** THE MOSAIC**

**HINTON ST MARY**

**September 2025**

**Village Hall Vibes**

**SCARECROW COMPETITION - extended date 30th September.**

Due to a slow start for entries this has been put back by one month. The entries are now rolling in and it's looking like a popular activity.

Get your entry form in by Sunday 21st Sept

Scarecrow displayed by Tuesday 30th Sept

**Entry form attached to this issue.**

**Please note, the email address on the last issue's form was incorrect with an extra dot. If you sent an entry using the previous email address, please resend to the one now displayed on this new form.** Thank you.

VH Committee

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

﻿**NEW COUNCILLOR**

The team are delighted to welcome Ben Cooper (6 Nicholsons Cottages) onto the Parish Council. Ben has lived in Dorset all his life, has a degree in Nursing and works in the Care sector. He is excited about serving our community. The average age of a Hinton St Mary Councillor has decreased significantly!

**DORSET COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN & LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN** Dorset Council has published two draft documents to shape the future of Dorset which are available to view:

i) online - [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing)

ii) local libraries

iii) at drop in events:

Blandford Royal British Legion Thursday 4th Sept 2pm -7pm

Shaftesbury Town Hall Tuesday 16th Sept 2pm -6pm

Gillingham Town Hall Thursday 25th Sept 2pm -7pm

Sherborne Digby Hall Tuesday 7th Oct 2pm -7pm

We encourage all our Hinton St Mary residents to view & comment on the Local Plan & Local Transport Plan. Comments can be easily made on line or at the drop in sessions.

HINTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Hinton St Mary Village Hall

on Tuesday August 19th 2025 at 7pm

*Present:-*

*Chairman*  Celia Wright (CW)

*Councillors* Jo Curtis (JC) Mark Steggles (MS)

*Clerk* Vivian Hitchmough (VH)

*County Cllr* Carole Jones

Potential councillor candidate Benjamin Cooper

No members of the public were present

2025.29 Apologies:- Robbie Bartlett (RB)

2025.30 Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday May 27th 2025 were agreed as a true record and duly signed.

2025.31 Declarations of interest – none

2025.32 **Matters Arising**

The Chairman welcomed Ben Cooper to the meeting. Ben had put forward his personal statement and his wish to join the Council. Councillors had unanimously agreed he would be a suitable asset to the Council .

***Parking***

The Chairman reported there were challenges with parking at the White Horse. The Estate had moved the cones and although there is adequate parking some people continue to ignore the signposts and park in an irresponsible manner. It was requested that any inconsiderate parking is reported to Mel at the White Horse as she is very helpful in resolving any issues

***Wessex Water Project***

RB was not in attendance so unable to report on the project. Disruption still seems to be mainly due to the increase of heavy traffic which is inevitable to proceed with the project.

The Chairman was concerned regarding volume of traffic post Wessex work as Veals Lane is very narrow in places. It was considered that large vehicles will move later to the tarmac road. The Chair will contact RB in this regard. JC asked the Chair to speak with RB regarding Ridgeway Road traffic.

***Communication Preferences***

The Parish Council What’s App group is working well and councillors are able to make contact immediately should the need arise. The Council noted that JC requested communication to her should be via email only.

2025.33 **Updates from Officers**

***Planning***

No planning applications have been made although Cllr Carol Jones advised that an application for tree work had been posted today.

***Roads, drains and potholes***

The Chairman was pleased to report that damage to the raised pavement by a Ford Fuels vehicle had been repaired by the company straight away and the Chair has written to thank them for carrying out the repairs .

***Telephone Box*** Working well

***Village Garden***

JC reported the planting was in place and unfortunately a branch which was being felled from an adjoining property landed on the plants. Karen has been mowing, and this was a welcome addition, but it was difficult to keep up with the watering.

***Speed Indicator Device***

There is a problem with the equipment which could be battery issues. JC said she thought a new battery had been purchased and the Chairman will make enquiries.

The new Councillor is very willing to help with the movement of the equipment. MS advised there was a considerable increase in vehicle speeds along the main road particularly in the early morning . The 20mph signs had been applied for in April but there appeared to be no time scale. The Chairman will make contact and report at the next meeting. Cllr Jones suggested asking the police for a speed check or consider an addition to the Mosaic asking for volunteers for a speed watch.

*Defibrillator* CW reported the equipment was ready and good. She will show the new Councillor how to care for and operate the defibrillator. Cllr Carole Jones asked if there was any training in place for new volunteers. MS said he may know someone suitable to carry out training and will be in touch with him.

2025.34 **Finance**

The necessary cheque for administration was signed and the clerk circulated a bank reconciliation statement.

2025.35 **County Councillor’s report**

Cllr Carole Jones explained comprehensively the contents of the Local Plan with government asking landowners to sell land for housing. A poster will be on the notice board, and she suggested that everyone take part in the consultation in order to ascertain resident’s feelings on the plan. Cllr Jones reminded the councillors that with small pepper pot developments in lots of areas the general rule is that no infrastructure such as doctors surgeries or any facilities will be included and this is a worrying situation in our area. She said it is so important to encourage our young people to stay in the area with affordable housing and job opportunities. When asked about a banking hub Cllr Jones advised that this had been declined due to lack of residents. The Chairman said the post office is a useful banking means. Cllr Jones advised there was to be an application for a Solar Farm/Carbon Capture on farm land near Glue Hill and this could be very contentious for local people.

2025.36 Any Other Business

The Chairman asked for a Councillor to propose Ben.

Proposed by MS Seconded by CW

The Clerk issued Ben with an acceptance of office which he duly signed in her presence and she will advise Dorset Council who will contact Cllr Ben Cooper for his completion of a register of interests form. The Clerk will also advise Councillor training through DAPTC and suggest Cllr Ben Cooper become the representative for the council to DAPTC. Councillors welcomed BC to the Council .

2025.37 Date of next meeting

Tuesday November 11th 2025.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20

A stone church with a gate

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

# St Peter’s Church - Hinton St Mary

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| Date & Time | Service |
| Sunday 7 Sept 9:30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Sunday 14 Sept 9:30am | Morning Prayer (BCP) |
| Sunday 21 Sept **10:30am** | Harvest Festival |
| Sunday 28 Sept 9:30am | Holy Communion (CW) |
| A dog and cat with a bird on a perch  AI-generated content may be incorrect.Upcoming Events | |
| **Harvest Festival** on 21 September. See below.  **Blessing of pets** 12 October 9:30am. | |

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| All queries about Church-related support and services should be directed to the Vicar or Churchwardens |
| **Vicar:** The Reverend Mary Gubbins 01258 721 704 | 07440 680 387  The Vicarage, Sturminster Newton  [revd.mary.gubbins@gmail.com](mailto:revd.mary.gubbins@gmail.com) |
| **Churchwardens** |
| **Robin Gibbs** 01258 **471 493** robin@aviaconsult.uk  **Kevin Peto-Bostick** 01258 **475 469** [kevin.peto.bostick@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.peto.bostick@gmail.com) |

**Hinton St Mary Village Harvest Lunch 2025**

**Tithe Barn, 12.00 Sunday 21st September**

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This year our village Harvest Lunch provides the ideal opportunity to introduce, raise awareness of and support a charity whose volunteers perform invaluable work in rural communities, both locally and nation-wide.

Our local Farming Community Network Co-ordinator, herself a small farmer, will join us and present details of FCN and its diverse, critical services.

Sadly, 2025’s “good summer” does not inevitably produce a “good harvest”! Prospects of a poor harvest increases pressure on farmers already fighting to preserve our vital agri-business, handicapped by markets and practically and economically illiterate, official regulations and now, yet more taxes!

Mindful of these very real threats to our farming and, by association, rural communities, our Village Harvest Lunch, preceded by a thanksgiving Service in St Peter’s church at 10:30, will focus on the work of the “Farming Community Network”.

**FCN** volunteers help the farming community manage difficult times and periods of change by providing a listening ear and essential support services to farmers and their families in times of need.

For those not directly engaged in either agriculture or associated services, it’s easy to blissfully enjoy our rural environment but remain totally unaware of the real, underlying hardship that frequently exists among many of those who have created and maintain it.

**We hope to welcome you all to the Tithe Barn at 12:00 on Sunday the 21st of September for a community bring-and-share lunch where Claire Eastham will be with us to share her experience** **as an** **FCN volunteer.**

**Let’s show solidarity, stand with and support them in their vital work.**

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**Wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be provided.**

**Volunteers on Saturday 20th to help set up the tithe barn will be welcome, Please contact either Robin or Kevin**

**Hinton & Ibberton CC**

Well that’s a wrap!

**A white paper with black text and a yellow bird

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Another hugely enjoyable season for the team. The Ashes retained after beating our local rivals The Milton Lodge 3-2. The trophy now firmly at home back in the pub. The incredibly dry summer, bad for gardeners but perfect for lovely cricket evenings at Hinton and other clubs we have played at this year, wriggle valley, Milton Lodge, Stour Provost, Buckhorn Weston, Blandford (Pedagogues) and Hazelbury Brian.

Thank you to all in the village that have come along to watch and support us, but once again a massive thank you to Mel, Andy at all at The White Horse for their continued sponsorship, and always making ourselves and away teams so welcome, and of course a huge thank you for all those chips you supplied!

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Hello Hinton

What a great summer we have had, now looking forward to the autumn. If anyone has any excess fruit we can either use it in our kitchen or if it is bruised we have 3 little piggy’s that would love them (not rotten though please.)

Our chef Sam has been making lots of beautiful puddings with Hinton fruit like Plum Trifle & Honey Pannacotta with figs.

A plate of food on a table

AI-generated content may be incorrect.You may have seen in the news that we have a large amount of octopus in our waters at the moment. The chefs have made a delicious starter of Octopus with chorizo & sherry. This fantastic weather has meant we have had some beautiful seafood this year.

We have Mark & Jane’s fantastic quiz night on Sunday 7th of September at 7pm. £2 per entry and teams up to 6.

Our next party at the pub will be for Halloween on the Sunday 26th of October. DJ Wolf will be playing all the spooky hits and as ever a prize for best costume and best pumpkin carving.

We will confirm our Christmas & New Year opening hours in the next issue as well as our Christmas Party menu.

Thank you again for all your continued support Hinton.

Best Wishes *Octopus with chorizo*

Andy, Mel & The White Horse team



**THE MONTHLY VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**

**TUESDAY 2nd September**

**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.

**Hinton St Mary 1914 – 1918 Role of Honour**

The Role of Honour was created and hung in St Peter’s Church at some time post 1918. With no known record of how long it remained in place, it’s assumed that, having fallen into a state of decay it was removed to the vestry at some time for ‘safe storage’.

No one now living had any prior knowledge of its existence until, in 2014 while removing furniture and fittings to aid the installation of the new boiler, it was found lodged between a cupboard and an outer wall!

During the general upheaval of boiler installation work it disappeared until, following the death of our dear friend Janet Bolton, it was found, where she had stored it, in her garage.

Given the unique nature of the item, we sought advice from the Dorset History Centre and Military Museum in Dorchester; both of which confirmed it to be an item of significant historic and local interest.

As found, the wooden frame was riddled with wood-boring beetle, the glass chipped and firmly stuck to the, damp and decaying, parchment which in turn was heavily infested with a destructive fungus that, without specialist intervention, would potentially destroy it.

We agreed with Dorset History Centre conservationists that they would first attempt to separate the parchment from the frame to stop further deterioration. After weeks of very careful work in humidity-controlled conditions, they succeeded to release, gently flatten, sterilise and dry the parchment which, now stabilised, is preserved under glass.

While it remains parish property, we have also agreed that to best preserve the original it should remain in the care of the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester. However, we propose to professionally generate and print a digital facsimile, on parchment, indistinguishable from the original, fit a new frame and return it to its rightful place in our parish church.

**This will cost around £1,000 but, to honour all those who served and those who did not return; “We will (must) remember them”.**

**Any and all contributions from those wishing to support this project will be welcome and of course, very much appreciated.**

**For further information please contact the Church Wardens, Robin and/or Kevin; contact details in the Mosaic.**



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| **BLANDFORD HOSPITAL SHOP WAREHOUSE.**  **Saturday 6th September**  10   - 12 midday  Old Poisedale Building,  Hinton St. Mary |

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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, Nigel & Jo. jo.martin99@btinternet.com

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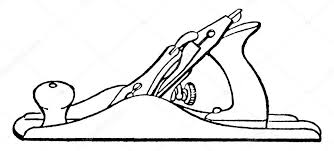
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**Hinton St Mary**

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A cartoon of a scarecrow with two birds on it

AI-generated content may be incorrect. **Scarecrow Competition**

**RULES**

1. **Scarecrows are to be homemade and must contain straw somewhere – as hair or showing at cuffs, but no need to be fully stuffed with straw.**
2. **Minimum size 3ft, maximum size 7ft tall.**
3. **Theme – none this year**
4. **One entry per household.**
5. **£5 entry fee**
6. **Scarecrows must be on display by Tuesday 30th September for judging over the following days and weekend.**
7. **All entry forms with payment must be returned by Sunday 21st September.**
8. **All entries will be provided with a registration number for display with your scarecrow.**
9. **Please display your scarecrow securely and without causing risk of injury to the public.**

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**Entry Form**

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**Location of scarecrow: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Entry fee paid: CASH £5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or BANK TRANSFER £5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**For return to:** 1 Nicholsons Cottages **or** 8 Nicholsons Cottages

* Or email a scanned copy/screen shot to – **lucyjohnson2009.lj@gmail.com**

**Bank transfer details, please add ref: *Scare/(and your surname)***

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