**THE MOSAIC**

**HINTON ST MARY**

**August 2023**

**Hinton St Mary Millennium Garden Volunteers: July – August 2023**

The Millennium Garden volunteer group continues to meet on Tuesday afternoons, whenever possible to work on the upkeep of the garden.

For a few years now Richard Collins has regularly cut the grass in the main part of the garden for us but is giving up soon. We are very grateful to him for helping to bring out the best of the garden and his contribution will be greatly missed. If anyone would be willing to take up the work, please contact one of us.

The wildlife friendly planting has been a great success, bringing colour, as well as insects into the garden. While our reptile covers have already offered a regular warm place for slow worms to enjoy.

We are also happy to see more visitors enjoying the peace and quiet of the garden.

The Millennium Garden Team (Contact – gmjames28@icloud.com.)

A garden with many flowers

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**THE MONTHLY VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**

**Tuesday 1st August 10.30 – 12.00.**

The cost is £1.50– for as much coffee or tea as you can drink and as many biscuits

as you can eat.

**THANK YOU ROGER** Janet Bolton

Roger Bartlett did a lot for the village during the long time that he lived here.  You may be interested to hear the story of the Village Garden, which owes its very existence to Roger’s kindness and generosity.

A number of people felt strongly that we should have something of consequence in the village to commemorate the Millenium.  A small informal group was formed consisting of Mrs Pitt-Rivers, James Rawe, Tom Denny (a stained glass artist living in the village) and me.  Our first thought was to have the overhead power cables put underground, but the cost was prohibitive!!

Mr. Pitt-Rivers offered us the piece of ground opposite the pub and this seemed the perfect opportunity to create a space for a stone bench which we could commission to record the years of Christianity in the village since the laying of the Hinton Mosaic.  We sent a letter round the village, offering 3 choices – the removal of some pews in the Church and replacing them with chairs, making a village garden and something else so riveting that I have completely forgotten.

The response was amazing – 100% support for a village garden.

The initial excitement was quite quickly followed by horror at the realisation that, before we went any further, we had to remove the enormous water tank which completely filled the entrance to the land.  Until the village had been connected to ‘mains ‘ water, the tank had held all the water the village used.  In spite of some initial enthusiasm, it was obvious that this was not a DIY job.  Somebody had to go and talk to the professionals and try to negotiate a price which we would be able to raise.  So I went to talk to Roger.

I am sure I waffled on at length about what we had done and what we hoped to achieve, when Roger said “Can you wait until January?”  It was late Autumn then and I assured him that January would be the perfect time !!  He said that if it could be done when they were not busy, they would remove the water tower and clear the ground as Bartlett’s contribution to the village project.  I cried and he gave me a tissue.

A wooden fence in a field

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A yellow excavator with a pile of bricks

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****Hello Hinton St Mary

What an amazing welcome we have had! Andy, Sam and I have been absolutely bowled over by the incredible response we have had coming into the village. We can already see what a special place Hinton St Mary is. Thank you all for being so supportive of us in our first couple of weeks.

The same amazing team is staying on with us and they have all been fantastic showing us the ropes and the lovely Sarah has gone above and beyond to help us settle in – thank you to all involved.

I would also like to mention Alice, Simon, Eric, Michelle, James and Gail for helping us get into the pub and providing much needed technical assistance and advice – we could not have done it without them.

Just for some clarification; Our new opening hours-

**Bar**

Wednesday 12-3pm 5pm-10pm

Thursday 12-3pm 5pm -10pm

Friday 12-11pm

Saturday 12pm – 11pm

Sunday 12pm – 5pm (1st Sunday of every month we will be open for Mark Stegg’s quiz night)

**Food**

Wednesday 12-2:30pm 6pm – 9pm

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Saturday 12 – 2:30pm 6pm – 9pm

Sunday 12- 3:30pm

Our new menu changes regularly with a speciality being fresh Cornish seafood. If you would like a sample menu please pop in and we can give you an idea of what we do, alternatively have a look at the website [www.thewhitehorsehinton.co.uk](http://www.thewhitehorsehinton.co.uk)

Our first date for your calendars is Mark Stegg’s Quiz night on the 6th August from 7pm. It is the first anniversary of the Quiz and our first quiz so we are very excited. Please note that just the bar is open on the evening not the kitchen.

It has been wonderful getting to meet everyone and we really look forward to getting to know everyone and this wonderful village.

See you soon Mel, Andy & Sam

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| **Hinton St Mary Dig – Evening Lecture**  The Evening Lecture showcasing the results of the excavation project on 19th July was very well attended and enjoyed. Peter Guest will be writing a full report of their findings and the conclusions they have come to which we hope to receive in time for the September Mosaic. |

**A Memorable afternoon in Hinton St Mary**

The afternoon of Thursday 29th July started off like most afternoons until my phone rang at 2:15pm.

I answered it to be greeted by a very excited Janet Bolton with the news that she had just found a rather large caterpillar walking across her kitchen floor.

At the time we did not know the exact identity of the intruder so I told Janet I would be with her shortly with my “Field Guide to Moths” to see if we could identify the species of the caterpillar.

I arrived to find that Janet had managed to trap the caterpillar in a plastic food container and had put some lettuce leaves in with it thinking that it might want something to “chomp on” although she had no idea at the time what its usual food plant was.

With the aid of my Moth Guide book, we were quickly able to identify it as the caterpillar of a Death’s Head Hawkmoth – a colourful and beautiful creature as can be seen from the photos.

Where the caterpillar came from and why it entered Janet’s house is a mystery particularly as its main larval foodplants are the leaves of potato plants and Deadly Nightshade, neither of which are thought to be nearby. However, climbing the back step and finding its way over the tiles to the kitchen shows a definite sense of purpose.

Whilst it was on the hard floor Janet put her hand, which measures 6.5 inches, beside it and it was slightly longer than this.

It would have been great to be able to take the photos of it in a more natural environment but it was such a lively and powerful creature that we knew it would have disappeared the moment we let it out of the box.

With some reluctance, John, Janet’s son left the caterpillar later that evening in a nearby field by a privet hedge.

The Death’s Head Hawkmoth is an immigrant to the UK and only recorded in small numbers most years. It was a “once in a lifetime” chance to see this caterpillar and I am very, very grateful to Janet for alerting me to the presence of this caterpillar.

There is also an added twist to this story. Almost exactly a year ago on Thursday 25th June 2022 Janet’s son, John had just gone upstairs when her little cat ran past chasing what they thought was, a small bird.  Janet grabbed the cat and called John to come down and rescue the bird.  He immediately recognised it as a Death’s Head Hawkmoth and as he cornered it under a shelf it made a noise like a bird’s contact call. As he put his hands around it, he realised it was too big to be held by hand, so they caught it with a large glass and a sheet of cardboard.  They immediately released it outside and it flew off unharmed.

Could this caterpillar have returned to Janet’s house looking for its mother?

Unlikely but a nice thought.

Written by John East

A colorful caterpillar on a plate

Description automatically generatedA colorful caterpillar on lettuce

Description automatically generated**Deaths Head Hawkmoth Caterpillar and a Deaths Head Hawkmoth**

A caterpillar with a leaf

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**SNO – Summer Concert**

We would like to express our great appreciation to the villagers of HSM who attended our concert at **“The Exchange”** on the 15th July.

A poster with text and flowers

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With your wonderful generosity we raised over £650 towards the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal, which is an amazing sum.

Our next offering will be our Christmas Concert in December (… now that’s a scary thought for mid-Summer!) and we hope to see you all again then.

With sincere thanks

**John Harding**

**(for Sturminster Newton Orchestra)**

**St Peters’s Church – Hinton St Mary**

**Services August 2023**



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| **Date** | **Service** |
| Sunday 6th August 9.30 am | Holy Communion BCP |
| Sunday 13th August 9.30 am | Morning Prayer - BCP |
| Sunday 20th August 9.30 am | Morning Prayer - CW |
| Sunday 27th August 9.30 am | Holy Communion - CW |

**The Church is open daily for sanctuary and prayer**.

In accord with common practice, Salisbury and other Diocese now offer the common cup at Eucharist for the Sacrament. Communicants unwilling to receive wine are welcome to receive just the bread.

All queries relating to Church-related support and services should be directed, in the first instance, to the Church Wardens:

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 **AUGUST QUICK QUIZ**

Ditloid: 32P on a CB Riddle:  I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I

become even. What number am I?

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To enquire about or to book the village hall please call Chris Andrews on 01258 473107.

***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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*Keep abreast of all things ‘HSM’ on the village facebook page: Hinton St Mary Village Group and the Hinton St Mary Website:*

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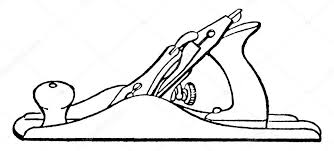
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