

THE HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER MESSENGER

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

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

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR JULY

Wed 4 th	Art & Craft Group, Village Hall, new members welcome	2.30-4.30pm
Tues 10 th	Benefice Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage	7.45pm
Wed 11 th	W.I. Out Meeting, School in a Bag, meet in Village Hall	5.30pm
Tues 17 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, all welcome	7.30pm
Wed 18 th	Art and Craft Group, Village Hall	2.30-4.30pm
Thurs 19 th	Village Coffee Morning, Forde House, Moor Lane	10.30 – 12.00pm

JULY 20TH LAST DATE FOR AUGUST MESSENGER

Fri 20 th	Hatherstone Wood, Moth trapping	9pm-12am
Sat 21 st	Hatherstone Wood, identify and release moths	9.00am
Tues 24 th	Benefice Choir Practice, Hardington Church, all welcome	7.45pm
Fri 27 th	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning, Foresters Arms	10.00-12.00pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues	Pilates, Village Hall	11.00-12.00pm
	Beginners Ashtanga Yoga, Village Hall	6.00-7.00pm
Fri	Bell Ringing Practice, St. Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.45pm

AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS: Val Smith, one of the Messenger deliverers, celebrated an extra special birthday in June. We hope you had a lovely day.

GOODBYE: Donna, our 'postie' for some years is leaving rural Somerset for the lights of Gateshead. On your behalf we would like to thank her for the wonderful service she has given the village during that time. We wish her and her family every happiness in their new adventure.

THANKS: Our thanks are given to Rosemary and Chris Hayward who, for many years, have delivered the Messenger in the Hill End/ Barry Lane area. Due to ill health they no longer feel able to continue. From July, Sylvia and Tim Dunsdon will take on this role.

Mrs. Ida Margaret Ring would like to thank everyone who attended Derek's funeral and all the cards and good wishes received. Thank you.

GET WELL: We send our best wishes to Des Hill in his recovery having recently suffered a broken leg.

Apologies in advance!

Some of you will already know that our daughter Katie is getting married to her fiancé Elliott King on Saturday 4 August. Following the service at St Mary's we are hosting their reception in two tipis in the field behind our cottage in High Street, by kind permission of Derek and Rosemary Richards. Unfortunately, it hasn't been possible to invite all our lovely neighbours so wanted to apologise in advance for any noise our celebrations may cause. We are all looking forward to the day with our fingers crossed for fine weather, particularly as Katie is hoping to walk to church. With thanks for your understanding.

Kim & Jo Manuel

A goodbye message from your postie, Donna.

As many of you know, I will be leaving to move to Gateshead. I will still be delivering the post, but in Blaydon-on-Tyne. So I will have to wear trousers at some point!

I wanted to thank you all for the support, kindness and friendship that has been shown in so many ways over the last 3 years. It has been an honour to be your postie, and I will miss you all. I hope in the future I will be so lucky as to have such a great delivery.

My last day will be 27th July so I hope to say goodbye to many of you personally. Take care. xxx

HARDINGTON 76th FLOWER & CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY 25th AUGUST

Now that the Horse & Dog Show and the Street Fayre have come and gone - well done to the organisers of both events - we can relax a little and look forward to another village event, which has a somewhat longer heritage, the Flower & Craft Show. Having been started during WW2, by the W.I., when we were encouraged to 'Dig for Victory', the event showcases not only the talent for growing vegetables, but also other skills such as handicraft, cookery and photography and, after 76 years, still continues to give pleasure to everyone who takes part, either as an exhibitor or as a visitor. I would encourage anyone who hasn't been involved before, especially parents (or grandparents) with children under 14, to pick up a schedule and entry form either from Daphne at Springfield Stores or by downloading from the village website, and consider which classes they are able to enter. I would also like to hear from anyone who feels able to spare a couple of hours either to help set up the hall or perhaps to act as steward on the day.

Rod Heal (tel. 863937)

HARDINGTON ARTS AND CRAFT GROUP

We plan to meet on Wednesday 4th and Wednesday 18th July at 2.30pm in the village hall. Please, please will members (and visitors) contact me by the Monday before each meeting to confirm whether they are able to attend. I know it can be difficult, especially during the summer months, for regular attendance, but it does make it more difficult for me to know if we have enough people to hold a session. We really need at least four people to make hiring the hall worth it! If anyone would like to join the group, we would be glad to hear from you. Please telephone Shirley on 863937.

BOOK SIGNING AT THE ROYAL OAK PUB

I am pleased to announce the publication of my latest novel in 'The Heart of Stone' Series, entitled 'The Golden Fleece'. I have arranged with Martin, a Book Signing on Sunday the 8th July from 3pm to 5pm for anyone who is interested in buying a signed copy for friends or family.

Shelagh Mazey

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

The village coffee morning this month is on Thursday July 19th at the home of Shirley and Rod Heal, Forde House, Moor Lane. Everyone is welcome to this pleasant social event from 10.30am to 12.0pm.

SPEED LIMIT NOTICE

We're hoping to get a statutory speed limit of 20mph on West Coker Hill. It is such a heavily used road by walkers, children, cyclists, and horse riders. There are blind bends and little room for cars to pass pedestrians. We are also really hoping to get signs put up warning of horses, children playing etc. I know the hill is a popular place for residents of West Coker and Hardington to walk the circuit that includes the nature fields on the ridge. Mark Keating (makeating@somerset.gov.uk) has said that the more people that email him with their support the more likely we are to be heard and get the limit applied.

Lucy Williams, West Coker Hill resident

HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER WI.

Our June meeting is traditionally a Garden Party but this year it was with a difference. Our president Angela Brooks invited us to her home for Pimms and delicious canapes in "The Shed" and a tour of their activities. In case you are not aware Angela, Richard and their 3 sons run an excellent charity "Umbrella Homes" which runs 4 sheltered houses in Yeovil for adults with learning disabilities. The residents come to Brookfield each weekday and help with planting, tending and generally caring for the vegetables, flowers, chickens, sheep and pigs on the farm. They participate in a huge range of activities, giving them a sense of purpose and a myriad of other benefits including home grown and reared produce. Many thanks to Richard for giving us a very entertaining tour. We returned to "The Shed" for a catch up on WI business and to celebrate Angela's significant birthday with coffee and birthday cake, made and decorated by Sue Phillips in the colours of the Suffragette movement - 2018 is the centenary year. Many thanks to Angie and Richard for hosting a lovely evening. The WI meets on the second Wednesday of the month and a warm welcome awaits. Our next meeting is a visit to Chilthorne Domer to 'The School in a Bag' headquarters set up by the Piers Simon Trust, then supper at the Carpenters Arms.

Anne Lunt

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to or helped with Christian Aid Week in May. As well as £311.00 from the Breakfast at Sonny's reported last month, Hardington and Pendomer collected a total of £627.76, which was wonderful and will all go to extremely deserving situations. In total, from West and East Coker, East Chinnock and Hardington and Pendomer £1,738.54 was raised and I understand that a few more envelopes have come in late, so the final total will exceed that. Thank you to everyone.

Richard Middleton

Bournemouth Pier to Pier Swim for the British Heart Foundation.

On the 15th July, I will be taking on a 1.4mile swim from Bournemouth to Boscombe pier, with my good friend Kev Coles. Coronary heart disease is the UK's single biggest killer and the BHF are leading the fight against it. Donations power life-saving research and help keep more families together. I have good reason to support the BHF. Kev had a heart attack a couple of years ago. Jacqui had a hole in the heart (Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO)) closed, as have 3 other friends (including one other villager). Jacqui lost her father to bacterial endocarditis.

Training has been tough, and a little dull up and down the pool, but I have set my own time challenge. I have not done any open water swimming (a lot of diving, sinking – on purpose, but no swimming). Sea training will be interesting, wetsuits, no lines on the pool floor to follow, waves, and no poolside to cling onto every 25m!!

If you feel able support us and would like to, the just giving page is below. Many thanks for those who have already given their support; I hope it will power me home! My just giving page can be found at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tim-watkins5

Tim Watkins

PLANNING ISSUES

When planning applications are made to SSDC, neighbours are informed, and the parish clerk is sent copies of the application form and relevant plans. With submissions for comments, support or objections now usually being made online, it is not possible for the clerk to be sent hard copies of all these documents. It is quite an onerous job to read through all these online, so it is not safe to assume that the parish council will be aware of local opinions about any application. We ask, therefore, that comments to SSDC about plans within the parish are copied to our clerk, Nancy, so that she can forward these to the parish council, who will thus be made aware, and can better represent the feelings of parishioners. We have also asked the chief planning officer if applications could include CAD derived representations of proposed buildings, to make it easier to judge how these may affect nearby buildings and the geography of the area.

Robin Carpenter

GARDEN CLUB

The garden club does not have a formal meeting in July but we will be holding one of our very popular picnics for members and their spouses and partners on July 25th in the garden of Joanne and John. This is obviously subject to weather conditions and we will inform members of changes nearer the time.

By the time this goes to press we will have had our stall at the Street Fayre and we thank everyone who contributed time, effort and donations.

Ali Trickett.

THE PARISH CLERK WRITES...

The June Meeting...

The subject that generated much interest at the meeting was the latest revised planning application for a detached double garage with a store above and a two-storey side extension to the main house at Oakenlea on West Coker Hill. Some parishioners supported the application, stating it added some much-needed improvements to a house of dated design, and that many of the surrounding fairly recently built houses have already been significantly extended in size in recent years. However, many of the parishioners neighbouring Oakenlea felt that the proposed ridgeline of the extension was far too high on the latest plans. In addition, concerns were raised that the already built garage did not meet the approved plans in several ways including the roof pitch, height, position, number of windows and materials used. Given the number of objections, the PC felt they should ask the planning department that the application be discussed at committee. They also felt that the planning department should take steps to determine if the approved plans match the actual implementation as this has been brought to question. The clerk was asked to write to the planning officer to raise these points, and ask that attempts should be made to reach a compromise acceptable to the neighbours and the applicant.

Having heard that the verges in Hardington may not be cut until the end of July, it was agreed the PC would attempt to find a private contractor to undertake an interim cut, particularly paying attention to hazardous junctions.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30 in the Village Hall on the 17th July and the public can speak for a limited amount of time at the start. 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

TYRE PLANTER

If you are driving into Yeovil along Primrose Hill and could remember to take water in a milk container or two with you, and water the "Tyre Garden" around our Village sign, I would be most grateful. Thank you.

Vivien Cherry

HARDINGTON WILDLIFE

Natural England's open farm Sunday event on the National Nature Reserve was very successful with good weather and about 50 people turned up. They were impressed by the best show of orchids for many years including bee orchids and a record 51 greater butterfly orchids. Also we had the official opening of a new open access gate donated by Pam Gossage in memory of her husband, Roger. This gate at the top of Chur Lane provides entrance for prams, wheelchairs and invalid scooters (but definitely not cars, motorbikes and horses). It was a shame that no children came to the event as Natural England had provided several interesting projects for them. However we have another event suitable for both children and adults in July. This will be in Hatherstone Wood on July 20 and 21st when two experts from Yeovil will be demonstrating how to trap and study moths. There are about 2000 species of moths found in the UK, which are a valuable part of the ecosystem as they and the caterpillars provide food for many species of birds and bats. Trapping will be from 9 PM till midnight on Friday and then at 9 AM on Saturday to identify and release. I'm sure your children and grandchildren will enjoy an excuse to visit the wood at midnight. It is good to hear that at least one Nightingale has been heard singing along the railway embankment in Hardington Marsh. 50 years ago several areas of newly planted woodland provided dense scrub and habitat for many Nightingales, but now the trees are mature and not suitable for the birds. Mike Bickerton

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EAST & WEST COKER BRANCH

We held our annual Cheese & Wine evening in April. Thank-you to everyone who made it such a success, your generosity enabled us to raise £505 which will help the RBL to continue to provide the much needed support to the Armed Forces community, serving and ex serving men woman, their families and dependants. During the evening Poppy Appeal awards were presented to sixteen of our dedicated collectors who between them have been collecting for 310 years. Special congratulations to Catherine Denny and Christine Mead who were presented with 55 year bars to their 35 year brooch. We have forty two collectors in the East Coker Poppy Appeal district area, which covers five villages. Between them they have amassed 589 years of collecting. A big thank-you to them all. We would welcome any new members to the team. Please consider joining us. Contact myself, Marilyn Smith, 863944 or Wendy Weston. 862472.

Notes for diaries: Coffee Morning. Friday 27th July at the Foresters. Holywell. 10am – Noon. 2018 Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning. Saturday 13th October at West Coker Memorial Hall. 10am – Noon David Holland. Chairman. 862782

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.



What's on at The Royal Oak

Monday happy hour 5-8pm

50p off any of our fantastic lagers, local ciders or tasty beers

Wednesday nights

Choose from a selection of succulent steaks served with all the trimmings starting from just £10.00

Thursday nights

Hand stretched, stone baked pizzas with a range of toppings from just £8.95

Friday nights

Takeaway beer battered fish and chips for just £6.50

Sunday lunch

The best roast dinner around for just £10.00. A choice of two local meats, served with crisp roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and Trudie's delicious Yorkshire puddings

Tuesday to Saturday (12-2pm we serve delicious lunches from just £6.50)

Got an event coming up?

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