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The Mosaic

Hinton St. Mary

June 2020





What's Not On – Date for Your Diary

Date	Event	Venue	Co-ordinator	Contact
	Village Show		Chris Hardiman	471 628

Due to the Corona Virus Restrictions, we have been advised that the Village Show has been cancelled for this year. [Ed.s]

Proposed Hinton Apple Day

At the Harvest Lunch last year we were bemoaning the number of apple trees in the village with unpicked fruit and windfalls and discussion turned to the possibility of having a village apple pressing day when at least some of this fruit could be turned into apple juice (or cider). We had planned to canvas opinion in early Spring to see if there would be any interest but Coronavirus intervened.

Now that there is possibly some hope of some relaxation in the lockdown, we thought it would be good to have something to look forward to in September, but need to know whether there would be any interest. Now that many of us are focusing on self-sufficiency, a supply of fresh apple juice, pasteurized for keeping, might well appeal, and the idea is to spend a Saturday juicing and bottling and then get together on the Sunday for a tasting and perhaps a lunch.

The cost of hiring a presser and juicer and pasteurizer is very reasonable and if enough people are involved would be negligible. Any suggestions or advice from cider makers in the village or anyone who has any experience of former apple days would be very welcome!

If you are interested in the idea or have any suggestions, could you let one of us know:

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Shane Johnstone
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what will be lost forever if "North Dorchester" forms part of the new Dorset Council Local Plan."

Further pictures and more information can be found on the STAND website: www.stand-dorchester.net

Alistair Chisholm
Town Councillor and Town Crier of Dorchester

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Were You Impacted by the Recent Power Cuts but did not know Whom to Call?

You can find out about the extent of the problem and when it is likely to be sorted, by contacting Scottish and Southern Electricity Network "SSEN" by:

telephoning **105** or **0800 072 7282**
accessing their website on www.ssen.co.uk for updates.

You do not need to be a customer of SSEN for your electricity as they are responsible for all the network in this area of Dorset. This is not a number to call if you want to talk about your utility bill.

Details of how you can register for the free Priority Service **[for those over 60 , with disabilities or special needs Ed.s]**, see www.ssen.co.uk or call SSEN on **0800 294 3259**. The Priority Service offers:

- Dedicated 24-hour priority services phone number
- Priority updates during a power cut
- Nominate someone for us to contact on your behalf
- Provide information in the format you need, for example Braille or audio CD
- Security password to keep you safe.

e-mails Received



Ann Garfit

We write regarding Ann Garfit. She has been amazed and is so grateful for all the kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity extended to her during this seemingly endless period of lockdown. As a 'vulnerable' person she is still unable to leave the house but is rapidly becoming an expert at FaceTiming!

As a family we would be so grateful if you could put a Thank You into The Mosaic from her three daughters Sarah, Jo and Katie to everyone who continues to be so kind and helpful to her. We are so appreciative of the support she is receiving, and we know that she is too. Unfortunately we are spread out all over the country, and have not been allowed to travel and visit her. However we are hoping very much that soon we shall be able to see her - if only at a distance (and wish her a belated Happy Birthday!).

Thank you to all her lovely kind wonderful Hinton friends. You are amazing. We are all so grateful for your kindness, as is she.

Best wishes
Sarah, Jo and Katie

A Cry to Save the County Town

We have received an e-mail from Alistair Chisholm regarding the proposal for large scale development in Dorchester. Because of space restrictions it would not be possible to include the full details in "The Mosaic" but you may wish to either contact Alistair directly or visit the website attached. [Ed.s]

"Please find attached to this email a piece I've written on a very real threat to the setting, and therefore the basic integrity of Dorchester. I also attach a map and some pictures which may help to demonstrate the huge scale of the proposed development north of the Frome water meadows, and give some indication of

From the Editors

In September we would have been producing and distributing "The Mosaic" for some four years but have now decided, due to professional work-load and other pressing commitments, it is now time to hand the baton over to someone new.

We, the editors, have worked very well together with John looking after the compositing, artwork and printing and Pauline taking care of all the logistics, not only in the distribution, but also liaising with all our sponsors and keeping the finances under sound control.

This little publication has given us great joy over the years in putting together all the interesting articles, e-mails and notices received in an accessible printed form which pops through your letterbox, free of charge, every month.

So folks - there is now a great opportunity for some enthusiastic villagers, working together in their own way, to breath some new life into "**The Mosaic**".

We will, of course, give every assistance to whomsoever takes over to ensure a seamless and stress-free transition from September.

With our sincere thanks to you all!

Pauline Sherwood & John Harding

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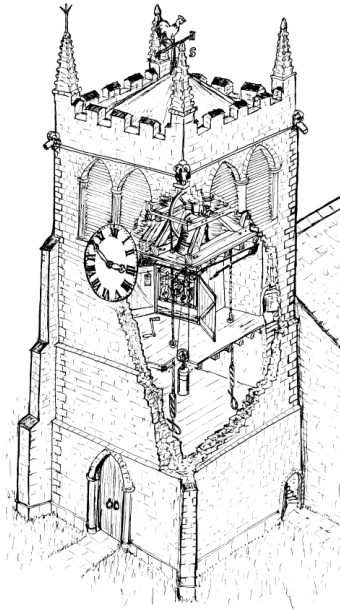
Hinton St Mary Website

Don't forget that you can view and download previous editions of "The Mosaic" and keep abreast with all things 'HSM' on the village website : <http://www.hintonstmary.com/>

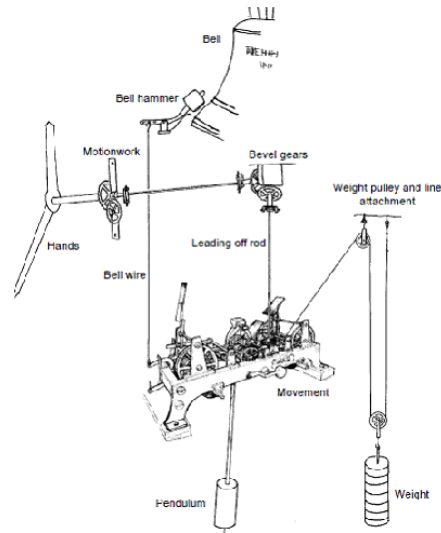
The co-ordinator is Dick Pemberton ripem@btinternet.com
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St Peter's Church Clock & Arthur Hallett

We have just passed the centenary of our church clock, fitted in St Peter's Tower in April 1920 as the 'living part' of the village's Memorial to those lost in the First World War.



Section Through a Tower
Drawn by John Abbutt



A Turret Clock Installation

Generic Turret Clock arrangement

The clock, technically a "Flat Bed Turret Clock", was built in Sturminster Newton by Arthur Hallett from parts supplied by clockmakers Thwaites and Reed, who for many years cared for the Clock in the Palace of Westminster otherwise popularly known as 'Big Ben'. Arthur was the grandson of Robert Young, a Dorset dialect poet who, for most of his life, lived in Sturminster Newton and was a close friend of Thomas Hardy and William Barnes.

A remarkably talented man, apart from watch and clock making Arthur had a photography business, conducted the Sturminster Newton orchestra, was the Methodist Church choir master and head of the local Fire Service.

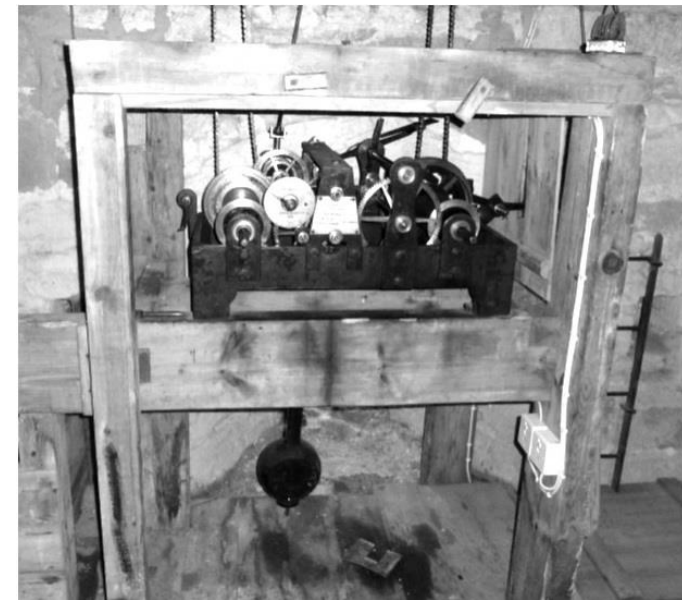
Arthur's workshop was in the Market Place premises now occupied by Boots with the clock mounted over the door.

As with all things handmade, St Peter's church clock is unique with its own characteristics; one irritating aspect of which is its tendency to "wander" with modest humidity or temperature changes (some of you may have noticed!). In times past this was but a minor problem as the clock could be reset during the routine weekly rewind, (often done by a younger Freddie Douch!) before the more recent installation of the electrical auto-rewind mechanism.

With the current focus on health and safety, access to the clock-chamber and belfry is carefully controlled; thus the idea of simply nipping up the precarious ladder whenever the clock needs a tweak is not so simple as it once was; however, we do our best to keep 'Hinton time'

Robin Gibbs

St Peters Clock Mechanism



Thanks & acknowledgements to Janet Bolton & Sylvia Denham, Curator,
Sturminster Newton Museum