



The Mosaic Hinton St Mary October 2020

WARNING (local resident)

Three men in a white Ford Transit registration number PO58 GWK (although this may be changed) would appear to be intimidating vulnerable people into having work done on their gardens and charging exorbitant fees. In one instance a local lady was charged £500.00 for a hedge trim. In another instance they drove into a driveway, parked up and started pruning a tree, with no authority to do so. A vigilant neighbour sent them packing. The men have been described as follows: One has short hair, a tan complexion and was wearing a hi-viz jacket and bodywarmer. The second is a stocky build and the third is tall with a baseball cap. It may be advisable to keep gates shut where possible.

The police are aware and a community support officer attended. Anybody who has concerns, sees the van or sees anybody suspicious should call the police on 101 and quote crime reference 02-229.

1. Community Apple Day (Liz Collins)



It is hard to believe that when Shane Johnstone and I were discussing the idea of a community apple pressing day at last year's Harvest lunch, Covid-19 was unheard of. Then in March we thought it would be good to have something to look forward to in the Autumn after lockdown, but hadn't bargained on a second wave and new restrictions. Plans for a social gathering to complement the working session had to be cancelled, but in the end we were able to go ahead with the juicing operation and we think we produced in excess of 200 litres of juice, using donated apples and those picked from the Community Orchard. Because of social distancing considerations we needed to work with a limited number of helpers which made for a very full day, but it was a very useful learning curve and will stand us in good stead if there is sufficient demand for a full event next year.

Many thanks to all who helped with donating and picking apples and providing empty bottles, and especially to those who helped on the day, with especial mention to Chris Townsend for his practical help and expertise, Alice Fox-Pitt for supplying additional equipment and removing the pomace (left-over pulp) to feed her pigs (and her girls for their help in the afternoon), John and Gwyn James for setting up a cider-making display, Kevin Peto-Bostick for a mammoth session on the juicer and Kate Townsend for help with the filling of bottles and pasteurising - also to Alice and Ed Townsend for their help as runners between sites.

At the time of writing we are still working on the distribution of the spoils, but hopefully everyone will get a chance to taste the juice and maybe later in the year, some cider! As it wasn't possible for us to open up the site to spectators, we have a number of photos recording the day which we hope to have displayed on the Village website.

Gina's coffee morning October – cancelled

due to the rule of 6. See November issue for further update.

3 Way Village Meeting (Janet Bolton)

We have held the first meeting of a village 3 way group. There were representatives of the Parish Council, the village hall committee and the Church council. The aim is to work together on projects and events which will benefit the whole village. Because of current Covid restrictions we were limited to 6 people and also limited in planning events for this Autumn and Winter. We intend to have meetings every March and September.

Village Christmas Party

We will not be able to hold a party this year, but it is our intention to have a party in subsequent years on the 3rd Friday of December. It will not be as well organised as in recent years, but it will be absolutely free and, hopefully, a lot of fun.

Village Garden

Liz Collins and Shane Johnstone have already started using the garden for apple related activity. Again, Covid restrictions have prevented the social gathering they had planned., which is very sad. We will support a November tidy-up if that is appropriate.

We would like to create a children's play area in the open part of the orchard. There are quite a lot of resident children in the village and many more visiting. We think it would be good for them to have somewhere to play.

The Village Show.

This will be held in the Autumn of every year instead of alternate years

Gardens Open

This will continue to be held in June on alternate years. It should happen on 19th and 20th June 2021 – we really hope this will be possible.

Cricket fixtures.

We will ask the cricket club for their list of fixtures, which will be published in the Mosaic

Telephone Box

The village have adopted the box. We will put a map of the village in there and also leaflets of walks around Hinton. Any other suggestions welcomed.

Robin Gibbs 471493. Shane Johnstone 474670. Janet Bolton 472300. Chris Hardiman 471628. Kevin Jones 07776 250721. Steve Johnson 07745 228527



Health Concerns (Janet Bolton)

If anyone has concerns about their health, they should contact a Doctor. Everything is very different during this Coronavirus pandemic, but our local practice is there to help – we just have to be a bit more patient.

If you have any worries ring **474500**

Your call will be answered and a choice of numbers offered.

Pressing **1** for appointments will be the most common choice.

You will then be put in a queue and told your number in the queue.

You will frequently be told how your number is progressing –

The queue moves remarkably quickly.

When you speak to a receptionist and ask for an appointment, you will,

unless your problem is urgent, probably be given an appointment for a Doctor to ring you.

Be close to a telephone 30 minutes before the appointed time – they sometimes ring early.

After having a chat with you, the Doctor will give you a proper appointment.

DO NOT PUT OFF SEEKING HELP – IT ALL WORKS VERY WELL – JUST TAKES A LITTLE LONGER

St Peter's Services – October 2020

You are warmly invited to our Services all being held at 9.30 am.

Date	Service
Sunday 4 th	Morning Prayer
Sunday 11 th	Harvest Festival
Sunday 18 th	Morning Prayer
Sunday 25 th	Holy Communion



Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings due to be held on Sunday 4th October are being postponed. A new date and time will be put up on the notice boards in the Church porch and at the gate as soon as these details are confirmed.

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.

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

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Kevin Peto-Bostick
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or

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

Thank you Janet (Charles Wright)

Janet Bolton retired from Hinton St Mary Parish Council in August this year. She started as a councillor in 2007. As a former chair of the parish council I would like to thank Janet for all her work. She was a great member of the council, always with ideas to contribute as well as a source of knowledge about the village.

Janet not only was a council member but was always involved in village events such as open gardens and the village show as well as helping to construct the village garden. She has also played a large part in the Sturminster/Hinton twinning with Montebourg in France.

Janet has not finished as she is now involved with the Village 3 Way Group and has taken joint editorship of the Hinton St Mary Mosaic!

I am sure the village would like to thank Janet for all her help and work for Hinton.



TONY BONNELL (Janet Bolton)

Sad to tell you that Tony died last week.

Tony and Norma lived for many years in Castlemans Farmhouse and were great helpers in all aspects of village life. They were both teachers and had spent a considerable time running the school at Bryher in the Scilly Isles. When they returned to the mainland, they became headmaster and teacher at Stour Provost School and moved to Hinton. Tony was on the Parish Council and Norma was the Open Gardens Supremo for many years. They were active members of our Church and continued to join our services after their move to Sturminster. They were respected and loved by all.

Tony will be buried, with a family service, at the Shillingstone Woodland Cemetery.

There will be a Memorial Service at our Church in Hinton in the New Year, when Covid restrictions permit.

A goodbye to Richard and Joan Johnson. (Janet Bolton)

Richard and Joan have lived at Home Farmhouse for the last 14 years. They have now moved to the Isle of Wight to be near one of their daughters. Joan will always be remembered as our Queen of Scones. She made a large number of scones for Gardens Open teas, a few years ago. By Saturday night all the scones had been sold. 'Never mind' said Joan, 'I will make some more'
By Sunday lunchtime she had delivered another 300. (Pat Bartlett will remember this !)

We all hope they will be very happy in their new home.



Volunteer drivers and telephone befrienders needed (Cllr Carole Jones)

We need volunteer drivers to help some of our elderly residents in and around Sturminster get to medical and hospital appointments. We also need one or two people to 'befriend' a lonely person via the telephone once/twice a week. Please give me a call or email me if you are interested and I would be pleased to answer any questions.

01258 472497 / 07968 348481

<https://www.facebook.com/carole4stur>

Top Tips – Wasps Traps (Ted Eyres)



- Part fill a plastic bucket with soapy water.
- Place a strip of wood across the top and hang something like a chicken carcass on the underside a couple of centimetres above the soapy water level.
- When the wasps go to investigate they end up in the water.
Or
- If they are nesting in a hole in the ground or in a bank, tip some petrol down it – but do not light it. Alternatively Harts sell a special foam which costs about £5.00.

Trusted Traders

These are tradesman/workers who have been personally recommended by villagers. Please let us have details of anybody who has done a great job for you. Thank you.

COMPUTER HELP	TIM WEST	01258 817537 sturcomputers@hotmail.co.uk
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Ride and Stride Saturday Sept 12 (David Dunning)

Just to say that I duly completed the sponsored 44m cycle trip. It was sunny, not more than a breath of wind and dry, best weather for cycling. I journeyed an hour to Yeovil Pen Mill visiting 5 churches before catching the train to Dorchester. Two in the parish where I live then on to Osborne, where there is the ancient chancel of the 14th century church on the A30 with a Victorian gem of a building actually in the village itself. Osborne was no doubt a `plague` village where the villagers succumbed to the 14th century Black Death, a sobering thought in these times. Then a brief stop at Castleton and on to Sherborne Abbey .



Their vicar has recently retired and is about to appear in the Blackmore Vale, but this at least was going on as normal, indeed there is an interim Chaplain to the Abbey, himself retired. A bottle of water gratefully received, many pleasantries; then I needed to get back on the road for a steady cycle to Yeovil. I made the train comfortably. It had 4 carriages: gone are the days a locomotive thundered along this single track packed to the doors of 5 or more units with Birmingham holiday makers out for the sea sun and beaches of Weymouth. Usually the train is a couple of old 1950s units trundling uncomfortably along, but today it featured brand new

units. However, someone had not done their homework as it was impossible to get the bike under the luggage racks suspended above the cycle bay running half the length of the carriage. The guard grinned as I gave up and we just shrugged. No other bikes or passengers here, so no problem, but I made a mental note to discern what unit I would be travelling in future.

When you step off the rural world into the small county town, all the hustle and bustle overwhelm the pleasantries of the cycle day in Dorchester. Brief stops at three churches all different denominations, but I discovered that the Anglicans at least are in good heart, over 80 regulars before the lockdown and new appointments for all the Dorchester Anglican churches are due. Now my intention was to return home cycling mainly back up the Frome Valley (via Maiden Newton and other villages), there being no trains back on a Saturday till later in the day.

Following the old Roman road below Poundbury I reached the top of the down where a fine Roman fort had once stood commanding the valley. An aqueduct provided water for the town which also boasted in the 3rd century a mosaic manufacturer – you can see the work done in a still standing town house near the Dorchester Court House: probable that this source was also the designer and producer of the Hinton Mosaic around AD350, the finest mosaic found in western Europe outside Italy and a national treasure kept in the British Museum. The route runs straight but up and down the crazily steep road to Bradford Peverill, a wealthy village whose church bore no signs of R&S, closed but evidently in good repair. First stop for a sandwich lunch, beautifully quiet and refined, surrounded by a glorious crowd of wild cyclamen. Almost no one about anywhere, so on to Stratton, again closed and no R&S this year, but I'm not surprised in the pandemic situation. Tempted but not overcome by the good-looking pub next door, where a small gathering of cyclists wearing the familiar yellow sur-coat of R&S were tucking into a repast, socially distanced. The cycle route takes over now on the other side of the valley from the main noisy A37 to Yeovil, and along silent leafy lanes, a national sustrans cycle route (26) absolutely without any sort of traffic. Occasional farm roads and unmade tracks through woods for about 5 miles through Frampton and finally to Maiden Newton.



Now in years previously there's always something on there: bring and buy with cream teas to encourage local folk (and R&S) to spend, socialise and enjoy their fine church which some enterprising clergy have modernised tastefully without losing the sense of time –honoured worship on an ancient site. So, today....yes! A lovely friendly couple (distinct northern drawl –turned out they were from parts of Yorkshire I knew quite well) made tea and home-made scones with jam, meanwhile the organist turned up to play some old favourites as we chatted in the wonderfully late afternoon sunshine. And even a modern, properly equipped lavatory, rare in the rural church!

But riders can't dally! A long climb up to Cattistock, a most impressive tower-strengthened church structure imposing in the village, visitor forms and sanitising with messages of welcome, so on over the hills between the Frome and the Wriggle valleys, crossing the A37 where tractor-led streams of vehicles almost blocked the road in both directions; and down into the comfortable, well-laid-out village of Chetnole. And the rare experience of meeting a parishioner looking after things, so a chance to catch-up as I have taken some services here.

But now the final long mainly downward route via Leigh and Longburton to Sherborne across the Wriggle valley. Admittedly I was now losing the complete sense of enjoyment as 40m clogged up, and still 4 to go as I steadily dragged my route above the town with the dominating Abbey plain and important, central to the view. In fact I stopped here again for a 2nd sandwich and swig of water to regain some strength for the last 20minutes mainly uphill to Milborne Port by way of the backroads avoiding the awful A30. did rather more miles than I intended but slowly! I visited 10 more churches on this way back

There is still time to sponsor David and support St Peter's Church building by clicking on his JustGiving page here: :

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hsm-rideandstride2020?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=hsm-rideandstride2020&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=d1ba7a5a2b3a4f93896b9fec05c3513b

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Dorset Historic Churches Trust, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Recycle Section



Do you have something you no longer use or need? Would you like to sell it or just see it put to good use?
Are you looking for something to recycle?
Please let us have a brief description and price (if applicable) and we will put it in the following month's Mosaic.

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Answers to September QUICK QUIZ

Anagram: arrogant

Dingbat: criminal

Ditloid: 1 man went to mow

Riddle: When it is a Roman Numeral five

October QUICK QUIZ

Anagram: Make two 7 letter words from CAPITOL

Dingbat: Re Re

Ditloid: 10 E in a D (clue - sport)

Riddle: What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?

Answers in November Mosaic