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Happy New Year to you all...

...and welcome to the (slightly) new look magazine. You will have noticed that there is a bit more colour throughout! Well, due to the 'interweb' and competition amongst printers, we have been able to negotiate a better deal and it includes more colour!

More about this on page 9...

Ed.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE DESK OF

Rev. Jean Saddington

This can be a dif cult time of year - dif cult to keep positive; dif cult to keep warm; dif cult to muster up some enthusiasm to get things done. Christmas is well and truly behind us and ahead of us is Lent. Oh joy! No sweets or chocolate, or alcohol or coffee (or whatever it is you feel you ought to give up) and there's the on-going guilt about New Year good intentions that perhaps haven't materialised. Well, whether that's true for you or not, this is a turning point.

In the church's calendar, on the 2nd February we celebrate Candlemas.

Candlemas is 40 days from Christmas Day, corresponding to the number of days after Jesus' birth on which Mary attended a ceremony of ritual puri cation, followed by Jesus' presentation in the Jerusalem temple. It became known as Candlemas (also known as Presentation of Christ in the Temple) because (pre electric light) on that day people would bring their candles for the coming year to be blessed by the priest. The link with light comes from our Lord's presentation when Simeon (an elder in the Temple) called Jesus 'the light of the world'.

Candlemas appears to have had a bit of a renaissance. A couple of years ago it featured in the Waitrose 28 reasons to be cheerful in February. We are encouraged to celebrate the festival of Candlemas on 2 February by drawing back the curtains and placing a candle on the windowsill to shine a light into the darkness. (We are then encouraged to purchase a Waitrose Vanilla Cream candle at the bargain price of £2.09!)

So how is this a turning point? To be reminded that Jesus is the light of the world is to have hope put before us again. After the joy of Christmas, returning to a dull and unlit world can be hard (not helped by all the grey days we've endured recently). It doesn't take too much imagination to see why Christ is portayed as the light. When we feel the world is full of darkness he helps to remove our fears and through his teachings he shows us what direction we should go in in life, much as a light reveals the right path for us to walk along. And what's more remarkable is that Jesus said that we are the light too: "You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before others, so that they may see the good deeds you do and give glory to your Father in heaven." So this Candlemas let us invite the light of Christ in our lives and shine as lights to bring hope to others

This year we celebrate Candlemas on Sunday, 30th January (the nearest Sunday to 2nd February) with a Bene ce service at 11 am at St Mary's Church, Winterbourne Abbas. All are welcome – bring a candle!

Jean Saddington
Team Vicar

CHURCH SERVICES during... FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY • **PROPER 1**
10.00 Winterbourne Abbas – Holy Communion
11.00 Martinstown – Holy Communion

SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY • **PROPER 2**
8.00 Martinstown – Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 Compton Valence – Holy Communion
11.00 Winterbourne Steepleton – Holy Communion

SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY • **2ND BEFORE LENT**
10.00 Winterbourne Abbas – Worship Together
11.00 Martinstown – Holy Communion
17.00 Martinstown – Church@Five

SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY • **NEXT BEFORE LENT**
11.00 Martinstown – Worship Together

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Any of the above can be approached in the first instance for Baptism, Marriage, Home Communion or just a vis
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
involved is assured.

Join us at Messy Church

Tuesday 1st February • 3pm till 5pm

At Winterbourne Abbas Church

(Always the 1st Tuesday of the month)

Messy Activities: games, songs, stories, supper

F R E E

Our new season started on Friday, 7th January. If you enjoy singing and would like to join us, you will be welcome at St. Martin's Church between 7 and 8.15 p.m., when we'll be working our way through a variety of music, both sacred and secular, but mainly on the lighter side. Although it helps a bit to be able to read music, that's not an essential. Singers contribute £1 per session (fortnightly) towards church overheads.

If you're interested, or would like any further information, please contact: Peter Wilkinson (p_wilkinson@hotmail.com or 889077)

A HUGE THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who gave generously and supported our three activities held before Christmas in Aid of the 'Lantern Trust' and the 'Bus Shelter Dorset' charities.

The Christmas Coffee Morning Bring & Buy, Hamper Squares and the Advent Window Trail raised a stunning total of £1,417.12. The Charity Group of the Parishes of the Winterbourne could not have done this without your taking part, attending the coffee morning, helping on stalls, making donations of money and items, making cakes and creating joy giving windows – we are very grateful to everyone in our community for their generosity. We would also like to mention the businesses that supported us with great raf e prizes – The National Grid, the Brewers Arms, Capelli of Poundbury hairdressers, Poundbury Waitrose and Cook. The money raised will be divided between the two charities enabling their continued support to the homeless of Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland by giving them a warm bed, a hot meal, health support and counselling.

Charity Group of the Parishes of the Winterbournes

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.

Bowleaze Cove in Mid-Winter...

Let's take time out and speak in praise
Of nondescript midwinter days,
For there, beneath gun metal skies
There's much to see for watchful eyes.

Folks cocooned in winter wraps,
In gloves and scarves and woolly hats,
Have padded jackets zipped up tight
Safe against the winter bite.

A restless dog strains on its lead
While tethered to a windswept seat,
Where hardy walkers sip their tea,
Their backs turned against the breeze.

Bowleaze hillside standing high
It's summer colours now run dry,
Devoid of nature's emerald sheen
Now a slope of yellowed green.

And out across the rippled bay
Portland lurks in battle grey,
Where sea and sky become as one,
With not a hint of winter sun.

As seagulls swoop down on the wing,
Their cries are stolen on the wind
And carried down through threadbare trees,
To clouds that softly touch the sea.

So let's give praise for winter days,
Hot chocolate, bacon butty days;
Those "heading for the reside days",
And be thankful for them all.

By Vince Jones

QUIZ NIGHT WITH SUPPER IN SUPPORT OF THE RE-ALLIANCE CHAR

Friday, 11 March at 7pm in Martinstown Village Hall

Brighten up a grey March Day and have something to look forward to by purchasing a ticket for our Quiz and Supper Evening. We will have a tasty meal with waitress service and a quiz that will be fun and jolly with just the odd hard question thrown in to sort the men from the boys, the women from the girls! We hope to have tables of 6 people (if you grovel, we may stretch that but only by a little and we would need to know in advance, also should you wish to be a smaller team, tabling for that can also be arranged).

The evening is to raise money for the charity 'Re-Alliance', this relatively new charity is helping to change policy and practice, providing support and enabling sustainability of that support; for example, they have provided compostable toileting in Syrian refugee camps, these in turn enrich the surrounding land, enabling the growth of trees and later crops.

To ensure the event is as safe as possible tickets are only available to buy in advance with table service for the supper and a pre-order system and an organized queueing system for orders from the bar will also be in place. A member of the organizing group will mark all quiz papers. The hall will be a little airier than in the past so please wear an extra layer!

Ticket cost is £10 for quiz and hot supper – they will be available from mid-February, to reserve tickets please call Sally on 01305 889097.

Charity Group of the Parishes of the Winterbournes

It has been great to see the Village Hall busy again. We'd like to thank all of our users, and most especially our regular groups, who have been very understanding through these dif cult times and who have been so scrupulous in helping to keep the hall as safe as possible for all to use and enjoy.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held this year on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 pm. We are on the look-out for new trustees to join the Hall committee and we'd be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining us in this active role. Come along to the meeting in April to nd out more about how the Hall runs, what being on the committee involves and how you can play a part. If you're not able to come to the meeting but are interested in being actively involved in the community in this way, do get in touch with anyone on the committee for a chat. We have plans to improve and develop our Hall and the playground (some are well underway), so watch this space for updates.

Lastly, a huge thank you to all the trustees who work so hard and devote so much time and energy to ensuring that Martinstown Village Hall is a thriving part of our Valley community.

Jan Grif ths (Chair) 889738

FiFi La Mer

A Journey into French Music

Sat 19 March, 7:30pm. Martinstown Village Hall.

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Fi la Mer and Oliver Wilby will take you on a journey through 100 years of French music, from Offenbach to Gainsbourg, not forgetting Michel Legrand and Edith Piaf. Featuring the dulcet tones of Fi on accordion and voice, and the talents of Oliver on clarinet, members of the saxophone family, and accordion, the pair share tales of the mystery, romance and heartache that we so often associate with Paris, alongside a repertoire of musical gems.

Fi la Mer was born in Paris and, when not touring with this show, performs with her band 'Oh la la!'. Oliver Wilby regularly tours with the Pasadena Roof Orchestra and the Ray Gelato Giants. Expect a toe-tapping tribute to French music with a party atmosphere from this entertaining duo, who visit Dorset with Artsreach, the county's touring arts charity! There will be a bar, and French-themed refreshments. Why not come dressed up in French style – prizes will be awarded for the best costume!

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Snowdrops at Compton

Each year as the snowdrops appear in our hedgerows, Compton Valence busies itself to welcome visitors to our little village.

For many of us, not only is it an important fund raiser for our church, but it also brings the community together in a common purpose and we thrive on providing much-appreciated refreshments for our visitors.

Sadly this year, as last, the pandemic means we can NOT open the hall or offer our lunches and teas. This is a huge disappointment for us all.

However, we are sure that the snowdrops will be as spectacular as ever, so please do still visit, and watch out for signs to see if the hall is open or refreshments available on the day.

Tessa Russell

OUTCOME OF THE V&V MAGAZINE A

The appeal closed at the end of December and the result has been hugely encouraging. The magni cent total of £2,530 was donated which has met the de cit of 2021 and left a surplus of £450 to help with the costs of this year. Nearly £1,800 came from private individuals. The Parish Council of Winterborne St Martin made a grant of £162 and will pay for a full page in each of 8 issues this year. The Parochial Church Council of Compton Valence gave £200 and plans to do so every year. The Parochial Church Council of The Winterbournes already gives £500 annually towards the costs of V&V.

In addition to your donations, many people have made helpful suggestions about how production costs might be reduced. These have all been investigated by the editor and he has managed to nd a printing service whose current charges not only include full colour throughout BUT are also £180 per issue less than the next closest quote, which bodes well for 2022.

Many thanks for all your generous responses to this appeal which has helped to ensure that last year V&V broke even and this year will continue to be delivered free to every household in the four villages.

Alison and John Crawford
on behalf of the PCC of The Winterbournes

Martinstown Women's Institute

We held our rst meeting of 2022 on 12th January. This was our rst afternoon meeting and was very well attended. In January we discuss the resolutions to be debated at the National WI meeting which, this year, will be held in Liverpool. We had an interesting discussion on the ve suggested resolutions before making our selection.

We will be continuing with afternoon meetings starting at 2.30 pm on

Wednesdays 9th February and 9th March and then return to evening meetings in April.

On 9th February we will have an afternoon of indoor Kurling and on 9th March the subject will be Green Martinstown and climate change.

All ladies are very welcome.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

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See you soon. Karen Barrett

The MILEATERS out and about...

Mileaters walk Thursday 13th January 2022 by Phil and Roelie

We started our new walking calendar with the best of days. Glorious sunshine and incredible views over the downs near Frampton and Compton Vallence.

26 walkers and 4 dogs (could have been more but some had better offers of golf and lunch!) set of from the village to Tibbs Hollow car park near Frampton. The nearly 6 mile walk provided great views, a few climbs and an interesting crossing of a stream. Despite some wet feet most people enjoyed the walk.

Lunch afterwards in the Saxon Arms in Stratton was appreciated.

COMPTON VALENCE 100 CLUB

A warm welcome to Compton Valence 100 Club. Thank you to old and new for your support - villagers, friends, family and past residents. This is a great fundraiser for the Village Hall and provides an element of surprise for three lucky winners each month. There is also a chance of £100 at the Christmas Draw. Thank you for your participation and good luck.

CHRISTMAS DRAW	January 2022	December 2021
£100 – Harry Offer	£25 – Alan and Elena Bashforth	£25 – The Rice Family
	£10 – Chris Roberts	£10 – Lindsay Challoner
	£5 – Mary Johannes	£5 – Benjamin Buckland

100 CLUB DRAW

JANUARY 2022	FEBRUARY 2022
1st. Jan. Grif ths	1st. Vince Jones
2nd. W&R Frost	2nd. Les. Scarth
3rd. Kay Dawson	3rd. Ian Grattan

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Winterborne St Martin
PARISH COUNCIL

NEWS FEB

Chairman's report:

Thank you to the National Grid and the Visual Impact Project for their kind donation that enabled us to have a Christmas tree on the Village Green. The tree was locally grown, used rechargeable batteries for the lights and the tree will be used as mulch in a new local orchard.

As a mark of respect to Councillor Tim Bareham we are postponing the next parish council meeting.

Tim recently joined the Parish Council, and we will miss his wisdom, clarity of thought and willingness to get involved. The Parish Council send their condolences to Tim's family

The Parish Council has 9 members and the vacancy that has sadly arisen will be lled by co-option on to the Council. This will be formally announced in February with a decision at the March meeting.

Please look out for the noti cation of the vacancy if you are interested in the joining the Parish Council.

The Parish Council send all good wishes for a healthy and safe in 2022.

With thanks
Councillor Andy Daw (Chair)

Flood issues

A site meeting was held in January with Dorset Council, Environment Agency, residents and Cllrs regarding the stream to the washpool, a plan has been put in place agreed by Dorset Council and with permission of the landowner to carry out minor maintenance and monitor the ow by the community and meet again to review this process.

There is now a sandbag store at the pub please help yourselves and we will aim to keep this topped up as we as the store by the Reading room.

To contact the Council

E-mail: clerk@winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk

Or speak to any of the Councillors in your usual way contact numbers are on the PC website.

Website: www.winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk

Next Meeting

The next PC meeting is to be held on Thursday 10th February 7.45pm at the Village Hall - All welcome

Agendas and minutes are available on the village notice boards, website or contact the Clerk for copies.

Tim Bareham • February 1949 – December 2021

Thank you so much to everyone who sent cards and condolences. We are indeed fortunate to live among so many friends and it has been a huge comfort. The funeral was a private one, because of social distancing and Covid issues, but there will be a Service of Celebration for Tim after Easter, in happier times, we hope.

Anne and the Bareham family

Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

February 2022* * Correct at time of printing.

3rd (Thursday)	- rubbish and food	10th (Thursday)	- recycling and food
17th (Saturday)	- rubbish and food	24th (Thursday)	- recycling and food

2nd (Weds)	- garden waste	16th (Weds)	- garden waste

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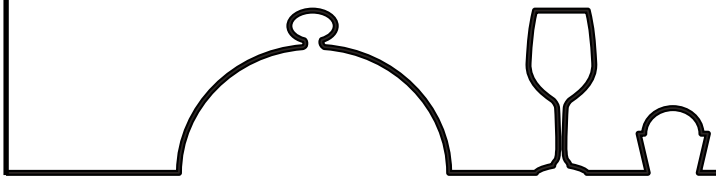

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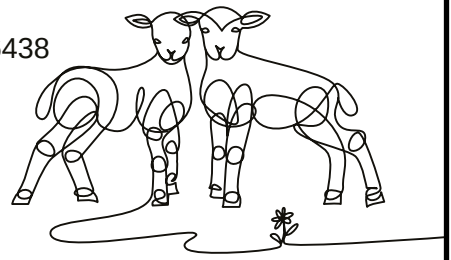

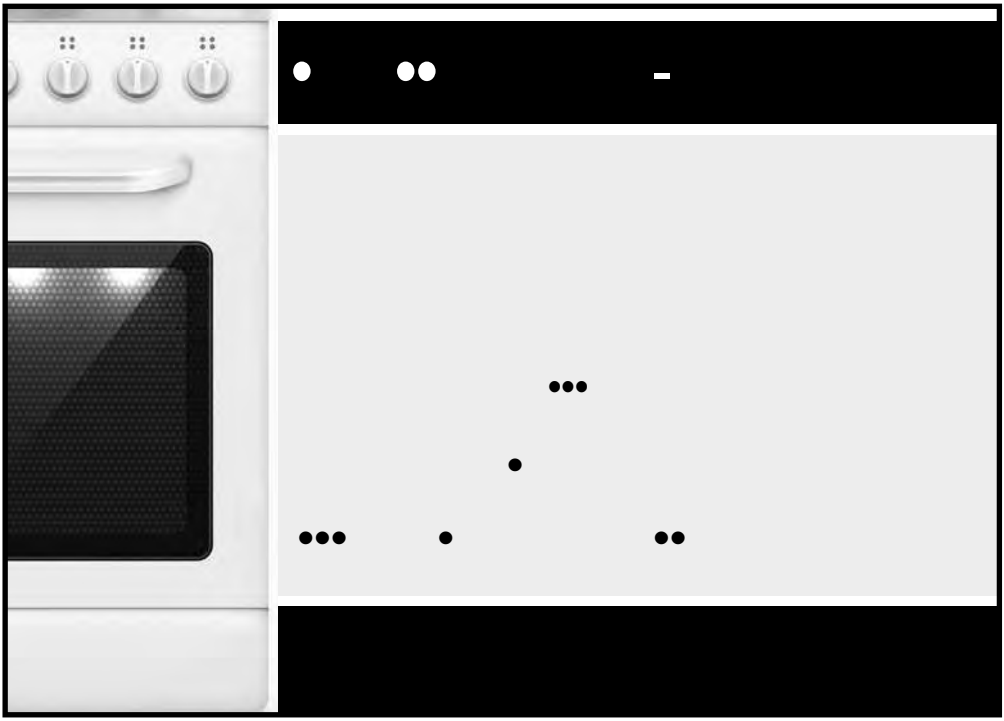

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