

THE HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER MESSENGER

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

Sun 6 th	Matins	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am
Sun 13 th	Family Service	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am
Sun 20 th	Holy Communion	St Mary's Hardington	8.00am
	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
Sun 27 th	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	Family Service	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR MAY

Wed 2 nd	Art and Craft Group, Village Hall	2.30-4.30pm
Fri 4 th -6 th	Beer Fest, Royal Oak	
Tues 8 th	Benefice Choir Practice, to be confirmed	7.45pm
Thurs 10 th	W.I. Annual Meeting Village Hall, NOTE CHANGE OF DAY	7.45pm
Fri 11 th	Wine Tasting, Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 12 th	Christian Aid Big Brekkie, Royal Oak,	9.00-11.00am
	Garden Club Annual Plant Sale, Village Hall	2.00-4.00pm
Sun 13 th	Christian Aid Week Starts	
	Cream Teas, Ridgemoor, Hardington Moor	2.30-4.30pm
Tues 15 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, all welcome	7.30pm
Wed 16 th	Art and Craft Group, Village Hall	2.30-4.30pm

MAY 20TH LAST DATE FOR JUNE MESSENGER

Tues 22 nd	Benefice Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage, all welcome	7.45pm
Thurs 26 th	Village Coffee Morning, The Old PO, High St.	10.30am-12noon

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues	Beginners Ashtanga Yoga, Village Hall	7.00-8.00pm
Fri	Bell Ringing Practice, St. Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.45pm

AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS: to Gareth Creed, younger son of Daphne and the late Dave Creed and Jane, daughter of Sharon and Paul Humby of East Chinnock, who recently got engaged. We send the couple our best wishes for their future together.

Congratulations also to Brenda and Mike Bickerton on their 60th wedding anniversary on May 17th; and to Karen Dodge on her 65th birthday in April.

CONDOLENCES: We were sad to hear of the death of Pippa Firth, following a long illness. Our condolences are offered to her husband Peter and daughters Tamsin, Sam, Jane and Rose at this sad and difficult time.

We send our condolences to Jenny Brittle on the loss of her mother recently.

BEST WISHES: are sent to Viv Cherry who has recently started a course of treatment. We wish her well.

Claire and Prill Proudley have had an accident prone beginning to the year so we hope they will both be on the mend from now on.

VILLAGE BREAKFAST

Thank you to all for supporting the Village Breakfast, tickets sold in record time.

A fantastic amount was made and we will give a full report in next months Messenger.

Angela Brooks

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Our coffee morning this month will be held at the home of Pauline and Alan Grassam, The Old Post Office, High St., on Thursday 24th May from 10.30 to 12. This is always a happy social occasion so do please come and join us and meet friends and neighbours from the village.

Friends Against Scams

Twenty people attended a presentation in the Village Hall by Trudi from NatWest Bank on how to be scam aware. This initiative by the Trading Standards Agency is being rolled out across the UK to help people become more informed of the ever-increasing scams and how not to fall victim to them. Trudi's presentation informed us of 'pwning' the importance of secure passwords and how easy it is to fall prey to scams. She gave us literature including how to be more secure on Facebook and other social media sites. Hopefully, we all left feeling we had a greater knowledge and awareness of this problem.

Sue Phillips

HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER WI.

Hardington and Pendomer WI celebrated their 77th birthday on Wednesday April 11th at Hardington Village Hall with a lively gathering of members and guests. It was reported that 'The Big Breakfast' had been a great success, with many appreciative comments from those partaking. Figures not yet finalised, but a profit was certain. One farmer even thought 'you could charge more for that'!! Reminders were given for future events and activities, including the WI Banner parade at Wells, the Cream Tea at Cricket St Thomas to celebrate 100 years of Somerset County WI Federation, day out to Dartmouth and next month's AGM when new Committee members will be needed. Birthday flowers were presented and a special mention of member Joan Whiteman's 60th wedding anniversary.

Supper of jacket potato, Coronation chicken and salad was enjoyed, followed by scrummy puddings, cup of tea or coffee and the raffle. We were entertained by Joan Knowlman, who presented pieces by Joyce Grenfell – some amusing, some more thought provoking, and told us Joyce's story from ENSA to her film career. Most of us remember the Nursery Teacher saying 'George, don't do that....' On behalf of the Members, Daphne offered a vote of thanks to Mrs Knowlman, and to the Committee for the lovely meal.

Next Meeting will be on THURSDAY May 10th – not our usual Wednesday as there is a WI outing on our meeting day. Barbara Martin

Cream Teams – Raising money for Hardington Village Street Fayre

We are delighted to confirm our annual cream team event in support of the Street Fayre. This year's cream teas will take place on Sunday 13th May at Ridgemoor, Hardington Moor, the home of Joan and Pete Whiteman, from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

Nats Cole Chair Hardington Village Street Fayre Committee

JUMBLE SALE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Jumble Sale on 14th April and the many volunteers who set it all out, sold it and cleared the hall afterwards. £450 profit was made towards the construction of parking bay at the north side of the Church.

Daphne Creed

Amendment

Unfortunately, Parish Councillor Paul Vallis' email was incorrect on the recent contact sheet. It should have been: Paulvallis1@gmail.com

PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR

Please add Brenda Hamblin retired paramedic to your contact list: 864188, 07905 214205

WINE TASTING HARDINGTON VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 11TH MAY 7.30

The Hardington and West Coker Cricket club invites you to join them for a wine tasting that will be hosted by Majestic Wines. There will be six wines from three different countries. Tasting will be blind so you will be able to demonstrate your oenological expertise. Light refreshments will be available on your table.

Tickets, price £10, will be available from Daphne at the village shop or you may reserve your place by calling me at 01935 863673.

Do join us for what promises to be a fun evening.

Alan Grassam

HARDINGTON WILDLIFE

What a difference some warm sunshine does to brighten everything up after spell of awful weather. Birds are singing and nesting. Spring flowers and green leaves pop-up at last and even a few brave butterflies and bees have made an appearance.

All this activity shows that nature is very resilient but we must be aware that the bad weather will have caused lots of casualties. Orchids in our national nature reserve tend to react to climate change and it will be interesting to see what happens. Some plants enjoy the wet weather, resulting in a spectacular display of golden yellow celandines on my front lawn and much of the grass replaced by moss.

Our very tame pair of mallard ducks are still enjoying the security of a small garden pond and wait patiently by the backdoor each morning for a cup full of birdseed. The Drake seems most obliging and always stands back and lets the duck feed first. Unfortunately we think that their nest has been attacked by a predator as the duck disappeared for a few days but has now reappeared and we found one duck egg on the ground in the garden.

I heard the first summer visitor – a Chiffchaff – on April 7 and I have yet to see house martins or swallows. It seems that migrants and wallflowers are two or three weeks later than normal.

Mike Bickerton

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will take place in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Wednesday, 6th June, when our Annual Report and Accounts for 2017/18 will be presented. All residents of Hardington Mandeville age 18 and over are entitled to attend, and to vote in the election of 5 trustees to the Village Hall Committee. If you are interested in standing for election as a trustee, please contact the Chairman, Peter Bysouth 863525, or the Secretary, Daphne Creed 862363 for more information about the procedures. All applications for election, and any items for discussion under Any Other Business at the meeting must be submitted in writing by Saturday, 2 June.

Teas and Toes - Monday 4th June 1-4 PM

A thorough chiropody treatment for £15 from qualified chiropodist Adele. Ring Elaine Gilmore to book an appointment - 863026.

Craft Class - Thursday 14th June 1-4 pm

No class in May, but in June we will be making beads and jewellery ready to enter in the village flower show. Everyone welcome to these experienced tutor led sessions. £10 per session. Ring Elaine on 863036 to book.

100 Club

Congratulations to our April winners: Peter Rosewell won £15 and Andrew Palmer won £12. The draw is made at our monthly committee meetings and prizes are half of the income from the club. If you wish to join for the rest of the year beginning in May, please give a cheque made payable to Hardington Mandeville Village Hall for £9 to John Gilmore or any other committee member.

Moviola

Thank you for all your support with this new venture. We are taking a break over the summer, and will resume in September.

Village Hall Committee

Christian Aid Week – Big Brekkie at The Royal Oak (Sonny's) – 12th May

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 12th May from 9.00am to 11.00am. Cost £7.50 – no booking required – just turn up and enjoy!!

Richard Middleton

ALL STARS for 5-8 YEAR OLDS

Hardington and West Coker Cricket Club are proud to be holding ALL STARS, a new youth training course aimed at introducing new young people to have a try at cricket.

The course is available to children aged 5-8yrs. Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings from 5-6pm with our first session on **Wednesday 16th of May**, with the final session being Wednesday 4th July. We will also have an open '**bring a friend and try it**' session on **Saturday 5th May** where children who are thinking of enrolling or who have enrolled can bring a friend along and see what All Stars is all about.

When you register for the 8 weeks of coaching, there is a £40 fee. Within this cost your child receives the following: 8 weeks of 1 hour coaching sessions, cricket goodies; including a backpack, water bottle, T-shirt, bat and ball, which they will bring along to each session and keep at the end of the course.

We will have the clubhouse open where parents and siblings are able to wait and watch the session; we will have the bar open and tea and coffee available to purchase and a small tuck shop. As a club we pride ourselves on being family friendly and encourage everyone to enjoy the club's atmosphere. For more information please go to;

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/b01650b3-f477-4a81-8643-83cca0bc6ae8>

or email sophie.witcher@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 13th-19th May 2018

Christian Aid was founded in 1945 to support refugees after World War II and to fight for justice and the wellbeing of people everywhere. Christian Aid has been supporting disasters and disadvantaged and displaced people ever since and, this year Christian Aid Week focuses particularly on those still suffering as a result of all the hurricanes that hit the Caribbean last year, whilst at the same time continuing its relief work throughout the world.

Christian Aid Week gives us all the opportunity to support its work and an envelope is enclosed with The Messenger. There will not be a house-to-house collection this year except in Pendomer, but please leave your envelopes with Daphne in Springfield Stores, or at Cherry Tree House, Broadstone Lane (me, Richard Middleton), or at Windmill Cottage, High Street (Sue Phillips), or at Burley, Coker Hill (Ruth Hill). As every year, please give generously to help refugees and those suffering as a result of famine and the many disasters that confront so many parts of the world; please come and have a great breakfast on 12 May at The Royal Oak (Sonny's) to support Christian Aid Week (see separate notice for that). R Middleton

THE PARISH CLERK WRITES...

The April Meeting..

The Annual Assembly of the Parish was held on the 17th April. The guest speaker was Rebecca McElliot from SSDC, who gave a very interesting and informative talk regarding the Yeovil Refresh Project. This included details of the latest proposals to regenerate Yeovil town centre, including improving the Public spaces, improving transport and pedestrian access and increasing residential development, amongst other ideas.

The Parish Council Chairman's report gave details of the year's significant events. This was followed by brief resumes from members of the Art & Crafts Group, Hardington Players, the Garden Club, the Flower & Craft Show, the Nature Reserve, the Village Hall Committee, St Mary's Church, the Messenger Team and the Hardington Community Field. Thank you to all who contributed to the meeting.

The Parish Council then sat down to hold their monthly meeting.

The PC were pleased to hear that after several months of chasing, the HGV sign at Hill End Cross has finally been repaired.

The Chairman thanked all those involved in the weekend's Litter Pick. It was noted that West Coker Hill still required further attention, and agreed the Ranger could be asked to do this.

The Chairman reported that a Tree Preservation Order has been received for the area of Woodland owned by The Cottage and adjacent to the former Moor End Nursery Site.

A notice has been received from SSC Highways giving details of the temporary road closure of Primrose Hill for much-needed drainage works. It is scheduled to be closed for up to 26 days from 7th May.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30 in the Village Hall on the 15th May 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

GARDEN CLUB

We have a busy month coming up for the garden club in May. Firstly, on Saturday 12th from 2.00 until 4.00, we have our annual plant sale. This is always a popular event and means that everyone can stock up on young plants both of the flower and vegetable variety. In addition to our own stalls we also have 2 visitors. Kate Best who runs Potter Luck plants in East Coker and who sells some of her plants outside the village shop, will be having a stall. Also we are delighted to welcome Dave Turner who runs Top Edge Knife Sharpening. He will be here to sharpen any tools and knives for you at very competitive prices including £1-£2 for knives, £2 for scissors , £1- £2 for secateurs and £3- £5 for edging tools , spades, axes and mower blades. So take this opportunity to get all your implements in tip top condition for the season ahead. All we ask is that you label your items with your name so you can leave them with Dave while you buy plants and garden sundries. We would welcome all contributions of plants for our sale which can be brought to the village hall on the morning of the sale or left with a committee member.

Then on Tuesday 23rd we have our annual discount shopping evening which is for members only.

Lastly we have arranged another visit to the garden ' Lift the Latch'. This is a fascinating and beautiful garden and we anticipate another lovely visit, which is open to members and their families.

We do not have a regular meeting in May as we have so many other events to keep us busy.

Alison Trickett

LONDON MARATHON UPDATE

Done and yes it was very hot! A huge thanks to everyone for your wonderful support. The total sponsorship I have received to date is over £4,000 which is absolutely fantastic. Will I run again? Not a marathon but I'm sure I'll carry on pottering around. Clare Middleton

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.

The Royal Oak....



Pizza night is every Thursday!

Coming up in May.....

Seafood Supper

Saturday 19th May

7.30pm sit down

6 course tasting menu

£25.95 per person

BEER FEST 2018

Friday 4th to Sunday 6th May

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20+ Beers

20+ Ciders

BBQ and hog roast

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