

# THE HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER MESSENGER

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## CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Matins	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am
	Family Service	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	St Mary's Hardington	8.00am
	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	Harvest Praise	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am
	Followed by lunch- please advise Daphne of numbers		
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest evensong with supper	St Roch, Pendomer	5.30pm
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Benefice Service with speaker from Tear Fund, W Coker		10.00am

## DIARY OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Arts and Crafts Group, Village Hall, all welcome	2.00pm
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Village Coffee Morning, The Old Post Office, High Street	10.30-12noon
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hollywood in Hardington, Village Hall, tickets from PO	7pm
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Hatherstone Wood Meeting, Royal Oak, all welcome	7.30pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Benefice Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage,	7.45pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Village Hall, guests and new members welcome	7.45pm
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ride and Stride, E Coker to Pendomer, coffee & cake	10.am-12noon
	Village Hall Coffee Morning, Village Hall	10.30-12.00noon
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tea and Toes, Village Hall, by appointment	
	Annual Street fayre Meeting, Village Hall, all welcome	7.30pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning, Springfield Stores	10.00am-12noon
	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, all welcome	7.30pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Arts and Crafts group, Village Hall, all welcome	NOTE CHANGE 2.00pm
<b>SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> LAST DATE FOR OCTOBER MESSENGER</b>		
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Benefice Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage,	7.45pm
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club, Village Hall	7.30pm

## WEEKLY EVENTS

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

## AROUND THE VILLAGE

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Many congratulations to Martin and Ellie Hooper, (from Sonny's) who were married at St Mary's Church, Hardington Mandeville in August followed by a reception in the village.

Also to Alistair Phillips, son of Mike and Sue, who has announced his engagement to Carla Creech. We send many congratulations to both couples and wish them much happiness for the future.

**GET WELL:** Get well wishes to Sam Smith of Dimple Cottage who is recovering from her recent operation and has been reminded of what a wonderful village we live in with all the kindness everyone in Hardington has shown her.

**CONDOLENCES:** Sadly, we report the death of Ida Ring of St James' Terrace who has died after a long illness. Ida was born in Hardington and lived all her life here. Her funeral took place at St Mary's Hardington at the end of August. Our condolences are sent to family and friends.

Rob Patten of Grove Farm, Hardington Marsh, also died in August. Rob was born and lived most of his life in Pendomer moving to Grove Farm on the death of his uncle, Aubrey White. Our condolences are sent to his wife Sally, daughters Kay and Sarah and their families at this sad time.

**THANKS:** We recently counted the contents from the Messenger Box, which is kept in the shop and were delighted to receive just over £22. The Messenger team would like to thank everyone who contributed to the total, also those who have donated to the fund this month.

## SHOEBOXES

I will be collecting filled shoeboxes again this year to be sent to children in need around the world. Decorated shoeboxes and details on how to fill your box can be obtained from Springfield Stores. Please return your box by early November. Thank you.

Daphne

## WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Jane and Daphne invite you for Coffee and Cake at Springfield Stores on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 10 a.m. – 12 noon in aid of World's Biggest Coffee Morning event for Macmillan Cancer Support. There will also be a raffle.

## STREET FAYRE – 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY

We were blessed with good weather, which allowed us to have a successful Street Fayre on 6<sup>th</sup> July. The Fayre produced an overall profit of £4,276 (2018: £4,030), which, as in previous years, will be split between the Church and Village Hall. The Organising Committee would like to express sincere thanks to all those who assisted in any way and the many others who may have had their day disrupted by the road closure.

We will be holding the AGM for the Fayre on 16 September at 19.30 in the Village Hall. This is an opportunity for anyone to express their view on the running of the Fayre in 2019 and offer any suggestions for future years. We would be particularly interested in understanding if there is a strong desire to continue with running a Street Fayre, as opposed to running some other form of event. Running the Fayre takes a great deal of effort and we need extra volunteers on the organising committee if we are to continue the event.

If you have any queries or suggestions, please feel clear to contact me on [andrew@themiddletons.org](mailto:andrew@themiddletons.org). Andrew Middleton Treasurer863706

## HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER W.I.

The W.I. has a break for the summer in August but six members took advantage of the bursary offer and visited Dr Karen Stead-Dexter at her base in Axminster where we were able to meet, hold and fly some of her birds of prey. Some of you may remember she was the speaker at our popular open meeting in October 2 years ago. Karen is passionate about her birds, and their beautiful condition and relationship with her shows how well they are cared for. For those of us who had harboured a desire to 'fly' a bird it was an amazing experience. First, we flew George, a beautiful barn owl. I couldn't believe how gentle he was even when he landed on my uncovered arm and when he took food from a un-gloved hand. Flying a hawk was a completely different experience: we took her for a 'walk'; we walked and she flew from tree to tree, coming to us to retrieve the food we held in a (definitely) gloved hand! We now realise where the saying, 'hawk eyed' comes from, we had to surreptitiously put the food in the glove before luring her. Karen works her birds, mainly clearing farmers' fields of rabbits. A great afternoon was had by us all.

October 9<sup>th</sup> will be this year's open meeting to which everyone is welcome. We have an auctioneer from Lawrence's talking on 'The Ten Commandments for an Auctioneer'. Tickets will be on sale soon from the shop for £5, which includes a ploughman's supper.

Sue Phillips

## MISSING CAT!

Have you seen our beautiful ginger cat, Tigger? He is a wanderer, but he has now been missing for several weeks. He may have adopted you, if there's food about, and he is very friendly, and quite large (6.5kg). Please let us know if you have seen him!  
Neil & Annie Dyer 01935

### **WEA COKER BRANCH – covering the Cokers and Hardington Mandeville**

The WEA is a registered charity, founded in 1903, offering everyone the opportunity to learn more about a range of subjects, delivered by well qualified and experienced tutors. We have an interesting collection of courses available through the autumn and winter of 2019 into the spring of 2020. They will all lighten the dark days of winter. We look forward to seeing you.

**To Register, visit [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk) or phone 0300 303 3464**

**'Medicine and Literature in the 19<sup>th</sup> century' – 6 weeks from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2.00pm to 3.30pm, held in Hardington Village Hall. £33 for the 6 weeks.**

**'Gustav Klimt' – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, from 10.00am to 3.30pm, held in East Coker Village Hall.**

**£28 includes lunch.**

**'Darwin and Fitzroy' – Two extraordinary lives linked by a special voyage' – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, from 9.30am to 1.00pm, held in Hardington Village Hall.**

**£15 for the day.**

**'Key historical influences in English garden design' – 6 weeks in 2020 from January 16<sup>th</sup> to March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 2.00pm to 3.30pm, held in East Coker Village Hall. £33 for the 6 weeks.**

**'Canals' – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020, from 10.00am to 3.30pm, held in Hardington Village Hall. £28 includes lunch.**

**'Leonardo da Vinci' – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020, from 10.00am to 3.30pm, held at East Coker Village Hall. £28 includes lunch.**

If you would like any further information, please call Gill Evans (East Coker) on 862703, Jayne Jones (Hardington) on 862385 or Viv ford 863954

## HATHERSTONE WOODS MEETING

The next meeting of the committee and friends of the woods will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in The Royal Oak. Planted in the Millennium and owned by The Woodland Trust, the site is rapidly maturing. The main agenda item is to generate ideas for its continued development, and these will be taken back to The Woodland Trust for their consideration. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting, Ali Trickett (Chair)

## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

100 Club winners this month were Neil Pierson and Angela Brookes. Congratulations to them.

The next Teas and Toes will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. For those who haven't yet been, you will have a 20 minute appointment with our visiting chiropodist, Adele, who will cut your toe nails, deal with any hard skin and advise on further treatment you might need. We also serve tea/coffee and biscuits so it's quite a sociable event. Appointments go quickly so please ring Elaine on 863026 if you are interested.

Advance notice that Art and Crafts this month will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**, due to the installation of audio-visual equipment, including a hearing loop, in the hall on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. This equipment will mean that we can show our own movies and visiting speakers will be able to access it for their presentations. We were able to buy the equipment largely thanks to a donation of £2138 from the Street Fayre, a grant of £1500 from SSDC, and the money raised so far from our "Hollywood in Hardington" nights. So, many thanks to all of you who have worked hard to run these events or supported us by coming along to them.

### **Next Hollywood in Hardington : Fri September 6<sup>th</sup>**

Moviola season is here again. Support your village hall and join us for this friendly evening. The bar will be open and tea, coffee and delicious home made cakes will be on offer along with our first film of the season.

'All Is True' is a British film directed by Kenneth Branagh and written by the talented Ben Elton, who's well known hits include, 'Black Adder' and 'Four Weddings and a Funeral'. Branagh also stars as the playwright William Shakespeare. So please join us for a night of entertainment and fun. We look forward to seeing you!

Tickets available from Springfield Stores £5 or £6 on the door.

## VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Our coffee morning this month will be held at the home of Pauline and Alan Grassam, the Old Post Office, High Street, on Thursday, the 5th of September from 10.30 to 12 noon. All will be welcome. If anyone needs a lift please ring Peter Rosewell 862249 or Mike Bickerton 862154.

## UPDATE FROM HARDINGTON MOOR NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

As I'm writing this on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of August, the grass at the nature reserve has just been cut and we are hoping for some dry sunny days so that our grazier Tim Marsh, from Hardington Moor can bale his hay. It is part of the important cycle of management that removes the grass so that in spring the Orchids have less competition to grow. Grazing of the aftermath (the regrowth after making hay or silage) is also part of this management, and this has in the past been done by cattle. This year we are planning to graze the aftermath with Tim's sheep. In order to contain the sheep on the grassland, and to keep them separate (and safe) from dogs we will have to resort to erecting some temporary electric fencing on the NNR. We will do this one field at the time, so there still is plenty of space for visitors to exercise their dogs, but we would like to ask you all to please keep your dog on a lead when you are in the field the sheep are being grazed in. Although an electric shock off a fencer isn't dangerous or life threatening, it would give your dog an unexpected (negative) surprise, one they strangely seem to associate with you as the owner, so best to steer them away from it.

This brings me to another new development on the NNR; we now have a bin for the collection of dog waste, sited by the main top gate, which I would like to ask you all to use. Not only do the sheep not like to eat what your dog leaves behind, but all the nutrients that are deposited day in day out are starting to leave a negative effect on the grassland, potentially threatening our beloved Orchids. So please **scoop that poop** and encourage others to do the same.

Late summer is still a good time to enjoy the wild flowers. We leave wide borders around the fields uncut, so butterflies, moths and other insects still have somewhere to find their nectar. Especially stunning this year is the rough area in the Middle Field, which we cut by hand on a three-year rotation. Fleabane, Purple-loosestrife, Great Willowherb, Marsh and Spear Thistle, Common Knapweed, Saw-wort and a variety of vetches are all vying for attention. The reserve is worth a visit for this alone.

Enjoy your summer walks, take in the stunning views and we look forward to meeting you all out on site. Monique Hustinx, Reserve Manager for Natural England.

## **Prudential Ride London – Surrey 100 miles – We did it!**

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the Prudential Ride London - Surrey 100 miles which I successfully completed on the 4th August. The training I did in advance of the ride paid off (over 1000 miles and 80 hours in the saddle!), along with the excellent support and encouragement from Tim Watkins, who very kindly gave me a place in the ride and encouraged me all the way around.

Tim raised over £400 for Bristol DAWG Greyhound & Lurcher Rescue, which is nearly enough to cover the costs of rescuing one hound, and he would like to thank everyone for the support you have provided his charity.

Akamba Aid Fund (AAF), which I raised money for, will receive a cheque for £1,000 to support the construction of Ivonangya Secondary School, located at the northern extreme of the Akamba region deep within the Kenyan bush and which is within an area of desperate poverty. The trustees of the charity are working very hard to raise funds for the project, which will be managed in 3 phases over the coming years. As I write, the Chairman of AAF is travelling to the region and will monitor the progress of the first building work of the school. Over the coming months Tanya, as one of the AAF trustees, and myself will provide periodic update on progress of the school through the Messenger.

Thank you once again from Tim and myself and if you would like to hear more about either charity or support in any way, please get in touch.

Stewart Ogden [sogden20@gmail.com](mailto:sogden20@gmail.com)

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## **DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS REFRESHER SESSION**

As a result of requests to the Parish Council, this session has now been arranged in the village hall for **Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6.30-8.30pm**. Please could those who plan to attend contact Nancy or myself. All contact details on [www.hardington.net](http://www.hardington.net).

Robin Carpenter

## **THE VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING**

After the Summer recess the Village Hall Coffee morning returns on Saturday 14th September 10.30 am - 12 noon. Do try and come along, bring the children, family and friends to join us for refreshments and a chat. Looking forward to seeing as many of you that can make it. If you have never been before, especially anyone new to the Village do come along. Any further information and offers of help please ring: Vivien or Trevor on 864546

## SHOWTIME JULY/AUGUST

With most livestock competitions the decision of who wins and who loses comes down to the Judge on the day. That is their privilege often earned from many years of dedication to their breed. Unfortunately, sometimes these decisions are taken out of their hands. At the Royal Bath and West Show a surprise victory in the qualifiers meant the Brooks family had a chance to compete for the ultimate title 'Pig of the Year' at the Great Yorkshire Show. However, following an outbreak of Swine Dysentery at another show it was decided that no pig classes would go ahead at Harrogate as the risks of spreading the disease were too great. With no other opportunities to rearrange the competition it was cancelled for this year. There was further glory for the Brook's in the pig section winning the prestigious Flack Trophy for the best pair of pigs. This was the final opportunity to win this trophy at the Bath and West before it travels around the country to be presented at other agricultural events.

The Bath and West was a success for villagers in the sheep section. Riley Marsh displayed his skills winning the ages 4-7 year olds class for young handlers. In the Jacob classes Riley took 2<sup>nd</sup> with his ram lamb *Marsh Sam* and 4<sup>th</sup> in the ewe lamb class with *Marsh Elsie*. In the wool-on-the-hoof class where animals are judged purely for the quality of their fleece Riley came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the class for coloured wool.

Not to be outdone Tim Marsh showed his shepherding prowess by taking two 1<sup>st</sup> prizes in the live section of the carcass competitions for his single continental and pair of lambs.

At the Royal Three Counties Phillip Brooks took part in the first ever National Show for Poll Dorset sheep. Taking 1<sup>st</sup> in the Older Ram class and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a strong ewe lamb class with over 20 entries; making the trip up to the Malvern Hills well worth it.

A Honiton Show Emily White came away with 1<sup>st</sup> in the Leading Rein class and 3<sup>rd</sup> with a Mare and Foal. In the cattle lines Jake White came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Young Handlers class and followed that up with 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Any Other Breed class with his Dairy Shorthorn.

The White family then moved on to a very wet day at Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show where Emily took a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Leading Rein class and matched that with another 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Mare and Foal class.

If you fancy a day out and want to support local exhibitors then you should be able to find some at upcoming shows including; Dorset County Show (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September) and Frome Agricultural and Cheese Show (14<sup>th</sup> September).

If you would like to be included in the Showtime write up in the future please e-mail your results to: [harry@umbrellahomes.co.uk](mailto:harry@umbrellahomes.co.uk)

## HARDINGTON WILDLIFE

With some good spells of warm summer sunshine it is nice to see quite a few species of butterflies in the garden. However, in most cases the numbers are very much down on those seen a few years ago when the buddleia bushes would be crowded with tortoiseshells, peacocks, and red admirals. Cabbage whites seem to be plentiful, but most of those migrate across the channel. Painted ladies also migrate all the way from Morocco. My daughter and I had a spectacular witness of this in the Gower in South Wales when a swarm of many hundreds arrived on the beach.

The BBC is continuing its promotion of wildflowers and Gardeners world with Monty Don devoted the whole hour programme to the subject. His advice was good, saying that one should rake out as much grass as possible, plant seeds in September /October for March /April when the ground is at a moderate temperature – not too hot or too cold. Also plant Yellow rattle, which is semi parasitic on the grass which could smother low growing wild flowers.

The hay is now being cut on the NNR and I'm hoping to have the seed to distribute around the village. One nice surprise on this subject is to find a new orchid species – the fragrant orchid – in both the village recreation field and Hatherstone Wood. I'm sure that they came from Pip Oxenbury who kindly donated seeds from his SSSI field at Whitevine farm.

Mike Bickerton

## MURDER AT THE GARDEN SHOW Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Following the success of last year's event The Hardington Players will be putting on another Murder Mystery Supper Evening on Saturday 5th October 2019. We will serve a delicious 3-course supper interspersed with scenes on stage to tell the story and help you identify the murderer. The Hall will be laid out with two long tables so it will be a sociable evening as well. There will be a bar for wine and soft drinks.

Tickets cost £17.50 and will be available, together with the menu from Daphne from Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets are limited and menu choices will need to be in by Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Anne Lunt

## GARDEN CLUB

Our monthly meetings resume this month after a short break during the Summer. We meet again on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker is Martin Young who will be giving a talk about Ascension Island. Visitors welcome (£3 on door).

Jacqui Watkin

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

### **The August meeting...**

Over 30 parishioners attended this meeting due to the interest in the pre-planning proposals for the Mandeville Arms, involving converting the premises to provide three one-bedroom flats, and possibly four letting rooms, retaining a smaller bar with pantry, kitchen and cellar. In addition the plans showed two detached houses on the site (with the intention to sell the sites with outline permission) and associated parking. Parishioners expressed concerns about the viability of the reduced bar, insufficient parking provision, overdevelopment of the site and other issues. Whilst the intention of the applicant and agent is to have further discussion with the SSDC planning department, PC members echoed parishioners' sentiments and resolved that they could not support the application as presented.

Other planning applications discussed were for an entrance porch and a detached double garage with a studio over at Holly Tree Cottage, Moor Lane and for the partial conversion of existing stables into staff accommodation and the installation of a lunge ring at Hewingbere Farm. There were no objections to either application.

The Chairman reported that Notice of a Tree Preservation Order for land off Broadstone Lane has been received.

Several parishioners have received notification of an application for modification to the definitive map, which details Rights of Way. Reference is made to a map dated 1886 that shows a footpath running from Rectory Lane to the Church and another running from Rectory Lane to the Mandeville Arms. These footpaths are shown to run through several properties. It is thought the Vicar used them when he was resident at Hardington House (the old rectory). The PC considered that existing footpaths are adequate, the proposed additional paths not needed, and therefore would not be supporting any attempt to re-instate them.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30 in the Village Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, 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](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

## VILLAGE MAP

Thanks to the IT skills of Anthea Lovelock, now in Cornwall, I have at last managed to create a map of the parish, an idea I had soon after we moved back here in 1976! Under licence from Ordnance Survey, which permits me to print up to 100 copies, it is printed on A3 170gms photo matt paper, and shows all our parish paths and some local features. We have already sold the number needed to cover the initial costs. They are available from Daphne or myself at £5. For copies in excess of the first 15, I will be donating £3 for each map sold to the churches of St Mary and St Roch. They can be laminated for durability.

Robin Carpenter

## RIDE AND STRIDE Saturday Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

Walk at 9.00am from East Coker Church to Pendomer. There will be a coffee morning at Pendomer Church from 10.00am to 12noon. Afternoon teas will be served at West Coker Church from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Please join us at one of the venues to support Somerset churches and the repair of the roof at West Coker Church.

**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.



## **SEAFOOD TASTING SUPPER**

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

### **Sharing Platter**

*(Chilli and lime whitebait, bloody Mary dip  
Mussels, sherry and Serrano  
Smoked mackerel crostini)*

**Roasted tomato, prawn, lemon and parsley orzo**

**Grilled sardines with chimichuri**

**Butter roasted Cod, peas and parsley**

**Key lime pie, Mojito shot**

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