



The Mosaic

Hinton St Mary

March 2021

Village Hall & Village Show News Letter February 2021

Village Hall Closure.

Owing to Government Covid restrictions we are still remaining CLOSED until we receive further guidance notice. (Dorset Council provisional Booking Polling Day 6th May 2021.)

We have been successful in obtaining a Dorset Council Grant which will cover the cost of our Insurance Policies and all running costs for last year 2020 and 2021.

The Village Hall has been accepted by Dorset County Council as the Safe Covid Free Local Community Emergency Centre in the event of any Domestic Emergency during these difficult times. (This will only be administered by Dorset Emergency Services to assist any Family within the Village Community that have been Evacuated from their home owing to Fire, Flooding etc during Covid restrictions.)

Village Hall Improvements and Repairs.

The Main Hall roadside front window has now been replaced with a New Double glazed easy opening window. However outside veranda hand-railing to be repaired and re-decorated when we have better weather this spring.

VILLAGE SHOW 2021

GOOD NEWS !!!

It is the intention of the Village Hall Committee that we will be holding a Village Show this Year with a suggested date of **Sunday 5th September.** Set up similar to our last show in 2019 with a few different classes. More news to follow so please prepare your Gardens ready for our Village Show in Sept 2021.



Hinton St Mary Boules Club.

The Village Hall Committee would like to set up 2 Boules Courts within the cricket field (reusing the old cricket net bases with a small fence around to maintain animal free.)

We do need volunteers to help set up. We have funds available for the set up cost, so it will be free for all Villagers to use and, in the event it becomes very well used, we would like to form a small Boules Club to help keep it clean and tidy and to help set up small competitions inviting other Boules Clubs / teams to join us and have fun !! (Village Show attraction.)

This could be a new activity within our Village for 2021, for all age groups to take part, at no cost, enjoy socializing together, at a safe distance if needed, with a few drinks, picnics etc !!

Any Village person that would like to be involved with this NEW activity please contact me.

Many thanks for Supporting the Village Hall & Village Show, we will continue to look after our Village asset.

Chris Hardiman. VH. Chairman. chris.hardiman@creativecontractsltd.co.uk

The Estate

Alice Fox-Pitt

January is a very quiet time for the estate. Dave Stevens has been doing the last bits of hedge cutting so the place is looking very tidy.

A real end of an era is that David and Michelle Dunn have moved out of the dairy bungalow after 15 years. David is now working for the Jeans family and has a tied house at Bagber with the job. Michelle is continuing her work at St Gregory's school in Marnhull. We wish them all the luck with the move.

We are excited to launch the new estate website this month.

www.hintonstmaryestate.com has been developed over the last few months. We worked hard to link it with as many local business and experiences as possible. If anyone has anything they would like us to add please get in touch.

Work has been going on at the tithe barn to move and install a new oil tank to fit new regulations. The tithe barn floor has had a treatment and polish ready for a time when we can all get together again. It looks lovely.

Huge interest is building in the holiday lets. The prospect of a staycation summer has prompted a real flurry of bookings for later in the year.

The old builders yard renovations are continuing and the first new businesses are moving in this month. It will be great to have that side of the road bustling with working units.

1 Daltons cottage is being vacated by Zoe this month. It is a lovely 3 bedroom house with a garage and garden. If anyone is interested in renting it please get in touch through the website www.hintonstmaryestate.com



We would like to thank everyone who has sent lovely cards & messages after moving into our new home in Hinton St Mary. It is great to be back in such a lovely community. Sadly the housewarming party will have to wait!

Celia & Charles Wright

Hinton in the snow 1909



It is taken from the main road looking up to the pub. Phone box is now on the immediate left.

Thank you everyone who contributed to the very generous voucher I was given when I left the village. I will buy something for my new garden which will remind me of my 20 very happy years in Hinton. I shall miss you all and hope to keep in touch.

**My new address is Lammas Cottage,
Charlton on Otmoor,
Oxfordshire. OX5 2UG**

Telephone. 01865 331007.

Best wishes to everyone and stay safe. Ann Garfit.

For Sale

Large plastic 1 tonne coal bunker. 1/3 full of smokeless home fire bricketts.

No longer needed as replacement stove wood only.

£170.00 Ono Buyer Collects

9 Castlemans Cottages. Knock or phone 471071 Tina or Steve

For sale in the Church

There are lovely linen tea towels for sale in the Church, with drawings by Jill deBretton - Gordon of interesting and notable buildings in Hinton St. Mary. A perfect present costing £5.00.

There are also greetings cards with a drawing of the Hinton mosaic, blank inside. £5.00 for 5 cards with envelopes.

Available in the Church and from Shane Johnstone, Yew Tree Cottage. Tel 474670

St Peter's Services March 2021



Date	Service
Sunday 7 th at 9.30 am	Morning Prayer – BCP - Lay led
Sunday 14 th at 9.30 am	*Mothering Sunday - Lay led
Sunday 21 st at 9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 28 th at 9.30 am	Holy Communion

***Please note that booking is essential for the Mothering Sunday Service as we are very limited in how many people we can accommodate under existing restrictions.** Please call 01258 475469 to book – you will be asked to provide a contact name, email address or phone number and the size of the household or bubble.

COVID-19 precautions are in place to protect the congregation and members of the ministry.
Please note that face masks should be worn and social distancing observed at all times.

All queries relating to Church-related support and services should be directed to the Church Wardens

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Or The Rev Philippa Sargent
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The Yard

Alice Fox-Pitt

What a month of weather to be managing horses in! Very wet and then very cold with a bit of snow in the middle. Training continues regardless.

Belle and the team have really stepped up since Adam has left. He is now working 5 days a week for Zara Phillips and very happy. Jackie, Belle, Rowan, Jess, Dan and Lexi have been incredible come rain or shine.

This week's employee focus is Dan.

Dan went to Yewstock school in Sturminster and then joined the Fortune Centre in the New Forest. This is a brilliant college for young adults who are challenged in various ways. The team use horses as the heart of the curriculum. Dan started coming to us for work experience four years ago during his course at the Fortune Centre and now is an amazing member of our team working three full days and two half days. His foster Dad, Andy is a huge part of the Sturminster community project and runs the Friends of Stour Connect. We are so excited for Dan as he has secured one of the wonderful new flats at the back of the old council offices in Sturminster. He walks into work now and during this lock down has been keeping us all very well fed in cake! I cannot explain how hard Dan has worked to get to where he is in the team now. His riding is incredibly natural and he is a huge support to Jackie and Belle with the management of the barn.

William and Kazu have been training hard as they are hoping competitions may have a delayed start but start all the same at the end of March.

Thank you again to all the village for your patience with the horses hacking round the village.

Garden Tips for March

Michael Williams Garden Shop Manager, Harts of Stur

When I mentioned I had been asked to contribute some gardening tips for the Mosaic, it was suggested I might start off with an appropriate quotation. You can't do much better than Shakespeare, so I was going to use: "Daffodils, that come before the swallows dare and take the winds of March with beauty" (from *The Winter's Tale*) but then decided I preferred Garrison Keiller saying: "March is the month God created to show people who don't drink what hangovers are like!" Between the two, I think you get the idea!

What this implies is that you have to tailor your gardening to how the weather has been - warmer, drier days, which get things off to a head start even in February and before March begins - or the other extreme - the dreaded 'beast from the East' when heavy snows can fall on into April. Usually, though the greatest battle at this time of year is wet - making the ground too soggy to get out onto - when you risk treading it down into a quagmire or to hard airless earth which hampers future growth.

What can be done, on better days, is tidying, weeding and pruning where possible. By getting out weeds already growing you are preventing them having a head start as the weather warms up. Be careful of pruning shrubs like photinia or peris, however, which rely on their early shoots to give colour as these can be triggered into earlier growth and are at risk from sudden frosts. If this can be left until you've seen how the weather trend is going in March your spring display will be less likely to have their tips 'burnt' by the cold.

Roses, however, can still be pruned now if this hasn't already been done. Books and articles give advice on pruning but when mentioning 'always prune to an outward facing bud' don't always explain that this helps to encourage growth away from the centre of the bush - important if your plants suffers from the dreaded blackspot. This fungal infection lingers in dead leaves under bushes (if these are not cleared away) and in the stems of plants too. Opening up the centre of bushes, when pruning, gives improved air flow through the plant, helping to stop spores settling and taking hold. Another tip is to sprinkle sulphate of potash (potassium sulphate) around the base of the plants in spring which helps the leaves toughen up and resist infection. This substance is found in the soil naturally but not always in a form plants can readily absorb. Its use can also assist fruit trees or bushes which aren't fruiting well and to harden the leaves of hostas, making them less appetising to slugs and snails.

If the weather is too bad - or you just want a change from gardening in the cold winds - then a trip (within the current restrictions to a local garden store or centre) to stock up with seeds of flowers & vegetables as well as tuber & corms of summer flowers like dahlias and gladioli to start off now can help inspire future hopes of warmer days. With light levels improving as the days lengthen seeds can be started off on windowsills indoors - or in the greenhouse. If in the latter, be careful as the temperature changes between near freezing at night with blasts of heat when the sun appears can play havoc with germination if you have no way of heating or cooling or shading your greenhouse.

Now is also the time to buy your supply of seed potatoes, onions, shallots and garlic in advance of putting them in. Last year's shortages are still in people's minds as these have sold quicker than usual this year but there is still plenty of choice left. Top up stocks of seed potatoes are delivered about now which gives more time to buy if you haven't done so yet.

Hopefully the daffodils and snowdrops braving the cold snap recently are a taste of things to come and if March does tend to be more lamb-like than lion-like we will all appreciate the signs of spring that this heralds.



The Church organ is having a total restoration which means the window, usually hidden by the organ pipes, is visible for the first time since 1914.

UPDATE FROM THE BLACKMORE VALE PRACTICE

The Covid Vaccine!

At the time of going to press, the vast majority of our patients over the age of 70 and those who are classed as clinically extremely vulnerable, as well as all care home residents and the majority of housebound patients, have been offered the vaccine and the uptake has been incredible.

Numbers so far as at 17th Feb - **7277** patients, that's **34%** of our patients have received their first vaccine. This breaks down as follows-

Over 80s - 98.3%; 75-79 - 97%; 70-74 - 93.8%

The Practice is currently offering the vaccine to those over 65, as well as everyone aged 16 to 64 with underlying health conditions which put them at a higher risk of serious disease and mortality.

If by any chance you are one of the very few people over 70, or clinically extremely vulnerable who hasn't been offered an appointment for the vaccine, the easiest way to arrange one is through the national booking service which can be accessed at www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination. Here you can choose a time slot and location that suits you.

If you would prefer to telephone, then call 119 free of charge, anytime between 7am and 11pm seven days a week.

If you are in the 50 – 70 group, please don't contact the Practice, they will be in touch with you in the next few weeks when the vaccine is available for you.

Vaccination sessions began in the Medical Centre in Sturminster Newton and then moved next door into the Exchange, where there is so much more space to keep everyone socially distanced. It also means the Medical Centre can be used to see and treat patients for non Covid related care.

After the vaccine

No vaccine is 100% effective so, after vaccination, we need to continue with masks, hand washing and social distancing.

Transport

If you need support or advice about getting to your local vaccination appointment safely, the council's COVID-19 community response helpline can help.

Dorset Council - 01305 221000

Access to the Surgeries

The Blackmore Vale Partnership encourages patients to contact them if they have any clinical needs. It's really important that if you are worried about any symptoms or health conditions that you get in touch, ideally by the online system – eConsult, for non urgent issues, through the website. <https://www.blackmorevalesurgery.co.uk/>

If urgent, then telephone in the usual way. You will then be advised by telephone and if necessary, an appointment will be made for a face to face consultation. Please don't just turn up at the surgery without an appointment.



MARCH QUICK QUIZ

Dingbat: 22Ltd 33Mob

Ditloid: 6 W of HE

Riddle: I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I

become even. What am I?

ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY QUICK QUIZ

Dingbat: SPICY

Ditloid: 5 RINGS ON THE OLYMPIC FLAG

Riddle: TON

Please let us have any articles, notices, celebrations,, information, items for sale, trusted traders etc you would like to have included in next month's Mosaic. Deadline 24th of the Month. Thank you. Janet, Jo & Nigel.

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