



The Mosaic

Hinton St Mary

January 2021

CHRISTMAS WINDOW COMPETITION WINNERS



Thank you to everyone who entered the village Christmas window competition. It was really difficult to decide a winner as all of the entries were so eye catching and beautiful, yet so different and I enjoyed going around the village several times in order to reach a decision. After much deliberation I decided that for originality, execution and attention to detail the winners are the very lovely Nick, Laura and their daughter Emilia, who have recently moved to The Old Post Office.

Congratulations to them and Happy New Year to all our wonderful villagers.

Katie Scorgie

Moving On - That's Merlot!

Times change -When Mark and Rachel Wheeler moved into Hinton St Mary in 2007 their two lovely sons were at school, Rachel had a conventional short haircut, Mark had a full head of hair and they only had one dog! Not everything changes as their two sons are still lovely!

What joy, fun, colour, good times and tons of glass recycling (!) have the Wheelers brought to Hinton St Mary. They have enriched all our lives. Rachel is a true professional and there is no one who is more skilled at serving a slice of cake at open garden teas.

We are pleased to report they are not moving far and are off to the big smoke of Stur where Mark will have a shorter commute to work at the Co-op. We are confident they will be frequent visitors to the White Horse.



Cheers Mark & Rachel we will all miss you.

Dear all we are moving to Stur. Sad to leave such a wonderful village, with so many beautiful people. When we first moved here we never imagined we would make so many dear friends. Much to your disappointment, I expect, we will be frequent visitors to our second home, The White Horse! Gavin and Emma are moving in with their lovely children. We have told them they can expect a warm welcome to village life. Thank you all for being our friends.

Much love

Mark and Rachel

Charles and Celia Wright.

The bad news is that Charles and Celia have sold their house and are moving to Lyme Regis. They have been such lovely and generous members of our village. Celia has helped so many people during lockdown – driving and shopping and cooking. Charles has been a brilliant Chairman of the Parish Council. It was his enthusiasm and drive that provided the village with the defibrillator and then the Speed Indicator signs on the main road.

THE GOOD NEWS is that they have bought Ann Garfit's house in Veals Lane and will be moving back about the end of January.

We ask them to take better care of themselves while they are in foreign parts and assure them of a warm welcome when they return.

JACK TYNDALL

Sadly, Jack Tindall died just before Christmas and has been buried in our graveyard.

Jack and Katie came to Hinton in 2005 and quickly became active members of the village. We all remember Jack on his daily dog walks!

Jack's life had been devoted to Phillips Electrical, of which he was Managing Director. He worked for Phillips all over the world and set up the company in the U.S.A.. He stayed in America for 7 years, loved being there and always had very happy memories of that time.

He was always so glad that he spent his retirement in Hinton.

I would like to thank the people in Hinton for all the cards and letters of support and sympathy shown to me at this very sad time.

Thank you so much.

Katie Tyndall

UPDATE FROM THE BLACKMORE VALE PRACTICE

We have some good news to start the year off. We will be receiving our first batch of vaccine (Pfizer Biontech) next week and our first Covid vaccination clinics will be taking place on Saturday 9th January 2021 at Sturminster Newton Medical Centre. **These will be BY APPOINTMENT only.**

We are working with Gillingham Medical Practice and will be following the government recall process on prioritisation of the vaccinations. Our first cohort will be approximately 975 patients over the age of 80 based on their age and clinical risk. Do not worry if you or your relative is over 80 and doesn't get called this week, we will be calling the remainder as soon as we get confirmation of our next delivery which will hopefully be the following week.

Following on from this we would hope to vaccinate more people each week so that we can immunise as many people as possible in a short a time as possible. This will be dependent on vaccine availability.

We will also be going into our local care and residential homes to vaccinate residents and staff within the next few weeks as well.

This good news however is not a reason for complacency. COVID numbers are rising in North Dorset. An 50% increase from previous weeks. Please adhere to social distancing rules and protect yourselves and others. The finish line is now in sight, so please stay safe until we get there.

Dr Yule & Partners, BVP

St Peter's Services January 2021

Subject to prevailing UK Government COVID-19 restrictions, it is proposed that the following services will be held:

Date	Service
Sunday 3 rd at 9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 10 th at 9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 17 th at 9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 24 th at 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 st at 11.00 am	No Service at St Peter's, but instead there will be a Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St Mary's, Sturminster Newton



COVID-19 precautions are in place to protect the congregation and members of the ministry. Please note that face masks should be worn and social distancing observed at all times.

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Carol Service

Robin Gibbs

The outdoor Carol Service on Christmas Eve was arranged at very short notice due to the Covid-19 prohibition on indoor community singing. In spite of the extreme cold the moon and starlight created a wonderful atmosphere for what was a most enjoyable event.

Our thanks to Mrs and Mr Pitt-Rivers for their permission to use the Tithe Barn 'courtyard', Alice Townsend for the loan of her Electronic Keyboard and Gren Fraser for braving the cold while playing for us.

Perhaps we should do this again next year.....



VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

A very big thank you to the Bartletts for donating the Christmas tree on the green opposite the pub and especially to Robbie for erecting the tree and installing the electrics and lights.

Also a very big thank you to Harts for donating the lights.

Lots of people have mentioned how lovely it looks and it has brought some much needed festive cheer.

A Note on Hinton St Mary – by Anthony Pitt-Rivers

Hinton St Mary is a small village with some interesting older houses dating from C17 and 18. The church was rebuilt in 1846 but retains its C15 tower and has a C12 font. In 1963 the remains of what was thought to be a C4 villa were discovered at Hinton St Mary; its most interesting feature was a mosaic pavement of over 90 sq metres with a centre roundel thought to depict the head of Christ which was acquired by the British Museum. More recent excavation has shown that the developed area was much larger than originally thought and that alternatively it might have been an early Christian settlement rather than a villa. In 947 the manor of Hinton with roughly its present boundaries was subject of a royal grant and in 968 it was granted to Shaftesbury Abbey in whose ownership it remained until the dissolution of the monasteries in the visitation of 1537. At that time the south of the village was the site of a lay-brothers settlement consisting of a C13 dormitory which was demolished, a C15 tithe barn and an early C16 agricultural building which were retained. In 1545 it was granted together with other manors in Dorset to William 7th Lord Stourton who was succeeded by his son who was a prominent catholic in the reign of Queen Mary becoming Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Somerset and Dorset. He was also a dissolute young man and was eventually hanged at Salisbury with two accomplices in 1556 for the murder of his father's bailiff who had been dragged from sanctuary in Stourton church. In 1564 Queen Elizabeth granted the Stourton manors in Dorset to Robert Freke who was teller of the Exchequer and a member of the family was to live at Hinton for around 180 years.

Rebuilding of the Manor House on the site of the Lay Brothers dormitory was started by Thomas Freke in the 1630s and was continued by his widow Dame Mary who survived him by 44 years and was completed by their son The Rev. John Freke, vicar of Gillingham in 1695. In 1696 a year after its completion William Freke came to live in the new house, born in 1662 and educated at Wadham College, Oxford he trained as a barrister. His main claim to fame was the pamphlets he published anonymously with titles such as "Essay Towards an Union between Divinity and Morality" and "A Dialogue by way of Question and Answer Concerning the Deity" which he sent to several prominent MPs. They were deemed heretical and the author was suspected of being a Quaker and the Speaker ordered them to be burnt by the public hangman in Palace Yard, Westminster. As he used the rather transparent pseudonym Gul Libera Clavis (William Free Key) it is hardly surprising that his authorship was quickly detected and he was fined the substantial sum of £55, forced to recant and bound over for three years. He then turned his attention to psychology and published "A Dictionary of Dreams" and "A Collection of Dreams" which were described some years later by the Dorset historian The Rev. John Hutchins as "a medley of folly, blasphemy and obscenity" adding as an afterthought "yet he acted as a justice of the peace for many years". Reading them today one can sense that he anticipated the work of Sigmund Freud writing around 200 years later.

Thomas Freke, owner of a substantial estate in Dorset and Wiltshire, died in 1698 his eldest son having predeceased him it should have passed to his second son William who had a large family. However, he took the view that the controversial publications of his second son make him unfit to inherit and he left it jointly to his eldest son's widow and her sister who was married to George Pitt of Stratfield Saye who also owned land in Dorset and was MP for Wareham. His daughter-in-law predeceased her sister and so in due course George Pitt was able to add the Freke estate to his already large estate. After his father's death William lived on at Hinton for a further 46 years and was followed by other members of the Freke family until Rev John Freke died in 1799. When Stratfield Saye was bought by the Crown for the benefit of the 1st Duke of Wellington in 1817 there is a tradition that the vendor, the 2nd Lord Rivers, moved to the Manor House but there is no firm evidence that he ever lived here and it is more likely that he would have moved to Rushmore on another part of the estate where there was already a relatively new house built as a hunting lodge in the 1770s. The most interesting occupant of the Manor House during the 19th Century was The Rev. Thomas Lane Fox, a cousin of Lord Rivers who was curate of Sturminster Newton. Although offered the living by his cousin he resisted for many years on the grounds that an incumbent is obliged to live in his parish and he considered the vicarage as unsuitable for his occupation and there was insufficient grazing for his horses. He was independently wealthy and was a substantial benefactor of the parish spending £28,000 (well over £1,000,000 in today's money) on restoring Sturminster's late gothic church and a considerable sum on the village school. He also gave money widely to those who applied to him as being in need and had the reputation as an extremely soft touch. Eventually his fortune was exhausted and he was forced to become vicar as he needed the stipend to live on. On his death in 1862 his financial affairs were found to be in chaos and his patron Lord Rivers asked his agent to wind up his estate. Some four years later the agent was pleased to report to his employer that the Rev. Tom had died with a net estate of 19s 3d.

In 1880 General Augustus Pitt-Rivers, the archaeologist inherited the estate from his cousin Horace Pitt, 6th Lord Rivers and his eldest son, Alexander, lived at Hinton from about 1895. He enlarged the house and laid out the garden in roughly its present form and the tithe barn was converted into a hall. His son George inherited in 1927 and decided to live at Hinton rather than Rushmore and converted the tithe barn into a small theatre with a stage and gallery. Finally, the absence of mature trees is explained by the fact that the garden was surrounded by very old elm trees which were killed off by Dutch elm disease in the 1970s.

Women's Refuge Christmas Appeal

Robin Gibbs

I offer sincere thanks to all of you who contributed so generously to our village Christmas appeal in aid of the woman's refuge in Shaftsbury.

Your collective response was absolutely amazing and, I am pleased to say was both welcome and gratefully received; we were able to offer some hope and love to some of those enduring the darkest of times.

Thank you all.

Christmas - One Day (Lin Adams, 3 White Horse Lane)

As a friend of mine said in her Christmas card this year

"Hold on tight!"

Wise words, we need to hold on tight, weather the storm, look on the bright side, stay positive, take great care, see the light at the end of the tunnel etc. etc.

The winter solstice on 21st December is the turning point for longer days, later sunsets and a gradual return to Spring. This year's solstice will bring us Jupiter and Saturn shining in the night sky above the moon - A Christmas "star".

Christmas will become One Day not cancelled. Shops, restaurants and bars have closed in many parts of the country creating quietness and space. A very different Christmas but it will still be Christmas. Prayers will be said and church bells will ring.

Excited children will hang up their stockings for Santa surprises, mulled wine will be drunk, mince pies and cake consumed along with nuts, dates and chocolates - the list goes on and on. Maybe a much needed walk followed by TV favourites and films, then a snooze or another glass of wine

Trees and houses are bedecked with sparkling lights, more this year than ever.

Carols are being sung, in courtyards and on street corners. Christmas cards are being posted and presents wrapped.

Anxiety, worry, frustration, anger and disappointment compete with kindness, resilience, patience and hope.

Hold on tight! 🙏

Free to a good home.

Would anyone like a 4'6" bed, complete with padded headboard and matching valance?

I shall not have room for it in my new house.

Ann Garfit 471020.



JANUARY QUICK QUIZ

Dingbat: Pleasant CCU

Ditloid: 64 SOACB

Riddle: Which 4 letter word can be written forward, backward or

Upside down?

ANSWERS TO DECEMBER QUICK QUIZ

Anagram: Plum Pudding

Dingbat: Midnight Mass

Riddle: Chicago

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