



# THE MOSAIC

Hinton St Mary  
December 2021

## HINTON ST. MARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tithe Barn. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.



The group organising this year's party is largely made up of newer and younger members of the Village. Since our last party in 2019, lots of new people have moved into the Village, the average age of the residents has dropped considerably and the group reflects that. We have raised money from our coffee morning, a donation from the Village coffee morning and the balance from the last Christmas party, kindly handed over by Anthea Harding who organised the party for a number of years. Due to the monies available, all costs can be covered and the 2021 event will be free for everyone. It has been agreed that there will be no raffle or tombola. Basic accounts will be created for this event and these will be available upon request from January 2022. The Tithe Barn will be decorated and there will be a fire in the hearth. Philip Hart has kindly donated a real Christmas tree.

What everyone does need to bring:

**A main course and a pudding course for the communal supper table.**

- **Your own dinner plate, a pudding plate or bowl and knife, fork and spoon for each member of your party.**
- **For parents – a labelled gift for your child/children, for Father Christmas to distribute.**

**To allow parents of young children to attend, the party will start at 6.00 pm.** Everyone's food should be delivered to the tables in the refectory and everyone will be welcomed by Father Christmas with a glass of mulled wine or a non-alcoholic drink, if preferred.

**At 6.30 pm, Gren Fraser will play carols for us to sing, followed by Father Christmas** giving gifts to children. During the party there will be a small play area within the Tithe Barn, with toys and games, to keep the smaller children occupied, whilst their parents enjoy the party.

**7.00 pm Supper, followed by tea and coffee**

**After Supper we will sing 'The twelve days of Christmas' and the party will finish circa 9.00 pm.**

We are planning for 80 – 100 people attending, but it would be really helpful if you are planning to come to contact either Nick Bartley on 07972 158115 ([nickbartley@gmail.com](mailto:nickbartley@gmail.com)) or Matt Torkington on 07711 149906 ([matttorkington@yahoo.com](mailto:matttorkington@yahoo.com)) to let them know. An invitation has already been uploaded on the Village Facebook page and an 'old fashioned' paper reminder will be circulated to everyone during the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> December.

**NOW FOR THE BORING (BUT NECESSARY) STUFF.**

**We will need help with setting up tables and decorating the Tithe Barn. 10.30 am Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> (the morning of the party).**

**Clearing up the debris. 10.30 a.m. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE HELP, the more people who volunteer the less time it will take and with a good crowd it can be fun!**

HINTON ST MARY  
CAROL SINGING ON CHRISTMAS EVE



Following on from last year's very successful event and with the kind permission of Mr & Mrs Pitt-Rivers, there will be carol singing outside the Tithe Barn on Christmas Eve (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December) starting at 6.00 pm for a maximum of 30 minutes. Gren Fraser will be on the electric keyboard, helping us to stay in tune and sheets will be available with the words of your favourite carols. If the weather is very cold or it is raining, we will move into the Tithe Barn.

There is no need to book, just turn up with your voice, (your torch) and your Christmas spirit.

### North Dorset Women's Refuge – Christmas Collection

Once again we appeal for Christmas gifts for the women and children in the Refuge.

Due to Covid, we must continue to respect certain limitations; obviously any and all donations are welcome but, as used toys pose a potential infection risk, new would be preferred.

Tinned/sealed food items remain popular as are ladies toiletry items etc., (apparently they are always in need of sheets and duvets).

All items deposited in the Church (open daily during daylight hours) **from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of December** will be delivered to our Refuge contact on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December to be gift wrapped for delivery on Christmas Day.

Any gifts placed in the church after the 23<sup>rd</sup> and/or during Christmas services will be delivered to the refuge on 27<sup>th</sup>.

Robin

# St Peter's Services

## December 2021



Date	Service
Sunday 5th December at 9.30 am	Holy Communion - BCP
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am	Morning Prayer - Lay Led
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve	<u>There will be no Service at St Peters</u> , but there will be Carols sung outside at the Tithe Barn, starting at 6.00 pm. If wet, we will congregate inside.
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day at 10.00 am	Holy Communion for Christmas Morning
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>There will be no Service at St Peters</u> , but if you would like to attend church, you can join the congregation at St Mary's, Sturminster Newton for Benefice Holy Communion starting at 11.00 am.

Although all COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted in England certain precautions will still be in place until further notice. The Church continues to be open for prayer each day, hand sanitiser will remain in use and everyone is encouraged to use this and the doors will remain open during services to aid ventilation. Face masks are no longer required to be worn, but please be aware and considerate to those who wish to continue to wear face masks and be socially distant during services. Communion will continue for the time being, as we have become accustomed. Full details of all the current precautions are available in the Church entrance.

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

Robin Gibbs

Tele: 01258 471493

Churchwarden

[robin@aviaconsult.uk](mailto:robin@aviaconsult.uk)

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### Village Coffee Mornings

The village coffee mornings will be taking place on  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
**and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
**At 10.30 in the village hall**  
Everybody is welcome for coffee and a chat.



## **The Yard**

**Alice Fox-Pitt**

The yard really is going into hibernation now for the winter. The main competition horses are on their holidays so it is time to work with the young ones and give them some focus.

We have two three-year-olds and two four-year-olds. Horses can't start Eventing until they are 5 so it is a long education process. We start breaking them in and gently riding them at three and they peak at 9-12 years and retire around 17.

William really enjoys the process with the young horses and is meticulous with his system. We are very lucky with our staff they are brilliant and patient, having such a strong team to give the horses the best start is key.

James is now power hosing all the stables to disinfect them and painting other areas of the yard. Bio security is a very important part of the management of the yard. It is like a school, if a bug gets in it goes around all the horses and depending on the horse it can affect performance.

We have a clean saddle pad for every horse every day. They are used once and washed. The bits and bridles are cleaned every day. The stables are power hosed 3 or four times a year with an anti-viral disinfectant.

When new horses come on the yard they are out into isolation for two weeks and have their temperature taken every day to make sure they aren't bringing a bug or ring worm onto the yard.

Jackie is very meticulous in the feed room. Buckets are colour coded particularly if any medicines are being administered. Any cross contamination could result in a wrong positive dope test and cost the team a big competition and a blow to the reputation. Jackie is so professional and absolutely leads by example in this area, it is just so important.

That said everyone is enjoying a slower pace and getting everything ship shape for the middle of December when the big boys are back in and counting down to the season starting again in March.

Thank you once again for your patience with the horses riding round the village, we are very lucky to have such great access.

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## **HINTON ST MARY WEBSITE – NEW CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED**

One of the many roles Dick Pemberton has undertaken over the years for the benefit of the village is the maintenance of the Hinton St Mary Website. Since he became ill, I as the Secretary to the Church PCC have taken over this role on a short term basis, but need somebody to take over from me.

It is not a time-consuming job and you certainly do not need high levels of IT knowledge or skills. Our Website operator, ICL Web Design are really helpful and are willing to give the new co-ordinator training how to amend the text and upload documents and will support you if you have difficulties. Most of the information is sourced from the Mosaic Magazine which can be sent to you by email by Jo & Nigel Martin each month.

If you would like to offer your services, please make contact on [johnstone.ytc@btinternet.com](mailto:johnstone.ytc@btinternet.com) or call me on 474670.

Shane

## Christmas Music Concert Party



It has now been two years since we have been able to offer our little concerts at "The Exchange" due to the damned pandemic but, yippee, we are now back!

So, here's something that might not only add to the Christmas festivities but also to celebrate our slow climb back to a form of normality.

Why not join us for a short concert of music which will include a rousing handful of Handel, a modicum of Mozart and even some 'out-of-this-world' themes from "Apollo 13"?

This together, of course, with a great selection of foot-tapping and hum-along favourite Christmas Music.

Doors open at 10.30 for a start at 10.45, but the café will be open from 9.00 a.m. so you can enjoy a coffee or even a bacon sandwich whilst we are tuning up!

Entrance is free and you would be most welcome to join us for some complimentary wine and a crisp or a peanut in the "Bow Room" after the concert.

So – please make a note in your diary :

### Sturminster Newton Orchestra Concert Party

"The Exchange"

Saturday Morning 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45



Contact: John Harding 01258 471 896

[www.SturminsterNewtonOrchestra.com](http://www.SturminsterNewtonOrchestra.com)

#### BLANDFORD HOSPITAL SHOP

The warehouse for this charity is now on the old Poisdale site in Hinton.  
It will be open for donations, possibly for the last time, on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
December

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 10 am – 12 midday.**

An ideal way to donate your bulky items, including small pieces of  
furniture.

## **The Estate**

## **Alice Fox-Pitt**

November is quiet on the estate. Mark took some well-earned holiday. The holiday lets are ticking over and we haven't had any weddings. It feels like the calm before the storm with December around the corner.

The main focus is the ongoing pub refurbishment. It is going along well and is going to be a fantastic community hub and a great business opportunity for someone once it is done.

It was that time again for the poor piggies and the sausages have been delivered to the Vale Pantry. We are so lucky as a community to have such an extraordinary facility in our town. They are now supporting nearly 200 families across North Dorset - 60% in Sturminster Newton.

One of our pigs made 1500 sausages so Carole Jones and her team at the Vale Pantry put recipe bags together for a sausage casserole. The Vale Pantry is a community food store providing good quality food at the most affordable price to its members. Run by the local community, members pay a small weekly membership of £4.50 and choose their food with a value of anywhere between £15 – £25 and indeed some weeks, the value is higher.

A choice of staples, fresh and frozen foods are available and are sourced from Fare Share. Local growers & producers can donate any excess produce and that is warmly welcomed.

The Vale Pantry creates a sustainable and long-term solution to food poverty and applications for membership from any household in North Dorset are welcomed.

To apply for membership go to <https://your-local-pantry.force.com/s/member-sign-up> and choose the Vale Dorset in the drop-down box

Since things are so quiet, I thought it would be a good opportunity to start profiles on Hinton St Mary Estate key people. We will try and feature one a month. This month is Simon Fowler who we are extremely lucky to have supporting as the agent:

Simon has over 28 years estate and land management experience. He is a founder Partner and Senior Director of Fowler Fortescue.

Simon is instrumental in formulating strategies with his clients to help them mark their stewardship of their estate. He tries to achieve an intensive programme of investment and improvements with a view to turning the estate into a thriving diversified business without losing any of the traditional agricultural values.

Examples of Simon's success in achieving his clients' aims include the development of a commercial portfolio – including a water bottling business, a bonded warehouse and 50 commercial tenants. Simon also has considerable experience of delivering income from diverse alternative energy projects such as solar, hydro, AD and biomass district heating together with estate wide hi-speed broadband.

Since entering into a business partnership with Anthony Fortescue in 2003, Fowler Fortescue has continued to grow. The company is now retained by 35 estates, covering over 200,000 acres with assets worth over £1 billion.

### **Interests**

Simon lives in Rural Wiltshire in his recently completed barn conversion with his wife and two children. His sporting interests include skiing, riding and shooting. Simon also spends most weekends tending his interests in an organic egg business with 12,000 laying hens.

We are very lucky to have his advise and input. He has now been in the role for twelve months and his energy is clear to see around the village.

## The Parish Council met on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and the full minutes are on the village website.

Below are some excerpts:

### 2021.36 *Matters Arising from Minutes of last meeting*

The Chairman was concerned that planning applications from Dorset Council were not being filtered through to the Parish Council in order for them to consider and make comment. Cllr Carole Jones will investigate.

### Updates from officers

#### *Roads, drains and potholes*

Rob Bartlet (RB) reported that the edge of the tarmac on the road to Sturminster has still to be repaired and he is meeting with Adam from Highways in the near future.

Jo Curtis (JC) said the drains are overflowing and need attention.

### ***Village Liaison***

#### *Village Garden*

Susie Burbridge (SB) asked if some lime chalk could be laid in the garden in preparation for The Gardens Open days on 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> June. (JC) suggested that any surface would naturally be covered in green after a short while and suggested jet washing. (RB) said a high powered jet wash may be answer

#### *Speed Indicator Device*

The Chairman said the feedback was still positive. He will need to change the battery prior to Winter. He has been unable to access data giving information on speeding etc which would be useful for future plans, and will make enquiries of other Parish Councils.

### 2021.39 *Finance*

A cheque for the clerk's salary was signed. The clerk asked for a Council decision on the 2022/23 Precept which will need to be applied for prior to January 2022. Council discussed possible extra expenses during the year and made a decision to increase the annual Precept to £2000, an increase of £200. The Clerk will apply.

### 2021.40 *Reports*

Cllr Carole Jones reported the bad weather produced flooding in parts of Sturminster Newton, particularly Butts Pond.

There is extensive repair work planned for the bridge at Sturminster which has subsidence issues as well as damage to the bridge and footpath. Some work is being done, but Dorset Council needs to be mindful of closing the bridge and the traffic problems this would cause. The work is planned to be completed by April 2022.

The Pantry is now registered as a charity and still being supported well.

37.5 million pounds has been secured for special needs children in the county and Dorset Council has 8 projects planned for 2022/23 which will provide cost savings across the county.

Cllr Jones is looking at the use of libraries as community hubs and a consultation is currently under way in this regard.

The William Williams charity is to provide finance for a young person's centre in Sturminster which will be a better tailored service for their social and recreational needs.

2021.43 *Any Other Business*

The Chairman reported on the closure of the White Horse public house. It was hopeful that the pub would be open for Christmas but the renovations are more extensive than originally planned and sometime in March is now the possible opening date. However, the building will be completely renovated, smart and welcoming. New tenants will be approved at a later date. Electric charging points have been suggested for the new car park. Cllr Jones pointed out that government grants for charging points are not applicable on private land but this is something to be discussed. Contractor has promised to keep the electric on to the defibrillator box in the meantime.

The Chairman said the photos and pictures in the White Horse were destined to land in the skip and have been rescued for future use. The Chairman said this was the heritage of the village and must not be lost. He asked if there were other historic photos and information about the village which could be shown in the pub at a later date. SB said a lot of information had already been collated and more will be requested through the Mosaic and liaised with Alice.

The Chairman said Mr Hardiman through the Village Hall has discussed an arrangement with Wessex Internet at a cost of £59 for the cabling and £1.20 per month for internet at the Village Hall for the first year. Councillors discussed whether there would be enough use to merit the connection and agreed a placement in the Mosaic would be helpful and during the year the amount the facility is used would determine its future.

The Chairman reported that a courtesy call was made regarding a Shepherds Hut being placed on a property and this did not need planning as it is for private use only. SB will advise

2021.44 *Date of next meeting* Tuesday February 8th 2022 at 7pm

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*Due to the Christmas and New Year break the January edition of The Mosaic will be delivered one week later than usual. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everybody who delivers the Mosaic around the village each month.*





## CHRISTMAS QUICK QUIZ

Dingbat TOFRANKUCH      Ditloid 9 RPSS      Riddle: Where does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?

### ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER QUICK QUIZ

Dingbat: *Split second timing*      Ditloid: *21 spots on a dice*      Riddle: Mount Everest (it just hadn't been discovered).

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