

# THE HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER MESSENGER

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## CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Matins</b>	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Benefice Ash Wednesday Holy Communion</b>	St Mary's	7.00pm
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am
	<b>Family Service</b>	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Benefice Mothering Sunday Service East Coker</b>		<b>10.00am</b>

## DIARY OF EVENTS FOR MARCH

<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Art Group, Village Hall, all welcome	2.00pm
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Village Breakfast</b> , Village Hall, tickets in advance from PO	8.30-12pm
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Benefice Choir Practice</b> , Weavers Cottage,	7.45pm
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>W.I.</b> Village Hall, guests & new members welcome	7.45pm
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Village Coffee Morning</b> , Oaklands, Hardington Moor	10.30-12.00
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Hollywood in Hardington</b> , Bohemian Rhapsody	7.00 for 7.30pm
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Litter pick</b> , meet at Village Hall	10.00am-12.30pm
	<b>WEA</b> , Village Hall, Tudor Monarchs	10.00am- 1.00pm
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tea &amp; Toes</b> , Village Hall, by appointment	
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parish Council</b> , Village Hall, all welcome	7.30pm

## MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> LAST DATE FOR APRIL MESSENGER

<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Art Group, Village Hall, all welcome	2.00pm
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Benefice Choir Practice</b> , Weavers Cottage,	7.45pm
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Garden Club</b> , Village Hall	7.30pm
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Aesops Fables</b> , Village Hall	2.30pm & 7.30pm

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Fri</b>	<b>Bell Ringing Practice</b> , St. Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.45pm
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## **AROUND THE VILLAGE**

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Tom and Lucinda Parrott had their second child in February, a daughter Matilda, a sister for Arthur and 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild for Helen and Allen Parrott. Special birthday wishes are sent to Allen Parrott whose birthday was in February and to Amy Knight who celebrates hers later in the month.

**GET WELL WISHES:** Unfortunately, Peter Whiteman had to be admitted to hospital for a while recently but thankfully is home again and looking very well. Both Karen Clotworthy and David Platten have also spent some time in hospital and we send them our best wishes.

**THANKS:** To those villagers who have donated to Messenger funds this month.

## **VILLAGE BREAKFAST**

This popular village event will be on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 8.30-12noon. Tickets will be on sale from Springfield Stores, courtesy of Daphne, from mid-February. Reserve yours early to avoid disappointment. There will be a raffle so donations of prizes will be gratefully received. This year our chosen charities are, Somerset Mind, Not Forgotten, (a charity which has been supporting ex-military persons for almost a 100 years) and of course the Village Hall.

## **LITTER PICK: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10am to 12.30pm**

A call for hearty litter pickers who are looking for an excuse for a walk with a purpose in the company of friends. The annual village litter pick will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The plan is to meet at the village hall at 10am to collect equipment, arrange coverage and briefing. As always, the more volunteers the more effective we can be. Children are welcome as long as they are with an adult who will be responsible for their safety. Those willing to cover the further reaches of the village including the Marsh may want to bring a car. I do hope that you are able to donate a couple of hours to making our village beautiful and our animals safe from plastic and other rubbish. To help with planning, please could you let me know if you are planning to come along. Many thanks Clare Middleton Tel: 863992 [clare@themiddletons.org](mailto:clare@themiddletons.org)

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.

### **St. Mary's Church – North Aisle Roof**

As you are probably all aware, the lead was stolen from the North Aisle Roof of the Church in January. The culprits – two Romanians, who also took lead from the roof of Merriott Church - were caught by the police and are now on bail awaiting trial.

Having had clearance from our insurers, Rowsell Roofing have put a temporary cover on the roof and we are now looking at the options for replacing it. Our insurers and the Diocese prefer that we replace on a like-for-like basis, i.e. using lead, but we are obviously worried about the possibility of any new lead being also stolen. Against that is the fact that there has been lead there for over 150 years and it has never been stolen before. Also, lead is no longer as valuable as it used to be, although that fact had obviously escaped the Romanians.

If we do something other than lead, we have to get Diocesan approval, which will also include obtaining approval from English Heritage because the Church is Grade II\* listed, and we shall also need planning permission from the local authority. Clearly these take time and it will be a slow process, even when we have approval from the Insurers to go ahead.

We are currently looking at coated stainless steel as an option. This is called Terne coating, using an alloy containing tin and lead to give the appearance of lead. The problem with stainless steel is that it has low puncture resistance if something falls on it, and also it 'drums' in rain meaning it has to have a much thicker insulation underneath to muffle the sound and this itself has cost implications. Other options include things like fibreglass, felting or single ply membranes, but all of these have various durability issues. Copper, zinc or aluminium would not be acceptable because of colour issues and in any event may be even more susceptible to theft than lead.

We also need to think about an alarm system to protect whatever roof we put back. Given all these aspects and the permissions required, we hope that you will understand why we have to consider all the options carefully and why it will be some time before we actually have a new roof covering in place.

Daphne Creed and Richard Middleton - Churchwardens

## **THE VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING**

Just a note of thanks to all those hardy souls who managed to get to the Village Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and enjoyed the atmosphere and chat despite the inclement weather conditions.

We are sorry we won't be holding a coffee morning in March, because of other commitments. However, do try and get along to the Village Breakfast on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, which always proves to be a great social event. Full English breakfast with coffee or tea! Tickets still available from Daphne at Springfield Stores.

We will be back again on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Any further information and offers of help for the April date please ring Vivien or Trevor on 864546

Any profits go to the Village Hall refurbishment fund

## **HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER W.I.**

At the February meeting, our expected speaker from Mind in Somerset, one of the charities we are supporting with our charity breakfast, was unavailable to attend, so he sent his deputy, Ayesha Kirton, less than a month in her new role, to speak to us. It was wonderful to have such an enthusiastic and lively speaker talk about the work of Mind in Somerset. The charity provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem and campaigns to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding. Mind in Somerset supports over 7000 local people each year. They rely on grants and donations to fund their work. If you haven't bought tickets already, please help support this charity by attending the village breakfast on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March from 8.30am-12 noon. Tickets are available from Daphne in the shop.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm in the village hall. The officers and committee take a back seat because this evening is organised by our members. Going on past members' meetings, you are assured of an enjoyable evening of learning, fun and friendship. New members and visitors are always welcome. See our Facebook page for more information of our upcoming events.

## **VILLAGE HALL PICTURES**

I expect many of you have already seen the 3 lovely pictures in the Village Hall. These were given by Daphne and were kindly framed for us by Gerry and Alice of Corner Cottage. We wish to thank them all for their generosity. Trevor & Vivien

## EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL IN JANUARY

Get your tickets early for our movie this month as Hollywood in Hardington presents “ Bohemian Rhapsody “, the story of Queen, on March 15<sup>th</sup>. You may have seen excerpts of this excellent film during the BAFTAs. Doors open at 7pm, bar and refreshments available.

It's disappointing that we still haven't got 100 members in the 100 Club so we were only able to award 2 prizes of £25 and £12 in February. Congratulations to Dennis Charles and Joanne Halliday. It's not too late to join however, forms are available from Daphne and this month the subscription is £10 for the rest of the year.

Another event taking place in the hall this month that you might be interested in is the annual village breakfast on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Adele will be with us on Monday 18th March for Teas and Toes but there are only a couple of appointments left now. Ring Elaine 863026 if you would like one.

## HARDINGTON WILDLIFE

In last months newsletter it was interesting to hear about the problems with frogs and toads crossing the road to reach breeding ponds. These creatures are a great asset in our garden, eating lots of small slugs, snails and other pests, and certainly need protection. Unfortunately we now find that these creatures have even more serious problems and are in rapid decline in many parts of the country including Somerset. One of these is disease, which can wipe out communities. Another problem is loss of habitat. Years ago before piped water, farmers needed many ponds in fields to water their animals, but now they've nearly all been filled in. Also palmate newts are very common here, and if present in your pond, will eat every frog tadpole available. The last three years have produced very little spawn and if found I now put some into an old crock basin and manage to rear a few froglets.

We have enjoyed some lovely spring weather during the last few weeks and it's nice to see a good show spring flowers. Also insects like bees and butterflies are about on warm sunny days. It is now recognised that spring is coming earlier because of global warming, but may not be good news if we have more cold weather, and insects, which have woken early from hibernation, may not survive.

PS I have just spotted one frog in my pond I hope there will be more. Mike Bickerton

## **TAKE LITTER HOME**

Every few weeks I walk from the bottom of Lyatts to the top of Primrose Hill and I'm alarmed and angry that I can usually collect a bin liner full of discarded rubbish. I am writing especially to those who obviously throw rubbish out of their cars on a regular basis. To those who discard their McDonald's meal wrappers I suggest that you should vary your diet, as it is unhealthy to eat so much processed food. Also there are many discarded cider cans and glass bottles. Open cans and broken glass are a danger to both animals and humans and those who are drink-driving should rethink their habits and not be at risk of an accident or a hefty fine. The person discarding paracetamol packets should urgently see his doctor as the pills are obviously not working. As for the huge amount of plastic, we are now finding out how it is causing dreadful damage to the environment throughout the world and it is very antisocial not to recycle it. Plastic does not decompose but breaks down slowly into tiny micro bits. These are swallowed and eaten by fish and other marine creatures, and if we eat them, we will get poisoned to. Scientists are saying that there is more weight of plastic in the sea than the corresponding weight of all the fish. To everyone else who litter our nations roads, can you please take your rubbish home and recycle it. It does not take much effort and it will make our countryside look so much better.

Mike Bickerton

## **STREET FAYRE – SATURDAY JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

We are proposing a different layout for the Fayre in 2019. This will involve closing the High Street from the Church up to its junction with Bishop's Lane. In addition, Broadstone Lane will be closed from the High Street to its junction with Barry Lane (i.e. at the Old Roost). Car parking will be in the field on Barry Lane immediately to the West of the Old Roost.

If you have any queries on the proposed road closure or anything else regarding the Fayre, please contact Andrew Middleton. ([andrew@themiddletons.org](mailto:andrew@themiddletons.org))

## **Cream Teas – Sunday 12 May – save the date**

As part of Street Fayre fundraising we will again be holding cream teas this year. We are very fortunate that Simon and Karen have agreed to let us use the grounds of Hardington House for the event. Tickets will be available from Springfield Stores.

## NEWS FROM PCSO FIONA WILSON

There hasn't been a lot happening in the village, however in the aftermath of Christmas can you remind everyone to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us via 101 or 999 if necessary. With most people having presents and additional items in their homes, we are giving some simple advice regarding opportunist thieves:-

Keys should be kept out of sight, particularly away from letter boxes and open windows to prevent fishing attacks (i.e. opportunists fishing the keys out of the letter box).

Spare keys that aren't in regular use should be locked away in a safe.

Keys that are used daily should still be kept out of sight but be accessible to all occupants in case of a fire (fire safety regulations should take priority over crime prevention advice).

Never leave keys hidden outside the property, even if it is thought to be a safe location.

Keep electronic car keys safe. Use an approved **Faraday** pouch to store keys and prevent them from being remotely scanned and copied.

Don't leave empty boxes and packaging from expensive items such as TVs and computers outside the house the night before rubbish collection.

Don't leave valuables in view through windows – where possible fit a safe and keep small items such as jewellery locked away.

More advice is available on the Avon and Somerset Police Website, or stop us and speak to us when you see us out and about.

## HARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB

The next garden club meeting is to be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall. Our guest speaker, Martin Young, will be discussing Ornamental Trees. Everyone is welcome to join us for the event, with the talk starting at 7.30pm.

Membership is £15 for the year. Non-members are very welcome to attend, with a charge of £3 per meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. Jacqui Watkins

## CRICKET CLUB NEWS

**Wine Tasting April 5<sup>th</sup>** This will take place at Hardington Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>. 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

## COKER WEA

The next meeting of the WEA will be on Saturday March 16th in Hardington Village Hall, 10am - 1pm. (Details on the village web site)

Kate Phillips will be giving an illustrated talk on the lives of the Tudor Monarchs, Henry and Elizabeth, with their skill of promoting themselves through portraiture. We chose this subject because of its connection to Montacute House, which displays a wonderful collection of Tudor portraits on loan from the National Portrait Gallery in London. The course examines Henry's complete quest for power and Elizabeth's extraordinary ability and cunning to manipulate others.

Viv 863954 or Jayne 862385

## HARDINGTON FLOWER & CRAFT SHOW

**Saturday 25 August**

The Flower Show committee has deliberated and decided the classes for this year's show. It's always a bit tricky getting the right balance between keeping the more popular classes and choosing new or different ones to replace those that may only have received one or two entries the previous year. We aim to appeal to as many villagers as possible, including traditionalists who like to grow the same vegetables or plants every year as well as those people who would prefer to see a bit more variety in the classes. Hopefully, we manage to please most of the people most of the time!

The village website ([hardington.net](http://hardington.net)) will have a copy of the new schedule shortly and it will be available in hard copy form by early summer.

Rod Heal

## SAVE THE DATE!

### **Hardington Players forthcoming production: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Our next production on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, will be two performances of **Aesop's Famous Fables and Twisted Tales** written by Peter Nuttall. This is directed by Tanya Ogden and Clare Middleton and will be performed by our talented Junior Players. The production is suitable for the whole family, adults and children alike, so come along and enjoy stories about a tortoise and hare, a lion and a mouse, the belly and its team, and the battle between the sun and the north wind; all with timeless messages and some very amusing twists along the way. The production is being supported by the skills of the adult members of Hardington Players, but the cast are all young people from Hardington and Pendomer. Some will be familiar faces from previous pantomime appearances and others are new to The Players. Already a lot of hard work has been put into the staging of the production, both by the adults and the young people, and the performances will undoubtedly be showcasing a lot of talent. The enthusiasm, commitment and work ethic of every cast member have made the production a joy to put together, and one which should not be missed! The two performances of **Aesop's Famous Fables and Twisted Tales** will be at Hardington Village Hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, with a matinee at 2-30pm and an evening performance at 7-30pm. Refreshments will be available at both performances. Tickets are £6 adult and £4 child (under 16) and are available now from Daphne at Springfield Stores Hardington, or from Anne (07769678208).

### **VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**

Our coffee morning this month will be held at the home of Valerie and Brian Bower, Oaklands, Hardington Moor, on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30 till 12 noon. This is always a happy social occasion so do please come and join us and meet friends and neighbours from our village. If you would like a lift please ring Peter Rosewell 862490 or Mike Bickerton 862154. Helen Rosewell

### **HARDINGTON ARTS AND CRAFT GROUP**

The next meetings of the Arts and Craft group will be Feb 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. New faces always welcome.

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

### **The February Meeting...**

The only planning application reviewed at the February meeting was for listed building consent for a new stone boundary wall, garages, lean-to sheds and creation of a doorway in the garden at Hardington House, Rectory Lane. There were no objections.

Work on the former Moor End Nursery site is now in full swing; More than 3400 tonnes of earth (189 loads) has already been removed from the site, and foundations for two of the properties have been laid. Brickwork is due to start in six weeks' time. The Chairman has been in regular communication with the developers, Shepperton Homes, and SCC Highways to ensure that road surface damage is being addressed as it arises!

The ongoing problem of excess water running off Pig Hill onto the driveway at Moor Cottage was discussed and the home owner's insurance company are continuing to pursue this issue with SCC Highways.

The Parish Council would like to remind everyone that it participates in the SSDC Ranger Scheme, where an employee is tasked with maintenance jobs around the village one day a month. Please let us know if you have suggestions to add to their task list!

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30 in the Village Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 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](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

## A CLOTHES RECYCLING EVENT

On Saturday April 6<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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.

# LIVE Music Charity Event

In aid of East Chinnock's Under 5's Pre-school

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**7:30pm-11:00pm**

**West Coker Village Hall**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Licensed bar**

**Music from**

**Les & Dave**

**Jamie Pinnow**

**Michael Mochan**

Come along, have a jive and support a great local pre-school

# *The Royal Oak*



## **Join us for Mother's Day** **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

We are taking bookings now for our three sittings:

**12pm**

**1.45pm (filling up quickly)**

**3.30pm**

Call us now to book your table!

Enjoy a stunning Sunday roast with a choice of three locally sourced meats, served with crisp roast potatoes, fresh spring vegetables, rich gravy and Yorkshire puddings.

Fish, vegetarian and children's options available also.

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