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



November 2007



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The Rectory
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FROM THE REGISTERS

Marriage

Lewis Nigel Coates & Joanna Frances Crofts - Martinstown

Burial of Ashes

Ralph Upward - Steepleton

St Martin's Choir

The December parish magazine will give details of Christmas services and events. You may not wish to be reminded that Christmas is coming, but there is already ample evidence in the High Street that this is so. The Church Choir have also begun their preparations, learning new music and revising items they have sung in previous years.

As last year we are inviting others to join us as we plan to augment the choir for the Carol Service on 16th December. Choir practices are held, during Autumn and Winter, at 5 Hardy Close on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30. If you would like to join us come to choir practice where you will be given a warm welcome. If you would like to find out more before committing yourself please have a word with me, either at the above address or on 889910.

Nigel Power (Organist and Choirmaster)

COMPTON VALENCE

CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA

20th October - 3rd November

Mrs Buckland

3rd - 17th November

Mrs Andrews

17th November - 1st December

Mrs Russell

THE VICAR WRITES



Dear Friends

November is a time of 'remembering' it begins with the festival of All Saints on 1st November and the Commemoration of All Souls on 2nd November. There are many books on the lives of the Saints, some well known, others not so well known, but all showing us an example of Christian living. We are all called to be Saints, to be better witnesses to our Lord. We will celebrate All Saints in the morning on Sunday 4th and then in the afternoon at 3pm we will be holding a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the lives of loved ones; similar to the one we had two years ago. Many people who came found it helpful. If you have members of your family or friends, who you would like to remember, do come along. The service will be followed by tea and biscuits.

Later in the month we have Remembrance Sunday when we remember not only those who lost their lives in the two World Wars but also all who have died during the many more recent conflicts, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please note that the service at **Steepleton will start at 10.55am** not 11am to enable us to have the 2 minutes silence. In the evening at Martinstown at 6pm there will be a Festival Songs of Praise as it is St Martin's Patronal Festival. Please let Nigel Power know of any hymn requests (889910)

Many of you have no doubt seen the scaffolding around the church spire at Winterbourne Steepleton. Major repairs are needed and grants have been applied for. See later article.

Another date for your diary is our annual **Christingle service**. This year the service will take place in Martinstown Church on Sunday 9th December at 4pm

Yours in Christ
Rosemary

CHURCH NEWS

YOUR KINGDOM COME

A practical day of teaching on the Christian Healing Ministry will be led by Angela-Seaton Mills Lay Chaplain of Lee Abbey on Saturday 17th November at St Mary's Church House, Bridport from 10.00am until 4.30pm. For details and Booking contact Marian Scott 01308 456781

DORCHESTER DEANERY THEOLOGY GROUP

The next meeting will be on Monday 12th November at 7.30pm at St George's church hall in Dorchester, which will be led by Rev Richard Betts. He plans to examine the psychotherapeutic approach of Carl Rogers. Richard will aim to show that there are some interesting parallels between the gospels and Rogers' person-centred approach to therapy. The talk will be about 45 minutes followed by questions. All are welcome.

OTHER DATES

Please note that on **Sunday 4th November** there will be our biannual memorial service for departed loved ones at 3pm in Martinstown Church followed by tea.

On **Sunday 11th November** there will be a Festival Songs of Praise at 6pm in Martinstown Church. Not only will this be Remembrance Sunday but also St Martin's Patronal Festival. Please let Nigel know of any hymn requests.

HOME GROUP

We will be looking at "Miracles".

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Venue:- 5, Hardy Close

Time:- Thursdays at 7.30 pm – 9 pm

Dates:- November 15th and 29th

Further details from Nigel 01305 889910

Winterbourne Steepleton, St. Michael's – The Spire

I am writing this in mid October when anyone living in or passing through Winterbourne Steepleton will have seen that scaffolding surrounds the church spire. This was erected to inspect cracking seen from ground level and we now know that the top seven courses of stonework must be taken down and rebuilt. Ironwork, supporting the weathervane, has rusted and caused the damage and will need replacing with stainless steel.

To have a full repair done from the existing scaffolding (extended and strengthened for building work) will cost £15,000. Application has been made for grants and by the time you read this we should know if they are successful. Even if we get grants these will not cover the full costs and the church does not have uncommitted funds to meet the remainder. We can expect to have to find about £8,000 if we are to do the work now. If we cannot see our way to paying for the work now we will have to pay for a temporary patch up and have the scaffolding taken down to avoid ongoing weekly hire charges. There would then have to be a second scaffolding erection to do the permanent repair when sufficient funds had been raised. The total costs would then be much higher and the repairs not done for a long time.

The limited numbers of people who are church members meet the ordinary running costs including insurance and annual payments to the Diocese for Clergy etc. and we feel we have to ask everyone living in or associated with the parish if they can help keep the fabric in good order. Although the Spire did not influence the village name it is hard to imagine the village without it.

We are asking for donations towards the repair and will be doing more by way of an appeal. There is a display board in the church with photographs of the damage and other information.

Trevor Bassett
Churchwarden

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

4th November All Saints

Daniel 7: 1 - 3, 15 - 18

Ephesians 1: 11 - 23

Luke 6: 20 - 31

11th November Remembrance

Job 19: 23 - 27a

2 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 5, 13 - 17

Luke 20: 27 - 38

18th November 2nd before Advent

Malachi 4: 1 - 2a

2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13

Luke 21: 5 - 19

25th November Christ the King

Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6

Colossians 1: 11 - 20

Luke 23: 33 - 43

SHOE BOXES

Operation Christmas Child

(A project of Samaritan's Purse)

YOU CAN BRING HOPE AND A SMILE TO SOME OF THE
WORLD'S MOST DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

- 1) Find a medium sized shoe box
- 2) Boy or Girl? Decide
- 3) What age? 2 - 4 yrs., 5 - 9 yrs. or 10 - 14 yrs.
- 4) Fill your box with gifts (take a leaflet from St Martin's church notice board.
- 5) Include £2 donation to cover transport costs.
- 6) Secure with rubber band.
- 7) Give to Maggie Robertson,
Turnpike Cottage,
Weymouth Road,
Martinstown.

by November 17th LATEST or ring 01305 880008 and I'll collect.

THANK YOU

The Way Ahead

November 2007

Last month's Good News on our being the Best Kept Village winner seemed a very fitting reward to the many residents who contributed to the result. It makes one feel like picking up litter rather than wondering why someone else hasn't already done so!

Sonia and I are very glad to have found such friendship and community spirit when we arrived in July last year. Here are a few random thoughts from our first year.

Our first impressions started the day we moved in when we were handed a large bunch of flowers "With love from the Church". We have found that Jinga Cottage seems to be on a popular dog walk so we often meet and greet passing dogs (and their owners).

Soon after our arrival we ate in the Brewers Arms when house alterations forced us out of our own kitchen. Now, more than a year on we need no such reason and simply eat there for the excellent home cooking and the good value for money not to mention the ability to walk leaving the car at home. We did invest in a couple of strong torches to substitute for street lighting!

We had a fascinating time matching identities between the Pantomime Cast and the Church Congregation! What a lot of beards to confuse us. I mean to say, what is the difference between a king and a churchwarden? Not a lot!

This year the Open Gardens weekend gave us an excuse to explore and discover the amazing collection of lovely gardens within our village. We got so wet on the Saturday that we retired home to dry out but had excellent refreshments in the Village Hall the next day.

Having a daughter teaching (part-time) at the Valley School, and having her daughter there as a pupil has kept us in regular contact with the younger members of the community.

From the notices this month, Christmas is definitely coming and we are looking forward to the next pantomime. "Oh no, we're not"! "Oh yes, we are!"

Although adverts have increased this month, so have contributions from readers.

Thank you all, Brian B.

PS My sincere apologies to the WI and Brownies for omitting their articles from the last issue. I now use a Check List.

A Biblical Cake

Results not guaranteed unless the Authorized Version of the Bible is used!

Ingredients:

340g (12oz)	Kings I ch 4 v 22
170g (6oz)	Judges ch 5 v 25
170g (6oz)	Jeremiah ch 6 v 20
225g (8oz)	Samuel I ch 30 v 12
170g (6oz)	Nahum ch 3 v 12
55g (2oz)	Numbers I ch 17 v 8
2 tablespoons	Samuel I ch 14 v 25
½ teaspoon	Chronicles II ch 9 v 9
1 cup	Judges ch 4 v 19
3	Luke ch 11 v 12
1 pinch	Genesis ch 19 v 26

Ingredients solution is on a later page

Method:

Beat Judges 5 and Jeremiah together till white. Add sifted Kings and beaten Luke alternately.

Chop Samuel, Nahum and Numbers and add all other ingredients.

Place in a lined, greased cake tin and bake in a slow to moderate oven for about 2 hours.

Contributed by Vicky Codrington, Park House

A PASSING THOUGHT:-

“Always turn your face to the sunshine and the shadows
will fall behind you!”

100 CLUB WINNERS

September

£25 Denise Parmiter

£10 Mary Hardy

£5 Pauline Ferris

A nature survey of the Dorset Winterbournes

We residents of the South Winterborne Valley are lucky enough to have a globally rare habitat on our doorstep – the winterbournes. These are streams fed by springs so they usually run in winter but can often dry up in summer, which is how they get their name.

Dorset contains a significant number of these important streams, and the Dorset Winterbournes Project aims to conserve and enhance their natural and cultural heritage. Because of their unusual flow characteristics, the winterbournes support some rare and specialist wetland wildlife, as well as some of the UK's most loved species like otter and water vole.

Residents and visitors to the South Winterborne Valley may be lucky enough to spot kingfishers, dragonflies, mayflies, brown trout and amphibians. Along the edges of the channels, signs such as paw-prints and droppings can indicate the presence of our elusive aquatic mammals – the otter and water vole – or the undesirable American mink, which preys on our native species.

The Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) has produced a simple Survey Card so that wildlife sightings can be recorded. This information can be used to help us conserve the North and South Winterbournes, by habitat management and restoration to help our rare wildlife and stop it being harmed by the non-native species.

Cards are available at several venues in the area, including the Coach & Horses in Winterbourne Abbas, and the Brewers Arms in Martinstown. You can also download a card from our website www.dorsetaonb.org.uk Having got a Survey Card, then if you spot any of the species listed, we'd love to hear from you. Simply fill in details of your sightings, and return it to the AONB Office.

For any more information call me, Ali Morse, on (01305) 756788.

Editor's Note (As a newcomer to the area)

I have printed the above as received. I understand that "winterbourne" is a generic term for a type of stream/river but the two in our valley are called "Winterborne". Dorset villages may or may not have a "u".

WINTERBOURNE VALLEY CE VA FIRST SCHOOL

I would like to say a big thank-you to all those who contacted the school in reply to our requests for help in last month's Parish Magazine. The Year 3 and 4 children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the events of the Second World War from members of the local community who witnessed the war at first hand.

The children had a wonderful time last week visiting the Fleet Air Arm Museum and then planning, preparing and eating a 'wartime type lunch' to which the children invited members of the community who came to share their memories. We also quickly resolved our problem with unlocking the school.

This month the children in Year 1 and 2 contribute to the Parish Magazine. I asked all the children in Mrs Halsey's class what they enjoyed most about coming to school. Here is what they said:-

From Year 1

I like exploring time because you get to choose what you want to do. (**Erin Lee**)

I like having lunch at school because you get lots of food and drink. (**Kate Hewetson**)

I like singing songs and playing the musical instruments. (**Willow Jehu**)

I like doing gymnastics. I was the star pupil this week. (**Imogen Bell**)

I like literacy because we write about all different kinds of things. (**Emily Chambers**)

I like learning about numbers in Maths lessons. (**Connor Pullen**)

I like playing football at playtime. (**Matthew Grubb**)

I like doing gymnastics with Mrs Thorne on Monday mornings. (**Rebecca Purbrick**)

I like Mrs Halsey because she is a good teacher. (**Jasmine Clarke**)

I like playing with the dolls in Exploring Time. (**Domino Shackleton**)

From Year 2

I rather like looking at and reading books. I also like doing creative activities at exploring time. (**Juliet Ferguson**)

I like doing creative work and literacy. (**Holly Kirby**)

I like playing with the Magnetix set. (**William Miles**)

I like cutting out and colouring things. (**Tyler Smith**)

I like working with Mrs Armstrong to learn to spell words. (**Sophie Stringer**)

**WINTERBOURNE VALLEY CE VA FIRST SCHOOL
(Continued)**

May I also remind parents in the Parish that Application Forms are now available for children to start school in September 2008. These forms need to be completed and returned to school by Friday 23rd November 2007 at the latest. If you, or your neighbour, have a child who will start school next September but have not yet filled in a form please contact the school.

And finally....

OUR NEW FOUNDATION BASE

will be officially launched
on

THURSDAY 15th NOVEMBER at 11 am

ALL WELCOME

The Foundation Base will be holding an open morning for the general public to come and view the new facilities from 9.00am until 11.30am. Teas, coffee, cakes and biscuits will be available and there will be lots of entertainment on offer for the children. Please do come along and join in the fun!

Mrs Horne, Headteacher

VALLEY AND VALENCE ~ THIS ISSUE

There is a lot happening next month so please read the magazine carefully to avoid missing anything! Editor

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. The Parish Letterbox is **NO LONGER** used to collect copy.

VALLEY CLUB

On 15th October, we had a talk by the Stephen Griffiths, the curator of Abbotsbury Gardens. We had a fascinating account of the restoration of the Gardens over the last 17 years. It was all illustrated with splendid photographs and old pictures from up to 100 years ago to show the changes and growth of some of the trees which were rarities when they were planted.

On November 19th we have a talk from the Dorset Records Office. The title is 'Tales from the Archives, Martinstown and the Winterbourne Valley.

On January 21st we plan to hold another evening with artists.

On February 9th there will be a Barn Dance with the same band and caller as last year.

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.

For the future we have proposals for a tour of Longford Castle house and gardens possibly on May15th, a visit to the upper parts of Salisbury Cathedral in the Autumn of 2008, and for further interesting speakers and visits.

A reminder, meetings of the Valley Club are normally on the third Monday of the month.

Ian Gibson 889328

Just not cricket!

An all clerical match - bishop's XI vs an archbishop's XI. The Bishop opened Crockford's Clerical Directory to study the names on the opposing team. He then put down the book and sighed "It's just as I thought. They're playing two lay preachers!"

Thank you Ian.



Girlguiding

1st Martinstown Brownies

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girls in the lead

November 2007

Now the summer holidays are well and truly behind us we are looking forward to lots of new activities and adventures.

We have been joined this term by Luci who has been christened "feathery owl" and 4 new Brownies. We also welcome Iona to our pack and have said goodbye to Poppy, Bettina, Kitty and Ellie. We have also had much excitement outside of the Brownie meetings. Barn Owl has just got married (and very beautiful she looked too) and Tawny Owl has given birth to a beautiful baby girl named Evie Rose. Sadly we have said goodbye to Snowy Owl. Snowy has been hugely successful and has a place at Bristol university. We will miss her.

We have had great fun already this term with church cleaning. All the Brownies had great fun polishing the pews and sweeping the floor. This enabled us to complete our community good turn for the term. We have been focusing on good turns with our good turn Brownie. For every good turn we completed we tied a bead in her hair. Some of the Brownies managed more than 15!

Sooty Owl has been busy in the kitchen and all the Brownies have made scones and Feathery Owl has helped make fruit salad. Sadly for one hungry dad it had all gone before the Brownies went home!

If any girl aged 7-10 would like to join Brownies please email me at lisa.U@virgin.net for details.

Brown Owl

AN AGE-OLD QUESTION

When water is bottled after spending thousands of years underground, why does it have to have a "sell by" date?



MARTINSTOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the October WI meeting President Margaret Hearing presented Maureen Marchant with a pot plant and thanked her for producing the WI report for the Parish magazine so faithfully for many years and presenting such a good profile of WI to the village – it will be a hard act to follow!

On November 18th we are organising a Craft Fair in the Village Hall which will include a cake stall so we will all be asked to get baking to produce the usual delicious array of cakes and biscuits. The speaker on 12th November will be one of our own members, Maggie Robertson, who will be describing her work with TEAR Fund Partners in India. Maggie will also be selling TEAR Fund goods at the Craft Fair.

We were joined by a number of visitors to enjoy Colin Varndell's latest presentation of slides of "Wild Dorset". These were slides taken over a year from June 04-05 reflecting the wide diversity of wild life in our beautiful county. We were amazed at the close ups of rare dragon flies, butterflies, reptiles, birds, deer and foxes and at his patience spending hours in hides to get the perfect shot. He reminded us that one quarter of the world's rare habitat lowland heath is in Dorset – we are certainly very privileged to have this on our doorstep.

Next Scrabble - 22nd November at 1 Hardy Close at 8 pm – All welcome.

Angela Barrett

CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, 18th November 2007

11 am – 4 pm in the Village Hall

Free Entrance A wide variety of crafts on sale

Ideal Christmas gifts

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Churches Together in Dorset



CLIMATE CHANGE



is there a Faith View?

Sunday 4th November

2.30 - 5.00pm

Wimborne Methodist Church

Kings Street, Wimborne

Chair: **Rt Revd Tim Thornton,**

Bishop of Sherborne, Chairman, Churches Together in Dorset

Reply to: Val Potter, ☎01305 264416 ✉ctdorset@clara.net

TEARFUND COFFEE MORNING 10 am - 1 pm

When? Saturday November 24th

Where? Turnpike Cottage, Weymouth Road
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cards and decorations. Every sale helps a
skilled crafts person support their family in
one of the world's poorest countries.

Catalogues available

Christmas cards to choose

Orders taken

Maggie (01305 880008)

Christmas Craft & Gift Fair

Sunday 25th November 2007 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Martinstown Village Hall

Free entry, refreshments all day, free car park, disabled access & toilet.

Come along for some really individual & unusual gifts for Christmas.
Stalls will include: photography, floristry, jewellery, woodturning,
handmade cards & gifts, a selection of Christmas gifts, bags, embroidery,
Barefoot Books, Phoenix Trading, tin ware, health products, Marie Curie,
and much more!

A % of the proceeds will be going to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

**Royal British Legion
(Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch)**

Our September Branch holiday was regarded as a success by the forty participants. The weather was kind, as was the welcome we received in France. Most travellers were quite surprised at the beauty of the scenery in the Auvergne region.

Our **AGM** will commence at 7.30 pm. on Thursday, 1st. November, 2007 at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, to be followed by wine and cheese.

We have arranged a visit to the **Land Registry**, Chickerell, at 3 pm. on Thursday, 8th. November, 2007. We will use our own cars for transport, so if you would share or need a seat let me know. The visit will be up to two hours duration and you must book with me in advance please.

Remembrance Sunday Wreath-laying Ceremony on 11th November at 10.15am St Peter's Churchyard, Portesham - and then the Remembrance Service at 10.50am in St Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury.

Our **Christmas Shopping** trip this year is to **Exeter** to see the newly opened shopping area. It should prove fairly easy to spend money there by all accounts! This event is **OPEN** with a 50p booking fee. The fare will not exceed £10. Coach leaves Steepleton Pond at 8.50 am. on Thursday, 22nd. November, Kings Arms, Portesham at 9 a.m. and Abbotsbury Square at 9.05 am.

Portesham Village Hall is the venue at 7 pm. for 7.30 pm. on Wednesday, 5th December, 2007, for our **Pie and Mash Supper** evening.

Bookings for all events through me or any Committee Member please.

If anyone is interested in going to Westpoint arena, Exeter for the **Holiday on Ice** show somewhere between 19th and 24th February, 2008, let me know: depending on response we may book for that event.

I anticipate leading a group tour of **Iceland** in May/June, 2008 - let me know if this interests you so that I may have an idea of the amount of interest at this stage.

Please note my **new telephone number** **01305 - 267617**

Des Baker

Branch Vice Chairman.

CAKE RECIPE - SOLUTIONS

In the order shown in the list of ingredients, the required constituents are flour, butter, sugar, raisins, figs, almonds, honey, spice, milk, eggs, and salt.

CHILDREN'S SEARCHWORD 'ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE'

R	A	F	B	C	D	E	L	T	T	A	C
F	O	H	K	L	J	E	L	U	M	N	D
X	O	C	P	Q	A	R	S	T	U	V	E
D	W	A	K	X	C	E	S	R	O	H	E
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K	M	L	N	Z	L	D	O	H	P	O	Q
E	R	A	E	B	R	S	G	E	X	T	G
Y	U	L	F	L	O	W	V	E	W	Y	Z
A	L	B	C	S	D	E	N	P	R	F	G
E	H	J	K	L	S	N	O	I	L	N	O
P	Q	R	S	D	R	A	P	O	E	L	X

Word List

Ass	Deer	Goats	Lion	Sheep
Bear	Donkey	Horse	Mule	Wolf
Camel	Fox	Jackal	Oxen	Cattle
Gazelle	Leopard	Rock Badger		

“OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES AND SUCKLINGS!”

From Nigel Power:-

During a family discussion about the evils of fighting and bullying, 8 year old Ritchie stated “There is one place you must never punch anybody, and that’s the solar system!”

MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

News and events

ANN MATTHEWS – Telephone 889248

A CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

On the opposite page are details of our Christmas Extravaganza to raise funds for the Village Hall improvements.

We would be most grateful for any donations such as:-RAFFLE PRIZES, CAKES FOR CAKE STALL, ANY CHRISTMAS THINGS FOR THE CHRISTMAS STALL, OR ANY BRIC A BRAC, (but please - no clothes).

Donations can be collected from you or left with Ann at 2 Cowleaze.

BINGO

The dates for November are Friday 2nd, 16th and 30th
Please come along and bring a friend

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!.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

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

ARTSREACH in the Village Hall

On Friday 23rd November 2007 at 7.30pm

Hijinx Theatre Company presents

“The Long Way Home”

Tickets from Ann Salmon Telephone 01305 889059

Martinstown Village Hall

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 8th December
12 til 5pm

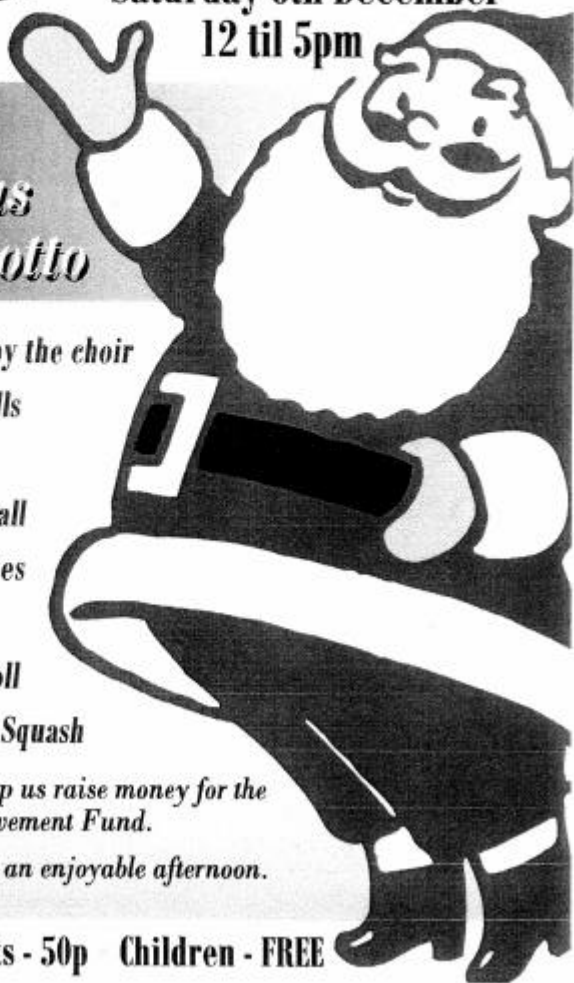
*Father
Christmas
in his Grotto*

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Winterbourne Valley Toddler Group

As the new Chairperson, I would like to say thank you to some key people. Firstly thank you to Vicky and Lorna, the previous Chairperson and Secretary, for all their hard work. Thank you also to Gillian for agreeing to continue as our Treasurer and to Tessa for agreeing to act as Secretary for the immediate future until Suzy is available.

To introduce myself, for those of you who do not know me, I grew up in Martinstown with a maiden name of Osborne and was an original member of the Brownie pack. Having spent the last 15 years living in Dorchester, I am in the process of returning to Martinstown with my husband and baby daughter and am looking forward to being part of the village again.

To raise funds for some much needed toys and equipment for our growing number of babies, we have written a quiz which is now available at £1 a copy from several outlets – see details under the Wordsearch solution The prize is a Luxury Christmas Hamper with items kindly donated by Stevens Farm Shop in Martinstown and Fencebay Restaurant, Smokehouse and Farm Shop based in Scotland (www.fencebay.co.uk).

Kay Dawson Chairperson 07980 009354

ADULT BRAIN TEASER

This quiz does not measure your intelligence, your fluency with words, and certainly not your mathematical ability. It will, however, give you some gauge of your mental flexibility and creativity. In the many years since the test was devised, few people have been found who could solve more than half of the questions at the first attempt. Many, however, reported getting answers long after the test had been set aside - particularly at unexpected moments when their minds were relaxed (See note)* - and some reported solving all questions over a period of a couple of days. Take this as a challenge.

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

Example

12 = M in a Y would be

12 = Months in a Year

Complete the following 10 equations**:-

26 = L. of the A.

9 = P. in the S.S.

88 = P.K.

13 = S. on the A.F

32 = D.F. at which W.F

18 = H. on a G.C.

7 = W. of the W

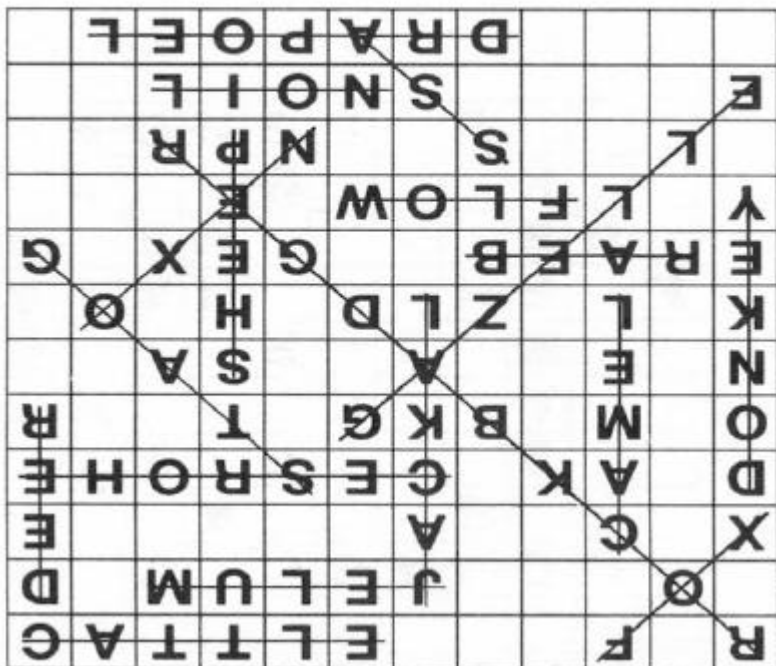
1001 = A.N.

12 = S. of the Z

54 = C. in a P
(with the
J.)

Note - This does not mean after two pints in the Brewers Arms!
Solutions? Answers in next month's magazine plus another 10 equations.

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I can get the ham as usual from Dorset Hams and Turkeys and other meat from Balls of Puddletown.

I have a Christmas toy and games catalogue to take home and browse at your leisure (just the job for those children and grandchildren who have everything).

The news about the Post Office at the moment is there is no news.

Alan and Jill

THE EDITOR RECOMMENDS

A MARTINSTOWN CHRISTMAS PRESENT

An interesting publication by the local historian, Margaret Hearing, is "The History of Martinstown Fair" last published in 1999. Stocks of this booklet are now on sale at a very modest price in the village shop and the pub. Copies may also be available at Craft Fairs in the Village Hall on 18th and 25th November.

Brian B.

NEWS FLASH

MONTHLY JOKE COMPETITION

John at the pub has offered to submit a brief article each month including his selected "Joke of the month". To enter just go to the pub, tell a joke, make sure John hears it, and hope to win. Unlike 100 Club winners you won't get rich but you could appear in print!

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Thursday 1st	7.30pm Martinstown PCC	Rectory
Friday 2nd	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	
4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	Steepleton Manor
Sunday 4th	ALL SAINTS Sunday	
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	W/Abbas
11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist & Healing Ministry	Martinstown
3.00pm	Memorial Service for the departed	Martinstown
Tuesday 6th		
12.30pm	Valley View Lunch Club	Farm Shop
Wednesday 7th		
10.00am	Teddy Praise	Martinstown
Sunday 11th	Remembrance Sunday	
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Martinstown
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	C/Valence
10.55am	Family Eucharist (CW)	Steepleton
6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Martinstown
Thursday 15th		
10.45am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Park House
Sunday 18th	2nd Sunday before Advent	
9.30am	Parish Eucharist (CW)	Martinstown
11.00am	Come & Praise	W/Abbas
Sunday 25th	CHRIST THE KING	
9.30am	Parish Eucharist (BCP)	Steepleton Manor
11.00am	Family Eucharist (CW)	Martinstown
2.30pm	Baptism of Oliver Brown	C/Valence
Weekday Services – November		
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

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