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"The English winter - ending in July, to recommence in August."
Lord Byron

"It's so cold here – flashers are just describing themselves."
David Letterman

"Did you notice the heavy fog last night? - No, nothing wakes me."
Morecambe and Wise

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THOUGHTS FROM THE DESK OF... Rev. Jean Saddington

"Rain, rain, go away, come again another day". So says the old nursery rhyme, and it's surely a sentiment we may have wanted to express during last December! Farmers and gardeners certainly wish they could 'command' the rain to fall at the right time and in the right quantity – if only it were so. We have to take what we get of course - little consolation I know if it's your house or business that has been ooded or your crops that have failed because of a lack of rain. And how Australia must wish that they could have a torrential downpour or two.

The Bible has many references to rain, the most well known being the ood and Noah's ark. An article in The Ecologist magazine a while ago offered a perspective on the story of Noah's ood that I hadn't considered before. It was based simply on the observation that God commanded Noah to take two of every living creature into the ark. What was the reason for that? The truth, it was argued, is that not only humankind but the whole of creation matters to God. God has a place in his heart for everything he has made.

There seems little doubt that the world today is in the grip of a growing ecological crisis. Sadly the response to this crisis has been slow to gain momentum but voices are now beginning to be heard and I wonder sometimes if those who call us to wake up to our environmental responsibilities, whether they be Christian or otherwise, are the true prophets of our time.

I have to admit to being a 'Doctor Who' fan. My favourite Doctor was David Tennant, and Jodie Whittaker has certainly been an excellent choice, but without good writing even the best of actors would fall at. I've noticed that, in the last series and this current one, the storylines often have an environmental message - the Doctor's travels into the future allowing an imaginative glimpse into how life might be on earth. At the end the episode on 12th January the Doctor and his companions saw in the future an earth that had no life, but the Doctor was nevertheless hopeful and reassuring. She said that it was one possible future, that the future is not decided yet, not xed, and that it depended on billions of decisions and actions and people stepping up, but that we must face facts and change. She also said "you humans don't know how powerful you are. Lives change worlds. People can save planets or wreck them – that's the choice. Be the best of humanity."

God has a place in his heart for everything he has made - do we not owe it to him, and to ourselves, to take care of it?

Jean
Team Vicar

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The Parishes of The Winterbournes & Compton Valence

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Rev'd Jo Lacy-Smith (01305 889476)

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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.

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Any of the above can be approached in the rst instance for Baptism, Marriage, Home Communion or just a visit and th 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 involved is assured.

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A quiet, 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...

The Winterbourne Singers are a group that meets fortnightly to sing music of many different kinds, both sacred and secular. If you'd like to try us out, please come along to one of our Friday evening sessions. We meet in St. Martin's church from 7 to 8.15 p.m.

Singers are invited to donate £1 each session towards church overheads, but music is provided. It probably helps if you can read music a little, but that's certainly not essential.

Our 2020 season begins on 10th January. For any further information, please contact:
Peter Wilkinson - p_wilkinson@hotmail.com or 889077.

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CHURCH CALENDAR — FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY – CANDLEMASS		
10.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown
SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY – 3RD BEFORE LENT		
08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Martinstown
09.30	Holy Communion	Compton Valence
11.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Steepleton
SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY – 2ND BEFORE LENT		
10.00	Holy Communion	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00	Worship Together	Martinstown
18.00	Taizé	Winterbourne Steepleton
SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY – TRANSFIGURATION		
11.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown
17.00	Church@5	Martinstown
WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY – ASH WEDNESDAY		
10.00	Holy Communion	Martinstown

A service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ash

Wednesday, 26th February • 10 am
St Martin's Church, Martinstown

Lent begins - A time of reflection and promise

Lent Lunches

As in previous years, during Lent, we shall be offering frugal lunches of homemade soup and rolls with a cup of tea or coffee. The cost will be a minimum of £4 and proceeds will go to the Weymouth Food Bank, the need for which is continuing to grow. The lunches will be served in the Martinstown Village Hall at 12.30 pm on Fridays 20th and 27th March. All are welcome and we should love to see some new faces. There is no need to book, unless you are coming with a large party (in which case please telephone 889910).

In 2019 over £500 was raised for local charities, but we were able to offer two more dates than is possible this year. If we can achieve larger attendances we may still be able to get somewhere near last year's gure.

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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Food Bank 2020

Thank you for your generous donations during December and January. We received general groceries and lots of festive fare, in fact a whole car full to deliver. This made it possible for Food Bank clients to enjoy some seasonal 'goodies'.

Unfortunately this is a time of year when more individuals and families struggle and turn to the Food Bank for support. Any tinned food, long life milk or bathroom necessities would help the Food Bank supply new request

Please continue your generous donations to the collection points in Martinstown at our village shop and church

Thank you and good wishes for 2020 – Helen Thompson

Vigil for Refugees and Peace in the Middle East.

Many refugees come from communities destroyed by war as well as places of famine and oppression. Their journey is perilous and they often get a very mixed reception on arrival to their chosen country.

Before we begin the 20mins silence we read out the identities of ten people who have died on their journey during 2017 (we have nished 2019/18). Please help us honour these often nameless people.

6pm on 4th February 2020. Jo Lacy-Smith 889476.

New times for MESSY CHURCH

3.30pm on Saturday 22nd February
St. Mary's Winterbourne Abbas
Crafts, story, song and tea. Children with adults very welcome looking forward to seeing you there.

Gifted a gadget at Christmas? Free and friendly help is available...

If you have been gifted a computer or gadget over Christmas and don't know how to switch it on or make th most of it then help is at hand.

There are over 75 Digital Champions volunteering in Dorset libraries to help people with computers, tablets, phones and more. Most have gained experience from their professional careers.

Not everybody has access or the desire to use computers but attending a session may spark an interest. Many learners have bought a tablet or similar, because of the programme. People without a device can lear free of charge on the library facilities. The sessions are held in a friendly environment and you go at your own pace.

Thanks to the Superfast Dorset Team it is easy to nd your nearest volunteer. Call Dorset's Digital Champion helpline on 01305 221048 and we'll answer any questions about the support available.

All our help is free!

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St. Mary's Community Project is born...

At Winterbourne Abbas church, at 5pm on Saturday 11th January 2020, after a 9-month gestation period the birth went wonderfully well! Thirty people witnessed it and welcomed the St. Mary's Community Project into Winterbourne Abbas. There are many stages to go but we have received wonderful backing from the village of Winterbourne Abbas and we are encouraged that a community space in the church is wanted and supported.

The Rev. Jean Saddington introduced the evening; Joy Parsons, the churchwarden, outlined the history of the project; Peter Allison took us through the changes we would like to make to the building and David Taylor and David Parsons talked about the all-important nances - the cost is estimated at £150,000. The evening was rounded up with a question and answer session and an encouragement to suggest how the money might be raised and how the space might be used. (Musical bingo, children's clubs, cribbage club (with tuition), book club, topical discussion group, coffee drop in where just a few of the ideas.) By 6pm, as the meeting closed, there was quite a buzz in the air.

The proposed community space in the church would be created by the removal of the back pews, the installation of mains water and waste, installing a disabled toilet, and creating a servery area. The heating will be upgraded to make it more ef cient and Wi-Fi and a projector and screen installed.

Fund raising ideas included a bingo night in the Trinity Club, Dorchester, with a proportion of the takings going towards the project - look out for the date! The Parish council are supporting the project and may well be in a position to provide some funding. Other grants will be applied for through church charities as well as corporate organizations like the National Grid and Wessex Water from their community funds.

When, 18 months ago, we asked residents in Winterbourne Abbas how the church could help them the overriding response was 'get rid of the road' and to provide a place where the community could come together. Unfortunately we cannot do anything about the road but we are offering the use of our beautiful church as a place where we can meet.

The church will always be a place of worship - regular twice monthly services (1st and 3rd Sunday), messy church four times a year (22nd February and 4th April at 3.30pm) and of course we are here for baptisms, funerals and weddings - those important occasions that mark life's journey.

If you have any comments or ideas or can offer help with the project please email us at d.c.taylor@hotmail.co.uk

FRIDAY LUNCH •CLUB•

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB 2020 DATES:

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

Friday 7th February, Friday 6th March, Friday 3rd April (Lent Lunch menu)
Friday 1st May, Friday 5th June, Friday 3rd July, No lunch in August
Friday 4th September, Friday 2nd October, Friday 6th November
Friday 4th December

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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MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL

Regular Group Meetings

MONDAY		
Baby & Toddler Group	10.00am - 12noon	Contact: Claire Benson - Tel: 07859 849094
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		
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: Rosie Duke - Tel: 01305 889555
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

For BOOKING information, contact: Ann Matthews – Tel: 889248 or email: ronann.matthews@btinternet.com

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February 1942...

by Terry Hearing

In the early days of 1942, the BBC could only broadcast bad news. These were the darkest days of the War. Even the great success of the British defeat of the Italians in North Africa collapsed when Hitler sent Rommel and the Afrika Korps to the rescue. Amazingly British morale held, and by the end of the year the tide had turned, and the Allies could foresee eventual victory though it took more than two years to achieve.

Meanwhile for most children in North London life was not very different from peacetime. Government concern for productivity in food and war manufacture led to greater interest in health and community standards, and the famous Beveridge Report laid the groundwork for our Welfare State. We didn't miss luxuries because we'd never had them; we played safely (in daylight) in almost traf c-free streets; and we even ate more sweets because they were rationed and of course we had to buy our full ration! The stresses of war were felt by the grown-ups.

Our troop of Boy Scouts volunteered for a Harvest Camp in 1943, stooking wheat and pulling potatoes. It was very hard work, and I decided not to be a farmer. The following year we camped by the Thames at Pangbourne. On the other bank was an American Army base, and they were training for the D-Day invasion. Each night they would boat off up the river, and in the morning they would drop in to our camp for a mug of tea. We were taken out in their boats, which had very powerful outboard motors. To show off, they would steer directly at a ock of swans and suddenly accelerate so that the boat would take off over the heads of the startled birds. The American soldiers particularly admired our sheath-knives, casually carried on our belts in those days of innocence, and some of them even bought the knives – D-Day was a few weeks later, and perhaps the knives saw active service…….

A week before D-Day Hitler used the rst of his 'secret weapons'. This was a ' ying bomb', the V1, a pilotless jet-propelled plane with an explosive warhead. When the fuel ran out the engine would stop and the bomb would fall. The target was big enough – London. The idea was to frighten the populace into demanding the government seek peace. Flocks of V1s began to arrive, and once more Londoners sought shelter. The government had recently distributed a new domestic shelter, which was a steel table bolted together with metal netting round the sides. Teams of Boy Scouts were recruited to assemble these shelters for those unable to do so, and indeed I earned my National Service badge for doing just that.

A further step had been to erect oblong brick shelters at street corners, with no windows and concrete roofs, and big enough for bunks for thirty people. There was one in our street and in the evenings the children were put to bed followed later by the adults. Seeing a V1 or 'buzz-bomb' was frightening – but it was the ones you could only hear that were worse, particularly when you heard the engine stop. There was no gun re - shooting them down would only accomplish their purpose. I saw one begin to dive but it fell a mile away.

Going back to school on a bus after lunch one day I happened to look through the small aperture in the protective green gauze on the window. A V1 was ying along parallel with the bus about half a mile away. Nobody else had seen it, and the bus engine had drowned the noise. The bomb raced on – somebody else was going to be unlucky.

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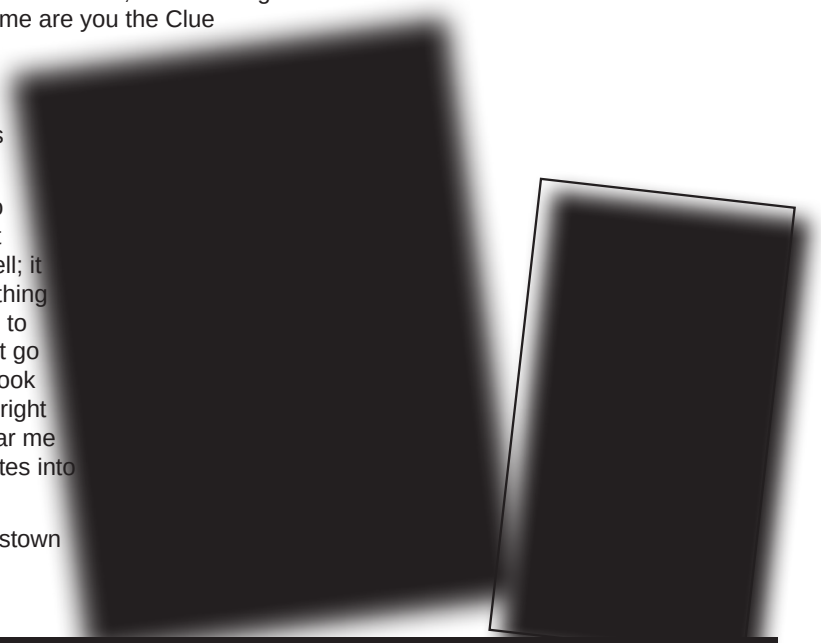
BBC Radio Solent comes to town (well, village).
...are you Clued Up?

The shop had a very exciting visitor on Sunday 12th January from BBC RADIO SOLENT. I was sworn to secrecy last month as I was asked to appear on their 'Clued Up show with Pat Sissons!' Listeners have to nd out where the clues are; they started in Abbotsbury and nally made their way to Martinstown, going to the church, then running to the shop and asking me are you the Clue Keeper? I must say the clues are very dif cult and I was impressed the callers worked it all out.



I was very nervous to be chatting on air but the interview went well; it was nice to do something fun! If you would like to listen to the show just go to their website and look up the show and the right date and you can hear me from around 10 minutes into the programme.

Good to know Martinstown is on the map.

Karen Barrett

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New year, new ventures!

Promoting the cafe within the store each Saturday from the 1st February from 9am to 3pm the 'Coffee Corner' will offer hot drinks, teacakes, homemade cakes and breakfast rolls.

So please do come along and support...

Best Wishes Karen Barrett

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THIS MONTH'S NEWS FRO

Martinstown Women's Institute

Due to the redecoration of the Village Hall, we were not able to meet in January, so our rst meeting this year will be on Wednesday, 12 February when we will be discussing the proposed Resolutions for the National Federation Annual Meeting in June.

Over the years the WI have campaigned on a wide range of issues, increasing public awareness and bringing about policy change. The meeting this year will be held in London at the Royal Albert Hall and we are very pleased that Anne Tate has agreed to represent us as our delegate.

At the meeting in February we will also be taking a look back through the archives.

We meet in the Village Hall at 7 pm and new members are always very welcome.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

Christmas Quiz Solution

My three favorite things are eating my family and not using commas.

I wanted to marry my English teacher when she got out of jail, but apparently you can't end a sentence with a proposition.

RIP boiling water—you will be mist.

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Monday 3rd Feb- Friday 14th February 2020

COME and WALK/DRIVE through our beautiful village and see the stunning white
(The village hall is below the church)

OPEN (weather permitting): 10.30am -3.30pm Daily

To book, please ring or email so we can cater accordingly: Tessa Russell, tel: 01308 482227 or email: te
Pippa James, tel: 01305 889338 mobile: 07880882985 email:enquiries@dovehousedorset.co.uk

Pre booked guests will take priority as the hall is small. In bad/icy weather we may not be open. Plea
village/verges etc. when parking or ring us to discuss your needs so we can advise you whe

We very much look forward to seeing you.

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The MILEATERS out and about.

...walking to Wetherby Castle by Gerald Duke

Mileaters second walk of the year was blessed with wall to wall sunshine and 17 members enjoyed walking the six and a bit miles led by Gerald and Rosemary Duke. We started at the Martyrs pub in Tolpuddle and took the road beside northwards up to the bridge over the bypass. From there the old Roman road took us east along the A35 for a while and then down to Ashley Barn. Here was a spot of local folk law history where a Mulberry Tree reputedly referred to in the Domesday Book was still present. One of the more quizzically gifted members refuted this claim having checked a modern facsimile of the record, but then why spoil a good story with the facts?

As we then headed on to Wetherby Castle, we briefly made friends with Barbeque and Pulled Pork, two chummy Oxford Sandy and Black pigs.

Wetherby Castle was new to most of us and some found it an unusual and romantic spot. This is a little known Iron Age encampment hidden from view by extensive woodland. More can be found out about Wetherby Castle at https://tinyurl.com/uph399h. We stopped here for our coffee break under the Playdell monument which is hidden amongst the trees.

Just short of Milborne St Andrew we found the site of the lost medieval village of Churchton. The walk continued through the countryside until we reached the A35 which this time we passed under and once more back to the Martyrs for a well-earned pint and lunch.

Full details of the route can be found at https://tinyurl.com/r5mro5x

Thank you to all...

There are several events of 2019 that I wish to forget but one I shall remember, & that will remain with me, is the great sense of community & friendship that fellow villagers show here. Especially those that came immediately to my aid in December when my home unexpectedly ooded with water coming off the hill behind it.

I was deemed “too old” to assist in the heavy work (He’ll only get in the way ;-) so I was packed off to my only distant relative for an” extended stay”.

I hope in the not too distant future that all those who very kindly came to help, and continue to do so, for which I a very grateful, will meet up in my new drier home where the only liquid will be in your glass and I shall happly raise toast to you all. Until then.... I thank you most sincerely for your kindness and for continuing to enquire after me.

Ken Symonds - Martinstown

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FUN WITH FLOWERS

Would you like to join us?

We have planned some informal evenings in the Village Hall to be creative, share ideas and learn new ower arranging skills. Beginners and those with experience are all welcome.

We are meeting between 6 and 7.30pm on 6th February, 12th March and 23rd April to start with.

Cost is £5 to include refreshments and basic materials.

For more information about what you need to bring please contact:
Dawn Gepheart on 07748547708 or dawngepheart@gmail.com
Frances Clifford on 07780441043 or frances_clifford@hotmail.com

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THANK YOU...

It may seem a bit after the event because it is. We held our Christmas Coffee Morning Bring & Buy in November 20 but this is the rst opportunity to let all those involved know that we raised £505 to be divided between the Weymout Lantern Trust and the Bus Shelter charities. The two charities nd beds for the homeless, hot food, warm clothes, gi them advice, guidance and help some back into work and homes of their own. In the cold and wet weather that we now enduring from the comfort of our cosy houses; it is good to know that we may have helped those less fortunate endure in bad times.

I would like to give a big thank you to all those who helped plan and run the event, those who attended and those w donated items and cash so generously. It is wonderful to live in such a caring community. I wish you all a Happy N Year and look forward to your continuing kind support in 2020.

Best wishes, Sally Webb

VALLEY CLUB NEWS

A very Happy New Year to you all.

November seems a long time ago now, but our social evening held on 22nd November was a most enjoyable and fun evening. Our thanks to Peter Wilkinson, The Winterbourne Singers and MUGS – the Martinstown Ukulele Group – who, under the direction of Peter, treated us to a wide variety of music and carols. With the addition of several recorders, it proved to be just what was needed to get into the Christmas mood.

The mulled wine helped the evening to go with a swing. Many thanks also to all the VC committee who helped to make the evening such a success.

We do not meet in February, so will look forward to seeing you all on Monday 16th March when we will have our AGM at 7.40pm followed by a presentation by Councillor, David Taylor on 'Hidden Dorchester' at 8.00pm. Membership fees of £8 per person will be due.

Pat Willetts - Tel. 568458

NEXT MEETING Valley Club AGM and Presentation
Monday 16th March • 7.40pm • Village Hall

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The Martinstown Fair Charter

by Gerald Duke

I see from the November Valley and Valence Alison Cartwright's memory of the funfair held on the Village Green back in 1932. It was possible to do this for a couple of years as the showmen agreed to include Martinstown it in their rounds as the date conveniently coincided with the rather larger Portland Fair. At that time, there was also room on the other side of the road to accommodate the showman's caravans, today, it is the site of a terrace of four cottages.

To be a little more precise about the Valley and Valance piece, the granting of the charter for the fair in 1268, was granted not to the village but personally to Robert tz Payn, the Lord of the Manor at the time. He held a number of manors in the county but it is most unlikely he would have ever lived here. At that time the village was little more than a small settlement around the area of the pub, Smithy and sheep dip and is described as such in Hutchins History of Dorset with the church being some 200 yards to the east of the village. There was also a watermill rendering 16d. a year. Interestingly the Domesday Book recorded ve such watermills in the valley, the likely site of one which included the village pond having been in lled in recent years at the eastern end of the village.

The Manor (one among many in an estate that covered much of the County of Dorset and beyond) passed from Alaured (Alfred) de Lincoln IV (the uncle of Robert tz Payn) to Margery his eldest sister and the last of the family. Most of her land holding including the Manor of Winterborne St Martin passed on her death to her husband Robert Fitz-Pain. His cousin, William de Goviz held neighbouring Rew among many other landholdings and Manors.

The question must be, why was the charter granted to Robert in the rst place? From the Victoria County History of Dorset and Hutchins (vi,327), we learn that following their part in the Battle of Lewes in 1264, Robert and William played their part in taking the king prisoner. This enabled Simon de Montfort with Robert, William and no doubt others to effectively rule in the name of the King "and acted what they pleased in his name". When the king was released and the seal returned, it seems he showed his gratitude with the granting of the charter in which he wrote "…to our beloved and faithful friend…"

The original charter can be found in the National Archives in Kew for all to see but knowledge of Medieval Latin will be helpful. There is a translation of the charter attached to the lease of the Village Green to the Parish Council which con rms that the rights to both market and fair are retained by their Landlord.

Robert tz Payn certainly travelled around a wide area. H Sheriff of Dorset and Somerset between 1247 and 1250. title of baron was conferred on Robert. An inquisition in 1 to include the title ("tenet in capite baronie de domino reg land Fair with the festival of the Puri cation Saint Mary. Fr He of the, we learn that the son of Robert Fitz-Pain, also is referred to as "the last Baron of Fitz Pain". He was the this family when he died without issue in 1355

In 1303 Robert tz Payn (the son) married Isobelle (Ella) Gifford, the twelfth daughter of King Edward I and for this the Lord of the knights fee in Worth (later to become W Manors). Two years later he was appointed Governor Castle at the eastern end of his Dorset Estate.

Robert tz Pain (lieus Pagani) features throughout the re of Bishops of Salisbury, Simon de Gandavo known as Si Ghent (1297 - 1315) and Roger Martival (1315-1330) wh referred to as a knight in the earlier years. He also featur the records of the Great Cartulary of Glastonbury at this a witness to numerous Royal Charters.

Between 1297 and 1330 Robert Fitz Pain attended the o installation and presentation of many priests as far afield Presbytery at Potterne near Devizes, the Bishopric at Ra in Berkshire and at Sonning, Leucombe (East Chelborou also in London. It is also clear from the records that he w have known well the next man who would become the Lo Manor of Winterbourne St Martin as in 1327 he is shown co-signatory to a royal charter with John de Maltravers. H one for another article as the Manor was con scated from following his role in the murder of King Edward 11.

As I check on dates, I see we missed a good opportunity party in the village as last year was the 750th anniversary the charter.

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Fran's BLOG for February 2020

Fran Taylor

A belated welcome back to our Parish Magazine. Unfortunately, I missed that rst deadline. The most important points of my missing piece were the comments of how much our magazine was missed, but it has now returned with a brand new and smart appearance. Well done, Graham!

However, Christmas is over and the New Year has been ushered in with bangs and ashes . Unfortunately some revellers started a tad early resulting in distressed horses. Revellers take note for future years.

So what was happening in the lead up to the festive season? For example 30 local children enjoyed a day of Advent Craft in Martinstown Church. They worked all morning on a variety of activities which had been set up and overseen by a team of volunteers. Eventually lunch time came and they walked up to the Brewers Arms for a tasty lunch of bangers and beans. A week later a wonderful exhibition of 40 Nativity scenes was set up. They were made of a variety of materials ranging from handcrafted wooden scenes to knitted characters, to lego and even tennis ball creations. Christmas carols in the pub followed swiftly on. It wasn't long before the bar was echoing to the strains of 'Silent Night', 'In the Bleak Midwinter' and 'We Three Kings' with solo renditions, to name but a few. Later that week the Carol singing was taken on tour into the Care Homes where they were sung to receptive and appreciative audiences.

Earlier in the month the Valley Club had enjoyed their social evening in the village hall and, while they nibbled their nibbles and sipped their wine, the Winterbourne Singers entertained them with an eclectic musical programme. However Christmas would not have been the same without the appropriate carol services which took place in our 4 Churches. The Winterbourne Singers sang in both Martinstown and Steepleton Churches. This group of singers under the leadership of Peter Wilkinson was formed in 2018. It meets in Martinstown Church on alternate Fridays at 7 pm. I can recommend this as a great social gathering with lots of laughter and an opportunity to learn and appreciate something new. All new members welcome, particularly men!

And so to ArtsReach. Due to there being a double issue, information about the Neil Maya Quartet, entitled 'The Brubeck Project' was possibly only available on the web site. So I hope if some of you managed to get tickets you've enjoyed the programme.

On Sunday, March 1st at 4 pm we have a Scratchwork Theatre production in Martinstown entitled "Woman With a W", a raucous and hilarious tale of the rst female resistance told through a whirlwind tightly choreographed theatrical invention. It is suitable for children aged over 7. Tickets available from me on 01305 889963.

All that remains is to wish you all a prosperous 2020.

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Weds 26 February 2020

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FURTHER MEETINGS: 25 MARCH 2020
27 MAY 2020 (AGM)

April 2020 - Annual Parish Meeting
date and time to be con rmed and held
at the Village Hall

Last Weds of the month at 7pm

Be sure to visit the Parish Council website:

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Martinstown Post Office	07:31	07:31	07:53		10:10	10:15	13:15	
Mallard Green	**	**	**			**	**	
Poundbury QM Square	07:39	07:39	08:01			**	**	
Poundbury Mansell Square	**	**	**			**	**	
Dorchester Hospital	07:43	07:43	08:06			**	**	
A-Line taxi office/Trinity Street	**	**	**		**	10:30	13:30	
Brewery Square	**	**	08:13			**	**	
Dorchester South Station	07:52	07:52	**			**	**	

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Trinity Street	13:00	**		16:03	16:14	17:22	18:22	
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Poundbury Mansell Square		**		**	**	**	**	
Poundbury QM Square		**		16:15	16:26	17:31	18:31	
Mallard Green		**		**	**	**	**	
Martinstown Post Office	**	13:15		16:22	16:33	17:38	18:38	
Winterbourne Steepleton	**	**		**	**	**	**	
Winterbourne Abbas		**		16:31	16:42	17:48	18:48	

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