

THE HARDINGTON AND PENDOMER MESSENGER

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun 2 nd	Matins	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am
Sun 9 th	Family Service	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am
Sun 16 th	Holy Communion	St Mary's Hardington	8.00am
	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
Fri 21 st	Peace Service	St Roch, Pendomer	5.30pm
Sun 23 rd	Holy Communion	St Roch, Pendomer	9.15am
	Family Service	St Mary's Hardington	10.45am
Sun 30 th	Benefice HARVEST Service	St Mary's Hardington	11.00am

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Mon 3 rd	Tea & Toes, Village Hall, appt for chiropody necessary	1.00-4.00pm
Wed 5 th	Art & Craft Group, Village Hall, new members welcome	2.30-4.30pm
Tues 11 th	Benefice Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage,	7.45pm
Wed 12 th	W.I. Meeting, Village Hall, new members & guests welcome	7.30pm
Sat 15 th	Celebration for the life of Mary Kong, Community Field	2.30-4.30pm
Tues 18 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, all welcome	7.30pm
Wed 19 th	Art & Craft Group, Village Hall, new members welcome	2.30-4.30pm

SEPTEMBER 20TH LAST DATE FOR OCTOBER MESSENGER

Tues 25 nd	Benefice Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage,	7.45pm
Wed 26 th	Garden Club, Village Hall, all welcome	7.30pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues	Pilates, Village Hall	11.00-12.00pm
	Beginners Ashtanga Yoga, Village Hall	6.00-7.00pm
Fri	Bell Ringing Practice, St. Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.45pm

AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS: Katie Parrott, daughter of Helen and Allen, was married to Sam Green at St. Nicholas Church, Itchenor, West Sussex in July. A reception followed at Sam's family home

Katie Manuel married Elliot King at St Mary's Hardington Mandeville in August; Katie is the only daughter of Joanne and Kim Manuel.

David and Penny Parrott's son James has become engaged to Hannah Partridge, of Yetminster. We wish each couple much happiness in their future lives.

There have been a number of villagers who have celebrated 'significant' birthdays over the past few weeks and we send our best wishes to the following, in no particular order! Prill (Paul) Proudly, Keith Dack and Pete Jennings. We also send birthday greetings to Robin Carpenter who has a 'particular' birthday in September.

GET WELL: Lesley Whetham of Pendomer and Viv Cherry of Hardington have both been in hospital recently and we send good wishes to them both as they convalesce.

GOODBYE: Sadly, we say goodbye to Anna McCormick and Eve and Rob Lloyd this month as they move to pastures new. Anna who has lived at Shepherd's Spring for over 20 years is moving nearer to one of her sons in Devon. Many will recall her beautiful paintings being exhibited at various times over the years, as well as attending coffee mornings and visiting her garden to admire the lovely views.

Eve and Rob have lived in Penn Cottage for almost 20 years. They are hoping to move to Dorchester in the next few weeks. Eve and Rob have been involved in village life especially the Church. Eve was instrumental in starting the Village Coffee Mornings and has been on the Garden club committee. They have hosted many village coffee mornings and opened their garden for villagers to admire their different but equally stunning view. You will all be missed, but we wish you much happiness in your new homes and hope we shall see you from time to time.

THANKS: Amanda Dare Turner and family would like to thank everyone for the many cards and letters received, sending sympathy and condolences after the tragic loss of Bill. Through such devastation and heartbreak, the kindness, support and prayers have brought much comfort and continue to do so. Thank you so much to everyone.

Mike Bickerton and family would like to thank all our friends and neighbours for the cards and messages of sympathy and attendance at Brenda's funeral. Also special thanks to Rev Trevor Farmiloe, Beth Farrington and the Trefoil Guild ladies choir for taking part in a wonderful service of remembrance, just as Brenda would have chosen.

CONDOLENCES: By the time you read this most of you will know that sadly two villagers have died in the past month. Bill Turner, having lived his entire life at Manor Farm, died following a short illness. Bill, or Billy as commonly known, especially when younger, was the youngest child of Wyn and Bill Turner and he was the third generation to farm at Manor Farm. Being involved in various aspects of village life, Bill was a Parish councillor and had been one of the syndicate members who started the village pheasant shoot a few years ago. He was fond of all country pursuits and would regularly host the Cattistock Meet at Manor Farm. As well as a dairy and cattle farmer he was also the owner of the sheep and donkeys so often seen and admired in the Church Yard. Bill was a very proud father and grandfather and could often be seen with a grandchild in his Land Rover or with one on his shoulders walking the fields. More than 600 + mourners attended his funeral service at St Mary's Hardington in August. Our sincere condolences are sent to his wife Amanda, and family, Tom, Lucy, Ben and Charlie and grandchildren, Max, Oscar and Oliver at this sad and difficult time.

Brenda Bickerton, has also died following a long illness. Brenda was a London girl who remained in the city with her family during the Blitz and she continued to enjoy a city life until she moved with Mike and family to Hardington in 1966. Initially, Brenda hated country life and had a pact with Mike that, should she still feel like that after two years they would move. As we heard at her funeral, "after two years wild horses wouldn't drag her away". She had fallen in love with the village and its folk, although she always continued to love her city visits.

Apart from her love of family, Brenda's second love was the Guiding movement, which she joined as a young Brownie and remained a member of, being in the Trefoil Guild, until her death. She was a capable sailor and many villagers will remember her and 2 others from Hardington & Pendomer WI being part of a small national WI crew who sailed to France on the Tall Ship, The Sir Winston Churchill. Over the many years of living in Somerset Brenda started a playgroup, was District Guiding Commissioner, a WI member, a very keen and proficient amateur photographer, photographing Lord and Lady Baden Powell's daughter for the Scouting/Guiding movement, an active Church member and since its inception has been a much respected member of the Messenger Team. With Eve Lloyd she also started the Village Coffee Mornings and organised hosts for the months ahead. There is so much more I could add but I'm sure most of you heard her family's memories of her and her very full life at her funeral held at St. Mary's Hardington in August which was attended by over 200 people. Our sincere condolences are sent to: Mike, Anne, Lynn and Peter and their families at this sad time.

Sue Phillips

ST MARY'S HARDINGTON

On September 30th the other six churches in the benefice will join us for our Harvest Service at 11 a.m. followed by Lunch in the Village Hall. For catering purposes, will you please let Daphne (862363) know by Sunday 23rd September if you will be staying for lunch.

There will be a **Celebration for the Life of Mary Kong** in the Community Field on Saturday 15th September 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Tea and cake and Children's activities. Everyone welcome. Any offers of help please to Daphne at Springfield Stores, 862363

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Annual Turkey Supper will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st December, 2018. More details to follow.

ST ROCH PENDOMER PEACE SERVICE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

To celebrate the centenary of the end of WW1 we are making a display of Peace doves at the church, on Friday September 21st at 5.30pm. Children are particularly welcome to help put the doves into flight at 5.30pm. Please bring a little something to eat and we will share a high tea. Kits for the doves are available in the church.

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE TEAM IN THE COKER RIDGE BENEFICE

We are looking for a **Children and Families Work Leader**, 20 hours a week. The role holder will work amongst the children and families throughout our benefice, building relationships and trust, giving opportunities to hear and respond to Jesus' love through initiatives such as Messy Church, children's play groups and holiday clubs, developing links with local primary school and other local agencies and growing, supporting and leading our volunteer teams. If you are interested in this post and would like further information or an application pack please call: Rector Colin Simpson on 01935 862429, email: rector42@icloud.com Or Barbara Hampshire on 07958 992140, email: Barbsmack@me.com

Deadline for applications: 26 September 2018
Interview Date: Thursday 11 October 2018

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EAST & WEST COKER BRANCH

Thank you to all who attended our Coffee Morning on July 27th at the Foresters. Holywell. A very successful morning, £384.00 was raised for branch funds. Many thanks to all who donated prizes for the draw, also a big thank-you to our helpers. "What would we do without you". The money raised ensures the branch continues its support locally to our service community past and present. Dunkirk Memorial Home & Dementia Unit (DMH) at Bishops Lydeard has recently purchased a mini-coach for £54,000, totally funded by DMH and branches in the area. East & West Coker Branch donated £1,000. Many thanks to all our supporters.

The 2017 Poppy Appeal will close at the end September. To date our total is £8578.54. A record! We now look towards 2018, a rather special occasion as we commemorate the end of WW1. At present Hardington has only one Poppy Appeal collector Ron Ahern. Mrs Marsh and Mr Hayward have retired. Please consider helping Ron out, it only takes about 2-3 hours of your time once a year and you will be assisting those who perhaps are a little worse off than yourself. Please Contact Ron Ahern, 863786: David Holland, 862782: Marilyn Smith, 863944.

Notes for diaries: 2018 Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning, Saturday 13th October at West Coker Memorial Hall, 10am – Noon. Please come along and support us, we're much cheaper than town, plus it's less distance to travel and you'll meet old and new friends. Thank-you all for your continued support. David Holland, Chairman, 862782

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2019 update

We have been working hard fundraising and have also received some very kind donations from individuals and organisations. Many thanks for your support of our stall at the Village Street Fayre. We raised over £340! Lots of people also contributed with kind donations of items to sell, and a special thanks must go to Mike Bickerton for the donation of his hand-crafted walking sticks. There are still some for sale and I have them at home, if anyone would like to purchase please contact me.

Our next event is a Quiz on Saturday October 6th in the Village Hall which will include a bar and food. Final details will be available nearer the day look out for posters and details in October's Messenger. We also have a raffle, which will be drawn in November with some great prizes, please contact me if you would like to purchase a ticket. janepwoodcock@gmail.com or 07956 909939

Many Thanks

Jane and Toby Woodcock

HARDINGTON WILDLIFE

At this time of year I am often asked, “Where have all the birds gone? “ Good question because certainly there have been some very obvious changes in our garden bird numbers. But remember birds can fly great distances, and will do so if food is short. Blackbirds in particular need worms, which borrow deep in hot dry weather, so the birds will move to streams and ponds where they can still be found. However, I think the main reason for the scarcity is that most small birds moult in the autumn. This severely affects their flying ability and so they hide in the undergrowth to avoid predators.

I do not think it necessary to feed birds in the summer but I do because I enjoy seeing them in the garden, and they do eat a lot of insect pests. Tits especially do well in gardens as we can easily provide both food and nesting boxes for them. Other comments have been about the vast numbers of flies about. I know very little about their reproductive capabilities but they’ve done extremely well this hot summer. I wonder if another reason could be the scarcity of insect eating birds. No swifts, few spotted flycatchers and low numbers of swallows and house martins must result in extra billions of flies.

MOTHS AT HATHERSTONE WOOD

Local lepidopterists Barrie Widden and John Day hosted a magical and informative evening trapping moths at the woods last month. The smaller more common moths such as the mother of pearl or common emerald were drawn to the lamps as soon as they were switched on. As the night progressed, larger, less common moths such as the leopard moth and spectacular Jersey Tiger joined the party. 29 species were identified and all this on our doorstep at the start of the nationwide Big Butterfly Count which continues through to 12th August.

Jim Lefevre

St Margaret's Hospice Community Support Volunteer Service

Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a flexible basis?

Would you like to volunteer in your community?

Could you support our patients and their families in their own home?

If the answer is yes, we need you!

What is our Community Support Service?

It is a home visiting service delivered by trained hospice volunteers and operates across Somerset.

How does the service work?

Volunteers offer their time depending on their availability, usually this involves a visit once a week for a couple of hours during normal working hours Monday to Friday. Volunteers are assigned a patient who they support over 8 visits, by the end of this time, many patients feel much more confident about living with their illness. Volunteers will use their own cars to visit patients; however it is not necessary to be a car owner, we welcome volunteers who would be willing to walk, cycle or use public transport. Travel costs are reimbursed.

What can a Community Support Volunteer do?

The support provided is built around supporting patients achieve identified goals. Everyone's needs are different, but the sort of things you can help with include:

- Helping patients find relevant information about benefits and other services

- Accompanying patients to a GP, hospital appointments, shopping

- Taking patients out for a drive or walk

- Talking about planning ahead

- Spending time with patients so that carers, family or friends can have a break

They are not able to provide medical or personal care.

Training and support.

Full training and on-going support provided.

How can I apply or find out more?

To learn more about this rewarding role, please contact Katie Baker by emailing Community.Support@st-marg-hospice.org.uk or calling 0845 070 8 9 10 (option 2)

HARDINGTON PLAYERS

Murder at Honeypot Hall Saturday 20 October 2018

The Hardington Players will be putting on a Murder Mystery Evening with 3-course supper on Saturday 20th October 2018. Rachel Hawke will be doing the catering and there will of course be a bar for wine and soft drinks. Proceeds to charity.

Tickets will be available from Daphne towards the end of September so please look out for posters around the village. More information in the Messenger next month but you want to get in as soon as booking opens then please let me have your email or post address and I will send out details when they are ready.

E: annelunt@btinternet.com Tel: 07769 678208

Anne Lunt

HARDINGTON ARTS AND CRAFT GROUP

We are scheduled to meet on Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 19th September between 2.30pm and 4.30pm in the village hall. Members and visitors are requested to let me know by Monday before each meeting, if they are coming, so we have enough people. We would love to have some new members to join our happy group. If anyone is interested in pursuing their hobbies in a social setting, we would be very pleased to welcome you.

Shirley 863937

ASHTANGA YOGA

Ashtanga yoga classes will resume at the Village Hall on September 4th at 7pm until 8pm. For further information please contact Rachel Parker on 07768250280 or email Rachelparker.ashtanga@gmail.com.

THE PARISH CLERK WRITES...

The August Meeting...

The meeting began with a minute's silence in memory of Bill Turner who was a valued member of the Parish Council for many years and will be greatly missed following his sudden illness and death.

One new planning application was discussed. This was for a proposed agricultural dwelling with a garage and parking adjacent to Milcombe House on North Lane. The siting of the house has been altered from the previously approved outline application and also the detailed design included. There were no objections.

Despite several objections and requests that the application be discussed at committee, the Area Chairman approved the latest submitted application for Oakenlea on West Coker Hill without a call to committee.

Neil Dyer reported that work on the new disabled parking bay behind the Church has now been completed and is awaiting SCC approval.

The dilapidation of the Mandeville Arms was discussed, following an enquiry from a parishioner asking if anything can be done to rectify the current eyesore. The PC have made enquiries to determine if anything can be done and it will be discussed again at next month's meeting.

There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council; if you are interested please contact myself or a member of the Parish Council for further details.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30 in the Village Hall on the 18st September 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

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.

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