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Winterborne St Martin, Winterbourne Abbas,  
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September 2008

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**Revd. Rosemary Bassett**  
**The Rectory**  
**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**

#### **FUNERALS**

12<sup>th</sup> June – William Philip Joels – Martinstown  
22<sup>nd</sup> June – Ernest John Walker Long – Steepleton  
30<sup>th</sup> June – John Richard Lunn – Martinstown  
6<sup>th</sup> July – Michael James Hallett – Winterbourne Abbas  
9<sup>th</sup> July – Violet De Burgh Codrington – Martinstown  
16<sup>th</sup> August – Keith Reading – Martinstown.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Charlotte Styles – Martinstown  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Samuel Edward Shaw – Martinstown.

#### **ADMITTED TO COMMUNION**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Harry Buttle, Thomas McCourtie, William Miles, Catherine Chambers, Juliet Ferguson. – Steepleton.

#### **MARRIAGES**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Bridie Hewson & Peter Wiffen – Winterbourne Abbas  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Hannah Phillips & James Kirkby – Martinstown

# THE VICAR WRITES



September 2008

Dear Friends.

The holiday period seems to have come and gone so quickly and our thoughts now turn to the new school year and harvest. September is the time when we give thanks for the harvest and traditionally every parish church has held its harvest festival often with a harvest supper or some other celebration. Unfortunately I am writing this when, instead of enjoying fine summer weather to ripen the crops and produce an excellent harvest, we are having a very wet and cold period, not at all what the poor farmers would have been hoping for. However compared to the problems experienced by others in our world we are very fortunate in the things that we enjoy in this part of Dorset, and need to give thanks to God for all that he has given us; for everything that we have comes from him.

September is a time of change, a time of new beginnings, a new class or a new school, the start of a new season for all sorts of clubs and activities. As I come to the end of my time here I am looking to the future and no doubt some of you are wondering what will happen to the benefice when I go. When I leave the benefice, the Team Rector of Dorchester will become the "Priest in Charge" of the four parishes to oversee and support the work of the newly appointed priest. This priest will have a "house for duty" appointment which will mean that he or she will work in the parishes for two days a week and conduct Sunday services. The appointed priest will have pastoral responsibility for the benefice, supported by the Dorchester team ministry and will live in the Martinstown Rectory.

My final service will be at Martinstown on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am**; a thanksgiving service not only for my ministry here but also for the ending of the pass-it-on campaign in Martinstown.

Yours in Christ,  
Rosemary

## **CHURCH NEWS**

**A Seminar to discuss the Economics and Politics of Climate Change** will be held at The Board of Education Centre, Devizes Rd Salisbury on 26<sup>th</sup> September by Eliot Whittington, Climate Change Adviser with Christian Aid.

### **WESSEX BIBLE FESTIVAL**

22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September at Emmanuel Church Southill at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Alistair Magowan Archdeacon of Dorset who will be speaking on the theme of “ The singer and the Song” using a different Psalm each evening. More details in Martinstown Church.

### **FAREWELL TO BISHOP TIM**

There will be a farewell Eucharist for Bishop Tim in Sherborne Abbey on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm; an opportunity for the Sherborne Area to give thanks for his ministry among us. The main Diocesan farewell will be in Salisbury Cathedral on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm during a Cathedral Evensong when a presentation will be made to him.

### **STEEPLETON ROTA for September**

Locking – Margaret  
Flowers – Jan & Becky  
Cleaning – Jan & Becky.

### **COMPTON VALENCE CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA for September**

23 August - 5 September	Mrs Long
6-19 September - Harvest Festival	Wendy Allen
20 September – 3 October	Sarah Sclater

### **MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB**

**June** - £25 Kath Frazer £10 Maurice Gardner £5 Geraldine Canniford  
**July** Special Ten-Year Anniversary Draw  
£25 Ceri McQueen £25 Arthur Singleton  
£10 Malcolm Shaw £5 Ken Barrett

### **COMPTON VALENCE 100 CLUB**

**June** £ 5 Robert Churchill £10 Henry Sclater £25 Jeremy Russell  
**July** £5 Henry Sclater £10 Chris Bennett £25 Nigel Brook

## ST.MARTIN'S CHURCH FUNDRAISING

The Pass-It-On campaign is now underway. The launch day is, or was, depending on when you read this, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Postmen and women are now visiting houses in the Parish. This is a very important exercise in the village to support the continuing on-going viability of the Church here in Martinstown. Since our last campaign in 2003, inflation has increased costs by about 20%. Last year costs exceeded income and we now look to parishioners and our other church members to increase their support. When the folder comes to your door, please respond positively and help us to keep the Church alive for your worship, contemplation, special family occasions and enjoyment.

Thank you all in advance. Ian Gibson

### SUNDAY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

<b>7th September</b>	<b>16th after Trinity</b>	<b>Ezekiel 33: 7 - 11</b> <b>Romans 13: 8 - 14</b> <b>Matthew 18: 15 - 20</b>
<b>14th September</b>	<b>17th after Trinity</b>	<b>Genesis 50 ; 15 - 21</b> <b>Romans 14: 1 - 12</b> <b>Matthew 18: 21 - 35</b>
<b>21st September</b>	<b>18th after Trinity</b>	<b>Jonah 3: 10 - 4: 11</b> <b>Philippians 1: 21 - 30</b> <b>Matthew 20: 1 - 16</b>
<b>28th September</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15</b> <b>Luke 12: 26 - 30</b>

## VICKY CODRINGTON 1913 - 2008

Vicky will be sorely missed by all who ever knew her. She was able to make friends with all ages and as the number of her great and great-great nephews and nieces grew they were photographed with her at the first opportunity!

Born in India, her army father was widowed when Vicky was 6, and 3 years later she came to England with her father and two sisters. At the Royal School in Bath she became Head Girl, and was presented with the Roberts Prize by Queen Mary, wife of George V. At King's College, London she played hockey, lacrosse and netball on College teams against Oxford and Cambridge.

After graduating, she taught at Harrogate College, and then at a school in London. This school was evacuated to Weston-super-Mare when war broke out in 1939. While teaching by day, she worked with the Red Cross, mostly at nights, and helped look after the casualties from Dunkirk. In 1945 she became a Domestic Science teacher and housemistress at the Royal Naval School (RNS) in Haslemere, and stayed there for 12 years.

After RNS Vicky ran a village shop and Post Office in Devon for 9 years. During this time, I married her niece, Sonia. In 1966 Vicky moved to Bradford-on-Avon to teach at a small primary school for 9 years and stayed in Bradford-on-Avon for 8 more years after she retired. In 1983 she moved to Storrington in Sussex and worked for a Mother Theresa Group sorting and packing clothes for India. 10 years ago she moved to a retirement flat in Poundbury, where she looked after the residents' garden. This move brought her closer to Sonia, who lived in Weymouth. When she had to leave her flat, Sonia and I had recently come to Martinstown and were delighted to find room for her in Park House. Within a few miles she had two married great nieces with five "great-greats" all of whom adored going to visit her. In addition she had the comfort of our local church, providing Communion in her flat or at Park House when she was unable to attend services.

The girls she taught kept in touch and more than 50 years later, 21 of her old girls attended her Thanksgiving Service to give a spirited rendition of the school hymn!

Her entire life was spent serving others, whether as a teacher, running a village shop, or helping those in need. On coming to stay with anyone her first words were always "How can I help?" At Park House, the biggest challenge was to get her to ask for help from the staff. She didn't want to bother them!

## The Way Ahead

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September 2008

I have enjoyed my two month break from the magazine and hope you have all had a holiday which did not depend on English sunshine!

Special Days for September have moved from Saints or History to harvest topics and so once again the Blagdon Bard appears in print. There Are Harvest services in Abbas, followed by tea, (page 14) and in Martinstown (back cover). A Harvest Supper is available in Compton Valence for limited numbers (page 13).

The last Adult Brain Teaser produced a few part answers but the details were probably far too obscure. This month's should be a bit easier.

Parish Council meetings are reported again with details of the next meetings in case you want to attend.

I put Village Hall events near the centre pages if possible and I have been told that a real-life policeman will be involved in the Murder evening (page 23). For music and wine try page 21.

The Valley Club talk in the Village Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> September is open to non-members. (page 15)

Freebies are normally popular and page 4 shows one at the Brewers.

We are still looking for someone to take over magazine printing which takes Monica about 4 hours per issue. (page 32) On seeking estimates for the work to be done commercially, I was surprised to find that her efforts are saving as much as £400 per issue! It's not often that voluntary work can save a community £100 an hour!

On a personal note, Sonia and I and all the family were sad that her Aunt Vicky died recently in Park House at the age of 94. She had led a very full and interesting life. (page 10)

Brian B

## **SEPTEMBER SPECIAL DAYS**

### **Harvest Festival and Harvest Suppers**

Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. In England, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. We celebrate this by singing, praying and decorating our churches with baskets of fruit and food.

Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them.

Harvest Suppers are held throughout the countryside to celebrate the safe gathering of the crops.

This issue of Valley & Valence contains details of several Harvest events in our own parishes.

### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Edinburgh 23 July 2008

Dear Editor,

#### **Bastille bo\*\*\*\*cks “C’est pas vrai!”**

Mistakes in the newsletter! Despite it being a voluntary occupation accuracy must be maintained or the children of central Dorset will lag far behind those in Edinburgh!

From any accounts I can find there were never more than about 50 people in the Bastille, and at the storming there were just 6 (or 7) – apparently 4 forgers, 2 lunatics (one of whom believed himself to be Julius Caesar), and the Marquis de Sade would have been there if he had not shouted obscenities at passers by and thus moved a few days prior to the storming on the 14th. The main reason for the storming seems to have been in order to get hold of gunpowder and arms.

I hope that any special days in September which appear in the Valley and Valence are reported with greater accuracy.

I bet you're glad you gave me a copy of the magazine now aren't you!?!

David Braidwood

## THOUGHTS AT HARVEST-TIME

Did you come to our Harvest Thanksgiving ?  
You did ? I'm so glad you were there.  
Did you ponder the words that were spoken ?  
You did ? Tell me this - did you care ?  
Did you share in our supper together ?  
You did? And you enjoyed the fare ?  
Did you think of the folk not so lucky ?  
You did ? What is more - do you care ?  
Did you think of the Man who went sowing ?  
The seed good or bad everywhere -  
Is the seed of your heart good or stony ?  
You know? If you know-do you care?  
Did you think of the Father who feeds us,  
And folk black and white everywhere ?  
Did you think of His Son who died for us ?  
You did? Tell me true - do you care ?

Arthur Singleton



**The Dorset Historic  
Churches Trust  
Annual Sponsored  
Cycle Ride**

**Saturday 13th September  
2008**

**Cycle or walk to Dorset's beautiful Churches  
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**Contact your Parish Organiser to join the event.**

**Andrew Grassby 889542**

**COMPTON VALENCE  
HARVEST FESTIVAL SUPPER  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008  
RAFFLE and GAMES**

**Compton Valence Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**“All is safely gathered in ‘ere the winter storms begin”**

Corn dollies were made at Harvest time from the last sheaf of corn cut. The corn dolly often had a place of honour at the harvest banquet



Supper of Shepherds Pie will be provided

We would be most grateful if you would also bring a choice from either nibbles, salad, bread or a pudding. To help with catering, please tell me your preference when you apply for tickets, thank you.

Please bring your own drinks, alcoholic or otherwise but coffee will be available.

**Tickets are £5 per adult and £3 per child.**

Numbers are limited by the size of the hall, so please apply early for tickets from Tessa Russell:-

**Tel: 01308 482227 or e-mail [tessa.nrussell@btinternet.com](mailto:tessa.nrussell@btinternet.com)**

Thank you, and we very much look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Supper.

**St. Mary's Church – Winterbourne Abbas  
HARVEST INVITATION**

**Our Harvest Festival “Come & Praise” Service this year is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3.30pm which will be followed by Harvest Tea.**

**Everyone is welcome at this service and afterwards.**

As usual we would welcome small gifts of produce and flowers (to be left in the church on the Saturday morning prior to the service).

As we did last year we are again hoping to take part, along with several other local churches, in the **“Fill a Box for the Hungry”** scheme details of which will be appearing in the Church Porch and the Bus Shelter in the next few weeks.

Further details and information available from Joy (Parsons) – Tel 889611

# The Valley Club

September 2008

We all enjoyed our visit on July 12<sup>th</sup> to East Lambrook Manor Gardens and Lytes Cary Manor. The gardens at East Lambrook contained many rare and unusual plants and a number of us took the opportunity to buy some of them at the plant nursery. We were also very fortunate to be able to see an exhibition of watercolours and prints by Moish Sokal who specialises in Indian scenes.

After a delicious ploughmans lunch we continued on to Lytes Cary Manor where we were able to look around the Manor House and enjoy the beautiful gardens. As we had a fine, dry day some of us were able to take advantage of the river walk. Our thanks to Maureen Babcock for once again arranging a very successful outing..

Our Autumn programme of events starts on Monday September 15<sup>th</sup> with a talk in Martinstown Village Hall by Andrew Duke on “Blackdown Hill & Hardy’s Monument”. The talk will start at 8.00pm and both members and non-members are welcome to attend, as this will be of interest to many people living in the area. We hope to see you there.

## Future events:

Friday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>            Social Evening. Carols, mulled wine & mince pies, with The Beaminster Gallery Quire.

Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 09        A talk by Alan Chedzoy on “King George V & Weymouth”.

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 09        Barn Dance with Jump at the Sun.

Pat Willetts Tel 889597



## MARTINSTOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

September 2008

Following the summer break our next meeting in the Village Hall will be at 7.45 pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September when Mrs Lucy Jones will be speaking on "Weeds as Medicines". We have a varied programme of talks arranged for the coming months and new members are always very welcome. Other activities include table tennis every Monday afternoon at 2.30 in the Village Hall, monthly Scrabble at 1 Hardy Close, two book reading groups and occasional garden and theatre visits.

Maureen Marchant and Margaret Barden have produced an entry for the National WI "One Step Further" competition to design a leaflet detailing a favourite walk. This is a 5½ mile circular walk around the village taking in views of Hardy's Monument and Maiden Castle.

In November we celebrate 60 years of the WI in Martinstown – further details of this Diamond Anniversary to follow

Angela Barrett

### **SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOE BOX APPEAL**

Would you like to make a real difference to a child in need?  
Collect a medium size shoe box and fill it with gifts for a boy or a girl.

Age ranges 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years.

More details in October newsletter. Thanks.

Maggie Robertson

**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**

Thank you for the wonderful turn out at our fun day at the cricket ground on 20<sup>th</sup> July. It was great to see so many children having fun in the sun. I would like to say a thank you to everyone who helped make it such a great day, but especially to Henriette and Mark for their help with getting the equipment down to the cricket ground, and Suzy for making all the plans come together. The “Barnardo’s Big Toddle” went well and a picture will be in the Dorset Echo at some point when we announce the total raised for charity.

Andy Connor, Holly’s Dad, will be setting off in late August on his sponsored cycle from Lands End to John O’Groats in aid of the Dorset Kidney Fund. He is going to be cycling 1000 miles in a week, mostly unsupported and carrying all his kit. Have a look at [www.justgiving.com/andyconnor](http://www.justgiving.com/andyconnor) for more details of the trip, a fantastic photo of Holly (the personal trainer) and you can also sponsor him online. Please support this very brave (?) quest and I will have more news on how he got on in the next issue.

We will be continuing with our meetings throughout the school holidays, only closing on Bank Holidays.

Kay Dawson 01305 889140

**“Out of the Mouths of Babes and Sucklings”**

I ran away but nobody came to find me so I ran back!

# JUMP START NEWS

September 2008

Welcome back after the summer holidays! I look forward to seeing some new members as the beginning of the school term starts.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> September, Sally Keeping, a local Mum is bringing along to Jump Start her selection of cards and stationery from Phoenix Trading.

The following week, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, the Children's Information Service from Dorset County Council will be attending with a whole host of local information and support all relating to children!

These and indeed any other organisation that attends Jump Start is not just open to members. Anyone in the village is welcome to attend from 11.20 a.m. onwards, when the classes have finished, and are welcome to stay whilst I am packing away the equipment.

It would be lovely to see some new local members at any of the above sessions, don't forget that there is no contract to join, you can just turn up as and when you want to. Sessions are £2.50 per child; however, for a family of two children (maximum for one adult attending) there is a cheaper price of £4.00 per family. Sessions for the under twos start at 9.30 a.m. and finish at 10.15 a.m. and for the over twos start at 10.30 a.m. and finish at 11.15 a.m. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and Childminders etc are all very welcome to attend this small friendly community weekly event, and I do look forward to welcoming you all!

Jump Start can also be booked for birthday parties in the village hall, and if this is something that you might be interested in having in the future, please do give me a ring (Tel 01305 889 250) or contact me via the website at [www.jumpstartdorset.co.uk](http://www.jumpstartdorset.co.uk) and I will be happy to speak with you about your requirements.

Becky Dovey

## Winterbourne Valley First School Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped our well attended summer fair on Saturday 5th July. The rain held off until the very end, by which time all the burgers and sausages had been cooked and sold by our bbq king Mr Peter Kelsall, thank you!

Everyone had a relaxed and enjoyable time especially the children. The schools trim trail was officially opened at midday thanks to the fathers and friends who raised the money by rowing from Weymouth to Lulworth a couple of years ago. It was a fantastic achievement to raise enough money to build this as well as being able to donate half of the money to CLIC (Childhood Leukaemia International Consortium). The amount raised from the summer fair was £320, so again, thank you to everyone.

The AGM for Parent, Teacher and Friends Association of Winterbourne Valley First School will be held in the school hall at a date to be confirmed. It will be a cheese and wine evening, the new committee will be elected and everyone is most welcome. Anyone with ideas for events or who is able to support us in others ways can contact myself on 01305 889197.

Lorna Miles (Chair)

### ***Martinstown Scout Group***

*Indoor and outdoor activities  
for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts*

*Meet every Monday from 5:45pm till 7:15pm  
at Martinstown Village Hall*

*For more information call Jenny on 01305 889023*

*Adult helpers also sought  
(no previous experience necessary)*

### **CUBS NEWS**

September 2008

Cubs will start again on Monday 8th. September and we would be pleased to welcome new members.

We have some exciting plans for next term including sleepovers, outside cooking and other outside activities, weather permitting.

So - come along and join us.

 <b>Girlguiding</b> 1st Martinstown Brownies <i>girls in the lead</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Martinstown Brownies, c/o 3 Cromwell Road DORCHESTER DT1 2DN T 01305 265574 e-mail <a href="mailto:lisa.upward@btinternet.com">lisa.upward@btinternet.com</a>
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## BROWNIES NEWS

September 2008

Welcome back to the beginning of the Autumn term. We ended last term with a roaring camp fire, hot cocoa and good company at Tawny Owls, with Tiny Tawny and Tiny Tawny jnr in attendance. It was a lovely evening and all those who came enjoyed the singing and refreshments.

Thanks to all of those who attended the Blanchard Trust Fete and came and supported our Jam Jar Tombola. We raised over £40.00 for the Trust which we were delighted with.

We are starting the new term with some exciting gifts which have flown in from our pen friends, a Canadian Brownie pack, with whom we have been regularly corresponding with now for some years.

More news to follow in the next months edition, but may I remind anyone wishing to attend Brownies that they should in the first instance contact Brown Owl (Lisa Upward) on telephone number 01305 265574.

The Owls'

### **Some advice to children:-**

Always be good, be very, very good - but not so good that some wise person says "Uh Huh! And what new mischief have you been up to?"

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
WINTERBOURNE STEEPLTON**

celebrates the  
**300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
West Gallery**

To celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the West Gallery of St Michael's Church and the patronal festival of St Michael, the **Beaminster Gallery Quire** are presenting a concert of 'west gallery' music on

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**

Come and enjoy a lively evening of village church music from the early 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries with a mixed programme of anthems, hymns, dance tunes and even a few Christmas carols from Martinstown, Odcombe and West Lulworth.

The Beaminster Gallery Quire will perform in costume and invite audience participation in several of their pieces.

**Entrance by ticket:**

£6 - in advance OR £8 - on the door

*To include a glass of wine at the interval*

Available from John Crawford - 01305 889377

# MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

## News and events

**ANN MATTHEWS Telephone 889248**

### SHORT MAT BOWLING

This was stopped for the summer but should restart this month, if anyone is willing to take over the task from Ron and Ann. They both want to retire from running it.



### BINGO ON FRIDAYS

**September 5th and 19th**

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

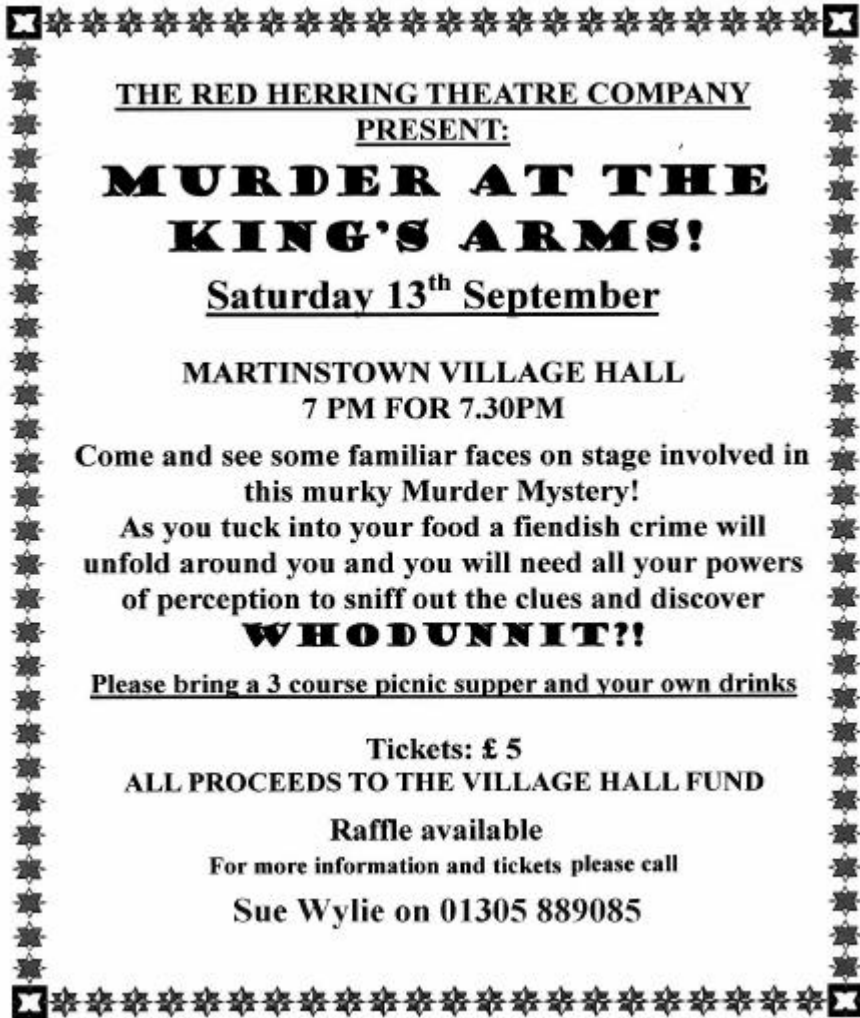
Next event - a play - "The Idiot Colony" on 18th October  
see the Martinstown Website for details

### RED HERRING THEATRE COMPANY

**MURDER** (in the Village Hall) on Saturday 13th September  
Full details on the next page

### POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT 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  
2.30pm to 4pm on 10th & 24th September, subject to  
operational commitments.



THE RED HERRING THEATRE COMPANY  
 PRESENT:  
**MURDER AT THE KING'S ARMS!**  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
 MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL  
 7 PM FOR 7.30PM

Come and see some familiar faces on stage involved in this murky Murder Mystery!  
 As you tuck into your food a fiendish crime will unfold around you and you will need all your powers of perception to sniff out the clues and discover **WHODUNNIT?!**

Please bring a 3 course picnic supper and your own drinks

Tickets: £ 5  
 ALL PROCEEDS TO THE VILLAGE HALL FUND  
 Raffle available  
 For more information and tickets please call  
 Sue Wylie on 01305 889085

**VILLAGE PANTOMIME 2009**  
 Our next pantomime, **Aladdin**, will take place in February 2009. A read -through for Pantomime parts will take place on Sunday, 21st September in the Village Hall, 3pm -5pm. So, if you fancy having a go then just come along. Sunday 28th 3pm - 5pm meeting for allocation of parts.

Fran Taylor

# MARTINSTOWN CRICKET CLUB

September 2008



As we come towards the end of another season, the Cricket Club can report that it has once again been a very successful one. The Saturday League team, having been promoted last year, appear to be heading for yet another promotion.

The Evening League first team – yes, we now have two Evening League teams! – has also been highly successful, and reached the final of the Knock Out cup which unfortunately they lost, but by the narrowest of margins. The new second team, aiming to provide competitive cricket for more youngsters, has not disgraced itself. The Sunday friendly team has had more fixtures than ever this season, and the Youth teams continue to gain experience whilst having fun.

Many of you in the Valley will by now be aware that we have a project going forward to provide a grass strip, rather than an artificial wicket. Because of the water supply at Ashton, we are also intending to put in our own Borehole supply as well. All this costs a lot of money, and we have been busy all summer trying to accumulate funds to progress. One of our methods is to issue Bonds (at £100 each). People in the community have been exceedingly generous so far in purchasing these Bonds, and if there is anyone else who would like to do so, or would like further information, please contact me (details opposite). If you feel that £100 is too much to afford, then there is no reason why several folks shouldn't club together to

# MARTINSTOWN CRICKET CLUB (Continued)

Although this is called the Martinstown Cricket Club (MCC for short!), it has always been open to the entire Winterbourne Valley, and beyond. ( Why should we want to leave behind such a glorious set of initials? Our website is therealmcc!) In fact, the Club Captain, the Evening League Captain and the Saturday League Captain all live in Steepleton, the secretaries live in Winterbourne Abbas, and the Club scorer/membership secretary also came from Winterbourne Abbas! We have a facility in a wonderful setting and still provide the best teas on the circuit.

There are over 50 youngsters on our books and we take any age and ability and try to provide them with some coaching, competition and fun. The provision of a grass strip to play on will offer them the chance to develop better cricketing skills. In this day and age when so many youngsters are getting slated for being out of control, rude and lazy, we can show you a bunch who are none of those.

In addition to just asking for money, we are also about to start fundraising in earnest, so please watch out for any adverts about our events and try and support us.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Pat Bailey, Secretary,  
Greenacres, Winterbourne Abbas, Dorchester, DT2 9LJ



## **Editor's Note**

Google on the internet produced a different sort of cricket so I didn't even try to find a Chinaman and felt that seeking a Googly would be tempting fate!!!

## **WINTERBORNE ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 28th July 2008**

A complaint was reported at the recent Parish Council meeting that vehicles are continuing to park in front of Hope Terrace in such a way as to impair visibility for vehicles exiting from the private drive to the east of Hope Terrace. The Parish Council are appreciative of the fact that car parking space is required in the area and is limited but would be pleased if vehicles could be parked to minimise problems for others. This includes maintaining a safe route for pedestrians. The Police will be asked for their advice in the matter.

The police have trained the PCSO's to use the hand-held speed monitoring devices. Beware they will be used in this area on an ad hoc basis. You need not worry if you observe the speed limit.

The river bank/highway verge is falling away in many areas and the County Council will be asked to inspect these verges to see if remedial action is required.

The Parish Council is pleased that the Post Office has not been included in the list for closures at this time. However it is important that the facility is used by as many people as possible to ensure that it remains a viable business. Post Office Limited has set 1st September as the cut-off date for receipt of comments concerning the proposed closures. They must be sent to:- National Consultation Team, Post Office Limited, FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM or e-mail to [consultation@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:consultation@postoffice.co.uk)

A request from Martinstown Cricket Club for a grant to help provide a borehole and a grass wicket at the facility at Ashton Road was considered by the council. After due consideration and in recognition that the club is an excellent ambassador for the area a grant of £150.00 was approved. The matter will be reviewed again later in the year. It was understood that fund raising is being planned by the members of the club and donations of any sum would be appreciated in this regard.

A diversion of bridleways 7 and 11, agreed some while ago, has been formally approved by the County Council and the definitive map will be amended to reflect these changes. A temporary diversion of bridleway 8 -the Ridgeway- will be necessary during the course of work to provide an additional water reservoir at Gould's Hill. The diversion will be marked onsite.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Office on 22nd September starting at 7.30pm

Stephen Slade - Parish Clerk

**WINTERBOURNE ABBAS AND WINTERBOURNE  
STEEPLETON**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21st July 2008**

A report was received at the recent Parish Council meeting that fly tipping had taken place in the area. This had been reported to West Dorset District Council who is the authority responsible for clearing such items. If you are aware of items that have been dumped illegally at locations in the area please advise the West Dorset District Council who will remove the items. If they can trace the person responsible they will take appropriate legal action and prosecute the offender. The telephone number to ring is 01305 251010.

Oliver Letwin MP is continuing to press for an additional pedestrian crossing in Winterbourne Abbas. In view of the extremely high estimate given by the Highways Agency for this work he has involved the Audit Commission and they will now investigate the way in which the Highways Agency costs its work. This will take some time. In the meantime he will be meeting the Parish Council to discuss the matter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village School, Winterbourne Abbas on 15th September starting at 7.30 pm.

Stephen Slade - Parish Clerk

**The Martinstown Blanchard Trust Garden Party**

We are again grateful to Patrick & Margaret Jeffreys for allowing us to use their garden and this year we were blessed with better weather.

The event was well supported and enjoyed by all the village people who attended. The trust appreciated all those who volunteered to run the stalls and the WI did not disappoint with another great tea. Music was provided by our own "Village People". Thank you to all those who took part. It was good to see Lily and Matthew joining the band for the day. The Trust made £706, of which £135.50 went on expenses, such as insurance etc. The Trust will, at our next meeting, decide how to allocate the monies raised.

A special thank you goes to the Blanchard Friends, who support us generously and to Gareth James. Whilst Gareth no longer lives in the village he has supported both Garden Parties with generous donations.

Geraldine Canniford Chairman

## SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL SOLDIERS AT XMAS

Many local Dorset soldiers will spend this Christmas on active service in Afghanistan and Iraq with two battalions from the Rifles Regiment (Devon & Dorset). We are organising a campaign, supported by the Dorset Echo, to send parcels of treats to our servicemen and women who will be spending Christmas away from their homes and families.

We are hoping to fill up to 600 boxes with toiletries, sweet and savoury snacks, confectionery, small items of clothing, recreational items and anything else you think they would find useful or fun! We also want each box to contain a personal greeting in the form of a card or letter to show the recipient that they are not forgotten by the local community whilst they are serving abroad.

Items will be packed into shoe boxes and the weight limit is 2kg so please keep contributions small and light. We will be packing boxes throughout September to make sure they are there in time for Christmas. Please leave items and letters at the Brewers Arms in Martinstown or contact me and I will collect them.

Susie Hosford – 01305 880102

## Chesil Beach & Fleet Nature Reserve      September events

Although the end of the summer is near, there are still lots of things to do on and around the reserve.

### **The Fleet Observer**

The Fleet Observer is a shallow-draft boat specifically designed to explore the lower reaches of the Fleet. It's not too late to book a trip.

### **Portland Heritage Minibus Tours**

The two hour tour takes in the island's rugged cliffs, stone quarries, churches, villages, harbour and the fabulous array of wildflowers and butterflies. Trips are running until the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Guided Walks**

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> – Autumn Birds Walk

Meet Chesil Beach Centre 3pm. Adults £3, children £2.

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> – Autumn Birds Walk

Meet Abbotsbury Swannery car park 2pm. Adults £3, children £2.

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> – Fossil Walk at Ferrybridge

Meet by the Crab House Café 11am. Adults £3, children £2.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> – Walk at Ferrybridge

Meet Chesil Centre 2pm. Adults £2.50, children £1.50.

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> – Autumn Clean on the Fleet

Meeting places and details to be announced. Meet 10am – 12pm.

For details about our walks and tours please contact the Chesil Beach Centre 01305 759692, or visit our websites [www.thefleetobserver.co.uk](http://www.thefleetobserver.co.uk) or [www.chesilbeach.org](http://www.chesilbeach.org)

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch)

September 2008

Our quarterly Branch Committee Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July was a very busy one! First the pleasure to be had from endorsing applications for membership from eight people. We wish to welcome Jean Baker, Patricia Foot and Gladys Wilkins (Dorchester), Terry Bown (Axminster), Dianne Tucker (Portesham), Geoffrey Carter and Irene Donnelly (Abbotsbury) and Jennifer Ashworth (Bolton).

Then the Officers and Members of the Committee presented an engraved decanter to David Bliss who for ten years has been the Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator for the Branch. David was warmly thanked for all his hard work and dedication to the cause. During his years in office he was able to send (collected from various sources) almost £20,000 to Poppy H.Q. Third the meeting voted to contribute a sum of £400 from Branch funds direct to the Poppy Appeal at this time.

The new Poppy Appeal Organiser is now Major Peter Hoare, 2, Back Street, Abbotsbury, Tel. 01305 871328. He has one or two vacancies for collectors in certain areas - if you can help please contact him.

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 - a talk by Stephen HOGG on "Submarines under the North Pole,"

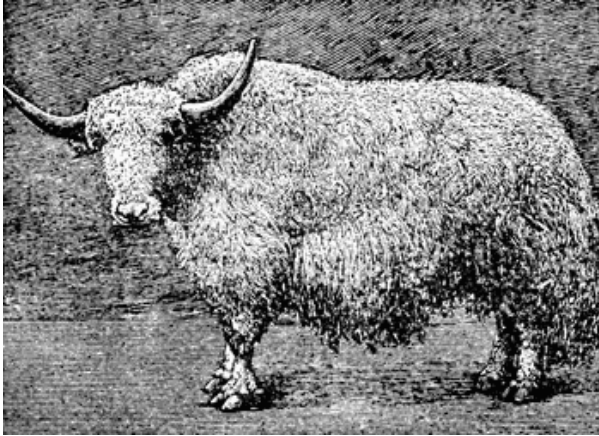
Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, Captain PARR, MBE. Will talk about "The Dorset Yeomanry".

(Both these meetings are at 7.30pm., venue Portesham Methodist Hall).

The Branch Shopping Trip & Annual Holiday are this year combined for a 4- day tour of Belgium and France starting on 28<sup>th</sup> November, by coach via Channel Tunnel. Details later.

Des Baker      Branch Vice Chairman Tel 01305 267617

## The Yak



As a friend to the children commend me the Yak,  
You will find it exactly the thing:  
It will carry and fetch, you can ride on its back,  
Or lead it about with a string.  
The Tartar who dwells on the plains of Thibet  
(A desolate region of snow)  
Has for centuries made it a nursery pet,  
And surely the Tartar should know!

Then tell your papa where  
the Yak can be got,

And if he is awfully rich

He will buy you the  
creature—or else he will  
*not*.

(I cannot be positive  
which.)



## ADULT BRAIN TEASER

**Answer to July/August (No correct answers received)**

1. A yard of string is 36 inches, and *a yard of land is 30 acres*
2. *An aum of hock is 30 gallons*
3. *A chest, or 2 maunds, of OPIUM weighed 149 ½ lbs in East India but only 136 lbs in Turkey.*
4. *BUTTER was measured in firkins as well as beer?*

## SEPTEMBER TEASER

- a. I invested £1000 and lost 25% in the first year. The next year my investment went up by a third.. To the nearest pound, how much did I gain over the two years?
- b. In biblical times there were 20 Gerahs in a 1 Shekel
- c. How many Rebahs and how many Bekahs were in a Shekel?

## AND CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

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



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<b>Wednesday 3rd</b>	10.00am Teddy Praise	Martinstown
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	2.00pm Farewell Eucharist for Bishop Tim	Sherborne Abbey
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>16th Sunday after Trinity</b> 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Sung Eucharist & Healing (CW)	Winterbourne Abbas Martinstown
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>17th Sunday after Trinity</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Holy Communion (Harvest) 11.00am Family Eucharist (CW)	Martinstown Compton Valence Steepleton
<b>Thursday 18th</b>	10.45am Holy Communion (BCP)	Park House
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	4.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)	Steepleton Manor
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	1.30pm Wedding of Vanessa Furze & Paul Membury	Steepleton
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	<b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b> 9.30am Parish Eucharist (CW) 3.30pm Harvest Come & Praise	Martinstown Winterbourne Abbas
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Harvest Family Eucharist & Baptism Amelia Sophia Monteith	Steepleton Manor Martinstown
<b>Weekday Services – September 2008</b>		
<b>Silent prayer from 8.15am followed by</b>		
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

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