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What's On – Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Venue	Co-ordinator	Telephone
8 th Jan.	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 6 th	Holy Communion Traditional Prayer Book
Sunday 13 th	Family Service
Sunday 20 th	Holy Communion Modern Language
Sunday 27 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

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.

To Our Sponsors and Advertisers

We would like to thank you, once again, for your contributions without which it would not be possible to publish and distribute "**The Mosaic**".

We would be most grateful if you could let us know if you wish to renew your advertisement or sponsorship for 2019 as soon as possible as our coffers are now quite depleted!

Receipts will, of course, be given.

With best wishes to you all for the New Year.

Pauline Sherwood paulinequilts@aol.com 471843

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!

Hinton St Mary's Roman Mosaic.

Discovered in the Village in 1963 and excavations during 1964 showed that a rich complex of buildings had stood at Lower Cross site during the Roman period AD 270- 400.

The mosaic floor of one of the villas being found remarkably well preserved measuring 8.1 M x 5.2 M (26ft 7in x 17ft 1in) this mosaic being 2 large panels of which is believed to be the floor of 2 connecting rooms.

The main feature being the bust which was probably meant to be a portrait of Christ, if so this being the earliest known mosaic picture of Christ.

The Mosaic having been purchased by British Museum from the land owner at that time (the White family) the BM uplifted the entire remaining Mosaic and transported to London and for many years being placed on display.

For the past 10yrs much of the Mosaic has been taken into storage and remains in boxes however the BM have contacted Dorchester Museum during the period when the DM was being refurbished, to offer the Museum the loan of the HSM Mosaic but unfortunately the Mosaic being too large to be housed for permanent display.

You may recall a Village meeting having taken place earlier this year to discuss whether this Village could house the Mosaic and bring the mosaic back to Dorset and the general feeling being Sturminster Newton being more suitable to meet the requirements of BM conditions.

Several meetings have since taken place and The Dorchester Museum have given approval for Sturminster Newton being their preferred site and that they have agreed to invite BM to visit Sturminster Newton to discuss proposed plans and sites that may be suitable, Sturminster Newton Museum , the Town Library or The Exchange Building (this being most suitable owing to cost involved, reception and café being already on site) .

BM will be visiting during January 2019 and we will report their comments and any firm indications that the Mosaic will return to Dorset in the future.

Chris Hardiman.

Village Co-ordinator for HSM Mosaic.



... e-mails received



Hinton St. Mary Village Christmas Party

A huge thank you once again to Anthea for organising our village Christmas Party. Her forward planning and ability to marshal the young and not quite so young to set-up and clear-up is very impressive.

As usual we dined on an impressive selection of savoury and sweet delights. The traditional carols and the rendition of the traditional "Twelve Days of Christmas" went down well with all, particularly with the support provided by the younger residents with their actions and vocals and John's playing.

Everyone supported the raffle and the Snowflake Sweepstake and a substantial donation has gone to the local Home Start charity; a very worthy cause.

Also, we should all thank Mr & Mrs Pitt-Rivers who once again provided the facilities of the Tithe Barn, which looked so festive and welcoming.

Finally - what is the date for 2019?

Mrs Shane Johnstone



Healing Honey Hinton Recipes -



Medical trials tend to look at honey taken by the spoonful, which is frankly about as much fun as the cough itself, but unfortunately many of the qualities that make honey so valuable are heat-sensitive, which rules out taking it in the form of sticky sausages, root veg or a fluffy Jewish honey cake. Here are some recipes to try instead. **Felicity Cloake**

Salad Dressing



Honey makes an excellent addition to salad dressings, particularly for crunchy autumnal ingredients such as chicory or walnuts. Shake 2 parts lemon juice or cider vinegar to 1 part honey in a jam jar until well combined, then shake in 3 parts oil and season to taste.

A Warm - not hot! - Toddy

Heat 60ml of water with a strip of lemon peel, a knob of ginger, a cinnamon stick and a few cloves, until steaming. Allow to cool to drinking temperature, then stir in 1 tablespoon of honey and the juice of half a lemon, plus a tot of whiskey if you feel particularly grim.

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Sturminster Newton Orchestra - Christmas Concert



Very many thanks to the villagers of Hinton St Mary who supported us at our Christmas Concert on 15th December at "The Exchange". Not only was every seat filled, we had to hastily arrange a few extras !

Under the baton of our new Musical Director, David Ansell, our repertoire offering comprised some rousing music including "The Dambuster's March" by Eric Coates as well as a varied selection of Christmas and seasonal music to make a great start to the festive season.

With your amazing generosity, we managed to raise over £580 for the "Friends of Stour Connect", our local centre at Stour View who provide a day-care service for many with learning difficulties and other disabilities as well as supporting their carers.

This was a record amount and we are always overwhelmed by the kindness of our audience.

We are very keen to attract new players, especially strings – so if you, or someone you know, has a neglected fiddle in the attic, please dust it off and come and join us.

We look forward to seeing you all again at our Spring Concert (we will keep you posted through these pages).

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

I was recently wandering into the Exchange and noticed the Computer Learning Centre staffed by volunteers including Cathy Thomas from our village. Having had a few IT problems transferring my Irish email, including the vital list of contacts, to a more reliable ISP I have twice used their services which are free but donations are appreciated.

I cannot praise their expertise highly enough: solving my email teething predicaments cheerfully, efficiently and quickly, without making me feel an incompetent. The Centre is open for most of the day on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Richard Collins



We have been asked by Jill de Bretton Gordon to put a big 'thank you' in "The Mosaic" to Gina who with help of Robin has organised the monthly coffee morning in the Pavilion , much enjoyed by everyone.

[Ed.s]



The Village Christmas Party



On Friday 14th December on a bitterly cold evening, the party goers of Hinton St. Mary came to the Tithe Barn to start the Christmas festivities by attending the Village Christmas Party.

Thank you so much to all those who braved the cold, who helped, contributed to and attended the Village Christmas Party – your contributions to the evening are all greatly appreciated and the party would not happen without your support.

A special thank you to all those who came to set up, to those who helped during the evening and 'the army' of people who came on Saturday afternoon to clear up – I think we broke all records, 1 hour 20 minutes – well done all!!

It was lovely to see several new faces at the party too, as well as of course, the regular party goers of Hinton and also fantastic to see so many of the children and young people of our village.

Your generosity of food for the buffet table and super prizes for the raffle table together with those items bought using some of last year's funds, made a sumptuous buffet feast and an array of prizes well worth winning – thank you so much.

The Snowflake Sweepstake was won by Michael Williams and Tony Burnside in the adult's section and Eli Bartlett in the children's section. Together with a donation from the Christmas raffle money, I have been able to send a cheque for £50 to Home Start in Sturminster Newton. The winner of the Christmas Quiz was Emma Stirzaker who won a Christmas Goody Bag. Well done everyone.

Thank you also to Mr. and Mrs. Pitt-Rivers for their generosity in, not only allowing us to use the Tithe Barn for our Christmas Party, but also providing all

the logs and central heating to try to keep us all warm and cosy on a cold, wintry night!

Christmas is now over and the unknown territory of the new year of 2019 lies ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all happiness, health, peace and prosperity in this brand new year and hope that 2019 is kind to us all.

Best wishes, **Anthea Harding.**

A date for your new diary – Village Christmas Party Friday 13th December 2019!

Dear Anthea

I write on behalf of Home-Start North Dorset to formally acknowledge receipt of your extremely welcome donation of £50. We'd like to offer our sincere thanks to the village attendees of the Christmas party that took part in the Snowflake Sweepstake to raise money for charity.

The money will be used towards recruiting, training and supporting our parent volunteers who visit local families in their own home, with at least one child under five and support them through a difficult phase in their lives. A child's early years are critical to their future and we try to make a difference to parents and children facing difficulties.

Funding is an ongoing issue for a charity like ours and your support is very much appreciated.

Thank you once again.

Carole Brown

Chair

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