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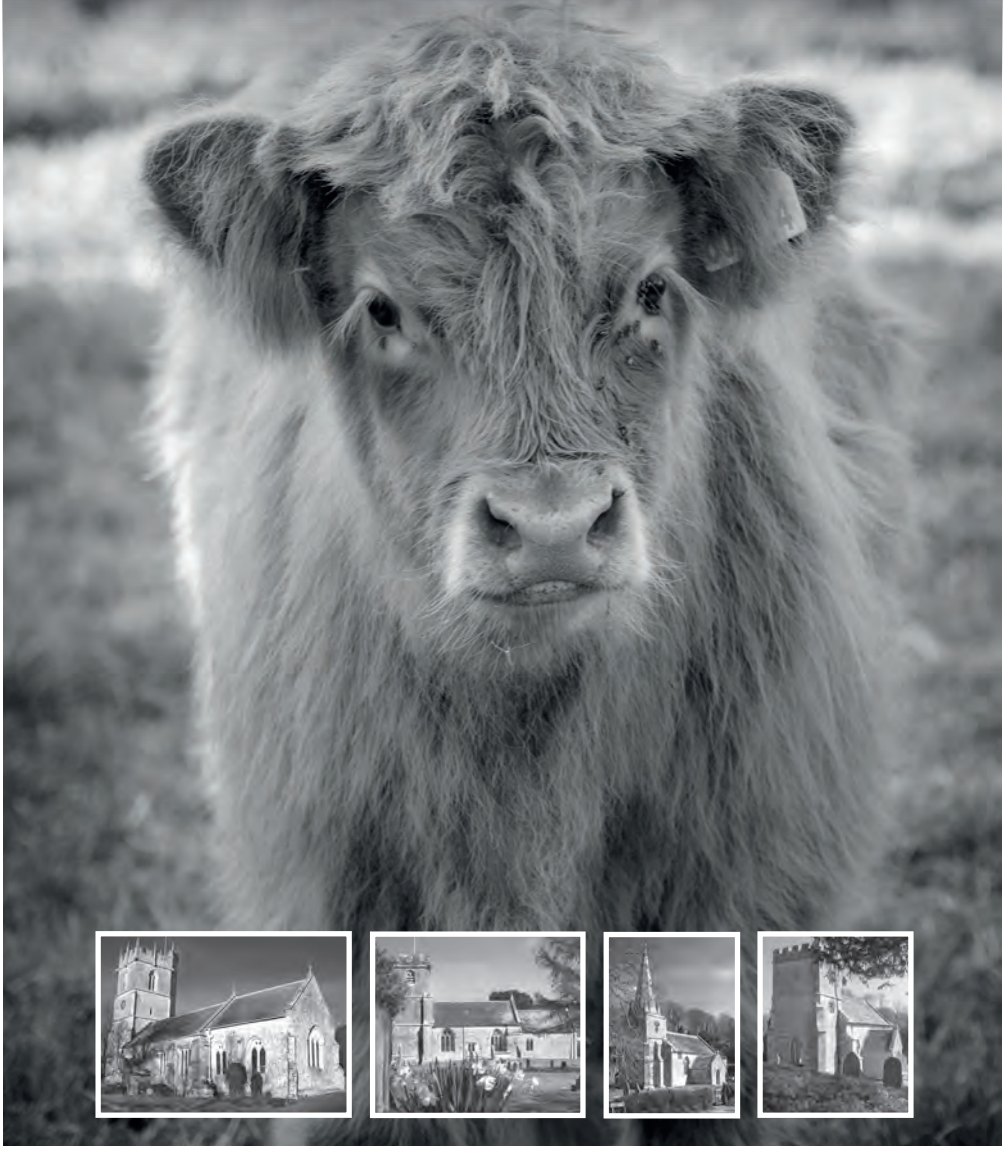

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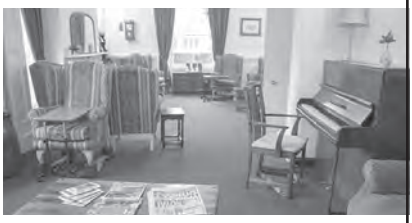

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The Vicar writes…

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 nd 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

"There is an urgency about environmental issues…"

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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), Ellie Sturrock (07980 089470), Joy Parsons (889611)
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Dorchester and The Winterbournes Team Website: www.dorchesteranglican.info

Any of the above can be approached in the rst 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

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

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

A Service of Thanksgiving and Patronal Festival

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To celebrate the reopening of the church following repairs

The SeptemberQUIET 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 nishes at 3.30pm with tea, coffee and ca

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

If you would like to book a place or to nd out more please contact Caroline Ellerby at carolineellerby@phonecoop.coop or on 01305 459622, mobile 07716677099.

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 rst 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

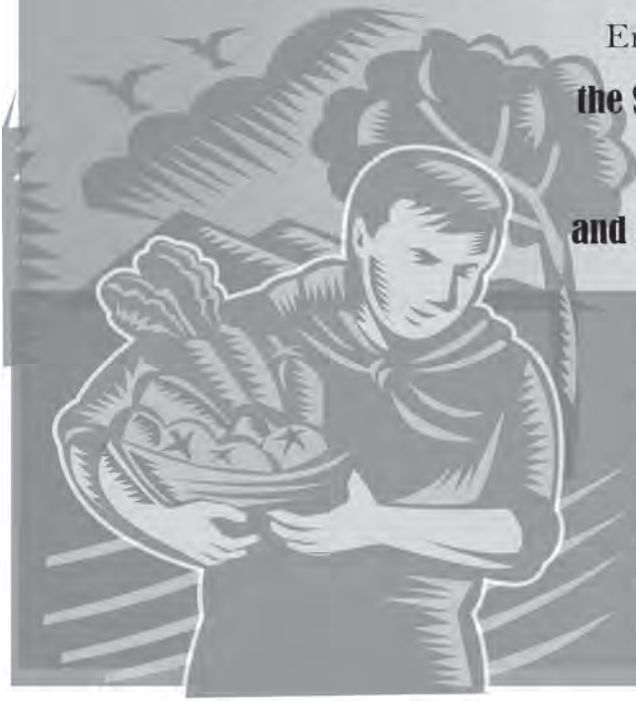
The Parish of the Winterbournes · St Martin, St Michael, St Mary

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

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The MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL Notice Board

MONDAY

Baby & Toddler Group	10.00am - 12noon	Contact: Lizzie Walden - Tel: 07949 639011
Table Tennis	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Contact: Margaret Hearing - Tel: 01305 889346
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Contact: Sue Gower - Tel: 01305 889388
Valley Club (3rd Monday in month)	7.30pm - 10.00pm	Contact: Pat Willets - Tel: 01305 568458

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Art Group	10.00pm - 1.00pm	Contact: Teresa Blades - Tel: 01305 889947
Dance Group	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Contact: Ann Matthews - Tel: 01305 889248

FRIDAY

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

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

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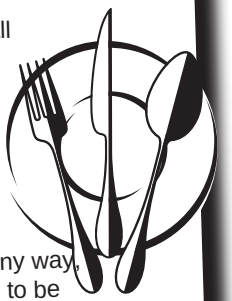


All are very welcome to our monthly Community lunches in the Village Hall which are mostly held on the rst Friday of the month.

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 con ict 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 signi cance of the Martinstown Church Bells, which were installed as the memorial to the ve 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

To book the hall, contact:
Ann Matthews -Tel: 01305 889248
Email: ronann.matthews@ btinternet.com

VALLEY CLUB NEWS

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.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 568458

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 ower 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 re ective 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 Barl ow).
An interactive and thought provoking evening.

Heather Bonser (W.I Press Of cer).

A Railway along the Winterborne

by **Terry Hearing**

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 railways to come. Many schemes were devised, submitted for parliamentary approval, initial nance 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 con dence. In 1840 the line from London to Southampton was completed by a company called the London and South-Western Railway. On to Dorchester!

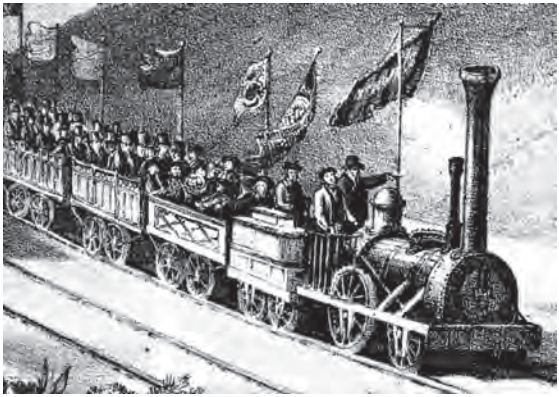
One can imagine the smoke- lled room as the venture capitalists sat round the polished-oak table, on which there was a large-scale map. Dorchester to Bridport, Bridport to Axminster, Axminster to Honiton, Honiton to Exeter…and the pro ts of a direct line from London to Devon came rolling in front of 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 rst 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 con gured 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…

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.

Skilfully lead by Abigail Thommes, the children using a variety of materials, colourful subjects and thoughtful text, concentrated on KZMI\QVO I \aXM WN ÅVM 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 _I[P]VO IVL ZI M XZQbM[bric-a-brac gathered in. As the morning wore on cakes of varying [QbM IVL [PIXM KWTW]Z I scrumptiousness arrived. The KP]ZKP KTWKS [\Z]KS I[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, \PM _I[PQVO]X \MIU \PM creators and several more who helped to make this Community event such a great success.

A Great Big Thank you to everyone.

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 raf e prizes) or indeed donate, please do get in touch with us on the contact details given in the parish magazine.

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-pro t 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

scouts
be prepared . . .

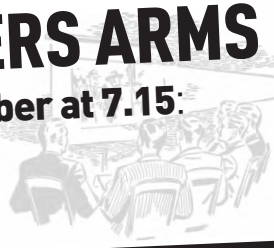
FILM NIGHT

BREWERS ARMS

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

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Finish - A-Line Of ce, Dorchester

13.00pm - TO MARTINSTOWN
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1st Drop-off - Mallards Green
2nd Drop-off - Manor Grove
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 rst 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 ag ying at the Tidmoor Ri e 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 sh & 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 attish 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.

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Parnham Voices on Safari

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

Saturday 1st September 2018

visiting four different venues during the day, giving short, informal concerts showcasing the choir's extensive repertoire.

Free admission with a retiring collection for Julia's House, Dorset and Wiltshire children's hospices.

10.15 – Martin of Tours, Martinstown, DT2 9JR
12.00 – St. John the Baptist, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ
15.00 – St. Bartholomew, Shapwick, DT11 9LA
16.30 – Chettle House, Chettle, DT11 8DB

We hope to see you there!

Visit www.juliashouse.org to find out how you can help

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Weymouth Choral Society invites you to try them out...

Weymouth Choral Society is holding three open rehearsals for potential new members to sing with them with a view to joining.

WCS is an enthusiastic group of about 80 singers of all ages and varied abilities. They meet in term times on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St Aldhelm's Church Centre in Weymouth.

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.

This year's open rehearsals will be on 17th and 24th September and 1st October at St Aldhelm's Church Centre.

For more information telephone: 07929 519973 or visit the WCS website at: www.weymouthchoralsociety.org.uk

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:
101 or email: **Dorchester-rural-npt@dorset.pnn.police.uk**

The Old Reading Room, Martinstown

Martinstown PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on:

Monday 24 Sept 2018

Full Parish Council Meeting dates all at NEW time of **7.00pm** at the Parish Of ce

Monday 22 October 2018
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:

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Martinstown Draw

JULY 2018

£25 Christine Mooney
£10 Geoffrey Haine
£5 Tim Pedder

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With thanks to Michael Hall for compiling this Timetable

CUT OUT AND KEEP

SOUTH WINTERBOURNE COMMUNITY FLOOD ACTION GROUP

Web site; https://sites.google.com/site/swcfag

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 speci cally 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:

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However these rights are modi ed 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 ow 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 ooding 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 ow 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 nally 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

SEPTEMBER 2018 For more info contact: **www.dorsetforyou.com/recycle**

6th (Thursday)	- rubbish and food	13th (Thursday)	- recycling and food
20th (Thursday)	- rubbish and food	27th (Thursday)	- recycling and food
7th (Friday)	- garden waste	21st (Friday)	- garden waste

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