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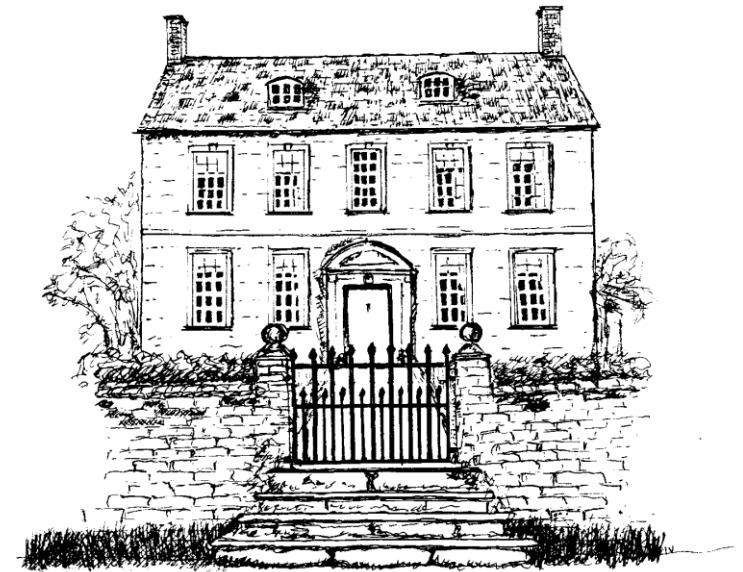
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What's On – Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Venue	Co-ordinator	Telephone
1 st Tues every month	Village Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12.00	Village Hall	Gina	471493

St Peter's Services for January 2019



You are warmly invited to our Services, which are all being held at 10.00am this month

Date	Service
Sunday 3 rd	Holy Communion Traditional Prayer Book
Sunday 10 th	Family Service
Sunday 17 th	Holy Communion Modern Language
Sunday 24 th	Holy Communion Modern Language

All queries relating to Church-related support and services should be directed to the Church Wardens

Col Alastair de Bretton-Gordon
Tele: 01258 473405
adebg@tiscali.co.uk

Robin Gibbs
Tele: 01258 471493
robin@aviaconsult.uk

or:

The Rev Philippa Sargent, The Vicarage, Sturminster Newton
Tel: 01258 473905

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The Commonwealth War Graves commission have now affixed a small plaque to the gates of the graveyard. This commemorates the grave of George Rose Topp, which is immediately after the holly tree.

Janet Bolton



Hinton St Mary Website

Don't forget that you can view and download previous editions of "The Mosaic" and keep abreast with all things 'HSM' on the village website :

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

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

Tel. 471740



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

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

The hire charges are £5.00 per hour but with a reduced rate of £4.00 for anyone resident in the village.

From the Editors



Many thanks to all those taking the time and trouble to send us interesting articles and e-mails.

This little publication can only be as interesting and informative as what we receive. All contributions and comments are very welcome (e.g. recipes, suggestions, letters, sharing interests, comments, feedback or any other articles and notices).

Please support us by e-mailing (or telephoning us) by the 15th of the month to either (or both!):

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Please let the editors know of your events in good time for the next edition!

Our front cover illustration this month is by Jill de Bretton-Gordon. Why not get out that pen & pencil set you were bought at Christmas and exhibit your arty skills on the next edition? Black and white line drawings are ideal but we can do 'wizardry' on any artwork (including photos).



Hinton Recipes – Seville Orange Marmalade

- **2lb Seville Oranges**
- **2 Lemons**
- **Approximately 4 pints water**
- **4lb Jam Sugar**



Finely slice washed fruit keeping separate the pips and the majority of the pith. Put these into a muslin bag. Put everything in a large bowl including the juice, add the water and leave overnight to soak.

Put in a large saucepan or preserving pan and simmer until fruit is all soft. This will take approximately one and a half hours. Lightly squeeze muslin bag and remove. It is now useful to do a pectin test. This simply involves putting a very little of the juice into a saucer containing some methylated spirit and if after gently stirring it forms a jelly clot it is ready for the sugar. If clot does not form boil a little longer.

The amount of sugar required will be approximately 4 lb. Use one pound for every pint of liquid. Warm sugar, stir until dissolved, bring to boil and boil rapidly. If you have a jam thermometer boil until a temperature of 104 degrees Fahrenheit is reached. This will take about 20 – 30 minutes. Put small sample on chilled plate and look for formation of wrinkles when pushed with a finger.

Once this has happened it is ready to pot. Remove any scum, add a small knob of butter, allow to cool a little then pot into hot jars and seal.

If you want to make a second batch later in the year it works well to keep fruit in freezer.

... great to see all measurements in proper English avoirdupois values rather than the daft French metric system ! ['ead Hitters]



Wildlife in our Garden

For us and many others January is a time when we are looking forward to and planning the year ahead but being very interested in Natural History, particularly birds, wild flowers and butterflies it is also a time when we look back over the past year to review what we have seen and recorded.



We only moved to Hinton St Mary in mid-July last year and with the RSPB's "Great Garden Birdwatch" taking place in January thought we would like to share our experience of the range of birds we have seen from our garden since moving to the village.

Our welcome from the birds could not have been better with House Martins nesting on the front of the house and House Sparrows also nesting at the back. Shortly after this we were delighted to find two Spotted Flycatchers as regular visitors along with the usual Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Robin, Wrens, Great Tits, Blue Tits, Long-tailed Tits, Wood Pigeons and Starlings.

Once we had put up the bird feeders the numbers of birds increased considerably with Greenfinches regularly seen together with Coal Tits, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Collared Dove, Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Dunnock, Chaffinch, Blackcap, Sparrowhawk and Nuthatch.

In late Summer/Autumn we had both Green and Great-spotted Woodpeckers in the garden plus Pied Wagtail, Fieldfare, Redwing and one female Pheasant

Birds flying over and seen from the garden were Swallows and Swifts in good numbers, Buzzards, Herring Gull, Jackdaws and Linnets.

In total we recorded seeing 36 different species of birds from our garden (and not a single Magpie which surprised us) but there is one more to add to this total which whilst not in our garden we saw very clearly in the hedge in the lane

opposite the Church – the very lovely but very small and often difficult to see Goldcrest (3 of them).

The numbers of butterflies we recorded in the garden was a bit disappointing with just 9 species – Small and Large White, Holly Blue, Comma, Red Admiral, Peacock, Small Heath, Brimstone and Painted Lady but we hope to improve on this in 2019 by planting more "butterfly friendly" plants.

We have also seen Hedgehogs in the garden which was a real treat – for many years we have only seen dead ones by the roadside and this was the first time we have seen these alive for many years.

John and Sue East

Sewing Machines and Tools for Africa

I learned to sew on my mother's Singer sewing machine and it has moved with us to various homes for sentimental reasons as I bought myself an electric machine with my first pay packet - don't want to think how long ago that was!

I have now donated the machine to a charity called Tools for Self Reliance, (www.tfsr.org) with the help of a local organiser. As well as re-furbishing machines, a really important part of the charity is that they educate people in how to establish and run their own businesses.

If anyone has a sewing machine they would like to donate I would be happy to organise a bulk delivery.

Pauline
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