

MAY 2023



Sunday 7th May from 1pm

**HARDINGTON'S 3RD ANNUAL
PARTY IN THE PARK - 2023**

This year in celebration of

**The Coronation of
His Majesty King Charles III**

To be held in the
HARDINGTON COMMUNITY FIELD
Generously sponsored by Ernest Kong

**All welcome to come and create
a 'Street' Party in the Park.**

Bring picnic table and chairs or picnic blankets
and join up with your friends and neighbours,
together we'll create rows, just like a street party.

Music by Michael Mochan
Children's entertainment & games
Classic Cars
Bar, Pulled Pork rolls & Tea & Cakes
or Bring a Picnic



Limited Seating Provided
Polite reminder: No dogs are allowed in the Community Field
Parking available opposite the Community Field,
by kind permission of the Turner Family

AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS: Many congratulations to our 'Platinum couple' Brian and Val Bower who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary in April. What a marvellous achievement. They celebrated over a few days ending with a family gathering at Sonny's over the weekend following their special day. Many congratulations to you both.

Congratulations are also in order for Jane and John Blomfield who recently welcomed their 5th grandchild, Jocelyn Rose, first child for their daughter Julie and her husband Sam Price.

Phillips Brooks, well known locally as a successful sheep breeder and winner at many shows, was recently asked to judge at sheep shows in the East of England and the Isle of Wight. Well done Phillip for the recognition.

Dy Catford will celebrate a 'significant' birthday over the coronation weekend. Wishing you many happy returns.

WELCOME: A warm welcome is extended to Rob and Carole Cookram, who has moved into 1 Hillend. We look forward to seeing you at some of the events coming up in the summer.

GET WELL: Kim Manual and Robin Carpenter have both been in hospital recently. We send them our good wishes in their recoveries.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: We sent the total of £176 to WDP headquarters which will be used for grants to various charities and organisations around the world including the UK. Many thanks to all who attended. WDP committee

POWDERHAM CASTLE: I am organising a visit to Powderham Castle, near Exeter on Monday 26th June. I have a few seats left on the coach. We leave Yeovil at 8.30am and return at 5.30pm approximately. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact me on 862866 or windphill@hotmail.com for further details. Sue Phillips

Village "Home" Coffee Mornings

We are pleased to report that the village home coffee mornings have been well supported since their re-introduction after Covid. It is especially pleasing that several folk new to the village have joined us. We look forward to meeting old and new friends on the following occasions:

May 10th, Wednesday afternoon 2.30 at Daphne's home Springfield Stores

June 14th Wednesday morning 10.30 at Sheila and Robin Carpenter's home Weavers Cottage

July 19th Wednesday morning 10.30 at Highlands the home of Sue and Richard Beatson.

(Opposite the former Mandeville Arms).

Pauline Grassam

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

We very much appreciate the efforts recently undertaken to repair the railing alongside the steps and path up to the village church and have been trying to find out – unsuccessfully - who organised and carried it out. Whoever it was, please accept our sincere thanks for your kindness in doing this. A very big thank you to everyone involved! Daphne Creed and Richard Middleton, Churchwardens

Street Fayre - 8 July 2023 – The High Street

Two items of news for this year's Fayre:

Cream Teas - we will be holding Cream Teas at 2pm on Saturday 10 June at Ridgemoor, Hardington Moor. Tickets from Springfield Stores or at the gate on the day.

Dog Show - we will be holding a Fun Dog Show on the day of the Fayre. All classes will be £1 to enter on the day and include:

Prettiest Bitch.	Most handsome dog.	Best junior handler (under 12 yrs.)
Waggiest tail.	Best fancy dress	Overall champion (Best in show)

If you need any more information or are able to offer assistance for the Fayre in any way, please contact Andrew Middleton [07941 323753](tel:07941323753), andrew@themiddletons.org

VILLAGE BREAKFAST

We are pleased to announce that £856.55 was raised at the Village Breakfast. The proceeds will be distributed to Pancreatic Cancer UK £400, The Village Hall £200, St Mary's Church £200 and The WI £56.55. The success was due to donations for the raffle, food and the many people who supported the event. Although initiated by the WI it could not happen without the support from villagers and friends. Many thanks for such a successful Village Breakfast and a lovely social morning.

Angela Brooks.

HARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB

We will be having our annual plant sale on Saturday 13th May, 11am until 2pm. This year Karen and Simon Paxton have kindly offered to host the event in their lovely garden at Hardington House on Wimborough Lane, BA22 9PU. If wet, we will be in the Village Hall.

This year we are raising funds for two charities: Somerset MIND and Greenfingers, a children's charity dedicated to creating magical and inspiring gardens for life limited children and their families who spend time in hospices.

There will be lots of interesting plants for sale grown by our members. There will also be bacon sandwiches available! Do come.

Sally Thompson

FROGS AND TOADS

We would like to thank everyone who has helped the toad and frog migration recently, which strangely starts around Valentines day and lasts for about six weeks. It was lovely to spot them and encourage them safely off the lanes along their way to their familiar breeding ponds. Especially the toads as they prefer to walk and not jump and can also cover large distances over a few nights. Some 71 toads and frogs were assisted which hopefully will prove to be rewarding and help increase their populations locally.

Amphibian Group

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our first “100-club “draw of the year takes place on 3rd May (this is also the date of our AGM) and you are welcome to come along and be present when the draw takes place. Three cash prizes will be available so good luck to all those who have bought tickets in support of the Village Hall.

Our last film night for this season took place on Thursday 20th April and I hope that you all enjoyed the popular film ‘Mrs Harris goes to Paris’. I should like to thank those of you who have come along to watch our films, Andrew Middleton for regularly giving up his time to help with the bar and those Committee Members who have helped provide posters, tickets and cakes or helped out on the day in order to make these events a success. We will resume our film shows later in the year.

I am pleased to announce that Theresia Goodger has now joined our Committee as the W.I. Representative. We still have some vacancies on our Committee and would love you to enjoy our team. Please speak to Daphne at Springfield Stores or myself if you are interested and would like more information.

Work on the accessibility toilet is now very close to completion and I should like to thank the National Lottery for the financial support provided for this project and also Topps Tiles for generously providing the tiles, adhesive, grouting etc to enable us to keep within budget.

Work is now underway to make improvements to the storeroom to the left of the accessibility toilet. We are also looking into improving the fire alarm system at the hall. Karen Dodge

HARDINGTON & PENDOMER W.I.

On a rather stormy April evening the Village Hall was full of our members, and several invited from within the Group, ready to celebrate our 82nd Birthday. President Denise welcomed everyone and lovely posies were given to members with April birthdays. Denise then read some extracts from a book written about the village with special reference to our WI, which was formed in March 1941. We heard that soon after its formation “the members were heavily involved in the War Effort, knitting and sewing for the Forces and assisting in the camouflaging of netting for the Army. Metal, rubber and rags as well as paper and cardboard were collected, proceeds being divided between the wool fund and the “Aid for Russia” fund. A fruit preserving centre was formed at Hardington House where members made jam. By 1946 the WI had donated over £300 to Charities, the money raised by their own activities.” Today, our recent Village Breakfast raised over £800 for various charities. Angie then gave us careful tuition and tasked us to create some very colourful paper flowers to be used to decorate the tables at the Village Coronation Party in the Community Field on 7th May. Our efforts were rewarded with a celebratory drink and delicious cake, made by Ali, which were enjoyed by everyone. Daphne gave a vote of thanks to the Committee for organising such an enjoyable evening and “Happy Birthday” was lustily sung, to our WI. ! Liz Brown

THE PARISH CLERK WRITES...

The April Meeting...

The evening began with the Annual Assembly of the Parish. The Parish Council Chairman's report gave details of the past year's significant events. This was followed by brief resumes from local village groups. Thank you to all who contributed to the meeting.

Following refreshments, the Parish Council sat down to hold their monthly meeting. The planned A30, West Coker road closure was discussed. Somerset Council intend to close the main road through West Coker from mid-July for up to 6 weeks for road and traffic light improvements. With the road through Hardington being the shortest diversion, this will clearly cause traffic chaos in the village and on its access roads. It was agreed the Clerk should contact Somerset Council to ask that they postpone the road improvements (which are not viewed as urgent) until Chinnock Hollow is reopened. This would then allow for an additional, alternative (and more suitable) route between Crewkerne and Yeovil.

The road closure from Pig Hill to Primrose Hill for drainage works has been postponed until 29th May. This drainage work is now expected to last 14 days (and not 54 days as originally advertised!). Access to Moor Lane will only be allowed from the Pig Hill side of the road closure. The refurbishment of the Mandeville telephone box is underway and it should be restored to its former glory in the near future. The Moor Lane phone box also requires a lot of attention and it was debated whether the box should be refurbished or permanently removed (and sold). If you have any views on this then please let us know.

On behalf of the council, the Chairman thanked Rob White for repairing the rotting crossbar on the Community Field Monkey bars (which was identified as a high-risk in the recent playground inspection).

The current village website manager has given notice that he can no longer continue with the village website maintenance due to other work commitments. The PC is therefore looking for a replacement. If you have some basic website skills, a few hours a month spare-time and feel this is something you can help out with, then please contact either myself, the webmaster (webmaster@hardington.net) or another member of the PC.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30 in the Village Hall on the 16th May 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. 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

PARTY IN THE PARK

We can't organise the weather but everything else is in place for a great party. Don't forget to bring a chair! Saunders Butchers are catering the pulled pork rolls. The bar will have cask beer, Pimms, wine and soft drinks. Michael Mochan is providing the music. The tea tent will be serving homemade cakes, tea and squash. Or bring a picnic. The Parish Council are presenting coronation mugs to all village children (16 and under) and selling them for £10.. Parking is in the field opposite the Park entrance. Anyone with mobility problems can be dropped at the park entrance. Mobility scooters are welcome in the Park. If you have any questions please contact annelunt@btinternet.com 07769678208. We look forward to seeing you all there!



JoAnn Halliday's Cherry tree in full bloom on the High Street

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Services at St. Mary's Church

14th May	Holy Communion	11.00am
21st. May	Family Service	10.30am

Services at St Roch Pendomer

14th May	Family service	9.45am
21st May.	Holy Communion	9.15am
28th May	Family service	9.45am

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR MAY

Wed 3rd	Village Hall AGM, Village Hall, All Welcome	7.30pm
Wed 10th.	Afternoon tea, Springfield Stores	2.30pm-4.00pm
Sat 6th	King Charles' Coronation	
Sun 7th	Party In the Park, Community Field	From 1pm
Tues 9th	Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage, Moor Lane, Hardington Moor.	7.30pm
Wed 10th	W.I. Village Hall, New Members and Guests Welcome	7.30pm
Sat 13th	Garden Club Plant Fair, Various Gardens in the Village	From 11.00 - 2.00pm
Tues 16th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, All welcome	7.30pm

MAY 20th LAST DATE FOR JUNE MESSENGER

Please send copy by email to hardingtonmessenger@rocketmail.com

Tues 23rd	Choir Practice, Weavers Cottage, Moor Lane, Hardington Moor.	7.30pm
Wed 24th	Garden Club, Village Hall, Guests welcome	7.30pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues	Ashtanga Yoga, Hardington Village Hall	6.00pm
Fri	Bell Ringing Practice, St. Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.45pm
Tues & Thurs.	Beginners Yoga, Hardington Village Hall	10.00-11.00am



WHAT'S ON AT THE ROYAL OAK

Sonny's Big Breakfast

Saturday 20th May

Join us between 9am and 11am for a top-notch Royal Oak Breakfast. With lots of yummy breakfast options, you can start your day full of food (and you won't have to cook it yourself).

Sonny's Weekend Specials

Every Thursday to Saturday

As the weather is getting increasingly better and we're going into the Spring/Summer months, don't forget about our weekly special's menu.

We always have a lovely choice of fresh fish, (scallops, sole, lobster, seabass, crab, sardines, mackerel, etc) as well as delicious meat options for the steak lovers!

Check out our Facebook page every week for the menu.

Happy Hours

Monday – Friday from 5pm-6.30pm

Enjoy the evening sunshine in our outside space as well as 10p off every pint!

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