die overnight.

The first Parliaments to petition the King and to grant him the right to take extra taxes were held in the 13th century, and Dorchester first sent Members to Parliament in 1295.

The pattern was – and so remained until the 19th century – that each County sent to the House of Commons two Knights of the Shire, and each Borough sent two Burgesses. Parliament met when called by the King, and usually sat only for a few weeks.

As the economy grew, the richer townsmen and the country gentry fumed at the restrictions placed on them by the King's Ministers. These frictions were made worse by the conflicting emotions of true religion - and war between King and Parliament ensued in the 1640s. Parliament's victory was apparently extinguished by the Restoration of Charles II in 1660, but the seeds had been well-sown. The expulsion of James II in 1688 was followed by Parliament's invitation to the Dutch prince William of Orange (with his English wife Mary) to take the throne. From then on Parliament was the supreme force in the land.

It was not, of course, democratic. The House of Lords (the old Great Council) became hereditary. The two Knights of each Shire were elected by the larger landholders, and each borough elected their MPs by whatever was the tradition locally. Voting was comparatively rare, because it was expensive: it was necessary to bribe voters, and much more convenient for an arrangement to be made between the leading political families.

In 18th Century Dorchester, voters had to be adult males holding property in the borough and paying church and poor rates. The Earl of Shaftesbury owned many houses and plots in the town, and his tenants obediently supported the candidates he favoured. There was no secret ballot so they could not do otherwise. Aspiring young politicians could get into Parliament by gaining the patronage of borough controllers like Shaftesbury.



The Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis returned four Members because it had been originally two separate boroughs. It also had a very wide franchise, rather vaguely estimated at 648 voters. Each voter had four votes, and it was assumed that each of these was a valuable asset which could be sold. Elections were very popular with voters and non-voters alike because candidates would throw largesse in all directions. Beer, bread and money flowed in the streets, while respectable householders covered behind their shutters. Weymouth became a byword for corrupt elections, and each election was followed by petitions by defeated candidates to the House of Commons for the unseating of those who had won.

In a century of reform from 1830 to 1929, representation of the people in the House of Commons was drastically changed. Corruption was largely wiped out by the secret ballot from 1872, excess seats were re-distributed, and qualification to vote was gradually extended down the social train. There is now one member for West Dorset including Dorchester and one for South Dorset including Weymouth.

In the Winterborne Valley most men only gained the vote in the 1880s, though women had to wait until 1918 and finally until 1928 for full qualification on the same basis as men.

In 1885 Lord Randolph Churchill came down to the Corn Exchange in Dorchester to support the Tory candidate. Speaking rather pompously he said: ***"I have been accused of calling the Dorset labourers 'the scum of the earth'".***

Voice from the back: ***"And so they be..!"***



# Martinstown Women's Institute



At our first meeting of 2018 we considered the resolutions to be voted on at the **National Federation Annual meeting** in June.

After discussion the majority vote was "to take action to make it as acceptable to talk about mental health issues as much as physical health and to lobby the government for better support for mental illness".

2018 is the **70th anniversary of the WI in Martinstown** and members were very interested to look back through the archives at the early programmes. A celebration is planned for later in the year.

A big thank you to all who supported our very successful **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 13th January**. Over **£500** was raised for **Denman College**. This is the WI college in Oxfordshire which runs a wide variety of courses.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 14th February** at **7pm** in the **Village Hall** when **Gordon Bartlett** will be speaking on "**Music in the Home**".

**Angela Barrett** - Secretary

*It is regretted that the January film had to be cancelled at short notice owing to the operator being admitted to hospital for an operation. It is hoped that normal service will be resumed in February with...*

## FILM NIGHT at the BREWERS ARMS

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## Death Café

Death is the last taboo and many people feel uncomfortable talking to their family about this subject. However death will come to us all. For the third year, United Church Dorchester are holding a Death Café. Here you will be able to talk to funeral directors, a solicitor about wills, probate and lasting powers of attorney and find out about a woodland burial. Age UK Dorchester, the Weldmar Hospice and Cruse bereavement counselling will also be there to answer questions. Revs Steph Jenner and Peter Clark will be available, as well as Director of Music Heather Reed. This is an opportunity to ask those questions that have been worrying you, talk to organisations about what you should do to prepare, how to help others before death and through the grieving process.

The event is on **Saturday March 3rd** from **10am to 12 noon** in the **United Church hall, South Street, Dorchester**. Refreshments will be available, as well as lots of chocolate cake.

## Wills and Power of Attorney

Age UK Dorchester is holding an Information Event to de-mystify the subject of Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney. If you wish to understand whether you need a Lasting Power of Attorney, and to make a Will, Christine Butterfield, Senior Associate Solicitor at Battens, solicitors, will be providing a talk on the subject on:

**Monday 5th February 2018 at 10am**  
**at Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, DT1 1PW**

*No need to book... just turn up*



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**Please call:**

**Roelie 01305 889192 or**

**Richard 01305 889466**

**All profits to our local school -  
Winterbourne Valley First School**

# Mileaters encounter a weighty problem!



On a cold and misty morning 10 hardy walkers and "Pip" our perpetual motion scout, set out under Andy Davies' stewardship to tackle the southern half of Portland.

Threading our way through the old quarry workings we craned our necks to say "Hi" to old Derrick, administered the last rites to a recently departed Goldcrest, and then paused to view Pennsylvania Castle built for John Penn, Governor of Portland, and grandson of William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania.

Turning west to start the crossing of the island, it was too tempting for the more juvenile

amongst us (all of us) to pass up the opportunity to try out the weighbridge.

More used to measuring trucks laden with stone, it somehow recorded a 100kg increase when our beloved photographer jumped aboard.



"Pip" joined in the fun... 20kg later! Discussions ensued as to which "weigh" next. Passing the bases of old windmills, a game of cricket was suggested but we could only find 2 stumps.

Reaching the west side of the island the mist cleared, the sun shone on the righteous, and great views of Lyme Bay were enjoyed. An easy 2 miles on springy turves later, the "Pulpit Inn" was reached to quench our well-earned thirsts.

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**Martinstown**  
news *and* views



## Martinstown News Website is 1 year old!

**Martinstown News and Views** was launched a year ago to let everyone know what's going on in Winterbourne St Martin (Martinstown) and **THE SURROUNDING AREA**. It is aimed at people who live here, people that visit our beautiful village and people that have moved away but want to keep in touch.

Among the pages of this website you will find:

- **The History and Background of Martinstown**
- **Details of the businesses and facilities in the village**
- **News items, notices and information**
- **Photo galleries**
- **Info & news from the Village Clubs & Societies and much, much more.**



*Use them or lose them!*

Within *the MAIN Martinstown site* you will also find **3 other mini websites**:

### **The Village Hall website**

This is the site to visit if you want to **book the hall**, **find out what's on at the hall** or **what facilities it has to offer**.

### **The Parish Council website**

Here you can read the **agenda** and **minutes of past/future meetings**, **find out about your council members**, **planning matters** and generally what's going on in the Parish.

### **The St Martins Church website**

This is where you will find out about the **history of the church**, **what is happening at this and the OTHER CHURCHES** in the parish, **services** and **Vicar & Wardens' details**.

In order for ALL the websites to evolve and continue to be an interesting 'go-to' source of information in one place, I'm appealing to you all to get involved by:

- **sending in articles, NEWS ITEMS or photos - you can email to: [info@martinstown-news.co.uk](mailto:info@martinstown-news.co.uk) or fill in the CONTACT FORM at the bottom of the GET INVOLVED page**
- **letting us know about your CLUB, SOCIETY or ORGANISATION within the village**

The sites are generally updated on a weekly basis (as long as there is content to update with).

**I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you to let me know what YOU would like to see on the website - PLEASE EMAIL SUGGESTIONS TO:**

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The festive season in the Village was action-packed as usual.

**It all started in November with the Marie Curie Christmas Craft Fair. In spite of similar functions taking place near by, we had a steady stream of visitors who came to support this event. Throughout the day Angela and Anne, amongst others, worked tirelessly supplying teas, coffees and delicious W.I cakes whilst an eager team of raffle ticket sellers persuaded many that they really needed a winning ticket. A big thank you to all helpers and also the patient stallholders who brought along their crafts. By the end of the day £564 was raised for this worthwhile charity.**

In early December the Children's Advent Craft Day workshop was held in the Church. Over 30 children came to colour cut, glue and sprinkle with glitter a variety of Christmas activities. At lunchtime, passing motorists could not have failed to notice the babbling crocodile of kids heading off to the Brewers. Here they were treated to a delicious meal. Thanks to Leanne, Ben and staff for making this possible. Thanks also to the long-suffering customers who thought they had come for a quiet lunch!

**This was followed several days later by the Community Lunch. On Friday 8th December over 50 plates of delicious turkey with all the trimmings was dished up. This meal could not have taken place without the contributions from the team of cooks, servers and washer-uppers! They are in urgent need of more cooks. Please phone Jan Griffiths on 889738 or me on 889963 if you feel you could help out.**

Next came an Artsreach production: Chris Newman, acoustic guitarist with his partner, Irish harpist, Maire Chathasaigh. They played a selection of seasonal music entitled "A Festive Feast for Harp & Guitar". A very appreciative and enthusiastic

audience enjoyed this fabulous musical evening.

**Then of course a packed Brewers Arms experienced a session of carols in the pub lead by Vicar Jean with Nigel Power on the keyboard. A great time was had by all.**

Of course Christmas would not be Christmas without Readings and Carols by Candlelight. This was a very atmospheric evening ending in mince pies and delicious mulled wine.

**Finally, on Christmas Day during this traditional Christmas service a Christening took place in the Church thanks to the Webb family whose attendance with participating grand child contributed to a Nativity theme.**

So, all decorations are now packed away until next year but in the meantime here are 2 dates for your diary.

**On 3rd February 2018 at 6 pm the hall has been booked by Martinstown Players for a thespian evening of entertainment for past, present, future performers and back stage crew. So if you have an urge to strut the boards and have a poem, a reading, a short play - or anything that you would like to share with like-minded people then come along.**

**Please RSVP to [edward-gibbs18@gmail.com](mailto:edward-gibbs18@gmail.com) or [frantaylor1945@gmail.com](mailto:frantaylor1945@gmail.com)**

Finally another Artsreach production will be happening soon. On Saturday 24th March at 7.30 pm "Lost Dog-Paradise Lost". will be taking place in the Village Hall. This will be a one man show of Milton's epic poem. Nothing like whatever pops into your head when you read the title. This is a performance that combines theatre, comedy and movement, a journey that leads you through the story of the creation.

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15th (Thursday) - **recycling and food**

22nd (Thursday) - **rubbish and food**

9th (Friday) - **garden waste**

23rd (Friday) - **garden waste**

**Valley & Valence - Bits & Pieces**

February 2018



The next meeting of the Parish Council is on:

**Mon 26 Feb 2018 at 7.30pm**

The Old Reading Room, Martinstown, DT2

Future meetings in 2018 will be held on:

**Monday 26 March** ...all start at 7.30pm

*More to be confirmed shortly...*

*Be sure to visit the Parish Council website at:*

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## VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW

### Martinstown Draw

**NOVEMBER 2017**

£25 - Geoffrey Haine

£10 - Dave Reed

£5 - Andy Whitty

**DECEMBER 2017**

£25 - Roger Berry

£10 - Dawn Clift

£5 - Lucy Higson

### Compton Valence Draw

**DECEMBER 2017**

£100 - Trish Graham

£25 - Alex Tweed

£10 - Peter Steel

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**JANUARY 2018**

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**FROM 5 OCTOBER 2017**

Stop	RTS Bus	RTS Bus	RTS Bus	RTS Bus	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time
Winterbourne Abbas	MTWTF	06:23	07:23	07:45	08:00	08:30	08:50	09:00	09:30	09:30	10:00
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Martinstown Post Office	06:33	07:33	07:53	08:05	08:30	09:00	09:30	09:30	10:00	10:00	10:00
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Roundbury GM Square	06:39	07:39	08:00	08:15	08:30	09:00	09:30	09:30	10:00	10:00	10:00
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Roundbury Mansell Square	06:43	07:43	08:05	08:20	08:30	09:00	09:30	09:30	10:00	10:00	10:00
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Dorchester Hospital	A-Line: taxi, office	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Dorchester South Station	Brewery Square	06:57	07:57	08:15	08:30	09:00	09:30	09:30	10:00	10:00	10:00
		07:15	08:15	08:30	08:45	09:15	09:45	10:00	10:00	10:00	
Dorchester South Station	A-Line: taxi, office	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Dorchester South Station	Brewery Square	16:10	16:10	16:10	16:10	17:15	18:15	18:20	18:20	18:20	18:20
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
A-Line: taxi, office	Tenny Street	15:33	16:33	16:13	16:13	17:15	18:15	18:22	18:22	18:22	18:22
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Dorchester Hospital	Thomas Boswell School	15:40	16:20	16:19	16:19	17:22	18:24	18:27	18:27	18:27	18:27
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Roundbury Mansell Square	Roundbury GM Square	15:50	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Roundbury GM Square	Mallard Green	15:54	16:25	16:24	16:24	17:26	18:26	18:31	18:31	18:31	18:31
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Martinstown Post Office	Winterbourne School	16:03	16:32	16:31	16:31	17:33	18:31	18:38	18:38	18:38	18:38
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Winterbourne Abbas	A-Line: taxi, office	16:10	16:45	16:42	16:42	17:42	18:42	18:48	18:48	18:48	18:48
		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
<p>* Allow services to arrive Martinstown to Saturday Inclusive, unless otherwise stated at the top of the relevant column.</p> <p>** Sunday/ Bank Holiday services from 5 October 2017</p>											
<p>**Not all stops listed above are on all routes. Times are shown where the routes are expected to stop, apart from Winterbourne Street/2000, the X31 service; however, times are not given on the operator's schedules.</p> <p>K31 services operated by FirstGroup. Customer service 0333 015 3490. Open to Sat 07:00 to 19:00 Sun 09:00 to 13:00.</p> <p>Taxi service operated by A-Line. This is a first come first served service. Booking can be made on 01305 265747.</p>											

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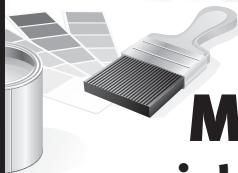
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