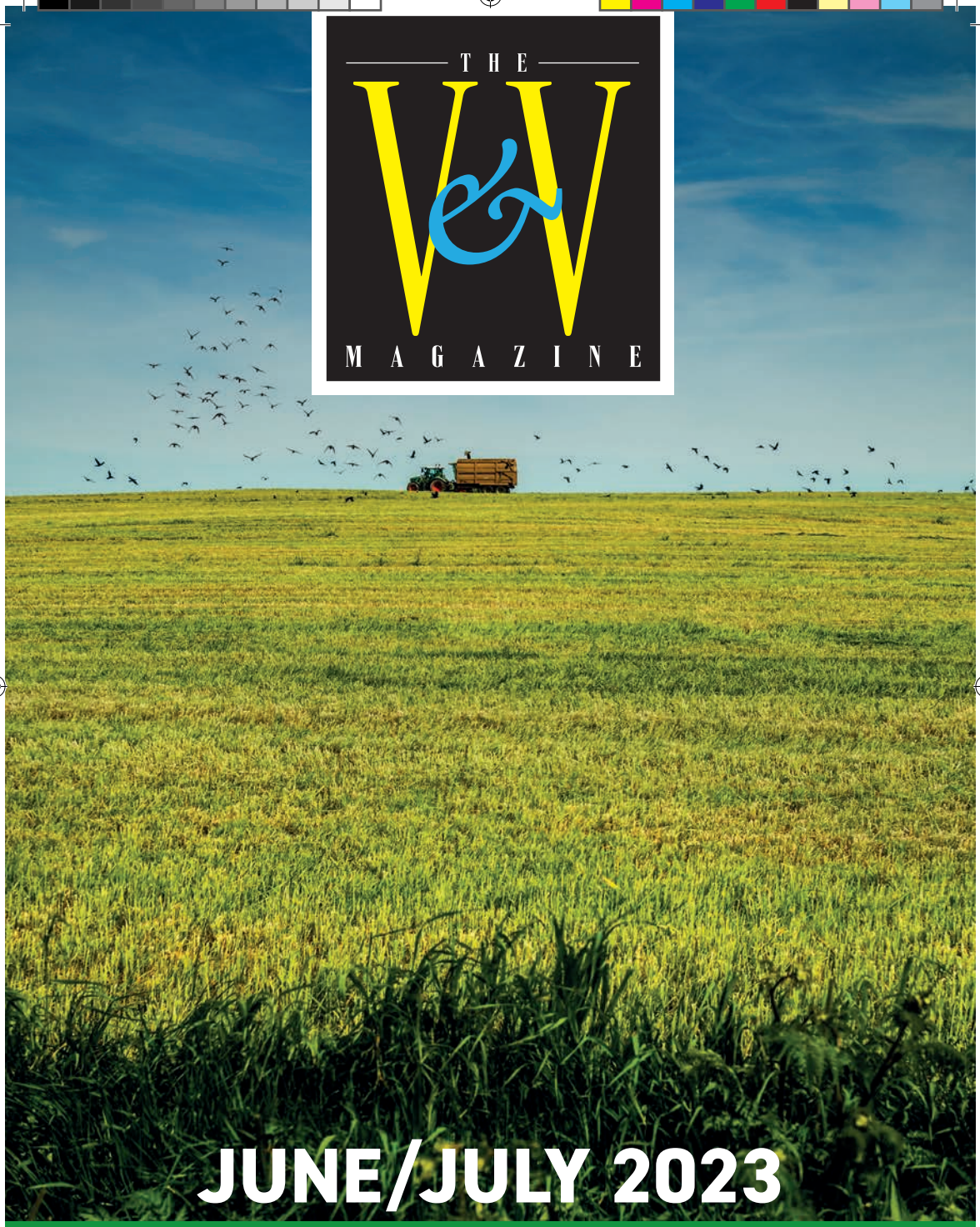

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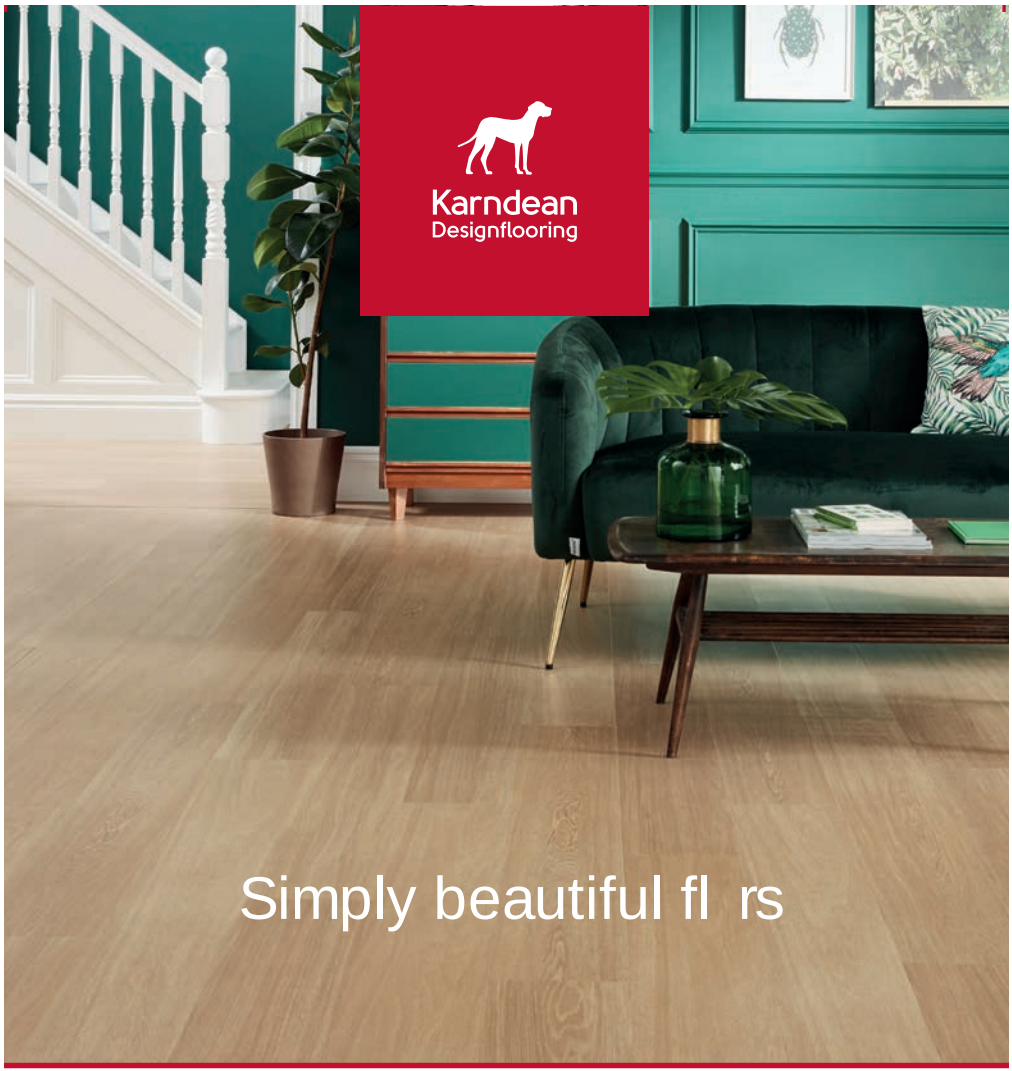

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THOUGHTS FROM THE DESK OF...

Rev. Jean Saddington

At the end of July I will be retiring as Team Vicar of The Winterbournes and Compton Valence so this is to be my last article for the Valley and Valence. My time here began on 6th November 2014 at my licencing service in St Martin's Church where I, and those assembled, were asked, "Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?", to which we answered, "With the help of God we will." 'Loving your neighbour as yourself' (something Jesus asked of us) is what I have witnessed in abundance here. I have witnessed (and experienced) first hand the generosity of others in the four villages, manifesting itself in practical ways or simply offering pastoral support. To give but one example, during the COVID lock-downs food was delivered to people, prescriptions collected, and video calls and Zoom meetings arranged, in an attempt to keep people connected. It was the toughest of times but the warmth and comfort offered through our communities helped us all get through.

In the course of our lives, in whatever circumstances, we are in a position to give a helping hand to others. The gesture may be a simple one and certainly Jesus does not insist that the help we give others should be in grand gestures but rather in the simple things. Giving a hungry person a meal, a thirsty person a drink, welcoming a stranger, cheering the sick, lending a listening ear, putting out the wheelie bins for the elderly or infirm (that one's not in the bible!) – these are the things anyone can do – simple help to people we meet every day. 'Self less service' is something we can strive to do each day – some small act, showing the love of God that is within us, being Christ's body on earth.

And so I offer my thanks – to you – for your welcome, for your help, for your support, for the many acts of self less service you offer. I have found true community spirit in the four villages of The Winterbournes and Compton Valence and is has been a privilege to be amongst you and to serve you.

Thank you for 8 wonderful years.

Yours in Christ

Jean

PS My last Sunday service as Team Vicar will be at 11 am, on 30th July at St Martins' Church, Martinstown. All are welcome.

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The Parishes of the Winterbournes & Compton Valence

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For Compton Valence please contact the Church Wardens

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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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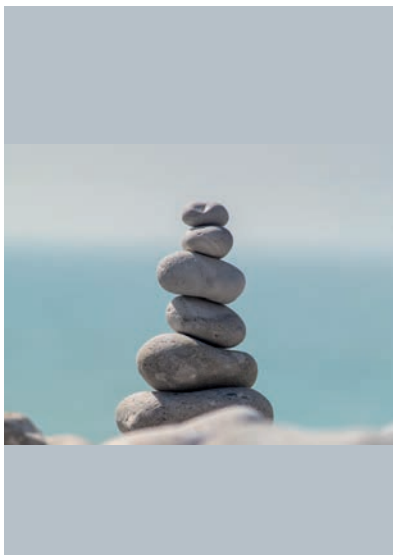
Any of the above can be approached in the rst instance for Baptism, Marriage, Home Communion or just a visit and th when anybody has been bereaved or is ill. They have answerphones for you to leave a message.

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 a involved is assured.



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All welcome...

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

Sunday 18th June and
Sunday 16th July at **5pm**

St Martin's Church, Martinstown

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CHURCH SERVICES during... JUNE

SUNDAY 4TH **Trinity Sunday**
10.00 Holy Communion – Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion – Martinstown

SUNDAY 11th **1st Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) – Martinstown
9.30 Holy Communion – Compton Valence
11.00 Sung Matins – Winterbourne Steepleton

SUNDAY 18th **2nd Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 Worship Together – Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion – Martinstown
5 pm Church@Five – Martinstown

SUNDAY 25TH **3rd Sunday after Trinity**
11.00 Worship Together – Martinstown

CHURCH SERVICES during... JULY

SUNDAY 2nd No services in the Winterbournes and Compton Valence.
There will be a Team service at St George's Church, Fordington at 10.30 am to celebrate the first communion of The Reverend Heidi Merrett following her ordination to Priesthood.
All welcome.

SUNDAY 9th **5th Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) – Martinstown
9.30 Holy Communion – Compton Valence
11.00 Holy Communion – Winterbourne Steepleton

SUNDAY 16th **6th Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 Worship Together – Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Worship Together with Baptism - Martinstown
5 pm Church@Five – Martinstown

SUNDAY 23rd **7th Sunday after Trinity**
11.00 Holy Communion – Martinstown

SUNDAY 30th **8th Sunday after Trinity**
11.00 Bene ce Service of Holy Communion to mark the retirement of The Reverend Jean Saddington as Team Vicar. All welcome.

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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UPDATE... UPDATE... UPDATE...

It is with great sadness I have to announce that Artsreach productions will no longer be appearing in the Martinstown Village Hall. There are several reasons that this decision has had to be made. To begin with the problem of limited funding which exists with the arts throughout the country. Also there is the need to reach out for more venues such as the Purbecks. West Dorset is well served and our proximity to Dorchester has resulted in this decision.

However, all is not totally lost, as I have been informed that a children's workshop and production will be happening sometime during the Summer holidays. So watch out for more detail on this.

Artsreach has been in evidence in Martinstown since November 1996 with a performance of 'Tolpuddle Man' by Endangered Species and 'The Old Rope String Band' in March 1997. So Artsreach has been up and running for over 30 years!

Jan and I, of course, have not been promoting for all that time. However it has been on the whole an enjoyable experience - if not a huge commitment and sometimes we were struggling to nd helpers to share the responsibility.

There was one occasion (before Jan had joined me) when there was a children's craft workshop. I noticed at the end of the session that lot of the glue was now splattered on the hall oor which had just been professionally polished to perfection. Not much had ended up on the artefact that was being created. I tried gently rubbing it off to no avail. What to do, I thought? I know - maybe Anne and Ced Moorcroft could possibly come to the rescue! One phone call and there they were, complete with the appropriate tools. Half an hour of gentle scraping and perfection was resumed. Nobody was the wiser. Phew!

So long live Artsreach somewhere. We can only hope that one day the village Hall will again become host to actors, musicians and dancers... all in the name of Artsreach.

by Fran Taylor

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"In the panic, confusion and rumour that spread across the Channel Islands in June 1940, eight-year-old Molly might have been separated from her sister by hundreds of miles and for years had it not been for the tenacity of her mother. The scramble to evacuate before the arrival of the German armed forces was just one of the episodes James Porter expertly described in his talk to the club on the 15th May about the Nazi occupation.

It was moving to hear of personal sacri ces made and how the population of islanders and occupiers alike were tested physically and morally, all illustrated through a combination of light-hearted anecdotes, intermingled with shocking statistics about the deprivation and loss of life that occurred.

We learned about the complex political and diplomatic issues that arose, the Commando raids, the immense and deadly military infrastructure building projects and about how laws and regulations were imposed - from some that made us chuckle ("publicans were required to keep customers sober") - to others that were were truly disturbing, including detentions and worse.

The dramas that continued right up to and even beyond Germany's surrender were vividly depicted both by photographs and by the perspective given to us from a speaker who's personal family connection with the events brought to life the account of Hitler's obsessional and costly occupation of this corner of the British Isles. It was riveting. In fact, I now feel inspired to make a trip to see where it all unfolded..."

Chris Evans, Secretary.

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Web: greenmartinstown.org.uk Email: greenmartinstown@gmail.com

The Great Big Dorset Hedge

Surveying our hedges in Martinstown Parish has begun!

We have a team of 8 Green Martinstowners surveying our precious hedges as part of the Dorset Climate Action Network's Dorset wide project, the Great Big Dorset Hedge. The survey records what species of tree are in the hedge, its height and depth, the condition and any gaps. The condition is assessed according to the Adams Code and once done, future management and planting schemes can be planned in association with the landowner.

Nick Finding, of Clandon Farm, has kindly given us the go ahead to survey his hedges and this is where we have begun. If you would like to join our team please email us.

Ponds for Wildlife

Last month we announced our latest project offering to create ponds - up to 1.5m x 1m – for villagers. They are important wildlife habitats, especially for invertebrates, amphibians and pollinators, and a source of drinking water for birds. So if you would like us to do the hard work for you and provide materials – please let us know.

Members Meeting

Our next members meeting will be at the Manor House on Tuesday July 4th at 7.00pm. We will be discussing new ideas and assessing the progress of current projects. The meeting is open to members and anyone interested in sustainability issues. Drinks and nibbles will be there to tempt you to come!

Good News!

UK greenhouse gases fell by 3.4% in 2022 – this means that emissions are now 49% below 1990 levels. Keep up the good work!

Nearly 1 in 7 new cars sold in 2022 was an electric vehicle. Five years ago it was just one in 70. Keep up the good work!

Solar energy will be the world's largest source of electricity by 2027. A decade ago it accounted for just 1% of global electricity. That is a massive change in the right direction! The cost of living crisis has provoked a boom in solar panel tting in the UK. Great News! In Berlin the government has mandated that all new buildings have to be tted with rooftop solar. Surely it makes sense for that to be the case worldwide.

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THIS MONTH'S NEWS FRO

Martinstown Women's Institute

The meeting in April was our AGM when we looked back over another successful year in Martinstown WI. We have enjoyed speakers on a wide variety of topics, some serious such as the Importance of Wills and Power of Attorney, to fun trying on hats with Sue from Snooks Hats. We have been very pleased to welcome a number of new members this year – more are always very welcome.

We are very glad that Rosie Duke is continuing to serve as our President for another year, but she will be standing down next year after 5 years in the role.

We reviewed our meeting time and agreed to continue with the present arrangement: April – October Evenings at 7 pm, November - March Afternoons at 2.30 pm.

The Garden Club has continued once a month under Anne Tate's leadership. We meet once a month (usually on the rst Monday) at 3 pm to discuss our gardens and swap seeds, plants and ideas plus visits to local gardens. We have also renovated the ower bed outside the Village Hall.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th May when Richard Baker will be speaking to us about "Victorian Dorchester" at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

Don't forget to book your place on the Village Outing to Beaulieu on Thursday 22nd June. Bookings by 15th May – cheques payable to The Valley Club please.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

Correct at time of printing.

JUNE 2023*	For more information contact www.dorsetforyou.com/recycle		
1st (Thursday)	- recycling and food	8th (Thursday)	- rubbish and food
15th (Thursday)	- recycling and food	22nd (Thursday)	- rubbish and food
29th (Thursday)	- recycling and food		
7th (Weds)	- garden waste	21st (Weds)	- garden waste

JULY 2023*	For more information contact www.dorsetforyou.com/recycle		
13th (Thursday)	- recycling and food	6th (Thursday)	- rubbish and food
27th (Thursday)	- recycling and food	20th (Thursday)	- rubbish and food
5th (Weds)	- garden waste	19th (Weds)	- garden waste

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This is a busy time of year for the Council, ending one nancial year and starting out on another, and an odd time to be drafting prior to the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council meeting at which, amongst other things, we elect a new Chair. So, with a bit of luck this will be the last you hear from me! On that note, I got the credit for the last submission, which was in fact drafted by Andy Dawes as part of an effort to get you to know who is on the Council and what interests them most. I hope that this initiative will continue into the future.

One big issue at the moment, which will form part of my briefs at the two meetings mentioned above, and will occupy us for longer, concerns the old Memorial Hall, which prior to 1915 was a store and left by Indenture for various causes in 1921. Since then it's been known as the Reading Room and Parish Of ce, as well as being used by the US Army, the Scouts and Cricket Club, as well as other groups and businesses from time to time. The Council have now been offered possession and ongoing responsibility so are in the process of establishing a Working Group or sub-Committee to take this forward – I think that when established that group will welcome input from anyone who can support them in bringing it back to use for the bene t of Parishioners. There is a long way to go before it can be accepted, with legal and nancial issues to overcome, so please do join us both in the debate about what to do with it. and in bringing it to bene cial use.

As always we welcome feedback on the Council's activities so please feel free to speak to any of the Councillors or contact us of cially through our Clerk – clerk@winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk. I have previously mentioned that as a Council we are committed to following Dorset Council in moves towards being "paperless" so the majority of documents will be published on our website https://www.winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk/community/winterborne-st-martin-parish-council-18643/home/ so please do have a look or even subscribe for updates.

I'm afraid I can't offer future dates of meetings at this time as this forms part of the legally required Agenda for the Annual Meeting. But, I think 4th Thursdays of most months would be a reasonable bet.

Regards,
Mark Pemberton • Chair

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A few photos from
an informal gathering on
Martinstown's Village Green
to celebrate the
CORONATION
of King Charles III
Sunday 7th May 2023

...a grand day was had by all!

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Choral Services and Musical Events at St Peter's Church, Dorchester during June

Music at St Peter's will be presenting three events in June. Firstly, on Sunday 11th June, we have our monthly service of Choral Eucharist at 10.30am. The music includes John Rutter's 'God be in my head', Rheinberger's 'Missa Brevis, op.83' and Wesley's 'Wash me throughly'. Directly after the service at 11.45am, we present the second in our summer series of coffee concerts. Baritone Stefan Oakes will present a 30 minute recital of songs by composers including Handel, Barber and Vaughan Williams. Admission is free and you can enjoy coffee and cake along with this musical feast!

Later in the month on Saturday 24th June, our service of cathedral-style Choral Evensong will take place at 4.30pm. The music includes: Gibbons 'Almighty and everlasting God', Reading 'Preces & Responses', Murrill 'Magni cat and Nunc dimittis in E' and Wesley's 'Blessed be the God and Father'. Do join us for a glass of wine after the service.

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

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THE MONDAY MEETING • 2–3pm

If, like Bob Geldorf, you don't like Mondays, come to the Monday Meeting in Martinstown Village Hall and cheer yourself up!

We focus on maintaining exibility and enthusiasm for gentle exercise with movement based on the ancient Chinese practice of Tai Chi and Qi Gong. Because we are all volunteers, the weekly contribution is just £1.50 each, that pays for the use of the Hall.

There are demonstrations of Tai Chi and Qi Gong to be found on YouTube, so if you think you would enjoy it please get in touch, or just come along on Monday.

Anne Tate (01305) 889506

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Messy CHURCH

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St. Mary's Church, Winterbourne Abbas

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First Tuesday of the month!

6 June & 4 July 2023 • 3pm – 5pm

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Stephen Slade – Retires after 50 years as the Clerk of Winterbourne Abbas & Winterbourne Steepleton Parish Council.

Stephen Slade was the rst Clerk appointed in 1973 to the newly formed group Parish Council. Prior to this each village had a parish meeting with the Dorchester Rural District Council as the next tier of local government. Stephen must rank amongst the longest serving parish clerks in the county.

Stephen has been an invaluable source of local knowledge and guidance to the Parish Council over the years. He had also been an independent District Councillor for the area prior to the West Dorset District Council being merged with Dorset County Council to form the present Dorset Council.

A well known and respected local man, Stephen grew up in Martinstown and lives at the Smithy. As a boy growing up in the village, he recalls having helped his grandfather who was the local blacksmith. Stephen also played cricket for the village in the 1950's and 1960's and was one of the team of volunteers who established the present pitch and club at Lower Ashton Farm in 2000. He is also the branch secretary of the Dorchester Hand-in-Hand branch of the Oddfellows.

Having retired as Chairman of the parish council after several years, Richard Crumbleholme of Winterbourne Steepleton has taken on the role of clerk and looks forward to carrying on Stephen's work although probably not for quite so long ! The parish council's website can be accessed via : https://sites.google.com/view/winterbourneabbassteepletonpar/home or via Dorsetforyou.

WInterbourne Abbas and Steepleton Coronation Picnic Celebrations.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Coronation celebrations at Winterbourne Abbas. Despite the rain, we still managed to enjoy the afternoon in St Mary's Church. It was a really lovely community get together with Bucks Fizz and plenty of cake. The absolute star of the show was the Coronation Cake baked by Margaret Crabb.

The whole event was funded by the Pop Up Curry Take Away held in the Church in March, so another thank you to all those who supported the Take Away and made the Coronation Party such a lovely celebration.

Finally another Thank You to everyone who helped out and contributed to the organisation of both these events. We couldn't have done it without you. From Tracey & Sally

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100 Club.

A big thank you to the indefatigable organisers of the Village Hall 100 Club who both collect in the annual £12 and give out the monthly cash prizes. They will be contacting the current members in July and hoping that they will all renew their membership! Your support is much appreciated as is their hard work.

Open Gardens
17 & 18th June 2023

Following an enforced break during Covid, we're looking forward to a week end of wonderful private gardens of all shapes and sizes to visit. It has been a dif cult gardening season with unseasonable weather since last year's hot, dry summer, so we're even more grateful to all the openers than usual. At least we've all shared the same drought/frost/waterlogging/ strange pests and diseases and garden visitors are a jolly understanding bunch of people, almost all of whom are themselves gardeners! There will be plant sales, an art exhibition on both days, not to mention amazing home-made teas in the Village Hall. Gardens are open between 2 and 6 pm on both days. There is plenty of free car parking at the eastern end of the Village near the milk machine and disabled parking at the Village Hall.

Entry is by programme, costing £5, and this allows entry to the gardens on both days.

Please note that card or 'phone payments are not possible – cash only, please.

As well as the gardens, look out for waggy tails & wet noses on the Village Green at our Fun Family Dog Show on the 17th June.

Details of classes and entry forms for the Dog Show can be picked up from the shop or found on the Village Hall page of the website martinstown-news.co.uk.

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We look forward to welcoming you all.

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Martinstown Cricket Club NEWS AUGUST

The Cricket season is well underway and If you follow the club and would like to know more, results and xtures, please go to our website, (@martinstown-play-cricket.com) it is well managed, up to date and full of interesting detail. My thanks to Stuart Wickham of the West Dorset Magazine April Edition who produced an excellent article on the club and raised our pro le and Dorset cricket in general.

Our youth sides have continued to develop over the winter and again this gives the club a huge lift to see so many youngsters enjoying cricket. Lee House, who has orchestrated and led this aspect for so many years must take full credit and will be a huge miss when he steps down at the end of this season.

In association with the “Brewers Arms” we are keen to recommence friendly cricket in the community and are looking for anyone in the village young or aged to leave their details with Ben at the Brewers or contact me. (John 07484126460). The aim is to nd a group of like minded players who would enjoy Sunday afternoon cricket, playing local friendly village sides and perhaps hosting travelling touring sides. Historically this is how we started, it is the base of the game in the County and genuine roots cricket.

As always, we rely on the valley community and your support is invaluable. If you would like to help in any way, or perhaps offer to Sponsor a cricket ball, a team, a player or the club in general please give Dick Corbett-Winder a call (889410).

The Club is looking to recruit a scorer, if there is anyone in the valley who would like to take up this position, training would be given along with cups of tea and cake. Please give me (John) a call thanks.

John O’Brien, President

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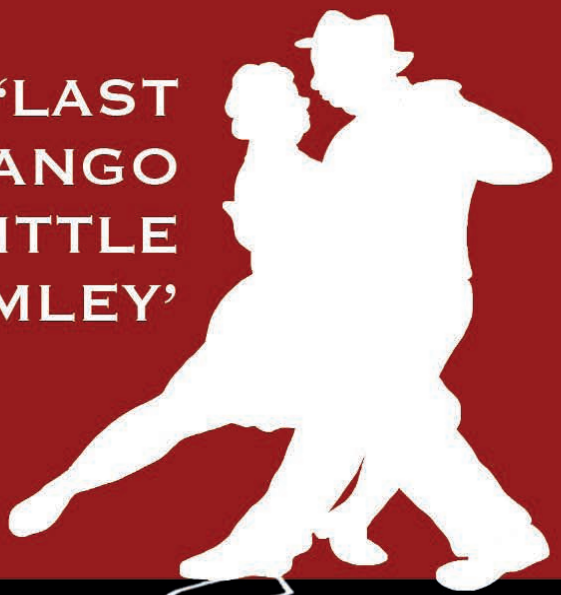
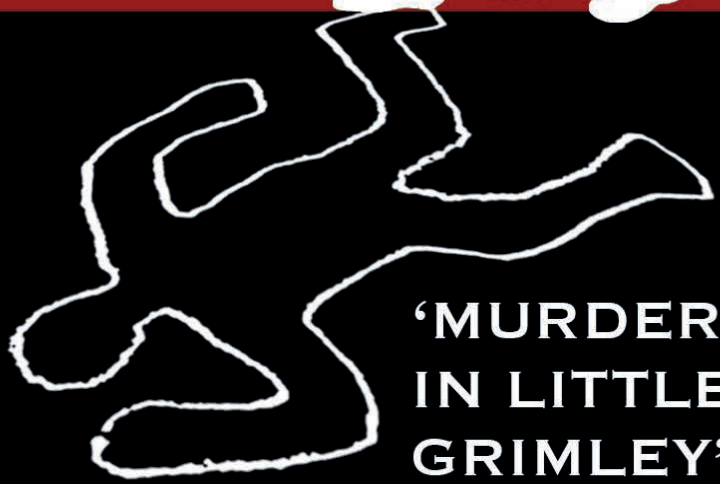
DORCHESTER DRAMA PRESENTS

TWO COMEDIES BY DAVID TRISTRAM

'LAST TANGO IN LITTLE GRIMLEY'





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The MILEATERS out and about...

Paws for thought... by Frances Clifford

Five dogs, their people and friends, 20 in all, set out to walk from The Swannery car park, through Abbotsbury and onto Portesham along the old railway track.

We walked on to East and West Elworth to join the South West coast path so to return to Abbotsbury, enjoying ne views over the Fleet and St Catherine's chapel. The rain held off and the mud was navigable! The emerging bluebells and May blossom was a welcome sign of the season ahead. We returned to our very own Brewers Arms for a welcome drink and lunch.

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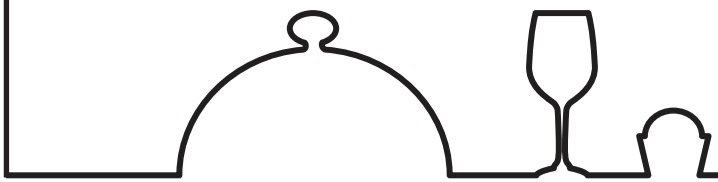

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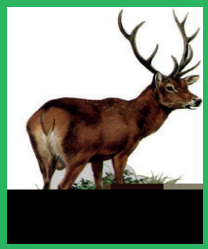

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