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EDITORIAL

The last couple of weeks have been marred by the sudden deaths of two very much loved village



people: Jane Giddings and Tejinder Singh Bhachu (TJ). How well they were held in affection by many is reflected in the obituaries on Pages 20 and 21. Their families will be in our thoughts and prayers.

This edition is smattered with info about the village party. Details about the party are on pages 1 and 13. All about the cookery, craft and produce show on page 34, the dog show on page 12, the market stalls on page 66 and the show entry form on page 38. It promises to be a fantastic event.

See page 28 for all who care about the environment and climate change. **Peter**

Summer Afternoons at St. Mary's

Summer afternoons are back.

After a long break (the building of the new Cabin and Covid restrictions), summer afternoons will happen again this August - on the 11th/12th, 18th/19th and 25th/26th.

from 2.30 - 4.30pm

Do come along to the Cabin for good company, excellent refreshments and plenty of fun for children.

Jane Giddings

Ian, Kathryn and Paul would like to thank all her friends and neighbours for making her last farewell such a moving tribute to her. It was a great comfort to all her family many of whom knew little of Hardwick. Her brothers were awed by the many friends and neighbours who lined the route to the church. I know she would have been pleased to have seen uniformed members from her much loved scout and guide movements as well as bowls club members in their team colours.

Jane thoroughly enjoyed her membership of Hardwick W.I. and I must thank them for their help and support. She was proud to be member and they did her proud.

I have so many people to thank that I cannot mention them all but they will know who they are.

Thank you everyone
Ian, Kathryn and Paul

Fatberg lays in Hardwick sewers

Some residents have frequently been affected by other residents flushing the wrong “stuff” down our sewers!

Some of our residents are pouring cooking oils and hot fats, also flush acrylic wipes etc down the waste pipes and toilets of our sewers. The wrong “stuff” in the drains deposit downstream somewhere, and NEVER reach the waste water treatment plant (on the edge of Cambridge, opposite Tesco's store in Milton).

FOUR fatbergs in less than TWO years have deposited in the main sewer of Hall Drive, causing flooding in the toilets of a few homes...this is not very pleasant.

Anglian Water who are responsible for our sewers are fantastic coming out often at unsociable hours to remove the unpleasant blockages, and have great advice on their web site,

“Our sewers and drains are designed to carry the three Ps – Pee, Poo and Paper (toilet).”

Thank you
Tim Reynolds

The Editors, Hardwick Happenings

I wish to register my unhappiness about what I deem to be the vitriolic attack on Revd Richard Coles in the last edition of Hardwick Happenings. I am especially shocked that it was written by one of you

How can someone who professes to have been a member of “my church-going days” cast such a damning criticism of this man, who has many talents and has been “there and back” in his personal life.

Revd Richard Coles is a part time vicar in a parish in Northamptonshire which I know well; he is only part time as the Diocese cannot afford a full time vicar- and indeed Revd Coles enjoys the full support of his parishioners. What he does in his down time is entirely up to him – and if he wishes to wear his dog collar-so be it. To his credit he brings religion to the fore and engages with all age groups with great humour and humility. There are plenty of other priests, both male and female, who although retired or only part time continue to wear this badge of office.

If the author of this article does not want to listen or watch the Revd Coles, I would highlight the “OFF “button, Actually there are quite a few priests who appear on TV - so why single out this individual?

We can all have our own personal views on matters but few of us would expect offensive ones of this sort to be published in a local village magazine. I do not think I am alone in expressing my distress at your editorial direction on this occasion.

NAOMI ROY

4 July 2021

We never intend to cause offence and are sorry that Naomi should feel so strongly about it.

Peter



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NEW WALKING GROUP

On Friday 9th July, I led the first Hardwick 'Walk for Health' and was joined by 21 people! We enjoyed a good walk in the sunshine, and more importantly enjoyed each others' company. New friends were made, and for some a new route was explored. Most of us stopped by at the Blue Lion pub for a cold drink afterwards, and generally a good time was had by all!

If you would like to join us, then please do! The walk is on the first Friday of each month, from the Blue Lion, at 11am. You can contact me before if you would like, or just turn up on the day. Even if it pours with rain I will be there, although we might take shelter in the pub earlier rather than later if that is the case.

As we go on I am hoping to do a fortnightly walk. Watch out for posters around the village, adverts in this magazine, or on the Hardwick Facebook page for updates.

Sharon McMahon

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Hardwick Scout and Guide Building

We would like to thank all those people who have supported fundraising for the Hardwick Scout and Guide hut, the Scout Group and the Girl Guiding units over the years.

As many of you will know we were aiming to replace the current Scout and Guide hut with a new building, but were not able to complete this project. The money that was raised by many fundraising events and supported by so many people in the village is now being used to improve the current building. The area to the rear of the building has already been cleared and fenced and has been much used by members of the Scout Group and Guide unit since we have been able to resume face to face meetings. The roof has just been replaced and work is ongoing to improve the cladding of the building.

We have been fortunate to be awarded funds from the South Cambridgeshire District Council Community Chest funds to aid the work to improve the area to the rear of the building and to replace the roof. **Jane Muncey**



There's a better way than busways

Local infrastructure has dominated my month, ending in a disappointing announcement from the GCP that they will progress plans for two huge concrete busways through the Cambridge greenbelt. We need fast action to fix our transport system in South Cambs, but not with poor value and damaging projects such as these. I will continue working alongside the residents, representatives, environment groups, and transport leaders opposing these schemes, and I am confident there are better long-term transport solutions to be explored.

Scroll down to find out what else I have been working on this month, including:

- Launching my latest East West Rail (EWR) survey with a posted update on my actions to over 21,000 homes.
- Meeting the Prime Minister to discuss the levelling up agenda and push back against massive house building in our area.
- Securing millions of pounds in funding for improvements to the A10.
- Discussing the impact of the new Planning Bill on South Cambridgeshire, and my thoughts on how it can be improved.
- Holding my latest Constituency Environment Forum, where over 100 people signed up to discuss environmental policy and biodiversity.

**FROM
ANTHONY
BROWNE**

MP





Dog Show!
12.30pm, The Show Ring
Saturday 11th September 2021



Can your dog do the best trick in the village?

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Come along and take part in the Hardwick Party Dog Show, kindly supported by Ash Croft Veterinary Surgery who will provide the judging and the prizes. You can enter as many classes as you like and everyone is welcome! Just fill in the entry form below and return it to Ruth Enge, 12 Bramley Way, Hardwick, by **Monday 23rd August!**

Class and time	Owner name	Dog name
12.30pm: Gathering of all entrants in the Show Ring		
1pm: Best trick		
1.20pm: Gentlest giant (over 30kg)		
1.40pm Friendliest little one (under 10kg)		
2pm: Golden oldie (over 8 years)		
2.20pm: Best dog and young handler pair		
2.30pm Gathering of all class winners in the Show Ring for the 'Best in Show' award		

Please note:

- i) Dogs should be kept on leads all the time at the Dog Show so we can keep everyone safe and calm. ii) All children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.



HARDWICK PARTY

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2021
12PM - 10PM

Plans are well underway for the Hardwick Party taking place on Saturday 11th September. The event is designed to be a celebration of Hardwick and a place of gathering for everyone in the village.

The event is being planned so that everyone in the village can join in and that there is something for everyone at the event.

If you'd like to be involved in helping out or if you have any ideas of things that could make the day even better, please do get in touch at hardwickparty@gmail.com

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BOUNCY CASTLES

A tribute to Jane Giddings

1955 – 2021

Jane's sudden death on June 22nd came as a shock to us all, not least to Ian, her husband, Kathryn and Paul, her children and their families. It really brings it home to me that you live and enjoy each day as if it is your last, as Jane was diagnosed with cancer 11 days before she passed away. This was so unfair, a life taken away far too soon as she had so much to give and live for, with her family including her eight grandchildren, who she adored. Jane had a kidney transplant in 2008 and was diabetic so during lockdown she was shielding and was looking forward to getting back to some sort of normality, but it was not to be.

Jane was a very caring, kind person, thinking about others before herself. She was very family orientated and adored seeing her children and grandchildren. Latterly, she cared for her father who lived in Swindon, her home town and she travelled there a lot to care for him until his death, 7 months ago.

I listened with interest to the eulogy in Jane's funeral, so ably read by her son, Paul, dressed in his police uniform. You always learn so much about people on these occasions. As a child Jane loved dance and attended dance school taking part in performances. She was a St John Ambulance Cadet and involved in the Scouting movement which she continued after moving to Hardwick.

Jane moved to Limes Road in 1983, when she was already married with two children. This remained their family home with lots of memories which will be treasured for years to come. She joined the WI, the local Scout group and had several jobs in the village over the years including the school, the Little Chef and the village shop. In later years, Jane took up netball and bowls, being a member of Coton Bowls Club. On leaving Scouts, having served in various roles, including group scout leader, she was awarded the Scouting Good Service Medal on her retirement.

I knew Jane through Hardwick WI which she joined in 1988. I was very touched when the WI 'song' Jerusalem was played at her funeral, sung by Katherine Jenkins. Looking back at WI photos, it was obvious that Jane loved WI – eating out, dressing up and generally having fun. She was on the committee for years and was our President from 2012 – 2015 and she achieved such a lot during those three years. Jane was a very keen darts player, a hobby which started in WI and she became the captain of Hardwick WI team. Lynn, one of her darts team said "She was fab at getting the bull but every time, astonished as we always were, we had such fun". During lockdown we started up 'Cuppa, cake & chat' when we could meet in groups of 6 in the garden. Jane was always keen to be part of this and during the last one, on May 18th,

when the rule of 6 was lifted, she joined us in my garden. Several of us were chatting about receiving our state pension and getting our free bus passes – you never know how the conversation develops and the range of topics we chat about! Sadly, Jane did not reach that age - she would have been 66 on July 3rd. Little did we know then that within a month, Jane would no longer be with us.

To get an overview of Jane's interests, hobbies and involvement in the village, apart from WI, I asked other people for some comments ...

Alan West (Headteacher at Hardwick Primary School from 1986 – 2004) writes...

Jane worked with me at the school as senior lunchtime supervisor for many years and all my memories of her are good ones. Always reliable, always well organised and always consistent. Without Jane, my job would have been so much more complicated. The organising of staff, deployment around the school and playground cover every day was a much more difficult task than she made it look. There are few people in my life I can look back on and say they were as successful as Jane in taking on a complex job and doing it so well for so long. I owe her a huge thank you on behalf of all the children over all those years that benefitted from her calm organisation. A lovely lady who set herself high standards and never faltered in her efforts to achieve them.

Vernon Spencer (President of Coton Bowls Club) writes ...

Jane was a recent member of the Coton Bowls Club and as Paul mentioned in his eulogy at her funeral, she had many varied interests and always joined in with enthusiasm and commitment and bowling was no exception. I have personally known Jane for many years and prior to bowls, spent many times with her at scout summer camps and scouting events. She was always friendly and kind.

Jane joined Coton Bowls Club in 2019 after encouragement from Ian, who has been a member since 2012. Having never played bowls before, she soon got involved and became an enthusiastic participant, always willing to contribute to the team and always willing to learn. However, Ian may have regretted the encouragement, as he later had to put his hand deep into his pocket when Jane needed bowls, kit and all the ancillary equipment. It was great to see them both involved and enjoying their time together at our club and playing against local teams.

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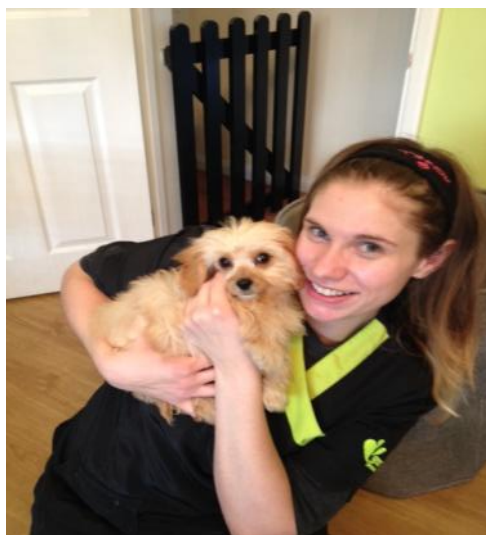
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Jane played bowls right until the end and it came as a great shock and sadness to everyone at the club when Ian said Jane was ill and in hospital. Jane will be sadly missed by all and we will continue to support Ian during this difficult period of his life.

Carolyn Haddadi (a friend) writes ...

What can I say about my lovely friend Jane with whom I have been friends for over 35 years? Well, she was kind, good hearted and a good listener, she even texted me from the hospital and said "I still have a good ear". We helped each other through lots of ups and downs. She never judged.

We have been on many walks together, we would walk and talk, sometimes we would be walking past the pub and she would say "let's pop in here rather than carry on walking", she would always have a lager shandy then we would sit and put the world to rights.

Jane loved to keep busy, she was really looking forward to starting back to Walking Netball, she sometimes got told off for running instead of walking. She enjoyed trying new things.

Richard Grenfell (Scouts) writes...

Jane had been a Cub Scout leader before coming to Hardwick and stepped smoothly into the role as Akela here in the village. Many boys went through the Cub pack while she was the leader, knowing her as Akela in the hut but Mrs Giddings in the playground.

When the Scout Group needed a new Group Scout Leader to help oversee the smooth running of all the sections in the group, Jane took on this role. She organised the Scout Group committee and recruited new leaders to the team; many parents will remember working with Jane in that position. She maintained her direct contact with young people by still helping out at Cubs and Scouts occasionally and both Jane and Ian would often come on camps as base camp support and would volunteer at other Scouting events.

As part of her Group Scout Leader role, Jane helped underpin the wider Scout Crafts Hill District and was part of the team that set up the Venture Scout Unit in Hardwick.

After stepping down as Group Scout Leader in 2007, Jane continued to support the Scout Group by serving on the Scout and Guide Hut Committee.

Jane was taken away from us far too soon. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.

Anne Jones



TEJINDER SINGH BHACHU

The village has been shocked to learn of the sudden death of Hardwick Stores owner Tejinder Singh Bhachu on July 15th. Tejinder, known affectionately to most of us as TJ, moved to the village in 1990 when his parents John and Maya bought the shop.

Over the last three decades, he established himself as a central and well-liked figure in the local community as both the shop owner and as a parish councillor. TJ was a friendly and warm man and always made shop and post office customers feel welcome.

He shared many great qualities with his late father John. He too had a great sense of humour and an admirable dedication to his family.

Many former paper boys and girls can credit TJ as the man who gave them their first paid job. The same can be said of people who worked in the shop and it was greatly to his credit that he was able to kickstart the working life of so many young people.

Shop staff, both past and present, will remember that working with TJ was great fun. Every customer was greeted with a smile. Whether you were an employee or a customer, you could always have a laugh and a friendly conversation with him.



One of TJ's big loves was football. He supported Liverpool and went to his beloved Anfield on many occasions.

TJ was also a very brave man. He and his family showed incredible strength to keep the shop open and running during the coronavirus pandemic. He and Emma were very grateful to the staff who worked extra shifts to help them when John died at the start of the year.

Villagers will look back at the time they spent with TJ with real affection. Not every village has a shop owner who is also a pillar of the community they serve. And it was a role TJ performed exceptionally well.

Our team at Hardwick Happenings send their condolences to Maya, Emma, Tara, Taran and Gulvinder and the extended family, and would like to say thank you to TJ for his contribution to village life. He really will be missed.

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“PLEASE”, OH!! <PLEASE!!! ‘DON’T “DO” THIS!!!

People think that proof reading is the most boring job in the world. I suppose it depends on what you’re reading. Proof reading Hardwick Happenings is never boring because about half of the copy we receive has already been proof read, and because the reader gets a preview of what’s going on in the village. But one or two recurring quirks occur before the proof reader’s eyes; the excessive misuse of exclamation marks !!! and inverted commas “ “!

The use of exclamation marks has become common in e-mails as a way of saying ‘that’s a joke’, but why? If it’s a joke the recipient of the e-mail should know that. If not, why not say ‘joke?’ It’s certainly not an exclamation, as in “Oh, no! she cried. I’ve also noted recently an exclamation mark being used with well-known expression, such as ‘everyone welcome!’ or ‘bring your own food!’ What’s the point of that?

In the novel, *Billy Liar* by Keith Waterhouse, there’s a scene where a youth is making a poster to put up in a youth club. He writes, ‘Have you paid your “subs”??? If not, “why not”??’ Inverted commas are used in stories and novels to highlight the fact that a character is speaking. When did they become an all-purpose method of highlighting words in a sentence?

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Howard.

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STELLA JOYNER
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Hardwick Eco

Do you worry about the climate emergency and the impact of climate change?

Do you ever feel helpless and don't know what to do about it?

Do you wish someone would show you what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint and help prevent the climate emergency?

Then come along to Hardwick Eco Weekend and learn about practical steps you can take in your every day life that will help reduce climate change!

It is easy to think that only big changes, such as installing solar panels in your house or getting rid of your car, will help prevent the climate emergency. While these steps will certainly reduce carbon emissions, they are not the only ways in which we can have a positive impact on the environment.

There are lots of smaller changes you can make in your daily life, which all start to mount up, such as using eco-friendly household products, growing some of your own food, eating less meat, or choosing 'pre-loved' instead of 'new' toys, books and clothes.

Come along to Hardwick Eco Event to find out about these options and much more. There will be exhibitions, seminars, speakers and stalls. You will have the chance to swap books, toys, clothes and plants, as well as hear from the Wildlife Trust, St Mary's Church and others about how they are caring for the environment. There will also be fun activities for all the family!

Do you have a bike in your shed that you keep thinking you really must get up and running? Bring it along on the day and Dr Bike will get it in working order for you. Register your interest for a pre-booked appointment at: bit.ly/3xTfkDV. Cambridge Electric Bike Sales will also be there giving a talk about electric bikes and offering you the chance to try one out.

And if you *are* able to make a bigger contribution, there will also be the chance to talk to experts about electric cars and different methods of heating and powering your home, as well as local residents on hand to tell you about their own experiences of trying some of these technologies.

So, put the date in your diary and be prepared to be inspired! In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about a particular topic on the day, please let us know and we will try to include it – we would love to hear from you! Contact us at: Hardwick.Ecoevent@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on 4th September.



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This poem was written by my sister ,
Charmian, and I thought I would send it
on to you, dear readers, as it might ring
some bells and resonate with a few .

Naomi Roy

*Just a line to say I'm living
I'm not among the dead
Though I'm getting more forgetful
and mixed up in my head.
I've got used to my arthritis,
to my dentures I'm resigned.
I can manage my bi-focals,
but Oh God, I miss my mind.
Sometimes I can't remember,
when I'm standing on the stairs
If I'm going up for something
or have just come down from there.
Before the fridge, so often,
my head is filled with doubt.
Now did I put that food away,
or come to take it out?
Sometimes, when it's dark
and I've my nightcap on my head
I don't know if I am retiring
or just getting out of bed.
If it's not my turn to write, dear-
I know you'll forgive me for
I may have already written
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But as I stand beside the mail box,
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CLASSES

Section 1 – Fruit & vegetables

- 1.1 4 onions
- 1.2 4 tomatoes
- 1.3 4 potatoes
- 1.4 The oddest shaped vegetable
- 1.5 The heaviest marrow
- 1.6 The longest carrot
- 1.7 4 dessert apples
- 1.8 4 stalks of rhubarb

Section 2 – Flowers & flower arranging

- 2.1 A vase of any flowers from your garden
- 2.2 An arrangement – ‘Lockdown 2020/21’ to be viewed from the front
- 2.3 A gentleman’s buttonhole
- 2.4 An arrangement in an unusual container

Section 3 – Cookery & preserves

- 3.1 Victoria sandwich – (raspberry jam, caster sugar on the top)
- 3.2 4 biscuits
- 3.3 4 cheese scones
- 3.4 4 chocolate brownies
- 3.5 4 flapjacks
- 3.6 Teabread – (in loaf tin)
- 3.7 Jar of jam
- 3.8 Jar of marmalade
- 3.9 Jar of lemon curd
- 3.10 Jar of chutney

Section 4 – Craft

- 4.1 A knitted item
- 4.2 A crocheted item
- 4.3 An item made from wood
- 4.4 A photograph of your garden
- 4.5 A photograph of your pet
- 4.6 A photograph of an event in Hardwick during lockdown
- 4.7 A painting – any medium/any subject
- 4.8 An item of craft (not mentioned above)

Section 5 - Children

Up to 7 years

- 5.1 4 decorated bought biscuits
- 5.2 4 cupcakes
- 5.3 A picture
- 5.4 A celebration card
- 5.5 An animal made from fruit & vegetables (you can use cocktail sticks)
- 5.6 A Lego model

8 - 11 years

- 5.7 4 decorated bought biscuits
- 5.8 4 cupcakes
- 5.9 A picture
- 5.10 A celebration card
- 5.11 An animal made from fruit & vegetables (you can use cocktail sticks)
- 5.12 A Lego model

VILLAGE DIARY

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Aug			
6 th	'Walking for Health' walking group	Blue Lion	11am
11 th	St Mary's Summer afternoon	Cabin at St Mary's	2.30pm - 4.30pm
12 th	St Mary's Summer afternoon	Cabin at St Mary's	2.30pm - 4.30pm
12 th	Quiz	HSSC	7.30pm
13 th	Library Bus - route H12	Hardwick School St Neots Rd, Blue Lion Limes Rd, near school	10.40am-11.50am 2.15pm - 2.30pm 2.40pm - 2.55pm 3.05pm - 4pm
18 th	St Mary's Summer afternoon	Cabin at St Mary's	2.30pm - 4.30pm
18 th	W.I. - Summer Social	Cabin at St Mary's	7.30pm
19 th	St Mary's Summer afternoon	Cabin at St Mary's	2.30pm - 4.30pm
24 th	Parish Council meeting	Cabin at St Mary's	7pm
25 th	St Mary's Summer afternoon	Cabin at St Mary's	2.30pm - 4.30pm
26 th	St Mary's Summer afternoon	Cabin at St Mary's	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Sept			
and			
	'Walking for Health' walking group	Blue Lion	11am

3	walking for Health walking group		Blue Lion	
4 th & 5 th	Hardwick Eco Event		Cabin at St Mary's	10.30am - 4pm
10 th	Library Bus - route H12		As above	As above
11 th	Hardwick Party to celebrate the end of lockdown		Recreation Ground	Midday onwards
15 th	W.I. -Bernadette Merry - 'Friends against scams'		Hardwick School	7.30pm
16 th	Community Association meeting - all are welcome		Hardwick School	7pm
25 th	Safari Supper - fundraiser for St Mary's Church		Around the village	7pm onwards
28 th	Parish Council meeting		TBC	7pm
Oct				
1 st	'Walking for Health' walking group		Blue Lion	11am
2 nd	Pippin's reopens! (Hopefully)		Hardwick School	10am - midday
8 th	Library Bus - route H12		As above	As above
9 th	St Mary's Harvest Supper		Hardwick School	7pm
20 th	W.I. -Jason Middleton - 'Pearl, a famous gem'		Hardwick School	7.30pm
26 th	Parish Council meeting		TBC	7pm
Nov				
5 th	'Walking for Health' walking group		Blue Lion	11am
6 th	Pippin's		Hardwick School	10am - midday
12 th	Library Bus - route H12		As above	As above
14 th	Remembrance Sunday			
17 th	W.I.-Saori Seward - 'The art of Japanese Furoshiki wrapping'		Hardwick School	7.30pm
23 rd	Parish Council meeting		TBC	7pm
Dec				
3 rd	'Walking for Health' walking group		Blue Lion	11am
4 th	Pippin's		Hardwick School	10am - midday
10 th	Library Bus - route H12		As above	As above

ENTRY FORM

Completed entry forms must be received by Monday, August 23rd either via email to jeffandanne23@gmail.com or delivered to 23 Egremont Road.

Please complete in block capitals only.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Tel no:

Class No.	Item

Exhibitor No (to be completed by a member of the committee):

RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Completed entry forms must be received by Monday, August 23rd either via email to jeffandanne23@gmail.com or delivered to 23 Egremont Road.**
- 2. Exhibits must be brought to the marquee on the Recreation Ground between 9am and 9.50am on the day.**
- 3. Exhibits must be removed from the marquee by 6pm.**
- 4. Each exhibitor will be allocated a number to be displayed on each exhibit.**
- 5. All exhibitors must provide their own plates, trays, bowls, baskets and vases.**
- 6. An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit in any class.**
- 7. All exhibits must have been produced by the exhibitor.**
- 8. The committee will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to any exhibit or container during the event.**
- 9. The judges decision is final.**
- 10. In all classes, 3 points will be awarded for 1st prize, 2 points for 2nd prize and 1 point for 3rd prize.**

Comberton Library www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Tel: 0345 045 5225 Monday: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

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Friday: 2.00 – 5.00 pm

Saturday: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Cambridgeshire Libraries continue to follow government COVID-safety advice. At the time of writing, and all being well, we hope to be back to our normal opening hours in August; these are detailed at the top of the page, but for the latest updates please visit our website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library, call the contact centre [0345 045 5225](tel:03450455225) or drop in to the library and ask for details.

Responding to a tough year when we have all had to manage our lives around the pandemic, Cambridgeshire Libraries have created a new **Libraries and Wellbeing webpage**. This provides links to activities, resources and support, both national and local. Please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/LibraryAndWellbeing and tell us what you think. Your feedback will help us to improve our services, both online and in our libraries.

We hope that your children are already enjoying this year's Summer Reading Challenge, **Wild World Heroes**, but if you are yet to sign-up, it's not too late. Just call into the library during opening hours to register, and help the children have fun reading during the holidays and collect stickers and rewards! If you would rather have a 'take away' pack with all the resources needed to complete the Challenge, these are available in the library too. All children who complete the Challenge will be awarded a certificate and medal. Visit Cambridgeshire Libraries **Facebook for Families page** [@CambslibFamilies](https://www.facebook.com/CambslibFamilies) or our website to find out more.

We are delighted to be able to offer two family activity sessions at Comberton Library during August. Please put these dates in your diary and do come along with your children to take part:

Tuesday 10th August, 2.00 – 3.00 pm, - Sow a Seed Storytime. This session is aimed at children aged 4+. Please bring a blanket, as, if the weather is fine, we hope to hold this session outside on the lovely grassed area opposite the library. If it is raining, still come along, as we will be in the library instead.

Thursday 26th August, 10.30 – 11.30 am – Wild World Heroes Crafts. Come along for some crafting fun, linked to our Summer Reading Challenge theme. Again, we hope to host this session outside if the weather is fine.

For more information please ask the library staff when you next visit.

We hope that adults will enjoy reading this summer, too. Travel may still be tricky, but books can always take you to new places! Check out books from the library or download free eBooks or eAudiobooks from our online catalogue onto your own device. We also offer a wide range of eMagazines and eNewspapers too.

We hope to re-start our very popular Rhymetime sessions in the Autumn, and have an amazing opportunity available for a Rhymetime volunteer at Comberton Library. Whatever your skills and experience, if you would enjoy spending time with our very youngest children and their families/carers, and have some time available every other week in term time, please do come into the library to speak to the staff about what is involved. We would love to welcome you as part of our friendly team.

We hope that you enjoy a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in the library very soon.

Wildlife Trust BCN Update: West Cambridgeshire Hundreds

Aug 2021

This year the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants are trialling more events across our West Cambs Hundreds reserves. The events we run need to be suitable for the site, so we use Cambourne for accessible and more flexible sessions as it has a car park, more robust habitats and a choice of flat, wide, surfaced paths. We are planning low-key sessions at our more sensitive sites like Gamlingay, and Waresley and Gransden Woods, running family sessions, wildlife strolls, and bat walks. Find a list of events, and book online, on our website www.wildlifebcn.org/events. Hardwick Wood has a committed team of Wildlife Trust BCN volunteers, who look



after much of the practical habitat management and maintenance of the site, as well as some of the survey and monitoring of wildlife, under the guidance of the trust's Reserves Team. Over winter, this often involves coppicing, but they meet occasionally in the summer to help keep paths clear and catch up on other jobs. They love to see new people, and you are welcome to attend a one-off session or become a regular volunteer, the next meeting is Sunday 22 August where they will be joined by the Cambridge Conservation Volunteers, and will be cutting back vegetation and moving some fence panels. For details of volunteer work parties, how to make contact etc, visit www.wildlifebcn.org/get-involved/volunteer

On many of Trust reserves, additional paths have opened up after the wet winter and high footfall over the past 18 months: in Hardwick Wood, volunteers block these unofficial routes with branches. You can help this nationally important ancient woodland by checking the maps onsite or on our website to ensure you stick to the official paths, this reduces disturbance to wildlife, trampling of sensitive plants, and compaction of the soil, which can affect plant growth.

Hardwick Wood and other woodland reserves nearby, are home to the beautiful purple hairstreak butterfly. You can see this in summer and sometimes into early autumn. It is rare to see it close-to but if you look to the top branches of oaks on a warm evening, you might be able to see them flitting around the canopy. They feed on honeydew which is the sticky liquid produced by aphids feeding on the leaves.

We love to hear about the wildlife you see on our reserves. I'm Rebecca Neal and work with communities surrounding our West Cambs 100s reserves, delivering events and working with all ages.

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The West Cambridgeshire Hundreds are a group of nature reserves owned and/or managed by the Wildlife Trust for Beds Cambs and Northants: Hardwick, Gamlingay, Hayley, and Waresley and Gransden Woods, plus Cambourne Nature Reserve.

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"St Mary's Church, Hardwick"

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Assistant Ministers: Clare Bigg; Revd Paul Garnell, Revd Howard Bigg



Worship in Church on Sunday mornings

- 1 Aug: 9.30am, A Service of Communion
- 8th Aug: 9.30am, Morning Worship; 3pm, Wild Church
- 15th Aug: 9.30am, A Service of Communion
- 22nd Aug: 9.30am, Morning Worship
- 29th Aug: **10.30am, in Harlton** A united service for local churches in the Lordsbridge Team for the Team to say farewell to Alison as Team Rector.
- 5th Sept: A special service for Hardwick's Eco-Event and Climate Sunday, details TBC
- 12th Sept: 9.30am, Morning Worship; 3pm, Wild Church
- 19th Sept: 9.30am, A Service of Communion, Alison's last service as vicar of Hardwick
- 26th Sept: 9.30am, Morning Worship



Worship at Home & on Zoom on Sundays

Worship at Home, weekly in print; including **Pic N Mix**, story and activities for families,

Worship on Zoom, weekly at 11am – contact Clare for the Zoom link

Wild Church 8th Aug, 12th Sept; 3pm – 4pm. For families with primary aged children (and siblings). Engaging playfully, actively, creatively and spiritually with nature. Limited capacity. Please book ahead via cebigg53@gmail.com

Summer Afternoons café. Open at the NEW Cabin at St Mary's on Weds and Thurs, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th & 26th August from 2.30pm. Look for more elsewhere in HH.

Hardwick Eco-event; Sat 4th Sept; 10.30am – 4pm. At the Cabin at St Mary's, organised by St Mary's Church, Hardwick Climate Action Group and Hardwick Evangelical Church. More elsewhere in HH.

Taking a summer break: Tuesday Mornings at St Mary's, weekly for under 5s and their carers, is taking a summer break and restarts in September (contact Clare Bigg). **Thirst and other youth activities** restart in September (see www.wccym.org.uk).

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

For more on any church community activities or to join the St Mary's mailing list check our website www.stmaryshardwick.org.uk or Facebook group

“St Mary's Church Hardwick”, or please get in touch with:

Interim Lead Minister, Clare Bigg; 01954 211673; cebigg53@gmail.com

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Transitions and moving on

This summer many of us working through the uncertain transition that may well take us back into the workplace, or to holding large family gatherings, or to attending sporting and cultural events. In this universal time of transitions, I will be working on my own transition. After 11 years as Hardwick's vicar, I will be stepping down in September in order to take up a new post as the Warden of Launde Abbey.



Launde Abbey is a retreat of national spiritual and historical importance, settled in a fold of the Leicestershire countryside near Rutland Water. The Elizabethan manor house built around an Augustinian priory chapel which dates back to 1119. The land and original priory, acquired by Thomas Cromwell and lived in by his son, features in Hilary Mantel's *The Mirror and the Light*. My brief is to bring it out of the pandemic, to deepen its vision and ensure its future as a place of prayer, hospitality and pilgrimage for anyone, and to develop it as a centre for extended Christian community resourcing many.

However, leaving Hardwick will not be easy. I have lived locally with my family for 11 years, for the last 4 ½ years as the Team Rector (team leader for our group of village churches), and as the vicar for Hardwick throughout. During my time here, I have participated in the richness of life with many fellow pilgrims and friends. And I have had the privilege of walking alongside many of you in joys and sorrows, of getting to know you at Pippins and at Summer Afternoons café, and of celebrating Christmas and other seasonal moments together year by year.

The last service I will lead in Hardwick is on Sunday 19th September at 9.30am. But although I will leave in September, the church community here remains the same, with its ministers, churchwardens and other kinds of volunteers, all of whom are very able and are well known to you as part of the village. Extra help will be given where needed by our connected sister parishes in the Lordsbridge Team while we wait for a new vicar to be appointed. The St Mary's team will let you know more about that when they can.

In the meantime, my prayers are with for all of those facing change or travelling through a transition.

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THE DAY I MADE A STAND

By Daniel Baker

Like every other England fan on the night of the Euro 2020 final, my head was in my hands and I was devastated about losing on penalties. Something the friend I was watching the game with will testify.

On the way home, I gathered my thoughts and felt things needed to be put into perspective and one of the many things I said was that we should leave Bukayo Saka alone. The reason I picked out 19-year-old Saka especially is because his penalty was the deciding one and was probably the player carrying the biggest weight on his shoulders.

I put my thoughts into a Facebook post which I uploaded that night and also pointed out how finishing 2nd out of 24 teams is no failure and how the so-called ‘golden generation’ of the 2000’s used to scrape past minnows.

The following morning I was reading sickening racist abuse on-line aimed at Like Saka, Rashford and Sancho. They missed in the shootout, but are still on to have very good careers.

I then had another thought. If I was a 19-year-old who’d missed in a shootout (regardless of my skin colour), how would I feel? Would I have been abused? Yes, more than likely. Would I hope and pray someone would reach out and tell me I’m not a failure? Yes, that too.

For the first time in my life, I decided to post an open letter on social media in support of Saka. I posted it on my Facebook page and on Twitter in the hope it might reach him. For those of you that haven’t read it, I told Bukayo:

It wasn’t his fault that England lost.

He is a role model to aspiring players.

He should be proud of his performances and has had an excellent tournament.

He will achieve more than the social media trolls ever will.

I felt so angry by the abuse I'd seen and I just felt I couldn't stay in the shadows and decided to make a stand. I wanted Bukayo to know that I was there for him. And it's great to know that he's received so many more supportive letters from fans, especially young ones.

It was also very heartening to receive a response from the Football Association who I passed the letter onto. Their media team wrote back and said they'd pass it on. This wasn't a vanity project or something I did for my ego.

I just want people to know about the power of words and how we can use social media for good. Hopefully, the support our players have had will give them the strength they need to rebuild and come back stronger.

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Christmas Tree Festival 2021

December 10th - 12th



St Mary's Church is hosting another Christmas Tree Festival. The theme is 'Fairy Tales'. We are inviting individuals, groups and organisations within the village to display a 'tree' in any medium, not to exceed 1 metre in diameter and decorate it in any way you would like, to depict your chosen Fairy Tale. It could be a real or artificial Christmas tree or

made from anything! The trees should be illuminated with battery operated lights. The trees will be displayed in the church over the second weekend in December. The church will be open to the public to view the trees for a small admission fee and festive refreshments will be available. This year we are marking the end of the Festival Weekend with a special Christmas Concert on the Sunday evening at 4pm with Christmas carols. The proceeds raised will be divided between the Church Funds and Wintercomfort.



We hope this will promote a spirit of community and thankfulness

during the Christmas season. Please let me know by Friday October 15th at the latest, if you or your organisation will be joining in these Christmas festivities. More details will be sent to you if you are interested, nearer the time.

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The Guides and Rangers have been enjoying the British Summer weather (or lack of) and light evenings with lots of outdoor activities this term. We have been paddle boarding but most of the girls ended up in the lake at

some point. Some of the girls fell in because they were trying to do yoga on the board (impressive really) others it was because they jumped in by choice. We have done lots of outdoor cooking on open fires where the girls have cooked pitta pizzas, sweet eggy bread, pancakes, sausages, burgers and most recently spaghetti bolognaise, and a dessert of either apple crumble or a chocolate mug cake cooked in a can on the fire. The



apple crumble seemed to work better and be enjoyed more than the chocolate cake – it has made the leaders want to experiment to work out other dessert which will work We have also had a picnic and games at Newnham play park, that week the weather definitely wasn't on our side as it was a little wet at the beginning, however this didn't stop the fun! We will be ending this term with the Cow Trail around Cambridge mixed with a penny hike where the girls will be tossing a coin when they reach a junction to determine which direction they go in (having previously decided whether heads/tails is left/right).

Over the Summer we will be having some day camps (as we can't go away like we do in previous years) where the girls can get a flavour of what Guide camp is like. We will pitch and strike one of the Guide tents, which are bell tents (wigwam/glamping style). We will do some cooking on a wood fire. We will also do some of the activities and games that we might do if we were at camp.

Guides are aged 10-14 years old and Rangers are aged 14-18 years old. For more information about Guides or Rangers (or you are younger and would like your name to go on the joining list) please either email us at hardwickguides@gmail.com or go to the Girlguiding website and follow the 'Join Us' link.

Janet Hayman and Kirsty Orange
Guide and Ranger leaders

Hardwick Covid Snake

The Hardwick Covid Snake has finally been embedded. This was another village child-friendly activity which commenced during lockdown.

Children and adults congregated at the school on



school on Saturday July 17th at 10am to display their pebbles and stones which had been decorated, some from last year and some which have been completed recently.



Each class at the school has been busy decorating its stone this

week. A total of 114 stones and pebbles have been embedded in cement which hopefully will be a lasting memory of this activity.

I would like to convey my thanks to James



Wakeling for making this possible as he arrived with his cement mixer and all the necessary equipment. Also, thanks to Simon Brand who dug out the channel. It was good to see Lina Nieto, our past County Councillor present who I liaised with, to ensure that this was all possible. Thank you to all the children and their parents for contributing to this.



Anne Jones

Parish Council Newsbites

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

During the May meeting, Cllr Gill was elected as Chairman, and Cllr Joslin was elected as Vice-Chairman. The appointment of committees, working groups and any other member responsibilities were also confirmed. Further information in the minutes of the meeting, available on the village website: <https://www.hardwick-cambs.org.uk/meeting-minutes/>

For anyone interested in Parish Council matters, please contact the Clerk (clerk@hardwick-cambs.ac.uk). There are still some vacancies for interested residents to join the Parish Council.

Millenium Way permissive path– Maintenance

This permissive path has recently been cleared and maintained – starting at the corner of the Triangular Plantation. New marker posts have been installed to indicate location and directions. More information, including some pictures along with a location plan can be found on the website.

Update on development of 155 houses off St Neots Road

Most residents would be aware of the development ongoing for some time now. The name chosen for it is Capstone Fields. The Parish Council regularly discuss updates in relation to Capstone Fields during meetings – so for more updates please check the meeting papers.

Miller’s Way Lights

The new solar lights have been installed along Miller’s Way. The Parish Council would welcome any feedback about the lights, which hopefully during darker days, will have a positive impact to the users of that area.

Cambourne to Cambridge (C2C) Busway update

With the scheme getting approval to progress to the next stage, there was an open meeting, held virtually on the 13th July, where GCP (through the C2C project manager, Jo Baker) gave a presentation and answered questions from Hardwick residents. The presentation will be made available on the website.

Active Travel Scheme – St Neot’s Road

The proposed active travel scheme along St Neot’s road have been recently published – and can be seen on the following website: <https://consultcambcs.uk.engagementhq.com/cats>

For those not aware, this is about considering some changes to roads across Cambridgeshire to encourage active travel, through cycling and walking as people’s first choice, and St Neot’s road is being proposed as part of the scheme.

On behalf of the HPC Communications Working Group

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I am writing to say a big thank you! Today I received a huge box of stamps from Marilyn and I understand that many of those came from you and your community. What a great idea to advertise the stamp collection in your local parish magazine and organising a collection point to make it easy for people to donate. I will definitely be sharing this initiative to motivate others. Thank you so much.



The Lily Foundation was set up in memory of my daughter Lily to help fund research into Mitochondrial Disease. Mitochondrial Disease is a genetic condition that prevents cells in the body from producing enough energy for the body to survive. It can affect any part of the body, for example the heart, brain, muscles, eyes, hearing, stomach, or kidneys.

Sadly, there are currently no effective treatments and no cure for mitochondrial disease. For those who receive a diagnosis for themselves or a family member it can be a lonely and isolating journey. The Lily Foundation aims to change this, ensuring that when a diagnosis is given there is somewhere to turn and information to hand.

The Lily Foundation has three main aims; to fund research; to support families; to raise awareness.

And over the past 13 years we have achieved some incredible things:

- We have raised over £6.2 million

- We have changed the law

- We have developed and funded our own genetic testing programme

- We currently invest in 13 research projects across the UK

- We have funded researchers, scientists and specialist nurses in the UK

- We send our families on respite breaks to Center Parcs

- We help to fund specialist equipment

We connect our families and patients so that they are not alone on their journey, bringing them together at our family weekend. We have now become one big Lily family!

We host a respite weekend and have set up a support group for young adults

We support over 900 UK families and patients, through our support networks, often from diagnosis through to end of life and beyond.

We are so proud of what we have achieved and with your help we will continue to strive to support those families facing the daily challenges of Mitochondrial Disease and to find some answers for those who have lost their loved ones to this heart - breaking disease.

Thank you so much for your support x

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Howard Baker reflects on a summer of sport

I have to feel sorry for people who aren't interested in sport. Over the last few weeks they have had a hard time. I have a life-long interest in football and cricket and will watch tennis if someone from the UK is playing, so I have been more than well catered for over the past few weeks. 'A feast of football' was a much-used phrase during the past four weeks, but it was the kind of feast where you eat too much and end up feeling sick. Matches beginning at eight pm were covered from seven pm until 10.15. Too much talk and not enough action, and when our gallant lads reached the final the coverage seemed endless. Pre-match chatter could be heard and watched on BBC One, ITV, Channel Four, Channel Five and BBC Four.

What about BBC Two, you may ask. They were discussing the day's tennis. Cricket got the occasional look-in when coverage of football and tennis was at its peak and we learnt that the geniuses in charge have come up with yet another way to provide cricket for people who don't like the game. So now we have five-day test matches, four-day county matches, fifty-over matches, twenty-over matches, and now we're going to have a competition based on cities rather than counties and overs will consist of ten balls instead of six. Come on, gentlemen, leave the game alone. No one messes about with football or tennis. No one feels the need to introduce square footballs or racquets with no strings.

An interesting statistic that came out in the men's Euros: of the twenty-six players in the England squad thirteen are qualified to play for another country. And in tennis the young star who represented Great Britain at Wimbledon at the age of eighteen, before being overcome by the hype or the heat or both, was born in England to parents who originated from China and Romania. It would be nice to conclude that we are now a multicultural country, if it wasn't for the bigots who booed the young lads who 'failed' in the penalty shoot-out.



Summer 2021 Newsletter

Thanks to our small team of faithful drivers we have currently managed to fulfil all our current requests for runs. Regular passengers who are familiar with the car scheme workings will know that the passenger pays the driver directly and currently masks are worn and hand sanitiser is used. Now as we reach July things are changing politically and it there is more individual responsibility for appropriate behaviour in these continuing pandemic times. Thus on behalf of the car scheme drivers I request PPE and social distancing are still observed by all passengers as far as is possible and reasonable.



For those who are new to using the scheme the cost is usually 30p per mile. For simplicity this averages out within the named villages and a single charge of £3.50 is made for the hairdressers, Bourn and Comberton surgeries etc. Cambourne and Addenbrooke's etc come within the 30p per mile charge. Runs are made for essential practical and social purposes only.

If you would like a run please contact one of the co-ordinators below and if appropriate they will find you a driver.

And here we have a piece of really exciting news. After many years of hunting we have at last found an extra volunteer co-ordinator - Cheryl Phillips. We are incredibly grateful to her and I have added her to the list below. We also have been incredibly lucky to have a relief co-ordinator who kindly fills in for holidays and when our current co-ordinators run out of time. This happens behind the scenes and has been much appreciated. Our co-ordinators are crucial to the running of the scheme and when you hear we have already have had 60+ bookings for the first half of July you can see how much our two new helpers are needed.

Co-ordinators for the Caldecote Dry Drayton and Hardwick Car Scheme are as follows: Nicky Kerr 07464 052 521 Gillian Stott 07464 069 483 Cheryl Phillips 07908 023 836 Lizzie Coe 07387 395 296

For queries / emergencies / problems only - Sheila Stephenson 01954 210638 If no reply to any of these and the lift is urgent, please try Panther taxis on 01223 715715 or Cambridge Country Cars on 01954 211742

Finally can I thank all our car scheme team for their amazing work in keeping the scheme running. From the numbers of requests we get we know how crucial and valuable the scheme is and how stuck people would be without it. And please for the time being do think safe and use PPE masks and distance!

Very best wishes to everyone - passengers and volunteer workers alike.

Sheila Stephenson

Fund-raising at St Mary's, Hardwick

Thank you to those who braved the heat and left the football to support our first Garden Safari, which was very successful, raising over £1000.

Thanks also to those who opened their gardens and to those who helped in many ways. We have had offers of new gardens for next year but we would welcome more. Your garden does not have to be pristine or a

Chelsea standard show garden. It can be small or big, new or mature - visitors are looking for ideas and tips for their own gardens. If you would like to be a part of the next

Garden Safari, please contact Caroline Edgley,
01954 210797 or Sue Cornwell 01954 210063

Thanks also to those who visited the Bookstall n the Cabin which raised another £200.

We hope to have another book sale in the autumn as we have been given a lot of new stock.

The Plant & Produce stall in the Church yard has now been running for several months. There are still plants available and more produce is appearing daily. As this is all produced locally, it has a very low carbon footprint and is fresh .



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Sunday services in August at 10.30am Caldecote Village Hall

We aim to hold in-person services during August at 10.30 am in Caldecote Village Hall, **apart from 8th August**, when the hall is not available. It would be great to see you there!

On 5th September we join with St Mary's church for a service following an Eco-event on the Saturday. Time TBC

From 12th September, we shall be meeting again in Hardwick School hall for Sunday services, at 10.30 am.

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

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

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

If you are unable to get to church and would like a lift please contact Pauline; also if you would like a visit at home or to talk on the phone please contact Pauline or Kate.

Minister: Kate Gaze

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Visiting: Pauline Blower

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How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land? Psalm 137.4

The last 18 months have been like being in a foreign land: a place where the culture is unfamiliar to us and we are unsure what is expected of us. We have experienced separation and loss, and there has been more anxiety and even fear as we have faced the ever-changing unknown.

As a church, we have met in person only twice since March 2020, with very reduced numbers because of Covid restrictions. Zoom has been a good alternative for us, as it has allowed us to 'meet' with no restrictions - to sing and pray together, and to chat together in breakout rooms after the service. But it has still been like a foreign land and has sometimes been hard to rejoice, or to feel we are supporting each other meaningfully in a difficult time.

As restrictions ease and we are allowed to mix freely again, we enter another foreign land, mindful that others may be more or less cautious than we are about our new freedoms. At church, we have reflected on the fact that we have not been alone during the pandemic, but that God has been with us and our faith has deepened. As we navigate our way in this new land, and reflect on all we have experienced, we can draw near to God and take time to rest in the peace of God's promise:

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Hebrews 13.5

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Hardwick Party 11th September 2021

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The aim of Market Street is to support local people and businesses, therefore priority will be given to those based in Hardwick, followed by those within the surrounding villages.

Anyone can apply – selling your items such as candles and fragrances, handmade items, chocolates or gifts; local charities wanting to connect; beauticians & hairdressers; playgroups or other local groups; trades people looking to chat to potential customers. The more variety the better.

We cannot have numerous stalls of the same type, so we will have to restrict them and have a back up list. However, please feel free to apply for a combined stall with others – e.g. Several Hardwick child minders may wish to run a stall together.

Unfortunately we do not have the facilities to set up the stalls, therefore each stall holder will need to provide their own table, chairs, small gazebo etc. Please note that the maximum size of pitch will be 3m x 3m and we will allow for small gaps between stalls.

Vehicles will not be permitted on the grounds.

The Market Street will run from 12pm until 6pm, and the recreation ground will be available to set up stalls from 10am.

Stall holders can choose the length of time they would like to run. This allows those that want to run for the full six hours along with those that may need to set up later or finish early. Please indicate on the application form how long you wish to run your stall.

There is no charge for this, however, please let the organisers know as soon as possible if you are unable to attend, allowing others to be given the opportunity.

Hardwick Party 11th September 2021

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We would like more ladies to join Hardwick WI - our group is one of the most active

WIs in the Cambridge Federation - so come along and try us out. We meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the school (this location may have to change later on).

During COVID restrictions, when we have not been able to meet in person, our meetings have happened online but, fingers crossed, as these restrictions go away so we can again meet in person, you will be met by friendly faces and made most welcome. So hurry along and join us - further details at the end of this article.

It seems a long time ago now, but in May we held a stall outside the school to raise funds in memory of Captain Tom - our aim was to raise £100 with 100 items - we had lots of items and actually raised £352. The money raised went to a mental health charity which a local villager supports.

Sadly, Jane Giddings, one of our past Presidents, a highly regarded WI member and an avid darts player in the WI team died recently. She was an inspiration to us all with her courage and determination to fight her health battles. We had a wake and provided an afternoon tea to all who came to her funeral and will send a donation to her chosen charity - she will be sadly missed.

The strawberry cream tea planned for July could not happen because of COVID but we hope to arrange suitable date in the future to raise funds for charities which we support.

Hardwick WI regard food and drink as part of their daily

lives! So a group of us met at the Blue Lion for lunch and another group – or the same ones- went for an extended “Happy Hour” at the same venue a few days later! We are hoping to continue with either lunches or suppers at various local places.

Our long awaited summer social is on the horizon. This event is planned for mid August, meeting outside The Cabin at St Mary's, on a Bring and Share basis. All members are invited and it will be a great way to meet IN PERSON after such a long time; some of us already meet on an ad-hoc basis but to see everyone will be a joyous occasion –cameras at the ready please.

Further information on our activities and how to join in can be found at

www.hardwickwi.weebly.com

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