

THE HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER MESSENGER

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sun 1ST	Family Communion	St Roch Pendomer	9.15am
	Holy Communion	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am
Sun 8th	Family Service	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	Holy Communion	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am
Sun 15th	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's Hardington	8.00am
	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
Sun 22nd	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	Family Service	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am
Sun 29th	Benefice Communion	St Martins West Coker	10.00am

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

Wed 4th	Art and Craft Group , Village Hall	2.30-4.30pm
Sat 7th	Village Breakfast , Village Hall, tickets from PO	8.30-12noon
Mon 9th	Hardington Players , Village Hall	8pm
Tues 10th	Benefice Choir Practice , Weavers Cottage, all welcome	7.45pm
Wed 11th	W.I. Meeting Village Hall, all welcome	7.45pm
Thurs 12th	Friends against scams , Village Hall, Free event	2.30-4pm
Sat 14th	Village Spring Clean & Litter Pick , meet Village Hall	10.00am
	Jumble Sale , Village Hall	2.00-4.00pm
	Open House , Old Roost	3.00-5.00pm
Mon 16th	Teas & Toes , Village Hall	1.00-4.00pm
Tues 17th	Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, all welcome	7.30pm
Wed 18th	Art and Craft Group , Village Hall	2.30-4.30pm
Thurs 19th	Craft Group , Village Hall	1.00-4.00pm
Fri 20th	Royal British Legion Cheese & Wine evening, E Coker VH	7.30pm
	Hollywood in Hardington , 'Victoria and Abdul', V Hall	7for 7.30pm

APRIL 20TH LAST DATE FOR MAY MESSENGER

Tues 24th	Benefice Choir Practice , Weavers Cottage, all welcome	7.45pm
Weds 25th	Garden Club , Village Hall, new members & guests welcome	7.30pm
Thurs 26th	Village Coffee Morning , Woodcott, Primrose Hill	10.30am-12noon
Fri 27th	Guitar Recital , Village Hall	7.30pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues	Beginners Ashtanga Yoga, Village Hall	7.00-8.00pm
Fri	Bell Ringing Practice, St. Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.45pm

AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS: Many congratulations to Roy and Jo-Ann Halliday on their 59th wedding anniversary on 2nd April, with love from all the family.

Many congratulations to Joan and Pete Whiteman on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary 5th April, with love from Dyane & David, Elaine & Ken and families.

Sally and Rob Patten celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in March.

Peter and Gillian Bysouth are pleased to announce the birth of a grandson, Wilfrid Francis Peter. Wilfrid is Peter's first grandchild and Gillian's 6th and is the first child for their daughter Sarah and husband Edmund Tresham. The first child for Tristan Sawtell and Kimberley Parker, Theo Jacob Sawtell was born on March 5th. Congratulations to all the above.

CONDOLENCES: The mothers of both Pauline Grassam and Wendy Simmonds have died recently. We send our condolences to them at this sad time.

GET WELL: Following a fall from her horse Melanie Barnes spent some time in hospital and is now home recovering. We send her our best wishes in her recovery.

GOODBYE: For many years Jenny and Brian Dodd have lived in Sadlers, Hardington, but have decided to move to pastures new in Yeovil. Many organisations within the village have benefitted from their various talents, including St Mary's Church, The WI and garden club. Brian's expertise with the computer was put to good use when he set up and managed the village web site and also helped the WI set up theirs. Jenny, very accomplished in all crafts, offered her services to the Church with her flower arranging and the WI with craft ideas. They will be missed but we send them our very best wishes with their new venture.

WELCOME: Having said goodbye to the Dodds we welcome the new owners of Sadlers, Denise and Peter Riddell, who have moved from Hampshire. Many will have already met them and we hope they will be very happy in their new home.

THANKS: We would like to thank villagers who have donated to the Messenger funds in the past couple of months.

VILLAGE BREAKFAST- Saturday April 7th

Tickets have been available from early March for this popular village event, from Daphne at Springfield Stores. See posters for details. Book yours early to avoid disappointment!

THE VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have to suspend our monthly “get togethers”. We hope to resume them again in the Autumn if possible. Trevor and Vivien

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Our coffee morning this month will be held at the home of Wilf Baker, Woodcott, Primrose Hill on Thursday 26 April 10 30 to 12. This is always a happy social occasion so do please come and join us and meet friends and neighbours from the village.

HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER WI.

This month was member’s night, a time when the committee takes a back seat and leave the organisation and hosting to the members.

It proved to be an evening with a difference when local drummer Ben Cornish gave us a demonstration of his skills on the drums. He then explained how his love of music developed after starting lessons on the drums at the age of 14 and talked us through the make-up and evolution of the drum kit. To round things off a few ladies were given the chance to have a go on the drums. However, getting the rhythm and co-ordination right proved quite a challenge!

Audrey, Liz, Amy, Jo and Irene were presented with bunches of flowers by Angela our President to celebrate their birthdays.

If you are able to help in any way with the Village Breakfast on 7th April, Angela Brooks would love to hear from you (you don't have to be a WI member). Tickets for the breakfast are available now from Daphne at Springfield Stores.

The Annual Village Spring Clean (litter pick) takes place on Saturday 14th April, if you are able to assist please be at the village hall at 10am for a briefing.

Our next WI meeting is on 11th April (our 77th birthday meeting). New members and visitors will always be made welcome and it's a great way to keep in touch with villagers and make new friendships.

Karen Dodge

FRIENDS AGAINST SCAMS

NatWest are offering groups within Somerset information sessions on protecting ourselves from becoming victims of SCAMS, DIGITAL SAFETY and WAYS TO BANK.

The WI have arranged for a representative from NatWest to give a presentation on Thursday 12th April 2.30pm to which **ALL** are invited.

The presentation will include how to protect you from becoming a victim of a scam. Helping to make you aware of the importance of keeping safe and secure when banking digitally and making life easier by providing different options on how you can bank irrespective of where and when you bank.

The free session will take about 40 minutes followed by an opportunity to ask questions. We recommend attending this event; bring your family and friends. Much better to be safe than sorry! Refreshments will available at a small cost.

WI committee

HARDINGTON ARTS AND CRAFT GROUP

The Art and Crafts Group will meet on Wednesday 4th and Wednesday 18th April from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Village Hall. We welcome visitors and new members. If you would like to come along and join in with our friendly group, you would be most welcome. Just bring your artwork, sewing, knitting or whatever you like to do.

Shirley on 863937

HARDINGTON PLAYERS

The next meeting of the Hardington Players will be on Monday 9th April at 8pm. This will be devoted to reading through scripts of one-act plays in preparation for a summer production. Anyone wishing to join the Players and be considered for a part is invited to come along at that time.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place the following month on Monday 14th May at 8pm. Once again, new members are always welcome, whether you want to appear on the stage or not. There is always plenty to do behind the scenes.

Both meetings will be in the village hall and a bar will be available from 7.45pm on both occasions.

Elaine Peters, Secretary

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE VILLAGE HALL

Our village hall is a wonderful old building, but like other character properties, it needs constant maintenance. Following quotes from several builders, we are hoping that work will begin soon on repointing the front wall of the hall with lime mortar and painting it to ensure that the hall is waterproof. We don't anticipate too much disruption, and hall users should not be inconvenienced unduly.

APRIL EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Monday 16th April from 1-4 pm - Teas and Toes

The first session of Teas and Toes was so successful that some people could not be seen because it was so busy. We are changing to an appointment system and will be offering 12 appointment slots during the afternoon. Sessions cost £15 with Adele Clinch who is a fully qualified chiropodist who practises at Sherborne Podiatry. If you would like to book, please ring Elaine Gilmore on 863026.

Thursday 19th April from 1-4pm - Craft classes.

Experienced tutor Ruth Parker will be demonstrating a 'crafty look at' making beads and buttons for us to try. The cost is £10 per person. If you would like to attend, or need further information, please contact Elaine Gilmore on 01935 863026.

Friday, 20th April – Moviola: Victoria and Abdul (PG)

The extraordinary true story of an unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's (Judi Dench) remarkable rule. When Abdul Karim (Ali Fazal), a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. The two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance with a loyalty to one another that her household and inner circle all attempt to destroy. As the friendship deepens, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes and joyfully reclaims her humanity.

We anticipate that this film will be very popular. Tickets are £5 in advance from the Post Office, or £6 on the night from Tuesday, 3rd April. A licensed bar and refreshments are available from 7pm before the start of the film at 7.30pm and during the interval.

100 Club

Congratulations to our March winners: Derek Richards won £15 and John Gilmore won £12. The draw is made at our monthly committee meetings and prizes are half of the income from the club. If you wish to join for the rest of the year beginning in April, please give a cheque made payable to Hardington Mandeville Village Hall for £10 to John Gilmore or any other committee member.

Finally, thanks to Daphne at Springfield Stores for acting as box office for so many village events.

Village Hall Committee

HARDINGTON WILDLIFE

Fieldfares and Redwings have visited the gardens during recent icy weather. With berries all gone and ground frozen they look for scraps around the tables, including old discarded apples. Even apple peelings and cores will be welcome.

Another interesting arrival is a pair of Mallard ducks who have taken up residence in our small garden pond (about 8 x 4'). It is nice to see them but they make a real mess and have eaten most of the water plants. Mallards often nest well away from water, looking for dense cover and safety from predators. Ducklings are fully formed and active as soon as they hatch and the mother duck will march them quite long distances to the nearest pond. This can be quite a dangerous operation in many ways, but if you do see a marching duck family just stand back and only help if needed.

Small birds like tits and finches find life very hard if hit by cold weather in March and April when natural food is scarce, so keep your feeders supplied at least until spring is really sprung, and then they will reward you by keeping garden pests under control.

Our working parties in Hatherstone wood have also been hit by bad weather with the 3rd of March being cancelled and the 17th was not much better. However a few brave souls did more coppicing and planted lots of snowdrops. Work will now stop until the autumn when we hope to have a full program in place – so watch this space! Unfortunately we are most concerned about the huge amount of dog mess in the wood. This is quite unacceptable and must be stopped. There is a proper bin at the gate, and some say we should ban all dogs from the wood if it continues.

Mike Bickerton

LONDON MARATHON– Fundraising for the Stroke Association

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Quiz Night at the village hall. You raised a whopping £372.65.

On Saturday 14th April, Andrew and I are running an Open House @ The Old Roost from 3pm to 5pm. This is an opportunity to have a look around to see what we have done to the derelict building whilst having a cup of tea and cake. Donations welcome to support the Stroke Association.

If you can't come but would like to sponsor me for running the London Marathon, there is a sponsorship form at the shop or you can donate at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clare-middleton2 Many thanks for your support.

Clare Middleton – Tel: 863992

Hardington Village Street Fayre

We are only a few months away for the 10th Hardington Mandeville Village Street Fayre. We are now starting to populate our volunteering list for the day itself. We are looking for volunteers to help us with set-up, tear-down, stalls, car-parking and first aid. If you have volunteered before or indeed you wish to volunteer for the first time then please do contact Nats Cole on HardingtonVSF@gmail.com. Even if you can only spare us 30 minutes of your time on the day it all helps and we wouldn't be able to put on the event without your continued support so thank you in advance.

Cream Teams – Raising money for Hardington Village Street Fayre

We are delighted to confirm our annual cream team event in support of the Street Fayre. This year's cream teas will take place on Sunday 13th May so please do keep the date free in your diaries. Further details will be confirmed in the next messenger edition and posters will be on display around the village.

Nats Cole Chair Hardington Village Street Fayre Committee

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please note there has been a spate of thefts from parked vehicles in the town. Vehicles have been broken into and damage caused, items left inside vehicles have been stolen or removed and discarded nearby. You are asked to remind people to secure vehicles whenever they are unattended and where possible remove all items of value from inside the vehicle. Park vehicles in well-lit areas, or on driveways, or even in a garage if there is one available.

WINE TASTING HARDINGTON VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 11TH MAY 7.30

The Hardington and West Coker Cricket club invites you to join them for a wine tasting that will be hosted by Majestic Wines. There will be six wines from three different countries. Tasting will be blind so you will be able to demonstrate your oenological expertise. Light refreshments will be available on your table.

Tickets, price £10, will be available from Daphne at the village shop or you may reserve your place by calling me at 01935 863673.

Do join us for what promises to be a fun evening.

Alan Grassam

ALL STARS for 5-8 YEAR OLDS

Hardington and West Coker Cricket Club are proud to be holding ALL STARS, a new youth training course aimed at introducing new young people to have a try at cricket.

The course is available to children aged 5-8yrs. Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings from 5-6pm with our first session on **Wednesday 16th of May**, with the final session being Wednesday 4th July. We will also have an open '**bring a friend and try it**' session on **Saturday 5th May** where children who are thinking of enrolling or who have enrolled can bring a friend along and see what All Stars is all about.

When you register for the 8 weeks of coaching, there is a £40 fee. Within this cost your child receives the following: 8 weeks of 1 hour coaching sessions, cricket goodies; including a backpack, water bottle, T-shirt, bat and ball, which they will bring along to each session and keep at the end of the course.

We will have the clubhouse open where parents and siblings are able to wait and watch the session; we will have the bar open and tea and coffee available to purchase and a small tuck shop. As a club we pride ourselves on being family friendly and encourage everyone to enjoy the clubs atmosphere. For more information please go to;

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/b01650b3-f477-4a81-8643-83cca0bc6ae8>

or email sophie.witcher@gmail.com

PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR

A parishioner has asked if names of 'first responders' could be added to the contacts list. As far as we know there are none in the village, and an enquiry from the WI was answered by the comment that there were not enough recorded incidents in the village to warrant training. At the time of the installation of the defibrillator a number of parishioners had some training in its use, and in the administration of CPR by chest compression. The names of those prepared to help is given at the end of this article. These are volunteers, and there is no 'duty roster'; it is important to remember that ***in an emergency ring for the emergency services first***, you will be given the location and access number of the defibrillator cabinet, and advice on how to proceed. The machine has voice commands, and tells you what to do. If you feel extra assistance is needed, you could try the following:- *Neil Dyer 863706/07831-588924, Angela Lewis 862453, Harry Brooks 862900/07817-341743, Sue Phillips 862866/07791-387243, David Beckley 864557, Robin Carpenter 862339/07472-160506.*

THE PARISH CLERK WRITES...

The March Meeting..

An application for the removal of the agricultural tie at Walnut Tree Cottage, Lyatts Hill was discussed. It was viewed that as there were now only 3.8 hectares of land with the site, an agricultural business would not be sustainable and therefore there were no objections.

Neil Dyer reported that SSDC have awarded a 50% grant towards the cost of the Church disabled parking bay project. The Parish Council have agreed to fund the remainder of the cost (less donations already received), and so work can now commence! Grateful thanks goes to Neil for all his hard work in securing donations and Gina Seaton, Cathy Bakewell and James Divall for supporting the SSDC grant application.

An SCC Libraries consultation is currently taking place, with an extended deadline of 13th June, 2018. If you have any views on the future of the county's library services, the consultation website is www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation.

A reminder that the Village Litter-Pick has been scheduled for Saturday 14th April. If anyone would like to participate please meet at 10 a.m. outside the Village Hall for a briefing. Children are welcome but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

The next meeting is the Annual Assembly, which will be at 7.30 in the Village Hall on the 17th April. Local groups from the village are invited to give an update on their previous year's activities. The monthly Parish Council meeting will follow this. The agenda for the forthcoming meetings and minutes of past meetings can be found a few days beforehand on the village website www.hardington.net and copies are posted on the village notice boards. You can contact me at hardingtonclerk@rocketmail.com, by telephone on 01935 862073, or in writing at Grove House, Pendomer, Somerset, BA22 9PH. Nancy Chapman, Parish Clerk

The Marmen Quartet at St Roch

The concert given by the Marmen String Quartet in Pendomer Church on March 15th was a great success. They played works by Haydn, Mozart and Ravel to great acclaim – perhaps never before has this little church heard such fantastic musicians. Johannus, Ricky, Bryony and Steffan enjoyed playing in St Roch's lovely acoustic, the first of 5 engagements in the area, and their stay with us. Concerts in the West now plan to return here with other musicians in the 2019 season, now being planned, so if you did not make it this time, look out for next year! The church was almost full this time, so early booking will be advised. Robin and Sheila Carpenter

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 14th April at Hardington Mandeville Village Hall - 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Also, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Toys, Home-made Cakes, Preserves and Refreshments. FREE ENTRY. Proceeds towards construction of Community Parking Bay to north side of St. Mary's Church.

Please bring any goods to the Hall on Friday 13th April between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. or Saturday morning after 10 a.m. Offers of help please, to Daphne at Springfield Stores – 862363.

AND FINALLY: Items for next month's Messenger can be emailed to the team at: hardingtonmessenger@rocketmail.com. Please send your contribution as an **attachment** to an email in a Microsoft word (.doc or .docx) document, preferably in Calibri 16, in as simple a form as possible. If you have an interesting idea about new contributions please let us know.

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