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The Mosaic

Hinton St. Mary

September 2019



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What's On – Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Venue	Co-ordinator	Telephone
1 st Tues every month	Village Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12.00	Village Hall	Gina	471493
1 st Sept.	Hinton St Mary Village Show		Chris Hardiman	
Sat. 7 th Sept.	Hedgehog Friendly Village Meeting	Village Hall	Becky Conduit	
Sun. 13 th Oct.	Harvest Festival Service & Lunch	St Peter's Church & Tithe Barn	Please see article	

Hinton Recipes - Baked peaches with berries and honey

(serves 4)

- 4 ripe but firm peaches
- 150g blueberries
- 130g raspberries
- 130ml freshly squeezed orange juice & 1 optional tbsp orange zest
- 2 tbsp runny honey
- 200ml plain yoghurt



Preheat oven to 180' C/350'F/gas mark 4. Cut the peaches in half, remove stones & place the fruit cut-side up in a shallow ovenproof dish.

Place the berries in a bowl, pour in the orange juice & honey & mix together. Place the mixture into the peach stone hollows & drizzle the juices left in the bowl over the peaches.

Cook in the centre of the oven for 8 minutes. Meanwhile mix the yoghurt with the zest.

Serve 2 peach halves per portion, topped with the yoghurt.



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/>

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Many thanks to all those taking the time and trouble to send us interesting articles and e-mails.

Please support us by e-mailing (or telephoning us) by the 15th of the month to either (or both!):

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John Harding JohnHarding@live.co.uk 471896

Please let the editors know of your events in good time for the next edition!

Just for Fun



St Peter's Services for September 2019

Due to the Vicar being on annual leave during September there are changes to the Service pattern, which are detailed below

Date	Service
Sunday 1 st	No Service at St Peter's Benefice Service at St Mary's Sturminster Newton at 9.30 am
Sunday 8 th	No Service at St Peter's Benefice Service at St Thomas' Lydlinch at 11.00 am
Sunday 15 th	Holy Communion at St Peter's Modern Language at 10.00 am
Sunday 22 nd	Holy Communion at St Peter's Modern Language at 10.00 am
Sunday 25 th	No Service at St Peter's Benefice Service at St Thomas' Lydlinch at 11.00 am

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

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robin@aviaconsult.uk

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or:

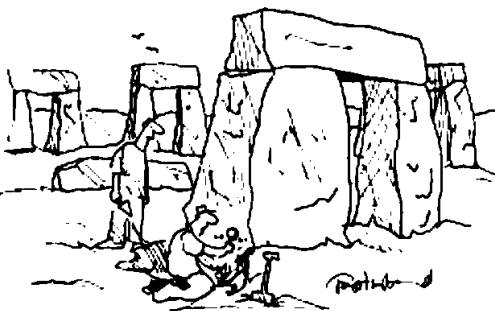
The Rev Philippa Sargent, The Vicarage, Sturminster Newton

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... You're right, it says 'Made in China'...



St Peter's Church - Harvest Festival 2019

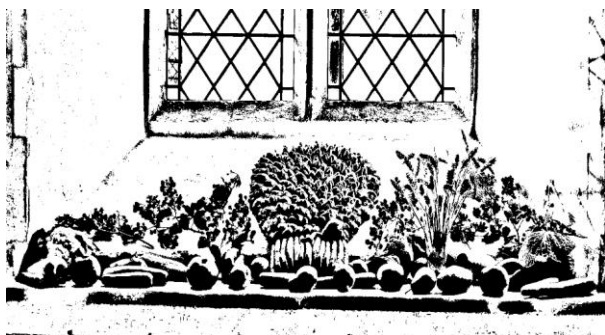
Sunday 13th October

Everyone is once again warmly invited to a family-orientated village celebration of Harvest Festival in St Peter's Church at 10.00 am. The Church Service will last approximately 45 minutes and everyone is welcome be they regular, occasional or first-time churchgoers. There is no requirement for harvest gifts to be brought to the Service, but gift offerings for the food bank will be very welcome.

Anyone who prefers not to, or is unable to attend the Church Service is very welcome to join us for the Harvest Lunch and meet other people from our very special village. The lunch will be as usual in the Tithe Barn at 12:30; (doors open at 12:00). As usual, please bring your own cutlery/crockery, a main course and sweet dish to share at the communal table; wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be provided free of charge.

The traditional preparation and decoration of the Church and the Tithe Barn will be done on the morning of Saturday 12th October, from 10:00; any and all helpers are welcome.

We hope to see as many people as possible, but to give us some ideas on numbers for the Lunch, please call Robin Gibbs on 01258 471493 or email him on robin@aviaconsult.uk soon as possible.



Hedgehog Friendly Village

Don't forget the second meeting is booked for Saturday 7th September, 10am for 10.30am start at the village hall. This will continue our journey towards becoming a hedgehog friendly village with the Dorset Mammal Group. They will once again be giving an informative talk giving us advice on how to encourage hedgehogs in to our gardens and they will be able to answer any queries you may have.

Everyone is welcome (including children) and it doesn't matter if you couldn't make the first meeting. Entry is free, refreshments will be available and there will be a free hedgehog information pack to take home too.



I look forward to seeing you there so we can share the success stories that I have heard about since the first meeting.

Becky Conduit

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Correspondence Received

Hello

I would like to thank my friends and neighbours for all their kind wishes and prayers after my accident and subsequent stay in hospital.

Also, many thanks to those who took the time out of their busy schedules to visit me and kept me up-to-date with news and subsequent engaging conversation throughout the long days.

**"Thank you" very much.
Mary Mouch"**



Ride & Stride 2019

The year the Rev David Dunning will ride out in support of Dorset Historic Churches Trust and specifically to benefit St Peter's during the DHCT Ride + Stride event on 14 September. He plans a 'Thomas Hardy Trail' beginning and ending in Dorchester. He requests event sponsorship as the number of churches visited will depend on weather and fitness.



Dorset Historic Churches Trust provides funds to help parishes keep their churches weatherproof, warm and available for worship and wider public use. In recent years, it has helped with grants for the addition of kitchens and loos to increase the usability of buildings which have traditionally only been used on Sundays. Last year, the Trust awarded grants totalling £131,600 to 19 churches. St Peter's, in Hinton St Mary, has received funds from DHCT to support the maintenance of the church (details are on the notice board in the porch).

Most of the Trust's income comes from the annual sponsored Ride + Stride event. In 2018, well over £89,000 in sponsorship was raised by hundreds of participants of all ages and abilities. 50% of all money pledged was returned by the Trust to the churches nominated by the riders or striders, so everyone benefited.

Please sponsor David or other riders and striders when they approach you over the next few weeks. Remember that half the sum pledged will be gratefully used by the Trust to sustain our wonderful churches and the other half will be given back to St Peter's in Hinton St Mary. You can donate through JustGiving at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hsm-rideandstride.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Alternatively a sponsorship form is available in the church. Please add your details and Kevin Peto Bostick, one of our Churchwardens, will contact you for your donation.

Return to Dorset of the Hinton St Mary Mosaic

A number of villagers, representatives of our Parish Council, Dorset Council and Sturminster Newton Town Council recently attended a meeting at the Tithe Barn, at which a presentation was made by Dr Jill Cook from the British Museum on the proposed return of the Mosaic to Dorset.



The meeting was advised that although it was normally the desire of the British Museum to loan artefacts back to the area they were found, the return of the Mosaic to North Dorset was not going to be possible. Unfortunately, the current Museum in Sturminster lacks the trained, experienced and professional curatorial staff to look after such an important artefact and the building would not be able to meet the stringent requirements for environmental conditions or security and the building of any extension or a new building of a size required to house the Mosaic and staffing this was not going to be financially possible. In addition, the infrastructure within the town and in particular in Hinton St Mary, including the roads, parking and suitable accommodation was considered to be inadequate for the numbers of visitors required to make any building housing the Mosaic alone sustainable.

Dr Cook proposed that subject to the approval of a feasibility study, the Mosaic would instead be loaned to the Dorset County Museum, to be housed in an existing building at the rear of current museum as part of the second phase of their redevelopment, hopefully to be on show by 2023, the 60th anniversary of its discovery. Dr Cook advised that there would be support from the British Museum and the Dorset County Museum to create facilities within Sturminster and HSM as part of a Roman trail in Dorset and adjoining counties.

If you have any sustainable ideas of what could be created in Sturminster or HSM, please send these to me, Shane Johnstone on johnstone.ytc@btinternet.com, or call me on 474670 or drop a hard copy of your ideas into my home at Yew Tree Cottage, HSM.

A Lost Opportunity?

Some of the prerequisites for a successful outcome to a project meeting are that those who attend do so with an open mind and listen carefully to any presentations in order to fully understand any issues. Having done so, they then may be in the position to offer support, even albeit in a very minor way, to progress the project.

It was in this frame of mind, which I am in little doubt was shared by others, that I went to the recent closed meeting about the future of the Hinton St Mary Mosaic. I had anticipated that, following the article published in "The Mosaic" in August 2018, that we would be appraised of the progress of the Sturminster Newton Working Party where the potential to re-site the HSM mosaic in Stur would be a catalyst for the regeneration of the whole area of North Dorset. No mention of this Working Party's progress was made !

The presentation given by Dr Jill Cook from the British Museum (BM), although informative and showing great enthusiasm for the mosaic to be returned to Dorset, quite definitively quashed any aspiration that Sturminster Newton would be its new home. What was particularly disturbing was the assertions made that, if the BM became aware of any indications of dissent from their decision to re-site the mosaic to the Dorset County Museum (DCM), they may well consider simply archiving it in boxes in the new Archaeological Research Collection in Reading.

Furthermore, Dr. Cook informed us that the "medallion" (head of Christ) would be loaned to museums Worldwide while "our" mosaic would have a replica. Given that she boasted the fact that the replicas they made were indistinguishable from the originals, surely it would make more sense to send the replica around the world and keep the original safe in Dorset ? Ergo if people wanted to see the real thing they had to come to Dorset !

Given that the plan to re-site at the DCM is itself subject to a feasibility study, it appears strange that Sturminster Newton has been proscribed from formulating a 'Plan B'.

I felt that the comments made about Stur being lacking in the management expertise and inabilities to raise sufficient funds were simply disparaging assertions with little or no evidential support. The claims made that, because of

the lack of transport infrastructure, Stur could never support the required visitor numbers to make a new home for the Mosaic viable, were simply nonsense.

If, for example, one had the vision to host a musical festival that attracted over 200,000 visitors would you discount this being held in a muddy field somewhere off the A361 in Somerset? Closer to home, a similar number are attracted to the Dorset Steam Fair - the biggest in the World. Neither are people put off making the arduous trek to Stur to the highly successful Cheese Festival or even the now internationally renowned Boogie-Woogie Festival.

Finally I quote verbatim the following:

"The Exchange is our community resource with almost no equivalent in the country let alone the county. Built using funds gathered from its community and almost entirely manned by volunteer staff it provides a social centre, a cafe, a place for markets, a home to charity and community events and above all else a performance space for local, national and international performers of a standing that belies Sturminster's location and population".

Following the closure of the Cattle Market in 1997, by 2005 the community with an adult population at the time of something exceeding 2,000, managed to secure £2.5 million of funding for this incredible project.

Enough said !

John Sherwood

