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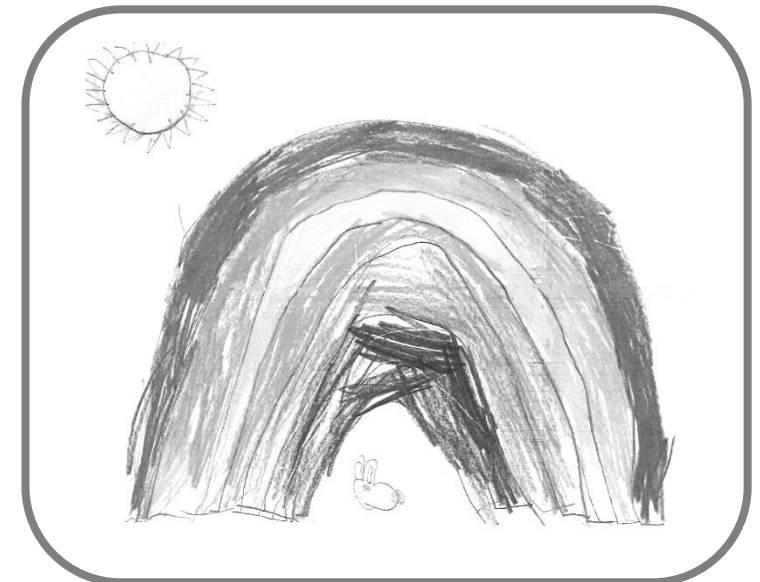
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The Mosaic

Hinton St. Mary

May 2020





What's On – Date for Your Diary

Date	Event	Venue	Co-ordinator	Contact
Sun. 23 rd Aug	Village Show	Village Hall	Chris Hardiman	471 628

(Subject to Covid-19 Restrictions [Eds])

From the Editors

The front illustration this month is just one of many that have been produced by the school children of St Gregory's School and are being proudly displayed in our windows. Come on you artistic folkie people out there, why not send us something we can use to adorn our next edition to keep us all inspired?

Also, have you any uplifting Corona Virus stories or experiences to share?

Pauline Sherwood and John Harding

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Today we had an extremely good chicken lunch from the White Horse. There were a lot of people there, all observing the distance regulations!!, but enjoying the opportunity of chatting with friends and feeling part of the community again. We would all like to thank Matt and Sharon, who must be having a very rough time at the moment, for producing delicious food and serving us so efficiently. For more information and for booking e-mail showie32@yahoo.co.uk. Let us show Matt and Sharon that we appreciate them.

Ann Garfit Janet Bolton

Gina and I wholeheartedly agree.

Robin

Good to see a village commercial enterprise being supported so enthusiastically by the locals - win, win!! [Ed.s]



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

Tel. 471740

Private Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.

e-mails Received



Dog Business

On my daily walk had a stumble to avoid a very large dog dump in the middle of the narrow footpath at the end of Old School Lane. Not picking up one's dog poo is not only disgustingly antisocial but more importantly is potentially dangerously to children especially those living in our village. The dog, with its huge size of dump, is a very large one and I do implore the owner in future, when out walking, to pick up its dog's mess. Thank you Ben for coming to the rescue so quickly.

Richard Collins

On the subject of dog droppings, may I mention that I have recently had to clean up more than once after a dog (or dogs) presumably off their lead(s), within and outside the churchyard, far from a pleasant task! Out of consideration to those who keep it in such good order I have reluctantly had to leave the gate closed during the day, something we never used to do.

Robin



I would like to take this opportunity during the current challenging times of thanking Matthew and Sharon at the White Horse for supporting the community and offering Fish & Chip takeaways on a Friday evening and delicious whole roast Chicken and herby potatoes on a Sunday lunchtime. In addition they have planned to offer pizza takeaways on selected days. It is great that a local business has been creative and supporting villagers.

Celia Wright

Greetings from the Vicar

I've managed to stay in touch with a number of you over the past few weeks, but it's been very odd not to have the opportunity to pop up to Hinton whenever I feel like a walk in beautiful surroundings, or to drop something off in the church – not to make my weekly Thursday trip to make coffee for whoever drops in and to say Evening Prayer. When I have managed to visit while taking my daily exercise, the roads are all but deserted and the sound of birdsong is louder than ever, with even less traffic noise in the background.

But it's been a joy to see how community has continued to flourish, despite the lockdown. Neighbours have been calling each other for a chat, shopping for each other and for those who have found themselves needing to take extra precautions. Even the church has managed to keep going, despite the building being closed. Much as we love our building, it is just a shell for the real church – the community who form the Body of Christ in this village. And that church is still flourishing, worshipping in different ways for these different times. Each Sunday, you can find a simple service of Morning Prayer to use on the St Mary's website – with a link available from the St Peter's pages of the HSM website. Links are also posted on Facebook. If anyone would prefer a paper copy and can't print it out themselves, please do contact me on 01258 473905 and I will gladly put one in the post to you. And, of course, those of us who tune in to the various services on the television and radio now have even more options to choose between.

The building may be closed, but the churchyards aren't. I find it a great joy to walk through holy ground as I take my daily exercise. God's creation is far more beautiful than even the most spectacular church or cathedral and we are blessed to live in (I may be biased here!) the most beautiful county in England. Perhaps in these strange days, we will each find new ways to connect with God and truly discover that He is not limited by the walls and boundaries that we often try to place around Him.

I wish you joy and peace in your homes and look forward to the day when we will all be free to meet again in fellowship and worship.

God bless you all,

Philippa



Dear Friends,

“Inmates of HMP Guys Marsh in Dorset are sewing 500 items for Yeovil hospital, following donations of materials and sewing machines from local villagers.” Extract from a national newspaper.

At a time of gloom and restrictions it is heartening to learn of the many positive aspects it is producing. FOGM is doing its part and answering the call to arms! Our GM residents having already made various items for Shaftesbury hospital and this led Yeovil to send their order for scrubs and laundry bags – undoubtedly more requests will be made. However, being short of sewing machines GM asked if FOGM could locate any machines to speed up and increase output. The workshop will be fully occupied for the foreseeable future and as equipment increases more men will be able to join the team.

Trustees immediately set to the task by sending out a plea for machines to local people and offers quickly came. We also successfully searched for suitable material and thread for scrubs and other equipment from local companies. We delivered some machines etc. last week with another consignment going in today. The men are really applying themselves to the task and learning new skills at the same time. The workshop has a great air of focused industry.

This morning our Chairman gave an interview on Shaftesbury radio station, ‘This is Alfred’, which resulted in more responses and if any Friends have machines, fabric or cotton sheets (washable at 60 deg.) At some point we will have exhausted our supplies so this arrangement will not last that long! **(to donate please see details below Eds)]**. GM also asking for yellow ribbons (any size) to tie to packages for distribution to hospitals.

We also need occupational materials (i.e. notepads, drawing paper, pencils, jigsaws, rubic cubes, puzzles, board games, self-help books – but not playing cards) for men not engaged on this work, many of whom have to spend much time locked in their cells. Offers again, please; we can’t have too many!

We are delighted to report that despite visits being suspended and residents only able to have short access to fresh air, the environment “inside” is relatively calm at present. The men are showing consideration and great concern for officers and their families as well as coping with the worry for their own families.

Hinton ‘Lockdown’ Recipes – Creamed Spinach

This recipe has been especially selected as a positive contribution to the health of the village in the circumstances. It contains absolutely no flour or toilet rolls and is definitely better for you than injecting yourself with ‘Dettol’. (We have come up trumps with this one).

- 750g fresh baby spinach leaves
- 45g butter
- 125 ml full fat creme fraiche
- 1/4 tsp grated nutmeg
- 1-2 tbsps grated Parmesan cheese, salt & pepper to taste

Wash spinach thoroughly. *(Preferably not alcoholic hand-gel, water is fine)*

Melt butter in saucepan, add spinach, stir until all butter is absorbed. Add half of creme fraiche, nutmeg, salt & pepper and heat through.

Transfer to a shallow flameproof dish, pour the remaining creme fraiche on top, sprinkle the Parmesan over.

Put under a hot grill for a few minutes until lightly browned. Serve hot.



Some Village Thoughts on the 'Lockdown'.

Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.

I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.

Still haven't decided where to go for Easter ----- The Living Room or The Bedroom

Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.

I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog.... we laughed a lot.

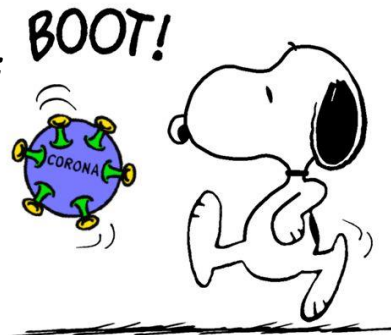
Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.

I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the rubbish. What should I wear?

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.

Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.

**Remember, no storm lasts for ever;
hold on – be brave.**



The challenge is for this atmosphere to be sustained over the longer period and we applaud the Governors and staff for coping admirably with this extremely difficult situation thus far.

On behalf of us all, please keep yourselves safe, well and enjoyably occupied,

Roberta

PS. Since lock down we have been active by finding methods to continue with a variety of support for residents.

Hinton Collection: it has been arranged with Mrs. Val Pitt Rivers that donations of fabric and machines could be left at her home using the covered loggia space by the back door - the loggia faces onto the water fountain. No need to contact Val. She will arrange to have donations kept in a shed and they will be collected from her on Mondays and Thursdays at 5 pm.

Pauline

Just in case you keep losing track as well ...



Spring Just Keeps On going

Blossom covered lanes, blackthorn and wild cherry; catkins, green and russet brown; white wood anemones and purple violets; celandine - carpets of sunshine, banks of bluebells in Wood Lane. Cowslips, yellow dead nettles and an abundance of creamy white cow parsley springing up everywhere. A palette of Spring colours.

During this “stay at home” time, rediscovering our village lanes and footpaths is not only good exercise and a mindful activity, it is helping me to find hidden gems on my doorstep - no need to get in the car it's all here.

We have lived in the village for many years and as we no longer have our beautiful Irish setter to take out for lengthy walks, walking alone can be tricky. Most people I see are out walking with their dogs so seeing people like me, alone and walking for pure pleasure are few and far between but it may become a popular past-time. We shall see!

***No driving, no travelling
- just walking, listening,
looking and seeing.***



Strolling through the small copse where white flowers of wild garlic cover the ground like snow and the woodpeckers call, I reach the river Stour. It moves slowly, reflecting cream coloured reeds and freshly greened willows. The Blackmore Vale stretches out before me towards the Dorset gap. The landscape is like a Constable painting with sheep safely grazing.

A steep lane leading to Cutt mill and the thatched mill cottage reveals the river again but it now tumbles and froths over a weir and flows under the footbridge to calmer waters on the other side. Spotting a kingfisher here is a rare sighting, however with more time to spend “standing and staring” who knows, we may get lucky.

Everything is greening up but while the Blackthorn is in flower the chilly winds may return although so far the weather has been kind to us during this “month of Sundays.” It is sometimes difficult to remember what day of the week it is. Many people are working from home, children no longer at school, the pub is closed, the church and most shops are closed but the birds simply carry on as usual, pairing up, nest building, singing.

The dawn chorus grows louder every day and the sunrise earlier.

Spring just keeps going on!

**Lin Adams
3 White Horse Lane**

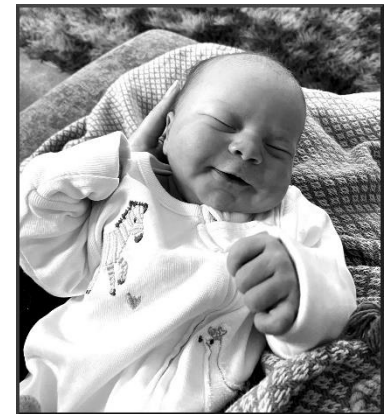
Something to Really Raise Your Spirits!

Gemma and Andy would love to introduce you to Hinton St Mary's newest resident.

Isabelle Ann Hampton born the 10th March at 8:11pm weighing 8lb9oz.

Our sincerest congratulations to Gemma & Andy at “Keeper’s Cottage”.

...this has made a significant difference to the average age of the village residents !



Our sincere apologies to Gemma and Andy for our not being able to publish this really happy news in last month's editon. [Ed.s]