

# THE HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER MESSENGER

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## CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

<b>Sun 4th</b>	<b>Matins</b>	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am
	<b>Songs of Praise</b>	West Coker	5.30pm
<b>Sun 11th</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am
	<b>Family Service</b>	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
<b>Sun 18th</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Mary's Hardington	8.00am
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
<b>Sun 25th</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am

## DIARY OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council, Village Hall, all welcome. 7.30pm

## AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> LAST DATE FOR SEPTEMBER MESSENGER

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup>** Last date for entries to the Flower Show 12.00noon  
**Sat 24<sup>th</sup>** Flower and Craft Show, Village Hall 2.30pm

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Fri** Bell Ringing Practice, St. Mary's Hardington Mandeville 7.45pm

## AROUND THE VILLAGE

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Jane and Angus Maclean on the birth of their first grandchild, Freya, a daughter for Katie and her husband Stuart.

To Robin and Sheila Carpenter who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary in June and again with family in July!

To Andrew Carpenter and Sandra Spall who were married on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Horn of Plenty, Gulworthy, Devon.

Happy birthday to Oliver Cordy who will be 21 later this month, from all the family.

**WELCOME:** To the new owners of Forde House, Moor Lane, Robert and Petronella, we hope you'll be very happy in your new home in Hardington.

**GET WELL:** Greetings are sent to Maureen Mills, Angus Maclean and Kathy Bakewell who are recovering from recent knee operations.

### **CONDOLENCES:**

We are sad to announce the death of Mrs Bee Davis, aged 93, who passed away in Yeovil District Hospital after a very short illness at the end of June. Bee had moved with her late husband Leslie to Hardington in 1999 from Haslemere, Surrey. Originally from Colchester, Essex, she had lived in varied locations, including Winchester and York, due to her husband's job with Barclays Bank. She is survived by her son Andrew, granddaughter Harriet and cousin John Mitchell, the latter of whom also lives in the village.

## APOLOGIES AND THANKS

The Messenger team apologise to anyone who received last month's Messenger late but unfortunately there was a problem with our usual printer. Robin Carpenter kindly set to and printed a large number before his printer packed up - permanently and the job was finished by Anne Lunt. Many thanks to them both for 'saving the day'.

We have received a number of donations again this month so thanks to you all.

## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Congratulations to Joan Lane and Sally Knibbs, prize winners in the June 100 club draw and Sue Pierson and Sheila Reeve prize winners in the July draw.

Adele will be with us again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August for Teas and Toes. Ring Elaine 863026 if you would like an appointment.

We are pleased to say that, finally, the repointing of the West wall of the hall has been completed and roof repair work at the back of the hall. This will then enable the damp on the internal walls of the stage area to be treated and then redecorated. We have received a grant of £1500 from SSDC, which will be used for a new hearing loop installation.

Moviola : There will be 4 movies in the Autumn on the first Friday of each month. So make a note in your diaries for Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow later.

## HARDINGTON ARTS AND CRAFT GROUP

There will be no meeting this month. We will restart in September after the holidays.

## VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

There will be no coffee morning in August, but they will continue in September. Details will be included in next month's messenger.

## THE VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

We will not be holding a Village hall Coffee Morning in August.

Our next one will be on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> when we will be offering our usual fare along with the opportunity to meet up and chat with friends, neighbours and visitors. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Vivien and Trevor

## DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS REFRESHER SESSION

As a result of requests to the Parish Council, this session has now been arranged in the village hall for **Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6.30-8.30pm**. Please could those who plan to attend contact Nancy or myself. All contact details on [www.hardington.net](http://www.hardington.net).

Robin Carpenter

## **Stewart Ogden is Cycling 100 Miles for Akamba Aid Fund**

With arthritis in my hip steadily getting worse and impacting the cycling and walking I was doing, I had a complete hip replacement in August 2018. In November I was able to get back on my bike and start to build up my fitness. This year I have been offered a place in the Prudential Ride London and have decided this will be a great challenge to get up to full fitness and raise some money for a current charity project, the construction of Ivonangya Secondary School in Kenya, through a charity I have worked with in the past, Akamba Aid Fund.

Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 miles will see around 25,000 amateur cyclists take on a cycling challenge like no other through London and Surrey on a similar route to that of the London 2012 Olympic Road Cycling Races. The Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 will start in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park; travel through the capital and onto Surrey's stunning country roads and through the Surrey Hills before a spectacular finish on The Mall in central London.

The planned new Secondary School I am fundraising for is located at the northern extreme of the region where the charity works and supports. It is deep within the Kenyan bush and is within an area of desperate poverty. There is no secondary school provision within at least 20 miles of Ivonangya. The children living in and around the Ivonangya area have no alternative but to cut short their education at the Primary stage. It is a tragedy in terms of a personal development and quality of life and a sad waste of the very potential that could stimulate the much-needed economic growth that the region and country so badly need.

If you would like to encourage me to complete the 100 miles, which will be the longest cycle ride I have ever done(!), please complete the sponsor form in Springfield Stores.

### **ST MARY'S CHURCH Christian Aid Week**

My apologies for missing the deadline for July's Messenger, but a very big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to Christian Aid Week in May. We raised a total of £510.91 in Hardington and Pendomer, contributing to an overall total of £1,772.29 for the whole Benefice, a slight increase on last year. Thank you all,  
Richard Middleton

Thank you to all the helpers and everyone who visited St. Mary's Church during the Street Fayre. A profit of £600 from the Light Lunches and Cream Teas was made and contributed to the Street Fayre accounts.

## HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER W.I.

For our July Out Meeting we visited the South West Deer Rescue & Study Centre at Wayford near Crewkerne. We were met at the centre by Mike Gage with one of his colleagues, plus a very friendly ginger cat called Garfield and a number of equally friendly deer. We all arrived with packets of digestive biscuits as we were pre-warned that the deer are very partial to them. We were taken on a supervised walk and we were introduced to different species of deer. We were accompanied on the walk by Garfield and some very friendly deer, who mugged us for our biscuits. We were all amazed by a beautiful stag called Storm. He was huge with impressive antlers, but gently took biscuits from members' lips! During our walk we were not only impressed by the beautiful deer and their fawns, but also by the stunning views of the Somerset and Dorset countryside.

Mike set up the centre a number of years ago and is totally dedicated to his deer, some were rescued and others bred. He is so passionate about what he has achieved and relies on donations from the public and supermarkets. Well worth a visit.

Following the tour, we met other WI members at the White Hart at Crewkerne where we all enjoyed an excellent meal.

Carol Vallis

## HARDINGTON 77th FLOWER & CRAFT SHOW

**SATURDAY 24th AUGUST 2.30pm**

There's still time to think about taking part in the Flower and Craft Show which is on Bank Holiday Saturday so, if you haven't already done so, collect your schedule and entry form from the village shop or print off a copy from the village website ([hardington.net](http://hardington.net)) and see how many classes you are able to enter. All entry forms and any photographic entries must be handed to Daphne at Springfield Stores by 12 noon at **the latest** on Wednesday 21 Aug. Unfortunately we cannot accept entries submitted after this time as 'computer says 'no''! We all miss seeing the handiwork of the Pre-School children since it closed, so I would appeal to all parents (and grandparents) to encourage their little ones to get involved and put something in - cash prizes and rosettes are almost guaranteed!

We are looking for some more helpers, both on the day of the Show and on the day before, when we set the tables up in the village hall, so if you can spare an hour or so on either day, please let me or another committee member know. Finally, would all last year's winners please return their trophies (in clean condition) to Daphne at the shop at least a week before the Show.

Rod Heal ([rodheal48@gmail.co.uk](mailto:rodheal48@gmail.co.uk))

## HARDINGTON WILDLIFE

In 1999 the Woodland trust bought Hatherstone wood as part of the millennium celebrations, and held an excellent launch meeting in West Coker. It was to be a wonderful boost to the environment and a green open space for villagers to enjoy and help in management and other activities. Also raising funds with donations from Parish Councils, local firms and individuals.

Trees were planted in a disused field and now we are finding that this is not as promised, with dense patches of ash, fir and Field Maple completely shading out any understory vegetation and even grass will not grow; nearly all the Oaks are dead or dying, from lack of light. We have at last had a long awaited meeting with the WT about this issue and also about their change in objectives. They are now planning for 'high forest' and banning all management, saying leave it alone and it will gradually turn into a lovely English Oakwood in about 50 years! I reckon 3000 years is nearer the mark. The WT manager for the Southwest was very enthusiastic about his 'high forest'. I think I made myself rather unpopular by disagreeing with everything he said especially as he tried to ignore the fact that a small band of volunteers have spent many hours reinstating about 600ms of derelict hedgerows, removing invasive black thorn and boulders, and involving the scouts and guides in coppicing Hazel and making nest boxes for birds and dormice.

The only bright spot, like an oasis in the desert, is the small pond we have installed (against the advice from WT, 'we don't do ponds, they need too much management'). We raised the money for this ourselves with coffee mornings and plant sales. The contractor removed the topsoil from the surrounding slopes and it was planted with wildflower seeds gifted from Pip Oxenbury's White Vine farm. Now the small area is quite spectacular with over 40 species for WF recorded including four species of orchid. Also lots of aquatic life in and around the pond.

If you would like to see what a new environmental wood should look like, please visit the village of High Ham near Langport. Their millennium wood was planted at the same time as ours, but owned and managed by the village. It is a real gem, with everything under control, trees thinned and oak trees looking like oak trees, a nice pond with adjacent shelter and lots of things for children to do.

Butterflies and wildflowers are very much in the news today as they are very good indicators of the state of the environment and are all in steep decline. We are now urged to stop using toxic chemicals like pesticides and fungicides in the garden and grow wildflowers in the lawn instead of grass. It is nice to see some villagers already doing this and their gardens are now a blaze of colour. It must be good because you only have to cut it once a year so you can relax in deckchairs instead of wasting time, money and energy on regular cutting.

Mike Bickerton

## **THE PARISH CLERK WRITES...**

### **The July Meeting...**

Notice has been received of a temporary road closure prohibiting all traffic from proceeding along Moor Lane from just after the entrance to the Royal Oak car park, north-westwards for a distance of 90 metres. This will enable Shepperton Homes Ltd to repair the highway adjacent to Moor Cottage, damaged during the demolition phase. The order becomes effective on 5th August 2019. Further closures will be needed later in the year for works involving the sewer connection, water main and road surface near the site entrance.

The Chairman reported that new, higher-capacity drainage pipes have been installed by Shepperton Homes, near the entrance of the community field, in order to accommodate the extra surface water that will flow as a result of the Moor End development.

A parishioner request has been received for "SLOW" signs to be painted on the road, on the bend near the bottom of West Coker Hill. The Parish Council have agreed to contact SCC Highways to make enquiries, to determine if this is a possibility.

The Parish Council are keen to make another attempt to get SCC Highways to repair the deteriorating surface of the footpath between Moor Lane and the Shop. They have agreed to carry out a site visit to assess this.

The Chairman has contacted SCC to ask if they will supply a galvanised footpath gate to replace the collapsed wooden stile at the top of Pig Hill.

It was also agreed to contact SCC Highways regarding the collapsing wall at the east end of the triangle at the top of North Lane. This was only repaired several years ago. If the wall is to be repaired again it was suggested that it should be made shorter so that it is less likely to be hit by passing traffic!

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30 in the Village Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 and the public can speak for a limited amount of time at the start. 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](http://www.hardington.net) and copies are posted on the village notice boards. You can contact me at [hardingtonclerk@rocketmail.com](mailto:hardingtonclerk@rocketmail.com), by telephone on 01935 862073, or in writing at Grove House, Pendomer, Somerset, BA22 9PH. Nancy Chapman, Parish Clerk

**AND FINALLY:** Items for next month's Messenger can be emailed to the team at: [hardingtonmessenger@rocketmail.com](mailto: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.



**ROYAL OAK**  
— Sonny's —

Theme nights are back!

**SEAFOOD TASTING SUPPER**

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**7.30PM**

Book your table now on 01935 862354.

**PUB CLOSURE**

Please be aware that the pub will be closed on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August for Martin & Ellie's wedding celebrations. We will be open for food and drinks on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August until 9pm. Normal opening hours will resume from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you for your understanding.

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