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We have been asked to pass on thanks to the Bartlett Company for clearing the snow from the main road in the village recently – this is much appreciated by the residents! Ed.



.. that the **Village Hall** is available for hire daytimes and evenings.

Please contact **Chris Andrews (01258 473107)**.

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Michael Williams
Village Hall Committee Secretary.

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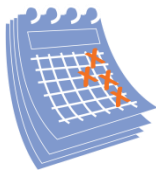


The Mosaic

Hinton St. Mary

April 2018





What's On – Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Venue	Co-ordinator	Telephone
The 2 nd Tues every month	Village Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12.00	Village Hall	Gina	471493
Sat. 1 st Sep.	Village Show	Village Hall	See article!	

St Peter's Services for Easter and April 2018

You are warmly invited to our Services



Date	Service
Sun. April 1 st 11.00 am – lead by Karen, the Bishop of Sherborne	Easter Sunday: Holy Communion - Modern language
Sun. April 11 th 10.00 am	Family Service – Final Service with John Sedwell officiating
Sun. March 15 th 10.00 am	Holy Communion – Modern Language
Sun. March 22 nd 10.00 am	Holy Communion – Modern Language
Sun. March 29 th 10.00 am	Benefice Service with Holy Communion - Modern Language

Until a new vicar for the Benefice is appointed, the welcome support of local 'retired' clergy will ensure services are maintained. However until a new vicar is appointed all queries relating to the running of the Church and services should be directed to the Church Wardens in the first instance.

Col Alastair de Bretton-Gordon
Tele: 01258 473 405
adebg@tiscali.co.uk

Robin Gibbs
Tele: 01258 471 493
robin@aviaconsult.uk

Cemetery Garden - Available to Let



Dimensions: 39m x 23m approximately

Use suitable as a garden or for activities connected to the local community.
Open to enquires, please contact Amy at the details given below.

Amy Sweet

Graduate Surveyor

Symonds & Sampson LLP, Burraton House, 5 Burraton Square, Poundbury,
Dorchester, DT1 3GR

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Supporting Ducks and Drakes Cancer Trust & Future Roots Charities in 2018
*(This land is adjacent to the village hall and in the past was used by the
playgroup as an outdoor play area. Ed.)*



Items for Sale, Wanted or Offered

Whilst you are spring cleaning, clearing out the garage or on the hunt for something, why not advertise (free !) in these pages?

Cheaper and quicker than e-bay with no annoying delivery charges !!!

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.. An Extract from our Councillor's Blog

The trouble with living in our part of the world is that there is just so much going on you cannot go to everything....or if you did you would get very fat.

Its really good that so much social activity is going on in our rural area, bringing communities together for a pleasant hour or so whilst raising money for the village and offering social contact to some who may be lonely. From a Councillor's point of view it is a very good way of just meeting people and learning about life in their village and hamlet, rather than only being contacted when there is a crisis. And the home-made cakes are always plentiful and excellent. Thank you to all those reliable local volunteers who work so hard to make the cakes, run the raffles and serve the refreshments on the day.

This winter has been a bad one for colds and 'flu' with vaccination seeming to have had no preventative effect. It is important we keep an eye on our neighbours, especially the ones of more mature years who may be alone, to see if they need any groceries, or yet more paracetamol, or just cheering up.

As Chairman of a Constituency political Association I am concerned that we should recruit people to stand as Councillors who have the energy to move local government forward so that we don't just have "the same old" bunch of people. I am sure the other political parties are similarly occupied. . We need people who are committed to promoting the wellbeing of their local area as well as able to take a strategic view across Dorset (and also to read a tremendous amount of material). Training is given and expenses paid. If you, or someone you know, has been thinking that they would like to be a Councillor then this is the time to make yourself known to your political party of choice who will help you through the process, or to talk to Democratic Services at either County Hall or the Dorset Council's partnership for more information Sovereign.

Councillor Pauline Batstone

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(because of limited space, the above is a much edited version of the article received. Ed.)

Fund Raising Coffee Morning for The Village Show



On Sunday 25th March in the Village hall, we held a coffee morning and raffle to raise funds for The Village Show which is to be held in September.

As this was an initiative to support an event with the joint objectives of raising funds for the village itself whilst also having a fun day with a community get-together we were somewhat discouraged by the low numbers who attended.

However, we really appreciated the support of those who did come along and enjoyed home-made cakes, coffee and chatter and we would like to say a huge 'thank you' for the amazing generosity you showed with donations for the coffee and cakes and the prizes you brought along for the raffle table.

We received some great ideas for inclusion in the show, which we will definitely take up ! Keep them coming

Also, many thanks to those who helped afterwards with washing up, putting tables away etc. - your help is greatly appreciated.

Once again, many thanks from The Village Show team - John, Celia & Anthea.

The Hinton St. Mary Village Show will be held on Saturday 1st September

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John & Anthea Harding 471896

Volunteers Needed for Local Community Companions.

Volunteers across Dorset are coming together to establish Royal Voluntary Service Community Companions schemes for older people in Dorset. Royal Voluntary Service are calling for more volunteers in Sturminster Newton to help the group grow and reach out to more older people.

The charity's popular community-based Companions provide regular company and conversation for older people and rely on teams of dedicated volunteers who coordinate various key activities such as; recruit volunteer visitors; initial visits to potential clients; introduce volunteers to clients; act as treasurer for the group; help with fundraising;

To find out more about becoming a volunteer, volunteer co-ordinator or leader, contact us on

Email : DorsetWiltshirehub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk, call 01305 236666 or visit www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk



Sturminster Newton Orchestra – Spring Concert

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the villagers of Hinton St Mary who attended our morning concert party on the 24th March.

Thanks to your amazing generosity, along with members of the audience from Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire, we raised over £450 to help support the Learning Centre based at “The Exchange”.

Our Summer concert will be quite special, as we will be saying goodbye to our Musical Director and Conductor, Katy Ashman. We will keep you posted through these pages for further details nearer the time.

Why not take a peek at our web-site and see what we get up to – it might just prompt you to get that old violin out of the attic!

<https://sturminsternewtono.wixsite.com/snorch>

Hinton Recipes Chicken with Lime and Ginger

- Chicken Breasts (4)
- Juice & Rind of 1 lime
- Root ginger peeled & grated (2.5cm/1”)
- Garlic 1 clove peeled & grated
- Olive Oil 2- Tablespoons
- Soy Sauce – 1 Tablespoon
- Seasoning to taste



Mix Marinade and stir in seasoning

Marinate chicken breasts 1-2 hours

Roast in hot oven or even better cook on barbeque

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Hinton St Mary Website

Don't forget to keep abreast with all things 'HSM' on the village website :

<http://www.hintonstmary.com/>

The co-ordinator is Dick Pemberton ripem@btinternet.com

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Just for Fun :

What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?

A hot cross bunny

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

Bugs Bunny



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Come on Hinton-St-Maryans – you must know of other people you would recommend for the smaller jobs!!!

p.s. Especially a plumber !!!



Village Bench

I have been asked if a bench could be put in the village graveyard. Most of us have friends and loved ones there and in the warmer months it is a lovely and peaceful place to spend a little time.

It needs to be a hardwood bench and the Cotswold Teak Company has been recommended. A suitable bench would cost about £250 with free delivery I have already been promised donations of £170.

If anyone would like to make a contribution we would be very grateful.

Janet Bolton 472300. janetbolton24@hotmail.co.uk

We would welcome all contributions (e.g. recipes, suggestions, letters, sharing interests or any other articles and notices). **Please support us by e-mailing (or telephoning us) by the 20th 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. If you are scheduling events for early in the month, it might be a good idea to promote this in the month prior as well !

Could the Roman Mosaic come home?

Visiting the British Museum this month to attend a particular exhibition (Gods, Believing and Belonging), I thought I'd look out one of its national treasures....as you do , the Mosaic found in our village from a Roman Villa and dating from AD350. Well it's been there since the Museum took it away in 1964-5 (when I was still at school and thought Latin was a dreary homework I'd rather not have to do), and it was even restored at great cost in around 2000....but it wasn't there! After some enquiries I discovered it had been lent to the Ashmolean in Oxford, well, the picture of Christ on its two Greek letters (*XP ie pronounced chairo*) and although due to return it would then be packed up on trays as is the rest of its 36sqm because it is too big for even the British Museum to display!

Appalled I went to the exhibition on the Gods and got into discussion with the lead curator about the disappointment I felt in not being able to view one of the most important Roman finds ever made in the UK. 'indeed' she said, 'its importance is European-wide...'and she proceeded to explain its cultural base with its classical religious and artistic references.

'So why isn't it displayed?' in fact even those that are, just hang on walls well above ground level where it makes difficult for a full appreciation of any mosaic, 'Funny you should ask,' she continued looking at me curiously, 'I am just concluding year-long negotiations with Dorchester Museum which, as you may know, is undergoing substantial renovation and reorganisation. We had offered the whole Mosaic to Dorchester and it will be with great regret on both sides that the financial administrative and safeguarding undertaking for such a wonderful treasure are at present found to be beyond the capacity of an already well-stocked museum to include in full display.'

'Rather like the British Museum, then' I said cheekily.

She took no offence. 'I am actually curator for the Mosaic among other many things which are displayed, but, yes, and I did not take the decision lightly. The insurance of such a wonder is, as you may well imagine, alone a very great matter, to say nothing of the arena one would have to build to safeguard and enable people to enjoy without damage or theft. So the undertaking is a pretty massive investment.....'



I thought of Sturminster Newton, in its ever-declining remote and rural context. Once it had the foremost calf-rearing market in Europe and direct railway links with key towns in Somerset and Dorset. The spin-off for local tourism, transport and investment if a national treasure like the Roman Mosaic were based in our local area would be immense. Look at Stone Henge: would English Heritage take up the challenge? Are there places locally which with adjustment might safely display such a remarkable piece of our ancient cultural heritage?

Over to you in Hinton!.....

David Dunning, St George`s

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