

JUNE 2026



GEORGIE WHITE'S ANIMAL CONSERVATION
WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA

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2-5PM | 6TH JUNE
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- live music 2:30-5PM
- kids face paint & games
- RAFFLE!
- ticket includes complimentary first round of tea & cake

AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS: Ruth Hill has volunteered for the Cinnamon Trust for 10 years, walking dogs for their owners, and was recently mentioned in their national newsletter. Well done Ruth you are much appreciated and we know you enjoy walking these dogs. Alison Clarke completed the London Marathon recently along with others running for Thrive – a charity that supports communities in Somerset to thrive- and helping to raise over £6000. Riley Ellis was born to Katie and Elliot King, brother for Jenson and 4th grandson for Kim and Jo Manuel and 14th great grandchild for Margaret Manuel. (four generations of one family in the village is quite rare these days) Congratulations to you all.

WELCOME: Steve Darby has recently moved into No 2 Grove Cottages, Hardington Marsh and John, Hollie and family who have moved into No 1 Grove Cottages. We really hope you'll be very happy in your new homes, and we look forward to meeting you at some future village events. John and Hollie have already been to the plant sale winning the raffle prize- congratulations.

GOOD LUCK: Sally Patten has lived in Pendomer and latterly Hardington Marsh for over 50 years but has now moved to live in East Coker. We wish her much happiness for this new venture.

GET WELL: Unfortunately, Sian Jinks fell and fractured her leg recently. Following a stay in YDH she is now home recuperating and having to take some imposed rest! Also, some of our fellow villagers have been in hospital during the past month, so we send them our good wishes for the recoveries.

CONDOLENCES: Sadly, we report the sudden death of Paul Oliver of Barn Cottage, in early May. We send our condolences to Clare and their family at this sad time.

GARDEN PARTY:

We are excited and extremely grateful to host an afternoon garden party at Hardington House on Saturday 6th of June 2-5pm by the generosity of Simon and Karen Paxton. This event is a fundraiser in support for Georgie to participate in a 2-week volunteering stint in Limpopo, South Africa, in which she will work with a local charity researching and contributing to animal conservation. Daphne has generously offered to sell the tickets, from her shop (Springfield Stores) - thank you Daphne. Tickets are also available to buy through Rose White - email: roseannwhite19@gmail.com . Parking will be available on the lower paddock. There will be "live" music, fizz, cakes, scones, refreshments, children's face painting and more. Well behaved dogs on leads will be welcomed. We will have limited tables and chairs, therefore you are welcome to bring blankets and chairs.

Rose and Georgie White

MAHJONG: This takes place each Tuesday evening at 7.15pm. For more details, please contact Jackie Thomas bijac@hotmail.co.uk

CLOTHING FOR SUMMER MONTHS PLEASE

As I write in early April we have unusually warm weather and those in refugee camps overseas are likely to be experiencing the same. As we decide which clothing to continue wearing and which to give away please consider those refugees who have no other source of lightweight clothing than overseas aid. Raft (refugeeaidfromtaunton.org.uk) are requesting unwanted clean washable summer clothes for men, women, teenagers, children and babies, all sizes, plus suitable footwear for all. Blankets and sleeping bags are always needed as nights can continue to be cold. New underwear and new toiletries and hygiene products for babies and adults are gratefully received. Items which would not be suitable for refugee living, e.g. vintage clothing, suits, evening wear, smart day wear etc. can be sold online by Raft to provide funding for projects for child refugees in camps overseas. Grateful thanks to all who donated winter clothing etc. When I go to Taunton with a full carload of goods volunteers there are always glad to see me because of the quality of donations I deliver. Thank you, Geraldine Downey 01460 271358

HARDINGTON POPPY APPEAL

Our poppy appeal for two shows of poppies for the Church Yard and the Telephone box for Remembrance Day in November has taken off well. Thanks go to Caroline and Christine who are the latest to join in the appeal and have both made lots of poppies. Please keep them coming till the end of September and then it will be all hands-on deck to help assemble the creations. We are always looking for more people to knit more poppies as the demand is going to be quite high to fulfil the presentation. Finished poppies need to be about four inches in diameter and predominantly in the colour red; contact our Leader Jackie for more information and details. We currently have about 150 to 170 already made and are looking to at least double that. Jackie [bijac @ hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bijac@hotmail.co.uk)

With thanks.

We would like to say thank you for the many cards, gifts, good wishes and offers of help following my recent mishap. It has been overwhelming to experience such kindness and support - we are both very appreciative of everything. Sian and Colin.

First Tango in Hardington?

Guy and Mina who live on Moor Lane are very interested in organising a dance group to have tango lessons in our village hall. Guy and Mina are learning tango with two lovely teachers Leo and Tracey. See www.Tango-fandango.co.uk

Guy and Mina first want to find out how many people would be interested. Their tango teachers already come to Crewkerne one Sunday a month (2-5pm at 28 Abbey St TA18 7HY, car park right opposite). It's a really friendly class with a mix of all ages. If there is enough interest Leo and Tracey would be prepared to come to our Village Hall perhaps fortnightly. If you are interested please let Guy and Mina know. Guy on Guy@guyfacey.com (or WhatsApp (07462) 884426) and Mina Weight on mina.weight@gmail.com (or WhatsApp (07428) 448006).

ANYONE FOR FLYING?

Guy Facey who lives on Moor Lane is a keen private pilot .

He has put together a syndicate to co-own a light aircraft. There are already 3 members and Guy is looking for a fourth member. Do any of you Messenger readers know a pilot who would be interested in buying the fourth Share? The aircraft has already been purchased. It's a Vans RV6., one of the most popular 2-seaters in the UK. It will be based at Westonzoyland airfield, about 45 minutes drive from here, known as one of the friendliest airfields in the country. So if you know anybody who might be interested or you are interested yourself, please contact Guy on guy@guyfacey.com or WhatsApp on (07462) 884426

VILLAGE AT HOME COFFEE MEETING 10th June

Flaming June sees the next Village at Home Coffee Morning taking place at the home of Sheila and Robin Carpenter, Weavers Cottage at the end of Moor Lane. The date is Wednesday 10th June from 10.30 to noon. Tea and biscuits will be served while we catch up on the latest village news. We look forward to seeing you there whether you are new to the village or well established.

Pauline Grassam

Street Fayre road closure notice:

This year's Street Fayre will be taking place on Saturday 4th July. The High Street from the junction with Penn Lane to the Village Hall and Broadstone Lane will be closed to ALL traffic including bicycles, tractors and horses from 10am - 5pm.

If this closure affects you, and you need to use your vehicle, please ensure it is moved before 10am. Any queries please email hardingtonstreetfayre@gmail.com Many thanks
Street Fayre Committee

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

We look forward to seeing you at Dy's next coffee morning which takes place at Hardington village hall on 27th June 2026. Family, friends, neighbours and newcomers to the village are all very welcome. If anyone has difficulty in negotiating the front entrance to the hall, we do have an accessibility entrance to the rear of the hall which might better suit your needs. 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. If you have any specific dietary requirements, please call Dy in advance and she will do her best to accommodate you. We also hold a raffle. Our village hall coffee mornings usually take place on the last Saturday of each month. If anyone is able to offer any help or is willing to make a cake for this or any future coffee mornings we would be most grateful, so please contact Dy Catford on 07956448301.

Hardington and Pendermer WI – May Meeting – at Hardington Village Hall

The May meeting is rather different – the Members are in charge and give the Committee a well-deserved break. This year Kate Palmer stepped up, and led the meeting. After the regular Institute business – birthday flowers, feedback on recent events (including Skittles 'B' beating Skittles 'A'), information on local, Group and County events – Fiona Linten was introduced as the speaker. Her presentation 'Introduction to Gemmology' was fascinating. As a designer and creator of silver jewellery, she explained how she had become interested in gems during the Covid lockdown, to the extent of studying to become a qualified Gemmologist in 2023. This work included all aspects of gems; identification of minerals and the journey from their origin to their use. There are now also synthetic materials which are chemically identical to the natural form which must be understood. Features of gems to be considered range from their beauty, colour, cut/shape, transparency, lustre and how they react to light. Physical qualities of hardness, toughness, stability (resistance to UV, heat or acid for example) must also be considered when choosing the appropriate usage for an item. Over time, precious stones may be reset and ancient pieces reimagined to repair breakages or reflect modern design. After the talk we were invited to examine many samples of gems, and attempt to identify them with reference to a colour wheel. Not at all simple! The meeting concluded with the usual refreshments.

If you would like to come to a WI meeting – please do – 2nd Wednesday in the month, starting at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. No obligation to join the WI – it is a great way to meet people.

Babs Martin

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The 100 Club draw took place on 6th May 26 and the winners were: 1st prize Sian Jinks, 2nd prize Mark Parsons and 3rd prize Tom Gillingham. Congratulations to you all and thank you for supporting the village hall. Thank you to everyone who bought a 100 club ticket for this year Daphne managed to sell all 100 tickets. The next draw will take place at the hall at 7.20pm on 3rd June. Our film show this month will take place on Thursday 18th June when we will be showing 'One Battle After Another'. There will be two performances, the afternoon performance will start at 2pm and the evening performance at 7.30pm. The hall will open 30 minutes before each film starts. We will have a break half way through the film to enable you to purchase cakes/refreshments and there will also be a bar in the evening. Our April films 'The Jungle Book' and 'Fiddler on the Roof' each made a small loss. The Committee would like to thank Dy Catford for donating £330 from her April coffee morning to the village hall. Thank you also to Dy's team of helpers who work hard every month to make these events a success. Our energy costs came to £374.67 for the month of April 26 (the charges were very similar to those for April 25). The solar panel Inverter was replaced on 5 May at a cost of £750.00. Thanks to Tom Turner the water leak in the car park was located and fixed on 6th May. The tarmac was laid at short notice by S. Jones Driveways on 7th May for £250.00 in case the car park was needed for the plant sale on 16th May. The five yearly check of our electrics hopefully took place on 21st and 22nd May as scheduled. Hall users will be aware that the hall rental charges are increasing from 1st June 26, full details are available on the village Website. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support the village hall.
Karen Dodge.

Hardington Garden Club

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came to the Plant Sale last month. Whether it was bringing plants, buying plants or enjoying tea and cake, your contribution made for a highly successful day. We raised a total of £971 from which we will be able to make a significant donation to our village's projects.

This month, the club is off to Bennett's Water Gardens near Weymouth on 10th June, meeting there at 10:30am. This eight acre site is home to the national collection of water lilies and our visit is timed to see these at their best. Many of the lilies are from the very stock that were planted in Monet's garden at Giverny, so bring your paint brush! There is a lovely cafe for lunch too. We have secured a group discount entrance fee of £13 per person and friends are welcome to join us. If you would like to come, please let Anne Lunt know at gardenclubevents@btinternet.com.

Our monthly meeting is on 24th June, village hall, 7:30pm, when we have noted local horticulturist Felicity Down coming to tell us about "All year round fragrant plants". Felicity is a highly knowledgeable plantswoman, having run her own nursery and design business at Cleeve, near Bristol. She also brings with her an understanding of the importance of fragrance, having trained at the Constance Spry School of floristry. Need more smell in your garden, come and sniff out our meeting! All welcome.
Sally Thompson.

THE PARISH CLERK WRITES...

The May Meeting...

This was the Parish Council Annual Meeting and Robin Carpenter was re-elected as Chairman. Other roles were shared among Councillors as required.

There was one planning application to discuss. This was for an 'Outline Application' for two detached, four-bedroom dwellings with double garages and parking, to be located near the bottom-end of Lyatts Hill. No objections had been lodged, either on line or by word of mouth. A resolution was passed to support the application.

Under highways, it was reported that work was taking place to unblock the drains on Primrose hill. Also, several potholes around the village have been repaired. A Road Closure Notice was received for the High Street. The road is expected to be closed on 04/06/2026. 6.5 hours (09:00 - 15:30) to enable Wessex Water to carry out remedial defect works.

The Clerk reported that the internal audit was now complete, and as both income and expenditure are above the £25,000 threshold this year, there will also need to be an external audit.

The Village Hall committee reported that the recent water leak in the middle of the village hall car park was kindly fixed by Tom Turner (for free!). The Parish Council would like to thank Tom for this, as potentially this could have been quite expensive if using contractors.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th June, 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

Hardington Wildlife Notes by Nicola Maybury

It's almost June, and life is bursting out all over the place! As I write this, we are heading into some promised warm weather after quite a cold spell of wind and rain, and everything seems poised for growth. Around the village, climbing roses are looking wonderful against old stone walls, and flower borders are filling out nicely.

There's so much to enjoy at this time of year that it's hard to know where to start. Slow worms are increasingly active, leaving the safety of the compost heap to hunt for food and look for mates. I rescued a good-sized male from an ambitious blackbird on the front grass recently. The pond is once again teeming with newts, and a late-night torchlit examination revealed several males gathered round a female, their tails curled, flickering pheromones in her direction. At the top of Lyatts, I stopped to watch an amazing aerial tussle between two sparrowhawks, quick as lightning. And heading home one evening, a fantastic little weasel raced across the road in front of us – what a treat!

Meanwhile, our garden is reaping (though not literally) the benefits of No Mow May. The flowering lawn is full of meadow buttercups, red clover and ox-eye daisies in bloom among the tall grasses, with knapweed and yarrow not far behind. Together, these plants offer many benefits to wildlife: clovers are rich in nectar, buttercups are a hoverfly magnet, and flower beetles are drawn to ox-eye daisies. Selfheal, black medick, common daisies and dandelions are also attractive to pollinators and grow abundantly in our garden. These favour shorter grass and will flower repeatedly in areas that are cut every three to four weeks. Both these 'wild' lawns form a valuable habitat, supplying food, shelter and nesting sites to a whole host of creatures, including hedgehogs, voles, toads and slow worms. It's not by accident that bats are seen so frequently at dusk over long grass and established hedgerows – they're helping themselves to the insect banquet contained there. Even a small patch of longer grass will welcome in wildlife, so why not give it a go?

This month, look out for:

Fledgling birds of all kinds, peacock butterfly caterpillars clustered on nettles, tiny froglets emerging from ponds, meadow grasshoppers in the long grass, bumblebees disappearing into foxgloves, dragonflies hunting over water, thick-legged flower beetles settling on umbellifers, pyramidal and butterfly orchids blooming in the nature reserve, the crimson heads of great burnet – and so much more.

Happy nature spotting!

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

ST MARY'S HARDINGTON

Sun 14th	Holy Communion.	11.00 am
Sun 28th.	Family Service.	10.30 am

ST ROCH PENDOMER

Sun 14 th	Family Service	9.45 am
Sun 21 st	Holy Communion.	9.15am
Sun 28 th	Family Service.	9.45am

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR JUNE

Wed 3 rd .	Village Hall Draw, Village Hall, All Welcome.	7.20 pm
Sat 6 th	Fundraising Garden Party, Hardington House,	2.00 - 5.00pm
Tues 9 th	Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage, Hardington Moor.	7.30 pm
Wed 10 th	At Home Coffee Morning, Weavers Cottage,	10.30-12.noon
	W.I. Village Hall, New Members and Guests Welcome.	7.30 pm
Tues 16 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, All Welcome.	7.30 pm
Thurs 16 th	Hollywood in Hardington Doors open.	2pm and 7pm

JUNE 20th LAST DATE FOR JULY MESSENGER

Please send copy to: messenger@hardington.net

Tues 23 rd	Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage, Hardington Moor.	7.30pm
Wed 24 th	Garden Club, Village Hall.	7.30 pm
Sat 27 th	Village Hall Coffee Morning, Village Hall,	10.am-12.0 noon

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon	Zen Yoga, Village Hall.	9.45am
Tues	Tai Chi/Qigong, Village Hall.	6.30pm
Tues	Mahyong	7.15pm
Wed	Pilates, Village Hall.	11.30 am
Fri.	Bell Ringing Practise St Marys.	7.45pm

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ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER (15)

Washed-up revolutionary Bob (Leonardo DiCaprio) exists in a state of stoned paranoia, surviving off-grid with his spirited, self-reliant daughter, Willa (Chase Ininiti). When his evil nemesis (Sean Penn) resurfaces after 16 years and she goes missing, the former radical scrambles to find her, father and daughter battling the consequences of his past.

in Hardington Mandeville Village Hall on
Thursday 18th June.

Afternoon Performance at 2:00pm
Coffee, tea and cake available, doors open 1:30 pm

Evening Performance at 7:30pm
Licensed bar available, doors open 7.00 pm

Tickets: £5.00 in advance from Springfield Stores
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Visit our website at: www.Hardington.net





Thursday 11th June

Spanish Night

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Sunday 21st June

Fathers Day

Treat dad this fathers day to a delicious sunday roast, the perfect way to celebrate!

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What's On At The Royal Oak

Thursday 25th June

Acoustic Night

Join us for a fun filled evening with Daniel Quinton with great live music, and fresh pizza served from our outdoor trailer

Steak Night

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2pm
in the**

"The Donkey Field"
Entry forms available from
the information stand.
£1 per entrant per class
Entries close at 1.45pm

Bring a cuddly toy to join our "Teddy Bears" picnic display
in the church.

The best dressed wins a prize. Open to all ages including adults!
Entry forms available in the church 12-2pm. Winners announced at 3pm.

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