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



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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 – FUNERALS

13th February – Joyce Damen - Martinstown

BAPTISM

16th February – William Constantine Harris – Martinstown

24th February – Eleanor Anne Chambers

SUNDAY READINGS FOR MARCH

2nd March	Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2: 1 - 10 Colossians 3: 12 - 17 John 19: 25 - 27
9th March	5th of Lent	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14 Romans 8: 6 - 11 John 11: 1 - 45
16th March	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a Philippians 2: 5 - 11 Matthew 27: 11 - 54
23rd March	Easter Day	Acts 10: 34 - 43 Colossians 3: 1 - 4 John 20: 1 - 18 OR Matthew 28: 1 - 10
30th March	2nd of Easter	Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32 1 Peter 3: 3 - 9 John 20: 19 - 31

THE VICAR WRITES



Dear Friends.

By the time you read this letter we will be halfway through Lent. I am delighted with the number of people taking part in our Lent groups and also all who have joined us for our Lent Lunches in the village hall. There are still 2 more Friday Lent Lunches at 12.30 so it is not too late to come along. Holy Week and Easter will be upon us before the end of the month and for Christians this is the most important week of the Christian year. I hope you have kept your diaries free so as to enter fully into the events as we journey with our Lord from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday to Easter Day. We cannot understand the Easter celebration without having entered into what led to the Resurrection. The Good Friday Liturgy enables us to see how much God loves us as we stand at the foot of the Cross and share with Christ in his passion. On Easter Day as we hear the ancient greeting "Christ is Risen" and we respond "He is risen indeed, alleluia", let us think about what the resurrection of Jesus Christ means to us now. The Resurrection has been the foundation of the Christian faith down through the ages. But it also affects the present because the Christ who rose over 2,000 years ago is alive today. In the gospels the Resurrection stories are about the first disciples, but they are also for us because we can walk with the risen Lord and know him in our daily lives and in our communion with him through the breaking of bread. The Resurrection is the guarantee that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

Anyone who has been baptised and would like to receive communion on Easter Day would be very welcome at any of our services.

Our services are the same as in previous years with the Children's service on Good Friday at 10am in Martinstown. On Easter Eve at Steepleton at 8pm we will have the Lighting of the New Fire the Renewal of the Baptismal Vows and the first Eucharist of Easter. On Easter Day there will be a BCP Communion at Compton Valence at 9.30am and a Parish Eucharist at Martinstown at 11.am

May I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter

Yours in Christ, Rosemary

CHURCH NEWS

PALM SUNDAY COME & PRAISE.

The Palm Sunday Come & Praise is a service for all the family to celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Hymns, songs, readings and prayers. Come and join us at St Mary's Winterbourne Abbas at 11am.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a Healing service in Steepleton Church on Palm Sunday evening at 6pm and the theme will be 'forgiveness & healing'. If you would like prayer for healing for yourself or for anyone else do come along. One of the ways that Christ brings us healing is through the forgiveness of our sins. Sometimes people say that they have done something in the past and that they feel that God could never forgive them. Come to this service to experience the forgiving love of Christ.

CHILDREN & COMMUNION

Later in the year, after some preparation classes, we hope to admit some more of our young people to Communion. If you are over 6 years of age and would like to join the classes or know more about them do contact Rosemary.

CONFIRMATION

Some adults are about to begin preparation classes for Confirmation. If there is anyone else who would like to join us please let us know.

PILGRIMAGES

The Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ramsbury & the Revd Maureen Allchin will be leading a pilgrimage to the **Holy Land** from 14th – 23rd October 2009 (with an optional Galilee extension 23-26 October.

The Revd David Picken & Angela Southern will be leading a pilgrimage to the **Holy Land** from 16th – 27th March 2009

Bookings are now being taken for **Oberammergau 2010** for a Danube Cruise and The Passion Play. Hungary-Austria-Germany, 11 days from Tuesday 15th – Friday 25th June 2010. Contact Rosemary if you would like more details.

DATES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Martinstown on Sunday 6th April at 6.30pm in Church
Winterbourne Abbas & Winterbourne Steepleton on Wednesday 9th
April in St Mary's Winterbourne Abbas at 7.30pm
Compton Valence on Thursday 10th April at 7pm in the Village Hall

WINTERBORNE ST. MARTIN ELECTORAL ROLL

The Martinstown church electoral roll will be reviewed during February and March. If you are not already included on the current Roll and wish your name to be added, forms may be found in the church or can be obtained from Rosemary or Bruce Robertson (phone: 880008).

Completed forms must be received by 19th March so that the revised roll can be prepared in advance of the **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** to be held on **Sunday, 6th April at 6 p.m.** in the Parish Church.

COMPTON VALENCE
CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA
Dates and names starting after Easter will appear
in the April issue of Valley & Valence

100 CLUB WINNERS

January	£25 Mike Clarke
£10 Margaret Ridley	£5 Gill Farmer

Joyce Damen

Once again St Martins church was full with members of the Family and many friends gathered together for the funeral service of Joyce Damen who had died peacefully at home at the age of seventy three.

Joyce was a real Dorset girl having been born at the little hamlet of Galton and attended school in the nearby village of Owermoigne. On leaving school she worked in Buglers the prestigious firm of bakers renowned for its expertly baked bread and cakes. In due course she met her true love the late Wilf Damen and their Wedding took place in the lovely church at Frampton. Wilf's employment took them to Aston Farm near Maiden Castle where Joyce kept her home immaculate despite bringing up three happy healthy children without the aid of present day modern household appliances. When the children reached school age Joyce became a familiar sight walking the children from Ashton to Martinstown school, quite some journey in all winds and weather but no doubt healthily fortified from Wilf's productive garden.

They were most supportive parents too and when Keith became one of the first to join the newly formed Martinstown Cub Pack their help could be relied on. In more recent years it was one of Life's everyday pleasures to meet Joyce at the village shop and exchange family news, nothing seemed ever to depress her since she was so absolutely content and very proud of her children and later her two grandsons Luke and Jack.

Now Joyce has been laid to rest beside Wilf in the peace of St Martin's churchyard. Hopefully her family will take great comfort from knowing their parents have set a shining example of family life that is the vital ingredient of a happy and stable society. There must be many of us in the Valley Community and elsewhere in Dorset who are grateful to have been given the opportunity to have known Joyce and who have missed seeing her since she became housebound. Sympathies from all the community throughout the Valley are with the family who will be comforted by those many memories when they look back over the years with gratitude for having been blessed with such a wonderful mother. The world would certainly be a better place if all families were as fortunate to have such an example to follow.

The Way Ahead



March 2008

This month contains St Patrick's Day*, Mothering Sunday**, and an early Easter.

A welcome to the Martinstown Scout Group whose article now complements the Brownies' entry. I was intrigued to read about the pancakes. Brownies played safe and decided against tossing. The Scout Group (Who dares - wins!) decided to toss and only dropped one!

Since the last issue Sonia and I made our way to Compton Valence to view the snowdrops and were surprised at how prolific they were. If you also have seen them you will understand but if you have not seen them – then DO GO next year! The village hall was offering refreshment that afternoon and we enjoyed some of the best homemade cake ever. The aftertaste of a coffee and walnut creation lingered on the taste buds all the way home!

The Polish Play has come and gone raising £111- for Village Hall funds in the process. Well done Ann Salmon. She reviews the play on a later page. I certainly enjoyed the evening and look forward to the next one. It is to be a return visit by C-Scape who did Women at War last year.

LOCAL notes from the Winterbournes and Martinstown continue and I hope for some words from Compton Valence in due course. Whenever I get magazine material between issues I pass it on to Graham Herbert for the website. He then enhances my offerings with colour photos or cartoons as takes his fancy. Thank you Graham!

Finally, even if it seems far to early, I wish all our readers

A very Happy Easter, Brian B.

* See story on page 27

** Fathers who find this discriminatory should note that it refers to Mother Church. In the past young servants and apprentices often worked away from home and worshipped locally at a “daughter” church. On the 4th Sunday in Lent they were allowed a day off to return to their “mother” church and see their families. Many brought gifts for their own mothers to mark the occasion. Hence Mothering Sunday!

Martinstown Parish Council

The Council was criticized at the last meeting for failing to let people know in the village what are the issues that are currently under discussion and what steps have been taken or action proposed. The Chairman and clerk took this to heart and proposed to use the facilities of the Martinstown website to circulate a synopsis of what is going on and ask the parish magazine to publish the same.

At the last meeting Sandy, the local community police person told us that there was little going on to worry her or us in the valley. She and her bosses know that we are concerned by speeding vehicles and they will work with us to get a greater presence of the radar camera teams in the village but we must take our turn with everybody else. The Chairman would like to see cars parked legally in the road which will help to slow things down. Nobody wants road bumps.

Two planning issues brought up the numbers attending the meeting. The first was a proposal to add an extra wing to Park House and while the employment potential was acknowledged we all felt the parking problem of extra staff had not been resolved in the application. There are difficulties with parking already so what would be the state when it is enlarged.

The other planning conundrum was around the old turkey shed adjoining Manor farm. Permission is being sort by John Marsh to make this a light business unit. Various views were expressed but the council felt that on balance we should oppose this until more detail emerges. This is a residential area and the occupants of the Close should expect to continue to enjoy the quiet amenities they were experiencing when they bought their properties and this proposal would significantly affect the quality of the environment in the locality.

Waste paper collection continues to provide the village with a significant annual income and the cattle troughs around the village have supporters and detractors. No decision has-been made about their future in the long term. Please let us know your views.

Do you know who are the members of the Parish Council? Look on the notice boards around the village for names and addresses.

WINTERBOURNE ABBAS AND WINTERBOURNE STEEPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

At the recent meeting of the Parish Council members were pleased to learn that Oliver Letwin, our Member of Parliament, has taken up the matter of an additional pedestrian crossing needed at the west end of the A35 in Winterbourne Abbas. The estimates for the installation of a crossing that he has been supplied with by the Highways Agency appear to be extremely excessive. He has asked the Audit Commission to investigate and will report their findings to the Parish Council in due course.

The upgrading of the lower section of Copyhold Lane has taken a step further and an estimate for the work has lately been received. A special meeting with all parties involved will be arranged shortly in order to bring the project, identified in the village survey, to fruition.

Flooding continues to be a worry in some areas in the parishes and Flood Warden, Cedric Mould, has recently received several communications from the Environment Agency giving information when Flood Watch or Flood Warnings are in place. He communicates the information to those who are likely to be concerned via a telephone network. The Parish Council are considering some form of visual warning such as a flag pole erected on each of the bus shelters on which an appropriate coloured flag would be flown to make the warning more widely known. This aspect of local flood warning will be further considered at a future meeting. Please report to the Parish Clerk or Dorset County Council if you notice any blocked gullies or drainage grips.

Mr Jason Hallett is the footpath Liaison Officer for Winterbourne Abbas and Mrs Margaret Barden is the Footpath Liaison Officer for Winterbourne Steepleton. Problems with blocked paths or dangerous stiles can be reported direct to them and they will take appropriate action to have the problems resolved.

The Parish Council is the street naming and numbering authority for the parishes and should be informed if you decide to change the name of your property. Appropriate action will then be taken to ensure that the change is notified to the Ambulance Service, Police, Fire Brigade etc.

VALLEY CLUB

The Valley Club now has a page on the new Martinstown web site, News and Views available at info@martinstown-news.co.uk. We will try to keep it up to date on all future events, possibly in advance of this newsletter.

On March 17th there will be talk by James Foster Pegg (who gave the talk on Organic Pest Control a few months ago). This time he will be talking about the medal winning garden realised by Brimsmore Gardens, the parent company of Poundbury Gardens, at the Chelsea Flower show, its planning, construction and exhibition. Due to problems with re-surfacing of the Village Hall floor, this meeting will be held in Martinstown Church at the usual time of 7.45 pm. It will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting of the Club; this is your chance to say what you think about our programme and to volunteer to join the committee with your ideas. We really need some more ladies and gentlemen to contribute to the running of this village general interest club.

Longford Castle is the family home of the Earl and Countess of Radnor and is not normally open to the public. It has been lived in continuously since it was built in 1591 to a triangular design including turrets at each corner of the triangle. There is an amazing collection of paintings by Breugel the elder, Hals, Kneller, Reynolds, Rubens Ruisdael and Teniers to name only a few. It is a castle which is unusual in many respects. The Valley club has been able to arrange a group visit on May 15th. We will leave the village by coach at 12.30 pm for the afternoon tour. Places for the visit can be booked through Maureen Babcock, phone 889194. The cost will be £13 for members and £15 for non-members. The castle is not far to the south of Salisbury.

The meeting on July 12th will be another visit, to Lytes Cary and East Lambrook gardens which are not far apart. This will be an all day outing with opportunities for lunch at East Lambrook. This is a National Trust property so members should bring their membership cards for free entry. Further details will emerge nearer the time.

We are planning a speaker for September 15th. And an entertainment by 'Dangerous Curves' in November. The visit to the upper parts of Salisbury Cathedral has been put off until early 2009 .

Ian Gibson 889328



MARTINSTOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

March 2008

At the February meeting we had an interesting talk on Organic Farming from Mr Alistair Cooper of Sydling Brook Farm. He explained the principles of organic farming – building up a healthy fertile soil, recycling natural wastes, creating wildlife habitats, protecting the environment and providing high standards of animal welfare. He said that although organic food is more expensive, they believe that happy animals grazing on home grown fodder, maturing slowly, produce wonderful meat. He invited us to visit his organic farm shop.

Thanks to Eileen Brotherton and Lorna Power for providing refreshments.

The next meeting on 10th March will be a talk entitled “Frolic Down the Frome” by Ann King, and members were asked to write a brief anecdote about an incident on a river – anonymous if you prefer.

Eileen outlined plans for the summer outing on 9th June – an 1¼ river trip from Exmouth followed by free time in Exeter for shopping, visiting the cathedral, etc. Further details to follow.

A lunch is planned for Wednesday, 9th April - details to be announced at the March meeting.

Arrangements were made for those wishing to attend the Spring Council Meeting in Poole on 24th April.

Next Scrabble - Wednesday 19th March at 1 Hardy Close.

Angela Barrett

WINTERBOURNE VALLEY
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Winterbourne Valley Toddler Group

PLEASE HELP

Is there anyone willing to volunteer to help us for an hour on a Monday morning? We are looking for someone to make teas and coffees etc. so that we can concentrate on the children. If anyone is interested, please contact me on the number below.

Our Membership continues to grow at a rapid pace, with 11 new children registered in 3 weeks! We are now a busy thriving group of 25 children, aged from 7 weeks to 4 years old. New members are always welcome, just come along and join in the fun.

As the hall will be closed on March 17th, we are organising a trip to the Abbotsbury Children's Farm at the Tithe Barn. If you would like to join us, could you please contact me as soon as possible so we can organise a group booking. There will be no Toddler Group on Easter Monday, but we will be meeting as normal on March 31st for an Easter Egg Hunt.

Kay Dawson, Chairperson 01305 889140

“OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES AND SUCKLINGS!”

At an exhibition of modern art a mother and small boy gaze at an incomprehensible painting. Mother studying the catalogue says:- “It’s supposed to be a horse.”
Small boy “So why isn’t it then?”

WINTERBOURNE VALLEY CE VA FIRST SCHOOL

A message from Mrs Horne, Headteacher

Many thanks for the Editor's Note in the February issue of the Parish Magazine. The school did receive a glowing report from both the OFSTED Inspection team and from the Inspector of Anglican Schools who visited the school shortly after our OFSTED Inspection. We are now officially a 'good school with outstanding features'. It is now the school's mission to continue on the journey to excellence. I am also pleased to report take up of places in our Pre-school and After School Club continues to increase. Of course, all of the school's success over the past year or so is all down to the wonderful, hardworking staff at the school. As the headline read in the Dorset Echo 'teamwork' really is 'the key to success'. I believe we have a fantastic, experienced and dedicated team here at Winterbourne Valley – staff and governors - all of whom are committed to achieving the best for the school and its pupils. My heartfelt thanks go out to all!

This month it is the turn of Olivia and Bunny in Year 4 to contribute to the Parish Magazine.

This is what they say:

We have had a busy half term! This term the Year 3 and 4 have been doing Net and Ball games with Mrs Burson in PE lessons. These have been good fun. Mrs Forder came in to teach us. She is very nice and caring and she helps us understand our work. She is also very good at playing the accordion. Yesterday, Tuesday 12th February, we had two musicians come in to do a rehearsal with us for the DASP Concert we shall be doing in April at St. Osmund's Middle School. On Thursday 14th February Mrs Burson organised a great big Science Dome in the hall. This was great fun and we learnt a lot about the universe and the planets and stars.

Children in Years 3 and 4 have requested 4 new benches for their classroom to make it more comfortable to sit on. The PTFA came in and kindly gave us some money for these benches and Mr Abbott has very kindly made these for us. The PTFA has also brought some new toys and books for us and the rest of the school. The school council has also asked the PTFA for a new Trim Trail and we are hoping this will be in place to open at our Summer Fair on Saturday 5th July. Finally, the West Dorset Sports Partnership have loaned us some new 'Gymkids' equipment for the After School Club to use to help them keep fit and have fun!

WORD-FIT



See if you can fit these words into their correct positions in the diagram. **BAPTIST** has been written in to help start the puzzle.

3 letters

Ark
Ham

4 letters

Amos
Kirk
Tyre

5 letters

Babel
Moses
Right
Simon
Vicar

6 letters

Martha
Novena

7 letters

Baptist
Lazarus
Lebanon
Obadiah

8 letters

Hittites
Shadrach

9 letters

Bethlehem



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March 2008

1st Martinstown Brownies

The Brownies have started this term working towards their Brownie skills badge. They have packed a bag for a weekend away, looked at bus and train timetables to plan a journey from Martinstown to Poole and made a healthy packed lunch.

Shrove Tuesday was exciting when all the Brownies made their own batter and cooked pancakes in the kitchen. They carefully followed food hygiene rules and the healthy food that we had been discussing went out the window when we had sugar and lemon juice on our final results. Sadly no-one opted for tossing their pancake – jut as well or the owls may have had to paint the ceiling!

Everyone has been learning about the most important day in the Guiding calendar. Thinking Day on February 22nd celebrates the birthdays of both Lord and Lady Baden –Powell and is a time when we think of Brownies and Guides all around the world. All the Brownies made cards to send to our Canadian friends in the form of jigsaw puzzles and we have been delighted that letters have arrived back from them and from a unit in Hemel Hempstead.

Brownie promise making soon – watch this space.

The Owls

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Martinstown Scout group

Firstly we would like to welcome the Scout troop from Maiden Newton who are meeting with our scout group on Monday evening now. They lost a leader so to enable them to keep meeting we have joined forces for the time being. We would also like to welcome Colin the assistant Scout leader from there to our team and we look forward to some exciting activities together.

Since Christmas we have been working on our mapping skills, including looking at old maps of the village. Our termly challenge is for everyone to be able to tie a reef knot, preferably with their eyes shut. And some of the boys are well on their way to achieving this.

We also celebrated Pancake Day with homemade pancakes. All were tossed and only one hit the floor!!

If anyone would like to join us please see our notice above.

Akela

17th March is St Patrick's Day

THE STORY - The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. He almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship.

Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery. During his captivity, he became closer to God. He escaped and studied under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre. He became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity

THE LEGEND - Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.

An Irish Toast

May your glass be ever full.
May the roof over your head be
always strong.
And may you be in heaven
half an hour before the devil
knows you're dead!

Editors note

As an Irishman and a professional diver for more than 50 years, I know that "G s is good for you" Here is a picture to prove my point! Any resemblance to myself is purely coincidental.



Moments in the History of Martinstown

1912

One Monday morning in the summer of 1912, July 29th to be exact, many in the village must have held their breath as they waited to hear what the future held in store for them!

At one o'clock in the Town Hall in Dorchester, the Martinstown Estate, belonging to Lord Alington, would be up for sale by auction. Lord Alington's land stretched from just below the Hardy Monument to the west, to Maiden Castle in the east, and northwards from the village up to the main Exeter Road, now the A 35, about 1900 acres in all. The entire estate was to be offered in 31 lots.

The size of each lot varied greatly. Lot 1, Grove Hill Farm, included the Farmhouse (Rylestone) and outbuildings, Grove Barn and "an excellent bailiff's cottage", Rylands Barn and eight cottages. Lot 2 was West End Farm which included the farmhouse, farm buildings and coach house, hackney stables and harness room, pump house and brew house, both Penn cottages and the cottages near the bridge. Lots 5 and 7 were Park Farm and Clandon Farm.

Lot 12 was "the historical and interesting encampment known as Maiden Castle.

Most of the remaining lots were rented small-holdings and terraces of cottages, some lots including as many as ten separate dwellings. In every case the description concludes with the statement "the tenants are under notice to quit".

Although the preamble to the auctioneer's schedule describes Winterborne St Martin as "a very picturesque village, with a post and telegraph office, splendid water supplies and good roads", there was very little enthusiasm to bid. Only five of the 31 lots were sold and these were among the smallest.

Moments in the History of Martinstown

1912

The auctioneer must have felt quite desperate when he appealed to those present to offer only ten pounds per acre for the Clandon farm lot. One of the farms that was sold reached only £8 per acre. Yet 24 years earlier the new owner of Rew Farm had paid £18 per acre.

By 1912 farming in England had reached an all-time low; very few would have wanted to invest their money in a new agricultural enterprise or increase their estates. Free trading policies had led to very cheap north American prairie corn flooding the country, and merchant shipping with refrigerated holds meant that great quantities of beef from South America and mutton and lamb from Australia and New Zealand were much cheaper than home produce.

When news of the failure of the sale reached Martinstown that Monday the tenanted population of the village cottages must have breathed a great sigh of relief; they could continue to pay their average of one pound a month rent, with a struggle, but at least they would have a roof over their heads!

Margaret Hearing

Editor's Thought (Yes, I do sometimes!)

96 years later whatever would they have thought about the following notice?

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CHURCH CALENDAR – MARCH 2008

Sunday 2nd 4th of Lent - Mothering Sunday

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

Tuesday 4th

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

Wednesday 5th

10.00am	Teddy Praise	Martinstown
5.30pm	Silent Meditation	Martinstown

Thursday 6th

10.45am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Park House
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Friday 7th – Women’s World Day of Prayer

10.30am	Dorchester Baptist Church speaker - Penny Jackson	
7.30pm	Dorchester Baptist Church speaker – Mandy Rhodes	
4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	Steepleton Manor

Sunday 9th 5th Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Martinstown
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	C/Valence
11.00am	Family Eucharist (CW) & Baptism	Steepleton

Monday 10th

7.30pm	Martinstown PCC	Rectory
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Wednesday 12th

5.30pm	Silent Meditation	Martinstown
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Weekday Services - March 2008

Silent prayer from 8.15am followed by

Tuesday	8.30 am. - Morning Prayer	Martinstown
Wednesday	8.30 am. – Holy Communion	Martinstown
Thursday	8.30 am. - Morning Prayer	Winterbourne Abbas
Friday	8.30 a.m. - Morning Prayer	Martinstown

HOLY WEEK

Sunday 16th PALM SUNDAY

9.30am	Procession of Palms & Parish Eucharist	Martinstown
11.00am	Palm Sunday Come & Praise	Winterbourne Abbas
6.00pm	Healing Service	Steepleton

Wednesday 19th

5.30pm Silent Meditation



Martinstown

Thursday 20th MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm	Parish Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by the Watch (please sign list in Church)	Martinstown
11.45pm	Compline	

Friday 21st GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am Children's Service
2.00pm Liturgy of the Day



Martinstown
Martinstown

Saturday 22nd EASTER EVE

8.00pm Lighting of the New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Vows
& 1st Eucharist of Easter

Steepleton

Sunday 23rd EASTER DAY

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am Parish Eucharist



Compton Valence
Martinstown

Sunday 30th 2nd Sunday of Easter

10.00am Benefice Eucharist (CW)
Celebrant Rev Peter Gregson.

Winterbourne Abbas

There will be no weekday services during week beginning 24th March

MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL

News and events

ANN MATTHEWS Telephone 889248

Annex plans have now gone to three builders for estimates.

“Connecting Dorset Computing” hopefully will be up and running in a month.

THE HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR A FEW DAYS

from Monday 17th March to refurbish the floor.
Apologies for the inconvenience to hall users.



SHORT MAT BOWLING

Every Wednesday evening 7.30 to 9.30pm
Cost £1-50 each. Plus 20p for a cup of tea. We
have the bowls. You bring your own warm
socks!

BINGO ON FRIDAYS

March 7th and 21st - Please come along and bring a friend.

NEXT QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 8th March See page 25 for details

ARTSREACH - “BELOW”

**Martinstown Village Hall
Saturday 5th April at 7.30pm**

CScape dance company present a new work about the Cornish Mining Industry. “**Below**” delves into the depths of Cornish Mining telling tales of above and **below** the mine. It creates a moving and fascinating insight that harps back to an era of buckets and Bal Maidens

Not to be missed!!

Tickets from Ann Salmon on 01305 889059 or nearer the time from the pub, shop and farm shop.

MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL

****FUNDRAISING EVENING****

Spring is nearly here so it's time to start pampering yourselves.
Come & find out how to be looking your best this summer
with our natural, organically grown Aloe Vera products
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FOREVER LIVING

Join us for an evening of

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Detox & weight management information.

Venue: Martinstown Village Hall

Date: Saturday 15th March

Time: 7.30pm Start

Tickets £3 each or 2 for £5

Contact Claire Tuck on 01305 261572

Or Dale Crowe on 01305 263956.

Or Ann on 889248

All ticket sales going to

The Martinstown Village Hall kitchen & annex fund.

ALZHEIMER'S QUIZ

Thank you to all who bought the Alzheimer's Society Quiz.
£100 was raised. Congratulations to Ron and Ann Matthews who
won the £25 voucher with an amazing score of 96%

The Polish Play sells out in Martinstown!!!

Described as a “play about belonging, told by visitors” it was a little show with a big heart. Starting with a father and daughter stumbling into our village hall to find warmth and help, it told the story of an over-protective father and his daughter. Using a wonderful array of props, music and theatrical skill they told us about their home and life in Poland. As the evening progressed we were invited to join with them in the telling of their story by celebrating the 1974 World Cup when Poland beat England, decorating the hall and dancing to celebrate Marta’s arrival in Martinstown.

A recent review in The Stage magazine said “If *The Polish Play* visits you, welcome it with open arms”. This we did! It is funny, poignant and life affirming and if you did not manage to see it, the play continues on a National Tour. Please see details on www.farnhammaltings.com

Ann Salmon

Editor’s Note:- Origin of “*Polishing off the food*”

Uncertain of numbers, Ann prepared enough pre-play supper for about 8 visitors. Only 4 turned up but the food was still all *polished* off!

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS
The Booking Secretary is **Tessa Clark**
and her telephone number is **01305-889493**
Please call **between 9am and 8pm only**

Martinstown Village Hall.

*Quiz
Night.*



Sat 8th March.

7-30 for 7-45 start.

Tables , of 4 ,, £1. 50 , per person.

*Tea Coffee Orange , & cake,
will be served half time.*

Bring your own wine etc,

Come and join us for a fun evening

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 25 Feb - 9 March

Please come and support Fairtrade

COFFEE - CAKE - CHAT

SATURDAY MARCH 8TH 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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At:- Martinstown Village Hall

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Show Starts At:- 7:30pm

To purchase tickets please contact:-

Lorna Miles on 01305 889197 or Gillian McCourtie on 01305 889139

Tickets are only **£5** each (includes glass of wine) – all proceeds will go to Winterbourne Valley First School.

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on Wed 12TH March from 14:15 to 15:30
and on Wed 26th March from 09:45 to 11:15

She would love to meet you

So please pop along and say hello!

If you can't make it but would like to have a talk
then please contact her
on 01305 226815 Thank You!



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday 15th March



The PTFA from Winterbourne Valley First School are organising an Easter Egg Hunt to be held in Martinstown on Saturday 15th March. We will meet on the village green at 10:30 and will be finishing at the Brewers Arms. Cost per child will be £1.50 and ALL children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Brewers will have its usual selection of snacks and lunches available for all those who need refreshments. This will include an 8" Yorkshire pudding with 2 sausages in an ale and onion gravy with carrot and mashed potato @ £6.99!

For any further information please contact either Lorna Miles (Chair PTFA) on 889197 or Tessa Ferguson (Secretary PTFA) on 889077.

DORCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY

Saturday 15th March 7.30pm

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Martinstown LOCAL News

SPORTS SECTION - SKITTLES

The Wurzels - go from strength to strength.

The Bumkins - “win one lose one” or whatever they say!

The Hunt Team - are OK one week but seem to “lose the scent” the next week.

Young Farmers - are never very sure whether they’ve won or lost.

The Troops - No comment!

Overall impression – “Beer sales stay constant!”

WEEKLY QUIZ NIGHTS

We still need more teams for Wednesday Quiz Nights. Would anyone like to run the quiz each week, make up questions, and read them out etc.?

A PASSING OBSERVATION

Two visitors were seen wandering around the churchyard – we think they “lost the plot”!

LAST WORD

The Martinstown LOCAL community like the new website
- thank you Graham Herbert

Seedy Sunday

Martinstown's First Seed Swap

Thank you to all who came along to swap seeds and raise money for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. A good time was had by all.

The remaining seeds have been left in the pub please feel free to continue to swap. If you cannot leave seeds then please donate to this important charity.*

See you next year and happy growing in the meantime!

Ann Salmon

** The Brewers Arms*

Winterbournes' LOCAL News

Firstly, thank you very much to everybody who supported our Burn's Night on 25th January. It's nice to have something to look forward to in the post Christmas slump and we are sure you will agree you were well rewarded! We are quite certain it will never happen again (not Burn's Night, the special guest) so if you were there, you were lucky!

We are delighted with the early response to our Local's Lunches. The idea is to get people together from all the villages covered by the Parish Magazine, with no agenda but to socialise. No meetings, no minutes, no decisions, no fund-raising, just a nice lunch and a good natter. It is also lovely for us to meet new people who may not have been to the pub before and for newcomers to meet each other.

A relatively new feature at the Coach is Live Music every Friday night. We have a regular Jazz night on the first Friday of the month from 7pm to 9.30pm, as we have found it works better as mealtime background music, but feel free to just come for a drink and 'a listen'. We are slowly expanding our repertoire of local acts for the rest of the time. So far have only had one disaster, which better remain nameless! The other bands get going around 9pm and have been enjoyed by all. (Worzel, where were you? Beaver were rockin'!)

Since last month's magazine, we have been wondering what on earth we are going to say every month that isn't simply advertising. We want to try and keep things light-hearted and will attempt, with the help of the staff, to relay some of those 'You couldn't make it up' moments that occur often in the daily life of a pub. With the antics of some of our 'off the road' customers, you really do wonder if they have ever been in a pub before in their lives bless them! ! Funnily enough, we were just about to print this piece when Tim found a watering can next to a restaurant table that had just vacated. He didn't like to chase the people out of the pub and ask if they had left it behind in case it wasn't theirs and they thought he was a nutter. A lady returned a bit later to collect it and only offered the explanation that she had given it to Granddad who had left it behind! Well yes, quite!

We are very aware that what we say in these paragraphs is village life from our perspective only; so if any customers have something they would like us to include, please let us know.

WINTERBORNE ST MARTIN WILDLIFE SURVEY

This survey is a continuation of the one described in last November's magazine being carried out by Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (DAONB) in the two Winterbourne Valleys of Dorset.

Winterborne St Martin Parish Council is inviting everyone in the parish to join our Spring Wildlife Survey. The area around our parish including our gardens can provide important refuges for wildlife. Our area is probably teeming with wildlife and you may find it in unexpected places. Streams, ponds and flower rich grassland may be the obvious places but often churchyards, barns, old trees, road verges and gardens are just as popular.

Martinstown residents should have a card enclosed with this magazine. As for last November, Survey Cards should also be available in the Village Shop, Brewer's Arms, and the Coach and Horses. During March and April, please look out for the wildlife listed on the card. There is no expectation that you will complete all the boxes on the card but any sightings will be useful.

At the end of April please return the cards to the Parish Council by posting them through the Parish Office letter box opposite Park House or leave them in the box provided in the Village Shop.

In due course we will report the results in the Parish Magazine.

Editor's Note:- The form allows you to say which of the species listed and pictured, you saw on only one particular date. I would recommend that anyone interested takes a handful of cards to be used on different dates so you can always carry one on local walks.

ADULT BRAIN TEASER

Each "equation" below contains the initial letters of words that will make it correct:-

12 = M in a Y would be 12 = Months in a Year

Complete the following 10 equations:-

2240 = P in a T

100 = Y in a C

1 = S on a D

6080 = F in a NM

75 = cl in a B of W

747 = a JJ

24 = BB in a P

16 = M on a DMC

3 = W on my W B I'm SRA

40 = AB's T

February Answers

90 Degrees in a Right Angle

3 Blind Mice (See How They Run)

24 Hours in a Day

57 Heinz Varieties

C=100 Soldiers under a Roman Centurion

200 Points for a Perfect Genius in Mensa

4 Quarts in a Gallon

1 Wheel on a Unicycle

70 Speed Limit on a British Motorway

2.54 Centimetres in an Inch

MARCH EVENTS AT CHESIL BEACH

March 9th - Wintering Birds of the Fleet

Saturday March 15th - Fleet foreshore Spring Clean.

Saturday March 22nd -Fossil Walk around Tidmoor Point

For further information contact 01305 760579

Or visit the Martinstown News website- see page 23

VALLEY & VALENCE ~ NEXT ISSUE

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.

APOLOGIES to Hanger Carpentry and Greenthumb for their adverts being cut up last month by Coach & Horses meal vouchers. I'm afraid this result is inevitable with back-to-back advertising!

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LOCAL'S LUNCH 12 MARCH 2008

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THE COACH AND HORSES

LOCAL'S LUNCH 19 MARCH 2008

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SERVED WITH PEAS

PLUM CRUMBLE & CUSTARD or

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LOCAL'S LUNCH 19 MARCH 2008

HOMEMADE LIVER BACON & ONIONS

WITH MASHED POTATO & PEAS or

HOMEMADE FISHERMAN'S PIE

SERVED WITH PEAS

PLUM CRUMBLE & CUSTARD or

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