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EDITORIAL

Four firsts

Regular readers of this column will know that I am keen on reporting on new things which have not happened in the village before.



For the first time Hardwick held its own Eco event. This was a far cry from the madness of extinction rebellion and included lots of simple ways that we can all begin to try and help to save the planet from the worst of climate change. Shaun Hughes reports on page 12.

A massive village party was held on the 11th of September to celebrate the end, of lockdown. Opposite, Robbie says thank you and there are lots of photos on pages 2 and 3.

We have a new feature this time which asks you to make a difficult decision on what to do in a particular circumstance. Have a look at page 48 and you will see what I mean. For the first time we have a feature on two newcomers to the village. Hopefully others will take up their pens and introduce people who are new. Over to you.

On page 30, non-church -goer, Howard pays tribute to Alison Myers, our much-loved and highly respected priest who has moved on to be warden at Launde Abbey. Thank you Alison for all you have done for the life of the village. Good luck in your new home and new life at Launde.

Thank you, too, to Roger Worland who has been responsible for HH advertising for the last few years. It was great working with you. Good luck in your new home and your new life in Cardiff.

‘On behalf of the organisers of the Hardwick Party, we’d like to say a few thank yous to those who made the whole day possible. A massive thank you must go to the Parish Council who, alongside a generous gift from the Hills developers funded the day. Thanks must also go to the Hardwick Community Association and particularly Claire Arber who has processed the money in and out for the event.

The event would not have been possible without the fantastic team work and cooperation from some key organisations and groups within the village namely those on the organising committee from the PTA, Pre-school, The W.I., both churches in the village, the Sports and Social Club, the Parish Council, the Scouts and Guides and the Hardwick Network. This cooperation and community spirit was evident on the day with all facets of village life represented throughout the programme whether it be the sports and social club laying on the bar for the whole event, the variety of market stalls representing local businesses and organisations, the scouts running the barbecue, the PTA and pre-school facilitating the kids activities, the W.I selling cream teas or the guides providing the marquees.

Local businesses rallied around to help as well. Foundry Productions run by Charlie Rayner and Russell Challis provided the PA for the day, managing the musical side of the day. Ash Croft Veterinary Surgery superbly ran the dog show and provided the judging, and thanks to Oakington Dog Day Care, Fish4Dogs, Nutty about Pets and Laura Country Cuts for the prizes. Decathlon provided vouchers and prizes for the skate competition.

. The day was rounded off perfectly as Ella and Christian from The Star and Mouse Picture Show came along to brilliantly run the inflatable screen for the evening film.

Thanks must go to the businesses and individuals who provided raffle prizes for the event. They were:

Ski Exchange in Dry Drayton, Floor Coverings Ltd, The Blue Lion, The Sports and Social Club, CSC Automotive, Dean and Cathy Wellbe-
love, Dec Turner and family, CDC Events, Gin House Flowers, Amor
Training, Jeff Jones, Clare Jones Floral Design, Madingley Mulch
The Three Horseshoes, Nutty about Pets, The Beauty Spot.

Thanks to their generosity, we raised over £700 from the raffle, an amount that will be split between the three charities we set out to raise money for; Joe's Buddy Line, The Lisa Kent Trust and Addenbrookes Charitable Trust. A special thanks to Anthony Browne MP, Councillor Michael Atkins and Tony Gill of Hardwick Parish Council for helping with the prize giving.

And finally, thanks must go to the people of Hardwick and other visitors for coming along and taking part, for dedicating time to entering competitions, for staying around to help pack down, for spending money knowing that it will support local businesses and local people.

When we met in January to initially discuss holding a village party, we wanted it to achieve a few things - bring the community together, be of benefit to the local community and to celebrate the best things about living in Hardwick. Just a few days on from what was a wonderful day, I think we can say we did what we set out to do.

Thanks so much for your support - until next time! **Robbie**

Parish Council Newsbites

Meetings venue

The council decided at its last meeting that the venue for future meetings will be in the St Mary's Cabin until the end of the financial year (March 2022) – at which point the arrangement will be reviewed.

For anyone interested in Parish Council matters, minutes of meetings can be found on the Village website, or you can also contact the Clerk (clerk@hardwick-cambs.ac.uk).

There are still some vacancies for interested residents to join the Parish Council.

Village pond smell

This point has been raised by some residents, and the Parish Council has been looking for guidance and advice from organizations like Wildlife Trust, Freshwater Habitats and others, into how to address the matter. For further updates, please check upcoming meeting minutes.

St Neot's Road and C2C update

There are now further complications for St Neots Road which the Parish Council is trying to address with both the Greater Cambridge Partnership and the Active Travel group of Cambridge County Council. At the Hardwick public meeting on 13th July, GCP advised they are considering a *segregated but on-carriageway* option for their proposed C2C Busway which although itself raises many questions, might save some of our trees. The proposal currently published is for an *off-road* C2C Busway which would take out much of the tree cover between the A428 and the residents and businesses along St Neots Road.

At the HPC Meeting on 27th July, Councillors agreed to request a review of how this option might be implemented especially as there is now an Active Travel Proposal which if implemented would restrict cars (except for access) from St Neots Road between Cambridge Road and Long Road Comberton. As this conflicts somewhat with GCP plans and County Highways designs for our funded proposal for pedestrian safety islands and the New Village Entrance by 1 St Neots Road, the GCP proposal leaves Hardwick in need of answers.

We also need to know when and if the new footpath along the whole length of St Neots Road will be implemented. This 3m mixed use foot and cycle path has been on the burner for some years but currently is designed to take out the lay-bys on the road.

Meanwhile we continue to press for relief of morning commuter congestion on the Madingley Hill.

New Parish Notice Board

There is a new Parish Council notice board in place near the village shop, which hopefully will make it easier for residents to keep up-to-date with Parish Council and village matters. A word of thanks for Michael Barry, from *FL Decorators*, who generously did the installation

On behalf of the HPC Communications Working Group

The 2021 Hardwick Eco Event

Hardwick's inaugural Eco Event took place on Saturday 4th September in and around the new Cabin building and St Mary's church. It resulted in a screening of David Attenborough's 'A Life on Our Planet', 27 stall holders and 9 speakers, providing information and enthusiasm on a wide range of sustainable ideas:

- 41 individual pledges to reduce CO2 emissions over the next 12 months
- Heat Pumps and Insulation
- Wildlife Trust
- Swap stalls for school uniforms, books, toys, clothes and seeds
- Vegan Food and Recipes
- How St Mary's is becoming more sustainable
- Fairtrade
- A Green Weigh shop
- Solar panels
- The Carbon Footprint of Wine
- Composting and organic gardening
- Green Investment advice
- Interactive projects for children: composting in a lemonade bottle, paper making and surveys of wildlife, log moisture and nettles
- How to get the most from Solar PV
- The Lisa Kent Trust
- Local experience of owning an Electric Car
- A Christian view of Sustainability and Biodiversity
- How to support the local wildlife in Cambridgeshire
- The ins and outs of Electric Bikes
- A Bicycle Repair Shop
- Sustainability projects at Comberton Village College
- What is easy and what is difficult about reducing your carbon footprint
- A guided local cycle ride

An Open Mic "soap box" for young people to voice their concerns

A few of the stalls were inside the Cabin's main hall but most were outside under gazebos. The speakers were in the church deliberately away from the stalls so they could be heard and the audience could sit in relatively safe Covid isolation: 4 in the morning and 5 in the afternoon. Each talk was 10 minutes with 5 minutes for questions. The film was also screened in the church as it shared the same AV equipment as the speakers. Permission to screen it was obtained by registering the event at the [David Attenborough web-site](#). Those who watched it found it moving, shocking and inspirational.

Sustenance was provided with teas and coffees and delicious home-made cakes and a campfire heating a very tasty cooked lunch made from locally produced food.

How did it happen?

A steering committee was formed of about 8 representatives of the three organisations. Regular monthly meetings were held, initially via Zoom and then face-face outside the Cabin when lockdown was eased. These generated ideas and actions and devolved responsibilities for organising the food, stalls, refreshments and speakers. From July the meetings were every two weeks, with progress and commitments being reported.

Potential speakers and stallholders were mainly identified by local knowledge and word of mouth. Many of the speakers were recommended by similar groups in the Cambridgeshire Climate Emergency Community Organisers from nearby villages.

On the day each attendee was welcomed by one of our younger volunteers. This turned out to be very important as attendees immediately got a feel for how friendly and positive the event was and could ask all their initial questions about the event. Printed copies of the programme were available detailing talks, stalls and events. A QR code was also made to be scanned by mobile phones to access the website version of the programme.

Planning started in December 2020 during lockdown as a joint project between St Mary's Church Hardwick, Hardwick Evangelical Church and the Hardwick Climate Action Group, with the aim to highlight what is being done to help the environment and to increase awareness of the need for further action, particularly locally.

The following Sunday a joint service of the two churches was held outside the Cabin where prayers were made to reaffirm commitments to be more sustainable.

Finance and Publicity

Attendance was identified as a major risk, which also made planning for refreshments difficult. We aimed for 100-150 people, but we had no idea really how many people would turn up. This made planning for food and drink very hard. It was vital that as many people as possible attended the event, otherwise there was not much point organising it. Hence a major part of the planning was devoted to publicity.

Expected costs were identified for publicity (a leaflet drop to every house in Hardwick, posters in nearby villages and a large sign outside the church) and a small grant applied for and awarded by the Peoples' Postcode Lottery and the Postcode Places Trust. Admission to the event, food and refreshments were free but donations were encouraged. A programme was produced about a week before the event and posted on the [event's website](#), Facebook page and in email shots (including all parents of school students) and two messages were sent via the [Nextdoor](#) app covering about 12 surrounding villages.

As well as the paper publicity, articles were posted in the Hardwick Happenings (the village's monthly newsletter sent to every house in Hardwick), on the Hardwick group's Facebook pages and email shots to various village mailing lists. Word of mouth was also vital, with door-knocks, friends and family and schools encouraged to spread the word. This resulted in 266 attendees on the day (about 9% of the Hardwick population) with some coming from nearby villages and Cambridge.



PIPPIN'S



Coffee and Company

Hooray!

Pippin's is returning on Saturday October 2nd from
10am – midday

To ensure that we are as Covid-safe as we can be,
please note the following:

- We are continuing to use the Community Room with fewer tables and chairs and if the weather allows, more outdoor seating. If the weather is not good, we will use the main hall too.
- Use sanitiser as you enter and make your way to a table to avoid queuing.
- Wear a mask until you are seated
- There will be waitress service, so please be patient and understanding.
- A list of cakes available will be displayed on your table.

If you would like to join the Pippin's team as a helper and/or a baker, please let me know. I am more than happy to have a chat with you before you commit to anything at Pippin's.

Anne Jones

Contact me on Jeffandanne23@gmail.com,

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Feedback All the speakers were thanked after the event and their feedback requested, which was very positive:

- I was very impressed and to get so many people in its first year is amazing
- Great event and really glad it was a success
- It seemed to me a very nice atmosphere with lots of good stuff going on
- It was a delight to be involved and to see it all. A really great event.
- I had 3 new members join our trust on the day which is very pleasing and spoke to quite a few families as well. I met lots of existing trust members too, which is always nice and it's great to update them with our latest news. Plenty of others seemed very interested in our work so hopefully a few more may get involved with us in the near future. It really is important to promote what we're trying

And constructive:

- Possibly the marketing could have happened earlier
- People need to think in advance about bringing stuff to swap
- Perhaps it would be good to think about how to increase ambition and participation and grow the event further

Interesting you are thinking of an annual event... I wonder whether it would have more impact if it 'went on tour'... what about holding something similar in Comberton next year, using the know-how and contacts and so on from this year?!

The stall holders feedback:

- We had loads of enquiries - we hardly paused for breath. Obviously it is too soon to tell what the results will be but I would be very surprised if there were not lots of follow-ups.
- We did really well, from my side we had around 20 direct enquiries

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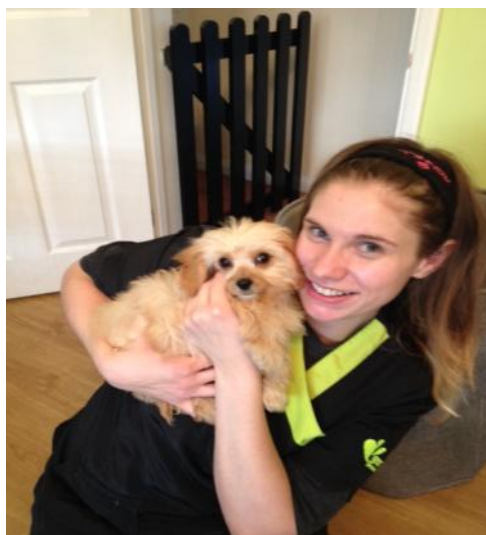
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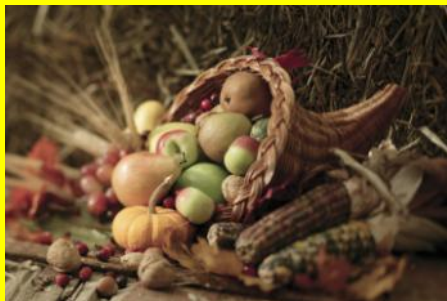
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- With hindsight I could have brought my laptop with [installation] videos, so if you hold another event perhaps we could use a projector or TV to run a couple of videos that show what different products are and how they are installed

Challenges This was the first Event we have done, so there was a lot of ‘making it up’ as we went along’ in terms of planning. We will have this event as a foundation when planning the next one.

- Many attendees weren’t prepared for the swap stalls, some went home to get toys to swap once they realised how they work. Next time we should give the village enough notice about the swaps, so they can think about what items to bring. As this is a new concept for the village, perhaps we need to do an event dedicated to swaps.
- Engaging and involving young people – how can we do this better?

The ‘big-ticket’ items, such as installing solar panels or heat pumps, require time, commitment and resources with up-front research and planning required. We could make this easier by pooling common actions, such as identifying the best products and installers and bargain reduced prices through bulk orders. We should establish special interest groups for the people who are interested, do one lot of research and pool resources to get the best deals. Maybe provide sign-up sheets next time?

Next Steps

The post-event wrap-up of the steering committee took place a few days later and identified the above challenges.

From the donations received for refreshments it was resolved to reimburse some of the stall holders who had significant costs.

During the event we were approached from representatives of nearby local groups (Toft, Waterbeach and Oakington) to collaborate if possible. We agreed to share our expertise and experiences

on hosting an Eco Event. For future events, perhaps local villages could run events on the same day as us – we could then share speakers and resources. We were reluctant to do joint events with other villages as it is unlikely as many people from Hardwick would travel to another village, so Hardwick might lose potential attendees.

We decided that Saturday 17th September 2022 would be a better day to hold the next event as schools would then have returned which might help to better involve younger people. A joint service would also be held the following day as this was a very positive event.

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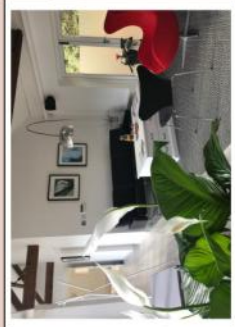
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Have you ever thought about the Carbon Footprint of your bottle of wine?

Neither had I, until Peter asked me to run a stall about it at the recent Eco Event in the village.

The biggest part of a bottle of wine's carbon Footprint (CF) is the production of the glass and its transport. (See How Bad are Bananas by Mike Berners-Lee) The furnaces that make the glass are not turned off overnight or at weekends, as temperatures have to be maintained. Even when we recycle our empties, they are crushed and melted again in these furnaces. Interestingly, the overall distance a bottle has to travel does not necessarily correlate to emissions. Miles travelled by sea have a lower CF than road miles in a truck, so wine from Australia or California may well beat a bottle from Europe.

Another thing to look out for is where your wine has been bottled. If it is bottled at source, then it has been expensive in CF terms to transport here. But a lot of wine nowadays is transported here in huge flexitanks, and bottled in the UK. It's all there on the label, albeit in quite small print!

At the Eco Event, I ran a 'taste test' to see if people could differentiate between wine from a bottle, and the identical wine from a box. Most people couldn't, and happily quaffed the samples! Those that could tell the difference said it wasn't enough for them not to buy a box, and pledges were made to investigate this. The more we buy boxes of wine, the more choice supermarkets will provide.

I also brought along a bottle of Banrock Station wine, in a plastic bottle. This is lightweight, being made for 100% recycled PET plastic, and available in Co-op stores. This is cheaper to transport, as it is lighter, and also the shape of the bottle allows for greater tessellation, so saves space as well. And you can fit more in your fridge! So it's a win-win.

Bear in mind that the absolute gold standard would be to cycle to Linton (our most local wine producer) and carry home your stash in your cycle paniers. You will have slashed your carbon footprint, and definitely deserved a tippie when you got home!

Sharon McMahon

Sling Your Hook Campaign Launched By Neighbourhood Watch To Tackle Scams

Dear All,

We are excited to tell you more about our [SLING YOUR HOOK campaign](#) to help tackle scams

WHY ‘SLING YOUR HOOK’?

The campaign taps into the psychology that scammers use to hook people in, helping you stay one step ahead and protect yourself and your loved ones against the increasing variety of scams happening every day. We’ve identified the following five behaviours scammers commonly use:

- They imply they’re doing you a favour (reciprocity)
- They indicate everyone else is doing this (social proof)
- They say your only chance is to act now (urgency)
- They act like they’re similar to you, so you like them and want to please them (connection)

They ask you to do one little thing which makes you do more (commitment).

We also know that often victims of scams report that in hindsight they felt something wasn’t quite right at the time. This campaign aims to raise awareness of the tactics scammers use and encourages people to ‘stop and think’ if something doesn’t FEEL, SEEM, LOOK or SOUND right. This allows them time to trust your gut instinct and help prevent becoming a scam victim.

“Everyone likes to feel special. But watch out! If a stranger is going out of their way for you, something fishy may be going on instead. Scammers like to offer one-off deals and favours. Don’t be afraid to tell them no.” John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network

How can you support this campaign?

LEARN: Visit our [scams website pages](#) to learn more about common scams, preventing scams, reporting scams, supporting victims and a scams campaign toolkit

SHARE: Follow us on our [Facebook](#) / [Twitter](#) / [Instagram](#) / [LinkedIn](#) channels and share our posts

JOIN THE CONVERSATION: Join us for an online talk (details below)

ONLINE TALKS

We are delivering a series of scams awareness online talks in partnership with the Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (DCPCU), the National Trading Standards Scams Team (NTSST) and Avast.

Anyone can attend, but we are now running waiting lists only for all the webinars apart from one! Last week we ran an online talk on **‘Exploring the psychology behind scams and how scammers are so effective at their crimes’**. It was so popular we have decided to re-run it on 27th July, 5pm. [Click here to book your place](#). Please note – this event will not be recorded.

Keep safe,

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This article was sent to me by email from NHW. It covers the subject well so I have not altered any of the content. The videos of 1hr are well worth looking at. So take care and tell them to SLING THEIR HOOK,

Back-numbers of HH can be found at the on-line archive:

Hardwick-cambs.org.uk/hardwick-happenings-archive

Speed in the village

Some changes in the Police approach to speed in the villages have led to increased involvement from Cambridge Constabulary in Hardwick. Sadly, a great many drivers are still showing complete disrespect for the village residents and disregard of the legal speed limits. News from Cambridge Constabulary Newsletter



“Last month (August 2021) the Constabulary created a new team dedicated to cracking down on speeding drivers across the county’s cities, towns, villages and rural roads. Officers from the ‘Neighbourhood Safer Speed Team’ held a day of action (2nd September) to address concerns from residents around speeding and anti-social driving.... including one for travelling 59mph in a 40mph in Hardwick.”

I should add that our village displays recorded 59mph in *Cambridge Road* 30mph on 22nd July at 10.23 and 26th July at 16.22!

Police presence on St Neots Road. We can expect to see much more in the future while speeds remain high.

Some recent data from Hardwick Displays

St Neots Road At our display by 77 St Neots Road, total both directions, we recorded a total of 11,453 vehicles exceeding 46mph, the police ticketing range. Highest speeds 92mph coming into the village, 96mph towards Madingley Mulch. The speeds were recorded on the stretch of St Neots Road between the village entrance and the display by 77 St Neots Road. Records for the 4 weeks to 22nd August.

Cambridge Road Vehicle speeds continue to exceed the legal limits. The display by 33 Cambridge Road recorded a total of 4,264 vehicles exceeding 35mph, the police ticketing range. in the 4 weeks to 21st July. We measured the traffic in both directions between Egremont Road and Kesters Close. The highest speeds recorded were 61mph heading towards the school and 60mph heading towards Main Street.

If you are interested in joining the team, our contact details are on page 2.

Community Speed Watch Team, Hardwick



FAREWELL, ALISON

Having been priest at St Mary's since 2010, Alison Myers is moving on. In this interview with Howard Baker she talks about her past and future.

Alison was born in Guisborough, in North Yorkshire and she says she was involved in the church from birth. Her family moved first to Cheshire when she was 2 and then to East Sussex when she was 6, when her father was seconded to the University of Sussex. She went to school in that region and moved on to Bristol University, where she took a degree in Computer Sciences.

She met her husband, Boyd, whilst at university when they were both summer volunteers running activities for children as part of a Christian beach holiday. They married when she graduated.

Her first job was creating software for signalling systems for British Rail, then into management consultancy working at the Stock Exchange in IT, in organisation design and change management.

She lived first in London then in Kent where her two sons were born, after which she worked as a freelance trainer and consultant for a variety of corporate, public sector and charity clients, specialising in organisations, teams and change.

Alison was ordained in 2007 after training part-time, which she thinks is an invaluable experience. She then moved to Cambourne, where she worked as an assistant minister. During this time she continued for three years with her on-the-job training.

Since she moved to Hardwick she has become Team Rector of a team of eleven village churches. She thinks that Hardwick is a good place for children to grow up in. During her time here she has seen the community spirit grow and she cites Pippins, Hardwick Happenings and the newly opened Cabin as examples of this.

Creating and contributing to a flourishing community has always been important to Alison, and of course adding the spiritual dimension to that flourishing. She is pleased that the St Mary's community has been involved in many of things around the village, and continues to be committed to playing a part in creating and sustaining a flourishing village community.

Alison is moving on to become Warden of Launde Abbey in Leicestershire, www.laundeabbey.org.uk. Her brief is to bring it out of the pandemic and develop it as a place for hospitality and learning, for spiritual growth and prayer.

She says that she will miss Hardwick and there is no doubt that the village will miss her greatly.

Cookery, Craft & Produce Show

Thank you to the adults and children, who took part in the Cookery, Craft & Produce Show at the Hardwick Party. Those of you who have lived in Hardwick for some time will remember the Hardwick Gardening Club Show which was held for many years up to the time when sadly, the Gardening Club disbanded. That was on a much bigger scale.

I hope those who entered the show had a lot of fun preparing for the day and those who won rosettes and certificates were very pleased with their efforts. However, it is not all about winning, but more taking part! Although the overall winners were announced on the day, I thought you may be interested in a breakdown of the results...

Sections 1 & 2 – Fruit, vegetables & flowers

Highest score: David Warboys Second highest score: Steve Edgley

Third highest score: Jeff Jones

Section 3 – Cookery & preserves

Highest score: Anne Jones Second highest score: Deborah Anderson

Third highest score: Alison Wakeling

Section 4 – Craft Highest score: Megumi Rider Second highest score (joint): Sarah Parker Jeff Jones

Section 5 – Children Up to 7 years Highest score: Thomas Brand 8
– 11 years Highest score: Poppy Brand

Well done everyone!

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Gardens for All

I agree that throwing away the rule book is drastic, but, over the past eighteen months or so every gardener will have discovered their own gardening directive, in that experimentation and using the resources you have to hand will have yielded some surprising results. This will undoubtedly have shown itself in our organic approach to gardening, when we haven't necessarily been able to use what is for some people, the usual round of pesticides, weed killers and fertilizers.

I fully appreciate that on some occasions nothing else will do, but, in so many ways rather than reaching for or using the familiar, why not try spending a bit of time thinking about and researching an environmentally and animal friendly alternative. You will see how few, if any, of those harmful 'old school' garden products are required, that are less kind to you (in the foods we grow), to the soil we grow them in, not forgetting the birds and wildlife in your garden.

Pelleted chicken manure, bone meal or good old fashioned well rotted horse manure are all excellent soil improvers that you could use when preparing your soil for the upcoming season prior to seed sowing or planting. Companion planting is another area to give consideration to, whereby particular vegetables, herbs or flowers are grown alongside others to deter pests. An example of this would be growing nasturtiums which attract aphids away from your bean crop, whilst also being attractive to good pollinators such as bees and butterflies. Some companion plants improve the soil, such as beetroot, peas and beans, that when grown add minerals to the soil.

Regular mulching around plants and trees will help the soil retain moisture. It also acts as a good weed suppressant.

Using weed killer often doesn't just kill the weeds, it can also damage or kill other plants, birds and animals. Making efforts to prevent the need for weed killer, if possible, is a good starting point. Many weeds produce endless seed which is how they spread so rapidly, but, regularly hoeing small weeds and thus stopping them producing seed, is a great help. If the weeds are larger they will need digging up and pulling out, root and all, a job that is much easier after a good rain fall, rather than trying to get them out of dry, baked soil. Spending a little time on a regular basis will make it far easier to stay on top of any gardening jobs.

Here's to adjusting the old ways and embracing the new!

Carole Oakes

Hardwick and Caldecote Community Car Scheme

Through Hardwick Happenings, may I please send a big thank you to the Community Car Scheme. I had some awkward surgery in May which left me a bit wobbly and unable to see to drive but in need of daily trips to Addenbrookes for follow up Radiotherapy. A great team of volunteers from the Car Scheme put together a schedule to take me in and out of Addenbrookes in July and August, waiting cheerfully, sometimes for an hour at a time. We live in the south of the village so could not consider our bus service and my good lady June no longer drives.

I learned a lot about the kindness there is in Caldecote and Hardwick and am very grateful that this Scheme exists. If you are ever in doubt about whether this service works I can tell you it works very well. It is very efficiently organised and when I am fit again, I want to offer my volunteer driver services, too

Thank you

Alan Everitt

VILLAGE DIARY

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Oct			
1 st	'Walking for Health' walking group	Blue Lion	11am
2 nd	Pippin's reopens!	Hardwick School	10am - midday
7 th	Quiz	HSSC	7.45pm
8 th	Library Bus - route H12	Hardwick School St Neots Rd, Blue Lion Limes Rd, near school	10.40am-11.50am 2.15pm - 2.30pm 2.40pm - 2.55pm 3.05pm - 4pm
9 th	St Mary's Harvest Supper & Ceilidh	Cabin at St Mary's	6.30pm
10 th	Harvest service	St Mary's Church	9.30am
10 th	Jazz afternoon with Sara Morrison	HSSC	2pm
12 th	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm
20 th	W.I. - Jason Middleton - 'Pearl, a famous gem'	Hardwick School	7.30pm
20 th	Bingo	HSSC	7.30pm
26 th	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm
26 th	Parish Council meeting	Cabin at St Mary's	7pm
30 th	St Mary's Book Sale	Cabin at St Mary's	10am - 4pm
Nov			
4 th	Quiz	HSSC	7.45pm
5 th	'Walking for Health' walking group	Blue Lion	11am
5 th	Soul & Motown with Cecil Faraji - Tickets £5 for mem-	HSSC	8pm

6 th	Pippin's		Hardwick School		10am - midday	
9 th	Colour Wheel		Cabin at St Mary's		1pm - 3pm	
12 th	Library Bus - route H12		As above		As above	
14 th	Remembrance Sunday					
17 th	W.I.-Saori Seward - 'The art of Japanese Furoshiki wrapping'		Hardwick School		7.30pm	
23 rd	Colour Wheel		Cabin at St Mary's		1pm - 3pm	
23 rd	Parish Council meeting		Cabin at St Mary's		7pm	
Dec						
2nd	Quiz		HSSC		7.45pm	
3 rd	'Walking for Health' walking group		Blue Lion		11am	
4 th	'G' comes with his singing, comedy & vocal impressions - Tickets £10 for members, £11 for non members		HSSC		TBC	
7 th	Colour Wheel		Cabin at St Mary's		1pm - 3pm	
8 th	Christmas coffee morning - organised by the W.I.		Cabin at St Mary's		10am	
4 th	Pippin's		Hardwick School		10am - midday	
10 th	Library Bus - route H12		As above		As above	
10 th - 12 th	Christmas Tree Festival		St Mary's Church			
14 th	Parish Council meeting		Cabin at St Mary's		7pm	
15 th	W.I. - Christmas Social		Hardwick School		7.30pm	
21 st	Colour Wheel		Cabin at St Mary's		1pm - 3pm	

Wildlife Trust BCN

West Cambridgeshire Hundreds Update: Oct 2021

Autumn is when our practical habitat management starts; this is often achieved through work parties. The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants' work parties are regular meetings of volunteers who carry out conservation tasks on our reserves. Many sites have dedicated volunteer wardens who lead the work parties under the guidance of our Reserves Team. In our West Cambs 100s larger woodlands, the main task is coppicing. This is where trees (often hazel) are cut down low to the ground using hand tools, either in patches to create glades, or along the wide paths (called rides). Areas are cut in rotation so there are always parts at different stages of regrowth to create a diverse structure in the wood. When coppiced trees grow back, they have multiple stems and create dense areas of habitat. You will have noticed in Hardwick Wood that recently coppiced areas are fenced. This stops deer eating the new shoots. It is recommended by Natural England that 20% of larger woodlands are open areas.

The open areas are sheltered and sunny and work well for flowers like the rare oxlip, and also pollinators like butterflies. The dense regrowth areas are good for nesting sites for birds like willow warblers.

These work parties happen over the winter so they don't disturb breeding birds. Winter is also a time when the trees are dormant and there is less sap in the branches; if trees are cut at the wrong time, they can leak sap and lose their stored sugar. Although coppicing looks destructive, it actually prolongs the life of trees and creates great habitat.

The product is sometimes sold. Long straight poles can be used for gardening supports, bigger pieces are chopped for firewood, and thinner branches can be bundled as "fascines" which are used by the trust for river restoration projects. You can arrange to buy these products by making contact with the volunteer warden.

As a charity, we rely heavily on our supporters who help practically or

financially, so we can look after special places like Hardwick Wood. You can help by becoming a member, volunteering, or by supporting our events.

If you are interested in joining a work party for Hardwick Wood, sessions happen regularly throughout the autumn and winter on Saturdays. Please find the contact details of the volunteer warden on our website. They need to know you are coming in order to manage group sizes. Older children



are welcome when accompanied by a responsible adult.

www.wildlifebcn.org/get-involved/volunteer.

If you are interested in learning more about wildlife in Hardwick Wood and other reserves nearby, please join me on seasonal stroll or family activity. www.wildlifebcn.org/events (events are discounted for members)

I'm Rebecca Neal and work with communities surrounding our West Cambs 100s reserves, delivering events and working with all ages.

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Meeting Jenny and Peter Huen, newcomers to the village

It is often said that Hardwick is a friendly village. I certainly believe it to be true. So if it is a friendly village, how can we do better at welcoming newcomers? Two of the most recent newcomers are Jenny and Peter Huen who arrived in Hardwick from Hong Kong a month ago. I got chatting to them at the eco event.

It is true to say that Jenny and Peter have escaped from a dire political situation. Things have become increasingly difficult in Hong Kong since the National Security Law was brought in; people disappear without trial, personal freedoms have been eroded, no one knows what is legal and what not and the notion of democracy has completely disappeared in all but name. At one point there were two million people on the streets protesting, but even that has become a dangerous thing to do.

Both say that they will miss their families, both have elderly parents whom they have left behind, but they are looking forward to finding new jobs, new hobbies and a new life. Peter worked for HSBC and Jenny in e-commerce, both think that they may seek a different course now. They are also keen to be involved in the life of the village.

When asked what they will most gain from life in the UK they were unhesitating in stating something which we all take for granted:

freedom of speech.

I finished by asking them if they thought Hardwick to be a friendly village. Again unhesitatingly they replied:

Definitely.

Welcome to Hardwick Jenny and Peter and to all the others who have moved in recently.

Peter Cornwell



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Mary's

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Nov 14th

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The Foodbank

Thanks again to those who have and continue to support the foodbank collection in the church porch. Unfortunately, the need is still there and many more jobs may be lost when the furlough scheme ends on 30th September adding to the number of people desperate for help.

Following are a couple of quotes from the Cambridge foodbank website.

“The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline.”

"We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK."

“Although the pandemic has accelerated hardship, and will likely continue to disrupt people's lives and livelihoods for some time, it is important to recognise that food poverty has existed in Cambridge for a long time now and it will continue to grow even when this dreadful pandemic is finally over. Food poverty in Cambridge and across the UK is a deep-rooted systemic issue which requires collaborative action and long-term solutions. Our vision is to eradicate the need for foodbanks altogether, but much work is needed on a national, governmental level to make this a reality.”

It would be wonderful if foodbanks were not needed, but until that day please continue to support the Hardwick collection.

Sue Cornwell



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Howard and Peter

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Decisionsdecisions.....decisions

Decisions is a new feature for HH. Each edition we hope to pose a question for you to think about. If you have an answer, and that won't always be the case, please let us know.

So the first poser is this:

You are on a fairly crowded train. In the next bay is a group of young people, all dressed in school uniform. They are swearing repeatedly in very loud voices.

What should you do or say?

The situation deteriorates. They are now verbally bullying one of their number.

What should you do or say?

The Plant & Produce stall at St Mary's Church

The plant & produce stall is still running. There are some plants available - now mainly perennials, and new produce is appearing daily. We have had tomatoes, plums, potatoes, beans, cabbage, apples, courgettes and marrows donated, so it is always worth a visit. Produce is usually straight from the plant or ground, is often organic and always has a zero carbon footprint.

Sue Cornwell



Sunday services at Hardwick School at 10.30am

The logo for Hardwick Evangelical Church features the text "hardwick evangelical church" in white, lowercase letters. The text is set against a dark blue, textured background that resembles a paintbrush stroke or a rough-edged rectangular shape. The word "hardwick" is on the top line, "evangelical" is on the middle line, and "church" is on the bottom line.

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE, 10.30AM, HARDWICK SCHOOL HALL

Sun. 30 October: Service with Young Church & Communion

Sun. 10 October: Service with Young Church

Sun. 17 October: Service with Young Church & Communion

Sun. 24 October: Service with Young Church

Sun. 31 October: Service with Young Church

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

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

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

Midweek activities

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

Prayer meeting - First Thursday of the month.

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After a summer break the Guides and Rangers are back and with the easing of restrictions we are now able to meet indoors back in the Scout and Guide hut with just the need for face masks due to us not being able to socially distance.

Over the summer we had some day camps where the

girls did outdoor cooking on wood fires, some activities that Guides did many years ago as part of the Guiding History badge – learning some Semaphore, various knots which might be useful later! As part of this we've also done / are still doing some Blitz cooking. Guides during WW2 cooked in brick Blitz ovens (made from bricks from bombed houses) for bombed out families and people. While we haven't tried to cook in a brick oven, we have been trying out various authentic WW2 recipes.

We pitched (put up) and struck (take down) one of the Guide tents, which are bell tents (wigwam/glamping style). We also made some bird feeders using oranges as the receptacle for the seeds. Made campfires, which

were the perfect time to have marshmallows and a good sing song round the campfire.

This term we are happy that things feel closer to a normal Guide and Ranger meeting and will be continuing on with our (not so new) programme and trying to help the girls continue to achieve Bronze, Silver, and/or Gold award through completing different themes in Guiding. Guides are aged 10-14 years old and Rangers are aged 14-18 years old. For more information about Guides or Rangers (or you are younger and would like your name to go on the joining list) please either email us at hardwick-guides@gmail.com or go to the Girlguiding website and follow the 'Join Us' link.

If you would like details of Rainbows (age 5 – 7 years) or Brownies (age 7 – 10 years) do get in touch as we can point you in the right direction.

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SNIPPETS

Howard Baker reflects on an award-winning novelist who nearly stepped under a tram by accident, and a tennis superstar whose teacher told her she would never make it.



It's not every day of the week that you learn that someone you once knew has received a major literary award worth £30,000, but it's just happened to me. Back in 1990 my wife and I were teaching English to employees of Fiat in Turin. There were about fifteen of us who reported for duty on a September morning at a small Fiat office which doubled as a school. Most of us were scheduled to work there but two people were sent to a Fiat subsidiary, Lancia, in a different part of the city. The lucky two were my wife, Helen, and a lady by the name of Susanna Clarke, who lives in Cambridge and has just won the Women's Prize for Fiction with her novel *Piranesi*.

If that name rings a bell, think *Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell*, which was her first novel, published in 2004, and which became a hit television drama. Sad to say that the stress of making public appearances and flying to different places triggered a stress related illness and she spent a period of time in hospital. It wouldn't have been surprising if she hadn't written another

Book but she defied any predictions by not only writing another book, but winning the Women's Prize for Fiction. Congratulations to her.

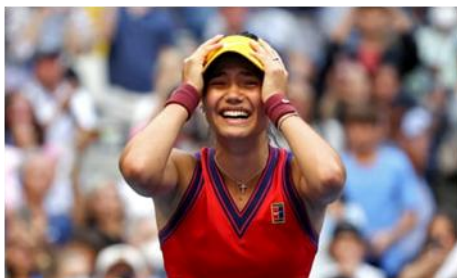
Her writing career might have ended long before it began, though.

The three of us were in the centre of Turin one Saturday afternoon and had travelled in by tram. Trams in Italy use the 'wrong' side of the road and are powered by electricity, which makes them totally silent. Susanna stepped off the tram and was about to walk in front of it as it moved on, and would have done if Helen had not grabbed her arm.

And talking of successful women, in the last edition of *Happenings* I mentioned the tennis player, Emma Raducanu, without giving her name. At that time we had just seen her led off the court at Wimbledon in tears.

Glad to say that she has recovered and yesterday she won the Women's Open in the U.S.A. What a fantastic achievement for an eighteen-year-old. Apparently one of her teachers told her to give up tennis because she would never make it. Sounds a bit like the teacher who told John Lennon he was totally devoid of musical ability.

Well done Emma!



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We have great news to celebrate – with the easing up of lock-down restrictions we are now meeting face-to-face. Our long-awaited Summer Social took place (way back in August); we were blessed with a lovely warm evening and we sat outside The Cabin and had our Bring & Share- (a packet of crisps!). Over 30 members attended and it was a great evening. Our next “live” meeting is being held back at the School – the first time since February 2020- lets hope it's the end of Zoom meetings for ever .

The Hardwick Village Party, which took place on 11th September was an opportunity for WI to “shine” – we opted to run Cream Teas from the Scout Hut . It was very successful and, as we ran out of 100 pots of cream, I guess we must have had more customers than cream! The money we raised will be split between two charities – Arthur Rank Hospice and East Anglian Air Ambulance – both very local and worthy causes. Thank you to all the WI members who baked the scones and who helped in many ways.

On the same theme ,at our October meeting we are all being asked to “wear pink” – and any donations received will be sent to support Breast Cancer. Our speaker for the evening is going to tell us all about PEARLS – so perhaps apart

from wearing pink we should dig out our pearls too!

Normal events are ongoing – Walks, Art groups, Book Clubs, Dining Out and even planning a trip to the Pantomime are all things coming up on our busy



W1 programme, But we shall miss our Cuppa/Cake/Chat which we have decided to stop as we are all resuming our busy lives..It has been most welcome in our darker days and much appreciated by all those who attended and who baked and provided seating and shelter for us-THANK YOU . We meet at the School on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm and we always welcome new members – the link below gives further details.

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Hardwick Sports and Social Club, like most of the hospitality industry, has been forced to close its doors for a large proportion of the last 18 months. Fortunately, thanks to the ongoing hard work of our manager & committee, we have survived, but will now rely heavily on our members & staff to support us as we reopen and rebuild.

The Sports and Social Club committee is 10 strong. Prior to Covid 19 we had recently had a refurbishment and now have a fantastic facility for the community to enjoy a drink, live entertainment, televised sports and a game of pool or darts. Our main incentive is to continue making improvements to the Club, providing a safe & friendly environment for members & guests and to support local charities & clubs.

We are primarily a Members Club but also warmly welcome guests. The membership system allows us to offer our members slightly discounted prices & free or reduced tickets to events & door access all with their membership cards. Membership is only £10 per year & we have voted to keep the renewal price at £5 for the remainder of 2021, so pop in or email hsscsecretary@mail.com for details on renewing or joining. We can now accept PayPal payments for

membership renewals, a link to which can be sent via email. Our Events Team had been working so hard to put together fantastic events ranging from live music, karaoke, fundraisers and themed food nights. We sincerely hope that these will continue once we are allowed. All of our events were and will be open to everyone (not just members) & we endeavour to continue to support local clubs & organisations. Our amazing Sophie has been working hard to launch our website www.hardwicksportsandsocialclub.co.uk which will have links to contact us for anything from an enquiry, complaint, bookings and listing all our events and opening times.

We are a friendly inclusive club always welcoming new faces so if you haven't already, please pop in or take a look at the website or Facebook Page 'Hardwick Sports and Social Club' to see our upcoming events & what we are about. The club is also available for private hire at a competitive rate, or free if it is for a fundraising event.

We are currently publishing our opening days and times on a weekly basis whilst we re-establish ourselves so please bear with us during the coming months. We are pleased to announce that we have started our monthly Quiz on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30pm and Bingo will start as a trial on Wednesday 20th October at 7:30pm. Other upcoming events include, Sunday Jazz afternoon with Sara Morrison, Sunday 10th October from 2pm, Soul & Motown evening with the popular Cecil Feraji, Friday 5th Nov from 8pm and finally we welcome act 'G' to wow us with his singing, comedy and vocal impressions on Saturday 4th December from 8pm.

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lights. The trees will be displayed in the church over the second weekend in December. The church

will be open to the public to view the trees for a small admission fee and festive refreshments will be available. This year we are marking the end of the Festival Weekend with a special Christmas Concert on the Sunday evening at 4pm led by Eversden Brass Band with Christmas carols. The pro-

ceeds raised will be divided between the Church Funds and **Wintercomfort**. We hope this will promote a spirit of community and thankfulness during the Christmas season. Please let me know by Friday October 15th at the latest, if you or your organisation will be joining in these Christmas festivities. More details will be sent to you if you are interested, nearer the time.

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Interim lead minister: Clare Bigg, Tel: 01954 211673; Email: cebigg53@gmail.com

Assistant Ministers: Revd Paul Garnell, Revd Howard Bigg

Worship in Church on Sunday mornings

- 3 Oct: 9.30am, A Service of Communion
- 10 Oct: 9.30am, Harvest Thanksgiving; 3pm, Wild Church
- 17 Oct: 9.30am, A Service of Communion
- 24 Oct: 9.30am, Morning Worship
- 31 Oct: 10.30am, a 5th Sunday united celebration service. Venue TBC.
4pm, Annual Service of Remembering



Worship on Zoom and Worship at Home on Sundays

Worship at Home, weekly in print; including **Pic N Mix**, story and activities for families,
Worship on Zoom, weekly at 11am – contact Clare for the Zoom link

Wild Church. Next on 10th Oct, 14th Nov; 3pm – 4pm. For families with primary aged children (and siblings). Engaging playfully, actively, creatively and spiritually with nature. Please book ahead via cebigg53@gmail.com

Tuesday Mornings at the Cabin. 10am-11.30am. Open to all under 5s and their carers who want to play, have fun and experience a bit of toddler-style church. More from Clare cebigg53@gmail.com or via their Facebook page.

Bumps and babes. Support group hosted by St Mary's Hardwick on Thursday mornings and open across all local villages. Enquiries to Alison Marcus via alisonmarcus140@gmail.com

'Thirst' youth worship and small groups for young people. Next Thirst is on 10th Oct, 6.00-8.30pm based at Comberton Baptist Church. Including a meal More on www.wccym.org

Harvest Thanksgiving 2021. 10 Oct, 9.30am. A service to pause and give thanks for the resources we have and the countryside we live in.

Annual service of Remembering. 31 Oct, 4pm. A service of reflection and prayer with opportunity to light a candle and for names to be read. For anyone in the village who would like to remember someone who they now miss.

Weddings, funerals, christenings & pastoral care. As the village church, St Mary's welcomes weddings, funerals and christenings. We also offer visits and other kinds of care, in partnership with local groups such as the Hardwick Network.

For more on church community activities or to join the mailing list check our website www.stmaryshardwick.org.uk or Facebook group "St Mary's Church Hardwick", or get in touch with Clare (details at the top).



So what happens next?

By the time you read this, after 11 years in the post, I am sad to say that will no longer be the vicar of Hardwick. So what happens next?

Firstly, I am pleased to be able to confirm that Clare Bigg, who has been a part of the team at St Mary's since she qualified as a Lay Minister a few years ago, is stepping into the role of 'interim lead minister' whilst the post of vicar is vacant. She will share leadership with others, including churchwardens Janet Hayman and Ali Marcus and assistant ministers Revds Paul Garnell and Howard Bigg. Paul has particular responsibility for pastoral side of things – he will take the lead with weddings, christenings and funerals, and in coordinating visits and home support where requested.

As a small village parish, Hardwick does not stand alone but rather is one of 11 parishes that form the team-benefice of Lordsbridge or, as it is usually termed, the

Lordsbridge Team of Churches, served by a team of clergy and lay ministers who collaborate across the area. This organisational structure makes it easier for clergy and the churches to share resources and ideas, and for small churches to do things together. It was hugely valuable during the pandemic, enabling us to share time and expertise in producing and distribute audio, video and print resources. This wider team structure will also be important whilst the post of vicar of Hardwick is vacant and during this time will be coordinated by Acting Team Rector, Revd David Newton, and other members of the wider Lordsbridge clergy team. ('Team Rector' is the title given to the team-leader of a group of clergy working across a group of villages like this; the team members are called 'Team Vicars'.)

So how will a new vicar be appointed for Hardwick? Vicar of Hardwick is a shared post, so several villages will be involved in the recruitment process, as well as clergy colleagues across the patch. I was the Team Rector of the group so this team-leader's post also needs to be filled. The Archdeacon of Cambridge is consulting with those on the ground, including representatives of the church in Hardwick, about the shape of the post and the best process for recruitment. We actually call it a 'discernment process' because alongside advertising and interviewing we will also be praying for and seeking God's

guidance to find the person that He is calling to serve the churches and villages concerned. This will take a few months.

In the meantime, if prayer is your practice, please take a moment to pray -

God of life and love, thank you for all those who volunteer to serve others particularly in our village community in different ways.

We pray that you would give energy and wisdom to those who serve the village as members of our village church:

as they run groups and activities that enable relationships and spiritual lives to flourish; as they offer care through funerals and support those grieving;

as they enable the celebrations of weddings and christenings; as they look after the church building, the Cabin and the grounds as a place of peace and reflection for all; and as they lead services of prayer, worship and reflection, week in week out, for anyone who wants to go. We pray that you would bring to the village of Hardwick and to the Lordsbridge Team of Churches, a priest who will join the team here, to bless Hardwick and be blessed by Hardwick in turn.


Amen.

And may the blessing of God - Creator, Redeemer and Companion - be with you.


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FROM THE SCHOOL

The new school year is now well underway and what a start we've had! The energy and enthusiasm from children and staff has been amazing. We are seeing the return of so much of what makes our school the school it is; trips, celebrations days, specialist visitors, PTA events and we couldn't be prouder!



Year 5/6 have had author visits, Year 1/2 are having a visit from History off the Page (transforming our school into a medieval castle for the day), we have begun our work around Black History Month, and are about to celebrate World Mental Health Day. We are certainly making up for lost time!

The real highlight for Year 3/4 so far simply has to be the trip to Sunny Hunstanton! A trip to the Sealife Centre provided the children with first hand encounters with some of the wildlife found on our very own shores. Of course, meeting Ernie the green sea turtle is always a pleasure too. This was followed up with

a walk along the prom-prom-prom, checking out the features of a coastal town, seeing how the famous cliffs are formed and finally a chance to play and explore in the sand and rock pools- finding so many baby crabs is something that will stay with our children for a long time.

These quotes from the children really highlight the experience...

"I liked going on the beach because we were looking for shells and I found lots of little ones."

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Rainbows & Brownies	Cabin at St Mary's	Mon	5.30pm – 6.45pm	Michelle Teague lhardwickrainbows@gmail.com	Girls 5 - 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	Cambourne	Mon		Gary Reilly-Lloyd Tel:07886 685655 jazzercisecambourne@gmail.com	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	1pm – 3pm	Nicky Kerr kerranica@gmail.com	Alternate weeks
Guides	Scout & Guide Hut	Tues	6.30pm–8.30pm	Janet Hayman & Kirsty Orange hardwickguides@gmail.com	Girls 10 - 15 yrs
Hardwick Parish Council	HSSC	Tues	7pm – 9.30pm	Gail Stoehr, Clerk to the Council hardwickpc@lgs-services.co.uk 01954 210241	4 th Tues in the month
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	Carolyn Purser cangpurser@btinternet.com	3 rd Wed in the month
Mums & Babes	Cabin at St Mary's	Thurs	10.30am - midday	Ali Marcus Alison.marcus140@gmail.com	
Baby & Toddler Group	Hardwick School	Thurs	10.30am - midday	Rachel Huisman rachel@huisman.co.uk	
Cabin Creative	Cabin at St	Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Thelma Westbury	Alternate

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