

THE HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER MESSENGER

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

Sun 5th	Matins	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am
Sun 12th	Holy Communion	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am
	Family Service	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
Sun 19th	Holy Communion	St Mary's Hardington	8.00am
	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
Sun 26th	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	Family Service	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR MAY

Wed 1st	Art Group, Village Hall, all welcome	2.00pm
Wed 8th	Garden Club discount shopping , members only	6.45pm
	W.I. Annual Meeting , Village Hall,	7.45pm
Sun 12th	Cream Teas , Hardington House Gardens,	2.00-4.30pm
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK		
Mon 13th	Tea and toes , Village Hall, by appt	
Tues 14th	Village Coffee Morning , Weavers Cottage.	10.30-12noon
	Benefice Choir Practice , Weavers Cottage.	7.45pm
Wed 15th	Art Group , Village Hall, all welcome.	2.00pm
	Village Hall AGM , Village Hall, all welcome.	7.30pm
Fri 17th	Hollywood in Hardington , The Favourite.	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sat 18th	Christian Aid Breakfast , Sonny's (Royal Oak)	9.00-11.00am
	Plant Sale , Village Hall.	2.00-4.00pm

MAY 20TH LAST DATE FOR JUNE MESSENGER

Tues 21st	Parish Council, Village Hall, all welcome.	7.30pm
Wed 22nd	Garden Club , Village Hall, Hardy perennials.	7.30pm
Sat 25th	Village Hall Coffee morning , Village Hall.	10.30-12noon
Tues 28th	Benefice Choir Practice , Weavers Cottage.	7.45pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

CONGRATULATIONS: Cecilia and Keith Dack welcomed a new grandson, shortly after their arrival home from the antipodes. Max Guy Patrick was born to their daughter Joanna and husband John and is brother to Will.

GET WELL WISHES: We wish Daphne Creed a speedy recovery following her recent fall and break to her arm.

WELCOME: Katie and Elliot King have moved into Hightrees, Rectory Lane, following on from Dave Simpson who has moved to Dorchester. Katie is the daughter of Kim and Joanne Manuel. We also welcome the new occupants of Cherry Tree Cottage, David and Mary Farmery. We hope you will be very happy in your new homes.

GOODBYE: After 22 years of living first in Honeysuckle Cottage, Rectory Lane and now Forde House, Moor Lane, Shirley and Rod Heal are moving to 'pastures new'. They should be moving within the month, so we would like to take this opportunity to wish them every happiness in their new home in Taunton. Also, to thank them for their community spirit; helping to instigate the Garden Club, The Art Group and taking a very active roll in the Flower and Craft Show as well as hosting the Village Coffee mornings. Rod also used his skills from his former profession to produce a 'map' of the village identifying each property by name, which has been very useful and still used regularly especially by the Messenger team! For interest, a copy if this is in the shop.

THANKS: Daphne Creed wishes to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards, flowers, gifts, care and support following her fall and broken wrist. What a wonderful village we live in and how lucky we are to have an amazing hospital and staff so near.

Amy Knight would like to thank the many villagers who helped to make her 70th birthday so special and to the following in particular, who helped with her party: Karen Dodge, Viv Cherry and Cynthia Delaney.

CREAM TEA - Sunday May 12th 2019

As part of Street Fayre funding, Cream Teas will be held on Sunday May 12th in the grounds of Hardington House. Teas will be served between 2.00 and 4.30. Entry is £4.00 in advance or £4.50 on the gate. Tickets are available from Springfield Stores. We are very grateful to Simon and Karen Paxton for agreeing to host the event.

SAVE OUR FLOWER SHOW!

This year will be the 77th time that Hardington has held an Annual Flower & Craft Show, having started during the Second World War under the auspices of the fledgling Hardington and Pendomer W. I. The last year the Show was organised by them was 1997 and the following year, after an appeal by Mike Bickerton and Sue Phillips in the Messenger to save the Flower Show, a separate committee was formed in order to continue running this highly valued village event.

I have been honoured to have served both as chairman and treasurer at various times over the last twenty years. This year, though will be my last as Shirley and I are moving out of the village. This means that, along with our treasurer Dave Simpson, who has also left for pastures new, two or three villagers will need to step forward and help out on the Committee with effect from September in order for the show to continue. As I found, experience is not necessary to carry out the duties and with just four meetings a year plus a couple of half days leading up to Show day, the number of hours required are not onerous.

Please consider whether you can spare some time to help out or maybe think of someone who can be approached (and persuaded!) to get involved in this traditional village event. It would be a great shame if it were to die out after giving so much pleasure to Hardington residents over so many years.

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

THE VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

This month's coffee morning is on Saturday 25^h May in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, bring along your family and friends. Come for refreshments and a friendly chat and show off your Easter suntan! 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

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2019

We have now, thanks to all generous donations and support, reached our £15,980 target. For the Somersetshire Unit 77 there are only two training camps left until we leave for America along with the other 3,000 Scouts from the UK. An amazing and rewarding programme awaits us and the other 45,000 Scouts from 150 countries, including stays in New York, Washington and Canada. Thank you so much again, without your help and support we could not be looking forward to this great adventure and the opportunity to contribute to our and the wider community.

Toby Woodcock

HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER W.I.

In April we celebrated our 78th birthday with a glass of wine before welcoming Val Stones to talk to us about her life in general and the 'highs and lows' of taking part in 'The Great British Bake Off' competition in particular.

Val found her early years at primary school quite challenging as she suffered from dyslexia. Reading was especially difficult but nevertheless through sheer determination she started a teaching career in 1971, eventually becoming a head teacher. Now 'retired', she still does some supply teaching.

Her passion with baking started at the age of three when she used to help her Grandmother and extended family in the kitchen. She moved on to experimenting with her own recipes and photographing the results.

It was her sister-in-law that suggested she enter the 2016 Bake-Off competition, which initially started off with 90,000 applicants. Although she didn't win the competition, Val surprised herself by getting about half-way through.

She found the competition to be a wonderful, life-changing experience: she has been invited to take part in Comic Relief, has walked the Great Wall of China, made some life-long friends and written a book.

After listening to Val talking about food and her recipes, the members were ready to tuck into the delicious ploughman's supper that was the result of the hard work of Sue and Carol and a few non-committee members.

Several members had birthdays in April and received bunches of spring flowers kindly prepared by Viv and Kate.

Our next meeting (our Annual and Resolution Meeting) takes place on 8th May, why not come as a visitor and see what we get up to? You are sure to receive a warm welcome.

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

This month's coffee morning will be held on Tuesday May 14th, at the home of Robin and Sheila Carpenter, Weaver's Cottage, Moor Lane. There are plenty of outside places to sit in their lovely garden or, should this heat continue, lots of shade inside. All are most welcome but especially newcomers to the village and those on their own. For further information or if transport is required please contact Peter Rosewell 862249 or Mike Bickerton 862154

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Despite ducks having been seen swimming in the pond that formed adjacent to the wickets in March, preparations are well under way for the start of the season. Barry Knibbs and Pete Eason have been busy treating the square to some TLC as well as rolling the outfield. The players, young and not so young, have been busy in winter nets and are looking forward to a successful season. We are recruiting men for our Saturday senior team, do get in touch if you are interested in developing and enjoying cricket via: <https://www.facebook.com/HANDWCCC>

Weekly coaching for BOTH boys and girls starts on Friday 25th April, 9-12 years 16.00-17.00, over 13's 17.00-18.45

All Stars booking is now open for children in Reception to Year 3. It's an 8 week programme introducing children to the sport of cricket. It allows them to develop fundamental skills in a fun way before graduating to our junior teams. Cost is £60 per child. Each child receives a bat, ball, backpack, club top and All Stars kit. First session is at 10.00am on Sunday May 11th. Follow the link: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/At/hardandwcockercc>. If you have any queries about Youth Cricket contact us via: youthcrickethwc@gmail.com

Home matches for May are:

Saturday 11th Seniors v Wellington 2nds, Saturday 25th Street 2nds, starting 13.30

Thursday 2nd Under 14's v Compton House (cup), Thursday 23rd v Ilton 18.00

Tuesday 14th Under 16's v Beaminster 18.00

We are a friendly, family orientated club, which looks forward to welcoming you along to matches. Saturday 25th May is our Vice Presidents Day with a BBQ after the match so you are especially welcome to join us then. Sausages and burgers sourced, of course, from a well-known local butcher!

Alan Grassam 863673

HARDINGTON ARTS AND CRAFT GROUP

The next meetings of the Arts and Craft group will be May 1st and 15th at 2pm. New faces always welcome.

Val Willcock

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – BIG BREAKFAST AT THE ROYAL OAK (SONNY'S) – 18TH MAY 2019

Martin at The Royal Oak (Sonny's) has very kindly agreed to do a Breakfast again for Christian Aid. Do please come along to help support Christian Aid while enjoying a great British breakfast at Sonny's on 18th May from 9.00am to 11.00am. Cost £8.00 – no booking required – just turn up and enjoy!!!

Richard Middleton

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This year Christian Aid Week has a special focus on healthcare.

In countries like Sierra Leone, people are working hard to rebuild health services after the Ebola outbreak a few years ago. Without enough clinics and trained nurses, childbirth can be a life-threatening time. Jebbeh Konneh is 8 months pregnant. Her own sister lost her life giving birth in Sierra Leone and, as her baby grows, Jebbeh fears she could be next. With more health clinics, better hygiene and medical training, we can save lives.

Tenneh gave birth three months ago, but she'd loved and lost another baby during her first pregnancy when she became dangerously ill. Thankfully this time things had changed for her as, with Christian Aid's support, Nurse Judith had come to the village and helped Tenneh through the birth. This Christian Aid Week, you could help build better health clinics for the world's poorest communities, so that many more mums like Tenneh can deliver their babies safely.

An envelope is enclosed with The Messenger. There will not be a house-to-house collection, but please leave your donations with Daphne in Springfield Stores, at Cherry Tree House, Broadstone Lane (me, Richard Middleton), or at Windmill Cottage, High Street (Sue Phillips), Rose Cottage, Pendomer (Lucy Gibbons) . Thank you for your support.

EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL IN MAY

Our next Hollywood in Hardington movie, "The Favourite" will be shown on Friday 17th May at 7.30. Olivia Coleman won the Oscar for her performance as Queen Anne. Also starring Rachel Weisz as Sarah Lady Churchill. This film is sexually explicit with some colourful language; you have been warned!

Last months film "The More You Ignore Me" was cancelled as we had only sold 2 tickets by 5 days beforehand. We need 40-50 ticket sales to make it viable. Please buy your tickets at least 1 week beforehand if you plan to attend.

Congratulations to Richard Brookes and Fiona Chadwick, prize winners in the April 100 club draw. We now have 84 members and it's not too late to join. Forms from Daphne at Springfield Stores.

Adele will be with us again on Monday 13th May for Teas and Toes but there are only a couple of appointments left now. Ring Elaine 863026 if you would like one.

Finally advance notice that 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.

HARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB

May is a busy month for Garden Club events as well as being a busy time in the garden.

On Wednesday 8th May at 6.45pm Garden Club members are invited to a Discount Shopping Evening and talk at Castle Gardens, Sherborne.

The Plant Sale is being held in the village hall on Saturday 18th May from 2pm to 4pm. In addition to our Club plant sales, we have also re-invited 'Pot Luck Plants' from East Coker and Dave Turner 'Top Edge Knife Sharpening'. Dave can sharpen any knives (including kitchen), scissors and garden tools that you bring along. Please transport carefully and ensure you name your items.

This is a great time to split any large clumps of perennials, donate any excess seedlings (flower or vegetable) or pass any other unwanted plants or garden items onto a new home. If anyone has any contributions of plants, garden pots, garden tools or garden paraphernalia that they would like to donate to the plant sale, these would be most welcome. Contributions can be left outside the village hall on the morning of Saturday 18th May, or alternatively please contact one of the Committee in advance.

The next garden club meeting is on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our guest speaker is Don Everett who will be giving a talk about Hardy Perennial plants. There is an enormous range of hardy perennial plants. They are a wonderful addition to a garden, generally flowering reliably and growing in size each year. Hopefully Don will be bringing a selection of plants available for purchase. There are refreshments and a raffle. Guests are welcome to attend, with an entry fee of £3 to include tea/coffee and biscuits. It is always lovely to see new faces.

Jacqui Watkins

PENDOMER CONCERT

A reminder to contact me if you are thinking of attending the concert in St Roch, Pendomer on Saturday June 15th. Please spread the word to family and friends who might be interested. 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 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

HARDINGTON WILDLIFE

This month's article is all about the Asian hornet, now introduced and out of control in most of Europe, and causing devastating problems with food production, flower pollination and the whole environment. Its lifestyle is weird and fascinating and with no known predators it is taking over as top dog in the insect world. Classified as a meat eater, its main prey are honeybees and other pollinating insects; not for the honey or pollen, but other juicy bits, which are torn up and fed to the developing larvae. The invasion has been traced back to a single queen hornet brought to France in a potted plant from China. It escaped and started a new colony. This was a small nest in the undergrowth but when a few workers have been produced, they make a huge nest high in the top of a tall tree, often up to 2 m³ in size and containing many thousands of Hornets. The farmer who found this first colony, did not know what it was, and did not like it, so shot it down with a rifle releasing many hundreds of new queens. Since then they have spread out about 50 km per year to colonise most of Europe. A few have already appeared in the UK but enormous efforts are being made to try and destroy any colony before it raises any new queens. Everyone is being asked to look out for and report any sightings to the police or beekeepers. In the UK all districts are training combat units to spring into action when needed. The lady who gave a talk to Yeovil beekeepers is in charge of Somerset, and spent last autumn in Jersey learning how to do it, where it is already out of control. They managed to destroy 56 nests but there are many more not detected. Asian hornets can be very vicious. They tend not to attack when out foraging, but approaching a nest can provoke a terrific response and several people have already been killed in Europe. Please note that the European hornet is a beneficial insect and should not be harmed. Also identified foraging Asian hornets should not be killed. Killing them would make no difference, as it is the queens that have to be eliminated, and the foraging hornet can be used in tracking and finding the nest.

There is plenty of information on the Internet. You can get identity cards and bait traps.

Mike Bickerton

Correction: the sentence about frogs and toads in last month's Messenger should have read 'Frogs and toads do not like running water.' Editor

HARDINGTON JUNIOR PLAYERS

Aesops Famous Fables and Twisted Tales

At the end of March, the village was treated to the talents of a group of young people from Hardington and Pendomer, when they entertained audiences with two performances of Aesop's Famous Fables and Twisted Tales.

Directors Tanya Ogden and Clare Middleton, supported by Producer Anne Lunt and a dedicated team of adult Players, enabled the young cast to experience the full production process from rehearsal to performance.

The creative set design and lighting was provided by Derek Richards; sound was courtesy of Jim Le Feuvre and Tim Watkins; set and props construction the work of the team of Derek Richards, Stewart Ogden, Martin Tizard, Jack Clotworthy and Dyane Catford and the delightful costumes were made by Irene Tizard, assisted by Anne Lunt and Elaine Peters. The production was stage managed by Stewart Ogden with assistance from Martin Tizard, Clare Oliver, Caroline Sweetland and Sophie Broom.

The young cast: Daniel; Daisy; Elodie; Georgie; Liana; Rosa and Tiggy delivered confident and engaging performances, each portraying their different characters with great conviction and enthusiasm, balancing the timeless messages of the fables with humour and some amusing twists along the way.

Working with a village group that enables the joint working of young people and adults together is a privilege and a pleasure. This production enabled the young cast to develop their potential and showcase their talents; learn from and be supported by the skills of others and to increase their confidence both on and off stage. The final product was a complete joy and the families, friends and villagers who came along to support the production were delighted by what they saw, leaving the Hall with smiles on their faces and a tears in their eyes.

Tanya Ogden

NEW POSTMAN

Hi, I am Nick Burton your new village postman. I took over this round 5 weeks ago. I have been a postman for over 20 years and live in Yeovil with my wife Shelley and our two daughters, Poppy (15) and Ruby (12). I am looking forward to becoming a part of your community and getting to know you all. Thank you for welcoming me so far, please shout if you ever need any help.

Nick.

THE PARISH CLERK WRITES...

The April Meeting...

The Annual Assembly of the Parish was held on the 16th April. The Parish Council Chairman's report gave details of the year's significant events. This was followed by brief resumes from local village groups. Thank you to all who contributed. The Parish Council then sat down to hold their monthly meeting.

The Chairman read a letter from Baroness Cathy Bakewell announcing her decision to stand down from the District Council in this year's elections. Cathy has been a Councillor for 26 years and her help and support with numerous local issues has been greatly appreciated by the PC and they wish her all the best.

The PC reviewed a planning application for a single storey front and rear extension and also a domestic workshop extension to an existing garage, at Trelisk, Hardington Moor, by Mr and Mrs A.J.Maclean. There were no objections.

The Chairman reported that an SSDC planning officer has arranged a site meeting with the owner to discuss the unapproved mobile home, barn and use of land at Hardington Marsh.

Notification of a Temporary Road Closure starting on the 22nd May 2019 has been received. The stretch of road covered by the closure is on the High Street, 30m north of the junction with Penn Lane, northwards for a distance of 95 metres. Work is being carried out by Wessex Water and is expected to last one day (0800-1700).

The PC have also received details of an application to add a Bridleway at Cold Harbour Lane to the Definitive Map and Statement (ie. the legal record of public rights of way). SCC are in the process of collating evidence to support this application.

The PC heard that following the election-nomination period, six out of seven of the existing Councillors will be continuing in their roles. It is expected a seventh will re-join them by co-option at the first meeting of the new council in May.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on the 21st May, 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 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

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.

The Royal Oak



Sonny's Beer Fest 2019

Friday 24th Saturday 25th Sunday 26th
May

Live music everyday from talented local bands like...

Microlight, Jackdaw, Snakebyte, The IOU's and more!

Come along and try our selection of fantastic beers and great West Country ciders

Enjoy our BBQ and hog roast every day.
We hope to see you all there!

And thank you in advance, to our brilliant village for supporting our beer fest every year!

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