



The Hinton Hound



August/September/October 2026



our SHOP

15th
ANNIVERSARY

We do hope you can join us in the garden on 1st August
to celebrate this momentous community achievement

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Drinks & snacks available and cake ceremony at 3.00pm

10% discount on **ALMOST** everything!

Our **SHOP's** history:

May 2010 - with owners, Sue & Peter Knight wishing to retire, an Open Meeting was held to discuss the future of the shop.

July 2010 - Hinton Village Shop Assoc. (HVSA) was established.

August 2010 - HVSA secured full backing of the Parish Council and received seed funding of £750.

January 2011 - HRCS was registered as

a Society under the Industrial & Provident Societies Act 1965.

January - July 2011 - share offer raised £137,520. Grants, loans and donations raised in excess of £75,000.

August 2011 - property purchased and our SHOP opened its doors.

August 2026 and beyond - thanks to our wonderful staff and volunteers our SHOP continues to flourish.

What a community!

Thank you Parish Council for sponsoring this issue.



Bishops' Heraldry by Hint. Hist.

In my last article I mentioned the heraldic panels to be found in part of Hinton House. Strangely enough two of these panels depict the coat of arms of early Tudor bishops. They are very similar in format. The first (somewhat damaged) shows a shield surmounted by the remains of a mitre.

The left division has the arms of the See of Exeter and the right has three roses at the top and two owls above a chevron (a third owl has worn away). These are the arms of Hugh Oldham Bishop of Exeter (died 1519).

He was the founder of Manchester Grammar School and his brother Bernard was rector of Crewkerne and helped to establish Crewkerne Grammar School. Hugh was obviously keen on his badge of an owl (part of his name) as there are 59 owls carved on his



monument in Exeter Cathedral.

The other ecclesiastical panel is to Richard Fox successively Bishop of Exeter, Bath & Wells, Durham and finally Winchester and founder of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. He was an adviser to the first two Tudors dying in 1528. The panel combines the arms of Winchester with Fox's own arms "a Pelican in its Piety".

The Pelican is a symbol of Christ: it wounds its breast and feeds its young on its own blood. The partially

erased motto is that of the Garter (Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense) as the Bishop of Winchester is the Prelate of the Order. On the corners on the right may be seen a pair of foxes. Someone called the Bishop "a Foxe indeed".

The Grumpy Men's Breakfast Club meet on the last Wednesday of each month at

The Lord Poulett. Here we discuss the important (and not so important) issues of the day. There's no agenda or speeches, just like-minded grumpy old men getting together for a social chat over breakfast.

It's nice to see a few new faces joining us recently as well as our regular participants. It's a good place for any new neighbours in the village to get to know one another.



The chef serves up a hearty breakfast which normally consists of a full

English or something similar. This is all washed down with as much coffee or tea as we wish with the occasional pastry to finish with.

Attendance is by pre-notification only and I normally send out reminders the week before. If you would like me to add your contact details to the mailing list, or would like further information, then please let me know.

Chris Phillips

chrisp0705@outlook.com



Did you know that Hinton St George has its own friendly walking group called the Hinton Pathfinders?

Founded in 2012, the group has so far walked a total of nearly 750 miles on well over 100 walks. The group, which is open to all, including dogs, walks on the second Friday of each month. The circular walks are roughly within a half-hour drive of the village and are usually 5-6 miles long, normally ending up at a good pub for lunch. We meet up outside the Lord Poulett Arms at around 9.30am when we sort out shared lifts. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Don Morecombe (tel: 07790 208 330 or email: morecombes@gmail.com) and you will be placed on our email circulation list. You will be sent an email with information about the walk, a map and gpx file (for use on a gps device) a week before each walk. There is no obligation, so if you are interested, just turn up on the morning of the walk.

Please note that walkers do so at their own risk.

Don Morecombe



How I came to live in Hinton

Over the years I've included a number of short stories about how villagers came to live in Hinton. Would you like to share yours? If so, please let me know: editorhintonhound@gmail.com or call me 01460 74162.

Editor

Hinton St George History Group presents

**7.30pm,
Friday
9th October,
St. George's
Hall**



Our speaker, Candy Adkins, will relate the inspirational story of her mother, Jackie Moggridge, who was a pioneer for women in

aviation. Discover how she played a pivotal role in the war effort, flying planes to where they were needed, even as far as Burma, with only a map and a compass, finally earning her full RAF wings in 1953 and a King's Commendation.

Tickets £6 in advance from *our* SHOP or £7 on the door. Doors open at 7pm. Pay bar available, cash only.

Caroline van den Berg



The Flix in the Stix team is taking a break during August and the next screening dates in the village hall are:

18th September, 23rd

October and 20th November - all Fridays.

We'll let you know via email to our email list and posters in and around the village which films we're screening. If you think your email address is not on our list please email it to flixinthestix0@gmail.com

Stephen Humble



Alan Turing, the Shelley and the Frankenstein of Artificial Intelligence

A talk by Andrew Hodges of Oxford University, author of "Alan Turing: The Enigma" - **Saturday 7th November.**

The now famous Alan Turing (1912-1954) made a prediction in 1950 that within fifty years, it would be difficult to tell what was human and what was the output of 'intelligent machinery'. Now, under the name of Artificial Intelligence, technology seems to have justified Turing's prophecy. This was not based on his experience of the computers of 1950, which had only just come into existence. It came from his theoretical analysis in 1936 of mental states and their mechanisation. This work was like that of the romantic poet Shelley in its pursuit of intellectual beauty and revolving around the question of establishing truth. Yet now we see the explosion of AI applications in fraud,

mendacious propaganda, murderous weaponry, and the rest – an outcome comparable with the Frankenstein story created by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, partner to the poet,. Andrew Hodges will explore this apparent contradiction by looking back at Turing's arguments and will show a surprising connection between his later remarks and the work of Roger Penrose, a trenchant critic of AI.

Organised by the Hinton St George Philosophical Society, this talk will take place at St George's Hall on Saturday 7th November, doors open at 5.30, for 6pm start. Cash bar. Tickets @ £10 in advance from *Our SHOP* available from the 1st October. All enquiries to: stephen_huggett@mac.com.

Stephen Huggett



Friends of Our Church Hinton St George Building Trust enjoyed a fabulous Reception hosted by Christopher & Ziggy Samler at The Rectory as part of the Trust's 10th Anniversary celebratory weekend. The church then opened its doors to around 80 people for a superb concert performed by Richard Lea (Baritone) and Jonathan Delbridge (piano). Whilst it was not a fundraising event, together with the viewing of Amadeus the night before, we raised just under £800. Thank you all who supported the events and we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did.



Parish Council Update

Free Defibrillator & CPR Training

The Parish Council invites you to join our free defibrillator and CPR training on **Saturday 15th August**, from 11am to midday, at St George's Hall. Booking is not required but please arrive at 10:30 - refreshments will be provided.

The training will be conducted by Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, who'll teach you how to deliver effective CPR as well as how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in case of an emergency. We're also grateful to have our own Rebecca Sly joining us to share her professional expertise and practical advice.

According to some chilling stats from Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, around 200 people in the UK suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest every day and currently only 1 in 10 survive. The Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance can get to most locations within 20 minutes, but the care the patient receives before they arrive can double their chances of survival.

We have 5 defibrillators around the village which the Parish Council maintains. The locked cabinets are accessed by calling 999 - you'll receive a code to use the defibrillator while emergency services are dispatched to you. The defibrillator delivers a shock to a patient in cardiac arrest, helping to restore normal heart rhythm. Although it has spoken instructions to guide you, it helps to have tried this out, as well as learning the basics of CPR.

We hope you'll join us in learning how to use these defibrillators in the hopelessly unlikely case you're ever called on to save the life of a family member,

friend or neighbour. It would be great for the village if at least one person in every street was trained: could that be you?

Assisted Rubbish Collections

Did you know that Somerset Council offers an assisted collection service for households where residents are unable to put their rubbish, recycling or garden waste out at the kerbside due to ill health, a permanent disability or reduced mobility? On your scheduled collection day, their crews will collect your boxes, bags and bins from a visible and accessible location on your property, empty and return them to the same place.

There is no charge for this service - you would just need to apply for it via the Somerset Council website under Assisted Collections. If you need assistance in applying for this service, please contact Cllr Andy Barber.

Emergency Planning

The Parish Council is putting together an emergency plan for the village to help us deal with serious events such as fire, extreme utility failures or other major incidents.

As part of this, we're looking into an emergency cascade system using the existing street WhatsApp groups. If you run one of these groups, or have relevant skills or experience that you'd like to share as part of our emergency planning, please reach out to Cllr Emma Way (emmaeway@btinternet.com) or the Clerk (clerk@hintonstgeorgeparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Helen Graham, Clerk



Gardening Club Update

Open Gardens was a great success this year and we were very lucky to have perfect weather on both days. Our lovely village and beautiful gardens attracted 400+ visitors which has meant we were able to donate £3,500 to St. Margaret's, £500 towards refurbishing the playground, £500 to our SHOP and £250 to ARK. Thank you to everyone for your contribution to this wonderful result.

The Gardening Club is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. Membership numbers remain quite healthy and our finances are in good shape and we

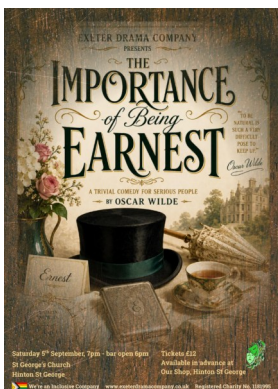
continue to organise a variety of events each year.

However, the committee has expressed its intention to stand down at the end of this calendar year and sadly no one has yet stepped forward to form a new one, without which there will not be a Gardening Club. Ideally, it would be good to have a transition period until December, not least to organise our special talk in November. If you would be prepared to join the committee please contact us at: hintongardeningclub@gmail.com.

Ann Huggett



Photos by Rosamund Annetts



The Exeter Drama Company presents

Oscar Wilde's most famous and much-quoted play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, in St George's Church on **Saturday 5th September**. This promises to be an extremely entertaining way to help raise funds for the church. Tickets will be available from our SHOP at just £12. Doors and the bar will open at 6pm with the performance starting at 7pm.

The cast and crew are all looking for beds, so if you can help with this, please contact Peter Krause at 07903 995 131.

Peter Krause



THE COOL TONES



Dig out your dancing shoes!

Tell your friends: the fabulous Cool-Tones, Hinton-born Tommy Read's successor band to the BeachBoyz Tribute Band, with three of the same band members, consummate musicians all, are coming to play at St George's Hall on the evening of **Friday 21st August**. If you enjoy the beat from the fifties – yes, The Beach Boys will be represented - through to the eighties and beyond, then you'll have a really fun evening.

I hope to set up the hall Ronnie Scott-style with small bistro tables so it will be easy to get up to dance or head to the bar! To get your tickets visit *Our SHOP* (only £15) or, if you prefer to pay by BACS, or have any queries, please email emmaeway@btinternet.com. There will be a cash bar. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Emma Way

Beer & Hymns

Somehow, the somewhat surprising combination of a pint of beer (or two) and a selection of well-known hymns is utterly winning. This now annual event returns to the Dinnington Docks on **Sunday 30th August** at 5pm. Get yourself a glass and settle at one of the tables in the garden (assuming it's sunny, in the skittle alley if not) for some rousing singing and an enjoyable selection of readings. Matt's BBQ follows. If you've been before, we'll hope to see you again (people tend to return) and, if not, why not give it a try?

Emma Way



Saturday 12th September Bella Bluebell – Diva Show *The real Angel of the north*



This is expected to sell out quickly; last time tickets sold out within two weeks of launch. You can now **pre-order tickets** for £15 each by email-

ing events@hintonstgeorgehall.co.uk.

As those who attended two years ago will know, this is an 18+ event and promises to be a hilarious evening.

What's on every week

Monday: Pilates 6 – 7pm

Tuesday: Active Living 10.30 -12 noon

Wednesday: Indoor Bowls 7 – 10pm

Thursday: Free space

Friday: Private Hire–book your party

Saturday: Private Hire–book your party

If you are thinking of hiring the village hall or would like to make a regular booking please e-mail bookings@hintonstgeorgehall.co.uk. Remember villages receive a preferential rate.

www.hintonstgeorgehall.co.uk

Steve Clare



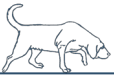
Copy date for the next issue, covering the period November, December and January 2027 is **18th October**.

Please send copy (in Word format) and photographs to: editorhintonhound@gmail.com.

If a group you are involved with would like to sponsor an issue, do please let me know.

Thank you.

Editor



Happy Summer Everyone!

There are lots of things coming up over the next few months; here are but a few, so please keep your eyes open locally and on social media:

Regular Activities:

Tai Chi, Mondays 9.30-10.30am £5,
Community Lunches in Merriott village hall, every other Tuesday £6 for 2 courses (must book via ARK) (4th, 18th August),

Health Walks every 2nd & 4th Thursday 10.30am from ARK for approx. 1 hour, free of charge.

We are also hosting a Grief support group on the first Tuesday of each month (no group in August but resumes 1st September)

August Fundraising Supper, **Friday 28th August** 6pm – Italian theme £27.50 bookable via our website.



We are very excited to be partaking in Somerset Art Weeks this year; Our theme 'Life in Willow' will involve a murmuration of willow birds, created by all of our attendees, volunteers and staff. We will also have an installation of wire birds and another of 'milk bottle' birds, so it should be a stunning sight. We shall be open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2-4pm, during the Art Weeks which run from **19th September - 4th October**. We will also be showcasing artworks from within our ARK community and running a silent auction of works from local professional artists in order to raise much needed funds to enable us to support people of all ages and needs from within the local community. As such, if you know someone, or are an artist yourself, who may like to donate a piece of art to ARK, we would be very grateful – all of our generous artists will be welcomed to showcase other artworks during this period too. Flower picking and refreshments will also be available.

We would to thank everyone for their ongoing and steadfast support. We really do appreciate it. More information can be found on our website www.arkategwood.com *Amanda Bell*

Somerset Art Weeks

The Somerset Art Weeks Festival returns from **19th September – 4th October** with the theme 'Cultural Connections' – bringing together artists, communities and audiences to explore the cultural ties that shape Somerset. At the time of going to press, participating artists (apart from ARK above) are not publicised.





Hinton Costume Pageant

Andy Barber came across this photo online and sent it to me thinking you may be interested to see it. Having purchased the image he then asked AI to both enhance and date it. It suggested 1912-18.

Quite a Pageant!

Editor

Alastair told me this story a while ago and I asked him to write it up for the Hound.

Not the usual topic for the Hound! My Triumph TR2 was bought new by a lady on the Isle of Wight in 1955. She kept it amazingly for 19 years only selling it in 1974 keeping meticulous records of everything she did to the car over that period.

It subsequently passed through several owners who bodged its many repairs, painting it "re-sale red" (aka "licence loser red"!) Incredibly I remember this exact car from my childhood on the island and managed to buy it from a dealer c.10 years ago.

Now restored to its original black with red trim, I still have the original lady's records with the car + sales booklet and card logbook etc.

Quite a remarkable survivor, but sadly I've been unable to track the original owner down who would love to see her pride & joy back to the condition she bought it in 71 years ago!

Alastair Godfrey



Hinton or Holiday Brochure?

You might be surprised to know that David Newbitt took this photo of a Cordyline in his neighbour's garden (Jim & Angelia Lodge) during the May heatwave. Looks more like a photo from a Caribbean holiday brochure to me!

Editor



Message from *Our* Manager, Mary

Our SHOP

Let's talk shop! Your shop!

The support from the volunteers, committee and residents is what keeps us in business.

We keep moving forward and offering over and above as much as we can and it is rare that anyone walks in the door of *Our* SHOP and leaves empty handed, even if it is not the exact item called in for, we usually have an equivalent OR we will GET IT when possible - JOB DONE WELL!

That said, it takes a lot of effort from the team including the staff and volunteers so we are always grateful when you, our customer, pop in and spend your pennies to keep us there for you.

So, what's happening?

A coffee machine that is delicious and a coffee & cake deal not to be missed.

Communal table and chairs so you can sit and relax.

Wine selection hand-picked by an expert .

Local Ice cream from Baboo and Marshfield

Fresh delicious strawberries from Cheddar and at height of season Forde Abbey

Plants from CB Plants

Fresh cut flowers form ARK

Scrumptious fresh meat from Barretts Butchers (always available to order)

Barrington bread on a Saturday and artisan bread from Evershot daily

Wendy's cakes on a Thursday

Sausage Shed sausages & sausage rolls

Delice de France steak pasties and chicken & mushroom or Curry

Slices, baked daily
Newspapers & magazines
If looking for bubbles -

Wayford Wine

Award winning Dinnington keeved cider

Local lines from Burrow hill, Perrys, Harry's Cider at Long Sutton

Not to mention Deli lines from Bonners Butchers in Ilminster

Incredible cheeses and meats from Longmans, Hawkridge and Orchardlea.

Fresh fish to our door from Robinson fishmongers, Mere fish and exquisite pate from Budleigh

We have local potatoes from Wakely's

To top it all off we have a wonderful card selection from Museums & Galleries/Bug Art etc., and local postcards by Rosamund.

(We even have some bootie out back (2027 diaries and calendars. Shhhh!)

The list is endless but here for you.

Next time you need something think *Our* SHOP and your lovable huggable *Our* SHOP Team.

Date for the Diary: **1st August** we will be celebrating our 15th Anniversary. There will be nibbles, !0% discounts, cake and wine, so be there and sup-up! Also not one, not two, but three raffle prizes (proceeds going towards a new storage shed).

And finally, a big thank you to the Gardening Club for donating £500 to *Our* SHOP from the proceeds of their fabulous Open Gardens weekend.

Mary



our SHOP

We really look forward to welcoming all our supporters (staff, volunteers and customers) to our 15th anniversary celebration on the 1st August.

Christopher Samler



We have a new supplier, Redmoor, a family run business based in Cornwall.

Have you tried our new range of Hullabaloo's[®] still, soft drinks produced near Bristol? £1.75 per 330ml bottle. New flavours arriving soon including Elderflower and Citrus Lemonade. Delicious and very refreshing.



Stopping off for a pint of milk



Well done team!

Deb Nunn taking centre stage when usually she can be found backstage.

Opening Hours & Contact - Our SHOP

Monday - Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm

Saturday: 8.30am – 4pm

Tel: 01460 72706

Post Office:

Monday-Friday: 9am-1pm, 2pm-4.30pm

Saturday: 9am -1pm

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Church Services August - October

2 nd Aug	10.30am Morning Prayer, HSG
9 th Aug	9am Holy Communion, Dinn
16 th Aug	9am Holy Communion, HSG
23 rd Aug	10.30am Parish Communion, HSG
30 th Aug	10.30 Benefice Communion, Haselbury Plucknett
30 th Aug	5pm Beer and Hymns, Dinnington Docks
6 th Sept	10.30am Morning Prayer, HSG
13 th Sept	9am Holy Communion at Dinn
20 th Sept	9am Holy Communion, HSG
20 th Sept	3pm Pet Service at North Perrott church
27 th Sept	11am 10.30am Parish Communion, HSG
4 th Oct	10.30am Morning Prayer, HSG
11 th Oct	9am Harvest Festival at ARK@Egwood
18 th Oct	9am Holy Communion, HSG
25 th Oct	10.30am Parish Communion, HSG

And, finally

Congratulations to The Beckford Group for winning The Cateys 2026 "Best Pub & Bar Award".

Editor



What's On Round-up

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3 rd Wednesday of the month - Grumpy Men's Breakfast, Lord Poulett Arms	
Every Tuesday morning - Active Living Coffee Morning - 10.30 - 12.00, village hall	



ST GEORGE'S HALL

Hinton St George

To book the hall email
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