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EDITORIAL

A young friend took me to task recently about the carbon footprint of HH. I had just been, [foolishly] boasting about our 72 page colour magazine and comparing it with the slightly stuffy ten page black and white version in her village. The fact that I used to teach her made it slightly less embarrassing because I was pleased with her challenge which was to do something about HH's carbon footprint before March 2022. She asked why it was not published as a digital on-line version rather than having a paper copy delivered to each house and I was happy with my answer, that lots of people prefer to have the magazine in their hands. Similarly [advertisers please note], lots of people like to have the magazine to hand for contact numbers etc. Older people generally prefer it as a physical copy and some do not have access to the internet.



Nevertheless, the challenge has been made and it is a virtuous challenge; we all need to do small bits and pieces towards being more eco friendly. So what should HH do? What do you think? Do you have ideas? Send them to:

hardwickhappenings@gmail.com

One possibility might be to ask householders whether they would be happy to have a digital version rather than a paper copy. It would raise issues with deliveries, but maybe if all or most of one road preferred digital, it might be a start and we could reduce our printing costs at the same time.

Finally , I have been asked to appeal to dog owners to clear up after their pets, particularly on the Rec.

Oh and 'HAPPY FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY EYESORE, I still hate you from the bottom of my heart.'

Isn't it time we did something collectively? A petition to Antony Browne?

Peter

Hardwick Football Club

Unveiling of Ann Lofty Memorial Benches – 8th January 2022

Following the sad passing of “Mother” Ann Lofty in October 2020 a GoFundMe page was launched. The love and respect that the football club and village had for Ann was very clear by the amount of money raised. We have invested that money in two new benches which will be officially unveiled on 8th January 2022 at 1pm. The ceremony will be attended by members of the football club and Ann’s family and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

“Mother” Ann was an integral part of our football club and held virtually every position during her time involved from secretary to kit washer. Her love for the game and the club was unrelenting and her presence is missed dearly. We hope that the benches are a fitting tribute to our adopted mum and every week we would love to see her memory honoured through people sitting on the benches and watching the match. We hope that you can join us and look forward to seeing you there.

The first team will be playing after the unveiling so please feel free to use the benches and cheer on “Mother” Ann’s yellow and black superstars.

SNIPPETS

Howard Baker looks at potatoes, a moral Member of Parliament and Christmas, but not Black Friday

Guardian journalist Tim Dowling reported recently that one morning his front door bell rang and when he opened it he saw two men with a van, looking somewhat uneasy, 'Good morning, sir,' they said, 'we usually deal with the lady of the house.' When he explained that his wife was out they said, 'She normally buys six bags from us. So the unwitting journalist took the usual six bags and paid £120. Later he discovered that the bags contained horse manure. This product is good for gardens of course, but not at £20 a bag. Someone was making an enormous profit there.

My wife and I had an unfortunate experience with manure ourselves recently. We used some on the potatoes we planted earlier this year but instead of shooting up as they usually do, they produced only stunted growth. The cause of this, we learnt, was that the animals which produced the manure had been fed with grass sprayed with herbicide. We take consolation in the fact that we didn't pay £20 a bag for it.

This being a non-political publication, I cannot comment on some of the scurrilous activities that have been going in the House of Commons, except to give full marks to the honourable member who said recently, 'It is

sometimes suggested that those of us who were only recently elected to the House don't understand all the complex ways in which it works. This may be so but one thing we do know is the difference between right and wrong.'

Christmas is coming, the TV adverts are pouring in. From these you would think Christmas is about food, drink and expensive presents. Over the years I've come to live with the ads, though I still reach for the off button when I hear those dreadful Christmas songs, 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas,' 'Santa Baby,' 'I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus?' and 'So here it is, Merry Christmas'. And to help us with our shopping we now have another horror: Black Friday. I often wonder about the meaning of this. Anyone remember 'Black Monday'?

Don't get me wrong. I'm no Scrooge. I've always loved Christmas and never miss the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from Kings College Chapel. I can hear those sonorous words already, 'And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed...'

Merry Christmas to you all.



The Pavillion, Egremont Rd, Hardwick. Tel: 01954 210110.
Hardwick Sports and Club is a fantastic facility for the community, providing a clean and pleasant venue for friends and family to meet up and unwind. Following our recent AGM the



Sports and Social Club committee is eleven strong. Prior to Covid 19 we had recently had a refurbishment and now have a fantastic facility for the community to enjoy a drink, live entertainment, televised sports and a game of pool or darts. Our main incentive is to continue making improvements to

the Club, providing a safe and friendly environment for members & guests and to support local charities and clubs.

We are primarily a Members Club but also warmly welcome guests. The membership system allows us to offer our members slightly discounted prices and free or reduced tickets to events and door access all with their membership cards. New membership is only £10 per year and we have voted to keep the renewal price at £5. Anyone joining for 2022 now will receive November/December for free and for the remainder of 2021, so pop in or email hsscsecretary@mail.com for details on renewing or joining. We can now accept PayPal payments for membership

renewals, a link to which can be sent via email.

Our Events Team had been working so hard to put together fantastic events ranging from live music, karaoke, fundraisers and themed food nights. We sincerely hope that these will continue once we are allowed. All of our events were and will be open to everyone (not just members) and we endeavour to continue to support local clubs and organisations. We have a defibrillator outside the main entrance of the club which was kindly installed by Paul Church Electrical. This life saving equipment is now accessible to all villagers 24 hours a day by following the instructions to call 999, displayed on the outside of the case.

We are a friendly inclusive club always welcoming new faces so if you haven't already, please pop in or look at our website hardwicksportsandsocialclub.co.uk, or Facebook Page 'Hardwick Sports and Social Club' to see our upcoming events and what we are about. The club is also available for private hire at a competitive rate, or free if it is for a fundraising event. We are currently publishing our opening days and times on a weekly basis whilst we re-establish ourselves so please bear with us during the coming months. We are pleased to announce that we have started our monthly Quiz on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Our next Bingo Night will take place on Wednesday 15th December and we hope to see more of you there. We have put on a few events in recent weeks and despite the attendance at the Jazz afternoon being disappointing, our Soul and Motown evening with singer Cecil Feraji was a sell out. It was so good to have a busy club again and Cecil was so popular he has been rebooked for Friday Feb 18th 2022 and over 30 tickets have been sold already.

We have quite a busy December and January. On December 4th we welcome 'G' to wow us with his singing, comedy and vocal impressions and are hoping for another well supported evening. Rock 'n' Roll Bingo is on 16th December, the HFC Christmas Party is on Saturday 18th December, and the Children's Christmas Party with a visit from Santa , as well as activities and games is on Sunday 19th December 11-1pm (tickets on sale behind the bar £5 per child).

We wish you all a happy, healthy and safe festive period and hope to see more of you in 2022.

HSSC Committee.

Hardwick Sports & Social Club Limited Membership Application/Renewal 2022
(Industrial & Provident Society Registration No: 29242R)

<p>Name:</p> <p>Current Membership No: 0....</p> <p>Email (please print clearly):</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Tel:</p> <p>Date of Birth (DD/MM):</p>	<p>I am over 18 years old and I am: (tick as appropriate)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New membership (£10.00)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (£5.00 if paid before 28/02/2022)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual Life Membership: £75.00</p> <p>Money received by: Amount: £</p> <p>Date: / /</p> <p align="right">Cash/Card</p> 
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Hello from Dogs Trust

Your local Dogs Trust branch at Snetterton would like to briefly make you aware of a few services that we provide free of charge:

The First, our Canine Care Card scheme, is a free service for dog-owners whereby, in the event of their death or illness, we will look after their dog, providing them with all the care they need until we can find a responsible, loving new home for them. This is often a great concern to the elderly, as their dog may be their only friend and companion – Dogs Trust can give them peace of mind, knowing that their canine companions future is safe, should the worst happen to them. Every year, we care for more than 14,000 dogs at our nationwide network of rehoming centres and we never put down a healthy dog

Secondly I wanted to make you aware that we provide free talks to local community groups. I cover the whole of the East Anglia region, to talk about the varied work of Dogs Trust, where we come from and where we hope to be in the future. There are no speaker fees or travelling expenses so please let me know if you believe that your local club would be interested.

If anyone has any further queries, or would be interested in booking in a talk, please contact me by emailing emily.matthews@dogstrust.org.uk or phone 01953 497912.

Eco-Event – an ongoing journey

Hardwick's first ever Eco-Event held in September 2021 was a resounding success in terms of the numbers who attended and the feedback received¹. But what next? How do we move from an event to a journey, or lifestyle, that cares responsibly for our planet and each other?

Firstly, save the date. We plan to run Hardwick Eco-Event 2022, on Sat, 17 Sept. It will fine-tune and build on the successful event held in 2021. If you want to be involved then do contact one of the planning team by emailing:

hardwick.ecoevent@gmail.com

Secondly, and more importantly, consider what you can do between now and then to reduce your carbon footprint and be more ecologically friendly. At the Eco-Event, some people made a pledge of something they would do to reduce their carbon footprint. How is that going? In addition, the planning team are proposing four specific projects to focus on that could make a significant impact on your carbon footprint. We hope to make progress in each of these over the coming months and give them a significant platform to develop further at Eco-Event 2022.

Domestic Energy Transition Group. A forum for those who have already invested in or are considering purchasing solar panels and batteries, electric vehicles, heat pumps and upgrading household insulation – to share experience of using and getting the most from these technologies as well as talking through the key issues to consider prior to purchase. If you are interested in sharing your experiences in using any of these technologies or are

considering purchase in the future, please contact:

Chris Rider chris.b.rider@btinternet.com

Swaps Event. Setting up some kind of swap or exchange event where “pre-loved items” (eg toys, household goods, books, etc) can have a new home and use seems a good idea in principle. Can we make it work in practice? The recent Giant Book Sale at St Mary’s Church, might be considered a good example? If you’re interested in exploring these ideas contact: Peter Cornwell pccornwell@icloud.com

Electric Bike Scheme. Transport is a major user of carbon. Maybe you would consider cycling sometimes, or regularly, but the distances are too long for your current level of fitness, or you don’t want to arrive for the meeting all hot and sweaty. Could we set up an electric bike share / hire scheme in Hardwick? Can we find funding to launch and people to manage this? If you’re interested, contact: Shaun Hughes smhughes@gmail.com

Electric Car Share Scheme or Car Club. It can be difficult living in a village without access to a car. However, for most car owners, their car (or cars) spends many more hours parked than actually being used. Various models of community car club or car share schemes are emerging around the UK. Could we set up something similar in Hardwick?

We're looking for someone, or some people, to research this and develop a proposal for Hardwick. If you're interested contact: hardwick.ecoevent@gmail.com

There are many other practical lifestyle things that we can to help the environment and bring about meaningful reductions in carbon emissions. We've chosen to focus particularly on 4 ideas that have different levels of impact, some of which are quite ambitious. In reality, these may only be scratching the surface of what needs to be done but we have to make a start.

Who knows what we might achieve if we try?

On behalf of the Eco-Event team. Thank you very much.

¹ The report on that event is available in the October 2021 issue of the Hardwick Happenings. Links to some of the resources from the event can be found at <https://stmaryshardwick.org.uk/eco-resources/>

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CONNECTIONS QUIZ

By Rory Kerr

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

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

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

Here are the questions:

1. Aladdin, Diogenes and Florence Nightingale
2. Symphony in White No 2, a suit, Hayley Mills and Bacall & Bogart
3. Peter Pan's Wendy, Elvis Presley and Princess Caroline of Monaco
4. Asterix, "cogito ergo sum" and "Allo Allo"
5. Sophocles, Dr Dolittle and Marc Bolan

Answers on Page 69

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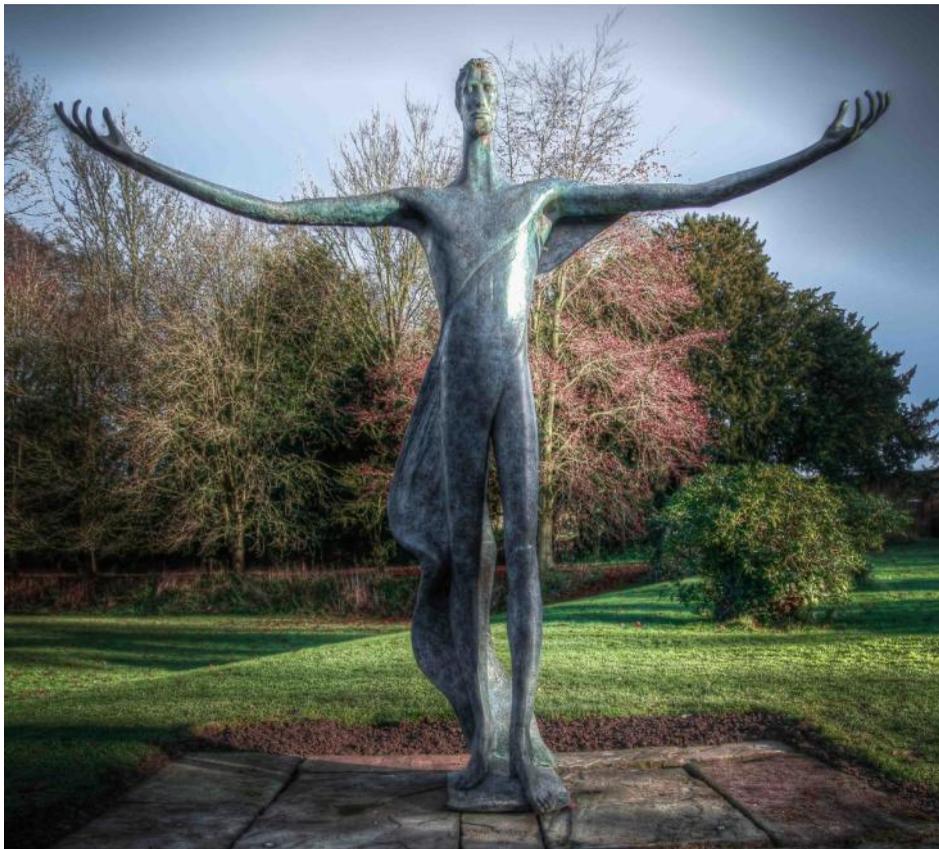
What a sight it all was coming over the brow of the Hill and across the cattle grid to look down on the magnificent Launde Abbey. The area is reminiscent of the rolling hills of East Central Wales . There were sheep grazing everywhere and in the distance, cattle.

We were lucky to have an offer of a guided tour by Alison's son Ben and we jumped at the chance.

It's hard to explain the feeling of peace which there is in and around the Abbey, but like most people, we were struck by it almost immediately. The lack of traffic noise helps, of course, but there is a very special atmosphere. It's the sort of feeling you get at other former monastic sites, where, some would say, the right sort of prayer has gone on for hundreds of years.

The sculpture of Christ with outstretched arms stands prominently and proudly on the bank behind the abbey. It was originally created by Tita Maddog as

a bronze resin cast. At 2.5 meters tall it is far more than just a figure of welcome. It is now also used as the logo for the Abbey.



Ben took us next to the walled garden, a massive enclosed space, possibly even bigger than the walled garden at Wimpole. Like Wimpole they have been undergoing a refurbishment. The greenhouses, also being repaired, stretch thirty or forty metres along the south facing wall. As yet unused, there are plans for the future. In the centre of the garden is a three metre diameter plunge pool, not that you would want to plunge into the greenish water,

but it's useful for watering. Around the pool are beds in various stages of cultivation.

Out through the top of the walled garden we came to the grass labyrinth, not a maze but a journey along paths to the centre. which reputedly takes twenty minutes to walk. All around the abbey are lovely views of beautiful ponds and rolling hills with plenty of footpaths for walking.

It was time to go inside the Abbey but that's another story. Don't miss the chapel with its Cromwell connections and the oak panelled room. A great place for

conferences, retreats and courses.

Our ex vicar the Rev. Canon Alison Myers is now the warden at Launde. A brilliant priest for a brilliant job.

Peter Cornwell

A coach outing to Launde Abbey is being planned for the Spring. Register your interest by contacting pccornwell@icloud.com

TOFT COMMUNITY CAFE

We are so excited that *The Schoolroom Community Café* in Toft is up and running. The Cafe is volunteer run and welcomes visitors from both Toft and surrounding villages. During the long period of lockdown we realised that new families had moved into the area without a chance to get to know their neighbours. Others were living alone and missing everyday social interaction. We have an active Social Club catering for a wide range of evening activities in Toft but until recently there was little for those who wanted to meet others during the daytime. Hence the Cafe was born.

We are open every Wednesday at The People's Hall, at the top of School Lane, Toft at 10.30am till 1.30pm. We have picnic tables and parasols in the attractively landscaped courtyard so visitors can choose to eat inside, outside or take-away. From 10.30 to 11am we have *Funtime for Little Ones*, a half-hour session in the Hall of songs and rhymes and stories for pre-school little ones and their parents and carers. (It's free and there's no need to book). Afterwards you can stay and socialise with friends and neighbours over a coffee and cake, or stay for lunch and try our warming homemade soup of the day or a crispy cheese toastie. Our menu can be found on the website <https://cafe.toft.org.uk/> or on the Toft *Facebook* page.

Since opening in October, we have welcomed people working from home who need a change of scenery and a bit of company to break up the day, and ramblers and dog walkers enjoying our local footpaths. We can even provide dog bowls. Parking is available in the car park opposite. We look forward to welcoming our neighbours from Hardwick too.

Gillian Pugh

MOVING TO HARDWICK

A POEM
BY
SHELLEY
MURRAY-FOREMAN

Just under eighteen months ago
We got the call we were waiting for
To say we could collect the keys
And see what our new home had in store

We already liked the village
When we came three times a week
To our amazing childminder
People would always stop and speak

So when we got the chance
To claim Hardwick as our home
We couldn't have been any happier
For a new house to call our own

We set about the painting
Got all the decorating done
Had new carpets fitted
It was actually lots of fun

The previous tenant was amazing
And left some things to welcome us
It was another indication
Hardwick was a village we could trust

We met our neighbours early on
And clicked with them right away
We now stand for ages in the garden
And chat whilst the kids all play

Our daughter goes to the village primary
She loves everyday she's there
Our son just started preschool
The ladies are lovely, caring, fair

We can now walk round the village
With our heads held high
Knowing that genuine people
Say good morning, hello, hi

So thank you, Hardwick residents
For accepting us as we are
And teaching us that kindness
Can never go too far.

Sunday services at Hardwick School



at 10.30am

Sun. 5 December:	Service with Young Church & Communion
Sun. 12 December:	Service with Young Church
Sun. 19 December:	Carol Service for all ages.....6.00pm
Fri. 24 December:	Carols at the Nativity Scene...5.00pm
Sat. 25 December:	Christmas day celebration
Sun. 2 January:	"Sharing Service" with Communion
Sun. 9 January:	Service with Young Church
Sun. 16 January:	Service with Young Church & Communion
Sun. 23 January:	Service with Young Church
Sun. 30 January:	Service with Young Church

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

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

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

Midweek activities

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

Prayer meeting - First Thursday of the month.

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

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On **alternate Mondays and Wednesdays** we'd like to welcome you to our living room. There will be people to chat with, a cuppa, and things to do like puzzles and easy table games, or even knit a hat for prem babies at the Rosie.

On the Mondays below we are pleased to have SCDC's **Welfare & Money Maximisation Officer** Lucy Tomkins with us to chat with anyone having problems navigating the world of benefits, housing and budgeting.

Fortnightly on Wednesdays there will be a **bereavement support group**, meeting others who know bereavement from the inside; a place where **"it's OK to be not OK"**.

December

Wed 1st:	Bereavement support group	10:00 - 12:00
Wed 8th:	Welcome on Wednesday	13:30 - 15:30
Mon 13th:	Welcome on Monday	10:00 - 12:00
Wed 15th:	Bereavement support group	10:00 - 12:00

January

Wed 5th:	Bereavement support group	10:00 - 12:00
Wed 12th:	Welcome on Wednesday	13:30 - 15:30
Mon 17th:	Welcome on Monday	10:00 - 12:00
Wed 19th:	Bereavement support group	10:00 - 12:00
Wed 26th:	Welcome on Wednesday	13:30 - 15:30

Contact Pauline (01223 262525) if you have questions.

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We are now holding our regular monthly meetings in the School Hall and resumption of face-to-face gatherings is proving popular. Our average attendance is around thirty five so I think we must be doing something right.

At our last meeting we had Jason Middleton who gave us a video slide presentation all about Pearls; some of us dug our jewels out of the closet and wore them with pride! We were

filled with interesting facts about the pearl industry and all the different shapes and colours in which pearls are formed.

One of our lucky members won some pearl earrings in our raffle – the pearls were kindly donated by Jason. This event was also to raise money for Breast Cancer so we all wore pink and raised over £165 to a worthy cause.

The next meeting is a practical demonstration on how to paint ornaments or decorations on porcelain clay. The speaker will take away our efforts, fire them and then return them to us at our December meeting as Christmas presents!

The Dining Out group finally met having found a venue open for business at lunchtime (most of the curry house establishments are closed at lunchtime) and those who went had a good time. The next meal out is at The Three Horseshoes at Madingley where we are hoping for a good friendly enjoyable evening-plus good food.

More information about all of our activities can be found on our website and if you would like to come along to one our meetings (held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the School at 7.30pm) you are most welcome.

<https://hardwickwi.weebly.com/>

And finally wishing all our readers

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

NAOMI ROY

Wildlife Trust West Cambridgeshire Hundreds Update: Dec 2021

During lockdown, our nature reserves received a large increase in visitors, and these numbers have remained higher than usual. This has added to a general upward trend, which has been building for several years. Climate change has meant winters have been getting warmer and wetter in recent times, and last winter was the wettest for many years. Our ancient woodland reserves in the West Cambs Hundreds area are on impermeable soils and get especially muddy. When large numbers of people walk on waterlogged paths, they become churned, and it can take years for them to recover. People also naturally try to walk around muddy areas and significantly increase the width of the path, damaging sensitive plants on the edges and compacting the soil. The wider rides are a habitat in themselves and are part of what makes the woods special; they are often managed like a meadow.

A large proportion of damage to our woodland happens in the winter. Our changing climate is already responsible for extra damage, and over the last few years we have seen trampled areas on paths get wider, and more vegetation lost. As time goes by, this is likely to get worse. We have also seen increasing problems during bluebell season when people and dogs stray off the paths.

Winter is the time when tree management is carried out. Over the next few years, more trees will need to be felled to keep the woods safe due to the spread of ash die-back disease and the prevalence of ash trees in our woodlands.

Our primary concerns are protecting precious places for wildlife, and engaging people with nature safely. We have a legal and moral responsibility to maintain these ancient woodlands

in a safe, favourable and improving condition. In order to ensure these woods remain special for generations, the Trust may be restricting access during the winter and bluebell season.

We would like to thank everyone in advance for your understanding as we carry out this vital work and ensure our beautiful, and vitally important ancient woodlands are protected. You can find out more about winter closures on our website www.wildlifebcn.org/reserves-access

You can contact me:

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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, Buff wood plus Cambourne Nature Reserve.

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How I Wonder?

MON 13TH DEC
10.30AM-12.00PM

Nativity Themed Sensory Play Session

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St Mary's Church Community



Celebrating Christmas with us

Advent Reflections

Each week in December there will be a short video reflection to help us prepare for the Heart of Christmas. Access via our website www.stmaryshardwick.org.uk or Facebook group.

Christmas Tree Festival, 10th - 12th Dec

3pm – 5 pm in the church

Carols by Candlelight – 4pm, Sun 19th

Come to St Mary's for a traditional service of carols, readings and prayers as we hear again the song of the angels.

Carols down your way – 20th and 21st

Listen out for passing carol singers (and join in!)

Christingle – 4pm, Tues 21st

A special event for families followed by tea in the Cabin

Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass at 11:30 pm with Rev'd Paul Garnell

Christmas Day

Family Communion at 9:30 am with Clare and Howard Bigg.

Joy to the World!

Goodbye to Rev'd Paul Garnell

Our curate, Paul, will be moving to a post as an army chaplain in January so his last service in Hardwick will be on Christmas Eve. We will miss his quirky humour, his stories, his generosity and his thoughtful care for young and old. We first met him at the Blue Lion – a bit hot and sweaty having cycled the 'short' route from Coton to Hardwick and getting lost in both Comberton and Toft on the way! We have grown to appreciate Paul as a man of deep faith and having a strong desire to serve. He has brought with him experience in the army, prison service, social services and at the crematorium as well as other roles and this has given him great understanding of people and compassion for them. He has put a smile on so many faces and we pray for God's blessing for Paul and his family as they move on. We will say an informal goodbye to him after the Carol Service on 19th Dec.



What's On in January

Sunday services: In person at St Mary's at 9:30, and on Zoom at 11

Tuesday Mornings for under 5s, 10 to 11:30 in term-time (contact Clare on cebigg53@gmail.com)

Bumps and Babies friendly support group on Thursdays, 10:30 to 12, (Contact Ali on alison.marcus140@gmail.com)

Wild Church for families: 2nd Sunday of the month at 3 pm (contact Clare on cebigg53@gmail.com)

Colour Wheel: company, mindfulness and colouring, fortnightly on Tuesdays, 1 to 3 (Contact Nicky on kerranica@gmail.com)

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

Based at Comberton Baptist Church. More on www.wccym.org

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

Diocese of Ely www.stmaryshardwick.org.uk

Interim lead minister: Clare Bigg,

Tel: 01954 211673; email: cebigg53@gmail.com

VILLAGE DIARY

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Dec			
2 nd	Quiz	HSSC	7.45pm
3 rd	'Walking for Health' walking group	Blue Lion	11am
4 th	'G' comes with his singing, comedy & vocal impressions - Tickets £10 for members, £11 for non members	HSSC	TBC
4 th	Pippin's	Hardwick School	10am - midday
5 th	South Cambridgeshire Outdoor Christmas Market	Cambourne	12pm - 6pm
7 th	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm
8 th	Christmas coffee morning - organised by the WI to raise money for the Lisa Kent Trust	Cabin at St Mary's	10am - midday
10 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
10 th - 12 th	Christmas Tree Festival	St Mary's Church	See separate poster enclosed
11 th	Santa visits Hardwick (organised by Pre-School)	Around the village	4.30pm - 8pm
14 th	Parish Council meeting	Cabin at St Mary's	7pm
15 th	W.I. - Christmas Social	Hardwick School	7.30pm
17 th	'Walking for Health' walking group	Frankie's Café	11am

19 th	Christmas Carol Service	St Mary's Church	4pm
19 th	Children's Christmas party - 11 years and under. Booking required	HSSC	11am - 1pm
21 st	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm
21 st	Christingle/Fun afternoon - TBC	St Mary's Church	
Jan			
4 th	Colour Wheel		
6 th	Quiz	HSSC	7.45pm
7 th	'Walking for Health' walking group	Blue Lion	11am
8 th	Pippin's - please note change of date	Hardwick School	10am - midday
11 th	Parish Council meeting	Cabin at St Mary's	7pm
14 th	Library Bus - route H12	As above	As above
15 th	Entertainment Quiz (organised by Pre-School)	Hardwick School	7.30pm
18 th	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm
19 th	W.I. - New Year Social	Hardwick School	7.30pm
21 st	'Walking for Health' walking group	Frankie's Café	11am
Feb			
1 st	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm
3 rd	Quiz	HSSC	7.45pm
4 th	'Walking for Health' walking group	Blue Lion	11am
5 th	Pippin's	Hardwick School	10am - midday
11 th	Library Bus - route H12	As above	As above
15 th	Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	1pm - 3pm

Setting up Hardwick Domestic Energy Transition Group

Following the clear interest shown at Hardwick's first Eco Day this year in transitioning our homes to low and zero carbon energy, I'd like to set up a group to bring together people considering investing in **home insulation, solar panels and battery storage, heat pumps or electric vehicles** with those who have already done it.

This kind of major purchase decision can be complex and may seem daunting. The aim of this group is to provide basic information on these energy products, including what grants may be available, and provide an opportunity to talk informally with those who already have experience of purchasing and using them. Another aim would be to provide access to a thermal camera to look at current heat loss from our homes as part of the home insulation and heat pump topics.

Prior to launching the group, I'd like to hear from 4 groups of people:

Those who are considering investing in home insulation, solar panels with or without battery storage, heat pumps and electric vehicles. I'd like to know where your interests lie and how such a group might be able to help you.

Those who have already invested in home insulation, solar panels and battery storage, heat pumps and electric vehicles and who would be willing to share their experience

Subject matter experts in home insulation, domestic solar systems, heat pumps and electric vehicles who would be willing to share their expertise impartially at group meetings. This would include aspects of finance, grants, home suitability, technology, system design, etc.

Anyone with expertise in setting up websites/email who might be willing to work with me to put things in place for an informative website for the group.

There is no commitment at this stage. I'm looking for expressions of interest. I'd like to get your ideas and to speak to any who might be willing to share experience and expertise.

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Chris Rider

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EATING OUT at The Blue Lion

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Last week the occasion was a birthday, the presence of our two sons and of a relative. Two vegetarians, and a vegan and a meat-eater would have been a challenge for some pubs, but not for 'The Lion'.

An unusual feature of our local is that the landlord is also the chef so is rarely seen at front of house. For this feature to work it requires the landlord to recruit keen, hard working staff who seem to be actively enjoying their job. So full marks for the front of house staff at our local.

One of the features of the food is the generous helpings that are served. I am not used to large lunches so I got round this by having a main and a dessert (no starter). I had grilled swordfish with salad and new potatoes, and I declined the offer of chips. The vegetarians went for vegan Bolognese and spinach and ricotta lasagne, and the vegan for the risotto; the meat eater enjoyed beef lasagne. There was a range of desserts, and for me, autumn pavlova with poached blackberries and pear made a delicious end to the meal.

Being a vegan can be a problem when eating out. We recently stayed at a good hotel where there was only one vegan dish on the menu. 'The Lion' did better than that, with a separate vegan mains menu on offer. However, vegans like puddings too, so more dessert options for them would be welcome.

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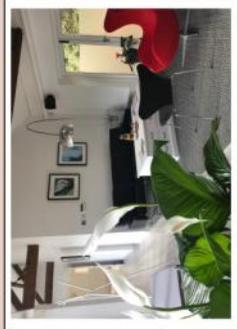
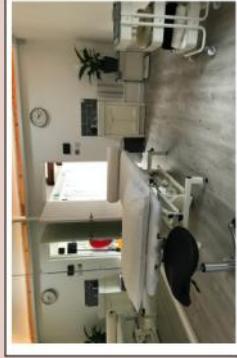
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The Giant Book Sale

Many thanks to all those who supported the book sale on 30th October. We made a total of £605.82 which is being added to the appeal fund for further improvements to the Cabin grounds.

We hope to hold a similar event in the autumn next year, so please keep any good quality books you no longer want, although we will not be able to store them here until much nearer the time.

Plant & Produce stall

Thank you to those who have supported the stall this year. It is now closed until next spring. If you are splitting plants, have surplus cuttings or can sew a few extra seeds to donate, then we would be delighted to receive them. The stall has been much appreciated and many Hardwick gardeners gained plants, some of which they may not have tried growing before. Also, delicious, often organic vegetables, jams and chutneys have been bought - all with an extremely low carbon footprint.

We will let you know when the stall will re-open.

The Food Bank

We are still collecting items in the Church porch for the Cambridge food bank. Please continue to support this very important scheme but remember that only non-perishable items can be accepted.

Over 90% of the food distributed by food banks in the Trussell Trust network is donated by the public - that is why your food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

The current most needed list:

Bag for life or similar strong carrier bags	Rice pudding
UHT milk	Custard
Olive oil	Puddings - Angel Delight, Jelly, Sponges
Juices - long life and cordials	Stock cubes
Noodles	Sanitary pads-not tampons
Nappies - sizes 3,4,5,6	Soap/hand soap
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Active Travel Proposals affecting the Village Traffic (Bus Gate proposal)

This is a scheme first announced June 2020 - to close St Neots Road *between Cambridge Road and Long Road to all vehicles except for access allowing only buses, bikes and of course emergency vehicles*. A Bus Gate. The reasons we were given at the time was to encourage exercise, more use of walking and cycling to work and try to push car drivers to use public transport, lessening the environmental impact of cars and easing congestion. It included a wide mixed use cycling path throughout the St Neots Road. Reaction to the disruption the Bus Gate would cause to the village was channelled to our then County Councillor who in July 2020 confirmed to the village that although the improved cycling facilities were still part of the proposal, the Bus Gate would be dropped.

Fast forward a year and the proposal came back as a Consultation from the Active Travel group of Cambridgeshire County Council. News of the public Consultation was shared on Facebook, on the Village Web Site and in Hardwick Happenings and hopefully residents gave their opinions. It closed 15th September 2021. The Scheme for St Neots Road is one of 21 proposals put forward by the County Council throughout Cambridge and described as Temporary though of course at the moment without new buses and no improved footpath and cycle path down St Neots Road there would be little point in implementing it. Any proposals put forward for implementation will go through further public scrutiny before implementation.

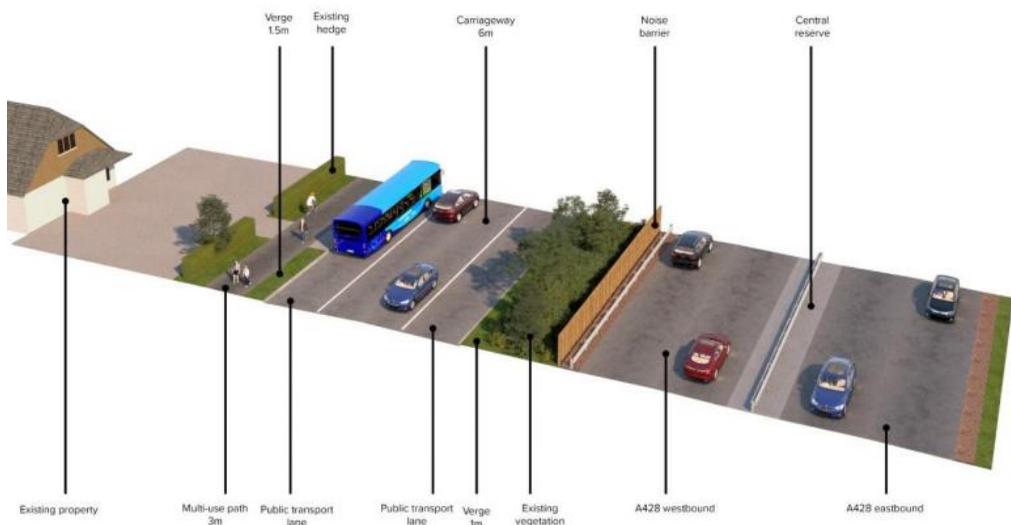
The Parish Council shared concerns that there were several schemes being planned for St Neots Road without apparent coordination – our own proposal for pedestrian safety islands at Bus Stops, the GCP C2C Busway, Cycle path upgrades and then the Active Travel Bus Gate. Active Travel officers offered to come to explain the Bus Gate Scheme and discuss Hardwick residents’ reaction to the Consultation proposals but the meeting scheduled for 16th November was unfortunately cancelled as they had to attend a meeting on GCP C2C BusWay and Greenways projects on the same night! Sincere apologies for the short notice cancellation. The intention at the time of writing is to reschedule the meeting.

C2C Busway Proposal from GCP – GCP City Access Consultation: West Forum

GCP are holding a Consultation and four forums to gather public views

on their proposals for City Access from each direction into Cambridge. This includes bus networks, more local buses and cycling projects e.g. Greenways. The Consultation sets what it believes necessary to provide a comprehensive modern public transport solution with less dependency on cars. **The Consultation doesn't close until 21st December 2021 so please take time to GIVE YOUR VIEWS.** Details of how to access the Consultation are on the Village web site and Facebook. If in doubt, please email or call the Clerk or a Councillor, contact details in HH and on the Village Website

On 16th November GCP held a presentation for those to the West of Cambridge. As far as the affect of the C2C Busway on Hardwick there was little further news since the Hardwick Public Meeting on 13th July 2021 which many residents attended when GCP announced a proposed alternative option to cutting down all our trees. They are calling the alternative the Segregated on-carriageway option, still using the St Neots Road and not the A428. GCP provided an illustration see below



Whereas this is still short on detail this is where GCP make reference to the Bus Gate as without normal vehicle traffic to contend with, C2C buses could just run on the current road saving trees and lots of money. But this would only apply east of Cambridge Road. Hope you follow this. The Parish Council is continuing to press GCP for more detail and clarification.

Mixed-Use Cycle Path on St Neots Road

GCP touched briefly on this on the West Forum on 16th November. The mixed-use cycle path is planned to run the length of St Neots Road – see the

illustration. It has been part of the C2C Busway plan from the start but funding has been the holding factor and appears it still is but funds are incorporated in the Bourn Airfield development – just await imminent decision to take this a step further. Announcements on that well overdue. Although funding has been incorporated in West Cambourne plans – all the way from West Cambourne to Madingley Road –that is dependent on their house building program and would apply some 5 years off. According to GCP the fact that this takes away the laybys on St Neots Road was not an important factor for residents and businesses. Maybe you could give us your views on that.

However it would seem to be the only part of the Active Travel scheme that should be adopted without delay if the intention is to make cycling a choice for more people. GCP have no time frame for this and plans for what happens beyond Long Road Comberton are still loose.

Greenways

The Greenways Project Management has been handed over from the County Council to the GCP and the West Forum on 16th November gave a brief progress report. Greenways is the off-road cycling and walking plan being implemented (gradually) in individual projects all over Cambridge. For many it would be the preferred choice as the intention is that they run through the countryside. Hardwick was mentioned several times as being a beneficiary especially if the Bourn Airfield funding is agreed. This provides a country cycling route away from traffic from Bourn to Hardwick (following Portway) to join up with the Comberton Greenway into Cambridge.

Hardwick Parish Council asked that there be a link to this Greenway crossing the south of the village so that residents have a choice. Whereas GCP confirmed this was planned to be the case, they are not yet able to say where this link would run. Plans are some way off as design will not be available until end of 2022 and construction a further 2 to 3 years and connections.

Ackbar Joolia

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Collect to help others

You may remember I wrote an article in the February 2021 edition of the Hardwick Happenings letting you know that some people in the village are collection points for various every-day items to help charities. I have been asked to repeat this, with an extra one at the bottom.

Used postage stamps

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

Plastic milk carton tops

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

These are used as educational aids for counting, group work, colours etc and assist their staff in delivering the curriculum. A bin can be found on her drive at 5 Pump Lane for any donations of tops. Please do not include metal tops.

Liz Tinkler - www.lisakenttrust.org mob: 07803 123023

Crisp packets

Nikki Donne collects empty crisp packets for recycling. There is a drop off point outside 35 Ellison Lane in a labelled bin, next to the wheelie bins. Any crisp packet is accepted, including the outer packaging of multipacks. It is only crisp packets that are collected so unfortunately not chocolate and biscuit wrappers. The crisp packets are sent off to Terracycle and they do ask that crisp packets are not folded into triangles and that packets are completely empty.

Once sent off to Terracycle, the crisp packets are separated by plastic type, cleaned, and extruded into plastic pellets to make new recycled products. More information on the scheme can be found at www.terracycle.com.

Empty foil tablet sachets

Some of you know Rex Webb (Santa) who lives in Comberton and is a member of the Hardwick Friendship Club. He collects the empty foil tablet sachets which he takes to Superdrug who recycle them. These can be delivered to Rex when he attends the Friendship Club at the Sports & Social Club on a Thursday between 2pm and 4.45pm. If you cannot make this time, drop them off at my house (23 Egremont Road).

So, please support these people by collecting these items and delivering them to the relevant places. If you know of any others, please let me know. Many thanks Anne Jones



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HH time line

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It doesn't always work!

*Jan / Feb, Apr /May, June/July and Aug /Sept go together, the rest are separate months making eight issues a year.



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Help us to find Christmas. Cambridgeshire Libraries are holding a Treasure Hunt for children and families in December – use your mobile phone to scan a barcode and get a video clue. Find all of our lost items and you'll get a certificate. Just ask library staff for the clue sheet and then scan the QR code to get you started. If you don't have a mobile phone don't worry, there's a paper version too.

In the midst of all the Christmas preparations, we hope that you may find time to relax with a good book. If you like a festive read, do come and browse the titles available in the library. We have picture books and some longer chapter books for children and a range of adult fiction titles on display too. All are available to borrow.

We will also be holding a big book sale in the library from **Monday 6th December**, during library opening hours, where there will be a range of good quality second-hand adult and children's books to purchase at bargain prices. You may find just the right book for yourself, or as a stocking filler present!

Just a quick reminder that we have now reverted to a three-week loan period, with up to three renewals permitted. Overdue charges have been re-introduced for late returns, but only for adult loans – there are no late charges for children's books. It now costs only £1 to borrow a DVD or audiobook for 3 weeks. Free services are available if you are house-bound or visually impaired. Do ask library staff for more information about our charges and concessions.

Comberton Library will be open as normal on **Wednesday 22nd December** and then closed for Christmas and New Year, re-opening on **Wednesday 5th January**.

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Florence Nightingale was the “lady with the LAMP”.

2. The connection is WHISTLE.

“Symphony in White Number 2 is a painting by WHISTLER”.

Cockney rhyming slang for a suit is “WHISTLE and flute”.

Hayley Mills starred in the film “WHISTLE the Down the Wind”.

In the film “To Have and To Have Not” Bacall tells Bogart how to WHISTLE.

3. The connection is that they all had MOTHERS CALLED GRACE

4. The connection is RENE

A co-author of Asterix books is RENE Goscinny.

“Cogito ergo sum” is a quote by RENE Descartes

Gordon Kaye played RENE, the owner of the cafe in the sitcom “Allo Allo”.

5. The connection is REX.

Sophocles wrote the play “Oedipus REX”.

REX Harrison played Dr Doolittle in the 1967 film.

Marc Bolan fronted the band T REX.

Groups & Organisations in Hardwick

Group/Org	Venue	Day	Time	Contact	Other details
Boot Camp	Tennis Courts	Mon	6am – 7am 12pm – 1pm	Shane Rackham Tel: 07912555301	
Pilates	Cabin at St Mary's	Mon	10.45am – 11.45am	Lauren Daynes Lauren.daynes@aol.co.uk	
Rainbows & Brownies	Cabin at St Mary's	Mon	5.30pm – 6.45pm	Michelle Teague 1hardwickrainbows@gmail.com	Girls 5 - 10 yrs
Scouts	Scout & Guide Hut	Mon	7pm – 9pm	Paul Wooldridge Tel:01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	Boys & girls 10.6 – 14 yrs
Tuesday Morning at St Mary's	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	9.30am – 11am	Clare Bigg cebigg53@gmail.com	Parents, carers & under 5s
Colour Wheel	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	1pm – 3pm	Nicky Kerr kerranica@gmail.com	Alternate weeks
Guides	Scout & Guide Hut	Tues	6.30pm–8pm	Janet Hayman & Kirsty Orange hardwickguides@gmail.com	Girls 10 - 15 yrs
Rangers	Scout & Guide Hut	Tues	7pm–8.30pm	Janet Hayman & Kirsty Orange hardwickguides@gmail.com	Girls 14- 18 yrs
Hardwick Parish Council	Cabin at St Mary's	Tues	7pm – 9.30pm	Clerk, Gail Stoehr, Tel: 01954 210241 hardwickpc@lgs-services.co.uk	4 th Tues in the month
Jazzercise	Hardwick School	Tues	7.30pm	Gary Reilly-Lloyd Tel:07886 685655 jazzerciseambourne@gmail.com	Age 16+ any gender
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Explorers	Scout & Guide Hut	Wed	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Paul Wooldridge Tel:01954 210711 Razz.scouts@gmail.com	Boys & girls 14 – 18 yrs
W.I.	Hardwick School	Wed	7.30pm – 10pm	Carolyn Purser cangpurser@btinternet.com	3 rd Wed in the month
Mums & Babes	Cabin at St Mary's	Thurs	10.30am - midday	Ali Marcus Alison.marcus140@gmail.com	
Baby & Toddler Group	Hardwick School	Thurs	10.30am - midday	Rachel Huisman rachel@huisman.co.uk	

Cabin Creative Arts	Cabin at St Mary's	Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Thelma Westbury tpwestbury@gmail.com	Alternate weeks
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Pippin's Community Café	Hardwick School	Sat	10am - midday	Anne Jones jeffandanne23@gmail.com	1 st Sat in the month
St Mary's Church	St Mary's Church	Sun	9.30am-10.30am	Clare Bigg cebigg53@gmail.com	
Evangelical Church	Hardwick School	Sun	10.30am	Rev Kate Gaze Minister.hechurch@gmail.com	hechurch.co.uk
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Hardwick Football Club	Recreation Ground			Kris Edwards hardwickfc@gmail.com	
Hardwick Pre-School	Hardwick School	Mon-Fri	9.15am-3.15pm (Term time)	Sharon Griffiths Tel: 01954 212823 www.hardwick-preschool.chessck.co.uk	
3.15 Club	Hardwick School	Mon-Fri	3.15pm – 6pm (Term time)	Sharon Turner hardwick3.15club@hotmail.co.uk	
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