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THOUGHTS FROM THE DESK OF...

Rev. Jean Saddington

One of the problems of writing the magazine article some three weeks before it's published is that your thoughts tend to get caught up in what's happening at the time. Cast your mind back to early January. There was one thing that dominated the news - 'the revelations of Harry' – and it got me thinking about family relationships in particular, and about relationships in general. In the case of Harry's revelations we only heard one side of the story (at the time of writing) but there are always two sides to every disagreement, every viewpoint and often the two most dif cult phrases to say are 'I'm sorry' and 'I forgive you'.

In the words of Elton John 'Sorry Seems to be the Hardest Word'. Saying sorry means swallowing our pride; overcoming our embarrassment and laying ourselves open to possibly having our apology rejected. It's far easier, though far less satisfactory, to keep our head down and wait for the hurt to subside.

But if 'sorry' can be the hardest word to say, there are three words, directly related, which can be even more dif cult to mean: 'I forgive you'. We may be happy enough to say that we forgive someone and we may want to mean it and genuinely believe that we do, but to really forgive someone in the true sense of the word is a rare gift indeed. All too often a past mistake is dredged up again in the heat of anger; an error which we considered long-since forgotten suddenly thrown back in our face.

With God it is different. When we confess our sins, are truly sorry and promise to live a better life, they are put behind us, over and done with. There will be no going back to them later, no dragging them up to use against us; it is as if they never were. That's the good news. The bad news is that God wants us to show that same level of forgiveness to others and to ourselves, and that's not always easy.

A favourite hymn of mine is 'There's a wideness in God's mercy'. In one of the verses it says, 'But we make His love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own.' How true those words are. We tend to assume that God will judge us in much the same way that we so readily judge others and ourselves. Yet, the astonishing message at the heart of the gospel is that God is altogether different from us; his attitudes, goodness and forgiveness are on a level we nd hard to comprehend. We are swift to point the accusing nger, even at ourselves, but the nature of God is always to have mercy. All he asks for is genuine sorrow for our faults, a desire to serve him and a willingness to accept his love. You may know this better as 'Amazing Grace!"

A belated Happy New Year to you all!

Jean • Team Vicar

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CHURCH SERVICES during... FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY 5TH — **3RD BEFORE LENT**

10.00 Holy Communion – Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion – Martinstown

SUNDAY 12TH — **2ND BEFORE LENT**

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) – Martinstown
09.30 Holy Communion – Compton Valence
11.00 Holy Communion – Winterbourne Steepleton

SUNDAY 19TH — **NEXT BEFORE LENT**

10.00 Worship Together – Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion – Martinstown
17.00 Church@Five – Martinstown

SUNDAY 26TH — **1ST OF LENT**

11.00 Worship Together – Martinstown

The Parishes of the Winterbournes & Compton Valence

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The Winterbournes and Compton Valence Ministry Team
Team Vicar - Rev'd Jean Saddington (01305 889992) Available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays
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Peter Wilkinson - Winterbourne Steepleton (01305 889077)
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For Compton Valence please contact the Church Wardens

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), Roddy Kilpatrick (889238)
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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 a involved is assured.

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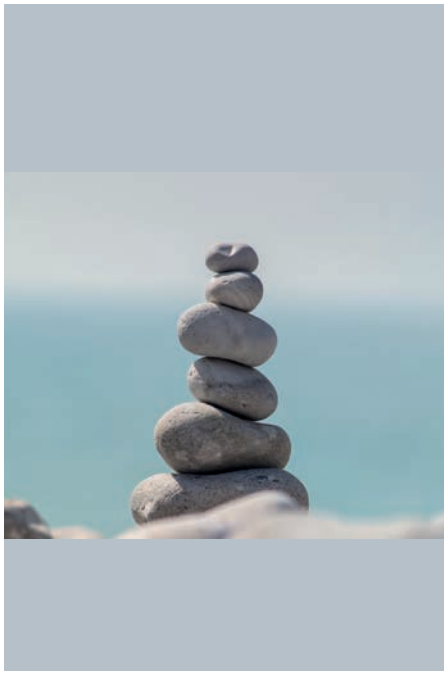
Lent Lunches



at **5pm**

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

All welcome...

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Messy CHURCH

Join us at Messy Church...

St. Mary's Church, Winterbourne Abbas

Messy activities • games • songs • stories • supper

First Tuesday of the month!

7th February 2023 • 3pm – 5pm

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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RESULT!

If you can cast your mind back through the fog that was Christmas and New Year, you will remember that the Charity Group of the Winterbournes asked for your support at two events. The first was The Christmas Coffee Morning Bring & Buy in aid of 'Operation Smile' and the other was Light Up the Green plus Carols in the Pub in aid of 'Dorchester Family Support'. We made an amazing £1120 for Operation Smile and most mysteriously the same amount of £1120 for Dorchester Family Support!

Both are wonderful charities – 'Operation Smile' is an international charity that operates on children to correct cleft palates; with your help, we have been able to provide money for seven life changing operations and with enough left over to pay for after care anti-biotics for fifty children. 'Dorchester Family Support' is a local charity that looks after families with children who have free school meals by providing nutritious food parcels and treats in the school holidays; in this time of hardship, the money was received most gratefully. The Hamper Square Draw was made at the Carols in the Brewer's Arms, the winner was very pleased with her hamper, once again the winner was a resident (albeit a different one) of Cowleaze, Martinstown – obviously a very lucky address!

I would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone who helped at the events, who came a long and supported us, to those of you who gave donations of time, items and money. I am proud to live in such a generous community. I would also like to mention the businesses that helped us achieve such a magni cent outcome – Howdens Joinery, The Brewers Arms, The Merchant of Martinstown, Hob's Bottom Forest School, Friths Opticians, Capelli of Poundbury, Cook, Grassby's and Poundbury Waitrose.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and kind 2023.

Sally Webb on behalf of the Charity Group of the Parishes of the Winterbournes

Martinstown Cricket Club NEWS

Writing this article in the depth of winter when it is wet and cold, unending rain with ooded elds it is unlikely that you dear reader would be considering Cricket as a good topic. However, although another year has passed the Cricket club continues to ourish, representing the village and the valley in the Dorset Premier league as well as with a thriving second team. The youth section is the envy of other clubs within the West Dorset area and if villagers want to feel the joy of watching girls and boys enjoying happy and safe cricket then please do make your way to our Ashton ground on a Wednesday evening you will be warmly welcomed. Indeed if you are new to the area, maybe Poundbury and want to join in, either as a player or to be part of the staff, please do call me and I will put you in touch with the right contact. Youth cricket for all, adult cricket and if you are a lady who would like to take part, we are always looking to restart the Ladies Team, again please do call me.

The current club has been in existence since 1988 and in 2000 moved to our current location at Ashton when we were able, thanks to the generosity of Mr Robert Eversden who offered the site to us. After fund raising with help from individuals in the community and successful grant application we were able to purchase the land level it, lay a cricket table and build a Pavilion. We are the only club in Dorset that actually owns the ground and Pavilion, testament to the hard work and dedication of all those involved.

I have recently been fortunate to be invited to be the Club's President with Dick Corbett-Winder as Vice President and along with our new Chairman Mr Matthew Rimmer and an active and engaged committee, we look forward to 2023 season with renewed vigour.

Please, if you wish to be involved do call me, **John O'Brien** on **01305889345/07484126460** or just come to the ground on any evening and you will nd a warm welcome.

J.O.B.

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VALLEY CLUB NEWS

Its of cial...

The Valley Club Christmas meeting always means the festive season has started.

The 2nd December saw the Winterbourne Singers, the Martinstown Recorder Group and the Martinstown Ukulele Group pull off bravura performances under the leadership of the Radio 3's greatest loss – Peter Wilkinson.

He had us belting out Christmas favourites with all inhibitions driven off by the mulled wine and fuelled by mince pies and cheese. We had a lovely evening and a huge amount of fun. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

The AGM is coming up on the 20th March and after business is dealt with, Tom and Chloe Marsh from Eweleaze Organic Dairy Farm here in Martinstown will share their story. Find out how the team that brought us the local milk vending outlet created their organic system with an eye on sustainability and became a supplier to the multinational Müller brand.

Then on the 15th May our speaker James Parker will give us a real insight into the 5 year German occupation of the Channel Islands during World War 2, when islanders had to live under Nazi laws.

Finally, its worth pointing out that the 25% discount that Valley Cub members are entitled to at Poundbury Garden Centre during January and February is again available to them on the evening of the 16th April after an expert talk, with refreshments, at their shop.

So much to look forward to!

Chris Evans – Secretary

Answers to crossword puzzle in December/January issue

Valentines Day Quotes...

What's the best way to have your husband remember your anniversary? Get married on his birthday.
~ Cindy Garner

An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have; the older she gets, the more interested he is in her.
~ Agatha Christie

People who throw kisses are hopelessly lazy.
~ Bob Hope

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Martinstown Women's Institute

At our rst meeting of 2023 we met on 11th January to discuss the four short listed Resolutions for the National Federation meeting to be held in June. After consideration the majority vote was for the Resolution: "Women to women – turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers. Calling on UK tea companies and retailers to take action to x the broken tea buying system to enable plantation owners to give women tea pluckers a fair deal so that they can live the healthy and prosperous family life they deserve". On a personal level we can buy fair trade tea, available from supermarkets and Traidcraft tea from United Church Shop in Charles Street.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th February at 2.30 pm – "Fit February" (gentle exercise and a healthy cookery demonstration).

The Garden Club is dormant at the moment (like our gardens) but will resume again on Monday 6th March.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

Those little black dots!

by Fran Taylor

My rst experience of learning to decipher a music score was at the age of 11 on a retired pub piano. I knew about its origins because it smelt deliciously of beer. I used to tinkle away on the keys so that mum thought I was doing my practice. Was I? No, and the piano was eventually abandoned, to be replaced by the ute. Myy poor exasperated ute teacher was heard to comment "She'd be quite good if only she practised." ...if only I'd practised!

However, soon it was time to put away the ute in place of the guitar. A really useful instrument for a primary school student teacher on teaching practise with reception-aged children as we always nished the day with a story and a sing along. This often impressed my college supervisor!

Now my teaching career has ended and with it, my music-playing.

However, I have always enjoyed singing and so when the Winterborne Valley Singers came along, I decided to have a go and was warmly welcomed. I chose to sing soprano as they always have the tune. All was going well until I began to struggle with those black dots. If only I'd practised all those years ago.

However, all was not in vain. I could still take part although I often became lost, but a helping hand was always there to point out my destination. I also discovered that a simple highlighter could be used to keep up with the trail.

In addition, Peter Wilkinson, our Music Director, recognising that I had a problem has kindly rewritten a simpli ed score that's easier for me to follow and now I can con dently be part of the Winterborne Singers.

So, if there is anybody out there who who would like to join the choir, but is put off by those little black dots just contact Peter Wilkinson on 01305889077 or email: pwilkinson@hotmail.com.

It's a fantastic way to spend a Friday evening.

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Hedging the Playground

Green Martinstown, the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council are collaborating in the planting of a native, no-prickle, non-poisonous and partly edible hedge around the playground. This will help with bio-diversity, habitat for birds and insects but also will eventually replace the chain-link fencing that is coming to the end of its life. The plan is to extend the playground towards the road, planting the hedge close to the pavement.

So if you would like to be involved in planting the hedge later in February please let us know at: greenmartinstown@gmail.com

Birdbox Making Morning

Sat4th February Village Hall 10 – 12.30pm

Children and Parents: Come and join us in the hall to assemble pre-made kits to take home and hang in your garden or other suitable place. Advice will be given along with tea/coffee and cake!

Who's been using my garden?

An informative and fun morning of hedgehog facts, games, and creativity for the children of the village with accompanying adults in Martinstown Village Hall from 10 - 12 on Sat March 11th.

Bulk Buy Solar Panels Information Meeting

Martinstown Village Hall

Wednesday 8th February

6.00 – 7.30pm

with Dan Cole of Wessex Eco Energy, Poundbury

Objective: to bulk buy within Martinstown and locality - reducing costs.

Do you want to reduce energy bills and carbon emissions?
You can do both by installing solar panels on your roof whichever direction it faces.
With energy prices so high, payback time can be within 5/6 years

Dan Cole, a quali ed installer with over 10 years experience', will answer questions about the scheme, about installation and much more.
Just ask for a survey and a no obligation quote
If you cannot make the meeting but are interested please email:
greenmartinstown@gmail.com or call
Colin Tracy on **01305 889476**

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The MILEATERS out and about...

"Winter Wallow" by Mark Pemberton

As Del Boy said "What in this weather, you must be joking, I wouldn't send a dog out in this….". Never-the-less 15 Mileaters and 2 dogs gathered on the green in glorious sunshine for a winter wallow along and above the Fleet. Glorious sunshine yes, but a howling gale (even if the record only shows 32 knots – that doesn't include gusts or updrafts) did little to dry the surface which remained a little damp underfoot throughout.

We left Fleet New Church towards the old Church and at that point the meet photograph was taken whilst people were still clean. It didn't actually start raining until the Coffee Stop, which was well after the alternative opt-out route so by then they were committed. A few verses of "I'm H-A-P-P-Y, I'm H-A-P-P-Y…." were heard from the stragglers at this point but a stiff climb up a dry track to Langton Herring, and a few moments out of the wind, restored warmth before we descended towards the swamp at the bottom of the nal climb of the day. Actually, the swamp continued all the way up the hill, which also had a seasonal stream owing down it, and with a few fallers it was a bedraggled group that set off across the elds to East Fleet Farm and then back down to the cars, to get out of muddy boots and in some cases trousers!

Morale was lifted at the Turks Head in Wyke where the nal boots were left in the hall before some decent food and ale was taken and everyone agreed it was a ne walk, for a hot summer day….. But, that's the price Mudeaters pay for giving Lesley Pemberton the rst lead after Christmas.

Mark Pemberton

MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL • 100 CLUB DRAW

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January 2023
£25. Peter Wilkinson
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£5. Adrian Shaw.

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In aid of

St Mary's Church, Winterbourne Abbas

At

Martinstown Village Hall

St Martin's Field DT2 9JU

On

Saturday 25th March 2023

From

1pm - 3pm

ALSO ON SALE

BRIC A BRAC, BOOKS, GAMES,TOYS, PUZZLES, SHOES, BAGS

RAFFLE

REFRESHMENTS

50p Entry

Children Free

Donations of Jumble, Bags, Shoes, Bric a Brac, Toys, Books and Raffle prizes all gratefully received.

Please drop any donations off at the Village Hall on Sat 25th March between 10am and 11am or collections can be arranged before the day. Please ring Jane on 07971 251545

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MARTINSTOWN JUMBLE TRAIL

Hello all (Martinstowners in particular)!

Back in the Autumn I mentioned organizing a **Jumble Trail** for **Martinstown**. This is de nitely on the cards; put **Sunday 21st May** in your diaries. Each participating household will be charged **£5** for selling their unwanted jumble/goods from their own front door, garage, garden etc. This £5 fee will be donated to a charity (probably Trussell Trust) – I'm hoping that, apart from posters, signage, etc, which we're happy to produce ourselves, most of the advertising will be by Facebook (everyone sharing to other friends, groups etc) and word of mouth. I know I had really good feedback when I rst mentioned the event and I'm hoping that positivity hasn't waned.

I won't collect any money until just before the event but it would be nice if, in the meantime, if you're still keen to participate, you could furnish me with your name, address and contact details. You can do that either by (preferably but not exclusively!) email **elaineherbert@btinternet.com**, via direct message on the **village Facebook page** or a note through my door at **1 Cowleaze**.

Thank you, Elaine Herbert

The Book of Martinstown...

Margaret Hearing, the author of The Book of Martinstown is considering producing a new print run of this fascinating book. The original print run of the 'second edition' has long sold out BUT, if enough people are interested in buying a copy (at the original 2019 price of £11.99), another short run will go ahead.

"This book charts the history of Martinstown and the immediate area in an interesting and informative way. Something EVERY villager should have!"

If you would like to buy a copy, please register your interest by emailing the Valley and Valence Magazine at: info@valleyandvalence.co.uk as soon as possible.

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So, what is Artsreach & what does it involve?

The Artsreach year starts in the Spring, when promoters meet to preview the shows that are on offer for the season. Following this get-together, promoters go through details of the shows, and we bid for those we think would work best for our venue and community. As well as a variety of shows, there are often workshops on offer – some linked to performances and others, usually in the summer holidays, especially for children.

Once the bids are in, the indefatigable team at Artsreach have the immense task of allocating the shows, and getting all the publicity out.

Then there follows the booking period - I took our rst 'phone booking for the next show, Fragments, the day the Spring programme was published. Some people prefer to book online and there is a very easy system to manage that.

In the week leading to the show, we nalise details and shop for the bar, refreshments (if we're having them), raf e and sort out the details of the get-in for the performers. Occasionally, we provide overnight accommodation – it's good fun hosting such interesting folk and they're very appreciative, easy guests.

Following the get-out, there's the clearing up and a bit of admin to do, then it's all systems go for the next show!

All of this is masterminded by the wonderful team at Artsreach in Dorchester, Kerry, Yvonne and Marnie. They are incredibly supportive and their passion for bringing high-quality art events to rural communities is inspirational. It is quite simply a joy to work with them.

Fran and Jan are the current Martinstown promoters and we have a wonderful support team in the village which helps on performance days to get the shows on. We'd love to welcome people who might be interested in working with us as part of the on-the-day team and particularly on the organisation and promoting side of things. Do get in touch.

The next Artsreach show in Martinstown is on February 11th at 7.30 pm in the hall – details below. We hope to see you there!

Project Dance presents
'Fragments'

Dorset rural touring charity Artsreach is delighted to be able to support an emerging and exciting young South West company on their debut tour of rural communities this February as part of its spring season.

Based in Somerset and led by Artistic Director James Bamford, previously an artist with the English National Ballet Youth Company, Project Dance Company strives to create ambitious, innovative, and ground-breaking professional and youth dance works for stage and screen.

Performed by two dancers, Fragments tells the intimate story of a young couple who, when faced with what anyone else would describe as a nightmare, learn to fall in love with each other again, piece by piece, memory by memory. This new, uniquely intimate piece of dance theatre literalises the vulnerability, anxiety and helplessness of falling in love and has been designed to touch on the heart strings with tender intent.

James Bamford, Artistic Director said "We are so excited to have the opportunity to be taking our work into the hearts of communities and feel very grateful to present the work of Project Dance in such a close up and personal setting. Like all our work, Fragments has been made for anyone, whether you adore dance in all its forms or have never watched a theatre performance in your life."

Tickets available from:
Jan Griffiths - Tel: 889738
£8.00 - adult
£3.00 - under18
£20.00 - family

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Choral Evensong and Choral Eucharist at St Peter's Church, Dorchester

You are warmly invited to our cathedral-style service of Choral Evensong on Saturday 25th February at 4.30pm in St Peter's Church, Dorchester. The music includes: Chilcott 'Even such is time', Tomkins 'Preces & Responses', Weelkes 'Third Service' and Bairstow 'Blessed city, heavenly Salem'. Peter Nardone is at the organ and Ian Davis directing. Do join us for a glass of wine after the service.

We are also delighted to announce that we will be introducing a Choral Eucharist on the second Sunday of each month. The rst service is on Sunday 12th February at 10.30am. Music includes: Tallis 'If ye love me', Haydn 'Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo', Stopford 'God be in my head' and Mozart 'Ave verum'. All are very welcome to the service and for refreshments afterwards.

You can keep up with events via our website: www.dorchesteranglican.org.uk/musicat-stpeters or by following us on social media: Facebook: www.facebook.com/musicatst-petersdorch Twitter: @musicatstpeter

Snowdrops at Compton Valence

VILLAGE HALL LUNCHES and TEAS • Saturday 4th Feb - Sunday 12th February 2023

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

OPEN (WEATHER PERMITTING): 11.00am -3.30 pm daily

To Book Please ring or email so we can cater accordingly: Tessa Russell Tel: 01308 482227 or email: tessa@cvfarms.co.uk or Pippa James 01305 889338 m: 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. Please be considerate of our village/verges etc when parking or ring us to discuss your needs so we can advise you where to go. We very much look forward to seeing you.

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The Martinstown **Village Shop** Corner.. **Keith** and **Michaela**

Let's talk about Valentine's Day, the 14th of February...

People complain that this minor festivity has been hyped to ridiculous levels by the commercial retail industry, keen to sell cards, chocolates, roses etc.

Maybe that's true but hang on a minute…

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, originated as a Christian feast day honouring early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine. Through various folk traditions, it has become a signi cant cultural, religious (and yes, commercial) celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

And here's another interesting fact. The rst recorded association of Valentine's Day with romantic love is believed to be in the Parliament of Fowls (1382) by Geoffrey Chaucer, no less.

Which means that Valentine's Day does have a basis in history, and not just a commercial one.

So, unabashed, we will be selling Valentine related products, such as love heart sweets (remember them!), boxes of chocolates and of course cards.

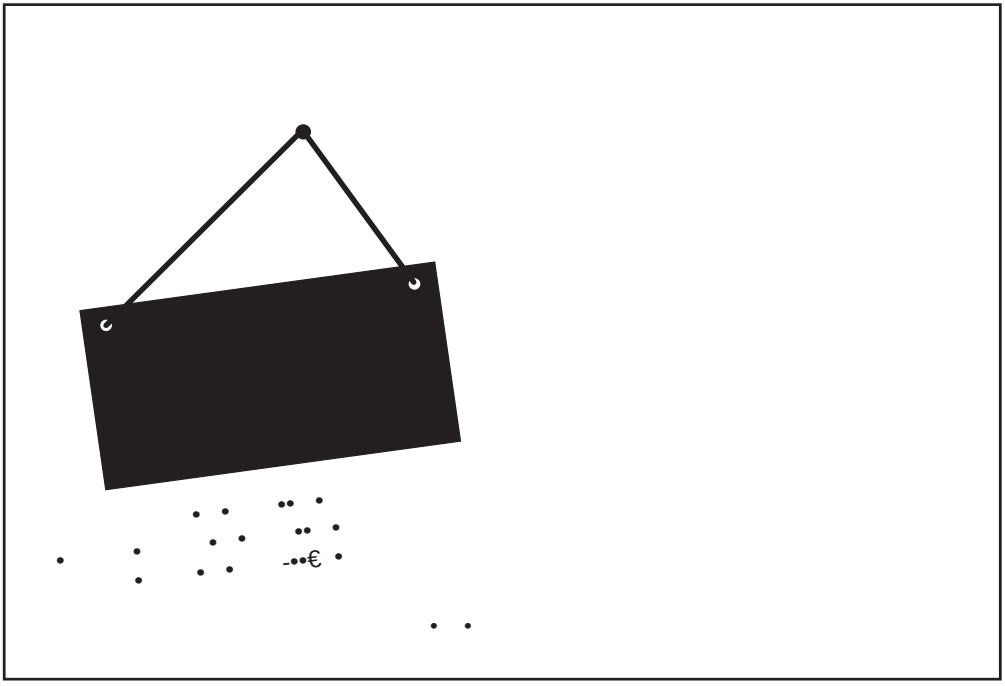
'Oh, we're too old for this nonsense.' Really? An expression of love should never be regarded as nonsense.

And it doesn't have to be about romantic love. How about buying a bottle of wine to share with a special someone?

Turning to other matters. Don't forget, during these cold months, that the shop is a warm and welcoming place to meet friends and enjoy a tea, coffee, hot chocolate along with a slice of cake or bun.

Happy Valentines!

Best wishes,
Keith & Michaela



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Winterborne St Martin
PARISH COUNCIL

NEWS FEB

The biggest issue of the moment is the sewer over ows and the risk of ooding – the Council, and many Parishioners, have been in regular contact with Wessex Water and Dorset Council and indeed we are currently awaiting responses on several formal enquiries. Whilst the stream clearance appears to have assisted in clearing water, the level of ground water and its ingress to the sewer still appears to be the underlying issue which is causing the pumping station East of Martinstown to allow "spillage" into the Winterborne. The many chaps in Wessex Water jackets suggested that the pumps will again be updated and a new sewer towards Monkey Jump be laid in the summer, but we don't yet have any evidence to support this. In the interim the Council will continue to oppose any development that increases the Valley's sewer ows or ground water levels.

At November's meeting we welcomed Raphaella Rookes to the Council. We hope that as a working Mum with young children she will provide a whole new perspective on Parish matters. In addition to Raphaella and myself, the Council is made up of Karen Dela eld, Deborah Follett, Andy Daw, Dave Read, Richard Everseden and Martin Usherwood (and we still have a vacancy – if you are interested please get in touch!). In future months I hope that they will take the opportunity in V+V to brief you on their role and thoughts about the Council's work.

Looking ahead, we have the Coronation in May and wondered if any Parish Groups are thinking of organising anything? We will have discussed the Council's position at January's meeting so that will be recorded in our minutes. Also, in May we will host the Annual Parish Meeting – this is your annual opportunity to raise resolutions for the Council to take forward. I would hope that there will be healthy debate on ooding, future development and stream clearance, but the oor is yours.

As always if you have an issue to raise please speak to one of your Councillors or email our clerk at: clerk@winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk and our agendas, minutes and other papers are published on our website: www.winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk/community/winterborne-st-martin-parish-council-18643/home/ As always it would be great to hear from you or to see you at our meetings, usually held in the Church at 7pm on the fourth Thursday of the month, and currently scheduled for **23rd February** and **23rd March**.

Regards,
Mark Pemberton - Chair

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