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EDITORIAL

Thanks to Daniel for such a seamless transfer last month. A great edition, well done.

There are fewer references to Christmas than you would normally expect in this issue, but what a response from pre-school on Page 3 and Alison Myers talks about darkness into light on the opposite page. She quotes

Tolkien, ‘ I have found that it is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folks that keeps the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love.’ If there is a theme for this edition it is just that, born out by acts of generosity and love right across the village : foodbanks at the school (P.10) and the church (P.11) Networking and looking out for those in need, (P.12), Emily’s marathon run (P.16) , the produce stall at St Mary’s, (P.42) Janet’s article about the hitherto unknown litterpicker (P.17), and advent boxes and windows (Cover and P.38), all of which leads neatly into the candlelit vigil in the church yard on the 20th Dec, details on P .36.

Well done Hardwick.

James’ article on slavery (P.22) reminds us that slavery is still a problem right across the World (and on a lighter note his brother provides us with a quiz for Christmas (P.18)

Two articles about lockdown at CVC give us an insight into how difficult it must be for teenagers at school these days.

Thanks to the Parish Council for their financial support this month. Like many organisations HH has taken a hit with loss of income because of Covid. Several of our advertisers have dropped out, leaving us a little short. We are also printing more copies to cover the new houses in Meridian Fields, without having any extra income. We shall look at increasing the charges to advertisers at some point in the future but now is not the time to do it. Once the two new estates are complete, we will be printing considerably more copies and will be looking carefully again at the balance between adverts and text and photos.

We have a superb team. Thank you to all of them.

Light in the darkness



From the Rev d Canon Alison Myers

A quick review of religious and cultural festivals between Remembrance Sunday and the end of the calendar year throws up a list that includes Diwali, Hannukah and the solstice as well as Christmas. It is noteworthy that these all have some reference to light and, in the northern hemisphere at least, to light in the darkness.

When we talk about light in the darkness, an Eeyore-ish response might be that we hope it is not the lights of an oncoming train. But our cynicism, if we allow it to flourish, can obscure what is to be seen around us.

The light in the darkness, as I write, is the possibility of a vaccine, and , though I realise that not everyone will agree with me, the possibility of a change in the political climate in more than one place in the world. Light in the darkness is in the slow expansion of daylight after 21 December and the inevitable warming of the soil. Light in the darkness is marking the days of December with the Hardwick Advent windows project. Light in the darkness is (literally) the star on the tower of St Mary's. Light in the darkness is, more deeply, the myriad acts of generosity and kindness offered to others that so many have been part of this year.

I'm with Gandalf here: 'Some believe it is only great power that can hold evil in check. But that is not what I have found. I have found that it is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folks that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love.' (JRR Tolkien, *The Hobbit*)

Christians believe that light in the darkness is, yes, about people and acts of kindness, compassion and justice. They also believe that light in the darkness is about Jesus Christ – 'In him was life, and that life was the light of all humankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'. (John 1:4) And this, for us, whatever else we are able to do this year, is the heart of Christmas.

How Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School are supporting families who are struggling during the pandemic.

Marcus Rashford has been doing an amazing job in shining a spot light on the scandal of food poverty in this country. Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School support what he is doing and also want to help out the struggling families in our community. However, for us, it's not just about those families who are entitled to Free School Meals – it's also those families who are just above the poverty line - who struggle month in, month out to put food on the table for their children – often going hungry themselves. These are also the families that we want to help.

As a school, we decided to hold our 'Harvest' slightly later this year asking for items that were long life so we could create our own food bank. That way we can support any of our families that are in need or indeed anyone else who needs it. We are encouraging parents and villagers, if they can, to continue to contribute items so we can ensure that our struggling families are well supported – especially going into another period of uncertainty.

If anyone would like to support this cause and contribute any long life items, we have placed a trolley in the school foyer where items can be left. Likewise, if anyone feels that they are a family who need help or know of a family that are struggling – please send the school an email that will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence office@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk

Thank you in advance for any contributions we receive and thank you to all who have already contributed.

Cate Thompson and James Hoban Headteachers

Local Cambridge Foodbank distribution from Cambourne

If you are struggling with basic necessities, for whatever reason, please do get in touch with Hardwick's vicar or the minister of Hardwick Evangelical Church (contact details at the front of Hardwick Happenings) who can refer you confidentially to Cambridge Foodbank. Packages can be collected personally in Cambourne or we can collect on your behalf.

Cambridgeshire Countywide Hub

Help is also available from Cambridgeshire Countywide Hub: 0345 045 5219 - a service providing food packages to children and families who are eligible for free school meals, and those who are not but may be struggling. The Hub also offers advice and guidance to help people access other benefits, as well as a regular call service to those who are isolated during lockdown.

Foodbank Drop-off Point at St Mary's Church – thank you

Many generous people from our community have been leaving donations of food and toiletries at the drop-off point in the porch at St Mary's Church. From November, donations will be shared between Hardwick school's collection and Cambridge Foodbank according to need.



Hardwick Network

Winter blues and pandemic fatigue getting you down?

There are lots of ways we can cheer ourselves up by meeting other people in the village over the winter, either in person (while following COVID-19 government guidelines) or virtually.

Hardwick Network volunteers are still available to help with shopping or collecting essential supplies and medicines, **but we are also really keen to get the village talking and connected!**

Getting together

Would you like to get some fresh air and chat to someone face to face for a change?! Fancy a stroll around the village to look at the Christmas lights? Once government guidelines allow, we hope to start some small social walking groups, offering you the opportunity to meet someone new. Get in touch if you would like to find out more (details below).

Social phone call

If you would prefer to chat to someone on the phone, just to mull over your day or talk about something on your mind, give your Hardwick Network volunteer or call, or contact Ruth Enge, Hardwick Network coordinator. It is good to talk!

Contact your neighbours We can all play our bit in making sure everyone stays as well and happy as possible this winter. Maybe this is the time to see how your neighbour is doing or to get to know the person who lives opposite you (while following current COVID-19 guidelines). Perhaps you could invite someone for a coffee, a meal or a walk over the Christmas period if you know they might be on their own or are finding the winter tough. If you know someone who would benefit from some extra support or new activities, encourage them to go for it!

Zoom social groups

Exciting news! We have set up a few online groups to get people together! Details are below but links to all groups can also be found on the 'Virtual Social Events' page on our website (www.hardwick.network.co.uk).

Hardwick at Home If you are at home during the day, maybe retired, not working or working from home, you are very welcome to come along. We will meet during the winter to have a chat, hear a talk on topics of interest, share book ideas, have a quiz, or maybe sing together! The next meeting

is on **Tuesday 8th December at 11am** and as well as socialising, it will feature a short talk on '**Building our resilience**'. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested please contact Chris (chris.richards74@gmail.com) who will send you the link to join the meeting.

Parents with young children This is a very informal group for parents of babies and toddlers, and expectant parents close to their due date. It is an opportunity to have a chat, catch up with other parents from the village, share tips and ideas, and generally keep in contact throughout lockdown and beyond into winter. It runs **every Friday 9.30am - 10.30am**. No need to book, simply join the Zoom meeting any week you can make it. If you can't make 9.30 just come along any time within the hour!

Young Professionals This is a networking group promoting relationships between young professionals and trainees in the village. It is an informal time, offering you a place to relax and chat amongst your peers. Details of the next meeting are on the Hardwick Network website.

Online Games Join the 'largest boardgame table' in the world! Play online board games with others in the village to while away the winter evenings! Contact Shaun Hughes smghughes@gmail.com for further information and the date of the next meeting, or create an account at <https://en.boardgamearena.com/> and send Shaun your user name.

These groups are up and running, but do you have ideas for other groups? Maybe a book club, a music group or a 20s-40s catch-up? Get in touch – we would love to hear from you!

Would you be interested in a book swap initiative in the village? Can we find a place where we can leave books for others to come and pick up now that the libraries are not available for browsing? Let us know if you have any ideas about how to get this going.

Hardwick Evangelical Church holds a social Zoom group every Wednesday at 3.30pm. If you fancy a chat, you don't have to be part of the church to attend, just email Pauline Blower (pastoral.hechurch@gmail.com) for more details

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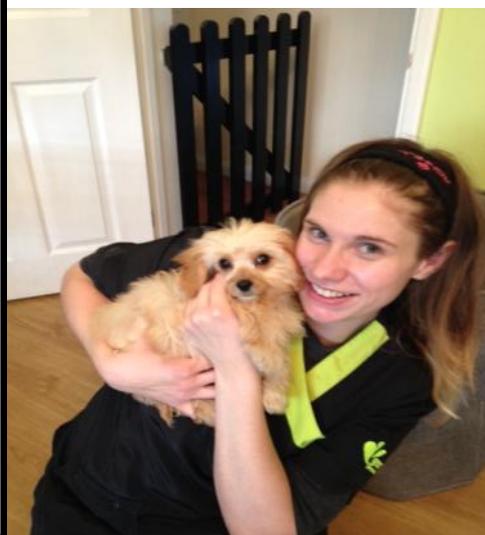
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EMILY'S MARATHON MONTH

By Daniel Baker

A key worker from Hardwick has spent November on the run – but it's all been for a good cause.

23-year-old Emily Stokes took on a gruelling challenge with the aim of running 50 miles in the space of 30 days in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

Emily began working in aged care at the age of 17 and helps elderly people, including those with dementia, in her current role as a community carer.

She said: "I'm very thankful that no one in my family has dementia. However, I've been working in aged care for nearly six years now and I love it so much.

"I was looking into donating money to the Alzheimer's Society for Christmas. I was going to ask friends and family not to give presents this year and to donate instead and that's when I came across the 50 Miles in 30 Days Challenge."

The former Hardwick Primary School pupil set up a fundraising page at the end of October and by November 2nd, she had already reached her original £500 target.

Despite a lack of running experience, Emily has been completing routes throughout Hardwick and the surrounding villages during the second lockdown.

She added: “The lockdown hasn’t overly affected me being a community carer, but we are still working as hard as ever.



“I do all I can to make people’s lives as good as possible, however there is still so much more that needs to be done. That’s why I’ve chosen the Alzheimer’s Society as they do some amazing work.”

A QUIET SERVICE

Have you noticed how beautifully litter-free St. Neots Road is these days? This is thanks to Sue Lunt, a resident of that road who for the last 18 months has quietly and efficiently picked up litter from one end to the other. She travels to her chosen site on her mobility scooter, works around that area and then moves on, going out as far as Madingley Mulch roundabout. Not content with day to day litter, she has scoured the undergrowth and brought out an enormous amount of builders rubbish and other fly tipped stuff. She would seek no reward, I know but I think that such selfless service should be recognised with a wave and maybe a toot!

Janet Barnard

GETTING QUIZZICAL FOR CHRISTMAS

See how you fare with Daniel Baker's Christmas-themed quiz.

It started off as one-off idea. My brother James and I organised an evening where we played adapted versions of well-known game shows back to back, a fun activity designed to keep us going during the first national lockdown. The games included Pointless, Catchphrase and our family favourite Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?, all built in PowerPoint.

But then momentum built, and I wanted to make more and more quizzes using the real show for inspiration and my parents got involved too, winning a virtual million by knowing the origin of the word 'checkmate' was from Persian. It may not have a big budget or the brash, yet amusing Jeremy Clarkson, but a weekly quiz has become a ritual in the Baker household.

So now, I want to invite you to take part. I have produced a 15 question quiz for all the family to enjoy. No prizes, I'm afraid, but hopefully lots of fun will be had.

Q1 -Christmas Day falls on what day in December?

A: 11th B: 18th C: 25th D: 29th

Q2 – Which of these is usually a distinctive feature of Father Christmas?

A: White beard B: Trilby hat C: Tuxedo D: Ear piercing

Q3 – How many gold rings were gifted in the 12 Days of Christmas song?

A: 2 B: 5 C: 7 D: 12

Q4 – Which of these women's names is also a type of song sung at Christmas?

A: Christine B: Chloe D: Clare D: Carol

Q5 –According to the song, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer had a very....what?

A: Shiny nose B: Runny nose C: Big nose D: Small nose

Q6 –Panettone is a traditional festive food from which country?

A: Italy B: France C: Germany D: Japan

Q7 – Stay Another Day is a Christmas song by which band?

A: South 17 B: East 17 C: West 17 D: North 17

Q8 – Which soft drink is synonymous with its Christmas truck?

A: Fanta B: Sprite C: Coca Cola D: Ribena

Q9 – The drink eggnog is sometimes known by what name?

A: Milk hit B: Milk thump C: Milk float D: Milk punch

Q10 – The Tom Hanks film *The Polar Express* was released in what year?

A: 1984 B: 1994 C: 2004 D: 2014

Q11 – In *A Christmas Carol*, Scrooge is a former employee of which character?

A: Fezziwig B: Bob Cratchet C: Tiny Tim D: Fred

Q12 – Broadcast on radio, who was the first monarch to deliver a Christmas Day message to the nation?

A: William IV B: George V I C: George V D: Edward VIII

Q13 – Home of Father Christmas, what is the capital city of Lapland?

A: Turku B: Rovaniemi C: Mariehamn D: Vantaa

Q14 – Mr Blobby beat which band to top spot in the Christmas charts of 1993?

A: Bee Gees B: Meat Loaf C: Mariah Carey D: Take That

Q15 – *Don't Blame Me* is the B-side of which band's famous festive hit song?

A: Slade B: Wham! C: Pogues D: Wombles

Answers on page 68

Watch out for burglars at Christmas

Hoping when you are reading this, lockdown is over and we are back to some form of normality. However Christmas sees an increase in burglaries So here are a few tips to keep your house and property safe.

- Homeowners are being reminded to close the curtains once it gets dark outside, especially if the lights are on inside.
- Doors and windows should be kept shut and locked. Doors should be dead-locked so that they cannot be opened without a key but only when house is empty to avoiding blocking a fire exit.
- Tempting gift-wrapped presents should not be left on show.
- In the evening, houses should look "occupied" with lights on and curtains closed and a radio left on. If you are going away ask a neighbour to leave a vehicle in your driveway. A TV simulator is effective and costs only a few pounds.
- TV wall mounts can often have a padlock to prevent theft
- Presents should be removed overnight from vehicles. If possible, store them indoors and out of sight. Even a coat left in the front of a vehicle makes it a target.
- Do not leave car keys close to the front door especially where they can be “fished” using a coat hanger through the letter box. Radio-remote key fobs should be kept inside a radio signal-proof sleeve which only cost a few pounds.
- Residents should keep an eye out for any elderly or vulnerable neighbours and encourage them to follow these tips.
- Empty boxes, which could advertise Christmas goodies inside the house, should not be left outside on view.
- Once Christmas gifts are unwrapped, they can be registered for free on the Immobilise database which is a free property registration system which allows stolen or lost goods to be identified and returned to the owner.

Bicycles can also be registered at www.bikeregister.com

Hoping this has been helpful. Christmas is a time for celebration, but perhaps not for all. If you require help contact NHW, 01954 211532 ahshepherd@hotmail.co.uk or Hardwick Network. Ruth Enge 07814 358181 email Hardwick.Network@gmail.com

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International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: Why it matters and the lessons that still need to be learned

December 2nd 2020 marks the 35th annual International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. Since 1986, this day has been a reminder of the progress that has been made in eliminating slavery but also represents the challenges that lie ahead. When discussing abolition in Britain, several topics often come to mind. These may be the parliamentary acts of 1807 and 1833 which outlawed the slave trade and later slavery across the British Empire. Many refer to the work of British abolitionists such as William Wilberforce, a University of Cambridge graduate whose political legacy has been synonymous with anti-slavery movements even to this day. There are, however, several issues that get frequently overlooked both in education and society at large.

Firstly, while abolitionists such as Wilberforce played an important role in ending Britain's participation in the Transatlantic Slave Trade, they had a much more limited impact in abolishing slavery outright. Many believed that slavery would naturally come to an end as a result of the slave trade being outlawed and therefore many British abolitionist campaigns were not concerned with emancipation until many years later. In the case of Wilberforce, prior to abolition of the British slave trade in 1807, he reiterated that total outlawing of slavery was not the immediate goal and had resigned as an MP some eight years before slavery was abolished in the British Empire.

In addition, British conversation about anti-slavery movements generally centres on the actions of Britons while almost entirely overlooking the importance of slaves themselves. This point has once again entered mainstream discourse as the Black Lives Matter movement has highlighted not only the injustices perpetrated by Western imperial powers, but also the

fact that the majority of victim narratives are absent in history books. At present, far too little is taught in schools about how slaves themselves drove the abolitionist movement. Slave revolts such as Tacky's War in Jamaica are seldom mentioned in the British curriculum, nor is the Haitian revolution, an event that witnessed Haitian slaves overthrow French imperial rule. In Britain itself, insufficient attention has been paid to the role of freed slaves Olaudah Equiano and Ottobah Cugoana in campaigning for abolition as well as influencing anti-slavery legislation.

Furthermore, it is easy to assume that because slavery has been abolished, it therefore no longer exists. This is sadly not the case. Although slavery is now illegal in all countries, it still persists across the world, and the UK is no exception. Modern Slavery, as set out in the 2015 Modern Slavery Act, encompasses numerous offences including being made to work for extremely low pay, being coerced into working for criminal organisations as well as other forms of exploitation such as forced marriage. According to Anti-Slavery International, as many as 10,000 victims of Modern Slavery were referred to the authorities in the UK in 2019 alone. In our region, over 50 modern slavery offences were recorded by Cambridgeshire Constabulary between 2015 and 2018.

In conclusion, it is important that we use this year's International Day for the Abolition of Slavery to promote the voices of those who have been exploited both past and present. Victims of slavery must be given a greater platform and we must come to terms with some very uncomfortable truths about our nation's past. We must remind ourselves of the ongoing exploitation that occurs worldwide and to ensure that the history of the British Empire is taught in a broader as well as more critical manner. The events of 2020 have underlined how important days like these are and the lessons that still need to be learned, both inside and outside of the classroom.

James Baker



We're still meeting weekly on Sunday mornings at 10am on Zoom.

Everybody is more than welcome!

Details of how to join the services, either by Zoom or on YouTube can be found at

www.HEChurch.co.uk

Hardwick Evangelical Church at Christmas Carol Service – Sunday 20th December – 10:30am

Join us on Zoom for a carol service like no other. Some traditional carols, some more modern ones, interspersed with Christmas readings.

Carol Singing around the village – Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December – 7:30pm-8:30pm

On Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd, between 7:30 and 8:30pm small groups of socially distanced carol singers will bring the carol singing to your street! Why not come and join us from your doorstep? Streets and timings will be published on Facebook closer to the time.

Stars in the night-sky – Christmas Eve – 4pm -6pm

On Christmas Eve we'd love to invite you to the Nativity scene that will be built on the corner of Limes Road and Cambridge Road, but this year, it's not to sing carols, but to pin a home-made star (the shinier the better!) to the nativity scene and fill the night-sky with stars!

Christmas Morning Celebration – Christmas Day – 10:30am

Join us at church on Zoom on Christmas morning from the comfort of your own home for a short service (you can even stay in your PJs)

All outdoor events are subject to weather and also any COVID restrictions that may be in place at the time.

For up to date information and for information about how to join at any of these events, head to www.HEChurch.co.uk



St. Mary's Church **Super Christmas Hamper raffle**

Raffle tickets will be on sale at £1 each from the beginning of December and the draw will take place on Sunday 20th December. Tickets will be available from Thelma Westbury, Lois Frettsome, Anne Jones, Ali Marcus, Joan Segrave, Caroline Edgley and Sue Cornwell. A picture of the hamper and further detail will be posted on the village and Church Facebook pages and on the notice boards around the village.

If you would be willing to sell some tickets, please contact Anne (211417) or Sue (210063).

How are you feeling today?

This is a question that we rarely ask ourselves – sometimes because we are busy, other times because we are afraid the answer might not be one we want to hear! But as we approach a tough winter of possible restriction and isolation it is more important than ever to maintain our mental and physical health and wellbeing.

Why might COVID-19 have an impact on how we feel?

The Local Government Association (LGA) has published a briefing for councils and communities about this issue. It states that a lot of the behaviours and environments that are needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are known to be detrimental to our wellbeing. This includes restricted movement and travel, isolation and social distancing, that can cause boredom, frustration and loneliness.

In addition, it is likely to be distressing and traumatic for those who are diagnosed with COVID-19, or who see family or friends become ill, and perhaps pass away, with the virus. This can lead to depression, anxiety, stress, grief and inability to cope.

So it is more important than ever to spend a little more time being aware of how we are feeling and whether we are coping. If life feels too much, think about finding a bit of extra support to help you through the difficult times!

What support is available? There are lots of resources available out there and the LGA briefing listed some of the following.

Search for the publication '**Guidance for the public on the mental health and wellbeing aspects of coronavirus (COVID-19)**' on the government coronavirus website (<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>) It is full of useful tips on how to maintain your mental wellbeing during the crisis.

The tips include:

- i) If your routine has changed due to the pandemic, try to include **meaningful activities** in your day such as exercise, cooking, writing to friends or doing that job around the house you have been putting off for ages!
- ii) **Stay in contact** with friends and family, perhaps on the phone rather than in person, or give your Hardwick Network volunteer a call. Maintaining relationships is very important for our wellbeing.
- iii) **Talk about how you feel** and your worries. The NHS Volunteers Service provides a 'check in and chat' service if you are feeling isolated and want to talk things through. Call 0808 196 3646 (8am to 8pm) to find out more.
- iv) **Stay physically healthy!** Physical activity creates chemicals in your body that help make you feel happier and eating healthy food will help you be more resilient to whatever life throws at you. The NHS website has 10-minute videos of exercise routines you can do without leaving the house: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-fitness-studio/> and also ideas for easy healthy recipes to cook at home: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/eat-better/>.

There are lots of other tips in the publication and other websites are also available, a few of which are listed below:

For children and young people: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/>

For new and expectant parents:

<https://maternalmentalhealthalliance.org/news/mmha-members-offer-reassurance-amid-coronavirus-outbreak/>

From the mental health charity MIND:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

If you have any questions about these resources (particularly if you cannot easily access the internet) or want some further guidance about where to look for support, please contact me via the Hardwick Network details at the end of this article. I am not an expert in wellbeing or mental health but as coordinator of Hardwick Network I receive lots of information each week from the council and it would be great to be able to pass it on!

Ruth Enge

Hardwick Network Coordinator

07814 358181

Email: hardwick.network@gmail.com

Monday: 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Wednesday: 2.00 – 6.00 pm

If you visited Comberton Library in the first week of November, you may well know that we had two sessions of managed browsing before the new period of lockdown came into effect on 5th November. Hopefully, a few customers were able to take advantage of the opportunity to browse the shelves.

At the time of writing, we are operating under the current lockdown regulations, which allow us to provide essential library services. This means that you can return books and collect items, which will have been issued already to your library card. Specific titles can be reserved online from home in the normal way. Whilst we continue to offer a limited service, there are no reservation fees or overdue charges. We are still running a Select and Collect Request Service, which enables you to request a selection of books based on your preference. Staff will choose books based on the information provided and the stock available in the library. Please use the online form, available via www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library to make your requests. If you do not have internet access, you can call Customer Services on 0345 045 5225, and the staff there will ensure that your request is forwarded to the library. We will contact you to let you know when your items are available to collect. You can also still book a public computer for essential use, allowing you one 45 minute session on the days we are open.

The Reading Agency is promoting the Winter Reading Challenge for children again this year. The Challenge runs from 1st December until 15th January and children are encouraged to read three books during this period. They will receive rewards and incentives as they progress through the Challenge. For further details and to sign up your children, please visit <https://readingagency.org.uk/children/news/join-the-winter-mini-challenge-and-become-a-reading-hero.html>

Library Live, www.library.live, is a new digital service offered by Cambridgeshire Libraries in partnership with Civic. The service is designed to provide a virtual experience of the physical library, including the ability to ‘Ask a Librarian’ a question, search local events and activities, participate in ‘The Library Presents’, an arts programme which is now virtual, and explore local collections. Civic is a not-for-profit organization which specialises in community building and place making and is working in partnership with Cambridgeshire Libraries on a project called the Future Libraries Initiative. We hope that you will enjoy exploring what is on offer.

Please do keep an eye on the Library Service pages of the County Council website for any changes to the service we are able to offer.

The library will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period. We wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that it won't be too long before we can welcome you back to the library, and that we see a return to some sort of normality in 2021.



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Some of us had a very interesting walk in October across Trumpington Meadows and over the M11 towards Harston - picture enclosed. Prior to all the new build around Trumpington Meadow, which started in 2012, this land was a potato farm and many of the roads on the estate are named after potatoes. Going much further back in time, there was a hospital there, but all that remains of that now is a concrete wall and some foundations.

We continue to get some interesting speakers for our monthly Zoom meetings. In October, a local resident, Daniel Lee, talked about how to design a Wildlife Friendly Garden. He gave lots of advice about how to encourage visits from insects and birds who are attracted by a variety of colours, shapes and sizes - in summary the greater variety of plants and flowers you have, the better it will be for the birds and bees.

We start 2021 with a meeting on 20 January when Stephen Jones will give a talk "Living with Pulmonary Fibrosis". A serious and sobering subject but no doubt he will remember to bring the accompanying video to provide some light relief (joke!).

But in the meantime
keep Strong, keep
Safe and keep WI-ng !

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and a HAPPY
NEW YEAR**
Naomi Roy



Comberton Village College during COVID 19 by Lucy Byatt

We were all pleased to return to school in September of this year to re-join our classes and see our friends after the long absence during the first lockdown and over the summer holidays. There are several changes which we have got used to over this term, such as masks, social distancing from adults and the increased use of sanitizer before and after every lesson.

I think that masks are the biggest change in that we wear a mask on the bus and in the corridors as we move from class to class. However, once we are in our social areas we can remove the masks and talk freely with the friends in our year group.

Each year group is in its own separate “bubble” so there are individual social areas for each year – and these are now mostly outside and well ventilated. It can get a little chilly, wet and muddy.

Classrooms have the windows open whatever the weather so we are allowed to wear our coats as the weather gets colder. To limit our movement around school we now have three lessons a day instead of six and each lesson is a double ... so 100 minutes of each subject at a time. This is all very well if you enjoy the subject!

There are no after school clubs so there is a definite impact on the school community.

However, raising money for charity through non uniform days, learning in the classroom, online assemblies and parents’ evenings are all taking place. It has been encouraging to see just how much can be done within the safety guidelines set. It has been a period like none other and students and staff alike have had to make a lot of changes but resilience and perseverance prevail as we look forward to Christmas.

CVC in the second lockdown, by two pupils who worked together to produce this report.

School closed abruptly with little warning in March after the government put the country into lockdown. From then on our lessons went online and all exams were cancelled. It was a very strange time for everybody.

We finally got to go back to school in September. It was great to get together with our friends again after so long. But school certainly has a different feel about it now.

Comberton Village College is one of the only schools in the county that have not had to close any bubbles down due to Covid. A bubble consists of a whole school year. We can have classes and socialise within our bubble but we cannot mix with other year groups in other words no mixing with anyone outside our bubble.

One of the main differences now at school is that we have to wear face masks. This starts from when we get on the bus in the morning and when we move around the school. Each teacher has a box drawn onto the floor and we can't enter that area. If the teacher comes over to us they need to wear a mask. We have hand sanitisers placed all round school which we are encouraged to use. This was a bit strange at first but we have got used to it.

All our homework has to be handed in online which again is different to the way we used to work.

All after-school clubs have been postponed for now but we hope they will start again next year. This is a big part of Comberton for everybody. Unfortunately there will be no school play this year either due to covid.

The school play was a big part of the school year and a lot of people are very disappointed about this. Also all school trips have been cancelled.

Another big difference is that at the moment all parents evenings are online.

Overall Comberton Village College have coped really well with the changes. Everybody hopes that we will finally be able to get back to normal in 2021.

The authors wish to remain anonymous.



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Advent (December)

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Hardwick Advent Windows

An opportunity for members of the village to engage creatively in a variety of ways to mark the season of Advent together around the Christmas story. Find details on our website and on Facebook – 'Hardwick Advent Windows'

Sunday Services in Advent

Every Sunday - Worship at Home audio service via www.stmaryshardwick.org.uk

6th Dec, 9.30am, simple communion service*

13th Dec, 9.30am, service of prayers and a reflection*

20th Dec, 9.30am, simple communion service*

Booking requested for in-person services via cebigg53@gmail.com

#LightInTheDarkness

Look out for the star on the tower of the church in December.

Christmas

*subject to government guidance on places of worship after 2 December.

9 days, 9 lessons, 9 carols – 17th to 25th

A series of short, daily reflections from Canon Alison. #LightInTheDarkness
Via our website, Facebook group, e-mailing list.

Christmas Candlelight Vigil – 4pm, Sun 20th

Come to St Mary's for a candlelit vigil* *because Christmas is different this year.*
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Christingle – 4pm, Tues 22nd

Tues 22nd 4pm, either online or in-person*. Check the church Facebook group or website nearer the time. #LightInTheDarkness

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day#LightInTheDarkness

Christmas Worship at Home audio and/or video service – via our website

For in-person services, booking is essential this year because numbers will have to be limited. Please book just one of the following:

24thDec, 9.30pm, simple Christmas communion*

24thDec, 11.30pm simple Christmas communion*

25thDec, 9.30am simple Christmas communion*

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January

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Every Sunday - Worship at Home audio service via www.stmaryshardwick.org.uk

3rd & 17th Jan, 9.30am, simple communion service*

10th & 24th Jan, 9.30am, service of prayers and a reflection*

31st Jan, Lordsbridge Churches Worship at Home video service for Candlemas

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In-person services and Covid-19 guidance. All our services follow Covid-safe guidelines. The church is cleaned beforehand, the building is well ventilated, services are kept short with a reduced and well-spaced congregation, and no singing. Communion is distributed in accordance with government and C of E guidance. Face coverings are mandatory unless exempt. Please ask if you'd like to know more.

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

Church building open. The church building is usually open for personal visits and private prayer from 9.30am on Thursdays and after the morning service on Sundays, until dusk.

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



Even though you might be reading this at the start of December, there is still



plenty of time to get involved in the Hardwick Advent Windows project this year. Hardwick Advent Windows is a joint project between Hardwick Evangelical Church and St Mary's. Together, we want to invite you to join us celebrating the Christmas story throughout December.

There are 4 ways for you to get involved!

For families with children aged 3-11 we have 50 FREE Hardwick Advent Windows resource boxes to give away. Boxes contain a calendar of activities to complete each day of Advent including QR code links to videos of the Christmas story, Christmas songs and instructions and resources to make your own craft to display in your window. There are also sweet treats to enjoy and a free gift for the family. To receive one of our resource boxes register here. bit.ly/hardwickadventwindows



For every household in the village we invite you to take part in the activities on our Hardwick Advent Windows calendar which will be coming through your doors inside the Christmas card from the churches.

For all ages, you can enjoy viewing the Advent Windows when you are out walking in the village or on our Hardwick Advent Windows Facebook page.

For everyone young and old we would love you to create your own Advent Windows to help tell the Christmas story. Each Saturday during December we are asking people in the community to display an image in their windows relating to part of the Christmas story. These could be printed out, handmade or bought decorations. See photo for the suggested images for each week. If you are feeling really creative you may also like to create a whole window scene to tell part of the story. Send us a message on our Hardwick Advent Windows Facebook page for our list of suggested scenes for each week.

We hope you enjoy getting involved in the Hardwick Advent Windows!



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Cathy Coulthard
writes:

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This year, we're asking you to Shop Local.

Many of the families that Home-Start support have small businesses (covering a whole range of services from dog walking to sewing) and, along with other local business owners, they are facing huge amounts of pressure in the run up to Christmas.

Local businesses have spent a fortune this year: making their premises COVID secure, closing down during the height of the lockdown, and then preparing themselves for the long-awaited Christmas rush. With the November lockdown, these plans came to an abrupt halt, and many families will be facing a stressful Christmas, with their mental health at absolute zero.

Home-Start supports families who are struggling to cope with the pressures of life, particularly mental health issues such as low self-esteem, and we are seeing a huge rise in parents needing support at the moment. One of the many ways you can help us is not just by donating (although, if you would like to support us financially, we would love to hear from you!), but by supporting our local businesses over the Christmas period. Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising are marvellous things: they allow you to shop safely and swiftly, and you can use your shopping time to

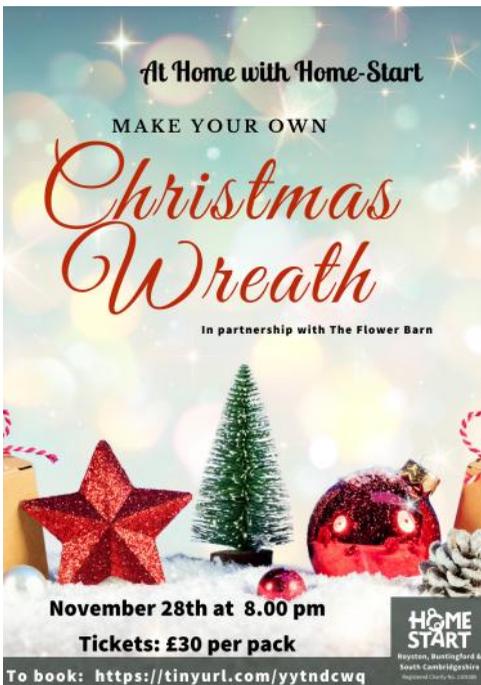
support charities like Home-Start (see our blog post: <https://www.hsrsc.org.uk/2020/08/help-home-start-easyfundraising/> for more info). But shopping with them doesn't help local businesses. To quote from a Facebook meme: *“When you shop local, you're not helping a CEO buy a third holiday home. You're helping a child get dance lessons, or their team jersey, and you're helping Mums and Dads put food on the table.”*

Home-Start's mission is to support families who need us, and we in turn need you: to shop locally, even if it means making a bit more effort. Ringing a local business to arrange for click and collect, or to order something in specially; finding that little shop down a side street because it stocks “just the right things”; sharing your perfect finds on social media so that other people can find it too.

Little steps that lead to big changes which will bring a smile to many families this Christmas.

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We have decided to close the stall now until the spring. If you are sowing seeds for vegetables or flowers, maybe you could pop in a few extra for St Mary's!

Sue Cornwell

The Cabin at St Mary's.

Bookstall

In response to a suggestion from the Hardwick Network, a bookstall will be opened in the porch at the Cabin on Thursdays and Sundays from 9.30am to dusk starting on 26th November. This will be an opportunity for people to exchange books or to buy a book (all proceeds to St Mary's Church). The bookstall will not be open if it is raining. A collection of mixed fiction books has been generously donated to get the scheme started, but we would welcome further donations to give a variety of reading matter. Books can just be added to the shelves or given to Anne Jones (23, Egremont Rd) or Sue Cornwell (The Old School)

Comberton Twinning Association



Comberton is twinned with the village of Le Vaudreuil in Normandy - near the River Seine about 10 miles from Rouen. For two decades, we have made regular visits each year to and from Le Vaudreuil, and many friendships have been formed. The aim of the group is for families, couples and individuals to experience the way of life in each other's communities. Speaking French is not vital!

Coronavirus has meant that the visit planned by the French for May 2020 (the VE Day weekend) had to be postponed. Similarly plans for our next visit there are also on hold, as are the various annual social events (BBQ, Quiz, etc) that we usually hold.

However, we did hold a delayed AGM in mid-September, as a 'hybrid' event, part physical, part virtual. After a risk-assessment, we booked Comberton Village Hall as a venue which had been through extensive Covid-secure analysis and preparation. About 15 members attended in person, including most of the committee, with households sitting socially distanced at least 2m apart. Another 15 families attended virtually by Zoom – their images appearing on the big screen, and their voices through the hall speakers. It was a bit odd at first, but worked well.

We are now planning a Zoom meeting with the French, to show them what our village looked like in lockdown (particularly around the VE Day weekend) and for them to keep us up to date with happenings in France. We are looking forward to future visits as and when travels can resume – hurry up with a vaccine!

For more information, see <http://CombertonTwinning.org.uk>. To join, contact Glynis Ellis, tel 262214, email secretary@combertontwinning.org.uk.

Paul Hardy, Chairman of Comberton Twinning Association, October 2020.



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Update CAM metro

Dear all,

I thought this might be of your interest.

On the 4 November, the Transport Committee of the Combined Authority, discussed the CAM metro, including the C2C.

Simon Wright, technical and engineering advisor, explained that Jacobs is conducting the investigation into the Northern route -4 weeks work so far- and although it appears that it would be slightly less advantageous in 3 points, it would be only reasonable to continue this investigation so that at least it can be compared on equal basis with the southern route via Coton.

It is frustrating that although Cllr Van den Weyer voted against Southern route of C2C in his last meeting as Chair of GCP; now is not supporting the investigation of these alternative routes. Delaying further this analysis and comparison between the routes. But more importantly, did not really show any interest on what residents want...

During this meeting James Palmer, our Mayor, was simply asking for this technical work to be taken by the GCP for further work as part of these two organisations working together to achieve the best solution for our communities. The GCP seem to not want to review any other alternatives.

Listening to this committee's discussion, its apparent that James Palmer is the only one who is interested on what residents think and what could be best for communities...No one was asking the right questions -in my opinion- around what the best route is, what is best for our communities or of the like... all the questions were around timelines, finance, procedures,...

I would have thought that elected members priority would be to represent residents and achieve the best possible outcomes on million-pound schemes. Positive outcomes should not only be based on costs. They should have been raising questions around connectivity, quality of life, community cohesion, fragmentation of biodiversity, etc...

Unfortunately, this was not taken forward.

I know that this scheme is very sensitive for most of you and in the interest of all, I do believe that we should take the time to make sure all options are assessed properly so that whatever the decision is, residents are reassured that the work has been done and that they have been listened to.

The impact of this project will be for generations to come and rushing it does not seem appropriate. I hope that the CA, GCP et al. get this right and that all key partners are working together and strategically.

Lina Nieto

County Councillor Hardwick division
(Barton, Caldecote, Coton, Comberton, Harlton, Hardwick, Grantchester,
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SNIPPETS *Howard Baker trawls for unusual stories in the national press.*

I was born fifteen miles from Durham City and was among the first people to benefit from the 1944 Education Act, which enabled boys and girls to go to grammar schools by passing an exam, rather than having parents who were rich enough to pay the fees. Not only could these children go to grammar school but if they were clever enough they could go on to university - not just any old university but to our own university in Durham. Or so we saw it at the time. But over years of watching *University Challenge*, I noted that it was rare to find a Durham contestant who came from Durham, and saw references to Durham being the third or fourth best university in England. And a few years ago when we were having a holiday in Durham City we were warned to avoid what was known locally as Volvo Saturday when all the rich mummies and daddies bring their sons and daughters for their first year at 'our' university. I could accept all this until I read recently in a national newspaper that southern students were bullying local students, making fun of their accents and referring to them as 'peasants'. Bullying of any kind makes me angry but students coming to Durham and mocking the locals makes me particularly angry. Durham is a warm and friendly city and these southerners should consider themselves privileged to be allowed to study there. And if they can't stand the locals, well, there are plenty of universities in the south of England

When David Toole informed his mother that he wanted to be a dancer she replied, 'May I remind you that you have no legs?' She was right: David was born with a congenital disorder of the spine preventing the development of his legs, which were amputated when he was eighteen months old.

After leaving school in his native city of Leeds, he took an office job, which boring. However, it was while he was in this job that he saw an advert for a workshop put on by a local dance company. This inspired him and he enrolled in the Laban Dance School in London.



He appeared in many theatres across the world but for many people will be best remembered for his appearance in the 2012 Paralympic Games when he ascended high into the night sky, gliding gracefully, the gentle flutter of his arms as wings-juxtaposing with his upper body strength to extraordinary effect.

David died recently at the age of fifty-six.

And if, like me, you were totally amazed to learn about David Toole's achievement you will be further amazed by the achievements of a blind painter whose work was showcased recently in a television programme. Keith Salmon was diagnosed in 1989 with diabetic retinopathy and is now registered blind. His paintings are a combination of memory and attention to detail. He paints with his face close to the canvas, capturing the light and shade, the sounds and space of the subject. Interestingly for a painter he says he is free from the prison of vision



News of a vaccine against Covid-19 must be the best news of this blighted year and I will be there in the queue as soon as possible. And I am sad to hear of the lobby that opposes the vaccine. Let them refuse the virus if they wish but not spend large sums of money persuading other people to refuse it. We are adults. We can make up our own minds.

VILLAGE PEOPLE Number 33– Ruth Enge
Interview by Daniel Baker

Eight years after first moving here, Ruth Enge has become a key person in the village’s fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

As is the case with many ideas, one Facebook post helped her create and establish the Hardwick Network which is made up of 60 volunteers who are helping villagers by offering services such as shopping trips, prescription collections and social contact as well as ensuring people know who to speak to if they need further advice or support.

The success of the Network fits in nicely with her view on the village. Ruth describes the people that live here as “wonderful” and praises the “sense of community” and “how people look out for each other.”

Born in Dorset, Ruth and her family moved around a lot due to her father’s work as a Methodist minister. She went to primary school in Kent before moving to Yarm in Teesside for secondary school. She later studied history and archaeology at the University of York and lived in Hereford before moving to Cambridge in 2008.

She was offered the chance to move into her cousin’s spare room and took it up. After living in Histon for a time, Ruth and her husband Nick decided they wanted to buy their first house and managed to find one here which was both affordable and allowed them to continue cycling to work.

While discussing how she came to be in Hardwick, it became clear that she had a lot in common with my family. It's not every day that you find so much common ground with an interviewee. My own father is from Teesside and my brother went to the University of York.



We also took the time to compare notes on Scandinavia.

Husband Nick has a Swedish background and the couple

love Stockholm. A self-confessed adventurer, her travels have also taken her to Brugge, Maastricht and Ypres to see the battlefields, but they also love exploring the UK with the Peak District, South Wales and East Anglia being favourite destinations.

Ruth also has a thing for numbers, as accountants often do. After years of working in the charity sector and frequently writing bids and tenders, she decided to swap word for numbers.

Away from work, you'll often find Ruth walking, cycling or "wild swimming" as she describes it, which became something of a ritual during the summer when travel restrictions weren't as strict and the temperatures were still sky high.

Ruth describes all the people who help in the Hardwick Network as "amazing" and with the pandemic likely to run well into 2021, she and her team are people we know we can rely on as we adjust to a 'new normal'.

Hardwick Pre-School

At Hardwick Pre-School the children have been learning all about dark and light.

As it was Bonfire night the children made their own firework pictures.



Outdoors we made a fire in our digging pit and lit a sparkler. We talked about sparkler safety such as putting the sparkler handle in a carrot and wearing gloves.

With our lightbox we had glitter gel letters and translucent 2D shapes. We made objects using the 2D shapes and also explored colour mixing.



Our water tray had 'shadows' underneath for the children to match templates to and outdoors we had a dinosaur shadow hunt and a nocturnal animal shadow hunt. We learnt that nocturnal animals slept in the daytime and were awake at night-time.



We read stories to teach us about nocturnal animals. Night, Light, Sleep Tight had shadows in too!



We had great fun making our own shadows on the pre-school wall!



We also learnt about Remembrance Day and made a poppy to remember the soldiers who have died in wars.





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Planting day at the Cabin under the watchful eye of Louisa Gilhooly who designed and sourced the plants. Thanks to Louisa for all her hard work.

Lina Nieto writes:

We are all working hard to stop people catching and spreading Coronavirus - but infections are rising which is putting yourself and your loved ones at risk.

So the Government has introduced new rules across England to stop Coronavirus from spreading.

In particular, the Government has told us to:

Stay at home unless you have a specific reason to go out like exercise or going to school or college.

- You can leave home for medical or safety reasons, to get food and other essential shopping, or to provide care for others.

- Households can form a 'bubble' with one person who lives on their own.

- Children can move between homes if their parents are separated.

Please work from home wherever you can.

Do not to meet up with anyone you don't live with indoors or your garden.

- You and one other person from another household can meet outside in a public place - but must stay 2 metres apart. Pre-school children are not counted.

If you have a serious medical condition which could put you at more risk from Coronavirus, please be especially careful.

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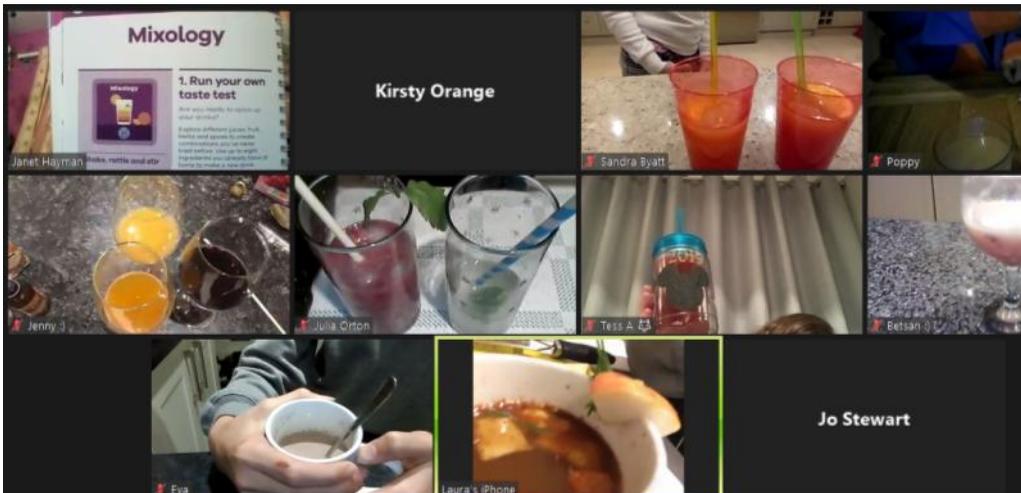


Since the last update we have moved back into a lockdown, but the week we were moving into lockdown we managed to squeeze our first (and only so far) indoor socially distanced Guide and Ranger meeting. This provided new challenges, but we had a really good turn out and the girls enjoyed themselves. We got to play some socially distanced games.

We are now back to what feels like our normal Zoom meetings. The guides have started the mixology badge where they have so far made their own mocktail. We had some lovely and adventurous sounding mocktails including a hot chocolate with vanilla, cinnamon & ginger; watermelon and orange; watermelon, raspberry & lemonade; elderflower, mint and lemonade with shimmer;cranberry & orange; mango & orange; blueberries, grapes, tangerine with lemonade; and a fizzy apple, cream, apricot puree and candyfloss flavour. Next week they will be planning a mocktail menu and having a party (at home) serving their mocktails.

One of the girls has already completed their mixology badge, and is creating a magazine where she interviewed the girls about lockdown and what they would do if they were the Principal of a school. We had some great answers, including their favourite bits of lockdown being spending more time with their parents, watching Marvel movies, amongst many others.

The Rangers have continued working.....



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| Answers: | Question 8: C: Coca Cola |
| Question 1: C: 25 th | Question 9: D: Milk punch |
| Question 2: A: White beard | Question 10: C: 2004 |
| Question 3: B: 5 | Question 11: A: Fezziwig |
| Question 4: D: Carol | Question 12: C: George V |
| Question 5: A: Shiny nose | Question 13: B: Rovaniemi |
| Question 6: A: Italy | Question 14: D: Take That |
| Question 7: B: East 17 | Question 15: A: Slade |

on Unit Meeting Activities including Welcome with Open arms – where they looked at being inclusive and welcoming new people to our community and unit – We also did a Karate activity where we learnt a couple of moves and Brake Time where we looked at what drivers have to think about when they have to brake and the stopping distances of different speeds. The girls took it very seriously and looked into it scientifically. We have now started the Network Skills Builder where for the first activity they had to represent different bakeries in a chain who are going through a tough time and had to negotiate and compromise over the remaining ingredients. They did a very good job working together. In December we will be doing some Christmas activities. I think we will have a new challenge of how to do them over Zoom or however we are allowed to meet after Lockdown 2 is lifted, while keeping social distancing in place if meeting indoors.

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Brownies	Cabin at St Mary's	Mon	5.30pm – 7pm	Michelle Teague hardwickbrownies@hotmail.co.uk	Girls 7-10 yrs
Scouts	Scout & Guide Hut	Mon	7pm – 9pm	Paul Wooldridge Tel:01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	Boys & girls 10.6–14 yrs
Jazzercise	Hardwick School	Mon	7.45pm	Danajazerciscambourne@gmail.com Tel: 07760624609	Age 16+ any gender
Tuesday mornings at St Mary's	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	9.30am – 11am	Clare Bigg cebigg53@gmail.com	For parents, carers & their under 5s
Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	2pm – 4pm	Nicky Kerr kerranica@gmail.com	Alternate weeks
Rainbows	Scout & Guide Hut	Tues	4.30pm–5.30pm	Jane Muncey jhardwickrainbows@gmail.com	Girls 5 - 7 yrs
Yoga	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	6.15pm – 7.15pm	Michelle Veenman michelle.veenman@googlemail.com	
Guides	Scout & Guide Hut	Tues	6.30pm–8.30pm	Janet Hayman hardwickguides@gmail.com	Girls 10 - 15 yrs
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W.I.	Zoom	Wed	7.30pm – 10pm	Anne Jones jeffandanne23@gmail.com	3 rd Wed in the month
Mums & Babes	Cabin at St Mary's	Thurs	10.30am - midday	Ali Marcus Alison.marcus140@gmail.com	
Cabin Creative Arts	Cabin at St Mary's	Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Thelma Westbury	Alternate weeks

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Cubs	HSSC	Thurs	6.15pm – 7.45pm	Joan Segrave Rajo67@hotmail.co.uk	Boys & girls 8 – 10.6 yrs
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Pippin's Café	Hardwick School	Sat	10am - midday	Paul Wooldridge 01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	
St Mary's Church	St Mary's Church	Sun	9.30am-10.30am	Anne Jones jeffandanne23@gmail.com	
Evangelical Church	Hardwick School	Sun	10.30am	Rev Alison Myers alisonmyers@lordsbridge.org	
Sunday Club	Cabin at St Mary's	Sun 1 st & 3 rd	9.30am – 10.30am	Steve & Kate Gaze Minister.hechurch@gmail.com	Reception - Yr 13
Hardwick & Caldecote Cricket Club	Hardwick School	Sun		Peter Cornwell pccornwell@icloud.com	Adults & children over 5 yrs
Hardwick Football Club				Chris Fuller Tel: 07557 388229 chris55fuller@gmail.com	
Hardwick Pre-School	Hardwick School	Mon-Fri	9.15am–3.15pm (Term time)	Kris Edwards hardwickfc@gmail.com	http://www.hardwick-preschool.btck.co.uk
3.15 Club	Hardwick School	Mon-Fri	3.15pm – 6pm (Term time)	Sharon Griffiths hardwick.preschool@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01954 212823	
Neighbourhood Watch	Hardwick School	Advertised in Hardwick Happenings & Facebook		Sharon Turner hardwick3.15club@hotmail.co.uk	

To my knowledge all those in red are up and running in December

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