



*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

**The Valley & Valence Parish Magazine for**  
Winterborne St. Martin • Winterbourne Steepleton • Winterbourne Abbas • Compton Valence



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# December 2024 January 2025

**Editor's Note:**

*After 13 years of editing and producing the Valley & Valence magazine, I have decided to officially step down at the end of the June/ July 2025 edition.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to each month's editions and to ask if there is anyone out there who would fancy having a go at taking over the running of the magazine.*

*If you are interested, please give me, Graham Herbert, a ring to have a chat, on: 01305 889786*

***...and a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!***

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THOUGHTS  
FROM THE  
DESK of...

**Rev. Teresa  
Stewart-Sykes**

December is the month for Christmas preparations, too much chocolate and too much turkey! January is the month for getting over Christmas; for Slimming World and cutting down on the booze!

Most of us begin December with good intentions to be more restrained in our festive celebrations and to find more time for the simpler pleasures of spending time with family and showing our kids that Christmas isn't just about presents. Even so, like most people by the middle of December I am happily dragged into the frenzy of Christmas shopping and wondering if I've got enough food to feed everyone on Christmas Day!

But not everyone finds the months of December and January a time of celebration. For some, these dark winter months are a time to remember those they have lost who are no longer around. For others who struggle with physical or mental ill health, the Christmas season can be particularly difficult.

So perhaps it is good to remember that the stable was a place of pilgrimage for all sorts of people, angels, shepherds, innkeepers, and kings; each of whom found meaning and solace in the sight of the Christ-child. The stable reminds us that God loves each of us uniquely and knows us through and through; like the shepherds and the Kings we do not need to explain ourselves or our motives in coming to visit the Christ-child because God understands the hodge-podge of emotions, regrets and joys that make up our lives. As the carol says, 'Love came down at Christmas'; a love that was free and given to all no matter what their circumstances.

To help us all to reflect on the true meaning of the Christmas Season, this year the Winterbourne and Compton Valance churches are giving away at the Christmas services in the Churches, the FollowTheStar: Calm and Bright booklets with reflections for 12 days of Christmas from Christmas Day to Epiphany. The purpose of these reflections is to help us to find peace during this busy time. You can find out more and how to sign up for the daily reflections online here:



Whatever you are doing this festive season, remember that you and your family are loved by God and I pray that you all have a blessed and peaceful Christmas and begin the New Year with hope in your hearts.







## The Parishes of the Winterbournes & Compton Valence

**Team Rector** – Rev'd Keith Magee (07766 645135)  
**The Winterbournes and Compton Valence Ministry Team**  
**Team Vicar** – Rev'd Teresa Stewart-Sykes (01305 549252) – from 5 September  
**Associate Priest** – Rev'd Jo Lacy-Smith (01305 889476)  
**Licensed Lay Minister** – Allen Knott (01305 267217)  
**Permission to Officiate** – Peter Wilkinson (01305 889077)

### Organists

**Nigel Power** – Martinstown (01305 889910)  
**Peter Wilkinson** – Winterbourne Steepleton (01305 889077)  
**Laurie Reading** – for music at Winterbourne Abbas (01305 889693)  
 For Compton Valence please contact the Church Wardens

### The Parish of the Winterbournes

There is a single Parochial Church Council for Martinstown, Steepleton and Abbas but each parish church retains its own local church committee.

**Churchwardens** – **Ellie Sturrock** (07980 089470), **David & Joy Parsons** (889611)  
**PCC Hon. Secretary** – **John Crawford** (01305 889377)  
**PCC Hon. Treasurer** – **Tom Webb** (01305 889097)

The Parish of Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Compton Valence

**Churchwarden & Treasurer** – **Jeremy Russell** (01308 482227)  
**Churchwarden & Secretary** – **Peter Steel** (01308 482782)

Dorchester and The Winterbournes Team Website: [www.dorchesteranglican.info](http://www.dorchesteranglican.info)

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

If you want us to remember anything or anyone in the public prayer of the Church, we would be glad to do this as long as permission of the person involved is assured.



## Green Martinstown & St Martin's Church

Are working together to create a Community Garden @ The Rectory in Martinstown to connect people in our villages with each other who enjoy growing fresh food to take home. The Rectory Community Garden will be a place to relax, to engage with nature, and to get active outdoors. No gardening experience is necessary!



**THE RECTORY  
COMMUNITY GARDEN**



## Green Martinstown & St Martin's Church

### THE RECTORY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Come and join us  
at the launch event  
to garden together!  
**Saturday January 11th**  
**10am-12pm**  
@ The Rectory  
No experience necessary





## CHURCH SERVICES during...

## DECEMBER '24 & JANUARY '25

### Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday

10am St Mary Winterbourne Abbas  
11am St Martin Martinstown

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion

### Sunday 8th December Advent 2

8am St Martin Martinstown  
9.30am St Thomas C. Valance  
11am St Michael W. Steepleton

Holy Communion BCP  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion

### Wednesday 11th December

7pm St Michael W. Steepleton

Reflective Christmas Service

### Thursday 12th December

6pm St Martin Martinstown

Winterbourne Valley School Carol Service

### Saturday 14th December

10am-12.30pm St Mary Winterbourne Abbas

Messy Church Christmas

### Sunday 15th December Advent 3

10am St Mary Winterbourne Abbas  
11am St Martin Martinstown

Worship Together  
Morning Prayer with Baptism

### Monday 16th December

6.30pm St Thomas Compton Valance

Carol Service

### Wednesday 18th December

7pm St Mary Winterbourne Abbas

Carol Service

### Sunday 22nd December Advent 4

6pm St Martin Martinstown

Carol Service (please note there is no morning service this Sunday)

### Christmas Eve

3pm St Mary Winterbourne Abbas  
4pm St Martin Martinstown  
11pm St Michael W. Steepleton

Crib Service  
Crib Service  
Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

9.30am St Thomas C. Valance  
11am St Martin Martinstown

Christmas Family Communion  
Christmas Family Communion

### Sunday 29th December Christmas 1

11am St Martin Martinstown

Covenant Service for the New Year

### Sunday 5th January Epiphany Sunday

10am St Mary Winterbourne Abbas  
11am St Martin Martinstown

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion

### Sunday 12th January Baptism of Christ

8am St Martin Martinstown  
9.30am St Thomas Compton Valance  
11am St Michael W. Steepleton

Holy Communion BCP  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion

### Sunday 19th January Epiphany 2

10am St Mary Winterbourne Abbas  
11am St Martin Martinstown  
5pm St Martin Martinstown

Worship Together  
Morning Prayer  
Church @ 5

### Saturday 25th Messy Church

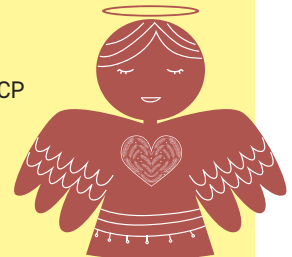
10am-12.30pm St Mary

Messy Christingle Activities

### Sunday 26th January Epiphany 3

11am St Martin


Worship Together





Join us at Messy Church  
 St. Mary's Church  
 Winterbourne Abbas

First Tuesday of the month.  
 3rd December  
 7th January  
 3- 5pm



messy activities  
 games  
 songs stories  
 and supper

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**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT A GLANCE**

**11th December 7pm :**  
 REFLECTIVE CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
 WINTERBOURNE STEEPLETON

**16th December 6.30pm :**  
 CAROL SERVICE COMPTON VALANCE

**18th December 7pm:**  
 CAROL SERVICE WINTERBOURNE ABBAS

**22nd December 6pm:**  
 CAROL SERVICE MARTINSTOWN

**CHRISTMAS EVE:**  
 3pm Crib Service Winterbourne Abbas  
 4pm Crib Service Martinstown  
 11pm Midnight Mass Winterbourne Steepleton

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 9.30AM COMPTON VALANCE  
 11AM MARTINSTOWN

Meditation @ Steepleton Church

*Beginners welcome  
 Practiced meditators welcome  
 The curious welcome*



7pm till 8.30 pm  
 weekly on Wednesdays  
 Jo Lacy Smith  
 889476 or 07841776759

**THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY**

**What is The Bereavement Journey?**

The Bereavement Journey® is a course for anyone who has been bereaved. Each Session comprises two films followed by discussion and with a break for refreshment.

**Where and When?**

Martinstown Village Hall  
 Mondays 4pm-6pm  
 25th November,  
 2nd, 9th 16th December  
 6th, 13th 27th January

To book a place or find out more contact  
 Rev Teresa 01305 549242  
[revteresa@outlook.com](mailto:revteresa@outlook.com)





Hear the Christmas story at  
The Carol service  
St. Mary's Church  
Abbas

Wednesday  
18th December  
7PM

messy church  
choir!  
Everyone is  
welcome

Mulled Cider and mince pies

# CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve  
3pm at  
St. Mary's  
Winterbourne  
Abbas

Come and  
welcome the  
Holy Family  
and listen to  
their joyfull  
story.

# CAROLS IN THE BREWERS ARMS SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 4PM-5.30PM

## FOOD BANK

Thank you for supporting the Food Bank throughout the summer. As winter approaches the requests for help will increase so please continue to place items of tinned and packet foods, as well as toiletries, in the collection boxes in the shop and St Martin's church.

As thoughts turn to Christmas it will be good to offer some festive treats with family food parcels. Please add Christmas biscuits, chocolates and other long dated seasonal foods to our collection points. If possible, please do this by mid December so that they can be distributed in time for Christmas.

Many thanks, **Helen**







T H I S M O N T H ' S N E W S F R O M

## Martinstown Women's Institute

At our meeting in November Doug Skinner spoke to us about the threat to marine life from pollution, sewage, climate change, micro plastics and over fishing by giant trawlers, even in protected waters. We were reminded that oceans sustain all life on earth. He ended on a more positive note. The use of eco moorings in Studland Bay are protecting the seahorses and numbers are increasing. Wild life in Dorset now include beavers, osprey and even a golden eagle.

Our Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 11th December at 3 pm and you are asked to bring a small plate of food to share and a wrapped raffle prize, maximum value £5, for Lesley's famous "Raffle with a Twist". We will be making our usual collection of essential toiletries and sanitary items for the Dorchester Women's Refuge (in small sizes please). There will also be a competition for a flower/Christmas arrangement in a wine glass.

At our first meeting of 2025 on Wednesday, 8th January at 2.30 pm we will be debating and voting on the Resolutions for the NFWI Annual Meeting.

***Martinstown Women's Institute wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.***

**Angela Barrett** - Secretary



### COMPTON VALENCE SNOWDROPS VILLAGE HALL LUNCHES & TEAS

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb



Come and walk/drive through our beautiful village and see the stunning white drifts of snowdrops.

The village hall is just below the church

**OPEN (WEATHER PERMITTING) 11.00am-3.30pm**

To book please ring or email so that we can cater accordingly

**TESSA RUSSELL** – Tel ; 01308482227 mob: 07818037184

email ; [tessa@cvfarms.co.uk](mailto:tessa@cvfarms.co.uk)

Pre booked guests will take priority as the hall is small.

In bad/icy weather we may not be open

Please be considerate of our village/verges etc when parking

Or ring us to discuss your needs so that we can advise you

where to go.

**We very much look forward to seeing you**

**CASH ONLY PLEASE**





## Fran Taylor... *Au revoir, not farewell!*

If you've recently missed the familiar sight of Fran and her trusty dog 'Poppy' walking through the village, it's because she's upped sticks and left us for the joys and conveniences of town life. After over forty years as a Martinstown resident she's headed for Somerleigh Court in Dorchester.

Fran and husband Chris arrived from Portland in 1980 and moved into The Old Brewery House. Later, in 1985, they moved to Steven's Farm House where they raised their family and she has lived ever since.

Throughout her time here, Fran has been a popular and active member of our community. One of the instigators of the monthly Community Lunch, (in fact it was her original idea), she has also been a member of the Village Choir, the Book Club and a stalwart of the Martinstown Players, appearing in almost all of the plays and pantomimes in the last forty years. This love of theatre also led her to actively promote a variety of Artsreach performances in the village hall.

She is also a keen writer, and through "Fran's Blog", her regular and often humorous contribution to this magazine, she provided us with her very personal insight into village life.

Although now no longer resident in our village, Fran will always be one of us. Indeed she's already indicated that it may be difficult to keep her away! Equally, old friends will always find a welcome in Somerleigh Court.

Fran, thank you for everything you have done for us.  
We all wish you health and happiness in your new home.

**Vince Jones & Toni Cooke**



**Martinstown  
Film Club**

**CANCELLED**

Sadly - after lots of testing - it turns out that the wonderful new sound system in the village hall just isn't suitable for film soundtracks

We thank everyone who offered support for this project





# Regular Group Meetings

## MONDAY

<b>The Monday Meeting</b>	2.00 – 3.00 pm	Anne Tate – 01305 889506
<b>W.I Garden Club</b> (1ST Monday in month)	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Sheree Fitzgerald – 01305 889226
<b>The Valley Club</b>	7.00 – 10.00 pm	Ange Shulke – 077888 58935

## TUESDAY

<b>Botanical Art</b> (term times only)	9.30 – 12.30 pm	Pat Allen – 01308 862063
<b>Sequence Dance Group</b>	2.30 – 4.40 pm	Ann Matthews – 01305 889248
<b>Badminton</b>	7.30 – 9.30 pm	Juliet Cleal – 07969 292973

## WEDNESDAY

<b>Chair-based Exercise</b>	10.30 – 11.30 am	Suzanne Fellows-Joyce – 01308 281882
<b>W.I</b> (2nd Wednesday in month)	6.45 – 9.00 pm	Anne Tate – 01305 889506
<b>Beginners' Dance</b>	8.00 – 10.00 pm	Ann Matthews – 01305 889248

## THURSDAY

<b>Poundbury Art Group</b>	10 – 1.00 pm	Teresa Blades – 01305 889947
<b>Sequence Dance Group</b>	2.30 – 4.30 pm	Ann Matthews – 01305 889248
<b>Yoga</b>	6.00 – 7.30 pm	Gemma O'Beirne – 07821 593314

## FRIDAY

<b>Exercise to Music</b>	10.15 – 11.45 am	Suzanne Fellows-Joyce – 01308 281882
<b>Bingo</b> (every other Friday)	7.00 – 9.30 pm	Ann Matthews – 01305 889248



Chairperson – Chris Evans 077714 223587  
 Bookings – Ann Matthews – 01305 889248  
 or email [ronann.matthews@btinternet.com](mailto:ronann.matthews@btinternet.com)





# Winterborne St Martin PARISH COUNCIL

# NEWS

DEC '24 JAN '25

Firstly, we must publish an apology as somehow my seemingly controversial draft of 12th September was published in Cllr Hutchings name, and we all agree that it is unfair that he gets the blame for my thoughts. I certainly don't mind clarifying this as I stand by my words and sentiments and was annoyed that they were attributed elsewhere.

Again, it's odd drafting weeks before publication because much of the PC's activity is currently focussed on things that will have reached fruition before this is published. I had previously mentioned our Budget and this will have been taken by Council on the 27th of November; this can still be amended, particularly when our out-turn is known, but it is this budget that determines the amount we charge in precept. Secondly, I have been party to a campaign to have the PC repay at least some of the monies spent by a parishioner on maintaining the defibrillator – again the PC will have considered the grant application on the 27th.

Also, things are coming to a head with the Memorial Hall/Reading Room, a building which we do not own but for which we have submitted a claim of possessory title. Ownership is complex as it is actually held in ancient Trust, but I've learned that nothing is simple around here! The PC has had a Working Group dealing with this for some time and through their efforts it is clear that the building is in a much worse state of repair than was feared. I have previously described the CIL monies we hold and we have previously published (in, reports and minutes, and at the Annual Parish

Meeting) the possibility or even probability of spending substantial amounts on refurbishing the building. To date we have received no feedback and I suspect that the Working Group will have redoubled efforts to consult Parishioners on proposed expenditure on the building.

Finally, it's pothole season and several of us lost tyres last winter. Please report them directly to Dorset Council ([dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-pothole](http://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-pothole)) use the interactive map to show where it is and ideally take photographs. If you are unfamiliar with the process Cllr Peter Newell is our lead for highways [pnewell@winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk](mailto:pnewell@winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk)

As this is the last publication before Christmas, I think it only right to thank the team that put this magazine together, and particularly Graham for his sterling efforts each month. And whilst I'm on the subject of thanks, it's great to see a new parishioner pick up and run with Advent Calander, now surely a fixture in Martinstown. On behalf of the Council and our Clerk can I wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope that many of you will be celebrating the beginning of a new year full of hope.

As always we publish updates on our website [www.winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk/community/winterborne-st-martin-parish-council-18643/home/](http://www.winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk/community/winterborne-st-martin-parish-council-18643/home/) and the first point of contact for the Council is the Clerk on [clerk@winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@winterbornestmartin-pc.gov.uk).

**Mark Pemberton**



## MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW

### Martinstown NOVEMBER Draw

£25 Sally Webb  
£10 Julie Lines  
£5 Joan Read

### Compton Valence NOVEMBER Draw

£25 Henry Brown  
£10 Chris Roberts  
£5 Andrea Neville Rolfe







# Green Martinstown

Web: [greenmartinstown.org.uk](http://greenmartinstown.org.uk)

Email: [greenmartinstown@gmail.com](mailto:greenmartinstown@gmail.com)

## Community Asset Transfer

The first stage of the Community Asset Transfer application to Dorset Council for a lease on the 10 acres of land north of St Martinsfield and the Church, has been approved by the Council. After a recent meeting with Sam Hoida of DCs Estates Department to answer some of our questions regarding access and covenants etc, we feel it is now appropriate to continue with the Business and Management plans. We have 6 months to complete the plans and will work in conjunction with the Estates department to make sure it meets expectations. We have a team of 5 people working on the plans. We will keep you updated with developments through these pages. This project will be successful with help and support from villagers so do respond to requests for help and/or volunteer your ideas, skills and time. Contact via the website [greenmartinstown.org.uk](http://greenmartinstown.org.uk)"

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## Dorset COP 2

Four of us from Green Martinstown attended the second Dorset COP (Conference of the Parties)

Many of the 200 or so Dorset groups working towards sustainability, mitigation of climate change, adaptation and resilience to the effects of climate change were present. This year the event was held at Bournemouth University and was bigger again. With over 100 organisations represented and 350 individuals - the University was buzzing!

There were 8 workshops on subjects like transport, energy, food production. There were creative workshops, business related sessions, a speakers corner a community exhibition and many opportunities to network. Green Martinstown had a small display.

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## Community Garden at the Vicarage

We have been in conversation with Rev. Teresa Stuart-Sykes, our relatively recent incumbent at the Vicarage. Theresa has a hope that part of the garden at the Vicarage becomes a community garden. The east end of the garden is secluded and accessible from the east, therefore not impinging on her privacy. There is space for growing vegetables and flowers and a space just to be. However, what emerges will be dependent on what the villagers want. So if you are interested please let us know.

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## Emails

While we all know wasting food, energy and water is expensive not only financially but also for our planet many of us do not consider our consumption of technology. You might be surprised to know that emails and cloud storage affect CO2 emissions. The average carbon footprint of an email is 0.3g CO2e. The numbers go up, however, if it's a long email that takes ten minutes to write and three seconds to read (17g CO2e), or if it's got one image or an attachment (50g CO2e), or is sent to multiple recipients. Source Google. It is therefore important not to use 'reply all' unnecessarily and better IT etiquette and less wasteful to delete unnecessary chain messages. Or start afresh and avoid wasteful lazy habits.

Further savings can be made by reducing unwanted subscriptions both online and through the post. The power of unsubscribe, usually found at the base of an email, and required by law, is liberating. A quick phone call to mail order catalogue companies, saves trees, water, print production and postage van delivery services. The businesses concerned are only too happy to update their mailing lists. It's a win win for all concerned.

**Laura Baxter**



# The **MILEATERS** out and about...

...Oh we do like to be beside the seaside! by Lesley Pemberton



On a blustery Autumnal morning, 10 Mileaters set off from Lodmoor nature reserve and walked out to Weymouth seafront and walked a little way along the esplanade towards Weymouth and as the tide was going out we then walked along the tide line coming back up in front of the Pavilion. Proceeding around the old harbour up to Nothe gardens. Along the top of Nothe gardens dodging the squirrels even though one tried to get in Celia's bag! We stopped for coffee on the sea wall looking out towards Portland which was visible through the mist. Walking onto to the Fort where unfortunately Celia stepped in something nasty!

We walked back around the harbour and along to the Pavilion and walked back along the tide line where Celia was able to clean off her boots in the wet sandy gravel. No treasure was found. We moved up onto the esplanade and walked along to Weymouth tip and took the scenic path through the nature reserve back to our cars and the Spring Head pub for a very good lunch even though the service was very slow.

Lesley P



**...it's back!** FRIDAY NIGHT

# BINGO

*NEW TIME!* Every fortnight  
at the **Village Hall**  
Eyes down **7.00pm**

**ALL GOOD FOOD PRIZES TO BE WON!4**

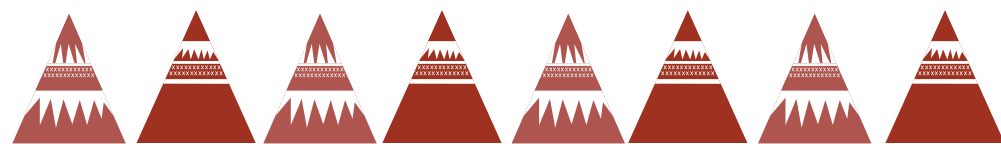




# Martinstown Village Window Advent Calendar 2024

This year, we're once again holding our village window advent calendar, and we invite you to join the fun! Each day, a new decorated window will appear around the village, and you can follow along as they reveal themselves leading up to Christmas. The displays will remain up for seven days after Christmas, offering a great way to enjoy a festive walk with your family and friends. If we fill the last few days, I'll post an update post in public spots around the village. A heartfelt thank you to everyone participating-your involvement is truly appreciated.

<b>1st</b>	Rylstone	<b>13th</b>	1 Burnside
<b>2nd</b>	28 Cowleaze	<b>14th</b>	34 Cowleaze
<b>3rd</b>	Milk Vending Machine	<b>15th</b>	1 Cowleaze
<b>4th</b>	Chantry Cottage	<b>16th</b>	10 The Terrace
<b>5th</b>	1 Manor Grove	<b>17th</b>	The Brewer's Arms
<b>6th</b>	4 Hardy Close	<b>18th</b>	18 Cowleaze
<b>7th</b>	11 Manor Grove	<b>19th</b>	Old Brewery House
<b>8th</b>	4 Burnside	<b>20th</b>	Old Brewery Cottage
<b>9th</b>	10 The Terrace	<b>21st</b>	Grove Cottage, Grove Hill
<b>10th</b>	10 Manor Grove	<b>22nd</b>	TBA
<b>11th</b>	16 Martinsfield	<b>23rd</b>	Rylstone
<b>12th</b>	4 Winterborne View	<b>24th</b>	TBA



## The true meaning of Christmas...

Journey to the stable is an interactive experience helping to explain the true meaning of Christmas. This is ideal for adults and children alike. The journey takes 20 – 30 minutes. There are five Stops stations focusing on a person, persons or a part of the Christmas story with readings and reflections. At each there is a small activity or object for you to take away, so you leave with a bag of reflections and goodies. Open at the United Church, South Street, Dorchester Sat 7th Dec, Thurs 12th and Sat 14th Dec 11-2pm, Fri 13th 11-1.30pm

In the busyness of the Christmas shopping, writing the cards and icing the cake take a few minutes to be still.



# VALLEY CLUB

## *Valley Club News*

Our last speaker event was highly acclaimed, with Antiques Roadshow expert Paul Atterbury talking



to us about William Morris and the Arts and Crafts movement.

Without a single glance at notes, he gave us very much more than an account of a textile designer's life and work. He gave us an insight into the profound societal changes of the 19th and early 20th Centuries through the lens of glassware, pottery, interior design, furniture, architecture and town planning and yes - textiles. We heard how Morris, with Rossetti, Ruskin and others campaigned for a more egalitarian society while making a commercial success of producing work that reflected a very British blend of history and modernity. It was riveting.

As we go to print, the Fish and Chips and Quiz night is a weekend away so no chance to report on it here but...

In breaking news, we can announce that the

Valley Club has signed the act described as "Weymouth's Hottest Buoy Band" for its Christmas Celebration on the 7th December.

Yes, its true - The Dorset Wrecks are coming to Martinstown to bring us sea shanties and other historic songs, to help sail us - on harmonies - into the festivities.



As has become the custom, there'll be the mulled wine with the famous secret recipe created by our founder, the much-missed Ian Gibson - a secret guarded closely in recent years by Richard.

Cheese, wine and minced pies will of course be served and the bar will be open.

This is an event that's free for members but guests are very welcome at a ticket price of £10, collected on the door.

It'll be another chance for members to get together and have some fun as the season starts to get into swing.



**Chris Evans**

Valley Club Christmas celebrations have in recent years been compered by our member **Peter Wilkinson**, who arranged, conducted and performed for us, leading our community's singers and musicians to entertain us absolutely joyously.

***We remember him with love and gratitude.***







## Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

\* Correct at time of printing.

### DECEMBER 2024\*

For more information contact: [www.dorsetforyou.com/recycle](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/recycle)

12th (Thursday)	– <b>recycling and food</b>	5th (Thursday)	– <b>rubbish and food</b>
28th (Saturday)	– <b>recycling and food</b>	19th (Thursday)	– <b>rubbish and food</b>
4th (Weds)	– <b>garden waste</b>	18th (Weds)	– <b>garden waste</b>

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10th (Friday)	– <b>recycling and food</b>	4th (Saturday)	– <b>rubbish and food</b>
23rd (Thursday)	– <b>recycling and food</b>	16th (Thursday)	– <b>rubbish and food</b>
		30th (Thursday)	– <b>rubbish and food</b>
15th (Weds)	– <b>garden waste</b>	29th (Weds)	– <b>garden waste</b>

Up to two extra sacks of rubbish can be collected beside your bin on your first rubbish collection after Christmas Day

No garden waste collections will take place from Christmas Eve until Monday 8 January

Household recycling centres are open from 9am to 4pm daily, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

Extra recycling, including glass and food, will be collected on your recycling collection day, provided it has been separated correctly and placed in a suitable sturdy container (no bags) that can be easily lifted by one person

Please help out crews by putting your glass out for collection before Christmas

My name is Aimee Montero age 14 from Martinstown and a student from Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester. I'm fundraising to travel with Camps International for a once in a lifetime expedition to Borneo for a month next summer. I'll be living and working alongside the locals to help develop the community. This will include long term conservation projects, building and improving sanitation, school facilities, constructing a recycling centre and installing freshwater storage systems.

I'll be learning some skills along the way such as construction, painting, plastering and bricklaying. Plus working in the classrooms, teaching the young children and also learning about their local cultures. I will be involved in activities to tackle deforestation in Borneo, spending a few days at an Environmental camp planting trees to help reforest the area. I will see and understand the impact that Palm Oil trees are having in the area. I am beyond excited to visit the Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, to see these amazing creatures in their natural habitat is going to be amazing. I will learn about the conservation work happening here to protect these endangered species. I will also take part in beach cleans and lots more. I am fundraising for this once in a lifetime experience and invite you all to a Christmas Bingo and Raffle night. Hope to see you there.



## NOTE: NEW WINTER BUS TIMES!

# The First Bus X51 service...

First Bus's new bus timetables show the trial of the X51 is continuing and remains unchanged apart from very minor alterations to the times of the **Bridport to Dorchester Mon-to-Fri schooldays only bus that comes through Martinstown just after 0800 hrs.** While this news is most welcome, if the bus is not well used, we face it being cut once more. So... **USE IT, OR LOSE IT!!!**

**PLEASE NOTE - First Bus DOES NOT run an X51 Sunday Service**

### X51 BUS MINI-TIMETABLE Red = School Days only Blue = Non-School Days Updated 01.11.24

Mon. to Fri. - Westbound		SDO			NSD			SDO		
Weymouth King's Statue	---	---	0930	1130	1330	1330	---	1530	1736	---
Dorchester Trinity Street	---	0802	1002	1202	1402	1402	---	1602	1808	1901
Martinstown Post Office	---	0819	1019	1219	1419	1419	---	1619	1825	1917
Bridport West Street	---	0844	1044	1244	1444	1444	---	1644	1850	1942
Lyme Regis Square	0700	0921	1121	1321	---	1521	1539	1721	---	---
Axminster Railway Station	0724	0945	1145	1345	---	1545	1603	1745	---	---

Mon. to Fri. - Eastbound		SDO								
Axminster Railway Station	---	---	0815	1015	1215	1415	1620	1815	---	---
Lyme Regis Post Office	---	---	0840	1040	1240	1440	1645	1840	---	---
Bridport West Street	0703	0735	0917	1117	1317	1517	1722	1917	---	---
Martinstown Post Office	0728	0800	0942	1142	1342	1542	1747	1942	---	---
Dorch. Hospital	0740	0812	0954	1154	1354	1554	1759	1954	---	---
Weymouth King's Statue	---	---	1034	1234	1434	1634	---	2034	---	---

Saturday - Westbound										
Weymouth King's Statue	---	0930	1130	1330	1530	1730	---	---	---	---
Dorchester Trinity Street	0805	1002	1202	1402	1602	1802	---	---	---	---
Martinstown Post Office	0821	1019	1219	1419	1619	1819	---	---	---	---
Bridport West Street	0845	1044	1244	1444	1644	1844	---	---	---	---
Lyme Regis Square	0922	1121	1321	1521	1721	---	---	---	---	---
Axminster Railway Station	0946	1145	1345	1545	1745	---	---	---	---	---

Saturday - Eastbound										
Axminster Railway Station	---	1015	1215	1415	1615	1815	---	---	---	---
Lyme Regis Post Office	0840	1040	1240	1440	1640	1840	---	---	---	---
Bridport West Street	0917	1117	1317	1517	1717	1917	---	---	---	---
Martinstown Post Office	0938	1138	1338	1538	1738	1938	---	---	---	---
Dorch. Hospital	0948	1148	1348	1548	1748	1948	---	---	---	---
Weymouth King's Statue	1025	1227	1427	1627	1827	2027	---	---	---	---

For a full X51 BUS TIMETABLE visit: [www.firstbus.co.uk/wessex-dorset-south-somerset/plan-journey/timetables](http://www.firstbus.co.uk/wessex-dorset-south-somerset/plan-journey/timetables)



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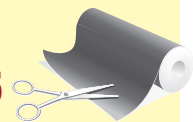
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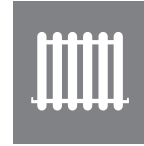
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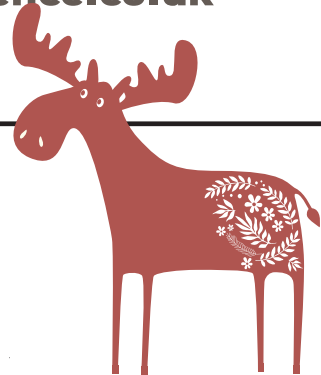
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