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EDITORIAL

# Eyesore replacment has now been granted Planning Permission.



Good news for Hardwick, (page 44) . At last the end is in sight after sixteen years of looking like a shanty town from somewhere in the third world. What a relief, but also what a dreadful condemnation of the planning system and the impotence of District and County Councils. Can either of them explain why it took sixteen years and what they are doing to make sure that nothing like this happens again?

Thanks to Stella Joyner for the robin on the cover and the beautifully atmospheric photo of Winter in Wicken Fen on page 38. Thanks and congratulations, too, to The Form Practice for the bid which puts them on the back page for a year.

Anne Jones passes on apologies for a mistake in the bin collection section in the last issue and we omitted to inform readers that £100 had been sent to Winter Comfort after the tree festival.

See page ten for the opportunity to sponsor a child. Hardwick's very own charity.

**Peter**

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**CONNECTIONS QUIZ - NUMBER 3**

Set by Rory Kerr

Each question comprises a list of items. Your task is to work out how they are connected. For instance:

Calvados, McKintosh and the Beatles lead us to the answer Apple.

Calvados is made from apples; a McKintosh red is a type of apple; and The Beatles record label was Apple.

Here are the questions:

1. Evolution, Carry on... , Walter Scott, a mid-18<sup>th</sup> century PM
2. Deuce, The Magi, a poker hand, Swans, Soccer
3. Othello's loss, New Labour's priorities, Estate agent's priorities, 60's pools winner Viv Nicholson
4. St Andrew, Topaz or pearl, Remembrance, The Leonids
5. Mr Benn, Oddjob and John Stead



# **HARDWICK**

**THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE  
WEEKEND DRAFT PROGRAMME  
JUNE 2ND – 5TH 2022**

## **THURSDAY**

**Nothing yet planned but open to suggestions**

## **FRIDAY**

**11am – 3pm Trike Trundle & Jubilee Jaunt All Ages  
3pm – 5pm Cream tea (WI) Recreation Ground area  
6pm Jubilee Celebration Evening Cabin at St Mary's**

## **SATURDAY**

**10am – 12pm Pippin's at School  
TBC Platinum Party at the Palace Recreation Ground  
Hopefully outdoor, live streamed on a  
big screen**

## **SUNDAY**

**9:30 Service of Thanksgiving St Mary's  
12pm – 5pm The Big Jubilee Lunch! Bring your own  
picnic (Recreation Ground)  
Treasure hunt, Garden Games and lots of Fun!**

*PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DRAFT AND PLANS ARE STILL  
BEING MADE. SUGGESTIONS TO ANNE JONES  
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## Your help is needed for a new lunch club in Hardwick



St Mary's wants to set up a community lunch club at the Cabin. Nothing too fancy; soup, baked potatoes, sandwiches - maybe a lasagne. The aim is to provide good quality, nourishing but simple food in a friendly setting. Open to all, and not for profit. A great opportunity for those who are at home during the working day to share a meal and chat to others. It would be great if this could run weekly, hopefully on a Thursday.



BUT hosting a weekly lunch club is a big ask of those who plan and organise the club, prepare the food, serve the food and clean up afterwards. In addition to a core group of leaders, I am proposing to have a large team of volunteers who can host on a rota basis. Each person only having to commit to one lunch time a month (or more if they like). We have yet to figure out the fine details, but being a host should be fun. And a bonus of the Cabin is having a rapid cycle dishwasher- so that will make things so much easier. We hope that new friends could be made whether you volunteer or come to eat.

Assuming a minimum of five volunteers would be needed on the day and everyone only wanted to commit to one lunch a month. We would need 20 volunteers.

So, three things to start with:

There will be a meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at the Cabin to get this project off the ground. If you would like to help steer the lunch club into being, then please come along and offer your organisational skills.

I need a list of names of people who would like to help and how they would like to help and how often they would like to help. Please contact me on 07824887740 or [alison.marcus140@gmail.com](mailto:alison.marcus140@gmail.com).

If you are keen to prepare food, and would be happy to take a short food hygiene course let me know ASAP as Anne Jones is arranging a day when we can take an online course together.

I really hope we can get this off the ground

**Ali Marcus**



# Sponsor a child

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Together WE can make a difference!



You are never too old for a pantomime and we celebrated the New Year with a large group of us going to see “Aladdin” at the Arts Theatre. It was a great show and we had a good laugh.

Later in the month we had a Chinese takeaway meal from Dry Drayton. Despite the numbers of people who signed up for this, we got the portions just right, and some of the members made desserts too. With a game of “Stop the Bus” devised by Anne Jones, a fun filled evening was had by all. We are in the process of arranging further outings for this year. We hope the anticipated further withdrawal of Covid restrictions will encourage those who have felt reclusive over the past couple of years to come and enjoy our activities. Members are also encouraged to join in events that are arranged by CFWI – Cambridge Federation WI HQ based at Girton.

The planned village celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee weekend will also include our WI holding a Strawberry Cream Tea afternoon over that weekend – more details to follow.

As always we welcome new members to join us at our monthly meetings which are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the School at 7.30pm – we are a friendly bunch and we don't bite.

More details can be found in our website –

<http://www.hardwickwi.weebly.com>

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**Sun. 6 March:** Service with Young Church & Communion

**Sun. 13 March:** Service with Young Church

**Sun. 20 March:** Service with Young Church & Communion

**Sun. 27 March:** Service with Young Church

### **What does our Sunday service look like?**

We meet to praise God, listen to a talk and pray together. The service is informal, and we sing a mix of modern and older songs. The service usually ends at noon, followed by refreshments.

In our talks during March we will begin to hear about the nature of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It's a big subject & there's a lot to learn.

**Young Church** is for children from babies to Year 6. We meet in the Community Room for Bible teaching, singing & activities, then join the older people in the hall.

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

### **Midweek activities**

**Home groups** - We have evening midweek groups for fellowship, Bible Study and prayer.

**Prayer meeting** - First Thursday of the month.

If you want a visit, want someone to talk to about God, about life, about feeling stressed or alone, please get in touch with us.

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*From Revd Kate Gaze*

I'm writing this the day after Valentine's Day, whilst preparing our church programme for Easter. It strikes me that both of these events celebrate love. Valentine's Day is a celebration of love between people, particularly romantic love. For some couples, it is a very important event where they express their love and commitment to each other by giving gifts or having a meal out together (without the kids). For many people, it is an expression of a commitment that will last a lifetime.

As my thoughts turn to Easter, I'm reminded that God's love lasts for a lifetime and more. The Bible tells us that Jesus gave his life for each one of us, so that we can have everlasting life. Jesus says that there is no greater expression of love than laying down your life so that someone else can have life, and Easter reminds us that God showed his love for us when Jesus gave his life for us. This Easter might be a good opportunity to ponder how great God's love for us must be and whether we want to find out more about God and what life committed to him might be like.

You can read more about this in the New Testament of the Bible

***Jesus said 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'***

**John's Gospel, Chapter 10, verse 10.**





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1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00

In March: 2nd and 16th.

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Bring a project (if you don't currently have one, we can help with that), have a cuppa and a biscuit, have a natter, see what we're up to.

Don't worry if you think you can't craft, you are still welcome to join us, we will tempt you with something – we even have a jigsaw on the go, if you fancy.

If your speciality is making a cuppa or baking a cake - then you are definitely welcome.

If you would like to sew but don't have a sewing machine - let us know in advance, we can provide one on the day.

Any further details? Feel free to email us on:

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£3.00 per session - your first session is free. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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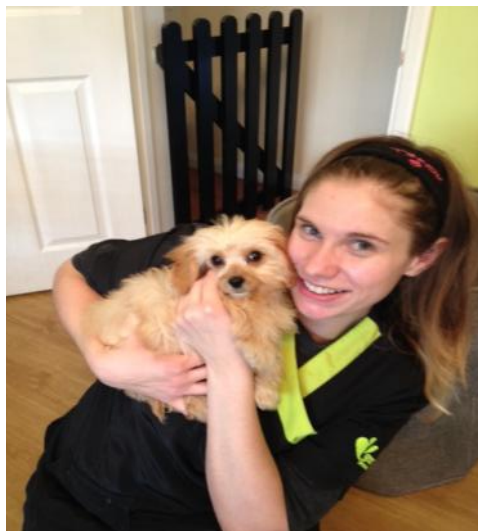
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Spring is here! In hedgerows and woodland edges, blackthorn is flowering, and hawthorn and elder leaves are out. Hawthorn and blackthorn are very common hedgerow bushes that are great for wildlife. They can look quite similar over winter, but chances are if you are seeing a swathe of white in a hedgerow in March it is blackthorn, and a mass of green is probably hawthorn. Blackthorn flowers before it has leaves, and hawthorn always after. Elm is a common tree in our area which can be seen in March with pinkish flowers appearing in clusters.



Before the summer migrants arrive in April, you can hear our resident birds like blackbirds, chaffinches and yellow hammers singing their territorial songs, and great spotted woodpeckers drumming. In our woodland reserves in the West Cambs Hundreds you will see ancient woodland indicator plants like bluebell and dog's mercury leaves coming up, and primrose, oxlip, and violet in flower. Many woodland flowers complete their lifecycle early before they are shaded by tree leaves.

It is still muddy, so please take wellies, and stick to the middle of paths to avoid trampling plants and compacting soil on the edges. You can keep up-to-date about reserves with restricted access on our website:

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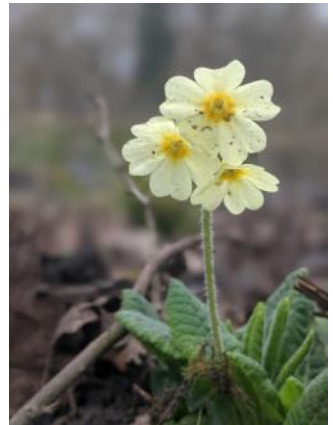
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## Spring Coffee Morning



You are warmly invited to a coffee morning on **Saturday, 26th March** in the Cabin at St Mary's from 10.00am – 12.00 noon

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Our Events Team are always looking at new ideas to put together fantastic events ranging from live music, karaoke, fundraisers and themed food nights. We sincerely hope now restrictions are being lifted that we can put on some successful events for you to enjoy.

We have a defibrillator outside the main entrance of the club which was kindly installed by Paul Church Electrical. This life saving equipment is now accessible to all villagers 24 hours a day by following the instructions to call 999, displayed on the outside of the case.

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

We are currently open Tuesdays-Sundays whilst we continue to re-establish ourselves so please continue to bear with us during the coming months. We run our monthly Quiz on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Our first Bingo Night of the year will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March @7:30pm and we hope to see more of you there. We continue to show the Televised Football fixtures and the Six Nations Rugby.

We will also be closely involved in the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the village June 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>March</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm
1 <sup>st</sup>	Shrove Tuesday		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Quiz (hosted by Richard Young)	HSSC	7.45pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	'Walking for Health' walking group	Blue Lion	11am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pippin's	Hardwick School	10am - midday
11 <sup>th</sup>	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
11 <sup>th</sup>	Six Nations Rugby Wales v France	HSSC	8pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Six Nations Rugby Italy v Scotland England v Ireland	HSSC	2.15pm 4.45pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	WI - Annual General Meeting	Hardwick School	7.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Community Association AGM - all are welcome	Hardwick School	7pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	'Walking for Health' walking group	Frankie's Café	11am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo Night	HSSC	7.30pm

19 <sup>th</sup>	Six Nations Rugby Wales v Italy Ireland v Scotland France v England	HSSC (food available throughout the day)	2.15pm 4.45pm 8pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parish Council meeting	Cabin at St Mary's	7pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Coffee Morning	Cabin at St Mary's	10am - midday
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday		
27 <sup>th</sup>	British Summer time begins		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm
<b>April</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	'Walking for Health' walking group	Blue Lion	11am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pippin's	Hardwick School	10am - midday
7 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz (hosted by Richard Young)	HSSC	7.45pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Library Bus - route H12	As above	As above
12 <sup>th</sup>	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	'Walking for Health' walking group	Frankie's Café	11am
16 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt (organised by Hardwick Pre-school)	Meet at park on Egremont Road	10am - 1pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday		
20 <sup>th</sup>	WI -Stained glass talk & demonstration - Anna Conti	Hardwick School	7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting	Cabin at St Mary's	7pm



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Easter Opening Hours:

Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April - closed

Easter Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April - open 10am - 1:00pm

Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April - closed

We are delighted to announce that Comberton Library will be restarting rhyme time on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am with sessions also on 28<sup>th</sup> March and the 25<sup>th</sup> April we look forward to seeing you there.

School Holiday Craft Event: on Monday 11th April from 10:30 - 12pm please join us for an Easter themed craft session. (The session will be dependent on covid restrictions.) Look out for the posters, which give you more information.

We are beginning to reintroduce a program of in-person library events. Next time you visit please pick up a copy of our What's On brochure to find out what's happening at libraries around the county in the weeks and months ahead. The popular Library Presents program is currently being drawn up for Spring 2022, keep an eye out in the library for the event calendar or visit: [www.library.live](http://www.library.live) to check out what the team are planning. Have you explored the online literary festival?

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## Recycle to help others

(Please note that crisp packets and blister packs have been updated)

Some people in the village are collection points for various everyday items to help charities.

### Used postage stamps

Carole Foster collects used stamps for The Lily Foundation which conducts research into Mitochondrial, enabling them to raise much needed funds for their projects and research. With Christmas coming you may get more stamps than usual on your Christmas cards. So, please post the stamps through her letterbox at 18 Egremont Road.

### Plastic milk carton tops

Liz Tinkler from the Lisa Kent Trust collects plastic bottle tops (eg.milk & fruit juice) to send to their schools in The Gambia.

These are used as educational aids for counting, group work, colours etc and assist their staff in delivering the curriculum.

A bin can be found on her drive at 5 Pump Lane for any donations of tops. Please do not include metal tops.

Liz Tinkler - [www.lisakenttrust.org](http://www.lisakenttrust.org) mob: 07803 123023

### Crisp packets

Sadly,Nikki Donne has informed us that Terracycle are closing the crisp packet recycling scheme on 25<sup>th</sup> April. This is because crisp packets and other flexible plastics can now be recycled in many supermarket collection points. The local collection points to Hardwick are the Co-op in Upper Cambourne and Tesco in Bar Hill.

Nikki will continue to collect until 17<sup>th</sup> April when she will then remove the collection bin from outside her house.

On behalf of the village, I would like to thank Nikki for what she has done up to now. This leads me on to ask if there is someone else who would be prepared to have a collection bin outside their house and then deliver them to either Bar Hill or Upper Cambourne. Please let me know and we can advertise it on Facebook and the April edition of the Hardwick Happenings.

## Empty foil tablet sachets/blister packs

There is now a joint effort to collect and recycle empty blister packs (either all foil or foil and plastic packs). Rex Webb will still be collecting them and you can drop them off to him in the usual way between 2pm-4.45pm every Thursday at the Sports & Social Club where he attends the Friendship Club. Claire McDonnell will also have a box outside her house at 67 Ellison Lane from 10am on the first Sunday of the month until the Wednesday evening at 8pm of the same week. This will give you a chance to save them up and drop them off at a time convenient to you. Between the two of them, they will then be taken to Superdrug to be recycled.

So, please support these people by collecting these items and delivering them to the relevant places.

If you know of any others, please let me know.

Many thanks

Anne Jones

## Decisions, decisions, decisions.....

This month: the subject of speeding in the village.

You are driving up the village towards the school. As usual, the 20mph flashing lights are on at the wrong time because it is after lunch and the children will be in class.

A car overtakes you at a very high speed. It could be over sixty mph. You note the reg number and as you drive around the corner into the school car park you realise that a woman and child are getting out of that very car and are heading towards reception. The child is wearing Hardwick uniform.

When you arrive at reception the woman and child are there in front of you. What should you do or say?

## SNIPPETS

*Howard Baker discovers why editing a small magazine is simply the best job in the world.*

*THE OLDIE* magazine is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary this year. It was founded by Richard Ingrams, who was one of the founders of *Private Eye*. After leaving that publication he began to think of another magazine project and discovered that there was no publication specifically for people over fifty. Hence *The Oldie*, which people told him would never work. Those people were wrong. Ingrams had a dispute with the owners of the magazine some years ago but the magazine continues to thrive under a new editor, Harry Mount. Without Ingrams the magazine has lost some of its cutting edge but is always a good read with articles on a wide variety of subjects.

Richard Ingrams



One of the problems of editing a magazine for, and written by, this age group is that there is a frequently changing list of contributors. I always used to turn first to the column written by Wilfred De'Ath, who once worked for the BBC but who, for reasons unknown, spent many years living rough. Alas, he died last year and will be sadly missed.

Another regular contributor has died in the very year that *The Oldie* is celebrating its thirtieth birthday. Barry Cryer (1935 – 2022) was a comedian, a scriptwriter and a friend of the publication. Barry wrote scripts for all the big names in British comedy – Morecambe and Wise, Frankie Howerd, the Two Ronnies and many more. He also appeared regularly on the radio comedy show, *I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue* where his speciality was 'The words of one song to the tune of the other'. I wonder if he was the one singing the words of *Tyger, tyger burning bright* to the tune of 'The Lambeth Walk' when I was laughing so much that I had to pull my car into a lay-by for fear of causing a road accident.



One of the regular contributors to *The Oldie*, Tom Hodgkinson, edits his own magazine, *The Idler* and writes, 'Editing a small magazine is simply the best job in the world. You have the freedom to print whatever you like. Each issue is enormously exciting to assemble, and, I hope, to pick up for the first time. You build up an enormous community of wonderful readers, and you are never, never bored.'

## Parish Council Newsbites

### **Parish Council needs you!**

The Parish Council would like to thank ex-Councillor Dean Wellbelove, who decided to step down in January 2022, for all his contributions and hard work during these past years. As such, there is an added vacancy for Councillors, and also a need for someone who can volunteer some time to do some safety checks for the play parks in the village. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with the Clerk.

### **Eyesore replacement has now been granted Planning Permission.**

There are, as usual, Planning Conditions that apply but on the basis that the applicant can comply with these, the way is now finally clear for removal of the existing old building and development of a two storey building containing 5 separate residential flats. This still leaves the plot on the very corner of Cambridge Road which is under separate ownership.

The official notice relates to 21/01345/FUL 147 St Neots Road

### **Laybys on St Neots Road**

The Parish Council have been conducting a survey of whether the laybys on St Neots Road are desirable or essential to keep. The Greater Cambridge Partnership, the GCP, who are responsible for the Busway that is still scheduled to come through Hardwick at some stage, have advised us that in order to fit in the C2C Busway, a 3.5m wide mixed use cycle path and still leave room for existing traffic and save most of our trees, they intend to save space by removing our laybys. We don't get much take-up when a consultation is launched in Hardwick but the general consensus was that the laybys are an essential part of Hardwick life on St Neots Road, providing areas for buses, delivery vehicles, the postie, the bin collection, visitors and customers to pull in. What was your view?

### **Mixed use cycle path on St Neots Road**

It was confirmed to us this week (11<sup>th</sup> Feb) that we are certainly getting a cycle path along St Neots Road funded it seems by the developments of West Cambourne and Bourn Airfield. Residents have mixed views of where the cycle path is best provided but the GCP plan is to locate it south of St Neots Road. It's certainly going to be busy along there once all this work gets under way. Sadly we have been given no firm dates for when this will start.

## **Active Travel scheme for St Neots Road**

The Active Travel, a Government scheme which encourages more cycling and walking, is still live in Hardwick. The proposal is to shut St Neots Road between Cambridge Road and Long Road Comberton to all except buses and bikes. The scheme initiated with Cambridge County Council, is now managed by GCP and aims to allow cyclists to enjoy a traffic-free journey though along this part of St Neots Road. Whether this is off-set by more miles travelled elsewhere to bypass the closure is clearly debateable

The traffic that would normally use this route means around 2000 vehicles a day in each direction will have to divert onto A428 or down Cambridge Road. Cambridge Road already carries around 1100 vehicles a day and so until through traffic gets the message to avoid entering the village to rat run through it, it's going to be quite busy.

The GCP have seized on the fact that the road will only be available for their electric buses and have declared that if Active Travel goes ahead, they will not have to remove the trees on St Neots Road between Cambridge Road and Long Road. Still liable to come to further consultation so please ensure you have your say, one way or the other.

## **Cambridge Road Give Way Scheme**

By the time you read this the Give Way scheme should be in place on Cambridge Road. The Scheme which originally was designed as Speed Cushions will now be a simple Give Way scheme that we see in villages all around us, implemented by County Highways to calm the traffic speeds. The Parish Council is required to send the data collected from our "Your Speed" displays. It goes to County Highways and the Police Speed Watch team. The data collected for the 28 days ended 8<sup>th</sup> February shows over six thousand vehicles exceeded the Police set limit for speeding penalties.

There are no humps, bumps or cushions on the scheme but we sincerely hope the excessive speeds through the village will reduce.

*As usual, please check the Village website and Parish Council facebook for more regular updates...*



## St Mary's Church Community

St Mary's Church, Hardwick is part of the Lordsbridge Team of Churches & the Diocese of Ely

[www.stmaryshardwick.org.uk](http://www.stmaryshardwick.org.uk)

Interim lead minister: Clare Bigg, Tel: 01954 211673 or email: [ce-bigg53@gmail.com](mailto:ce-bigg53@gmail.com)

Assistant Ministers: Revd Howard Bigg (Pastoral Care)  
[hcbigg40@gmail.com](mailto:hcbigg40@gmail.com)

### We are your Parish Church and we:

**Worship God and follow Jesus.** Come and join our Christian services and activities as listed below. You will be most welcome.

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**Provide Pastoral Care.** We offer home visits and other kinds of care in partnership with local groups such as the Hardwick Network. For support, please contact Howard on [hcbigg40@gmail.com](mailto:hcbigg40@gmail.com)

**Serve and support each other and you.** Please see below for details of community groups that are run by members of St Mary's and supported by the Parochial Church Council. Don't forget you can hire the Cabin and check out what's on via the Cabin webpages on our website

As this edition of Hardwick Happenings lands on your doormat we will be starting Lent. Six weeks of time to seriously think about what we do and how we do it. People often talk of saying sorry for the things we do wrong during this time. And, yes saying sorry is important, but when we say sorry, we have to make sure we do not do the same thing again. Six weeks might seem like a long time to say sorry in, but it is all about practising and getting used to these new ways of being until they are ingrained. So this year, at St Mary's we are going to have an Eco-Challenge where we are going to try to get used to putting the planet first in everything we do whether that be the washing up or making a big purchase like getting a new car, or planning a holiday or even when we have a day out.

Additionally, this year the Church of England is focusing on “Embracing Justice”. It is a meaty and topical theme. Check out the Church of England website for more details <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livlent-2022-church-resources-embracing-justice>. There are Lent activity books for adults and children which can be purchased. At St Mary’s we are marking the start of Lent in two traditional ways and you are warmly invited to both:

## Pancake Party

Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day when eggs and fats were used up before the start of the Lent fast which lasts forty days and ends on Easter Day. Of course, pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. So come along to our **pancake party in the Cabin Garden on Shrove Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 4 pm**. There will be pancake fun and games, and even a race or two. Listen out for the pancake bell at 3.30 pm to remind you to put your coat and boots on and join us. Please let us know if you are coming by contacting Clare (details above) or Ali (alison.marcus140@gmail.com).



## Ash Wednesday Service

**2<sup>nd</sup> March evening service for Ash Wednesday.** A significant and solemn service led by Clare & Howard Bigg at **7:30 pm** where we think about life, death and what we need to say sorry for. You can receive a cross of ash to symbolise repentance. Our usual services and groups are listed below

## Worship in Church on Sunday Mornings

6<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Service of Communion with Revd Charles Fraser  
13<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Service of Communion with Revd David Newton  
20<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Service of Communion with Revd Andrew Dunlop  
27<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Mothering Sunday service with Clare Bigg

## **Worship on Zoom and Worship at Home on Sundays**

**Worship at Home**, Weekly in print; including Pic N Mix, story and activities for families. Contact Clare to receive materials

**Worship on Zoom**, weekly at 11am. Contact Clare for the link [cebigg53@gmail.com](mailto:cebigg53@gmail.com)

## **Wild Church at St Mary's Hardwick**

Next on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the Cabin Garden. Engaging spiritually and creatively with the natural world. For families with primary age children from local villages, book in with

Clare [cebigg53@gmail.com](mailto:cebigg53@gmail.com). We will be focusing on snails.

## **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](mailto:cebigg53@gmail.com) or via their Facebook page



## **'Thirst' youth worship and small groups for young people.**

Based at Comberton Baptist Church. Please visit [www.wccym.org](http://www.wccym.org)

## **Colour Wheel**

A peaceful, companionable group to enjoy adult colouring together. Meet fortnightly in the Cabin from 1-3pm on Tuesdays. Contact Nicky [kerranica@gmail.com](mailto:kerranica@gmail.com)

## **Bumps and Babies in the Cabin**

A safe and supportive group for pregnant parents and carers of new babies up to being mobile where you can make friends and share experiences, tips and tricks. Facilitated by Ali who is a mid-wife and antenatal teacher. Thursdays 10.30- 12.00 in the Cabin. Contact Ali [alison.marcus140@gmail.com](mailto:alison.marcus140@gmail.com)

## **Cabin Creative Arts**

Another fortnightly companionable group. Bring along your current project whether it be needlecraft, drawing or painting or anything else. Contact Thelma on [tpwestbury@gmail.com](mailto:tpwestbury@gmail.com)

## Lunch Club. Your help is needed

Ali is looking to start a weekly community lunch club in the cabin. Please contact her if you like to help.

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A huge thank you to the fabulous drivers and co-ordinators, who in the month of January, made an astonishing 141 journeys, totalling 1,723 miles. It is worth bearing in mind that although you do pay these drivers for your journeys, they are still volunteers, and are only receiving minimum fuel costs. Where would we be without them?

Again, we ask, that if you have some free time and would like to help us out, why not join us as a driver? The hours are as flexible as you would wish them to be, and you have the right to refuse any journey. We really do need you. If you wish to chat about it or want to be one of our drivers please contact one of the co-ordinators, who can point you in the right direction for sign-up.

**How to book a driver:**

Phone one of the co-ordinators, (see inside front cover or the ad on Page 4) with all the details of the journey, your name and address, your appointment time, the address of the appointment, including full postcode, and if you have any special requirements, ie wheelchair/walker or companion. The co-ordinator will take the details, and then find a volunteer driver for you — as you can appreciate, this can take some time, so please plan in advance where possible. The co-ordinator will then phone you back with the driver's name, pick-up time, and cost of the journey.

*For all other enquiries or emergencies - please phone Sheila Stephenson on 01954 210638*

The hours available to ring are: 8.30am - 5.30pm. Please do not ring outside of these hours or at weekends or Bank Holidays.

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It's some months since we did an article for this magazine. The Guides and Rangers spent the last part of the Autumn term doing Christmas activities – making stained glass window biscuits, icing a cake, icing a gingerbread house, making chocolate truffles and

making a flower arrangement (it wasn't all cooking).

We also had a Christmas party and adapted some of our favourite games so that we could play them in a Covid friendly way.

Since the New Year we have been doing some activities from the Be Well Theme – First Aid badge and some of the Guides have been practising their bandaging, and got a bit carried away (see the photos), as well as other First Aid skills.

The other Guides have been doing activities from the Skills for My Future Theme. Trying different things including making a pencil case, trying different cheese, bread and chocolate to see if they could taste the difference between a cheap product, mid-range and more expensive product

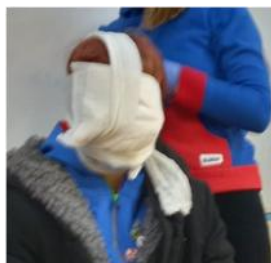
The Rangers have been doing a lot of different activities including art on a banana, writing part of a story on a piece of paper, folding it over, passing it on and writing another part of the story and so on, then seeing what they ended up with..

For more information about Guides or Rangers please see below. To be put on the Guide or

Ranger waiting list, please either email us or go to the Girlguiding website and follow the 'Join Us' link.

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 either email [hardwick-guides@gmail.com](mailto:hardwick-guides@gmail.com)

go to the Girlguiding website and follow the 'Join Us' link. If you would like details of the Rainbow (5 – 7 years) or Brownie unit (7 – 10 years) do get in touch as we can point you in the right direction.

Janet Hayman and  
Kirsty Orange

Guide and Ranger leaders



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Find and count the Easter items on the mapped route around the village, and it will lead to a stash of Easter goodies!

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*Ashley Shepherd*



### CONNECTIONS QUIZ ANSWERS

The answers to the Connections Quiz are:

1. The connection is AUSTRALIAN CITIES.

DARWIN proposed the theory of evolution.

Sidney (SYDNEY) James starred in many Carry on Films.

The Fair Maid of PERTH was written by Sir Walter Scott.

Lord MELBOURNE

2. The connection is that all the items lead to PRIME NUMBERS.

The TWOs in a deck of cards are known as deuces.

The Magi are also known as the THREE Kings.

A poker hand has FIVE cards.

“SEVEN Swans a-swimming” from the 12 Days of Christmas

Association football is played by teams of ELEVEN.

3. The connection is that they all come in THREES.

Othello famously mourns his loss of “... REPUTATION, REPUTATION, REPUTATION”.

Tony Blair said that New Labour’s priorities were “EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION”.

Estate agent’s priorities are “LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION”.

Viv Nicholson wanted to “SPEND, SPEND, SPEND”.

4. The connection is NOVEMBER.

St Andrew’s Day is the 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER.

Topaz and Pearl are the gems of the month.

Remembrance Day takes place in NOVEMBER.

The Leonids is a meteor shower that takes place in NOVEMBER

5. The connection is that they all wore BOWLER HATS.



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## Groups & Organisations in Hardwick

<b>Group/Org</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Other details</b>
Boot Camp	Tennis Courts	Mon	6am – 7am 12pm – 1pm	Shane Rackham Tel: 07912555301	
Pilates	Cabin at St Mary's	Mon	9.30am – 10.30am	Lauren Daynes Lauren.daynes@aol.co.uk	
Pilates	Cabin at St Mary's	Mon	10.45am – 11.45am	Lauren Daynes Lauren.daynes@aol.co.uk	
Scouts	Scout & Guide Hut	Mon	7pm – 9pm	Paul Wooldridge Tel:01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	Boys & girls 10.6 – 14 yrs
Tuesday Morning Toddlers	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	10am – 11.30am	Clare Bigg cebigg53@gmail.com	Parents, carers & under 5s
Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	1pm – 3pm	Nicky Kerr kerranica@gmail.com	Alternate weeks
Rainbows & Brownies	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	5.15pm – 6.30pm	Michelle Teague lhardwickrainbows@gmail.com	Girls 5 - 10 yrs
Guides	Scout & Guide Hut	Tues	6.30pm–8pm	Janet Hayman & Kirsty Orange hardwickguides@gmail.com	Girls 10 - 15 yrs
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Hardwick Parish Council	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	7pm – 9.30pm	Clerk, Gail Stoehr, Tel: 01954 210241 hardwickpc@lgs-services.co.uk	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues in the month
Jazzercise	Hardwick School	Tues	7.30pm	Gary Reilly-Lloyd Tel:07886 685655 jazzercise@cambourne@gmail.com	Age 16+ any gender
Boot Camp	Tennis Courts	Wed	6am – 7am 12pm – 1pm	Shane Rackham Tel: 07912555301	
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 <sup>rd</sup> Wed in the month
Mums & Babes	Cabin at St Mary's	Thurs	10.30am - midday	Ali Marcus Alison.marcus140@gmail.com	
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