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EDITORIAL

The photo of the Devil's Dyke Morris dancers on the cover this month comes from Cambridge Past Present and Future. They organise this annual May day morning event at Wandlebury. You have to be early though, to see the dawn breaking you need to be there by five o'clock. Lots more from Cambridge PPF on page 40.

Opposite is a photo of the porch at the Cabin at St Mary's; fine English craftsmanship with fine English oak. More photos of the remarkable progress with the building on pages 10 and 44.

Thanks to Chris Fuller for the update on the cricket club. Sad that the seniors will no longer be playing in the village but good to hear that the club has survived. Page 12.

On page 20, Daniel Baker writes about coronavirus and the younger generation. Hopefully a slightly different angle after hearing so much about the effects on older people.

Lovely to have book review from former junior editor Lucy Byatt. Page 31. How about some book reviews from adults? It looks as though lots of us will have more time on our hands for reading and recommendations are always valuable.

Peter

FROM Revd Canon Alison Myers

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In such a fast moving situation, by the time you receive this many things may have changed again. As I write (Weds 18 March) we are still working out the practical implications of this week's government advice. Some of us will be feeling quite anxious, some calm. Some will be considering how to shield themselves, some will be getting used to working from home, some will be concerned about jobs or businesses at



The porch at the Cabin at St. Mary's. The laurel , put up at the topping off ceremony, is a symbol of victory and perseverance.

risk. Some of us are already working on the frontline in health or social care, some are holding the fort in schools and businesses and some are preparing to provide support in our local community. Thank you to everyone for the parts that you are and will be playing.

Along with other kinds of physical gatherings, public services of worship are now halted for the time being. This is an unprecedented step. But it does not mean that the church no longer exists. We are more, and do more, than our public services of worship. We are still here as part of the local community. We are still praying for friends and neighbours and all those who live in Hardwick. We are still offering care to those we can reach. We are still playing an active part in village networks, even if those networks are now less visible.

It is likely that we will open the church daily as a quiet and prayerful place open to individuals. And if we do that, we will put out some paper and a bowl for your prayer requests. (Please bring your own pen and only touch the paper that you use.) I, or a member of the church team, will continue to say ‘morning prayers’ on behalf of all of us and will include your prayers. You are welcome to email or phone me if you prefer – my contact details are at the top of this page.

We will also make available prayers, readings, reflections and activities that can be used at home, hopefully on a weekly basis. We are working out how best to do this. If you are interested, please stay in touch via the weekly email or Facebook group.

Care and practical help for those self-isolating or anxious is being offered in many different ways. If you can’t make use of other options, then you are welcome to contact me (or Kate and Steve Gaze, ministers at Hardwick Evangelical Church) and I will see what else can be done.

To keep in touch, please join the St Mary’s Hardwick Facebook group, send me an email asking to go on the weekly mailing list (a Google group), or phone me to let me know.

This is only for a time. We are already preparing for things beyond it. The construction of the new ‘cabin at St Mary’s’ is opening up new possibilities for community building and care at the ancient heart of the village. And it will be here for all of us when we are ready.



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Few people realise that it takes many hours of preseason preparation as well as getting wickets ready for the various games. It was decided after much deliberation that the Hardwick ground was too small with the ball being hit much further than in the 90s. The introduction of the skate park, the Social Club and people sitting drinking (not watching the game) at the social club increased the hazards of being hit by a ball. It is also noted that with the proposed Community Hall to be built behind the social club that there will be increased demand for the car park with the potential of cricket balls hitting parked cars. So the club has relocated all its games and most of its training to Caldecote which has a purpose built sports pavilion, outfield with no football being played on it and large enough not to lose cricket balls in the undergrowth (we would lose about a dozen balls at Hardwick every season). The cricket nets will still be used by the club (both adults and juniors) as well as some of the county age group teams. There are other considerations for the club in that the ground at Caldecote is used by the County Age Groups on Sundays as the prepared surface is very suited for higher level cricket. It must be stated that the club has benefited from having a ground at Hardwick with lots of support from the Parish Council who have been generous in offering interest free loans when the club was short of funds and needed expensive repairs to essential equipment as well as providing the funds to maintain the outfield which today has improved dramatically. It is here that the club still needs support from the parishioners in maintaining a sporting club for the village. If your child wants to learn how to play cricket then they should look on our website <http://hardwickandcaldecote.play-cricket.com> for contact information or at the back of the Hardwick Happenings contacts page. We welcome all children to participate in the club that is run by volunteers who are all DBS checked and have been on official coaching courses to train your child to their potential. They will also make lots of new friends. If you are an adult and want to play then you can still contact me via the webpage or directly to Cambourne CC

Chris Fuller

One of the many good things about joining our local WI is the chance we get to visit different places and the opportunities we get to listen to good speakers. We recently attended a Spring Lunch event at Landbeach Village Hall where we listened to a speaker from Trinity House. Perhaps some of you, like me, had heard of the place, but didn't know much about it. They are a maritime charity that helps seafarers and ships stay safe at sea and were incorporated by Royal Charter in 1514 to regulate pilotage on the River Thames and provide for aged mariners.

They also maintain all the lighthouses around Great Britain -the last lighthouse that was built was only 20 years ago; some of the lighthouses are now let as holiday homes - there is one in Hunstanton - at a cost!

Anyway, if you ever get the chance to visit Trinity House in London you will find it most interesting. Our speaker in February was a local resident Chris-Craknell who gave us a talk on his time as Sergeant of the Mace in Cambridge -he accompanied the Mayor on all his visits which included being present at Royal Engagements - we learnt a lot about the politics of local Government!!

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Also coming up we have our Annual Council Meeting where the Speaker will be Simon King – the naturalist and wildlife TV presenter. He should liven up this particular evening.

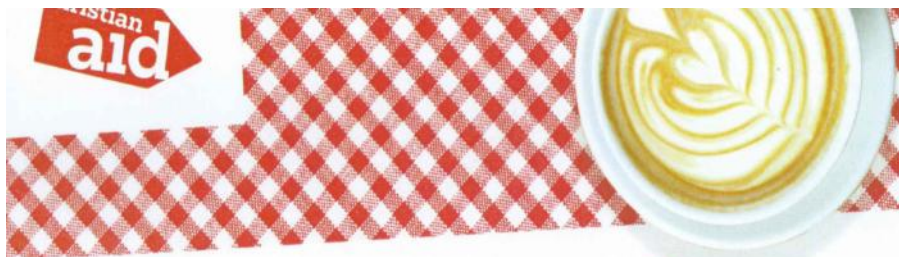
Our Darts team are in excellent form and have been winning a few matches – well done-keep up the good work!

So with spring almost over and summer approaching fast we are looking forward to a full and active and interesting programme of events.

We are always open to visitors where you will be made very welcome to join our friendly group. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Hardwick Primary School

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Naomi Roy



You're invited to a Big Brekkie!

Want to change the world over breakfast?

This year, Christian Aid is working in partnership with Anglican Development Services - Eastern, in Kenya. Droughts there are becoming more frequent and intense due to climate change. Food insecurity has doubled in the last 6 months and 2.7 million people face food shortages. The plan is to build dams to collect rainwater for agriculture, livestock and domestic use.

Do come along on May 16th between 9.30 - 11.00, enjoy a delicious breakfast and support Christian Aid in their very important work. Breakfast will be served behind the church - although the new 'Cabin at St Mary's' is going up very quickly and looks super, we don't think it will be quite ready for visitors by May 16th!

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The following events have been planned for the rest of the year. Please put them in your diary and come along - you will be very welcome.

April 12th - Easter Sunday. Easter egg hunt after the 9.30am service.

May 16th - Big Brekkie 9.30 - 11.00am behind the church (for Christian Aid, this year helping people in Kenya where droughts are becoming more frequent and intense due to climate change. 2.7 million people there are facing food shortages. CA plans to build dams to collect rain-water for agriculture, domestic use and livestock)

May 22nd - Campfire Church 6.00 - 7.00pm

June 7th - Hardwick Garden Safari 2.00 - 6.00 pm.

June 26th - Campfire Church as above

July 24th - Campfire Church as above

August 15th - Safari Supper

12th/13th, 19th/20th and 26th/27th. Summer afternoons

August 28th - Campfire Church as above

September 6th - Autumn Fayre 12.00 - 4.00pm

September 25th - Campfire Church as above

October 10th - Harvest Supper & Ceilidh

December 4th/5th - Christmas Tree festival, ending on Dec. 6th with carols, mulled wine & brass band. The theme for this year is 'Nursery rhymes'.

Why young people in particular should care about coronavirus

At the time of writing this piece, coronavirus has arguably become the worst and most talked about health crisis the country has ever faced. But why should people of my generation (I'm 28 for the record) especially take note of COVID-19 and resist the idea that it won't happen to us?

The answer is simple – the virus could be contracted by anybody and that includes us younger folk. It's easy for someone young to think they've got years left. The truth is, in most cases they have, but the direction of life can change at any time and just because you're young, fit and healthy doesn't mean you won't get it.

For me, the case of a so-called 'healthy' 32-year-old man in New York contracting the virus despite having no signs should be a wake-up call in itself. With health generally, we need to abandon the idea that 'we won't get' certain illnesses. Think again.

My generation are also very used to social media and it's tempting to Share, Like or Re tweet away even if we're not totally sure of the source's reliability. This crisis should, and hopefully in the long run will, make us youngsters scrutinise what we read more and alert us to the fact there is a lot of conflicting information out there.

In this situation, you can surely only genuinely trust the NHS and other relevant bona fide sources from the health sector. We should also make sure we try not to take everything we read in the media as fact and be clear as possible as to what's what in the fact vs fiction debate. The effectiveness of handwashing is a prime example.

Don't think the coronavirus will be the last big health scare of our generation either. Some of us can remember outbreaks of foot and mouth disease and swine flu. Incidentally, someone at my old sixth form contracted swine flu which gives us another reason to care about these things – in this case, I could have contracted it. You could well find yourselves telling your own children all about this too.

In other words, there's more to come and we can learn from this. If

prepared and hopefully science will have progressed further. I'm sure we can all unite in saying we hope the NHS is protected as surely the risk of death is much higher in countries without comparable healthcare to ours. I'll also let you decide if the stockpiling of toilet roll and hand soap was necessary, a knee-jerk reaction or downright ridiculous in some cases.

Even kids as young as 10 know about coronavirus and they may even know more than us 90's kids. I met my partner's niece for the first time recently and one of the more serious questions, aside from who my favourite American popstar was, was about coronavirus and she explained what she knew. Never mind what I know about it, let's take a moment to acknowledge that primary school age children have a solid understanding of it and how it came from China originally. Let every school pupil follow this good example.

Kids are not too young to understand and shouldn't be stopped from knowing about things like this. Firstly, they or someone they know could easily get the virus themselves or come into contact with people who do. Then there's the fact that they're old enough to understand what being physically ill means, given most of them will have had upset tummies, coughs and colds (back me up here, parents) – two of which are included in the symptom list.

There are other considerations too:

If you're a young aspiring medical professional, this is a reality check and what you could be dealing with much further down the line when you've qualified and you're established.

Whether you're young enough to be at school or old enough to be working, your daily life could or have already faced disruption by the time this edition comes out.

If you're going on a holiday (either with family or friends), you need to seriously consider what's best and whether you can rearrange. Cancellation chaos could have already become a reality.

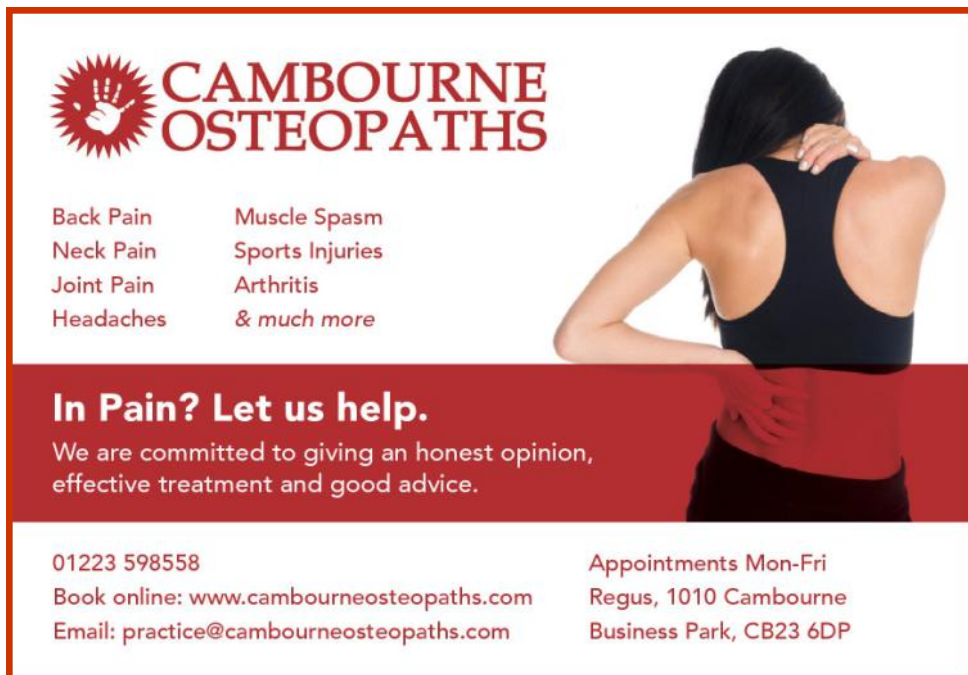
While not as important as people's lives, young people clearly love their sport. If you follow rugby teams, football teams in the top four divisions or even European sides, it's in your interest to know what the situation is if you're planning away days.


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You may know someone or know of someone who has self-isolated. You may even have had to do it yourself by the time this article is published.

While most people of my generation will not contract the virus this time, we're all feeling the effect of it in some way. The reason? The lasting impact of it will be the fact that we now know for sure that we can take nothing for granted and how the world can be plunged into a crisis overnight. At least I hope everyone else sees it that way.

Daniel Baker

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Special thanks must be given to John & Shirley Nicholson and Graham & Debbie Clarke who put the quiz together, which I know took many hours of work. We appreciate all that they do to make this such a popular and well-supported annual event. During the interval we enjoyed a cheese ploughman's supper, organised by the Events Committee.

The winners this year were 'The Hare & Hounds' and the runners up were 'Ashmead Drivers'. Well done to both teams.

I am very pleased to be able to announce that we raised just under £1100 for the Fabric Fund. Thank you all very much for your support.

Other fundraising events for St Mary's Church can be seen in the Hardwick Happenings.



Anne Jones
Events Committee



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Young People of secondary school age 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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You've probably seen this logo on the side of some buses in Cambridge in March / April. There is a very helpful booklet that gives some sugges-

tions on how you could try praying for 7 days, or you can download an app from the above website. If you would like a free booklet, pop into our office in Broadway House (the office between the hairdresser and CareNetwork), or contact our co-Ministers, Steve and Kate Gaze, and they'll happily give you one.

As a church congregation, we'll be learning more about praying during our Sunday morning services after Easter, and also in mid-week small groups that meet in people's homes. You're welcome to come along to learn and share together.



Easter Sunday falls on 12 April this year. We have an Easter Jigsaw ready to hide around the village unless circumstances arise to make this inadvisable.

SNIPPETS

Some years ago when we lived in Scarborough we regularly passed a large area of land at the side of the road devoted entirely to pigs. We used to call it Pig Land or Pork City, The pigs roamed freely and there were lots of other buildings on the site which we took to be the community centre, school and of course the pub, the Jolly Porker. Now this idyllic land of porkers has received a mention in that august newspaper *The Guardian*. Apparently someone cast doubt on the claim that all the pigs the were free range so the owner fastened a pedometer to the leg of one of his porcine chaps to show how many miles he covered in his travels round the site. But one of his little chums, being a greedy pig, gobbled up the measuring instrument. On its intestinal journey the pedometer gathered a certain amount of heat and when it was finally released it set fire to some bails of straw and three fire brigades were called out to extinguish the blaze. No harm was done to Pigland or any of its inhabitants. So all's well that ends well, said daddy pig with a jolly laugh.

If you suspect that you have been hit by the virus you should stay at home and isolate yourself from your family. No advice from the government on how to achieve this isolation. Any of us has who has ever tried to do this

will know that it is well nigh impossible to achieve. Imagine a house with young children in it and a parent who tries to go into isolation. NOTE TO POLITICIANS: We don't all live in big houses.

The virus has hit the April edition of H.H. No editorial meeting to proof read the pages and finalise them to go to the printer. But how do we know that no one who handles the magazine before it finally pops through your door is not carrying the virus?. ADVICE FROM THE GOVERNMENT: On receiving your copy of Hardwick Happenings wash it with soap and water while singing *Happy Birthday to You* backwards. Then place it in the bin. Do not in any circumstances read it.

We welcome your suggestions for ways of passing the time during out periods of self isolation. I intend to try and contact with all the many people in my life 'to whom I have said ;'I'll keep in touch with you. Promise.'

Howard Baker.

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Calling all older residents

Do you remember David Handscombe? Or John Lanham? HH has had a request from David to ask of anyone remembers them. He is trying to research his family tree. David was an adopted illegitimate child. He knows who his mother and her parents were but nothing much about his father, John Lanham who lived at Wild Ann, St Neots Rd. Hardwick.

It would be great if anyone could help. Please respond to hardwickhappenings@gmail.com

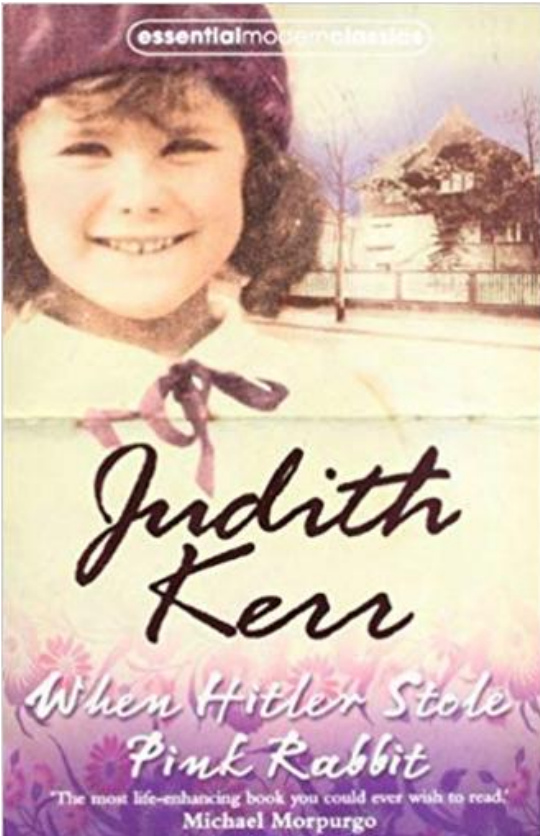
Book review by Lucy Byatt

When Hitler stole pink rabbit Judith Kerr

As it was World Book Day on the 5th of March, I thought that I would write a book review. I have not recently read this book but really enjoyed it and found it informative and also entertaining. *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* is an autobiography of Judith Kerr's experience of the war when she was a child. It is for children from 11+ and is very interesting about how children's lives were affected by the war. It also tells of her experience of being a refugee in other countries. It is the

first book in a trilogy and I think that it is important to read this book as we should know what it was like in those times.

I would give this book 10/10 as you feel like you are actually there and makes you understand the war even more. If you like a more fictional novel from that period then I would recommend *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne, although this book is for older readers it is written very well.



VILLAGE DIARY

Date	Event	Venue	Time
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
4 th	Singer/comedian/impressionist G - £10 members, £11 non	Sports & Social Club	TBC
15 th	Colourwheel Group	Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm
15 th	W.I. - Daniel Lee - Designing/creating a wildlife friendly garden	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
2 nd	Entertainment Quiz (Fundraiser for Pre -School)	Hardwick School	7.30pm
7 th	Hardwick Climate Action group (HCA) 2 nd public meeting	Hardwick School	7pm
7 th	Quiz	Sports & Social Club	8pm
8 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

13 th	Colourwheel Group	Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm
16 th	Big Brekkie	Behind St Mary's Church	9.30am
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
June			
4 th	Quiz	Sports & Social Club	8pm
5 th	Bingo	Sports & Social Club	8pm
6 th	'Pippin's' Coffee & Company	Hardwick School	10am - midday
7 th	Hardwick Garden Safari	Around Hardwick	TBC
10 th	Colourwheel Group	Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm
12 th	Library Bus - route H12	As above	As above
17 th	W.I. - Tom Purser - The National Autistic Society	Hardwick School	7.30pm
23 rd	Parish Council Meeting	Hardwick School	7pm
24 th	Colourwheel Group	Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm
July			
2 nd	Quiz	Sports & Social Club	8pm
3 rd	Bingo	Sports & Social Club	8pm
4 th	'Pippin's' Coffee & Company	Hardwick School	10am - midday
8 th	Colourwheel Group	Sports & Social Club	11.30am - 1.30pm
10 th	Library Bus - route H12	As above	As above
11 th	School Carnival	Hardwick School	TBC
15 th	W.I. - Bernadette Merry - Friends against Scams	Hardwick School	7.30pm

Do you knit or crochet?

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity needs you!

Did you know that Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is able to use knitted and crocheted items to help with seasonal fundraising activities throughout the year? For example, in December hundreds of tiny knitted Christmas stockings were donated and filled with chocolates, enabling funds to be raised whilst spreading joy to those who bought them.

This Spring, the Charity is appealing for those who are a whizz with a needle, to help create Easter Chicks! These little chicks are small but mighty and help raise vital funds for the Hospice.

Could you (or someone you know) help contribute? Chick knitting patterns can be downloaded from Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's website at arhc.org.uk – type 'Easter chick' into the search function at the top right-hand side of the homepage and click into the news story that pops up.

If you do not have a printer available to print the pattern yourself, please contact Alison Pinney in the Charity's fundraising team on 01223 675888 or email fundraising@arhc.org.uk.

Alternatively, copies of the pattern can be picked up at the Hospice Receptions.

If you're not a yarner, you can still get involved by donating egg-shaped chocolate treats such as Creme or caramel eggs, which can be inserted into the chicks for sale.

Your knitted chicks, and chocolate donations can be dropped off between 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday at the Reception desks of Arthur Rank Hospice Charity at Shelford Bottom (Cambridge) or at the Alan Hudson Day Treatment Centre (North Cambs Hospital, Wisbech) or at any of the Hospice's Charity Shops (Burleigh Street, Mill Road and Regent Street in Cambridge, High Street in Cottenham and Woollards Lane in Great Shelford).



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Monday 6, Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8 April: 8.30am to 4pm

For children ages 5-12. Run by experienced, qualified teachers. Booking essential at wildthymeandembers.co.uk. Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE.

Wandlebury Park Outdoor Cinema: Rocket Man

Friday 10 April: 7pm to 11pm

Booking essential. Age rating R. Ticket prices from £10 unseated to £25 including deckchair, hot water bottle, bag of popcorn and glass of Prosecco. Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE.

Easter Holiday Bushcraft (5-12 years)

Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 April: 8.30am to 4pm

For children ages 5-12. Run by experienced, qualified teachers. Booking essential at wildthymeandembers.co.uk. Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE.

Bushcraft Adventures with Find Your Wild (6-14 years)

Monday 20 April: 5pm to 7pm

Learn how to make your own paracord bracelets and study different fire-making techniques! Booking essential by email booking@findyourwild.org or visit findyourwild.org/bookings. £75 for all five sessions or £15 per session. £70 each for siblings with both attending. Wandlebury Country Park CB22 3AE.

Wandlebury Wild Flowers in Spring

Wednesday 22 April: 10am to 12pm

Join our gentle guided walk around the woods and meadows of Wandlebury Country Park with one of our knowledgeable wardens. Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE.

Pond Dipping for Earth Optimism Day at Wandlebury

Saturday 25 April: 2pm to 3.30pm

Have a go at catching and identifying pond creatures. Free event but donations are appreciated. Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE.

Bushcraft Adventures with Find Your Wild (6-14 years)

Monday 27 April: 5pm to 7pm

Learn to weave a bird's nest and make bird food. Cook over a camp fire and play games. Booking essential by email booking@findyourwild.org



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May Day Morris Dance

Friday 1 May: 5am to 6am

Be up with the lark this May Day as the summer sun rises above the Wandlebury woodlands, and witness the Devil's Dyke Morris Men dancing to greet it. Free event but donations are always welcome. Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE.

Wandlebury Park Outdoor Cinema: Le Mans '66

Friday 1 May: 7pm to 11pm

Booking essential via www.starandmouse.com. Entry from 6.45pm. Age rating PG13. Ticket prices from £10 unseated to £25 including deckchair, hot water bottle, bag of popcorn and glass of Prosecco. Wandlebury Country Park CB22 3AE

Bushcraft Adventures with Find Your Wild (6-14 years)

Monday 4 May: 5pm to 7pm

Team up for a nature treasure hunt! Booking essential by email booking@findyourwild.org or visit findyourwild.org/bookings. £75 for all five sessions or £15 per session. £70 each for siblings with both attending. Wandlebury Country Park CB22 3AE.

Coton Wild Flowers in Spring

Wednesday 6 May: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Join our gentle guided walk around the beautiful Coton Countryside Reserve with one of our knowledgeable wardens. Martin car park at Coton Reserve, CB23 7PZ

Bourn Windmill Open Day – National Mills Weekend

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 May: 2pm to 4pm

Come and see inside one of the oldest mills in the country, set in beautiful scenery near Bourn village. Free to CambridgePPF members, non-members £3 per adult, £1 per child. Caxton Road, Bourn CB23 2SU.

Bushcraft Adventures with Find Your Wild (6-14 years)

Monday 11 May: 5pm to 7pm

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Bird Song Dawn Chorus at Wandlebury

Weds 13 May 06.00 - 07.30

Join one of our wardens on a gentle guided walk around the park to experience the bird dawn chorus. Meet at the car park notice board - free event but donations welcome. Wandlebury Country Park CB22 3AE.

Screening of "Stirbitch" at Leper Chapel with Michael Hrebeniak.

Sat 16 May 7.30pm

Stirbitch: An Imaginary is a film-poem within the tradition of the English Eerie. Tickets £5.00 available on the night - £3 concessionary rate. The Leper Chapel, CB5 8JJ – opposite Cambridge United. No parking on site.

Bushcraft Adventures with Find Your Wild (6-14 years)

Monday 18 May: 5pm to 7pm

Test your mettle as you discover all things nettle! Booking essential by email booking@findyourwild.org or visit findyourwild.org/bookings. £75 for all five sessions or £15 per session. £70 each for siblings with both attending. Wandlebury Country Park CB22 3AE.

Orchards and Ornamentals – Garden Orchard Walk

Tuesday 19 May: 10.30am to 12.30pm

An exploratory guided wander around the orchard and walled garden. No need to book. Wandlebury Country Park. CB22 3AE.

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VILLAGE PEOPLE 31

Jane Chudleigh

Interviewed by Howard Baker

Jane Chudleigh and her husband have lived in Hardwick for thirty-five years in a house where they brought up their three sons. Born in Sheffield she spent her early life in a small village in Derbyshire. She went to grammar school in Sheffield and from there to Reading University where she trained as a primary school teacher. Her first teaching post was in the London Borough of Haringey. She arrived there in 1969 and taught some of the children of the 'The Windrush generation', whose families had sailed in from the West Indies looking for a better life for their families. Teaching these children made her want to visit the Caribbean, an ambition which she finally achieved in 1995, finding it as wonderful as the families had said.

It was while teaching in London that she met, and married, her husband Morris. He came from Cornwall, had studied Maths and Physics at Bristol University and was working as an engineer. Some years later he obtained a post with British Aerospace in Stevenage and they moved to Hertfordshire where their two oldest sons were born. Although Jane was a full-time carer for the children, she always knew that she would return to teaching. When Morris took a post at the Cambridge Science Park they decided to move again as they both wanted to bring up their family in a village. First living in Gamlingay then later moving to Hardwick and their current house, a listed building and former pub.

After her break from teaching Jane decided that she needed a refresher course and enrolled for a one-year diploma course in Cambridge. She was then appointed to a full-time teaching post in a primary school in the Arbury area of Cambridge. Having enjoyed her studies she decided to follow up with a Masters Degree in Educational Research. How did she combine a full-time teaching post with a part-time degree course and bringing up a family? The answer is lots of hard work and 'juggling', with a lot of help from her husband, who gave her support and Sundays free by looking after the boys. She thinks that it was important for them to see their father in this role and believes that their sons have learnt from this to play a central part in their families.

Jane greatly enjoyed teaching in Arbury and became Deputy Head and a school governor but she felt that the philosophy of teaching was changing, with teachers and headteachers becoming managers and becoming bogged down in administration at the expense of classroom teaching. After ten years she left and took a post at Cambridge Regional College training girls to be nursery nurses. Jane then went on to work as a nursery teacher herself and realised that this was the kind of teaching she should always have done, despite finding it the most challenging work of all. She remained in this post until her retirement.

She and Morris now have time for travelling. One of their sons lives in Japan and they love visiting him there. They love the people, the culture and the food. Another son has recently returned from 6 years in Singapore, the third son runs his own catering company nearby.

While working full-time and bringing up her family Jane did not have much time for village activities but she has always taken an interest in local events and helped with fund raising. Now she is involved with Pippins and took part in the recent annual quiz which raises funds for St Mary's Church.

Having lived in Hardwick for so many years it is fair to assume that Jane likes the village. She says it is not pretty-pretty like some villages are, but it is a pleas-





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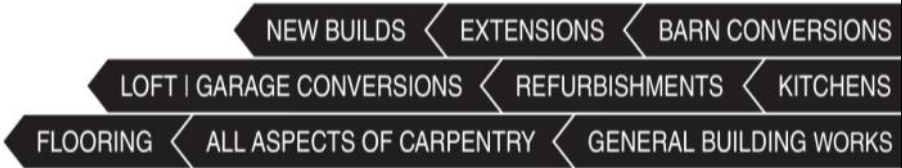
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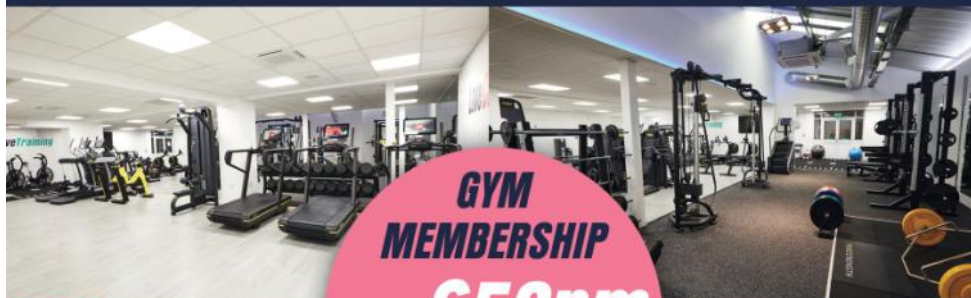
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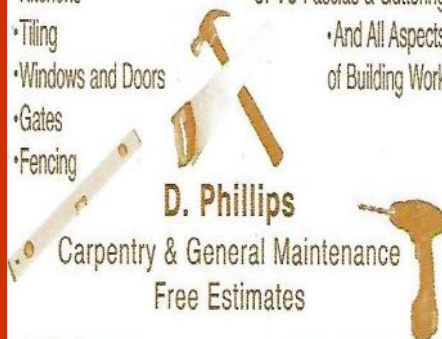
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Recently some of the Guides went to a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Day organised by our Guiding county. It was a fantastic day, the girls did quite a few different things and really enjoyed it. Most of them found the talks by 4 female Scientists the most inspiring part of

the day. One of those Scientists hadn't had any formal education until she was inspired to become a vet. Against her family's wishes she studied A levels, then went to university, and changed courses after a year to study Chemistry and has done an MSc and a PhD. Which proves that if you want something you can do it! We've also had a weekend away on one of the blustery weekends to a campsite in Essex. We stayed indoors, and had a go at Frisbee golf, orienteering, made a macramé owl and a team building activity called It's a Mystery.

During our weekly meetings, some of the Guides have been doing the Skills Builder Make Change and some of the Guides have been doing a variety of activities. One of these was to create a shadow puppet play. We also had a visit from someone who is deaf to teach us the alphabet in sign language.





We marked Shrove Tuesday by making and of course eating pancakes!

The Rangers joined us for Shrove Tuesday but cooked theirs outside on a wood fire and made S'mores. Three of the Rangers made their promise.

The three Rangers who have been selected to be part of an Anglia region group going to a Jamboree in Canada this summer have been doing some fundraising towards their trip. They have done an Anagram quiz which costs £1 and the return date is the beginning of May. If you would like to have a go please email the address below.

If you know of any fundraising, or sponsorship to help them (as they are all Year 11 so will have a busy year with studying and exams), then please get in touch. They are busy writing letters and planning on what else they can do.

Guides are aged 10 - 14 years old, and Rangers are aged 14 - 18 years old.

If you would like to know more about Guides or Rangers (or are younger and would like your name to go on our joining list) please get in touch. Email hardwickguides@gmail.com

Janet Hayman and Kirsty Orange Guide and Ranger leaders



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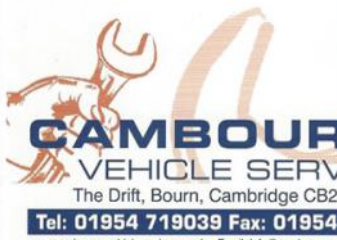


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Hardwick Climate Action news

It feels very surreal right now with the coronavirus threatening to engulf us like a slow-motion tsunami, but immediate danger unfortunately doesn't remove the long-term threat of climate change, so it's good to report a few positive actions that have occurred in the last month.

Village Trees are Saved and Multiply

Very good news that the 500 trees along St Neots Road now seem saved from the ravages of the Cambourne-Cambridge Busway, when the Combined Authority's Mayor Palmer announced it will now be replaced with dedicated bus services on existing roads from Cambourne to both the Science Park and Addenbrookes, where most of the jobs are located. He's still keen on the Metro scheme, and declared the busway route would be unsuitable for it. Well done to the St Neots Road residents who never gave up campaigning against this ridiculous route.

Not only have 500 trees been saved, but on Sunday 15th March Ian Giddings on behalf of the Parish Council and with the help of HCA volunteers have planted 30 trees around the Recreation Ground. Long may they live and thrive and soak up about a tonne of CO2 each.



Zero Carbon Workshop

Shaun represented HCA at a workshop hosted by SCDC in the Cambourne Council Hall on Saturday 7th March. It was attended by various community groups who have the common aim of reducing our carbon footprint. We heard from some of the winners of the Oct 2019 Zero Carbon Grants, including the Cambridge Carbon Footprint (CCF) which promotes eco homes and recycling schemes such as the Sustainable Fashion Festival on 21 March from 11 am to 4:30 pm in St Barnabas on Mill Road in Cambridge. Best to check the CCF website in case it's cancelled.

The next round of Zero Carbon grants will open in June, when the HCA will be submitting a bid.

Other Meetings

Eltisley village are starting a Climate Action group and had their inaugural meeting on

5th March. HCA shared our experiences as well as other speakers from SCDC, Gamlingay's Wind Turbine project, Reach's Solar Farm and Swaffam Prior's community ground source heat pump. Just goes to show what positive impacts community groups can achieve.

Once it becomes safe again to meet in we'll be organising another HCA public meeting with guest speakers and ideas for further actions. We're now looking to hold this in late June, so watch this space. If you aren't yet a member of the Hardwick Climate Action group and would like to be involved just email me at smghughes@gmail.com or call/message on 07989 739791.

The coronavirus pandemic will bring some very dark months ahead, which is when we need to be an even stronger community and support each other. Stay safe, avoid crowds and *wash your hands!*

Shaun Hughes

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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.



Comberton Library

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10am – 1pm

Wednesday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm -5pm

Friday: 2pm – 5pm

Saturday: 10am – 1pm

More details can be found on the Library Service website at:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library>

The new edition of ‘What’s On in Cambridgeshire Libraries’, covering the months of April to June, is now available to pick-up from Comberton Library. The booklet is a wonderful source of information about all the activities and events taking place in Cambridgeshire Libraries.

At Comberton Library, we will be holding the following family events during the school Easter holidays, so do note the dates and come along with your children for some holiday fun:

Wednesday 8th April - 10.00 -1.00 pm & 2.00 -5.00 pm (during normal opening hours) – **Easter Craft Sessions** (£1.00 per child). All materials will be provided.

Friday 17th April- 10.30 -12.00 noon – **Family Lego** (50p per child). We provide the Lego for you to have fun being creative. This event is taking place when the Library is normally closed, but do bring your library card with you, as you will be able to return and borrow books whilst you are in the Library.

Booking is now taking place for the following The Library Presents events at Cambourne Library:

Vocal Fun with the Opera Dudes – a workshop on **Friday 1st May at 7.00 pm**, suitable for adults and young people aged 12+, tickets £6/£3 for concessions

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Graffiti Classics – a hilarious all-singing, all-dancing musical comedy cabaret show on **Saturday 6th June at 6.30 pm**, suitable for adults and young people aged 12+, tickets £8, with concessions at £5/£4

Tickets for both events are available online at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/arts or can be purchased from the Library.

Our upcoming Rhymetime sessions are on **27th April and 11th May** 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 haven't been before, or are new to the area, do come along and give it a try.

The Library will be closed on **Good Friday, 10th April** and **Easter Monday, 13th April**, but will be open as normal on **Saturday 11th April**. We

wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Rosemary Pryke

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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