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EDITORIAL

By Guest Editor Daniel Baker



Just days before publication, we heard the sad news of Ann Lofty's death and we will dedicate this edition to her. The tributes people have written very eloquently and tastefully sum up how popular she was and how much she did for the village. A legend, as Anne Jones says, and we were blessed to have her in our community, in the words of Tish Cracknell. From page 10 onwards, you can read the full tributes from Anne, Tish and Chris Cracknell plus we remember her memorable Village People interview. I'm sure Ann would have been truly blown away by the kind words people have said and also the fact the fundraising page for her memorial bench crossed the £600 barrier in just 48 hours.

I've been keeping Peter's seat warm and it's been an ideal chance to dust off my notepad and engage with villagers with some great stories. It was a real treat to hear from Prue van der Hoorn who you'll remember as the lady who designed the village sign. She's putting her design work to good use again by with a wonderful calendar for the NHS Covid Appeal. Find out what inspired her and we've included all 12 months in colour (p.16 onwards).

We keep up the art theme with an interview with Kelly Briggs (p.22). And what's a virtual London Marathon? Find out more with two great stories from villagers who ran it (p.26). It was also a real privilege to speak to Claire-Louise Harding too who tells us what it's been like in further education in this current climate (p.24). Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

IN MEMORY OF MALCOLM COULSON

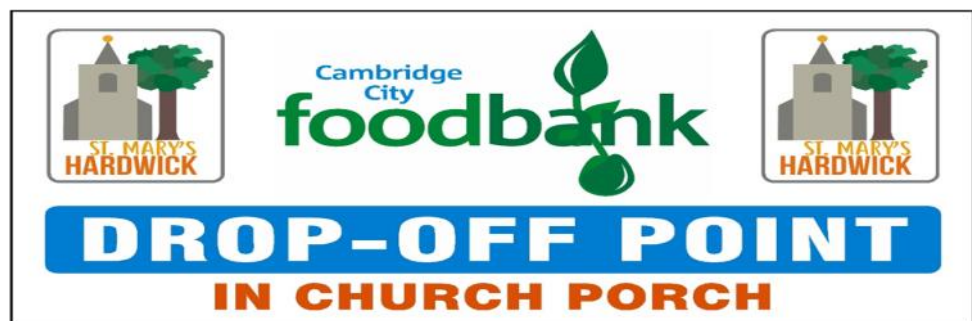
Mark, Kari, Paul and I wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the many, many cards, flowers and gifts received after Malcolm passed away on the 8th August.

We were emotionally touched to see so many people who lined St. Neots Road and those that stood at the Crematorium on the day of Malcolm's service.

Thank you for your prayers, kind thoughts, offers of support and help during our time of loss.

We are so grateful for the caring community that we have here in Hardwick and the surrounding villages.

With best wishes
Julie and the Coulson family



ANN LOFTY

Ann Lofty made an enormous contribution to the sporting scene in Hardwick and the village itself and will be sadly missed by us all. She passed away in her sleep on the morning of Wednesday, October 14th at Addenbrooke's Hospital aged 81.



As a mark of respect, Hardwick FC and other grassroots teams around the county held a minute's silence on October 17th before their matches. We look back at her life with contributions from people who knew and remember Ann, who was a true Hardwick person.

‘A SECOND MUM AND A LEGEND’

By Anne Jones

Those who knew her will agree that she was a short lady with a very large heart. She lived in Hardwick for many years and loved being amongst children, teenagers and young adults. She seemed to have a way with them and they respected her for that.

As well as being Ann Lofty, her other name, amongst many, I'm sure was ‘Mother Ann’ and she truly was a second mum to many of the boys, who incidentally are now all grown up and many are parents themselves.

Ann was heavily involved in the Football Club, training the younger members, cleaning the changing rooms and washing the kit for the Senior Team. I wonder how many kits she

washed over the years. She was also involved in the Cricket Club, helping with the younger children. She was her son Anthony's (Bod to many of us) biggest supporter as he played football and cricket in the Hardwick teams.

As well as her involvement in sport in the village, Ann also ran the Youth Club when it was held in the Pavilion, now HSSC. My son Richard has many happy memories of those times, nearly 20 years ago. I remember Ann working at Coton Orchard at the time when it was an orchard in the true sense of the word, when they were growing fruit which was sold in the shop.

There is a collection on [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) to raise money for a bench to be placed somewhere on the Recreation Ground in Ann's memory. Over the years she spent a lot of time in this area of the village and this will be a lasting tribute to her. Ann will be greatly missed by her children David, Diana, Dawn and Anthony and by the wider community. Ann was a legend.

‘A STALWART AND RELIABLE’

By Chris Cracknell

I write my tribute in my capacity as founding secretary (1983) and past chairman of Hardwick Football Club. I first met Ann as a result of her son Anthony (Bod) becoming involved with one of our very young teams playing on a Sunday morning. Bod was a very keen and talented player and Ann offered him every encouragement and support.

This inevitably led to her wishing to get involved in all aspects of the club's activities that, at that time, included three adult

teams and very many Colts sides all playing under the Hardwick FC and Hardwick Harriers banner. She joined our Committee and could always be relied upon to complete any of the jobs she enthusiastically volunteered for. You never had to 'press gang' Ann.

Over the years she has pushed a heavy line marker around a muddy playing field, washed many hundreds of football kits, mopped out filthy changing rooms, supplied players with half time and full time refreshments, sold raffle tickets, coached many hundreds of local children from the age of 3 or 4 years upwards ('My Little Ones' as she affectionately called them) as well as a myriad of other duties too many to list, and often unrecognised by the many hundreds of local footballers who think these jobs do themselves.

A true stalwart of Hardwick FC and worthy of inclusion in our list of legends. I will always be grateful for Ann's contribution to the success of our village sporting life and she will be truly missed. RIP.

‘GENEROUS, UPBEAT AND ENERGETIC’

By Tish Cracknell

I first met Ann when she brought three year old Anthony along to the Pavilion Pre-School, where I worked as Leader at the time. Happy times. Ann was always upbeat and energetic.

She was very generous with her time and gifts for our fundraising events, usually in the form of a fruit hamper from Coton Orchard where she worked. I have very fond memories of Ann. One of the best. We were blessed to have her as part of our community.

Ann also featured in our Village People series. Here are some of the highlights from her interview with Howard Baker.

Ann moved to Hardwick in 1983. She was married and had three children and was in the process of adopting a fourth and the adoption later went ahead. It was then suggested to Ann that she might become a foster parent. She spoke with great warmth about the young people she fostered over the years. Of course there were nightmare moments, but also a lot of positive experiences when the young people learnt to trust her and she was able to give them the love and confidence that they had not had before. Many of them went on to have successful lives.

Ann's father was a keen sportsman and gardener and she gained her love of football and gardening from him. Each session she did with the under-5's ended with a penalty shootout. With a large goal to aim at it was difficult for any of them to miss and they all ran back to their parents delighted with their achievement. In the 1990s, Ann organised a summer holiday play scheme which offered village children a wide choice of activities ranging from football and cricket to art and drama. She has also worked with the cubs and beavers.

When her children were growing up she was often offered work as a gardener which she did on condition that she could be at home when the children left for school in the morning and when they came back. She also worked in the village shop on the early morning shift. She helped the Manderson Trust, an Over-based organisation that helps men with learning difficulties. One way she raised money for them was by selling flowers from a stall outside her house. She is truly a village person.

A version of this article was originally published in 2016.



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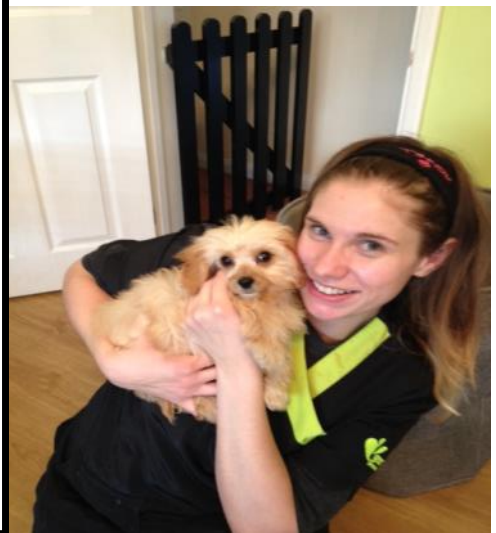
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CREATIVE CALENDAR BRINGS CHEER FOR NEW YEAR

Prue van der Hoorn is well-known in Hardwick and designed the village sign, the Millennium mug and sweatshirt and even some covers of the Happenings.

But her latest project is about giving something back and she has used her creative flair to design a calendar to raise vital funds for the NHS Covid-19 Urgent Appeal.

Prue, who lived in the village in the 1980s and 1990s, was admitted to hospital twice this year and this has inspired her fund-raising drive.

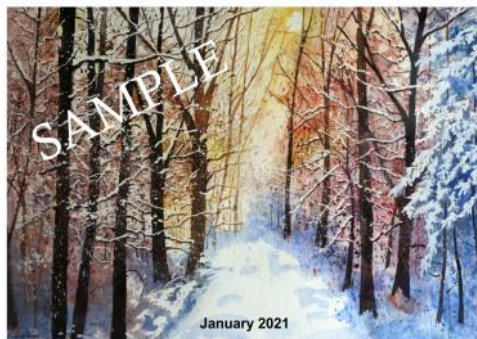
Prue, who now lives in Haslingfield, has painted all the pictures herself and the calendar includes winter woodlands, flowers and beach huts – all with a recurring theme.

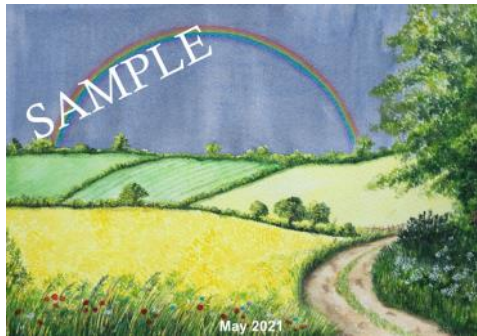
She said: “During the coronavirus pandemic, the rainbow has become a symbol of support for people wanting to show solidarity with NHS workers on the front line.

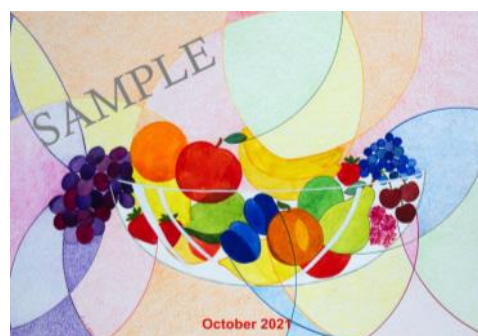
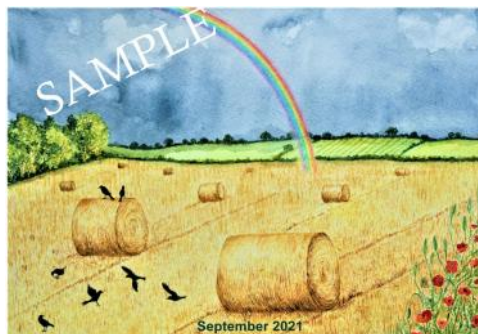
“So I wanted to use a rainbow or the rainbow colours in every painting.”

You can buy a calendar for £8 including postage and packaging at rainbowfunding.co.uk and £2 from every calendar will be donated to the Covid-19 Appeal.

Prue can be contacted on prue@vdhoorn.co.uk and 07478 327930.







AN UPDATE FROM THE LISA KENT TRUST

By Liz Tinkler

The Lisa Kent Trust has been delighted with the interest and offers of support amongst the local community, following the recent article in Hardwick Happenings. This has led to great local connections and networking in our community.



Technology firm IP Access, who are moving offices in Cambourne, have donated office furniture which LKT will use in our schools. We will in due course, and subject to the coronavirus, send out a container to The Gambia, where these items will be put to good use in our schools, especially the white boards, which are a new concept for The Gambia, but greatly assist pupil's eyesight and reading abilities.

We are always grateful to organisations and UK schools helping Lisa Kent Trust to recycle resources and therefore reduce all carbon footprints, even when we update chairs and tables in LKT schools, they are passed on to Gambian state schools for their use.

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YOUNGSTERS GET CRAFTY IN VIRTUAL ART LESSONS

A Hardwick artist is helping youngsters transform their living rooms into thriving creative spaces using the power of Zoom.

Kelly Briggs, 27, who splits her time between Hardwick and Welwyn Garden City, has been teaching art classes to children in up to groups of six using the video software program.



Photo by Andy Sapey

Kelly, who works with galleries and museums in the Cambridge area, leads the classes as both a private tutor and also in association with Cambridge Art Club.

She said: “The classes work really well as its nice not to have to travel and set everything up.

“They wouldn’t have happened without the pandemic. It doesn’t have to be expensive to set up.

“I share my screen with them and tell them a story and there’s a bit of a dialogue where I get them to use their mind a bit and get them thinking about the pieces they see.

“I try to do things with materials that people have in their homes already and we make sculptures from recycled materials, paintings and collages.”

Kelly’s sessions, which are usually an hour long, started during the national lockdown and will be continuing throughout the rest of the year.

Children who attend also have the opportunity to learn about the lives and works of artists from the last 100 years to the present day.

Kelly is also studying for a Master’s Degree in Art and Science at Saint Martins art school in London and has a studio in Cambridge.

She added: “It’s nice as you don’t have people talking over each other and people can share what they’ve made with the virtual aspect.

“My approach is very individualised and I can do that with the children. Zoom is quite safe as the children and parents have to go into a waiting room and it’s the safest way to be.

“They’re so excited to show me what they’ve made in the previous session. It’s their time and it’s personalised.”

To find out more about the latest Zoom classes and to book a slot in either a group or private session, email artkellybriggs@gmail.com. You can find out more about Kelly’s work and see her paintings online at www.kelly-briggs.com.

‘IT WASN’T WHAT I HAD IN MIND’

18-year-old Claire-Louise Harding on university life at the height of the pandemic.

Moving in day was quite stressful. We had to get three boxes upstairs and while wearing masks. There were no trollies to move our luggage either. And just after I moved in, someone I live with in our five-person flat tested positive for Covid so we had to self-isolate for 14 days.

It’s quite scary because you feel trapped. In the first few weeks you want to meet people and see the city, but we weren’t able to do that. All we’ve been able to do is sit in our rooms and talk to each other. You don’t know who’s got Covid as it could be anywhere. It feels quite weird, but we all get on really and are quite close.

At one point I thought about not going because all the things we were going to be doing were online and I wasn’t sure if I wanted that. But we were then told there would be face to face contact with some groups and I wanted to go so that I can get the job I want, which is a clinical psychologist.

It’s quite hard because you’re in an unfamiliar place and it’s also really boring because you’re in a flat and you can’t even go out in the garden for some fresh air or for a walk. We’re paying much money for what we’re getting. Our lectures are pre-recorded and you can listen to them online.

We have virtual meetings on Zoom, but there’s not enough room for all of us to take part at the same time. You don’t get the same experiences.

During Fresher's Week, there was only really one main event and we had to go with our household. There was an outdoor cinema, mini golf or Laser Tag, but you had to book in advance. There have been some flat parties going on and the security have been breaking them up. If people continue they've been told they risk being fined or even kicked out. There've been some investigations on these house parties because of loud music and the police have even been going in.

The university has given us a list of people to contact if we need anything and the NHS have been asking us how we're doing and advising us who to call. They're doing a pretty good job and they're also holding meetings if we need to talk to someone. When we can, we're planning to go out for a group walk to explore the city of Birmingham. I want to be able to join in seminars and meet new people, even just go for a coffee and get to know people on the course. I'm hoping we'll be able to see some improvement as it would be nice to be able to do some normal activities and join societies properly.

It's quite worrying as it could get worse and we may have to stay here if we can't get home for Christmas. It would be really nice if I could see my family again if we can go home as there are only three times a year where you can go back. It's really annoying because if people who are breaking the rules have Covid they could pass it on and it could mean that the restrictions get tighter.

But I think it's good that the university are learning to adapt and they'll learn more as the restrictions go on.

Claire-Louise is a first year psychology student at the University of Birmingham.

THE DAY THE LONDON MARATHON CAME TO HARDWICK

Organisers of the 2020 London Marathon had to rethink their plans frantically after the pandemic meant the traditional 26-mile race in the capital couldn't happen. Instead, runners took part in their own virtual marathons where they could run the race wherever they liked. Villager Dom Halbert ran his marathon around the local area and this is how he fared.

I first got in to running three-and-a-half years ago. Fast forward to 2020, I have participated in many half marathons in and around Cambridge, and at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, successfully running at least a half marathon distance every month since January 2018. In April, I was due to run my first marathon, the London Marathon no less. I didn't have a strict training plan, I just followed what I had been doing over the last few years – which was run as much as you can to justify eating and drinking what you like.



COVID got in the way, initially delaying the marathon to October, which was then changed to a virtual-only marathon, but I didn't want my training to go to waste. So I set off one Sunday morning in April on my normal half marathon run. I felt good so decided to start taking the longer option over the shorter option when it came to continuing my route. As I was coming back towards Hardwick I was nearly at 20 miles, so decided to

extend my route to the magic 26.2. I managed to complete my first marathon distance run. It wasn't with thousands supporting in London, but I was joined by my wife and dog for the final mile which helped me push for the finish.

So, October 4th. Race day. I planned my route based on my usual 6.5 mile run into town to the Cambridge Half Marathon start line, using the footpath through Coton. From here I ran the Cambridge Half Marathon route out through Trumpington and Grantchester, back into Cambridge through Newnham, before then finishing with my usual 6.5 mile route back home via Coton. Perhaps I should have planned the route a little better.

Running up Madingley Hill after 23 miles isn't much fun, but much to my surprise my wife and dog joined me for this part of the run before then joined me again for the final push in the village. The support throughout was amazing. As soon as I stepped out on to St Neots Road to start my run I was greeted by other runners and cars encouraging me. This continued along the route, with friends and family also surprising me on the way at variously well-placed points when I needed a mental push. Without their support there is no way I would have finished as strongly as I did in 3 hours 36 minutes, 15 minutes quicker than in April.

I've since found out that my official place for this year has been successfully deferred to next year, so I look forward to running the actual London marathon in October 2021, Covid permitting. I'm sure the crowds of London are a massive push for anyone running the Marathon, but there was something special about running the Marathon in Cambridge with nothing but the beautiful area we live in, support of friends and family and a good heavy metal playlist!

Fellow villagers Rick and Mary Mitchell also ran the virtual marathon, following a similar route to Dom's. They explain how they were inspired to do it by someone close to them.

We decided to run for Rick's brother, Les. Les had been battling leukaemia over the last year or so. Earlier this year he had a bone marrow transplant and was improving and recovering well. In April, we got the terrible news that he'd contracted Covid and sadly within 48 hours he was gone which was devastating as he was only 60. We still can't quite believe how quickly it took him down. He'd think we were absolutely crazy even to contemplate a marathon, let alone in the weather we had.



Always a bit of a joker, he'd be the sort to tie your shoelaces together and he'd have a right old laugh at us with our post-marathon aches and pains, including struggling up and down the stairs. Of course, he'd be secretly very proud of his little brother and his wife.

The only marathon we wanted to do was London and after several attempts trying to get places through the ballot, and failing, including this year, we'd decided we probably wouldn't try again. We've got at least three 'sorry' tops each. This the commiseration prize you get if you donate your fee to charity. But then an email popped up about five weeks before the planned event on 4th October, offering the chance to register for the virtual race and within minutes we were in. Then followed the

realisation - we had five weeks to prepare.

We did okay and planned our route, managing to get to the magic recommended 20 mile run. We tested our route (see opposite page), which was done in really good weather and the terrain was dry underfoot - of course the day was very, very different. We stuck to most of our route which encompassed running around Childerley Estate, a loop around the perimeter of Cambourne, into Bourn, across to Caldecote, back to Hardwick for a pit stop at about 19 miles, then back out to the top of the village and down Madingley Hill, through Coton, back across to Comberton and finally back to Hardwick.

At some parts of the route it was so muddy and wet, we were lucky to have stayed upright, let alone run, but we made it.

The support we had on the way round was great, seeing a few other runners, people wishing us well, calling out to us, encouraging us along, tooting car horns and waving, that meant so much. We hope all those that encouraged us realise what a boost that gave us, especially in those conditions. Thank you so very much. For Les.





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ROUND-UP FROM SOUTH CAMBS MP ANTHONY BROWNE

South Cambs MP Anthony Browne says he will fight hard to finalise the delivery of two new local hospitals. Addenbrooke's Cancer Hospital was among the 40 new hospitals confirmed by the Prime Minister and he has publicly pledged his support for a proposed children's hospital. He has also visited a potential site and he says will work with the organisations behind it so it can be opened.



On the transport front, Mr Browne argues that there are “good arguments” for a proposed new train station be north of Cambridge and follow the route of the A428. He has written to ministers on this subject and arranged meetings.

Browne has co-ordinated a letter signed by the heads of South Cambridgeshire's Life Science campuses addressed to the UK's top mobile network operators to improve 3G signal in the area.

In the last few weeks, he has also led a Q&A with Mark Carney, former Governor of the Bank of England and now Finance Advisor to COP26, on how we can build back greener following the pandemic.

In other news, he has called for a faster diagnosis for axial spondyloarthritis, a form of inflammatory arthritis, speaking on behalf of a constituent who suffers from the condition. He has also held meetings to try and establish on how best to protect chalk streams from over-extraction.

OCTOBER UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LINA NIETO

Hardwick's County Councillor Lina Nieto is pushing for young people to be involved in a major national project to create eight new green spaces. One of the sites is set to be built in Cambridgeshire and the County Council will lead the work with other local authorities and Natural Cambridgeshire and an investment of more than £700,000 will be put into the project. She says: "We must involve future generations on current projects that will be their legacy."



Cllr Nieto also attended an environment-orientated online meeting recently with South Cambs MP Anthony Browne and students from Comberton Village College.

She praised the "high quality discussion and questions raised" and has put the students in touch with a research group run by the county council and the university's science and policy exchange. There are plans for some focus groups to take place with young people on climate change to take place on the back of this.

Library investment has also been a key focus for her and she has helped to bring in Open Access technology which will be installed across 31 library sites in Cambridgeshire. The technology allows for additional access to the libraries during unstaffed hours. This innovation is designed to provide greater access to the library estate where currently 60% is unused during a typical 9-5 working week.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STILL HERE FOR US DURING THE PANDEMIC

This is just a short note to inform you that Hardwick Neighbourhood Watch is not just here to try and make the village a better and safer place to live, but is here to be aware of vulnerable people. I am sure most of you keep an eye on your neighbours to make sure they are okay, especially in this difficult time.



And it is quite possible that we may have to go back to lockdown. Whether we do or not remember NHW can help. Regarding security don't forget you can get the Bobby Scheme by contacting the police on 101. They can supply alarms for your house and garage and they have TV simulators. Use 999 for a crime in progress, 101 for non-emergency. Also online type in Cambs Police and follow the links. You can leave a message or talk online. You can contact me, Ashley Shepherd, 01954 211532 or ahshepherd@hotmail.co.uk. If you require your medicines contact me, I cover the Bourn prescription run and can collect other items.

WINTER SECURITY GUIDANCE & ADVICE

Winter is approaching and the evenings getting darker earlier, so here are a few tips to make life a little more difficult for the burglar.

Perimeter Security

Are boundary fences, walls and hedges in good condition? Are your front boundaries no more than 1m high and the rear 1.8m high? Low front boundaries give good visibility from surrounding houses. Do you have locked side gates and trees and shrubs trimmed? This will help to prevent burglars being able to hide and be unobserved.

External Lighting

Have you good outside security lighting, including the front of the property? Motion activated lighting should be positioned out of reach, to stop tampering. Good lighting is essential to deter burglars.

External Doors

Do you have doors that have, robust dead locks, frames that are in good condition, security chains and spy holes? Are your patio doors fitted with robust locks?

Garages, Sheds and Outbuildings

Ensure strong locks are fitted to all entrances, use substantial hinges, make sure windows are secure and have an obscured view of inside. Make sure connecting doors between your garage and house have good locks. Secure your tools and equipment using steel chain to a ground anchor.

Windows

Make sure your windows and frames are in good condition, locks are fitted to accessible windows and window restrictors where applicable. If you go out in the evenings and your property is empty leave a light on and a radio to make the property look occupied. Also if you go away for some time give a neighbour permission to park a vehicle in your driveway.

NEWS FROM THE WI

By Naomi Roy

Hardwick WI has been able to keep going during lockdown and beyond by offering small groups of people, no more than six in total, to meet informally in peoples gazebos and gardens. But now the weather is turning colder the Cabin at St Mary's is being used and a variety of WI led groups meet there. These groups include the Colour Wheel, the newly formed art group, and the book club. Some of these groups are not wholly the preserve of the WI but come under our umbrella".

We hope to provide a safe and secure environment for members to meet face to face and swap stories and experiences. Unfortunately, for the time being members have to bring their own provisions such as books, paper or food and drink but at least we will be reasonably warm.

Last month, our speaker was Mrs Irena Spence who is a local street pastor working in Cambridge on a Friday and Saturday night helping young distressed people get home after the pubs are closed. The street pastors work in groups of three and are usually there for moral support, a friendly ear and even provide flip-flops for the young women who totter home without their shoes.

Our Zoom meetings continue twice a month. One committee meeting and one members meeting with a speaker usually. Many thanks to Jacqui Allen who has this unenviable task which is much appreciated and very difficult to get speakers that can do the technology and provide interesting and illuminating subjects. Our next speaker is Daniel Lea who will be talking about designing a Wildlife Friendly Garden. Those

keen gardeners amongst us will learn a thing or two on this subject. Upcoming events and speakers include:

- **November 18th** - Bridget Davidson talking about wild flowers and foraging and giving us a demonstration on making a Christmas wreath out of foraged matter.
- **December 16th** - Our very own Christmas social with a quiz and a few surprises.
- **January 20th** - “Living with Pulmonary Fibrosis” will be a talk from Stephen Jones about PF and lung transplants. So we start the New Year on a serious and sobering subject.

By the time this goes to press we will definitely be in the run-up to Christmas during lockdown. Time will tell how this plays out, but never fear, the WI are here and always welcome new members to join us in all our activities.

GOT A STORY FOR HAPPENINGS?

Have you or someone you know done something amazing and want to share your story? Perhaps you've raised funds for charity or maybe you want to take a trip down memory lane and share your experiences of memorable past events?

Or you just want to write something on a topic you're passionate about? Hardwick Happenings is a village magazine and it's people from the village that have helped to make it what it is today.

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By Sharon Griffiths

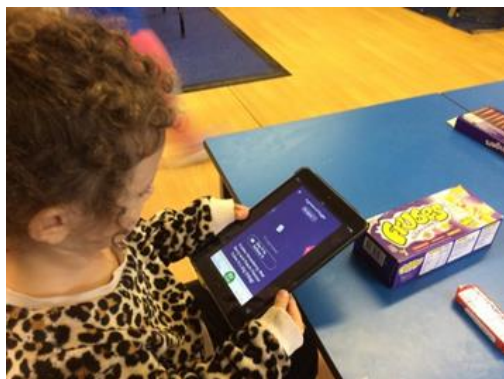
At Hardwick Pre-School the children have been learning all about fruits. They have made fruit smoothies to drink at snack time and have made an apple and blackberry crumble to take home.



The children have played a ‘fruit basket’ listening and attention game, sung fruit songs and listened to fruit stories. On the interactive whiteboard they have played a Gigglebies Fruity Park game.



They have looked at an apple to do an observational painting. We have found out where fruits grow and have also used our senses to taste, touch and smell fruit.



It was British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week (w/c September 28th) so we used the iPads and a Change4Life food scanner to predict then see how many sugar cubes were in foods and drinks we normally consumed.

We carried out activities to keep our bodies healthy such as bathing babies and an obstacle course. We also sorted food and drink into those which were good for our bodies and those which were only okay sometimes for a treat.



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Special services & events, in-person and online, in November

Remembering those we love who have died, from 1st November



‘Circle of remembering’, add a named stone to the installation in St Mary's churchyard (1st to 15th Nov)

Short ‘prayer at home’ video reflection, with candle

4pm, 1st Nov. In-person service of readings and reflection. Book-

ing needed via cebigg53@gmail.com

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November

10.55am, short outdoor act of remembrance and commitment to peace in St Mary's churchyard for those who have died in the service of others (including keyworkers this year). Wreaths or similar welcome.



United, annual, area-wide video service, 22nd November

10.30am, on-line streamed service for 2020: ‘New

challenges, new hope'. Compiled by members of churches of all kinds, in communities west of Cambridge, with national speaker Elaine Storkey.

Other in-person and online Sunday services in November

1st and 15th November

9.30am Simple, in-person communion service
'Worship at Home' audio service

29th November – First Sunday in Advent

Simple, in-person 'Service of the Word' with reflections
'Worship at Home' audio service

More details on all the above on our website or Facebook group.

'Worship at Home' audio/podcast and downloadable

resources. Available each Sunday via the church website and FB group and at

www.lordsbridge.org. The text is also available in writing via our e-mailing list. To be added to our mailing list, please contact alisonmyers@lordsbridge.org with your details.



In-person services. If the weather is good, we may hold a service outdoors under the trees in the churchyard. Bring something to sit on if you can; a few chairs will be available. Please bring a face covering for services indoors. Covid-safe guidelines will be followed.

Children and families. As part of our ‘Worship at Home’ resources each week we are providing a sheet of children and family ‘Pic n Mix’ activities. You can receive this by subscribing to the mailing list via alisonmyers@lordsbridge.org or checking the church Facebook group.

Young people. Church youth work locally is run by WCCYM. Young people are currently meeting at CVC and monthly on Zoom to explore faith and be together. More from alisonmyers@lordsbridge.org

Church building open. The church building is usually open for personal visits and private prayer from 9am - 6pm on Thursdays, and on Sundays after the morning service.

Funerals, christenings and weddings. Currently we are able to host funerals for up to 30, and christenings and weddings for up to 15, in accordance with the guidelines.

Pastoral care. Please contact Clare if you or someone you know would like us to be in touch (via phone or email at the moment): cebigg53@gmail.com or 211673.



Christmas? We're working on it! ...on ways in which we can help each other celebrate (or mark) a 2020 Christmas - in the church building and churchyard, at home with social media and online, and in our community. #together #LightInTheDarkness

The church also held an event on Thursday, October 15th as part of Baby Loss Awareness Week where villagers could drop in and add a heart or light a candle.



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With plenty of people having clear-outs during lockdown and there being limited places to send unwanted items, with charity shops closed or overloaded, and tips and recycling centres limiting items, people were keen to offload some things. I had around 20 houses take part which was amazing. I set up a fundraising page for a NHS charity so anyone who took part in the Hardwick Garage Sale paid a donation of £5 towards the charity and were able to keep any extra profit for themselves.

We raised a total of £120 for charity. We made sure that while the event took place we were social distancing and using hand gel in between visiting houses. Due to the amazing interest we had, I will be running this again during spring or summer time when it's warmer as we were unlucky on the weekend with the cold weather. I look forward to arranging this event soon with the village. Any comments or suggestions to improve the next Hardwick Garage Sale, for example times or who to fundraise for, please contact me on nlm_94@hotmail.co.uk.

You can donate to Nicole's cause, the CNWL NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund, at: tinyurl.com/y659odpm. We have shortened the link so it is easier for you to type.

HARDWICK COVID SNAKE

By Anne Jones

As I reported last month, we are hoping to make the Hardwick Covid Snake a permanent fixture starting at the entrance to the school but I need permission from the County Council to embed it on its land. I have contacted our County Councillor, Lina Nieto and I am waiting for her to get back to me. The Headmaster, Mr Hoban is supporting the idea and will get the school involved when we get the go-ahead. He writes:

Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School are very proud to be involved with the Covid Snake Project. Life during this pandemic has had its twists and turns, but it has been far from all bad. Projects like this show how children still enjoy a sense of community and having opportunities to work collaboratively, even if not directly with one another. On top of all of that, it looks amazing. We know it will put a smile on many faces who see it snaking its way past our existing sculpture. We shall be adding to it with classes from school creating their own rocks to be included. Finally, to all the children and families who have contributed a rock- thank you. We hope to enjoy this for years to come.

In the meantime, please retrieve your pebble from the tennis courts and any remaining will be taken to James Wakeling's house, Skylark, 5 Lark Rise (off Hall Drive). If you haven't done so already, get your pebble/stone painted, but only on the top as the underside will not be seen. Watch this space!



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SNIPPETS

By Howard Baker

I don't get out much these days so it was almost a pleasant surprise to be offered an appointment at Addenbrooke's Eye Clinic recently. Although it involved wearing a mask for five hours and waiting two hours to be seen by a doctor I was still grateful, as always, for the wonders of our National Health Service. I have had two cataract operations in the last three years and now my eyesight is officially 'good'. Worth waiting two hours to hear that.



On the reading front I am now on the fourth of the five detective novels written by Robert Galbraith, better known as J.K. Rowling of Harry Potter fame. These novels feature the private detective Cormoran Strike who had half of his left leg shot away while serving in Afghanistan.



Like all good detectives Strike has a reliable assistant, Robin Ellacott. In one dramatic scene he sacks her for disobeying orders (and nearly getting herself killed in the process) then gets a friend to drive him up to Yorkshire and interrupts her wedding in order to re-instate her.

The Prime Minister said it will all be over by Christmas but they said that about the First World War, didn't they? Will he suspend all the temporary restrictions for Christmas, or will we all ignore them?

Some of the village Christmas activities have already been cancelled, but maybe we will be able to sing carols wearing our masks and observing social distance.

And if it won't be over by Christmas, when will it be over? It must surely be over in time for the great annual quiz in March. I can't imagine a virtual quiz. I'd miss those bread rolls and cheese.

As you may have noticed we have a Guest Editor for this edition. This was Peter's idea as he wanted to take a somewhat belated summer holiday.

Some of you may remember Daniel from his time working in the shop. He has a degree in journalism and experience in both print and broadcast work.

We welcome him to the team.

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THE LATEST FROM THE GUIDES

By Guide & Ranger leaders Janet Hayman & Kirsty Orange

Since the last update we have moved back to Zoom Guide and Ranger meetings due to the nights drawing in and the weather turning, making outdoor meetings harder. We have enjoyed doing more from the Unit Meeting activities for both the Guide and Ranger meetings.



We are hoping to be able to move to having indoor meetings in the Scout and Guide Hut, but we are awaiting approval of our risk assessment and having to keep up with the ever changing government guidance.

Over the last few weeks the Guides have taken part lots of activities around the subject of space. They have done the UMA Solar Simulation where they made (unfortunately not with great success) lava lamps. They also did the 'Intergalactic Snacks' where they tried to make breakfast for astronauts.

We had mixed success with this too. They had to make the packaging from a choice of foil, a straw, carrier bag, cling film, and small pieces of sellotape.

The girls had some great imagination with their designs. Where their success was mixed was when we added water to their cereal and milk powder mix. In their most recent activity, they made a necklace of the planets in our solar system.

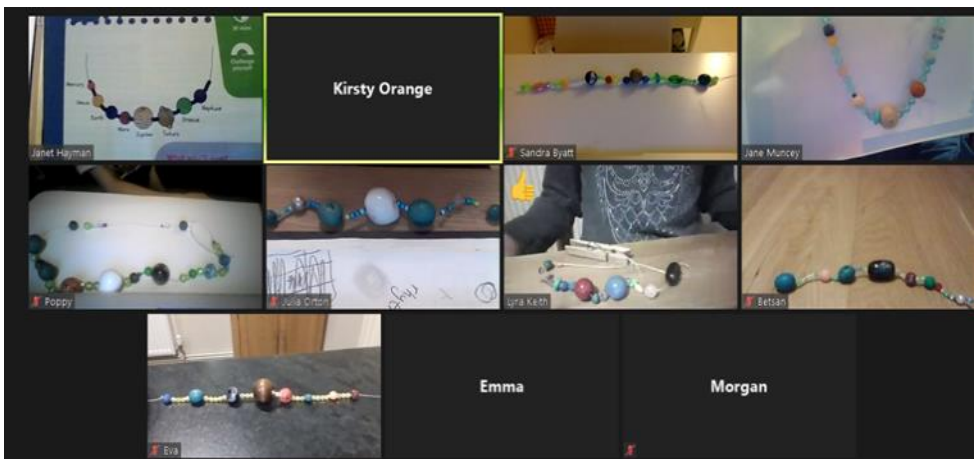
The Rangers have also been doing Unit Meeting Activities. They have done a range of activities which have included keeping with the Guides space theme by doing the UMA Starry Sensations where they made a sensory journey for different star facts.

They also had a meeting on ‘Unsung Stories’ where we celebrated Black History Month looking at inspiring black women. It inspired a lovely talk about Black History Month and why we celebrate it.

They also they did an activity, ‘Talk the Talk’ where they had to use debating skills to persuade others to their different options, for example why their favourite chocolate bar or sweet was the best.

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





Hardwick Evangelical Church

Still meeting weekly on Sunday mornings at 10.30am.
Everybody welcome!
Details of how to join the services, either by Zoom or on YouTube, at www.HEChurch.co.uk



Throughout December Hardwick Evangelical Church and St Mary's are teaming up to create a way for our community to mark the season of Advent together.

Each weekend during December, Advent windows will be displayed in homes in Hardwick to help tell the Christmas story and reflect on what Christmas means to each of us.

Although we are not able to gather together in the usual ways, we can connect together this Christmas by signing up for a free resource pack, creating and sharing our own Advent windows, visiting the windows or using the suggestions in the Hardwick Advent Windows Calendar to reflect on and explore the story in our own homes.

To keep up to date with the latest plans, see "**Hardwick Advent Windows**" Facebook page and look out for our **Hardwick Advent Windows Calendar** coming out at the end of November.

**Hardwick Advent Windows –
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Please do keep an eye on the Library pages on the County Council website and the Library Service social media platforms for any changes to our offer, as these will be publicised as soon as they are known.

Now the weather is colder and the days shorter, have you thought about taking a look at the programme of free interactive talks and events for older adults, EngAGE Online. Full details of upcoming events are on the Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook page.

If you would like to be part of the audience, from the comfort of your armchair, you can request a virtual ticket by sending an email to volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. The Autumn season of The Library Presents ‘In Your House’ is now well under way.

Full details of what’s on offer are available on The Library Presents page of our website, where you can also sign up to receive The Library Presents newsletter, or, if you use social media, like and follow @TheLibraryPresents on Facebook or Instagram. You can also find further information at Library Live, www.library.live/the-library-presents.

We also have lots of online resources to keep you informed and entertained: e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines and e-comics,

which are free to download on to your PC, tablet or smartphone. Your library card will also give you access to encyclopaedias, directories, genealogy, history and music resources, not to mention online film, health resources and details of online learning courses.

If you don't already have library membership, you can register for a library card via the County Council website, or call our Customer Services team on 0345 045 5225. When your library card is ready, you will receive an email and be able to collect the card from the library. If you are able to show recent proof of address when you collect your card, your membership will be upgraded to full membership straightaway.

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TAKE UP A CHARITY CHALLENGE

A charity that helps families across the area wants us to work up a sweat to raise cash for them. Home-Start is encouraging us to organise climbing, running, cycling and walking fundraisers as well as 30-Day Challenges where people take on a different challenge every day for a month. Home-Start is a volunteer-led charity which provides support for parents and offers services such as home visits and support groups. To get some inspiration, visit Time Outdoors and EasyFundraising to get ideas. For more information and to discuss fundraising ideas visit www.hsrsc.org.uk or email admin@hsrsc.org.uk.



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Hardwick Network



Hardwick Network is the village's COVID-19 mutual aid community organisation. Network volunteers can provide support with shopping, collecting prescriptions, social contact and other activities if you are isolating due to COVID-19.

November update

COVID-19 support resources available

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) sends regular updates to community groups such as Hardwick Network containing information about support and resources available to residents during the pandemic. We will share these with you in Hardwick Happenings each month, and also on the Hardwick Network website (www.hardwicknetwork.co.uk) and the village Facebook page.

Can't easily access the internet? We can help

Most resources are available on the internet. If you are unable to access the internet easily and would like to find out more about support available, please contact me using the details at the end of this article or contact your Hardwick Network volunteer.

Financial support for people told to isolate

The Government has created a new package to support and

enforce self-isolation with payments of £500 for people who have been asked to isolate by NHS Test & Trace. You can apply for this payment via an online form on the council website: www.scams.gov.uk/coronavirus/self-isolation-payment/ If you are not eligible for this scheme you should still contact SCDC, as other support may be available during self-isolation.

Priority slots for online supermarket delivery

SCDC has access to supermarket slots from Tesco and Iceland. These are limited and are for people who cannot go food shopping due to Covid-19 related reasons. You can find out more here: www.scams.gov.uk/coronavirus/support-for-residents/priorityfood-delivery-for-tesco-and-iceland/.

COVID-19 information posters

A range of posters are available to promote the need to all do our bit to control the virus. These could be used at work, at school or with any community groups. Materials are available here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-campaign-for-communities>

Mental health and wellbeing support services

As we approach winter and possibly further restrictions on our daily activities, our mental health and wellbeing is likely to come under increasing strain. There are lots of resources available out there to help you through this tough time.

www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus is a website that provides easy to understand information about how to look after your mental health. There are different sections for parents, young people, those facing financial difficulties and others.

As ever, please get in touch with your Hardwick Network volunteer or with me if you need some support or if you would like to find out more about the resources available to help you through the next few months.

We would love to hear from you.

Ruth Enge, Hardwick Network Coordinator
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There are many helpful sites including:

- Young Minds
- Maternal Mental Health Alliance
- MIND also have a dedicated section with help and advice to help people during the coronavirus pandemic.

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During the 20th century, motor transport and bicycles became increasingly important and horses almost disappeared from the roads. By the 21st century, these changes in transport and the transition of Cambridge into a hi-tech city released much of the commercial land for residential and leisure development as you will observe on the walk. The number quiz is suitable for children of all ages who should be accompanied by an adult as there are streams and some ‘off the beaten track’ paths to explore. Adults will also enjoy taking part as there are some interesting places to see. There is no fixed time to complete the trail – we suggest you allow around two hours.

You can do the event any time you like and can print off the answer sheet for the quiz here: tinyurl.com/y3y5n7q7 and the map here: tinyurl.com/yynfwwp8. **Please ensure that if you take part that you do so in line with Covid-19 guidelines.**

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Group/ Organisation	Venue	Day	Time	Contact	Other details
Pilates	Cabin at St Mary's	Mon	10.30am – 11.30am	Lauren Daynes Lauren.daynes@aol.co.uk	
Brownies	Cabin at St Mary's	Mon	5.30pm – 7pm	Michelle Teague hardwickbrownies@ hotmail.co.uk	Girls 7 - 10 yrs
Scouts	Scout & Guide Hut	Mon	7pm – 9pm	Paul Woodridge Tel:01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	Boys & girls 10.6 – 14 yrs
Jazzercise	Hardwick School	Mon	7.45pm	Dana jazzercise@cambourne@ gmail.com Tel: 07760624609	Age 16+ any gender
Tuesday Mornings at St Mary's	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	9.30am – 11am	Clare Bigg cebigg53@gmail.com	For parents, carers & their under 5s
Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	2pm – 4pm	Nicky Kerr kerranica@gmail.com	Alternate weeks
Rainbows	Scout & Guide Hut	Tues	4.30pm– 5.30pm	Jane Muncey 1hardwickrainbows@gmail.com	Girls 5 - 7 yrs
Yoga	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	6.15pm – 7.15pm	Michelle Veenman michelle.veenman@googlemail.com	
Guides	Scout & Guide Hut	Tues	6.30pm– 8.30pm	Janet Hayman hardwickguides@gmail.com	Girls 10 - 15 yrs
Hardwick Parish Council	Zoom	Tues	7pm – 9.30pm	Gail Stoehr, Clerk to the Council hardwickpc@lgs-services.co.uk 01954 210241	4 th Tues in the month Hardwick- cambs.org.uk
Explorers	Scout & Guide Hut	Wed	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Paul Woodridge Tel:01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	Boys & girls 14 – 18 yrs
W.I.	Zoom	Wed	7.30pm – 10pm	Anne Jones jeffandanne23@gmail.com	3 rd Wed in the month
Mums & Babes	Cabin at St Mary's	Thurs	10.30am - midday	Ali Marcus Alison.marcus140@gmail.com	
Cabin Creative	Cabin at St Mary's	Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Thelma Westbury	Alternate

Arts	St Mary's	Thurs	2pm – 5pm	tpwestbury@gmail.com	weeks
Friendship Club	HSSC	Thurs	6.15pm – 7.45pm	Joan Segrave Rajo67@hotmail.co.uk	Adults over 50
Cubs	Scout & Guide Hut	Thurs	10.45am – 11.45am	Paul Woodridge Tel:01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	Boys & girls 8 – 10.6 yrs
Pilates	Cabin at St Mary's	Fri	5pm – 6pm	Lauren Daynes Lauren.daynes@aol.co.uk	Boys & girls 6 - 8 years
Beavers	Scout & Guide Hut	Fri	10am - midday	Paul Woodridge 01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	1 st Sat in the month
Pippin's Community Cafe	Hardwick School	Sat	9.30am-10.30am	Anne Jones jeffandanne23@gmail.com	
St Mary's Church	St Mary's Church	Sun	10.30am	Rev Alison Myers alisonmyers@lordsbridge.org	
Evangelical Church	Hardwick School	Sun	9.30am – 10.30am	Steve & Kate Gaze Minister.hechurch@gmail.com	
Sunday Club	Cabin at St Mary's	Sun 1 st & 3 rd		Peter Cornwell pccornwell@icloud.com	Reception - Yr 13
Hardwick & Caldecote Cricket Club				Chris Fuller Tel: 07557 388229 chris5fuller@gmail.com	Adults & children over 5 yrs
Hardwick Football Club				Kris Edwards hardwickfc@gmail.com	
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	
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