

NOVEMBER 2021



Emily White and Mum Victoria at the Royal international Show on July 24th.

‘ The class was called Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein. It is held at the famous Hickstead show ground so we stayed overnight in the lorry as the class was at 7.30am. The ponies all have stables and the whole atmosphere is really rather special. Although not placed on the day, to have qualified is a huge achievement. As the name of the show says it’s an International show so all of the best ponies from far and wide compete. We qualified at a show held at Chard Equestrian which is obviously a local show for us and saved us having to travel many miles chasing a qualification, as that is what the whole showing season is about - qualifying for the Royal International Show.’

Ben White

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Church Services at St. Mary's, Hardington.

Remembrance Day Service at St. Mary's, Hardington at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday 14th November. The service will commence with the Act of Remembrance and followed by service of Holy Communion.

There will be an opportunity for you to leave before the Communion, if you so wish. We will be re-starting our Family Service on **Advent Sunday -28th November at 10.30 a.m. at St. Mary's**. This will be a short service (approximately 30 minutes) led by the Churchwardens followed by coffee and biscuits. All ages welcome.

The **Carol Service** at St. Mary's will be on **Sunday 19th December at 4 p.m.**, followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.

On **Christmas Day**, Rev. Colin Simpson will lead Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. Everyone welcome at any or all of the above services.

Church services at St Roch, Pendomer.

Zoom Family Services from Pendomer Church will continue from October 24th at 9.45 am. Please watch out for invitations or attend in person.

Sunday November 21st Holy Communion and Zoom 9.15am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 9th	Choir Practice, St Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.30pm
Wed 10th	W.I. Meeting, Village Hall, New members welcome NOTE TIME	7.30pm
Sat 13th	Village Hall Coffee Morning,	10.30-12noon
Tues 16th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, All Welcome	7.30pm
Wed 17th	Garden Club, Hardington Village Hall,	7.30pm
Sat 20th	Pancreatic Cancer UK Charity Coffee Morning, Village Hall	10.30-12noon

NOVEMBER 20TH LAST DATE FOR NOVEMBER MESSENGER

Please email contributions to hardingtonmessenger@rocketmail.com

Tues 23rd	Choir Practice, St Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.30pm
Thurs 25th	Moviola Village Hall, Love Sarah, tickets from PO in advance	7.30pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Fri	Bell Ringing Practice, St. Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.45pm
Tues	Ashtanga Yoga Village Hall, for full details please contact Rachel Parker rachelparker.ashtanga@gmail.com	

AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS: Alice Manning celebrated a special birthday in October. Debbie and Martin Palfrey of Lyatts Dairy are pleased to announce the arrival of a 4th grandchild, Otilie Jarman. Congratulations to you all

GET WELL WISHES: Young Edward (Teddy) Friend, baby son of Rebecca and Steve was recently admitted to hospital. Thankfully now home with his family.

GOODBYE: Another couple who have lived in the village for many years have decided to move to 'pastures new'. Elaine Peters and David Cleaton have lived in Hardington for over 20 years. They have now decided to move to Exmouth, an area they know well. Elaine and David have been involved in various village activities over the years, the Drama group being the most prominent with Elaine being musical director of many pantomimes and David having written at least one pantomime. We send them our thanks and wish them happiness for their new venture.

WELCOME: We welcome back to Hardington, Sue and Chris Turner who previously lived in Moor Cottage for many years. They have now moved into Beech Cottage, in Rectory Lane. Chris and Sue were instrumental in the formation and running of the Messenger from 1995. Dennis Whitehurst has moved into the annexe at the home of his daughter Denise Riddell and her husband Peter, at Saddlers. We hope you will all be happy here in Hardington

FROM THE MESSENGER TEAM

Due to the death earlier this year of Mike Phillips, who had been the Treasurer, the committee met to appoint a new one. Richard Beatson has agreed to take on the roll and he was duly elected. For your information the committee consists of: Sheila (Editor) and Robin Carpenter, Keith Dack, Sue Phillips, and Richard Beatson (Treasurer). Donations can still be left at the shop with Daphne Creed or any committee member. Appreciation was expressed for the work Mike had done for many years. Thank you for your continuing contributions. Messenger Team

HARDINGTON PLAYERS January 2022

Hardington Players have just started rehearsals for a Junior/Adult production of 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl. Performances will be at 7.30pm on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th January 2022. Tickets will be available end December but meanwhile please save the date.

We would still be pleased to hear from anyone, particularly juniors, interested in joining us on stage. Contact Jane Blomfield on 01935 862747 or Anne Lunt on 07769 678208.

HARDINGTON & PENDOMER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members and some guests attended the October meeting at which Jackie and John Crew, volunteers from Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, gave an illustrated talk on the services provided. This was their first talk since Covid lockdown, and the presentation had recently been updated. Initially airborne in 2000 the service is totally funded by voluntary donations, not receiving any National Lottery or Government funding.

The current Augusta Westland helicopter is larger than the original one and allows 360 degree access to the patient so they can start receiving treatment as soon as they are on board. The helicopter, based at Henstridge Airfield, can get to anywhere within the 2 counties within 20mins and can transport a patient to a more specialist Hospital within another 20mins. There is also a Critical Care Car and Outreach Car. Between them they have performed 2,016 missions from April 2020 to March 2021. The cost is £5 million per year or £3,000 per mission.

Each mission has a critical care team, consisting of at least one doctor and specialist practitioner. The clinicians are a mixture of senior emergency doctors, intensive care consultants and anaesthetists, critical care nurses and specialist practitioners in critical care, providing a broad spectrum of skills and experience, enabling the patient to receive the best care. Trauma cases account for 52% of the call outs and cardiac and medical account for the rest. The busiest day is a Sunday and the busiest month being September. The helicopter is also used for inter-hospital transfers. Unfortunately, Yeovil District Hospital does not have a helipad, so the air ambulance must land at Westlands airfield, resulting in patients requiring transfer by road to YDH. There are now two liaison nurses who help patients and their families in the aftermath of an incident requiring the Air Ambulances intervention.

John and Jackie's presentation made us realise how fortunate we are to have such wonderful provision should we ever be in the unfortunate position of requiring their help.

Sue Phillips

HARDINGTON FLOWER & CRAFT SHOW Saturday 27th August 2022

Planning for Next Year's Flower & Craft Show is already underway! To give you a head start, the following classes have been agreed:

Photography:

- Derelict
- Single Flower
- Pet Portrait
- Palaces and/or Castles
- Any subject - a black & white photograph

Handicrafts:

- A painting - any subject
- A drawing - any subject
- Paper Napkin Origami
- Item of Knitting or Crochet or Macrame
- Item of Handmade Needlework
- A Length of Bunting - 1-2 metres
- An item made from the contents of your recycling blue bag
- You've Made It, Let's See It

Preserves:

- Raspberry Jam
- A homemade non-alcoholic drink

We have broadened some of the categories to give us all a chance of entering something, so get your cameras, paint brushes and needles out and start a project which can take pride of place in next year's Show.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Stewart Ogden sogden20@gmail.com 07837237842.

THE COKER BRANCH OF WEA

WEA provides learning across a wide range – practical courses in embroidery and art techniques, health and lifestyle, history and culture, languages and digital skills - which you can find at www.wea.org.uk/find-course

The Coker branch are holding a local course about **Lorna Doone by R D Blackmore** over 6 Tuesdays from 9th November. The weekly course starts at 2.00pm and finishes at 3.30pm and the course costs £36 to enrol. It is being held in Hardington Mandeville Village Hall.

'Just over 150 years since its publication, Blackmore's Lorna Doone provides us with a novel set in the 17th century at the time of the Monmouth Rebellion. However, this novel offers more than this in that we can also see how the text is shaped by the cultural influences of the century in which it was written.'

If you would like more information on this course, look up **C3532922** on the website above.

Viv Ford

THE GREATEST GIFT

It is often talked about, "time on your hands", "not enough time", "wasting time", "having a good time".

But make time and take time, because that "one moment in time", should be something that is given without quantifying it, and no greater enjoyment than sharing it with someone you love and care for.

It is the most precious gift that one can give or receive. Whether fit and healthy or frail and weak, to give someone your time.

Never take it for granted, it means so much, but is rarely thought about.

Trevor Cherry Jan 2014

COFFEE MORNING

As many of you know my husband Mike died of pancreatic cancer earlier this year. The survival rate from this disease is extremely low, only 2% at 5 years. Research is needed urgently to try and improve the survival rate and offer help and advice to sufferers and their families. I am organising a Coffee Morning on Saturday November 20th in the Village Hall, 10.30-12noon. There will be cakes and a raffle. This of course will be subject to Covid restrictions. There will be spaced tables and please follow the Village Hall Covid advice. Cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully received. I do hope you can join us.

Sue Phillips

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

At last the Village Hall is springing back to life with bookings for Yoga, WEA, Moviola, the Garden Club and Players appearing on our bookings calendar. The recent pandemic has highlighted the importance of the Community with many people seeking support from each other when facing isolation, illness or even the loss of a close relative. Whilst we all have different interests, hobbies or talents, it is wonderful to have the opportunity to come together and socialise at the Hall as we did at the village Flower and Craft Show in August. As your newly appointed Chairperson I am keen that our Village Hall should be seen as the heart of the Community but I am also aware that for this to happen the Village Hall Committee relies heavily on you all for support. The Village Hall, like many buildings, costs several thousand pounds a year to run and in the past we have been lucky to receive donations from the The Street Fayre, the Horse and Dog Show, Turkey Supper, the Coffee Mornings (organised by Trevor and Viv Cherry), Hardington Players, the Village Breakfast, Firework Night, the Rotary Club and the Parish Council etc, etc, in order to help us not only to maintain but also to improve the building. However, I am all too aware that funding from these sources (thanks largely to the pandemic) has dried up in recent times and that it is inevitable that some of these events may be gone for good. The Village Hall Committee are all volunteers and the Trustees have continued to put in several hours of their time each week/month, without payment, into running the Hall for the benefit of the Community.

There have been some changes recently to the Committee and I should like to take this opportunity to thank the departing Trustees for all their hard work over the years. The new Committee is now made up of the following:

Karen Dodge (Chairperson), Daphne Creed (Secretary/Treasurer) Sian Jinks (Joint Treasurer) Val Marden(Booking Clerk) Cynthia Delaney, Peter Riddell, Max Southwell, Bernie White, Kaz Doyle, Mike Doyle and Denise Riddell.

One of our chief aims will be to focus on ideas for fund raising as we do need funds to keep the Village Hall going. On 25th November we will be having another film night when we will be showing 'Love Sarah' and we look forward to seeing you. You will also have the opportunity to join our '100 Club' again soon, the first draw will take place in January. It costs £12 a year to join (although you can make more than one subscription). The amount that we can give out in prize money will depend on the size of the membership. We are, of course, grateful to receive any donations or legacies, which would enable us to maintain and/or improve the Hall. Finally, I should like to thank the many people who have come up to me with offers of help since I have joined the Committee, I am truly grateful for your offers of support.

Karen Dodge

HARDINGTON WILDLIFE Nicola Maybury

I'm offering nature notes with a difference this month. Having waited a year to visit the Knepp Wildland Estate in West Sussex, we were finally able to spend a recent weekend there and I hope it will interest you to hear about our experience of this truly remarkable place. Since 2001, the land at Knepp, once intensively farmed, has been devoted to a pioneering 'rewilding' project. The 3,500 acre estate uses free-roaming grazing animals to drive habitat creation, meaning that the scrub that covers the former agricultural fields is 'managed' by Old English longhorn cattle, fallow, roe and red deer, Exmoor ponies and Tamworth pigs. The disturbance from grazing, browsing, rootling and trampling by these herbivores keeps the scrub in check and prevents it from becoming closed-canopy woodland, a poor habitat for most wildlife. It's an astonishing transformation from intensive farmland to one of the most successful conservation projects in Europe.

We were lucky enough to stay at the rather luxurious campsite (proper beds, woodburning stoves) and spent our first evening listening to the deer bellowing, the owls softly calling from the oak tree above our heads and, somewhat unexpectedly, the A24 thundering past! That's one of the most impressive things about Knepp for me – it feels like it could only exist in some remote part of the UK, but it's bang in the midst of commuter land, 15 miles from Gatwick Airport.

There's no question that the wildlife is thriving here: it's now a breeding hotspot for critically endangered nightingales and turtle doves, has the UK's largest population of purple emperor butterflies and all five British species of owl. We had barely set foot on one of the many trails before we were treated to seven long and slender white storks flying right above our heads. Sussex was once a stronghold for these charismatic birds and it was thrilling to spot a pair on a giant and unruly nest at the top of a large oak, clattering their bills and getting ready to roost for the night. This sighting came at the end of an afternoon spent deer watching, during which my binoculars were almost permanently glued to my face! We'd chosen October to visit Knepp for the potential to see the deer rut and we joined a guided group, which gave us access to a hide overlooking the fallow deer lek. I learned a lot about deer that day! Fallow bucks, with their easy to recognise palmate antlers, establish a lek near woodland where they gather in numbers to bellow and fight for the right to mate with the does. Red stags, with their many-pronged antlers, move around the open ground and waterways with a harem of hinds which they guard day and night, roaring away and clashing antlers to fight off would-be usurpers. It was quite something to witness.

At a time when the climate crisis and threats to wildlife can feel overwhelmingly gloomy, it was good to witness such an inspiring conservation success.

THE PARISH CLERK WRITES...

The October Meeting...

The Chairman reported that the planning application for a rear single-storey extension at Hillcroft House, Broad Hill has been approved.

There are now three different locations where river safety barriers have collapsed and need fixing or replacing: 1) At the bottom of North Lane, near the Community field entrance; 2) At the bottom of Pig Hill where the road crosses Chinnock Brook; and 3) Wimborough Lane near the sewerage treatment works. Concern was raised that given the heavy rain lately, these missing or damaged barriers present a significant hazard, and the PC would like SCC Highways give these repairs higher priority.

The SCC Structures department have said that work to the collapsing wall at the top of North Lane (behind the Church) is planned to commence on 15th November 2021, for a period of 2 weeks. There will be a formal road closure, although full details of this have not yet been received.

With “Climate Emergency” being a subject that everyone is talking about at the moment, members of the Parish Council are also keen to do what they can to help protect the environment. Suggestions and ideas on what the village can do to contribute will be discussed at November’s meeting. If this is something you feel strongly about, then please come along to the meeting, or alternatively let myself or a PC member know your suggestions.

The next scheduled meeting is at 7.30pm on the 16th November 2021 at the Village Hall. Public attendance is welcome (although numbers will be restricted) and they 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. You can contact me at hardingtonclerk@rocketmail.com, tel: 07545 554145 or in writing at Grove House, Pendomer, Somerset, BA22 9PH.

Nancy Chapman, Parish Clerk

Village Hall Coffee Morning

We are back at last !

Our Coffee morning is returning on Saturday 13th November between 10.30 am and 12 noon in the Village Hall with our usual Coffee/tea with cakes and the old favourite Bacon roll. Do come for a convivial chat with family and friends and to meet new villagers and get back to something we all enjoy.

For any further information or help contact:- Trevor or Vivien 864546

Please look out for further information nearer the date as covid restrictions may change.

HARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th Nov in HARDINGTON VILLAGE HALL, for the Club AGM followed by a meal (prebooked places only for food). There is no meeting in December and meetings resume on 26th January in HARDINGTON VILLAGE HALL with a soup supper and quiz.

Jacquie Watkins

If Nicola's visit to Knepp has aroused your interest, try reading Isabella Tree's book 'Wilding' to get the full story.

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An enjoyable romantic comedy set in London about a small bakery. A great cast led by the always brilliant Celia Imrie makes you engage with the storyline. A feelgood movie that should leave you with a smile on your face, and a desire to taste some wonderful cakes!

in Hardington Mandeville Village Hall

Thursday 25th November at 7.30 pm

Doors open 7.00 pm

Tickets: £5.00 in advance £6.00 on the door

available from Springfield Stores 01935 862363

Licensed bar and refreshments available from 7.00 pm

Visit our website at: www.Hardington.net



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WHAT'S ON AT THE ROYAL OAK

Christmas is coming!

We are delighted to announce that the diary is now open for Christmas bookings.

And our 2021 Royal Oak Christmas menu is now available to view on our website and Facebook page.

Since nobody got to enjoy Christmas properly last year, why not make the most of it this year?

Get all the family, friends and even work colleagues together for a right festive treat.

Our Christmas menu will be available from 1st December to 24th December.

We are also taking orders for our famous Christmas puddings!

The perfect addition to any Christmas dinner

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