

AUGUST 2023



Oyez! Oyez! A great Street Fayre.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS

Gilly and Nigel Timmis welcomed their first grandchild, Aiden, a son for their daughter Georgie and her partner Rich. Hardington born and bred, Roger Spearing celebrated his 80th birthday with a party for family and friends and Robin Searle also celebrated his 'special' birthday.

Samantha and Simon Smith celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary recently, having been married at St Mary's Church, Hardington Mandeville in July 1988.

Mary and Richard Middleton and Lin and Scott Wilce each celebrated 40 years of marriage in July.

Finally, congratulations to Phill and Harry Brooks who won Breed Champion with their Land Race breed of pigs at the North Yorkshire Show recently.

Congratulations to you all.

GET WELL

Dennis Charles has been in hospital but is now home. We also send get well wishes to Sue Turner following her recent operation.

WELCOME

Andrew and Simon have recently moved into their new home, Wisteria Cottage, in the High Street. We hope you will be very happy in your new home and look forward to meeting you at upcoming events in the village.

HARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB

A big thank you to everyone who helped us with the Garden Club plant sale at the Street Fayre. We are very grateful to those who donated plants and to those who set up and manned the stall, despite the inclement weather. We raised a total of £323 which we have put in the Street Fayre pot.

There will be a social gathering of club members on the evening of 2nd August (details Garden Club email newsletter) and our next speaker event is on 27th September, "Climate Change Gardening" by Sally Morgan.

The Flower Show is on Saturday 26th August, an opportunity for Garden Club members to celebrate their hard work in the garden. Entry forms available from Springfield Stores, with last entries to be in by 12 noon on Wednesday 23rd.

Sally Thompson

HARDINGTON STREET FAYRE- JULY 8TH 2023

Despite the inclement weather, we had a successful Street Fayre. We expect again to raise over £4,000, which will be donated to the Church and Village Hall. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way before and during the day. It would not be possible without you. If you have any thoughts or suggestions or wish to assist in arranging future events, please let me know.

Andrew Middleton, [07941 323753](tel:07941323753), andrew@themiddletons.org

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The winners of the "100-club" draw which took place on 5th July were: 1st prize Chris Turner, 2nd prize Anna Harris and 3rd prize Anne Egerton. Thank you to those of you who purchased a 100 club ticket and good luck for the next draw which takes place at 7.20pm on Wednesday 2nd August at the Village Hall. You are welcome to come along and be present when the draw takes place.

Despite the odd shower, the recent Street Fayre was a tremendous success. My grandchildren, other relatives and I thoroughly enjoyed the day. I should like to thank Andrew Middleton and his team for all their hard work in organising the event which seemed to run like clockwork. The ladies in the hall worked really hard on providing refreshments and were particularly busy when everyone made for the hall when the heavens opened. Well done and thank you all.

Our new fire alarm system is up and running. The Committee will be testing the system weekly and recording the results in the health and safety folder which is kept in the kitchen. Other checks are done on a monthly basis and include those on the emergency lighting system and fire extinguishers. We are required to do an annual fire risk assessment and that was completed in July 23.

I hope that you are looking forward to Dy's first coffee morning which takes place at the hall on 19th August. The village is really lucky that Dy has come forward to organise these each month for the benefit of the community and I am sure that she can rely on us all to support her.

We will be starting our film shows at the hall again from Sept with an afternoon as well as an evening performance. More information will be given in next months' messenger.

Karen Dodge.

HARDINGTON PLAYERS

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Hardington Players' AGM will be held in the Village Hall on **Monday 4 September at 7-45pm**. All welcome. Bar will be open.
Tanya Ogden (Secretary Hardington Players)

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS AT HOME

Our next coffee morning will be at Sadlers, the home of Denise and Peter Riddell. 10.30-12.00 on Wednesday August 30th. Sadlers is next door but one to the former Mandeville Arms. All villagers are welcome for a friendly chat over a cup of coffee. We look forward to seeing you, especially if you are new to our lovely and friendly village. You can be sure of a warm welcome.
Pauline Grassam

80TH HARDINGTON VILLAGE FLOWER AND CRAFT SHOW AUGUST 26TH 2023

Just a reminder to think about organising your entries for our 80th Flower and Craft Show this month. Printed copies of the schedule and entry form are still available in Springfield Stores, and you can also download a copy from the village website.

This year's Flower and Craft Show raffle has some amazing prizes, with a total value of over a thousand pounds, so be sure to purchase your tickets to stand a chance to win. Please fill in the stubs, place these and your money in the envelope provided and return to Springfield Stores.

Our prizes are:

- A night at Wild Fox, a luxury shepherd's hut with star gazing roof plus hot tub, donated by owner and local farmer, Tim Smith (£145.) Also included are meal vouchers at two of our local pubs: The Royal Oak, Hardington Moor, donated by Martin the landlord, and The White Horse, Haselbury Plucknett, donated by the owner, Rachel. (The conditions for hiring the shepherd's hut are that it be midweek and subject to availability. Please contact Sally Thompson 077930 500 42 to arrange booking.
- A fully equipped four-person luxury picnic hamper (£146) with some local goodies including a bottle of Fenny Castle wine (£35) donated by James, the vineyard owner.
- Big Days Out: Abbotsbury family entry voucher (£36). Big thank you to Abbotsbury for supporting us; Haynes Motor Museum family entry voucher (£60). Thanks to Haynes Motor Museum for donating a prize. For those that do not know of the museum it offers a fantastic day out for families and motor enthusiasts alike; The Tank Museum family entry (£60) kindly donated by The Tank Museum, in particular supporting Help for Heroes.
- Spa basket with a pair of candles and 2 pillow sprays (donated by Script Wellness £110); a quartet of Noble Isle mini bathroom products and a voucher for cut and blow dry at Toni & Guy Yeovil (£50). Total value of prize £170.
- Designer Cushion. Susie Watson appliquéd cushion (£82). Donated by Susie Watson Designs, Sherborne shop.
- Beautiful Burgon & Ball Garden Trug (£33) containing Burgon & Ball "Passiflora collection" fork and trowel set (£27) donated by Burgon & Ball; £10 voucher donated by the Castle Garden Centre; a voucher for £20 for a meal at the North Perrott Farm Shop and Garden Centre; other gardening goodies. Total value of prize £90.
- Hollis Mead "Dairy Trial Box" An opportunity to try the full range of the Hollis Mead ethical dairy products (£43.50). To arrange delivery contact Sally Thompson 077930 50042. Donated by the Hollis Mead ethical dairy.
- Ultimate Sweetie Box full of Rolos, Smarties and KitKats. Two of these boxes are available to win. Total value £36 each.
- Room makeover. LO interiors are offering an interior design consultation to make over a room with all the ideas you need to make your room your happy place. The prize constitutes a free colour consultation to include walls, ceiling, woodwork and fabric suggestions. Value £35.
- Breakfast Box. Everything you need for a sumptuous breakfast: Sour dough loaf (Sally Thompson); Marmalade (Rachel Moulden); Honey (Mic Fitzgerald and Crawford Murray) and lots of other goodies including a bottle of Prosecco! Value £30. Tanya Ogden Flower and Craft Show Committee

HARDINGTON & PENDOMER WI

We had hoped for warm weather and sunshine for our garden party meeting in July at Hardington House, however, the weather was wet and windy so we met inside at 'The Shed' thanks to Richard and Angela Brooks. Members had provided items for supper so there was plenty to eat, washed down with chilled Prosecco, delicious cakes made by Angela, and of course a cup of tea or coffee.

There was much head scratching and many penny dropping moments as members tackled a Dingbat quiz. Some of the incorrect answers proved to be highly amusing! The weather cleared enough for us to walk around the enormous kitchen garden. Seeing such a huge array of fruit, vegetables and flowers growing so healthily left many of us envious of the skills of the green fingered gardeners who look after it all so well. We were also able to admire the resident geese, and the sheep, pigs and chickens who also provide food for the residents who live in the Umbrella Homes.

Apart from our monthly meetings, members can take part in or attend a variety of other events throughout the year. For example, in September this year, apart from our usual meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, there is a trip to Lyme Regis for a day where we hire a room overlooking the bay that is our base for the day, a trip to watch a performance of Crewkerne Operatic's 'Made in Dagenham the Musical', and a Poetry, Prose and Puds evening.

We try to ensure that all ladies who attend a meeting are made to feel very welcome and enjoy friendship, chatter and laughter. There is no meeting in August, but our WI will be running the refreshment stall at the Annual Flower Show in the village hall on Saturday, 26th August. Do come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with us and of course, a slice of homemade cake.

Linda Lines

YOUR STREET FAYRE NEEDS YOU!

Did you enjoy the Street Fayre?

Do you want to help make it happen
next year?

Contact Crawford to find out what
you can do.

07981185226
CM@fredathevan.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

The July meeting

A fairly quiet meeting this month, with no planning issues. Lucy again sat in for Nancy as clerk. We are very grateful for her help until Nancy feels able to return.

Robin Carpenter reported on the virtual and drop-in meetings regarding the A30 closure and Chinnock Hollow. Access to West Coker will be possible for residents, and for others having business in the village. 'Soft' manned gates will be at both ends, and additional buses have been laid on for those who may need them. The PC resolved to contact our MP asking him to try to source central government funding for the required work on Chinnock Hollow as SCC are unable to provide this.

Some minor issues were discussed reference the Community Field. For those young people who may have found the zip line a bit 'saggy' lately, the wire has now been tightened, so be prepared for some extra speed and excitement!

The Mandeville phone box still awaits completion and painting, but the Moor box has been tidied and the missing pane replaced. Thanks to Robert Hall for organising this. Mark Pollock will bring proposals to the August meeting reference plans for village beacons to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

We were pleased to hear that film nights in the hall are planned monthly from September, so look out for more news regarding dates and programmes.

The PC expressed thanks to all those who helped to make the Street Fayre a success, despite rather inclement weather. 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

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Services at St. Mary's Church

13th August	Holy Communion	11.00am
27th August	Family Service	10.30am

Services at St Roch Pendomer

13th August	Family service	9.45am
20th August	Holy Communion	9.15am
27th August	Family service	9.45am

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Tues 15 th	Parish Council , Village Hall, all welcome	7.30pm
Sat 19 th	Village Hall Coffee Morning, Village Hall, all welcome	10.30-12 noon
Sat 26 th	Hardington Village Flower & Craft Show, Village Hall	2.30pm

AUGUST 20th LAST DATE FOR SEPTEMBER MESSENGER

PLEASE SEND ITEMS TO : messenger@hardington.net

Wed 30th.	Coffee morning, Denise & Peter Riddell, Sadlers,	10.30-12 noon
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WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon	Beginners Yoga, Village Hall	6.00pm
Tues	Beginners Yoga, Village Hall	10.00am
Fri	Bell Ringing Practice, St. Mary's Hardington Mandeville	7.45pm



WHAT'S ON AT THE ROYAL OAK

Grill Night Every Wednesday

Every Wednesday night we serve a fantastic Grill menu which is full of different options from Butcher's steaks to Lamb cutlets, Pork loins, Grilled crevettes, and more!

It's the perfect way to enjoy a nice sunny evening in the beer garden.

Sonny's Seafood Specials

Our famous specials menu is served every Thursday to Saturday. We always have such lovely fish dishes every week which really showcase the delights of South coast seafood. From mussels to sea bass, hake, and crab, etc.

Fish and chips Friday

You can enjoy some of our beer battered fish and chips to takeaway every Friday night from 6.30pm.

Delicious and great value for money!

Sonny's Sunday lunch

Sonny's Sunday lunch is legendary! If you don't believe us, try it for yourself. Three local meats and all the wonderful trimmings available every Sunday from 12-3pm.

Book up now!

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Art Exhibition pictures