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*The Parish Magazine for
Winterborne St Martin, Winterbourne Abbas,
Winterbourne Steepleton and Compton Valence*



July August 2008

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Martinstown.

Tel: 01305/ 889466

Please let Rosemary know of anyone sick or in hospital who would like a visit, or anyone housebound who would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

10th June – Baptised & Confirmed Margaretta Cane – Confirmed Lucy Trent, Patricia Lambert, Howard Campbell, & John Bendall. – Steepleton.

FUNERALS

29th May – Alexander Ralph Farnes – Martinstown

COMPTON VALENCE

CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA

28 June-11 July	Mrs Bunce/Mrs James
12 - 25 July	Mrs Russell
26 July - 8 August	Mrs Graham
9 -22 August	Mrs Johannes
23 August - 5 September	Mrs Long

STEEPLETON ROTA

for July & August

Locking – Stuart / Linda

Flowers – Pam / Sue

Cleaning – Ann / Elaine

THE VICAR WRITES



Dear Friends.

This month marks the 750th anniversary of Salisbury Cathedral and there will be a pilgrimage on Saturday 12th July leaving at 10.30am from Old Sarum, site of the first Salisbury cathedral, to the present cathedral. On arrival, there will be dance, artwork, drama and music followed by a service at 2pm.

This year is also the 300th anniversary of the gallery in Steepleton church. To mark the occasion on the patronal festival weekend there will be a concert by the Beaminster Gallery Quire on Saturday 27th September; please make a note in your diary, more details in September magazine.

In June we welcomed 5 people into the church through baptism and confirmation 3 of whom were from Steepleton Manor; so it is never too late. In July I am delighted that 5 more young people will be admitted to communion before confirmation. Please remember Harry Buttle, Thomas McCourtie, Catherine Chambers, William Miles, & Juliet Ferguson in your prayers.

As I reported in the May magazine I will be leaving the benefice and moving into Dorchester in the autumn, my last service will be on Sunday 5th October at Martinstown. Some discussions have taken place and are continuing regarding the future of the benefice and I hope to be able to report further in the September magazine.

This newsletter is a double edition and also a major holiday season for many of you, especially those with families. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy holiday and extend a very warm welcome to any visitors who will worship with us during the next 2 months.

Yours in Christ
Rosemary.

CHURCH NEWS

Family Fun Day – Saturday 5th July at Sandringham Fields Dorchester from 2-5pm. many exciting attractions including bouncy castles, face painting, sports, refreshments, with music and entertainment. Some Bishops from the Sudan will be there.

Salisbury Cathedral

On Monday 14th July you are invited to join the Rt Rev Katherine Jefferts Schori at 6.30pm in the Cathedral, following directly after Evensong at 5.30pm. Bishop Katherine is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the first woman Primate within the Anglican Communion. She will give an address to be followed by a time of open conversation and discussion; if you would like to go please speak to Rosemary.

Dorchester Theology Group.

The next meeting of the group will be on Wednesday 16th July in St George's church hall at 7.30pm – a talk by Colin Brady, Salisbury Diocesan Adviser for Social Responsibility. Colin will ask "*What are churches for*"? All are welcome.

Healing Service

Our next healing service will be on Sunday 20th July at 6pm at Steepleton Church. If you would like prayer for yourself or for someone else, do come along.

ST.MARTIN'S CHURCH FUNDRAISING

In the last newsletter, I wrote about the Pass-It-On fundraising campaign which we are planning for next September. This is very important for the continued well-being of the Church in Martinstown. To ensure that the church is available to all, whether regularly or just occasionally, and to ensure that it remains in good condition for those who just wish to enjoy seeing the building, we need to be able to pay our bills and move back into the black on an annual basis. Inflation rapidly catches up with the church so we need to renew our financial appeal regularly every four of five years.

The Pass-It-On campaign is a tried and tested way of achieving our objectives. We all expect the church and the Vicar to be available when we want to arrange a baptism, a wedding or a funeral. Please therefore be ready when the Pass-It-On folder is delivered to you and be thinking how you personally should respond.

The campaign will be launched in the church on a Sunday in the second half of August. Please check the Church Notice Board and Martinstown website for confirmation of the launch date.

Thank you all in advance.

Ian Gibson.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

6th July	7th after Trinity	Zechariah 9: 9 - 12 Romans 7: 15 - 25a Matthew 11: 16 - 19, 25 - 30
13th July	8th after Trinity	Isaiah 55: 10 - 13 Romans 8: 1 - 11 Matthew 13: 1 - 6, 18 - 23
20th July	9th after Trinity	Isaiah 44: 6 - 8 Romans 8: 12 - 25 Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43
27th July	10th after Trinity	1 Kings 3: 5 - 12 Romans 8: 26 - 39 Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52
3rd August	11th after Trinity	Isaiah 55: 1 - 5 Romans 9: 1 - 5 Matthew 14: 13 - 21
10th August	12th after Trinity	1 Kings 19: 9 - 18 Romans 10: 5 - 15 Matthew 14: 22 - 33
17th August	13th after Trinity	Isaiah 56: 1, 6 - 8 Romans 11: 1 - 2a, 29 - 32 Matthew 15: 21 - 28
24th August	14th after Trinity	Isaiah 51: 1 - 6 Romans 12: 1 - 8 Matthew 16: 13 - 20
31st August	15th after Trinity	Jeremiah 15: 15 - 21 Romans 12: 9 - 21 Matthew 16: 21 - 28

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July 2008

We hear a lot about obesity and children failing to take enough exercise. I was therefore delighted to hear that my neighbour Cerys Lee and her friend Iona Jehu, both aged eight, recently set a good example. At the Poole Festival of Running they completed the one mile “Minithon” in under 9 minutes and were awarded medals. Well done!!

In this issue are summaries from the annual meetings of the Winterbourne Abbas and Steepleton Parish Council and the Martinstown Parish Council. The actual minutes of the meetings are too long for this magazine, hence the summaries. The two Councils meet six times a year with their “annual” meetings in May. I expect to continue publishing the summaries of these meetings on a regular basis.

This double issue takes us to the start of the next school term and also completes my first year as editor of Valley & Valence. Doesn't time fly when you're enjoying yourself! “Never volunteer” – I was told in the Navy – and look where it got me!! I'm hoping that my efforts are not responsible for the job opportunity on page 31. Monica Ellis would like someone to take over printing the magazine in September. I took over from Mike Clarke during the two month gap between issues a year ago and it seemed a suitable time of year for a change.

Puzzles – for last month, only one correct answer – again from Ann Singleton. This time the questions are based on Wightman's Arithmetical Tables. (Revised by Frank Sandon, M.A. Cantab) and published in an new and enlarged edition (in about 1895!) Price 2d. If anyone finds an “aum of hock” then mine's a pint!!

Have a Happy Summer Holiday everyone,

Brian B

SPECIAL DAYS IN JULY & AUGUST

4th July American Independence Day

"The 4th of July, 1776, the Americans appointed a day of fasting and prayer, preparatory to their dedicating their country to God. The Congress being assembled after having declared America independent, they had a crown placed on a Bible. The religious ceremony being ended, they divided the crown into 13 parts, each of the United Provinces taking a part."

The image shows the title page of the Belfast News-Letter. The title "Belfast News-Letter" is written in a large, ornate, blackletter-style font. Below the title, in a smaller font, it says "Established 1737". At the bottom of the page, there is a line of text: "NETT SALES FAR EXCEED THOSE OF ANY OTHER ULSTER MORNING NEWSPAPER".

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The first newspaper to publish the full text of the American Declaration of Independence on this side of the Atlantic was the Belfast News Letter. Details of the Declaration were carried on a ship which was storm-bound off the coast of Donegal and was berthed for shelter in the port of Londonderry in August 1776. They were taken up to the Belfast offices of the News Letter and published on August 23-27. It was a European scoop for the News Letter (founded in 1737) for King George III in London had not even been acquainted of the news!

14th July Bastille Day

In 1789 the French Revolution had started and crowds stormed the Bastille, a prison in Paris and freed the hundreds of prisoners who had been locked up for objecting to the cruelty of the ruling aristocracy. The day is a Public Holiday throughout France with special events and parties wherever one goes!

12th August - The Glorious Twelfth

Not so glorious for the grouse, for this is the opening date of the Scottish grouse-shooting season.

The Valley Club

In May we had a very interesting visit to Longford Castle which is the home of the Earl and Countess of Radnor. We had a private guided tour where we were taken around the many splendid rooms. However, despite the undoubted grandeur of the Castle's interior, it was clearly still a family home with many personal photographs and everyday effects. The vast collection of paintings were of stupendous quality and rivalled many leading galleries.

Our next event is an all day visit on Saturday July 12th to East Lambrook Manor Gardens and Lytes Cary Manor. The cost of this trip will be £18 for members and £20 for non-members which will include coach travel, entrance to Lambrook Manor Gardens and lunch. Lytes Cary Manor is a National Trust Property, so NT members will be free but non NT Members will have to pay £7 Garden & House entrance or £5 for Garden entrance only. The coach will leave Martinstown at 9.45am. There are still some tickets available from Maureen Babcock, 889194; Pat Willetts, 889597; or Eileen Fisher, 889584.

The Valley Club has Corporate Membership of The Gold Club run by the Gardens Group which includes Castle Gardens at Sherborne, Brimsmore Gardens at Yeovil and Poundbury Gardens in Dorchester. All Valley Club members can take advantage of the Gold Club benefits which can be found on www.thegardeneronline.co.uk

Future Events:-

Monday Sep. 15th A talk in the Village Hall by Andrew Duke on "Blackdown Hill & Hardy's Monument".

Friday Nov. 21st Social Evening with carols, mulled wine & mince pies.

Pat Willetts Tel. 889597



MARTINSTOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The WI and friends enjoyed perfect weather for the outing on 9th June. The refreshing breezes and lovely views as we cruised up the estuary of the River Exe were much appreciated. We then went on to Exeter where some enjoyed a leisurely lunch, whilst others visited the Cathedral or indulged in some retail therapy. Our thanks to Eileen Brotherton for once again organising a very successful outing.

The next meeting will be on 14th July at 7.45 when Malcolm Welshman will be telling us some animal orientated stories in his talk "My Life as a Vet".

Angela Barrett

Martinstown Village Hall

100 Club

For ten years the 100 club has collected annual subscriptions from 100 people in support of the Village Hall. So far £7,500 has been raised and we can all see to what good use this money has been put. We have a Village Hall we can all be proud of.

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Club we shall make the **July Draw** a special event at the Hall for all members on Saturday 26th July at 6pm.

Margaret Hearing

May Draw	£25	Ian Gibson
£10	Denise Parmiter	£5 Jill Pearce

Compton Valence 100 Club

June Draw £25 -Jeremy Russell

£10 - Henry Sclater £ 5 - Robert Churchill

Annual Parish Council meeting Winterborne St.Martin **28th May 2008**

It is my privilege to present to you the Annual report of the Parish Council for the year ending May 2008. It has been a quiet year with the village going about its routine activities without too much fuss or commotion. The chairman hopes that the introduction of a report after each Parish Council meeting published in the Parish magazine and the village web site has been helpful to the electorate in keeping them informed about the issues that come up and need some debate. This initiative will continue and become standard practice.

This year saw the launch of the village website and we must give a big vote of thanks to Graham Herbert for his work in designing and hosting this site which is easy to navigate around and keeps the village up to date with news, forthcoming activities and has a page for people to express their views and have their say. Thank you Graham for this marvellous addition to village communications.

The village was successful in coming first in the best kept village competition in the large village category and we will continue to enter. We have improved the bus stops with the help of Bus Company by moving slightly the stop near Manor Grove and hopefully Jackie Tooth's car will avoid any more accidents. We have improved the stop in the middle of the village by the shop and having cleared out the rubbish in the lay-by and are now looking at the cost of tarmac to finish off the work improving this part of the village.

We have all enjoyed the Artsreach program organised By Ann Salmon during the winter and the program has been so popular that 2 shows sold out and the rest ran to over 80% capacity. It all goes to demonstrate what careful thought to the programme content when coupled with enthusiasm can achieve in a village of our size.

Annual Parish Council meeting Winterborne St.Martin **28th May 2008 (Continued)**

Speeding of motor vehicles continues to worry us and we have been disappointed by the low priority given to this village by the police and the Dorset camera partnership. We have a busy road with no footpath but the attitude of the authorities is that we are a low priority as we have very few accidents. Those who walk the road around Mallards Green know this is more by luck than anything else, numerous anecdotes of near missies abound. We will continue to ask for a greater presence but I have no confidence that things will change. The SID (speed indicator device) devices indicate that the average speed is nearly 40mph through Mallards Green and traffic volume increases as the main Dorchester Weymouth Rd is congested and we are seen as a good rat run for times of high traffic volume.

The Parish Council has been asked to comment on numerous planning issues but our opinions are only advisory and not absolute. West Dorset District Council remains the body with the final say on any planning issue unless it goes to appeal. The largest project this year approved is an extension to Park House with an additional wing. Conditions were attached to this and other planning approvals and we will do our best to make sure they are adhered to. If you feel they are being broken let me or the clerk know so that the planning authorities are asked to inspect the alleged misdemeanour.

The Parish Council is concerned that the Post office will be listed in the soon to be announced Dorset closures. We have registered with a national pressure group Communities against Post Office Closure (CAPOC) so that will have some help in opposing closure if we are on the list.

The flower troughs in the village will stay until September when a final decision will be made about them staying or going. Opinion has been very quiet so do voice your thoughts.

Patrick Jeffreys, Chairman

Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton Parish Council meeting – 19th May 2008

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting Mrs Janet Allen was elected as Chairman for the ensuing year and Mr David Rumney was elected as Vice-Chairman.

Members were sorry to learn that Mr Jason Hallett had resigned from the Parish Council. His input on behalf of the council will be missed. However he would not be severing his links from the council completely as he will be continuing as Footpath Liaison Officer for both Parishes. Problems with footpaths should be referred to him and he will do his best to resolve the problems.

Mrs Margaret Barden had resigned as footpath Liaison Officer for Winterbourne Steepleton. She had been walking the paths of the Parish for many years to ensure easy access was maintained. Thank you Margaret for your good work.

The Clerk had reported information that appropriate action had been taken by the County Council to require the Travellers encamped on Copyhold Lane to leave the site. It appears that the Travellers have now left and the area is being tidied. Consideration is again being given to "gating" the Lane and at the same time maintaining a smaller gate for bridleway access only. The Parish Council is aware that verbal reports have been made by people who experienced problems when walking along the Lane and elsewhere in the area when the Travellers were encamped on the Lane. It would be helpful to the various authorities involved in the matter if those concerned would write to the Police at Dorchester Headquarters and advise them of their experiences.

The matter of an additional pedestrian crossing at the western end of the village is still on-going and Oliver Letwin has challenged the Highways Agency to provide a breakdown of their costs for such a crossing. It is understood that the matter is now being investigated by the National Audit Office. Sadly this takes time. None-the-less the Parish Council will continue to press for some positive action in the matter.

Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton Parish Council meeting – 19th May 2008 (Continued)

The Chairman gave a report on the work carried out by the Parish Council during the year this included making comments on planning applications referred by the District Council as part of the consultation process. Serious thought is given to this task but adopted Planning Policy often makes it difficult to find ways to make a valid objection in planning terms.

An entry into the Tidy Village Competition submitted by Winterbourne Steepleton Parish Council had not been successful none-the-less an entry had been made into this year's competition. Please, if you notice litter around the area be kind and pick it up. Thanks.

The Dorset County Council highways department is regularly "nagged" and asked to take action to keep road gullies and drainage grips clear to prevent flooding. In this regard it would be helpful if Riparian Owners would keep the stream clear throughout the year.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Winterbourne Valley School on Monday 21st July starting at 7.30pm.

Stephen Slade, Parish Clerk

55 Forum

Dorchester and District Senior Citizens Group

The next open meeting of the 55 Forum will be held at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road North, Dorchester at 2pm. on Tuesday 15th July 2008. A speaker from the Dorset County Council transport division will give an update on the integrated transport plan and a representative from Dorset Cereals will give a talk. There is free car parking and refreshments. All are welcome.

WINTERBOURNE VALLEY
TODDLER GROUP



MEET
MONDAY MORNINGS
10am ~ 12 Noon

MARTINSTOWN
VILLAGE HALL



We are a small friendly group.
All bumps, babies, and toddlers welcome.
Come along for coffee/squash and a chat/play.

Contact Kay (Chairperson) on 01305 889140

WINTERBOURNE VALLEY TODDLER GROUP

By the time this magazine is published, the Blanchard Trust Fete would have been and gone, and I hope that loads of our gingerbread men, cakes and muffins were decorated and eaten! Thank you to everyone for their wonderful baking efforts.

Thank you to the Blanchard Trust for their very generous donation so that we can purchase some safety mats for use under the equipment. This will make a huge difference to us and we are very grateful.

We will be holding a fun day at the cricket ground on 20th July. All family and friends of our group are invited. Please let me know if you are not already a member of the Toddler Group and would like to join in the fun. We would love to see you. All of the children who are participating in the “Barnardo’s Big Toddle” have sponsorship forms and we hope to raise a nice sum for this very worthwhile cause (and a portion stays with our group too). In case of bad weather, we have booked the village hall just in case!

We have welcomed a few new members in the last month – Stacey and Oliver Carter, from W. Steepleton, and Max and Hollie Gamble who have recently moved into Martinstown. Well done Jayne for coming down to see us just a week after moving in! Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Joshua McCourtie and Charlie Dovey as they are leaving us to join the Reception class at Winterbourne Valley School in September. Good luck!

We will be continuing with our meetings throughout the school holidays and will only be closed on August Bank Holiday Monday. We are unable to have the village hall on Monday 28th July, so will be meeting at my house instead – 8 St Martinsfield. I am keeping my fingers crossed for a nice day so we can spread out into the garden, but if not, I’m sure we will manage inside.

Kay Dawson 01305 889140

PS See note opposite

JUMP START

Just to keep you up to date with July's guests at Jump Start, they are as follows:

Thursday 3rd July, Catherine & Steve Nix will be here with a selection from the ever popular *Phoenix Cards* and *Tins & Things*, a business Steve is developing which sells a vast array of tins, biscuit barrels, pencil cases, cake tins etc, well worth a visit for a last minute gift.

Thursday 10th July, Lizzy from the Glitter Princess is also coming back in time for you to stock up for all of those birthday parties in the summer holidays the children will be going to! She now has a retail unit in Brewers Quay, Weymouth, so if you can't get down to Weymouth, come along. Sessions for children under the age of two start at 9.30 a.m. and for the over two's start at 10.30 a.m. Each 45 minute session consists of two 'song times' and plenty of free play for the children!

Jump Start birthday parties can now include catering at a very reasonable cost and we can also provide birthday cakes starting from just £12.00. Any requirements you may have, please do get in touch.

I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays, and look forward to welcoming you as a member to Jump Start in September. The new term will start again on Thursday 4th September.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Becky Dovey
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**Toddlers'
Birthday
surprise**



SEE TODDLERS' PAGE OPPOSITE

Editor's Computer playing up!!

The picture on the left apparently "fell off" the Toddlers' Group page last month! Kay's accompanying note said:- "New for September - I will be introducing a Birthday Surprise for every child, as close to their birth date as possible within the weekly planned meetings."

**Winterbourne Valley
CE VA First School**

Summer Fair

**Saturday 5th July
11am-2pm**

This will take place on the school field. Lots of craft stalls have been organised including jewellery, Phoenix Cards, glassware, and fabric crafts.

There will also be a bouncy castle, games and a children's entertainer to keep the young happy.

Refreshments will be available, hot and cold drinks and a BBQ.

Everyone is welcome and all the money raised
will go towards
the Parent, Teacher and Friends Association
funds.

Editor's Note:- There is no entry from the school this time, but I am sure there will be a contribution in September to start the new school year .



Girlguiding

1st Martinstown Brownies

girls in the lead

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Editor's Note:- No entry from Brownies or Cubs this time but contact details can be found above.

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CHURCH CALENDAR – JULY 2008

Tuesday 1st

12.30pm	Valley View Lunch Club	Farm Shop
2.00pm	Prayer Group	Rectory

Wednesday 2nd

10.00am	Teddy Praise	Martinstown
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Sunday 6th 7th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00am	Sung Eucharist & Healing	Martinstown

Sunday 13th 8th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Martinstown
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Compton /Valence
11.00am	Family Eucharist (CW) with Celebration of 1st Communion	Steepleton

Thursday 17th

10.45am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Park House
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Friday 18th

4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	Steepleton Manor
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Sunday 20th 9th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Parish Eucharist (CW)	Martinstown
11.00am	Come & Praise	Winterbourne Abbas
6.00pm	Healing Service	Steepleton

Sunday 27th 10th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Steepleton Manor
11.00am	Family Eucharist (CW)	Martinstown

CHURCH CALENDAR – AUGUST 2008

Saturday 2nd Baptism of Samuel Shaw
Martinstown

Sunday 3rd 11th Sunday after Trinity

.9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Winterbourne Abbas
11.00am	Sung Eucharist & Healing	Martinstown

Tuesday 5th August

12.30pm	Valley View Lunch Club	Farm Shop
2.00pm	Prayer Group	Rectory

Wednesday 6th Transfiguration of our Lord

8.30am	Morning Prayer & Eucharist	Martinstown
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Saturday 9th

12 noon	Wedding of Hannah Phillips & James Kirby	Martinstown
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Friday 22nd		
4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	Steepleton Manor

Sunday 24th	14th Sunday after Trinity	
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Steepleton Manor
11.00am	Family Eucharist & Baptism Laurence Ferguson	Martinstown

Sunday 31st	15th Sunday after Trinity	
10.00am	Benefice Eucharist & Baptism Henry Gibbons	Martinstown

Pass-It-On campaign This will be launched on one of the Sundays above
Watch the Church Notice Board and Martinstown website for details

Weekday Services – July /August 2008

Silent prayer from 8.15am followed by

Tuesday	8.30am Morning Prayer	Martinstown
Wednesday	8.30am Holy Communion	Martinstown
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer	Winterbourne Abbas
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer	Martinstown

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, May 2008

The sums raised were:-

Martinstown - £643

Winterbourne Abbas - £191

Winterbourne Steepleton - £101

Total – £935

A big thank you to every one who contributed to this year's Christian Aid collections and a special thanks to those who gave their time to deliver and collect the envelopes.

Malcolm Lewis

MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

News and events

ANN MATTHEWS Telephone 889248

SHORT MAT BOWLING

This has now stopped for the summer months but will restart in September, when Ron and Ann want to retire from running it. Anyone willing to take over the task please contact Ann or Ron.



BINGO ON FRIDAYS

July 11th and 25th

August 8th and 22nd

- Please come along and bring a friend.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

The Booking Secretary is Tessa Clark

Telephone 889493 (Please call between 9am to 8pm only)

ARTSREACH

Children's events in July and August

See page 25 for details

RED HERRING THEATRE COMPANY

MURDER (in the Village Hall) on Saturday 13th September

See advance notice on page 21

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT JULY DATES

We are looked after by our
Community Beat Officer Sandy Redford (PC178) assisted by
Sarah Pilcher (PCSO 5410) and Jacqui Allen (PCSO 5396)
Sarah will also be back at Stevens Farm shop on Wednesdays
2nd and 30th July from 2.15 to 3.30pm and on 16th July from
10 to 11.15am August dates will be on the Martinstown
website when available

**SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
CHILDRENS ARTSREACH
AT MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL**

Wednesday 23 July

10.30 - 3.00 6+years tickets £10.00

We are delighted to offer a days workshop with well known jeweller **Victoria Martin**, who has run many sought after workshops at Walford Mill Craft Centre, Wimborne. Come and make bugs and beasties, creepy crawlies created in all sizes and shapes with lots of different materials. We will be using plastercine, beads, wire, glitter and much more for some fantastic creations that creep crawl and fly!

Tuesday 5 August

10.30 - 3.30 9+ years (or nearly) tickets £12.00

Spend the day making moving objects with **Karen Hansen**. When Karen ran her first workshop for Artsreach it was a huge hit. All the children loved it, (boys as well!!). We will be creating wooden toys or moving sculptures. You will work with small roundwood and learn greenwood skills using shaving horses, draw knives, gauges, drills, and saws. Learning about both fixed and flexible jointing you can construct your own figures, vehicles and interactive boxes of tricks. Her workshops sound dangerous, but Karen is very hot on the health and safety issues.

For both workshops please bring a packed lunch.

We have limited places on both days and we have always sold out very quickly in the past. *Please book early if you would like your child to come.*

Tickets are available on - 01308 482645.

KEEPING FIT IN MARTINSTOWN

The keep fit group has been slightly less active during June. Our instructor has been abroad so to keep mobile we have been meeting and walking the paths around Martinstown, enjoying our lovely village. We are all looking forward to restarting the class. We meet each Friday morning in the village hall, and are a small friendly group of over forties. Our very qualified instructor is well aware of our mixed abilities, and caters for our different needs.

We all benefit in different ways from the exercise and enjoy each others company The class restarts on Friday 4th. July in the Village Hall 10am-11 am

Anyone interested in joining us would be made most welcome, just come along to the hall to join, or just to see what we are about –
or contact Margaret on 01305 889268

Funky Fables

SUMMER ARTS WEEK

Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August 2008

Martinstown Village Hall

DRAMA • DANCE • SONG

Sue Wylie presents the third of the very popular SummerArts Weeks. This year will be based upon the Emperor's New Clothes and we'll be giving it our own unique twist!

The week is open to all children aged 9 and over and will comprise of theatre games, improvisation, song, dance and arts and crafts.

The week will culminate in performance on the Friday.

Sue is well known locally for her own One Woman Show as well as her work in schools and with Drama Bug. She will assisted by Geof Edge and Susan Saines; music and art specialists.

If your child enjoys the arts then this week is definitely for you!

Cost : £85 Discount for siblings

To find out more please call Sue on 01305 889085

On past experience we recommend that you book early!

TIMES

MON.....	9.00am - 1.30pm
TUES-THURS.....	9.30am - 3.30pm
FRI.....	9.30am - 6.00pm
	(5pm performance)

Chesil Beach Centre

Events during July and August

Sat July 5th Low Tide Walk

This is your chance to see some of the little known habitats along the Fleet, and underwater life only be exposed at low tide. Meet at the Chesil Beach Centre (grid ref SY668755), 2pm. Bring wellies or water shoes. Adults £2.50, accompanied children free.

Sat 5th – Sun 13th July Spirit of the Sea Festival – ‘Pebbles, Boats and the Sea’

Activities for all the family, including the new Portland Mini-bus Heritage Tour, special Fleet Observer glass bottom boat trips, and guided walks. For more information contact the Chesil Beach Centre.

Sat 26th July Fossil Walk

Come and find a bit of ‘history close to home’, and join us on a fossil walk around Pirates Cove. You may be lucky enough to find an ammonite! Meet the end of Camp Road (grid ref SY652772), 1pm. Adults £3, children £2.

Mon 4th Aug Low Tide walk 2.30pm

A walk along the Fleet foreshore looking at the flora and fauna exposed at low tide.

Wear wellies or water shoes.

Sat 9th Aug Summer Flowers 2pm

A stroll around the Ferrybridge area at this changing time of the year.

Tue 19th Aug Low Tide Walk

As 4th except start time is 2pm

Sun 31st Aug Low Tide Walk

As 4th except start time is 1pm

All events: Meet Chesil Beach Centre, Portland Beach Road.

Cost: adults £2.50 children £1.50

Tel. 01305 760579 for further details.

For further information on any of the above events contact the **Chesil Beach Centre** on **01305 760579**. www.chesilbeach.org

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New Membership: Applications are invited from anyone who supports the RBL's aims and is aged 18 plus. It is no longer necessary to have served in HM Forces in order to join. The fee is £13, being £11 national affiliation fee plus £2 Branch Membership fee, for which you receive four National 'Legion' Magazines and up to eight Branch Newsletters per year. If your application is received shortly you will obtain 15 months membership for the price of twelve.

The quarterly **Branch Committee Meeting** will be held at Portesham Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17th July, 2008: new applications for membership will be amongst the items for discussion.

Our **Annual BBQ**** commences at **6.30 p.m.** (not 7 p.m. as per the Branch Newsletter!) on Friday, 18th July, 2008, on the patio of Portesham Village Hall (or if wet indoors). Hot drinks will be available but bring your own bottle and glasses if that is your taste. This is your chance to bring along a potential recruit and introduce them to our friendly gathering.

This year's **Car Treasure Hunt**** commences at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, 10th August, 2008, starting from Portesham Village Hall Car Park, and is open to non-Members. As usual we shall eventually arrive at a venue for supper - in order to assist with catering please book with a Committee Member by 3rd August, 2008. If you would like transport or can offer a seat please inform me.

Book now for our **Continental Christmas Shopping Long Weekend**** from Friday 28th November to Monday 1st December, 2008 inclusive. Based on 3* **Ypres** (Belgium) Hotel we shall also visit **Liege's** "Village de Noel" (Belgium), and Christmas Markets at **Lille** (France) and **Ostend** (Belgium). Travel will be by executive style coach via Channel Tunnel. There will be ample opportunity to buy your wine whilst avoiding the 15% UK tax increase recently applied! The trip is competitively priced and a full itinerary is available from myself on 01305 267617 on request, without obligation.

Des Baker (Branch Vice-Chairman)

**** events open to non-Members**

ADULT BRAIN TEASER

Answer to May poser

9 minutes 36 seconds. First (and correct) reply from Ann Singleton.

July/August Posers

Can anyone answer these without using the internet??

1. If a yard of string is 36 inches, how much is a yard of land?
2. What is an aum of hock?
3. A chest, or 2 maunds, used to weigh 149 ½ lbs in one country but only 136 lbs in another. What was being measured?
4. 4 firkins equal a barrel - of what other than beer?

And two questions for your best friend!

A - How do you pronounce F-O-L-K?

B - What do you call the white of an egg?

AND CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

JUNIOR SUDOKU

Fill in blanks with only
one of each number
in any line or rectangle



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Please send all copy for the next issue to Brian Braidwood, Jinga Cottage, Grove Hill, Martinstown DT2 9JP (Tel 01305 889895 or e-mail to braidwood@braidwood.org.uk) by 16th of this month at the very latest.

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