

THE HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER MESSENGER

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sun 7th	Matins	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am
Sun 14th	Holy Communion	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am
	Family Service	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
Fri 19th	Good Friday The Last Hour	St Mary's Hardington	2.00pm
Sun 21st	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	Easter Day Communion BCP	St Mary's Hardington	8.00am
Sun 28th	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	Family Service	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

Wed 3rd	Art Group, Village Hall, all welcome	2.00pm
Fri 5th	Wine Tasting, Village Hall,	7.30pm
Sat 6th	Pre loved clothes sale, Village Hall	1.30-3.30pm
Tues 9th	Benefice Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage,	7.45pm
Wed 10th	W.I. Village Hall, guests & new members welcome	7.30pm
Thurs 11th	Village Coffee Morning, Windmill Cottage, High St	10.30-12.00
Fri 12th	Hollywood in Hardington, the more you ignore me	7.00 for 7.30pm
Say 13th	WEA, Village Hall , Land ownership	10.00 – 1.00pm
Mon 15th	Tea & Toes, Village Hall, by appt	
Tues 16th	Parish Council, Village Hall, all welcome	7.30pm
Wed 17th	Art Group, Village Hall, all welcome	2.00pm

APRIL 20TH LAST DATE FOR MAY MESSENGER

Tues 23rd	Benefice Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage,	7.45pm
Wed 24th	Garden Club, Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 27th	Village Hall Coffee morning, Village Hall	10.30-12noon
Mon 29th	Hardington Players AGM, Village Hall	8.00pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Fri	Bell Ringing Practice, St. Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.45pm
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AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS: Cathy Bakewell celebrated an extra special birthday in March, with family and friends.

Jo-Ann and Roy Halliday celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this month.

Alison and Graham Pearse have become grandparents again; their son Will and his wife Lyndsey have welcomed Annabelle (Annie) a sister for Eddie.

Good wishes and many congratulations to you all.

Happy Diamond Wedding Anniversary to Roy and Jo-Ann Halliday, married at St John's Church in Yeovil on 2nd April 1959. 60 years is quite a milestone. Many congratulations from all the family, and best wishes to Jo-Ann due to, finally, having her knee operation at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital the following day!!

GET WELL WISHES: Ros Patten has been in hospital recently and we wish her a speedy recovery.

WELCOME: to Emma and Michael Smith who have moved into Coker Wood Cottage.

THANKS: To the Horse and Dog Show committee who donated £150 from last year's show to the Messenger also to those villagers who have donated to Messenger funds this month. We couldn't continue without you.

VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS

I'm sure many of you will have seen the new canvas photographs in the village hall and agree they are wonderful snapshots of times gone by in the village, some more recent than others! They have been great talking points at various events and no doubt will continue to be for some while. Our thanks go to many but especially to Viv and Trevor Cherry, Karen Dodge and Derek Richards.

Sue Phillips

VILLAGE BREAKFAST

What a super morning, raising £772.48 for our chosen charities: The Village Hall, Somerset Mind & The Not Forgotten Association. The WI would like to thank all who helped, donated or supported The Village Breakfast, to make it so successful and enjoyable.

Angela Brooks

HARDINGTON HORSE AND DOG SHOW 15TH JUNE 2019

Things are slightly different this year in that we sadly lost Bill Turner who had supported us and allowed the use of his land for so many years; we are therefore donating all profits in memory of Bill to Crohns and Colitits UK. The schedule will be available at the shop/pub very soon. Should anyone wish to help in any way then please do contact us at vwhite679@gmail.com or by calling 077955 12500.

We hope to make this year a great success. Victoria, Ben and Sarah (The Show Team)

THE VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

April's coffee morning is on Saturday 27th in the Village Hall. Come for refreshments and a friendly chat after the excesses of Easter Eggs and chocolate . Time 10.30 am – 12.00 noon. Usual fare of tea/coffee with cakes and Bacon rolls.

Offers of help and any other information :- Trevor or Vivien on 864546

COLLAGES

A big thank you to all who offered photographs for the Collages which I hope have now been seen by most people in the Village Hall. We could not of course use them all as their reproduction would not be suitable for the end product. They will all be returned in the near future. I would like to express our thanks also to Karen Dodge for her unstinting efforts and Derek Richards for his invaluable input and advice.

Trevor & Vivien

COKER WEA

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday 13th April in Hardington Village Hall, 10am – 1pm.

Rhiannon Lloyd will be talking about **Land Ownership and Medieval Women in Somerset**. Little is recorded about medieval women, and land ownership is usually associated with medieval men. This course will show that both familial and social details can be discovered from the land they held. Please enrol before Saturday 6th April. Course number C3530180, online at wea.org.uk or by ringing 0300 303 3464. Course fee £14.

Viv 863954 or Jayne 862385

STREET FAYRE – SATURDAY JULY 6TH 2019

Cream Teas will be held on Sunday May 12th in the grounds of Hardington House. Tickets will be available from Springfield Stores. As ever, we need more volunteers for the Fayre in July - if you are able to assist in any way at, or before, the event please contact Martin Tizard (martin.tizard@btopenworld.com).

HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER W.I.

The officers and committee stood back at the March meeting, which was arranged by the members. A special birthday bouquet was presented to Amy Knight who celebrated a big birthday in March. Welcoming Wendy Simmonds as our craft teacher for the evening, we were soon folding and creasing pages from old paperbacks to create letter racks which resembled hedgehogs. Lots of lively chatter ensued and we were treated to homemade cake and biscuits and tea and coffee as we created our masterpieces. It was an evening of learning, fun and friendship.

The village breakfast was well supported and enjoyed by all who attended. Proceeds amounted to just over £770. The Village Hall, Mind in Somerset and Not Forgotten, a charity which helps ex service personnel received the majority of the profit, with a small amount being retained by our WI. Huge thanks to all who helped, donated and came along to support this lively village event.

Started in April 1941, this month is our institute's 78th birthday and of course we are going to celebrate. Our meeting is on 10th April in the village hall, starting at the slightly earlier time of 7.30 pm. We are delighted that our guest speaker is Val Stones, The Cake Whisperer. Ex headteacher Val was a popular contestant on 'Bake Off' on BBC TV so we are assured of a very entertaining time. A ploughman's supper will be served during the evening. New members and visitors are always welcome. See our Facebook page for more information of our upcoming events.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Wine Tasting April 5th This will take place at Hardington Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Friday April 5th. As at last year's very successful event, this will be hosted by Majestic, Yeovil. Entry, which includes light refreshments and your wine, will again be £10, but as you will receive a £10 voucher for Majestic it really equates to free entry!

Youth Cricket The club will again be running the **All Stars** coaching sessions for 5 to 8 year olds. Watch this space for more details. Coaching for youngsters will again be on Friday evenings at Halves Lane. We will also be running two youth teams.

Alan Grassam 863673

VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall will take place on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome to attend.

Agenda items for this meeting and nominations for election on to the Committee (forms available from Mrs. D. Creed) should be submitted to Mrs. D. Creed by Friday 10th May, 2019.

EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL IN APRIL

Bohemian Rhapsody was very well received and even got a standing ovation!!! Our next Hollywood in Hardington movie, "The more you ignore me" will be shown on Friday 12th April @ 7.30.

Written by and starring Jo Brand, this dark comedy based on Brand's experiences as a mental health nurse, also stars Sheridan Smith and Sheila Hancock.

Congratulations to Paul Oliver and Cathy Bakewell, prize winners in the March 100 club draw. We now have 83 members and it's not too late to join. Forms from Daphne at Springfield Stores.

Adele will be with us again on Monday 15th May for Teas and Toes but there are only a couple of appointments left now. Ring Elaine 863026 if you would like one.

HARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB

Just a little reminder that you don't need to be a gardener to come along. All abilities and experience are welcome – as a friend described it, we are a "garden club" not a "gardening club". The programme for the year includes speakers on a range of garden related topics, discount shopping evening, garden visits and social events.

The next garden club meeting is on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our guest speaker is James Cross, Head Gardener at Bishop's Palace Garden Wells who will be talking about the History and Development of the garden. Refreshments and raffle. Guests £5. Please spread the word and encourage your friends and family to join us for what promises to be a most fascinating talk.

www.bishopspalace.org.uk Contact Jacqui on 07779 640355 for advance tickets as we expect this will be a popular talk, or available at Springfield Stores in Hardington.

Save the date – 18th May 2019 - Plant Sale in the village hall. Sale of plants and garden paraphernalia. Bring along garden tools for sharpening.

HARDINGTON WILDLIFE

Perhaps I was too pessimistic with my comments last month about frogs. One was spotted in my garden pond on February the 20th and next day I counted 18, all croaking and leaping about. This was a record number, and after three days they had all disappeared leaving just three lots of spawn. This means that there were only three females in the crowd but even so the potential of several hundreds of froglets. Sadly no toads have appeared.

On a recent talk on radio Somerset, the lady from the Somerset wildlife trust was talking on this topic, confirming many problems, and making some very good suggestions. Saying that ponds and water features are essential to protect and enhance the environment as so many creatures depend on them. Frogs and toads both just like breeding and running water. Toads prefer larger ponds, but frogs will use any small puddle to avoid predators like newts and dragonfly nymphs. Tadpoles are a good subject for the children to study too, and in the garden an old bucket, an upturned bin lid or a bin liner in a hollow will make suitable homes. They also develop quickly and usually complete their development in water by August.

It's interesting to see that our garden birds are pairing up and looking for nest sites. Tits especially have been checking up nest boxes and I was surprised to find when fitting up a box camera, that blue tits had already made a small nest. It seems too early for serious building so I wonder if the birds are roosting in the box and need to make it warm and comfortable.

We are still very concerned about the complete lack of help and maintenance in Hatherstone Wood and I'm still waiting for a reply to our request to the woodland trust for an urgent meeting to discuss the matter.

Mike Bickerton

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Our village coffee morning this month will be held at the home of Sue and Mike Phillips, Windmill cottage, High Street, on Thursday 11th of April from 10.30 to 12 noon. You are all welcome. If you need a lift just ring Peter Rosewell 862249 or Mike Bickerton 862154

HARDINGTON PLAYERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Hardington Players will be on Monday 29th April at 8pm in the village hall. We are a sociable group and always welcome new members, whether your talents lie in acting on stage or working behind the scenes. As part of this meeting, we will be reviewing the productions of the last year and considering our forward programme. Our bar will be available from 7.45pm so please come along if you are interested in getting involved.
Elaine Peters, Secretary

The recent Hardington Players production of “Two Comedies” was well received by the village and almost sold out on both nights. Following on from his success of two years ago, Jon Margetts again proved to be an inspiring director. We are very grateful to him for giving up his time and energy, and for introducing new talent to the group.

“Murder At The Cathedral” was a dark satire on T.S. Elliot’s “Murder In The Cathedral” depicting the conflict between Henry 2nd and Thomas A’Beckett, humorously portrayed by Alan Grassam and John Gilmore, ably supported by Nic Viney, Amieclaire Gold, Denise Riddell and Darryl Swithenbank.

“Last Panto In Little Grimley” was another opportunity for the characters of Gordon, Bernard, Margaret and Joyce to prove yet again their ineptitude at amateur dramatics unlike their Hardington Player counterparts of Andrew Middleton, Darryl Swithenbanks, Wendy Simmonds and Elaine Gilmore.

Thanks must be extended to Stage Manager, Stewart Ogden and his crew, with special thanks to Jim Lefeuvre and Tim Watkins for their skills with lighting and sound effects respectively.
Elaine Gilmore

HARDINGTON ARTS AND CRAFT GROUP

The Arts and crafts group will meet on the 3rd and 17th of April in the Village Hall, from 2pm. All welcome.
Val Marden

THE PARISH CLERK WRITES...

The March Meeting...

A retrospective application for the siting of a temporary agricultural workers dwelling at Holtens, Broad Hill, by Mr Elliot Perrin, was discussed. Councillors questioned whether the size of the plot was large enough for a viable business and whether there is a need for someone to be on site permanently. Concerns were raised that this would lead to an application for a permanent residence and set a precedent for other similar applications. Concerns were also raised that none of the unauthorised structures on the site had been removed as requested by the previously approved application for a four-bay agricultural building for calf rearing. When the Parish Council gave their approval for this original application, they understood that the applicant did not intend to live on the site. The PC resolved to object to the application on the grounds that a new application on this site should not be approved until the previous planning conditions have been met.

Recently the PC have been considering the replacement of the village notice board opposite the Mandeville Arms (which has seen better days!), and following a very reasonable offer from a local craftsman, it was given the go ahead.

Clare Middleton reported that the Village Litter Pick was well attended with 16 volunteers. Lots of litter (and quite a few tyres!) had been collected and removed.

The nomination period for the Parish Council Election has begun. If you have an active interest in your community, would like to represent users of local services and help decide how local resources should be spent, then perhaps you should consider standing for Parish Council. For further information (including a nomination pack) please contact myself or email: democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk. The deadline for nominations is 4pm on 3rd April 2019. If the election is contested then polling will be held on 2nd May 2019.

The next meeting is the Annual Assembly, which will be at 7.30 in the Village Hall on the 16th 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 meeting 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

HARDINGTON FLOWER & CRAFT SHOW - SATURDAY 24 AUGUST

Another (corrected!) reminder of the date for this year's Flower Show, which is the late summer bank holiday weekend.

We were rather short of junior entries last year, so I would love to see all parents and grandparents encouraging their young people (aged up to 13) to have a go at entering this year. It really does add to the attraction of the Show to see their efforts. The new schedule is now available to view and download from the village website (hardington.net) and the printed version will follow in early summer.

The Flower Show Committee will be looking for one or two new members in the coming months, so I would like to hear from any villager(s) who can spare a few hours per year to help this long-standing tradition continue. It would especially suit newcomers to the village, as it's an excellent way of meeting fellow residents.

Rod Heal (rodheal48@gmail.com or tel. 863937)

PENDOMER CONCERT

I now have tickets for the concert in St Roch, Pendomer on Saturday June 15th. This is one of the concerts promoted by Concerts in the West. (www.concertsinthewest.org). We can be sure that 'Moriarty Winds', comprising flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn will give a varied recital of wonderful music. I will shortly have tickets at £15, or they can be obtained via the web site. Due to the limited space in the church, early booking is advised. I also have brochures giving details of the other concerts promoted by Concerts in the West in 2019 – the first two concerts we have attended were superb.

Robin Carpenter 862339

A 30 mph LIMIT FOR HARDINGTON?

Several years ago the Parish Council were told that we did not fulfil the necessary criteria for the imposition of a speed limit in the village. Many people will have noticed the new 30 mph limit in East Coker, so we are guessing that the criteria have changed. Our Parish Clerk will be making enquiries about the possibility of a limit in Hardington, and it would be useful to have some feedback from villagers about this subject before the April meeting (also the Annual Assembly). The downside, of course, is the inevitable signage, and 30 mph is actually too fast for a lot of the sections of our lanes, but we do not think that a lower limit would be allowed. Please send comments to Nancy or myself, contact details on the village website.

Robin Carpenter

A CLOTHES RECYCLING EVENT

On Saturday April 6TH from 1.30 to 3:30 pm there will be a 'Bring your pre-loved good quality clothes swap or buy event' at Hardington Village Hall. A pitch of tables or rails will be charged at £10. All proceeds from the pitches will go to the Village Hall and Action Medical Research (A charity with a strong local presence in our area which funds research into children's diseases and medical problems). I will publicise the event in the surrounding villages too. Please either email me, Fiona Viant, at feab@hotmail.co.uk or ring me on 07974 435186. I am going to get a seamstress to attend as well so any alterations that are required can be done. You will be able to try on clothes in the roomy and pleasant ladies and gents. I will put one of my rails in each of them so that clothes do not have to be put on the floor. This event will be supporting the environment too.

Fiona Viant

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. We are only able to print in black and white so unfortunately we cannot print photos.



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FRIDAY 5th & SATURDAY 6th APRIL
7.30PM

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