

JULY 2024



**D DAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE ROYAL OAK
Austin Gillingham gets into the spirit**

AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS: Many congratulations to Wilf Baker of Hardington Moor, who celebrates his 100th birthday in July. We send him our very best wishes and hope he enjoys this very special occasion.

Mark and Natalie Wareham of Cow Croft Farm, Hardington Marsh recently welcomed their new baby, George James a brother for Bonnie and new grandson for Angela Wareham also of Cow Croft and Clive Wareham of Brideswell Farm, Coker Hill. Tom, younger son of Mike and Sonia Nitti, and Sally nee' Barrett, were recently married at Trevenna in Cornwall. We wish them a long and happy life together. Congratulations and love from all the family.

GET WELL: Our good wishes are sent to Wilf Baker and Pete Whiteman who have both been in hospital in the past few weeks. We are pleased to report they are now at home. Our best wishes to Keith Blackwell who is currently in hospital.

STREET FAYRE 6 July 2024, 12-4pm – High Street and Broadstone Lane

All the usual events, including Bar, Barbeque, Lunches in the village Hall, Crafts in the Church, Stalls, Games. We will also be again running the Fun Dog Show at 2.45pm, in the 'Donkey Field' (field immediately west of the Churchyard - enter from the Churchyard or from Wimborough Lane).

All classes – entry £1 on the day:

1. Prettiest Bitch
2. Most Handsome Dog
3. Best Junior Handler (under 12 years)
4. Waggiest Tail
5. Best Fancy Dress
6. Overall Champion (Best in Show)

Volunteers : If you could spare an hour or two to help in any way on 6 July, please let me know.

Stalls : spaces still available – let me know if you wish to book.

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W.I.

The W.I meets, on the second Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall; as usual, this month, it was very well attended. The committee dealt with institute business matter and updates from members: craft groups, an upcoming walk around Crewkerne, visiting the local places of interest including the museum and then gathering in the White Hart. We are lucky enough to be able to support two skittles teams and both are doing remarkably well and get to play each other later in the month, with just a hint of humoured rivalry! A mention was also given to some exciting organised events, a Tina Turner musical in Bristol and the ever delightful Stourhead Gardens, at the magical time of Christmas .

June's guest speaker was Dr Amanda Jeffery a Forensic Pathologist, who not only gave a fascinating insight into her role, but also an oversight as to the structure of the service in the UK! Most Forensic Pathologists are self employed and form a network that covers the uk with its 42 members, only 4 covering the entire South West inc Channels islands. All Pathologist are experienced Doctors who specialise in Pathology and then Forensic Pathology. The job is not just dealing with the deceased and post- mortems, it also entails identifying how and what articles and weapons have caused injury and then presenting evidence in court as expert witnesses. We learned that the role of the Forensic Pathologist is actually far removed and more specific than the roles made famous by actors on the TV. It was a highly informative, sensitive and passionate delivery that kept all members spellbound and generated many questions to the speaker.

The next WI meeting in July is the annual garden party, always looked forward to by members as an opportunity to celebrate just how lucky we are to live in such a place of utter beauty as we do in the English country side in convivial company of other members. As always, the WI welcomes new members , you will find a warm welcome and many many activities, open to all ages and abilities and new friendships to be made. If you are interested to see what we are about, you can come along for two free sessions and we would look forward to welcoming you !

Ally Howard.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The 100 Club winners for the draw which took place on 5th June were: 1st prize Karen Dodge, 2nd prize Jennie Trott and 3rd prize Kate Curtis. Congratulations to you all and thank you all for supporting the Village Hall. The next draw takes place at the village hall on the evening of 3rd July just before our monthly Committee meeting and you are welcome to come along and be present when the draw takes place.

Just to remind you that there will be no film shown at the hall in July whilst we take our usual break over the summer. Many thanks once again to Dy Catford for donating £261 from her May coffee morning to the Village Hall funds, our coffee mornings continue to be very popular so do come along and treat yourself if you haven't been before.

The profit from our film night in May came to £122.21 which will also go towards the hall running and improvement costs.

I should like to thank Max Southwell for clearing the guttering around the hall of moss and debris.

We have now changed our energy supplier and should be fitted with a smart meter at the hall in the not too distant future.

Denise Riddell, another of our Committee members, has worked her magic and managed to secure a grant towards the cost of materials so that hopefully we can go ahead with our plans to make improvements to the 'old boiler room' before too long.

Sue Phillips has kindly sourced a new first aid kit for the hall as the one we had had seen better days, thank you Sue. See you at the Street Fayre on 6TH July ! Karen Dodge.

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Dy Catford and her team are looking forward to seeing you at the next coffee morning which takes place on Saturday 27th July. We continue to see new faces coming along each month, so if you haven't tried us yet, don't be shy as you will soon find someone to chat to. Families and friends, in fact everyone, is very welcome. We aim to hold the coffee mornings on the last Saturday of the month, so make a note in your diary so you don't miss out!

As usual, the hall will open from 10 am to 12 noon and there will be a variety of delicious cakes and savouries on sale for you to try including: bacon or breakfast rolls, bacon and cheese wraps, savoury scones, etc. We also offer a range of teas as well as instant or filter coffees.

There will also be a raffle. Profits from the coffee morning go towards supporting the village hall, so do come along, enjoy the food and company and support the hall at the same time. If you are able to offer any help or are willing to make a cake for the next coffee morning, please contact Dy Catford on 07956448301

HARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB

We will be running another plant stall at the Street Fayre on Saturday 6th July with lots more plants now that we are a bit further on in the growing season. We will also have on sale flower bouquets which were most popular last year and we need large jars, tins or any unwanted flower vases, please, by Friday 5th July.

The club is off to see Black Shed Flowers, a two acre flower farm selling spectacular seasonal flowers just outside Sherborne with lunch at the nearby cafe on Monday 15th July. If anyone needs a lift, please let Kate and Andy know at the email address below.

Our annual Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show takes place on Saturday 24th August. There are lots of categories to enter and have some competitive fun. There will definitely be a class for everyone, so do have a go! Schedules are available from Springfield Stores and there is a Tips and Hints sheet available on www.hardington.net. Entry forms must be handed to Daphne at Springfield Stores by noon on Wednesday 21st August. Good luck!

Sally Thompson

hardingtongardenclub@gmail.com

JULY AT HOME COFFEE MORNING

Our next coffee morning is on July 18th, 10.30-12, at the home of Nigel and Sue Fowler. This is Swallows Dip situated half way up the High Street. All villagers are welcome for a chat over a cup of coffee, especially if you haven't been before. We are a very friendly group and look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Pauline Grassam

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

Church Services at St. Mary's, Hardington

Sun 7th	Holy Communion	11.00am
Sun. 21st	Family Service	10.30 am

Church Services at St Roch, Pendomer

Sun 14th	Family Service	9.45 am + zoom
Sun 21st	Holy Communion	9.45 am + zoom
Sun 28th	Family Service	9.45 am + zoom

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR JULY

Wed 3 rd	Village Hall Draw & Committee Meeting, Village Hall.	7.00pm
Sat 6 th	Street Fayre and Dog Show. High Street & Village Hall,	12.00pm-4pm
Tues 9 th	Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage, Hardington Moor.	7.30pm
Wed 10 th	W.I. Village Hall, New Members and Guests Welcome.	7.30pm
Mon 15 th	Garden Club Visit, Black Shed Flowers, Members Only	11.00am
Tues 16 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, All Welcome.	7.30pm
Thur 18 th	Village Coffee Morning, Swallows Dip, High Street,	10.30-12noon

JULY 20th LAST DATE FOR AUGUST MESSENGER

Please send copy to: messenger@hardington.net

Tues 23 rd	Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage, Hardington Moor.	7.30pm
Sat 27 th	Village Hall Coffee Morning, Village Hall. All Welcome	10.00am-12 noon
	Concert, To London and Beyond, St Roch Pendomer, Tickets available on door	7.30pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues	Tai Chi/Qigong, Village Hall.	6.30pm
Fri	Bell Ringing Practice, St. Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.30pm

THE PARISH CLERK WRITES...

The June Meeting...

The Parish Council were pleased that both the “80th anniversary of the D-Day landings celebrations” and the “Hardington Party-in-the-Park” were well-attended and enjoyable and they thanked those people for their hard work in organising them.

The PC have continued to chase up the complaint of people residing in a mobile home without planning permission at Holtens, but there has been no response from the enforcement team so far.

Several potholes have recently been repaired at Pig Hill and on Lyatts. The surface issues along Wimborough Lane have not yet been repaired and will need chasing up.

The PC is keen to recruit a new highways representative. This will involve reporting highways issues to Somerset Council. If you have a little time on your hands, please contact me, or one of the Parish Councilors.

Unfortunately, since our last footpath officer left the post at Somerset County recently, no contacts details for the new replacement have been passed on. The chairman is keen to chase up the potential footpath gates to replace the three collapsing stiles between Broadstone Lane and Penn Lane (Y10/18).

The Ranger has straightened the broken wooden fence at the bottom of North Lane and hopefully it will now be secure, but it will require machinery to put the fence posts in properly. This has been sent to highways, but no response as yet

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16st July, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. 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. You can contact me at hardingtonclerk@rocketmail.com, tel: 07815 965113 or in writing at Grove House, Pendomer, Somerset, BA22 9PH.

Nancy Chapman, Parish Clerk



WHAT'S ON AT THE ROYAL OAK

Thursday 11th July

PIZZA Night

Delicious home cooked pizzas available to eat in or takeaway. See our Facebook page or website for the menu.

Saturday 27th July

GIN FESTIVAL

Join us for our very first Gin festival. Sample a huge selection of different local gin's, enjoy some live music and an afternoon in the beer garden!

Saturday 24th August

Seafood Supper

Get the date in your diary and get yourself booked in for our next seafood supper.

Always enjoyed by all and ever so popular so don't hesitate!

01935 862354

www.royaloakhardington.co.uk

STREET FAYRE BOOK STALL

My husband and I have volunteered again to organise and run the “Used Book Stall” outside our house at the forthcoming village Street Fayre. Last year was relatively successful despite fighting to keep everything dry against the rain with a gazebo that had more holes than a sieve and legs that collapsed under the weight of water! We are therefore putting out a call to borrow a fair-sized gazebo for this year’s stall from any kind resident and any assistance in knowing how to put it together!! (A call for books for our “stock” will be advertised closer to the date so start putting them to one side please.) Thank you in anticipation of your help, Jackie Thomas

CRAFT EXHIBITION JULY 6TH

The church will be open on Friday night between 6 and 7 pm if exhibitors wish to set up, or on Saturday morning from 10.0clock. Please contact Sheila Carpenter on 862339 for further details. All exhibitors welcome.

VILLAGE HALL QIGONG CLASSES

Robin Sheldrake is running classes on Tuesday evening in the Village Hall from 6.30 -7.30pm. For further details visit his website robinsheldrake.co.uk or phone him on 7990506833

WILF BAKER

Hardington Moor resident, Wilf Baker of “Woodcott” will celebrate his 100th birthday on 30th July 2024. Wilf has 2 daughters Ann and Sue, a son in law Robert, 4 grandsons: Matthew, Jeremy, Andrew & Alex & their wife’s, Bonnie, Marina, Michelle and Louise; along with 8 great Grandchildren; Hannah, James, Grace, Charlie, Henry, Joseph, Ava and Ophelia, and 1 step granddaughter Chloe. Although Dad has not been in the best of health these last few weeks all his family are hoping he will be well enough to celebrate with them and toast the amazing milestone of 100 “NOT OUT”.

Wilf was born at Ottery St Mary Devon; the son of Edith and Fred Baker who owned a Fruit and Vegetable Shop. They’d hoped Dad would join them in their business; however, that wasn’t to be; Dad aspired to become an engineer and on the 14th of September 1942 aged 18 he joined Westlands as an engineering apprentice. He met Mum (Pat) whilst he was an apprentice and they married on August 18th, 1947 and were together for 66 years; moving from Yeovil to Hardington Moor in late 1969; originally in the house next door to where Dad now lives! Hardington has always been a special place for our family as Mum’s Aunty Vi and her husband Charlie Axe lived in St James terrace and long before we moved to Hardington most summer holidays were spent walking the fields and paths in and around Hardington.

Dad’s working life saw him spend 21 years in the Engineering department of Westlands; one of his jobs was working in the “High Altitude Lab” where he was involved with its initial design and construction and that earned him the role of Model in a David Shepherd painting of the area! He later moved across to Normalair working on Vosper Thornycroft fast patrol boats where Normalair supplied Air Conditioning installations, this then overlapped with Normalair’s involvement with Hyperbarics when Glasgow University Scientists went to The “John Brown Company” for assistance and through a Westland connection with that organisation Dad became involved and several chambers were supplied to Glasgow and Aberdeen Hospitals; Dad spend 2 years travelling up to Scotland to work on those projects. Further projects saw Dad working on Diving Bells before transferring to the Commercial department where he became Commercial manager then in April 1979, Commercial Director. Dad travelled the world extensively to such places as Australia, Singapore and the USA until his retirement in 1989 His passions in his early retirement days included growing vegetables, keeping Goats, Ducks & Chickens, photography and bee keeping. Dad could often be seen riding his mobility scooter through Hardington but as Dad has approached his “Centenary” Birthday his mobility and eyesight have curtailed his trips out & about. Martin would often welcome him into “Sonnys” and often commented on Dad having probably broken the speed limit as he “whizzed” into the carpark, before popping in for one of the Pubs fabulous lunch offerings.

Party in the Park 9 June 2024

We were so lucky with the weather! It was a lovely community event.

A big thank you to everyone who gave their time to set up in the Park and take down at the end of the afternoon, help out with the BBQ, Bar and Tea Tent, make cakes and generally support the event. Also to Malcolm White for transporting everything down from the Hall and back, an almost impossible task without his tractor and trailer.

Finally on behalf of us all a special thank you to Ernest Kong who has generously sponsored this event for the last four years.

Party in the Park next year -Sunday 10th August 2025

NEW RECTOR APPOINTED BY DIOCESE OF BATH & WELLS

Following the recent interviews and the recommendation of the parish representatives, we are pleased to announce that the Bishop has appointed the Reverend Philip Macaulay to the post of Rector of the Benefice of Coker Ridge. Details of the service of welcome will be announced in due course. Please hold Philip in your prayers as he prepares to begin a new ministry among us and pray to for those in his current Congregation. Bishop Michael and acting Archdeacon Charlie would like to thank everyone involved in the process of bringing this new appointment to fruition.

CONGRATULATIONS CHLOE!

Congratulations to Chloe Henderson who won the Bradford players trophy award for the best junior performance 2024 at the Cinderella awards which covers the whole of Somerset. Chloe has cerebral palsy and despite having to use sticks to walk her passion for acting makes us so proud.

Louise Ellis

See photo on back page



Chloe Henderson with her award



Wilf Baker 100 years old