** THE MOSAIC**

**HINTON ST MARY**

**January 2022**

**Cancelled Village Christmas Party.**

 We were so sorry to cancel the party as plans were going so well.

We all felt it was the only responsible thing to do.

Everything we have done will be used for next Christmas, when, we hope,

life will have returned to normal.

 We have made a donation of £100 to the Pantry in Sturminster.

 We are now planning a Spring Village Party – Covid willing !

More news in due course.

 Ed., Gemma, Janet, Jean, Kate, Matt, Nick and Shane

We received this reply from Carole Jones.

Thank you so very much indeed for the cheque, we have spent an absolute fortune in the last couple of weeks trying to get everything together for our Pantry members to have a decent Christmas. Every penny is much needed and will be well spent, so please do thank everyone on our behalf.

I hope you have a happy and healthy new year and thanks once again    Carole

We would like to thank those that stepped up to organise the 2021 Christmas party & whilst we are very disappointed the event has been cancelled, we understand & thank the team for making the decision & for speedy communication in advance.

Bring on the Spring party.

Celia & Charles Wright



It was lovely to see the Christmas Tree opposite the pub.

It was donated to the Village Christmas party by Philip Hart but, as the party had to be cancelled, it was erected in the centre of the village.

It was put in place, lit and decorated by Robbie and Charley Bartlett.

It was a shining light in a rather gloomy Christmas and our huge thanks to Philip, Robbie and Charley.

Our much-missed Dick Pemberton has run the village website for many years.

We are very grateful to Nick Bartley of The Old Post Office for taking it on.

His contact details are – e mail.   nickjbartley@gmail.com

Telephone   07972 761731

Thank you Nick

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Wednesday 9th February, 7.30pm @ The Exchange

A fascinating talk by Dr Richard Hobbs (Weston Curator of Roman Britain, British Museum) will focus on the new fieldwork and excavations that have recently taken place at Hinton St Mary.

Tickets £11 on the door, £10 in advance.

**The Yard Alice Fox- Pit**

The horses have been enjoying a well-earned break through December.

We try to let them be as natural as possible. They go out in the fields around the farm in pairs. They are rugged up and fed but otherwise we try to leave them as unbothered as possible.

The young horses, three and four- year- olds have been a bit busier. It is a good opportunity while no one is away at events and competitions to take time to develop their training and skills. They have had a couple of outings away from the farm just getting accustomed to different environments and experiences.

They are now turned away again to grow and develop and will be back in work in the spring.

Things are just starting to hot up. We have a very international team for the 2022 season. Kazu returns late January, we have a new Danish international competitor with us, a south African rider and an Australian to work alongside Jackie, Dan, Georgia and Annie.

Leading British young rider Toots Bartlett has also moved her team in to Woodlane and is living in the village.

We are looking forward to an exciting season, the first big competition is Kentucky in the US in April but the season gets underway in March so it won’t be long!

Happy New Year from everyone at Wood Lane Stables.

**Sturminster Newton Orchestra**

**Christmas Concert**

**(Saturday 18th December)**

After many sleepless hours and understandable anxiety of whether the ‘show must go on’ or not, that’s just what happened. How many musicians would attend? Would there be anybody in the audience? Well, certainly enough of the first and a somewhat surprising audience collective for the second. With the next doors ajar to the “Bow Room” set up for mass vaccinations, the recipients got another shot in the arm by being accompanied by an orchestra playing a rousing collection of Christmas favourites.

With the windows and doors open at the side, it was wonderful to see members of the public in the Railway Gardens stop for a moment or two and see and hear us playing.

Even with a smaller seated audience than usual, their generosity was such that we managed to raise over £200 in our ‘bucket collection’ to support “The Exchange” – a place we now call our new home.

With all the smiles and complements received it certainly proved to be a joyful and fitting start to the festive season. You never know, with people hearing us for the first time we might even have attracted some budding musicians to join our happy band!

**John Harding**

**Amberwood**

**VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS**

Please check the village Facebook page or call Nigel on 07710 088322 for an update on whether the coffee morning will be able to go ahead on 1st February. It is dependent on Covid restrictions at the Village Hall.

One of this New Years many challenges…..Energy costs

We are all becoming aware of the current steep rise in the cost of energy providing heat and lighting to our homes. It’s estimated that by the Spring we shall see another 50% spike.

We do have the power to reduce our costs now and support climate change reductions in CO2.

Renewable energy and Solar PV.

The cost of PV and its installation has been progressively reducing whilst energy prices soar making it an amazing time to think seriously about making a move. The old objections about cost certainly don’t apply and the new quality and standards of design of PV make it far better aesthetically.

We can make savings by working together.

In Hazelbury Bryan a small Eco group have agreed with an installer for real economies of scale when numbers of households come together. Currently 12 households have signed up and the numbers are growing. This will reduce the cost for everyone and ensure the best design and quality of install.

Before Covid I joined the inaugural meeting of Teams in Marnhall an eco-group which was formed in the Village to address everything from planting trees to wilding roadsides to charging points for electric cars. They have been a model for what’s possible even in difficult times.

Is it time for Hinton to form a small group and explore ways to be part of the drive to lowering our carbon footprint? Young and old, qualified or just enthusiastic seeing what’s possible for the Village.

I’m sure everyone is thinking about this but we hear so many confusing facts and fictions, so why not listen to people who care, know something about it and are not for profit.

This year is going to be challenging for everyone, energy is vital and needs our attention, please email me if you are interested in taking any of these ideas forward. Maybe we can get the Parish Council to get involved and hear firsthand the Hazelbury Bryan experience.

vince.adams@me.com

See Marnhall’s green initiatives: marnhullgreen@outlook.com

Blandford Hospital Charity Shop.

They are very happy with the response to the warehouse opening in Hinton and will continue next year.

The warehouse is on the old Poisedale site near the main road.

In January it will be open **10 am –** 12 **m.d** on **Saturday, 8th January,** due to the first Saturday being New Year’s Day.

After that it will be the 1st Saturday of each month. 10 -12.

It is very convenient to be able to drive to the door and unload.  Help is available if required.



  **JANUARY QUICK QUIZ**

Dingbat: T\_RN Ditloid: 168 H in a W Riddle: What tastes better than it smells?

 ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER QUICK QUIZ

 Dingbat: *Frankincense* Ditloid: *9 Reindeers pull Santas Sleigh* Riddle: In a dictionary

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*Please let us have any articles, notices, celebrations,, information, items for sale, trusted traders etc you would like to have included in next month’s Mosaic. Deadline 24th of the Month. Thank you. Janet, Jo & Nigel.*

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