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March 2020

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EDITORIAL

Many thanks to Carole Oakes for her contributions to HH over the years. Carole is now standing down after having provided countless pieces of garden advice and lots of tasty recipes.

The cover photo of the spotted flycatcher comes from Michael Holdsworth. He explains it on page 11.

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Clare McGowan, Clare Lyon and their playparks committee who have raised a staggering £ 116 879.42 towards play equipment in the village.[If we lived in Cambridge, of course, that play equipment would be provided free. Just another example of the very unfair distribution of resources.]

But WELL DONE HARDWICK yet again. Page 16

There is lots in this issue about the busway and the save the trees campaign. Difficult for a monthly magazine to keep up with all the news on that front, but it certainly looks, at the time of writing, as though their efforts have been rewarded. Pages 26-30

Peter

The new Community Hall at St. Mary's has a unique opportunity to set up a state of the art booking system which is unparalleled in similar institutions around the country.

It is a massively impressive programme which is now used by about half of Cambridge University colleges and departments.

It is a system which could be used village wide in Hardwick by every organisation.

**You are cordially invited
to attend a demonstration of the
system in the
Community room at the school
on Monday 9th March
at 8 pm.**

On behalf of the Hardwick Climate Action Group, I offer the attached photo and accompanying text.

One morning at the end of January, three members of the Hardwick Climate Action group did a preliminary survey of the communal green areas within the Limes Estate, thinking about what might be done to enhance biodiversity and carbon dioxide capture. The corner shown, with a combination of mature trees, shrubs, and small plants - all native species well suited to the area - is already well suited to encourage a range of wildlife. Other areas were identified where the same approach could be applied, along with sensitive addition of more trees and other plants. The findings will be taken up with the parish council.

Sheila Thomas





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Spotted Flycatchers – have you got this increasingly rare bird breeding in your garden? Let us know!

In recent years many Cambridgeshire community and parish newsletters, magazines and websites have helped with a County-wide survey of Spotted Flycatchers. These are attractive migrant birds, about the size of a Robin, which are summer visitors to village gardens and churchyards. Although they breed with us, they spend up to

nine months of the year travelling as much as 16,000 miles a year between here and their wintering grounds in Southern Africa – Angola and Namibia. This is an increasingly dangerous journey for them, and sadly they are in deep decline. Widespread losses amounted to a 50% decline during 1995-2010, continuing an 90% decline since 1970.

Only a few hundred pairs remain breeding in Cambridgeshire, but most villages still have a pair or two; they rarely breed out in the wider countryside. We are continuing our work to find and monitor nesting pairs. It's almost certain that there are many additional pairs out there of which we are not aware.

Do you have flycatchers in your garden? Will you see one this year, or have you in recent years? The few that remain are here from mid-May to September. And there's lots more to read about our project and Spotted Flycatchers in general at

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Please let me have these items ASAP so that preparations can begin but ensure it is labelled with your name, address, phone number and email for safe return. Also, if you want to be part of the organising committee, please let me know.



Hardwick Garden Safari 2020

Sunday June 7th 2pm -6pm

The Events Committee of St Mary's Church is always trying to come up with new ideas for raising money to ensure that the church is kept in good repair for this generation and for those who follow.

We have come up with the idea of a Hardwick Garden Safari (otherwise known as Open gardens) in June. Evidently, garden visiting is one of the most popular British leisure activities. However, to do this, we need people to volunteer their gardens. Ideally, we would like to have gardens from all areas of the village.

Your garden does not have to be large, long established or perfect. People visit gardens to get ideas and don't expect them to be perfect. Maybe you have interesting plants or a landscaped/professionally designed garden or one which is especially attractive to wildlife. You might also be willing to have a stall or activity in your garden or serve refreshments. All you need is to be a welcoming owner.

Thank you very much indeed to those who have already offered their gardens. It would be lovely to have a few more.

If you think yours may be of interest to others or would like more information about opening it to the public, please contact Sue Cornwell (sue.cornwell48@outlook.com or 01954 210063) as soon as possible.

Sunday services

at Hardwick School
at 10.30am

The logo for Hardwick Evangelical Church features the text 'hardwick evangelical church' in white, lowercase letters. 'hardwick' is on the top line, 'evangelical' is on the middle line, and 'church' is on the bottom line. The text is set against a dark blue, textured background that resembles a brushstroke or a piece of fabric.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE, 10.30AM, HARD-
WICK SCHOOL HALL

Sun. 1 March: Service with Young Church & Communion

Sun. 8 March: Service with Young Church

Sun. 15 March: Service with Young Church & Communion

Sun. 22 March: Service with Young Church

Sun. 29 March: Service with Young Church

We meet to praise God, listen to a talk and pray together. Partway through, the children go to **Young Church**. The service is informal, and we sing a mix of modern and older songs. The service usually ends at noon, followed by refreshments.

Young Church is for children from babies to Year 6. We join the grown-ups in the School hall then go to the Community Room for Bible teaching, singing & activities.

Young People of secondary school age usually have their own group.

Midweek activities

Home groups - We have midweek groups during the day and evenings that meet in people's homes, for fellowship, Bible Study and prayer.

Prayer meeting - First Thursday of the month.

If you are unable to get to church and would like a lift please contact Pauline; also if you would like a visit at home please contact Pauline, Steve or Kate.

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We set up our committee group in October 2015. After a year of planning and carrying out surveys, we were ready to start our fundraising plans.

We applied for a National Lottery grant to start but were turned down. This did not deter us as we were excited to put our plan into action and knew the village was keen for something to develop.

We changed tactics and discovered the grants available from waste recycling companies. Our first grant was through WREN (now FCC community funding). They were very helpful and encouraging, enabling us to secure our first grant.

Hardwick Parish Council supplied the new fence so the village were aware something was imminent.

The toddler stage was installed in December 2017 using the WREN/FCC grant. The second stage followed in December 2018 and was paid for by a grant from AMEY, and the third stage due to be installed at the end of the month is being funded by another FCC grant.

We thank you all very much for your support, generous donations and support either helping on a stall or visiting and spending money. A special mention goes to our quiz master Richard Young who has supported us tremendously.

And a very special thank you to our committee over the years who gave up their time from busy schedules to assist us. This whole project would not be the success it is without you.

Below is the summary of funds raised:

The total of the three main grants was **£92,645.64**.

Small grants from South Cambs District Council, Hardwick Parish Council and Tesco totalled **£5250**.

We had large donations from people in the village namely - Chris Cracknell, Julie Philo and the Three Peak Challenge ladies. Others include the primary school, JIB crafter's, Pippin's cafe and Colin Page, David McGowan and Daniel Tiessi who arranged a cycle ride to London.

The three Family Fun Runs raised over **£1,900** and other events we hosted raised over **£2,400**. The quiz nights raised **£2,571**.

Other monies raised to mention are the Golden Goal competition at the Hardwick Sports & Social Club - **£516** and the collections tins at the club and the shop totalled **£317.22**.

Grand Total - £116,879.42.

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Clare McGowan (Chair)

Clare Lyon (Secretary) On behalf of the Hardwick Play Parks Group



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We have a new collection of books at the library as part of the Reading Agency's Reading Well Scheme. This series is Reading Well for Children and the topics covered include grief, anxiety, bullying, staying safe online, as well as living with diagnosed health conditions and physical disabilities.

The collection includes picture books, stories and non-fiction titles, all aimed at children aged 7-11 years of age, providing them, their families and carers with information, advice and support for coping with feelings and worries. The books are all available for loan, so if any of the topics covered are of interest to you, or your children, please do have a browse, or ask for more information when you are next in the library.

Booking is now open for the Spring season of The Library Presents. Our nearest venue is Cambourne Library, who will be hosting a theatre production for families with children aged 3 – 10 years on **Saturday 28th March at 3pm**. The production is '**The Velveteen Rabbit**' and includes puppetry and original songs. Tickets are £4 per person, or £14 for a family ticket. Full details of all the productions and workshops across Cambridgeshire Libraries are in The Library Presents brochure, available to collect from the library.

Our upcoming Rhymetime sessions are on **9th and 23rd March** and **27th April** from 10.30 – 11.00 am. Although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too! It is lots of fun for both children and adults, so, if you have not been before, do come along and give it a try.

IN HARDWICK

The dark days of January have finally passed and the colder days of February are but a distant memory! So our thoughts are turning to Spring and our new 2020 programme will be unveiled shortly. We have our AGM in March and our present President Anne Jones is stepping down to a less active role!.Anne has done an amazing job over these last 5 years and has significantly increased our membership numbers. We all thank her for all of her achievements on our behalf. Another committee member is also stepping down – for a rest – Jean Jaggard – who has done a sterling job organising all our external events –the committee will miss these personel but hopefully will fill their vacancies with new and exciting talents.

At our NY social at the end of January ,our meal was a Hog Roast imported in from Histon- it was delicious and everyone really enjoyed themselves – especially the committee who didn't have to do the usual amount of cooking!

Some of our members attended Dry Drayton WI to listen to a talk on Recycling our Plastic Waste-we are in the process of organising a visit later in the year to see the Amey Recycling Waste Plant.

Crafty Natters(Knitters!) have a new project knitting

squares to turn into blankets to give to Oxfam who will sell them on to Festival goers – it might take a lot of squares! (Stop Press – our amazing output to date is 119 hats, 88 blankets, 30 twiddlemuffs, 4 shawls, 3 gloves and 4 scarves distributed to Rosie and Hinchingsbrooke hospitals, and Manor, Gracefields and Home Meadow care homes)

Our Dining Out group are going to Cambridge Regional College for a 3 course meal for the princely sum of £17 – its such good value that about 25 of us are going! The CRC are open to any diners but you do need to book in advance as its popularity continues to grow.

We look forward to our new programme for 2020 and hope to encourage more visitors who might like to join us.....on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Hardwick Primary School.

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St Mary's in March

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2nd March (Mon)	9.30 am	Monday Mornings (at the school)
8th March (Sun)	9.30 am	All Age worship
9th March (Mon)	9.30 am	Monday Mornings (at the school)
15th March (Sun)	9.30 am	Holy Communion
16th March (Mon)	9.30 am	Monday Mornings (at the school)
22nd March (Sun)	9.30 am	Holy Communion
23rd March (Mon)	9.30 am	Monday Mornings (at the school)
29th March (Sun)	10.30 am	United Service at Haslingfield Church
30th March (Mon)	9.30am	Monday Mornings (at the school)

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SAVE OUR TREES

The 14th of February had two major valentines for our local environment, as Hardwick villagers campaign to save our nearest wood from the environmental vandals in the Greater Cambridge Partnership. Their executive board will soon decide whether the 500 trees along 1.7 miles of St Neots Road will be ripped out to make space for the guided bus route.

The first valentine was sent at 8:30 am when about 30 villagers gathered with banners and placards to get closer to the trees along St Neots Road, which unfortunately meant some commuters were delayed. A photographer from the Cambridge news captured the moment.

The second valentine was a meeting held at 7:30 pm in the primary school hall, where 40 villagers added their concerns to the voices of Grenville Chamberlain (District councillor), Helen Bradbury (Chair of the Local Liaison Committee that represents the affected villages), Lina Nieto (Cambridgeshire County councillor), Pauline Joslin (Parish Councillor) and Shaun Hughes (Hardwick Climate Action group) who explained the background to the scheme, the reasons for the protests to date, and the environmental impact of removing Hardwick's trees.

When you were consulted about the scheme, did you realise that by the time the full £167 million is spent there will be about 4000 extra houses on the Bourn airfield and over 7000 houses in Cambourne, yet the busway can only accommodate enough buses to transport about 600 passengers in peak hour? It will be no more than an expensive token to reduce the congestion on Madingley Road. Did you also know that the East-West rail route has finally been approved and will most likely include a station at Cambourne to take far more passengers directly into Cambridge, rather than

leaving them at the end of Adam's Road? Did you also know that by removing the trees they will be releasing the 500 tonnes of carbon already stored in the trees? Did you also know that it would be removing a vital wildlife corridor that connects the Madingley and Bourn woods. And most concerning of all, did you know that DEFRA (the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) commissioned a report in 2018 on the impact of vegetation on urban air pollution that concluded that vegetation like our St Neots Road trees protect the village from half of the pollutants produced by the traffic on the A428? This means that by removing the trees all of us will be exposed to twice the air pollution of today.

If you agree that the GCP can better spend their money by NOT ripping up our nearest trees then vent your rage at the GCP board members via email (click on the About

link greatercambridge.org.uk

or send it to contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk) and sign the online petition that Stephanie Page has made on Change.org, search for

'Protect Hardwick's environment and ecological diversity by stopping the destruction'.

Don't delay, we need your active support to Save Our Trees.

Shaun Hughes (smghughes@gmail.com)





Re: The Removal of the trees along St Neots Road, Hardwick

On behalf of Hardwick residents I would like to thank the following people for making the village meeting on Friday, 14 February 2020 at 7.30 pm successful.

Grenville Chamberlain : Hardwick District Councillor, who efficiently chaired the meeting.

Shaun Hughes: chair of Hardwick Climate Action Group.

Helen Bradbury: Coton and chair of the Local Liaison Forum.

Lina Nieto: County Councillor.

Pauline Joslin: Resident of St Neots Road, Hardwick and Hardwick Parish Councillor.

Shaun Hughes gave an informative talk about the effect on noise and pollution to St Neots Road and Hardwick village if approximately 500 trees along St Neots Road are removed for an off-Road busway. Oak trees have been measured and range from 85 to 125 years old.

Residents in St Neots Road would have in front of their properties, along with a footpath:

2 cycle lanes, 2 lanes of local traffic, 2 lanes of off road busway and 4 lanes of A428..

Would you like the noise and pollution from 8 lanes of traffic?

89 people attended the meeting and it was a unanimous NO vote to removing the trees

Pat Portlock

A few words from the Chair of the Local Liaison Forum

Now that the devastating impact of the proposed busway on residents of St Neots Road is known, I have been asked to pen a few words as Chair of the Local Liaison Forum (LLF) for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway project.

The LLF consists of one representative from each Parish Council along the proposed busway route, plus relevant County, District and City Councillors, Resident Associations and environmental charities. It has met about ten times in the past four years, with 20-30 members turning up and a public audience of 50-100.

During that time, the LLF has consistently opposed the GCP's preferred route option as being inefficient, poor value for money and environmentally unacceptable. Its benefit-cost ratio is around a tenth of the minimum it should be for a responsible public transport project. And that is only to take people as far as Grange Road— who wants to end up there? Transport officers have never told us how people would then get to the City Centre, Biomedical Campus or Science Park, nor how long it will take. That's a big gap in knowledge given the projected price-tag for the scheme is now up to £257 million.

LLF members have also argued that the proposed scheme would be too damaging. Residents on St Neots Road would be faced with eight lanes of uninterrupted tarmac, with not even a bit of tree cover to protect them from the visual and noise impacts.

It would be like living on the North Circular Road in London. Rural tracts of Green Belt on Madingley Hill, covenanted to the National Trust to preserve for future generations, will be sliced through and priceless views of the historic city replaced with urban infrastructure. Buses will hurtle down the hill towards Coton homes and concrete will overrun the nearby orchard. Even as it reaches its mystifying end destination, there are significant safety concerns about bikes and buses sharing Adams Road. All in all, we have simply not been able to accept that the benefits are worth the costs.

More recently, we have argued that the scheme should be paused whilst the impact of the major new rail route between Cambourne and Cambridge is considered. GCP glibly claims the busway will be ‘complementary’ to the railway. But will it be? Surely officers need to prove it. Who in Cambourne, or further west, will choose to sit on a bus to Grange Road when they can take a direct train to mainline stations in Cambridge? At a fraction of the cost, would not free-running bus lanes and other bus priority measures on existing infrastructure, carrying more frequent, better value bus services, be a more sensible complementary scheme to Cambourne’s railway?

Helen Bradbury

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Date	Event	Venue	Time
March			
4 th	Colourwheel Group	Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm
5 th	Quiz	Sports & Social Club	8pm
6 th	Disco for years 3-6	Hardwick School	6.45pm - 8.30pm
6 th	Bingo	Sports & Social Club	8pm
7 th	'Pippin's' Coffee & Company	Hardwick School	10am - midday
7 th	Pie & mash night	Sports & Social Club	
9 th	Hardwick Booking System meeting- see separate page	Hardwick School	8pm
13 th	Library Bus - route H12	Hardwick School St Neot's Rd, Blue Lion Limes Rd, near school	10.40am-11.50am 2.15pm - 2.30pm 2.40pm - 2.55pm 3.05pm - 4pm
14 th	Six Nations Final	Sports & Social Club	2.15pm
15 th	Live music with 'Amy' £4/£5 members/non	Sports & Social Club	3pm
18 th	Colourwheel Group	Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm
18 th	W.I. - AGM	Hardwick School	7.30pm
19 th	Hardwick Community Association meeting - AGM - all are welcome	Hardwick School	7pm
24 th	Parish Council Meeting	Hardwick School	7pm
27 th	Disco for years 3-6	Hardwick School	6.45pm - 8.30pm

27 th	Members Draw Night& sausage & mash		Sports & Social Club	8pm
31 st	Neighbourhood Watch meeting		Hardwick School	7pm
April				
1 st	Colourwheel Group		Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm
2 nd	Quiz		Sports & Social Club	8pm
3 rd	Bingo		Sports & Social Club	8pm
4 th	'Pippin's' Coffee & Company		Hardwick School	10am - midday
10 th	Library Bus - route H12		As above	As above
15 th	Colourwheel Group		Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm
15 th	W.I. - Designing a wildlife friendly garden - Daniel Lee		Hardwick School	7.30pm
28 th	Parish Council Meeting		Hardwick School	7pm
29 th	Colourwheel Group		Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm
May				
1 st	Bingo		Sports & Social Club	8pm
2 nd	'Pippin's' Coffee & Company		Hardwick School	10am - midday
7 th	Quiz		Sports & Social Club	8pm
8 th	Library Bus - route H12		As above	As above
13 th	Colourwheel Group		Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm
16 th	Big Brekkie		TBC	9am - 11am
20 th	W.I. - Resolutions & social time		Hardwick School	7.30pm
26 th	Parish Council Meeting		Hardwick School	7pm
27 th	Colourwheel Group		Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm

SNIPPETS

The only magazine I read regularly is (for obvious reasons) *The Oldie* from which it is possible to learn amazing bits of news. For example, “St Etheldreda’s in Holborn, London, is a curious church, well hidden in a gated, guarded sliver of London that belongs in the diocese of Ely, in Cambridgeshire. Every third of February the church holds the Blessing of the Throats, an old Catholic rite revived by St Etheldreda’s in the nineteenth century.

On this day, the priest delivers the dedicated reading to St Blaise, the fourth century Bishop and martyr of Cappadocia, credited with saving a boy from choking to death on a fish bone by touching his throat and bringing forth the fish.”

So now you know.

In our peaceful village it’s easy to feel remote from all the disasters that we read about and see on television. Fires, floods, earthquakes, and now a plague. No deaths in the U.K. but an e-mail I have received from Singapore tells a different story, “At my workplace we have a complete travel ban. The office is closed and we are all working from home. Singapore has been particularly badly hit because we have a lot links with China and were slow to restrict flights. Every day there are more cases. Thankfully no one is dead yet. Queues for face masks are several metres long but the government’s view is that wearing a mask is worse than useless.”

I have a distinct memory of Teresa May being challenged by a nurse about the fact that members of her profession had not had a pay rise for several years. The ex-Prime Minister looked terrified as she always did when she had to speak real people. “We all know that nurses do a wonderful job,” she said, “and fully deserve a pay rise, but unfortunately I haven’t got a magic money tree.” But there must be a magic money tree growing somewhere in Downing Street because the present P.M. has just given the go-ahead for an outlay of billions of pounds for a vanity railway project. And no nurses’ pay rise.

Howard Baker.

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VILLAGE PEOPLE 30

Mark Smith and Claire Forrester

Interviewed by Howard Baker

Mark and Claire moved to the village two years ago and have already made an impression. They set up a Health & Wellness business called The Form Practice which Claire leads, with plans to grow and expand. They already have Pilates and Fitness in addition to Claire working as an Osteopath at the studio. Mark was responsible for the F.A. Cup going on display in the village last year, and both Mark and Claire will be taking part in the annual St Mary's quiz at the end of February.

Mark comes from near Hull and lived in that part of the world until he gained a place at Jesus College, Cambridge, where he took a degree in Economics. He then worked for Unilever after graduating: in London to start with but then came periods living in Nigeria, Belgium, Kenya and most recently, Singapore. After leaving Unilever he set up a business in sports marketing, opened a restaurant in Singapore, and does work for two charities. He is an Ambassador for Scope and Chairs one of their committees, as well as being a Trustee for F1's charity which looks after the lesser paid of the Motorsport fraternity when they fall on hard times.

Claire was born in Colchester. After school she worked in IT for the local authority for several years. When she began to suffer from repetitive strain injury she went for treatment with an osteopath and decided that

this was going to be her future career so she studied for five years at the British School of Osteopathy in London. Claire helped set up the first Women's Health 2 year course in Osteopathy before being asked to work in India for a year, introducing Osteopathy there. She met Mark in London and they were friends for a number of years before getting together and ultimately moving to Hardwick.

Why did they come to Hardwick? They were looking for a house in this region and almost bought one in St Neots before settling for Hardwick. They are happy here and find the village peaceful but with plenty going on and with good access to open space to walk their two dogs, Lotte and Ernie.

In addition to her work as an osteopath, Claire has organised treatments such as massage, hypnotherapy and pelvic floor rehabilitation and holds free talks on various aspects of alternative treatment.

Mark and Claire are happy to be living in Hardwick and we are pleased to have them here and value their contribution to village life.



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Sun 22 March, 11am-3.30pm - Wandlebury Wildlife

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Monday 6 Jan, Tues 7 & Wed 8 April - 8.30am-4pm - Easter Holiday Bushcraft for kids

Holiday Bushcraft at Wandlebury is designed for children ages 5-12 and is run by experienced, qualified teachers from the outdoor learning experience group, Wild Thyme & Embers, who will inspire children and share their knowledge and skills of surviving in the wild. Booking is essential see website for details.

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Tues 14 & Wed 15 April - 8.30am-4pm - Easter Holiday Bushcraft for kids

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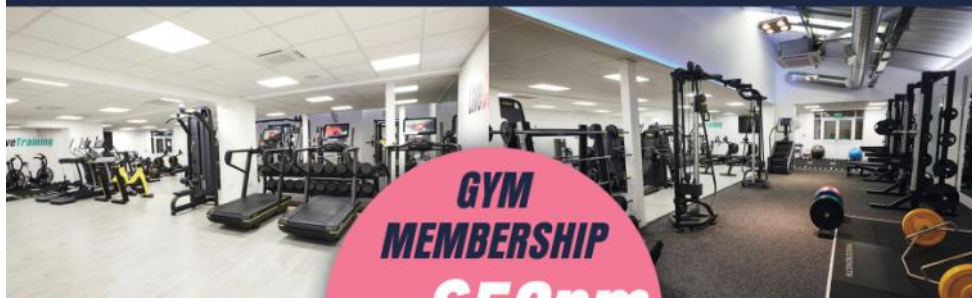
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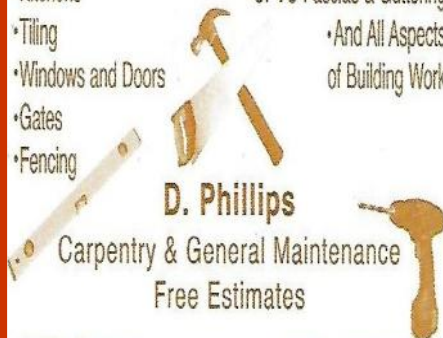
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David Richardson

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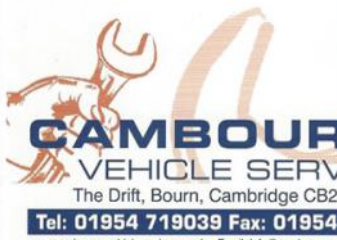


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The Sports and Social Club committee is now 10 strong with a sub committee to oversee events. We hold monthly meetings (2nd Monday of every month) which are well attended. Our main incentive is to continue making improvements to the Club, providing a safe and friendly environment for members & guests and to support local charities and clubs.

The membership system allows us to offer our members slightly discounted prices and free or reduced tickets to events & door access all with their membership cards. Membership is only £10 per year and the renewal price remains £5 so pop in or call 01954 210110 after 5pm Mon-Fri or after 12 noon Sat/Sun. Renewals are now £10 as the Feb 28th deadline has passed.

Our Events Team have been working so hard and have put together some fantastic events with the support of our Manager-ess. We now host regular events and are looking forward to the following in 2020, Cheese Night, Karaoke, Food Nights and Live Music, all of which have become increasingly popular and will be repeated throughout the year. All of our events are open to everyone (not just members) and we have continued to support local clubs and organisations. We have a defibrillator outside the main entrance of the club which was kindly installed by Paul Church Electrical. This life saving equipment is now accessible to all villagers 24 hours a day.

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Sport, or even support our 2 local teams who play most Saturdays on the recreation ground. We currently have two Pool Teams that play competitively in the Cambridge Area Pool League on Thursday nights, a Crib Team and a darts Team both that play competitively on Wednesday evenings. If competitive sports aren't for you why not come along to one of our **Quiz Nights** (1st Thursday of every month) for some light hearted fun, which is open to Non Members. **Our Members Draw** is held on the last Friday of every month, with food available from 5:30pm, games the kids can join in & the chance to win free drinks & cash prizes. The Friendship Group meets weekly at 1.45pm Wednesday's welcoming new faces. A card making class is held monthly on Monday mornings 9.30-11.30am, For more details or to book contact Mo Rootes 07906008125.

We are a friendly inclusive club always welcoming new faces so if you haven't already, please pop in or look at our website hardwicksportsandsocialclub.co.uk, or Facebook Page 'Hardwick Sports and Social Club' to see our upcoming events & what we are about. The club is also available for private hire at a competitive rate, or free if it is for a fundraising event. Come and take a look at our newly refurbished 'Atkinson Room' and check out the village diary dates for our upcoming events. Hope to see you soon!

HSSC Committee.

SOME ADDITIONAL DATES FROM HSSC WHICH DIDN'T MAKE IT INTO THE VILLAGE DIARY

MARCH

5TH - 8PM MONTHLY QUIZ NIGHT (ALL WELCOME)

7TH – PIE, MASH 7 LIQUOR NIGHT

14TH - SIX NATIONS FINAL

15TH - 3PM LIVE MUSIC WITH THE FABULOUS
'AMY' TICKETS £5 MEMBERS, £6 NON MEMEBRS

27TH - 8PM MONTHLY MEMBERS DRAW NIGHT

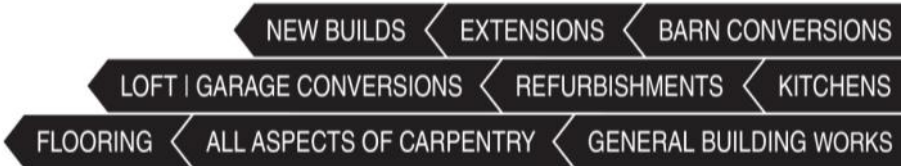
APRIL

4TH April – 7:30PM ADULT ONLY ENTERTAINMENT
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10TH APRIL – 7:30PM MONTHLY QUIZ NIGHT

18TH APRIL – 7:0PM KARAOKE NIGHT, MEMBERS
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25TH APRIL – MONTHLY MEMBERS DRAW NIGHT.



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Groups & Organisations in Hardwick

Group/ Organisation	Venue	Day	Time	Contact	Other details
Monday Mornings at the School	Hardwick School	Mon	9.30am – 11am	Clare Bigg cebigg53@gmail.com	For parents, carers & their under 5s
Brownies	Hardwick School	Mon	6.15pm–7.30pm	Lucy Gardner hardwickbrownies@hotmail.co.uk	Girls 7-10 yrs
Scouts	Scout & Guide Hut	Mon	7pm – 9pm	Paul Wooldridge Tel:01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	Boys & girls 10.6–14 yrs
Jazzercise	Hardwick School	Mon	7.45pm	Danajazzercise@cambourne@gmail.com Tel: 07760624609	Age 16+ any gender
Rainbows	Scout & Guide Hut	Tues	4.30pm–5.30pm	Jane Muncey lhardwickrainbows@gmail.com	Girls 5-7 yrs
Guides	Scout & Guide Hut	Tues	6.30pm–8.30pm	Janet Hayman hardwickguides@gmail.com	Girls 10-15 yrs
Colourwheel Group	HSSC	Wed	11.30am-1.30pm	Nicky Kerr Tel: 07539429394	Alternate weeks–see village diary
Friendship Club	HSSC	Wed	2pm – 5pm	Joan Segrave Raj067@hotmail.co.uk	Adults over 50
Explorers	Scout & Guide Hut	Wed	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Paul Wooldridge Tel:01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	Boys & girls 14 – 18 yrs
W.I.	Hardwick School	Wed	7.30pm – 10pm	Anne Jones jeffandanne23@gmail.com	Third Wed in the month
Cubs	Scout & Guide Hut	Thurs	6.15pm – 7.45pm	Paul Wooldridge Tel:01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	Boys & girls 8 – 10.6 yrs
Mothers & Toddlers	Hardwick School	Fri	1.30pm – 3pm	charlotte@cutmore.co.uk Tel: 07738660586	
Beavers	Scout & Guide Hut	Fri	5pm – 6pm	Paul Wooldridge 01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	Boys & girls 6 - 8 years
Pippin's Community Café	Hardwick School	Sat	10am - midday	Anne Jones jeffandanne23@gmail.com	First Sat in the month
St Mary's Church	St Mary's Church	Sun	9.30am-10.30am	Rev Alison Myers alisonmyers@lordsbridge.org	
Evangelical Church	Hardwick School	Sun	10.30am	Steve & Kate Gaze Minister.hechurch@gmail.com	
Hardwick & Caldecote Cricket Club				Chris Fuller Tel: 07557 388229 chris55fuller@gmail.com	Adults & children over 5 yrs
Hardwick Pre-School	Hardwick School	Mon-Fri	9.15am–3.15pm (Term time)	Sharon Griffiths hardwick.preschool@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01954 212823	http://www.hardwick-preschool.btck.co.uk
3.15 Club	Hardwick School	Mon-Fri	3.15pm – 6pm (Term time)	Sharon Turner hardwick3.15club@hotmail.co.uk	
Neighbourhood Watch	Hardwick School	Advertised in Hardwick Happenings & Facebook		Ashley Shepherd ahshepherd@hotmail.com	

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