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HP Source is a bi-monthly newsletter, funded by Hardingstone Parish Council, compiled and edited by a team of volunteers for Hardingstone Village.

From the Editors

Welcome to the 5th edition of **HP Source**. In this issue we analyse your tremendous response to our survey of what Hardington wants from a newsletter. We received over 130 replies and we are very pleased to confirm that HP Source will continue for another year. The survey result is a great basis for planning how the newsletter can develop.

Elsewhere in the issue we have articles on history, wildlife, volunteering opportunities, and

the community events and clubs which make up Hardington's active social life.

As always, we do depend on your help. We are a small team of (exhausted!) volunteers, always keen to welcome others. If you can write an article, help with editing or contribute in any way, do get in touch.

KAPH, your editorial team.

Publishing rules and deadlines

Contributions are welcome from Hardington individuals and clubs. Please get in touch for information, advice or if you have a comment or complaint. We work to agreed editorial and advertising guidelines, which can be provided on request. Articles should normally be max. 250 words.

Submissions should be sent to the editor at **hpsourcemag@gmail.com**. Anonymous articles will not be included but name and address may be withheld from publishing if agreed with the editor.

The editor has complete discretion to omit or to edit submissions where necessary, and the editor's decision will be final. Deadlines for submission are given below.

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10. Dec—Jan 2021	1 November 2020	Last week in November
11. Feb—Mar 2021	1 January 2021	Last week in January
12. Apr—May 2021	1 March 2021	Last week in March

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Parish Council

Parish Council News

Cherry Orchard update

The Parish Council had decided to cease negotiations concerning the acquisition of Cherry Orchard, following years of dealings with Northampton Borough Council's (NBC's) solicitors who put unreasonable conditions and restrictions on our ownership. However the leaders of NBC have now come back with an offer with no strings attached, agreeing to repair fences and mow the grass till 2028.

At the January meeting the Parish Council voted to consider the offer when it is received in writing.

The Sustainable Urban Extension

The SUE is the planned development behind Newport Pagnell Rd and The Warren. The firm which was chosen to build the SUE is Kier, who are in financial difficulties and looking to sell off their house building section, so we do not know who is going to build it or when. Apart from some small beginnings of infrastructure work last year all activity has ceased for the time being.

Community centre

One of the conditions of the planning permission for the SUE is that the developer must build a community centre, and

the Parish Council has been offered ownership of it. Councillors have several misgivings about this as none of us has any experience in designing or running such a centre. Some councillors and the Parish Clerk have visited several community centres in nearby parishes to pick up ideas on how to go about it, and what pitfalls to avoid. Advice has also been sought from a charity which runs several centres locally, and their suggestions on layout have been very helpful. The charity could also organise the running of it.

Kier have drawn up plans and the Parish Council has chosen one basic design, but further meetings with Kier will be needed before the matter can be finalised. Kier are keen to keep down their costs, so it looks as though they might not be able to meet the specifications deemed essential by the Parish Council, in which case the Council will not take it on.

More development

A further estate of 535 dwellings, called Hampton Green, is proposed on both sides of Lewis's Lane, the lane from Newport Pagnell Road to Great Houghton. Some of this development lies within our parish, and the chairman and another councillor from the Parish Council attended a meeting of the NBC Planning Committee to express our objection to the development. We opposed it on the same grounds as our objection to the SUE, *(Continued on page 4)*

(Continued from page 3) i.e. traffic congestion on the Newport Pagnell Road and the A45, air pollution, and lack of infrastructure etc. Unfortunately our opposition again fell on deaf ears, and outline planning permission was granted.

Fibre optic broadband

City Fibre have laid a network of underground and some overhead cables in the village, which has been generally welcomed and their work has been very neat. However concern was expressed that underground cabinets with concrete covers, and an above ground cabinet had been placed on the grass verge on The Green. As this is a conservation area, residents are severely restricted in what they are allowed to do to their own houses in order to preserve the historic character. Northampton Borough Council knew nothing about it and the County Council had given permission. It seems that telecommunications are exempt from planning regulations in conservation areas.

Christmas Tree

Councillors put up a Christmas tree by the War Memorial which has been well received. Unfortunately it was rather unstable and had to be held up with ropes. Next Christmas we will use a different method to secure it.

Election

In May this year an election will be held to form your new Hardingstone Parish Council. This is the first tier of local government and you might like to consider if you could contribute to the wellbeing of the village by putting yourself forward as a candidate.

Community groups meeting

Last November the Parish council hosted a meeting of the village community groups with a view to co-ordinating a diary of village events. We were pleased to welcome representatives of the Scouts, PTA, Players, Bouverie House, Allotments, The Village Hall, Supporters of St. Edmunds, Friends of Hardingstone, Dog Walkers, History Society, Hardingstone Social Club and the W.I., a very diverse gathering with lots of plans and ideas for the future.

This was our first get together and we have decided to meet on a three-monthly basis. Hopefully we will be able to avoid any function clashes, whilst providing the village with some interesting and entertaining events throughout the year. We discussed the revival of the Annual Fruit and Veg Show. If **you** have any thoughts on events you would like please send in suggestions to the clerk or one of the village groups.

Notes from 3rd Dec 2019 Parish Council meeting

There had been complaints about the boxes on the verge by the war memorial. These were installed by City Fibre. As they are flat they do not contravene any conservation area laws, but City Fibre understand our concerns and have offered to help cover the boxes to reduce their impact.

It was agreed that due to the parish council elections on 7th May 2020, the May council meeting will be held on 19th May instead of 2nd May to fulfil legal obligations for the annual parish council meeting. The annual parish meeting in

the Village Hall will be held early in April, and as a result the deadline for grant applications will be earlier this year. The Clerk will advise details when available.

The budget for 2020/21 was considered and approved at £50,997. The precept (income obtained from the Council Tax) was set at £45,000, which leaves £ 5,997 to be taken from general reserves. The precept is £5,000 more than it was in 2019/20, which is an increase of about £6 per year per band 'D' property.

There was a discussion about purchasing a Christmas tree and lights to be placed near the war memorial.

Notes from 7th Jan 2020 Parish Council meeting

There had been questions about the City Fibre Installation. This should go live March 2020 and currently the only supplier is Vodaphone. They have a 12 month exclusivity contract, however, other suppliers will come online after this. Some houses are connected underground whilst others use existing BT poles.

Thanks were given to residents for clearing the footway by Blue Barns of leaves, and to those involved in setting up the Christmas tree.

A plaque was approved to be ordered to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE day, this will be placed on the plinth at the war memorial.

The results from the HP Source Survey [see p8] had been submitted to the council and these will be considered and actions taken as appropriate.

It was agreed to reopen negotiations on the transfer of Cherry Orchard. NBC had agreed to remove many caveats that had been added since original negotiations and seem keen to transfer.

Full minutes available on the Parish Council website at <https://www.hardingstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Next meetings: Full Council 4 Feb, 3 Mar; F&GP 12 Feb, 11 Mar; Planning 18 Feb, 17 Mar. All 7.30pm start.

Hardingstone community

Churchyard wildlife project

Three years ago, repairs to the roof of one of Hardingstone's older homes unfortunately closed the entrances to several swift nesting sites. The following spring, when the swifts returned from South Africa, they had nowhere to nest - an example of our wildlife in danger. Recently two nesting boxes have been fixed to the church tower in the hope that this will provide safe homes for the swifts. Time will tell whether the swifts find these acceptable!

Perhaps other creatures could find a safe haven in the churchyard; there could be wild flowers, bird and bat boxes, bug hotels, butterflies and bees; a wildlife-friendly, peaceful green oasis in the centre of Hardingstone.

Churchyards have often been relatively unchanged for centuries, and therefore are ideally placed to provide a protected natural habitat. Our local Wildlife Trust is keen to provide advice and guidance to help achieve this aim, and has already surveyed the existing wildlife of our churchyard to provide the basis for a possible management plan, and, for further encouragement, it organises an award scheme for participating churchyards.

The Friends of Hardingstone are willing to donate £200 towards this project to enhance the natural environment of the churchyard for the village. We hope this will encourage residents to become interested and involved.

If you would like to be part of this project, please come and join us! To know if the project is viable we need to understand how many people are interested in helping, e.g. with putting up boxes, nature watches and surveys, maintenance work etc.

We have a deadline of the end of February to decide, so **please contact the Churchwarden now** with your name and contact details if you are willing to volunteer in any capacity, or if you want to be kept informed as the project develops. All are welcome regardless of age, background or whether or not you are a church-goer.

Churchwarden: 760411 or hardingstonechurch@gmail.com



Watching local wildlife

I see a lot of wildlife from my garden window; squirrels, foxes, muntjac deer and occasionally even weasels. Hanging from an ivy-covered pergola above the patio window is a squirrel proof bird feeder, which no matter how hard they try, prevents squirrels getting at the nuts, although sometimes a mouse will occasionally try his luck.

Whilst recently watching a late night programme, I noticed from the corner of my eye, a sudden movement outside the window and witnessed something that surprised me. The squirrel-proof bird feeder was swinging violently from side to side. With its wings tightly wrapped around it was a tawny owl trying to get at a mouse inside!

Arnold Francklow

Note from the Editor: I have heard the hoot of a tawny owl in dead of night at the Cherry Orchard end of the village. The traditional 'twoo' call is usually made by the male. According to the British Trust for Ornithology you are most likely to hear it on a clear warm night, in autumn and also through the winter months, so it is worth keeping an ear open in the long dark hours of a sleepness night. You can find out more about the different owl calls at the BTO's website here:

<https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/project-owl/learn-about-owls>

Keep motivated

In the New Year we get the trainers on, the bike out and the wheelchair waxed to burn those unwanted December calories. Come mid January the motivation gets lower. To help keep you going:



- 1) The only pressure is the one you put on yourself, so do not set high expectations/ goals.
- 2) Join a group or ask friends/family/neighbours/colleagues to exercise with you.
- 3) Do not over do it. Start off with a small distance and build up each week.
- 4) Have fun with the exercise, if out with others make it a chatty one, if ME time look at your surroundings, we have beautiful areas to view (Delapre, Grange Park, Brackmills Park).

5) Remember: getting out is the hardest part, the 'AWESOMENESS' feeling afterwards lasts more than the day itself.

For those who are into walking, jogging, running or wheelchair racing are you aware of parkrun? It's a free weekly timed event and we are very fortunate to have Northampton Racecourse, Salcey Forest, Sixfields Upton, Irchester and Brixworth to choose from. Register at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>. Parkrun events are run by volunteers, a great way to be involved especially if you want to understand first how it works, build on new skills or just help out. 5K Your Way is active at the Racecourse parkrun on the last Saturday of the month, it encourages parkrunners with cancer and supporting friends and family to take part.

We are back now with sessions of fartlek (speed play), so check out our facebook page 'Step Forward with Lewis'.

Michelle stepforwardwithlewis@gmail.com

How I came to Hardingstone

I was born in 1940 in Woolwich, London, but in 1943 I was evacuated with my mother to Little Houghton because our house had been destroyed whilst we were in an air-raid shelter.

In 1955 I joined the police, and from 1956 to early 1959 I cycled to work from Little Houghton to Wootton Hall Police Headquarters. I took a 'gated' road through cattle and sheep (no Brackmills industrial estate then), through to Houghton Hill and Hardingstone. It never crossed my mind that one day I would come to live here.

Having completed my service as a cadet, from 1959 to 1979 I resided and saw service as a Police Constable in Kettering, Towcester and Northampton. In 1979 my wife and I moved to Hardingstone, our home for 40 years, firstly in Martins Lane and then Coldstream Lane.



During my lifetime I

have witnessed massive changes around our village. In 1955 the M1 did not exist, though I often patrolled it later as a Police Traffic Officer. I witnessed the Mere Way police station and accommodation blocks being constructed, and have now seen them demolished.

In Hardingstone we are blessed with a welcoming shop, Post Office, pet supply store, various hairdressers and two Public Houses, all providing a friendly, professional service to customers who care to support them. Our Church of St Edmund, Queen Eleanor Cross and Delapre Abbey are all steeped in history and worthy of mention.

If it weren't for that bombing raid I may have lived a different life of an "East-End Del Boy" in a multi-story apartment block! One will never know.

Paul



Hardingstone heritage

Miss Mary Bouverie

Whilst General Bouverie left a visual impact on the village through the Village School (now the Village Hall) and re-ordering the Church, his great granddaughter Mary Bouverie really got involved with the people.

It was at Miss Bouverie's request that the old Blue Barn facing the church was converted into a parish room in 1906, by permission of the trustees of the Bouverie Estates. She held tennis and croquet tournaments at Hardingstone House to raise cash for the furnishings (the white tennis lines can be seen in this photograph of the 1907 bible class on the lawn). Miss Bouverie ran dances in the parish room, and older residents may remember using it for various village society meetings.

Miss Bouverie also involved herself in fundraising for the hospital, running fetes, shows and an annual parade. She was a founder member and President of the Hardingstone Women's Institute.

Mary Bouverie was also a person of great faith. She was the



first Chair of the Parochial Church Council and in 1907 gave up the family exclusive right to sit in the Chancel, inviting the Choir to join her in there. When she died in 1943 her funeral was held at St Edmund's and she is buried in the family crypt in the Churchyard, half way up the path on the right.

Hardingstone people and dwellings

It was most interesting to read about Cleatham House in the last HP Source. It would be great if we could build up a picture of more of our historic homes and the people who lived there.

In researching for our Delapré Gentry & Hardingstone Villages exhibition, we found vast swathes of the village owned by the Delapre estate whilst quite a few others were privately owned. The census helped us to know the people who lived in Hardingstone, but it was surprisingly difficult to fit people to houses when neither the census nor the houses had numbers!

The 1841 census records show occupations mainly tied to the land and a few craftsmen and tradesmen such as blacksmith, wheelwright, baker etc. By 1881 the village

strata had changed, and the vicarage had been built, presided over by the Rev'd Robert Cox and his wife Emily. They had three servants, and their son, a retired commander RN, lived in the vicarage with them. Others of a military background included a colonel living on half pay, a major who was a 'Staff Paymaster' and a Chelsea pensioner, who is also listed as an agricultural labourer. In all, there were five households where the head was of independent means and 29 servants are recorded.

The village boasted a girls' boarding school, one teacher, an assistant teacher and 10 boarding pupils. This school occupied nos 2-6 Back Lane, which were inter-connected at that time.

Where did everyone live? You tell us. Old deeds, records or photos all tell a story – do you have any lurking in the back of your cupboard? All contributions will be welcome to **John** 760411 or via hpsourcemag@gmail.com



HP Source survey results

HP Source survey results

A survey of 10 questions was delivered to every household in Hardingstone (c.1000 households) with issue 4 of the newsletter, to obtain feedback from readers. This is needed to help the Parish Council and the editorial team with decisions to be taken at the conclusion of the initial year's trial in April 2020.

Summary

There were 137 replies, 105 forms and 32 online, which is a good response and statistically valid. All the answers are analysed in this report, but the main conclusions are as follows.

- 96% replied that Hardingstone needs a newsletter;
- 99% enjoy HPS (85% a lot);
- 97% of respondents have read more than one issue.



118 respondents are over 50 years of age and almost half have lived in the village for more than 20 years. There were no respondents from the 0 – 20 age groups.

Opinions about the coverage are that it is mostly about right, although more than 20 (15%) would like more news about, for example, the housing development, articles about Hardingstone people, local groups, future events and more general information articles. These themes are echoed in the 55 comments about subjects to be included in future issues of HP Source. Equal numbers (13) requested more articles about historical aspects of the village, and information on matters that Hardingstone Parish council deal with e.g. the development, traffic and parking. The most popular request (16 comments) was for more local information – what is happening in our community?

We are very willing to publish more on any of these topics, and welcome articles from Hardingstone residents and organisations, so please send us news, and photographs, about what is going on!

There were some different patterns between the age groups, with those over 50 more likely to say that Hardingstone needs a newsletter and only 1 respondent across all age groups stating that it did not. Generally a higher proportion of the over 50s wanted more articles on Hardingstone people and more advertisements, and the over 80s in particular wanted more information articles (e.g. neighbourhood watch). In the younger age groups more information on societies and reports of recent events were requested. A higher percentage of the younger groups than the older groups reported feeling more a part of the community, knowing more about clubs and being more likely to attend events after reading HP Source.

Analysis by length of residency showed that those who had lived here for the shortest and longest times were more likely to want more on Hardingstone people, whilst the 'middling' groups wanted more on events and societies. Those who had lived here for more than 20 years are least likely to feel more part of the Community, or to know more about what's going on after reading HP Source.

There were a further 61 responses to the invitation to say anything else about HP Source, 40 of which were compliments, for which we thank you. The other 9 suggestions, and 7 observations will be considered by the team as we compile future editions. There were 5 further comments not relevant to the newsletter, which have been shared with the Parish Council.

Conclusion

We hope that you will be pleased to know that we plan to continue for another year.

However, we are only 4 volunteers for whom this is a considerable commitment, which is why the newsletter is bi-monthly and the range of articles could be wider.

Further help is urgently needed. *Anyone* can send us news or articles, by email or delivered to the parish room. Any *Specialists* with knowledge of *Editing &/or Desktop Publisher* would be most welcome.



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Hardingstone community

(Continued from page 8) We are particularly keen that younger people are represented and would be very pleased to have volunteers or articles from these age groups. If you feel that a different approach is needed for your age group (e.g. social media?) please do get in touch, the parish council and / or local organisations may be able to support you in setting this up.

The parish council believe it is very important that every household in Hardingstone receives a copy of HP Source, including those without internet access, which prevents a

full electronic circulation. However, an electronic copy is published on the website (<https://www.hardingstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk/>), select "Newsletters"). Please note, we do very much care about the environment and the newsletter is printed on recyclable paper.

Thank you to everyone who shared their views on HP Source, and we hope you continue to enjoy reading the newsletter.

For full report, see www.hardingstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Carol singing

On 23rd December 17 adults, 4 children & 3 dogs sang Christmas carols outside the Crown, Blue Barns, the Sun and on the Green. The Hardingstone Academy PTA and the church decided to resurrect a much missed tradition, and it was a very Christmassy activity we plan to repeat. Many thanks to Canon Beverley for leading us, at such a busy time of year.

The Parish Council's Christmas tree on the green was also much admired.



Hardingstone diary

Special Events:

Tuesday 4 th February	Social Club - AGM & talk on 'Dementia Friends (See p 14)	Village Hall	8pm	Lesley 07599 216166
Wednesday 12 th February	History Society - talk on 'Country Life' (See p 14)	Parish Room	2pm – 4pm	Adrian 761327
Tuesday 18 th February	WI meeting – 'Amazing Japan' (See p 15)	Village Hall	7:45pm	Linda 763585
Thurs 20 th to Sat 22 nd February	Hardingstone Players Pantomime 'Wicked witches of Oz' (See p 15)	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury	Thurs, Fri 7:30pm Sat 22 nd 4pm	Box Office 07521 389025
Sunday 23 rd February	National Gardens Scheme Snowdrop Open Garden (See p15)	32, Back Lane, Hardingstone	11am – 4pm	
Friday 28 th February	Hardingstone PTA - Quiz Night (See p 13)	Hardingstone Academy, Martins Lane	7pm start	07980 571646
Saturday 14 th March	Friends of Hardingstone Rock & Roll, 60s and 70's Night - Live Band. (See p 13)	Hardingstone Academy, Martins Lane	7:30pm Adults (16+) only	Pre-booked tickets only Jo 761461 Pam 761374
Saturday 28 th March	Musica Charity Choir Concert	St. Edmund's Church	7:30pm	Tickets £8 on the door

Regular Events:

Mondays	Whist Drive	Bouverie House	6:45pm	Ray 706374
Mondays	Eagles Cub Pack	Scout Hut	6:30 – 8pm	Simon cubs@1sthardingstone.org.uk
Mondays	3 rd Wootton Brownies	Guide Hut, Hardingstone	6 – 7:30pm	donnamarie.painton@gmail.com
Mondays	Music Bugs	Village Hall	9.30-11:00am	Lesley Johnson 08444 128179
Mondays	Pilates with Christina	Village Hall	9:30 – 10:30am 10:30 – 11:30am	Christina 07984 233336
Mondays	Back at Ease Pilates	Village Hall	12:30pm – 2:30pm	Susie Burgess 07880 750258
Monday to Thursday	Dancing classes	Village Hall	4pm – 7pm	Sinead 768420 or 07711 320341
Mondays	Fitness classes	Village Hall	6pm – 9pm	Lesley Morrison 07544 946139
Mondays	Northampton Camera Club	Village Hall	7:30pm – 10pm	James Ballantyne 07799 034352
4th Mon excl December	Pins & Needles. Bring own craft items & chat	Parish Room	7.30pm – 9pm	Jo 761461
Tuesdays	Hardy Drive Coffee Morning	Bouverie House	9:30 -10:30am	07799 973617
Tuesdays	Hardingstone Guides	Guide Hut, Hardingstone	7:30 – 9pm	hardingstoneguides1st@gmail.com
Tuesdays	Hardingstone Badminton Club	N'pton High School, Newport Pagnell Road	7 – 9pm	Paul 07595 551627
Tuesdays	Chair Pilates	Village Hall	9:30 – 10:30am 10:30 – 11:30am	Christina 07984 233336
Tuesdays	Music Bugs	Village Hall	10:30am – 12:30pm	Lesley Johnson 08444 128179
Tuesdays	Pilates Class	Village Hall	1-2pm	Back & Body Clinic.co.uk 493066
Tuesdays	Body Control Pilates	Village Hall	6-7 pm	Jan 07712 182544
Tuesdays	Inspired Dog Training	Village Hall	7:30 – 8:30pm	Ian Lyons 07747 042490
1st Tuesday	Hardingstone Parish Council Meeting, public welcome	Parish Room	7.30pm	Clerk 07709 523746
1 st Tuesday	Hardingstone Social Club	Village Hall	8:00 – 10.30pm	Lynn 760036
3 rd Tuesday	Bouverie WI	Village Hall	7.45 pm	Linda 07968 556846

Hardingstone diary

The 'Regular Events' shown on these pages will only appear when necessary. At other times they will be replaced by details of any changes to the events shown, so please keep a copy of these pages for reference.

Regular Events (continued):

Wednesdays	Coffee Morning	Bouverie House	9:30- 10:30am	Pam 761374
Wednesdays	1 st Hardingstone Brownies	Guide Hut, Hardingstone	6:30- 7:45pm	karen.lewisplatt@gmail.com
Wednesdays	Sing and Sign	Village Hall	1:30 – 3:30pm	
Wednesdays	Yoga Class	Village Hall	6-7pm	Joyyogatherapy.co.uk
Wednesdays	Hardingstone Players	Village Hall	8:00 – 9:30pm	Rhiannon 880150
2 nd Wednesday	Hardingstone History Society	Parish Room	2 – 4pm	Adrian 761327
Thursdays	Beavers	Scout Hut	6 – 7.15 pm	Phin McGarry beavers@1sthardingstone.org.uk
Thursdays	Vikings Scouts	Scout Hut	7.30 – 9pm	Kevin Dillow 07412 671388 scouts@1sthardingstone.org.uk
Thursdays	Hardingstone Rainbows	Guide Hut, Hardingstone	5:45- 6:45pm	carolinemiller103@gmail.com
Thursdays	Pilates L M Fitness	Village Hall	9:30 – 10:30am	Lesley Morrison 07544 946139
Thursdays	Music Bugs	Village Hall	9:30 – 11:30am	Lesley Johnson 08444 128179
Thursdays (Monthly)	Mess Around Northampton	Village Hall	1:15 – 2:15pm	Tamara 07536 068751
Thursdays	Back at Ease Pilates	Village Hall	6 – 7pm	Susie Burgess 07880 750258
Thursdays	Pilates	Village Hall	7:15 - 8:15pm	Back & Body Clinic.co.uk 493066
Thursdays	Line Dancing	Bouverie House	6:30 – 8:30pm	
Fridays	Bingo	Bouverie House	1.15 pm	Barbara 07976 906963
Fridays	Char Char Chimps	Village Hall	10-11am	Izzy 07725 325003
Fridays	Sing and Sign	Village Hall	1:30 – 2:30pm	
Fridays	Paul's Yoga	Village Hall	6:30-7:30pm	ross537352@aol.com 07500 905045
Fridays	Northampton & District Model Railway Club	Village Hall	7 – 10pm	Les Pace 582002 Colin Tarry 518108
Fridays	Badminton Club – new members welcome	N'pton High School, Newport Pagnell Road	7.30 – 9pm	David Johns 871204
1 st Sat monthly excl January.	Coffee morning & free book swap. Tote. Just pop in!	Parish Room	10 – 11.30 am	Pam 761374
Sundays monthly	Yoga Freedom	Village Hall	10:30am -12:30	
Sundays monthly	Family Yoga	Village Hall	9:30 – 11:30am	Lisa 07905 624353
Sundays	Peoples Show Choir	Village Hall	6 – 8pm	thepeoplesshowchoir.com 07786 629531

Church Services:

Wednesdays (in term time only)	Toddler Praise	St. Edmund's Church	9:30 – 11:30am	Julie 07786 231598
1 st & 3 rd Sundays	Said Communion	St. Edmund's Church	8-9am	hardingstone.church@gmail.com
1 st & 3 rd Sundays	Eleveses Informal Service	St. Edmund's Church	11 – 11:30am	hardingstone.church@gmail.com
2 nd & 4 th Sundays	Sung Communion	St. Edmund's Church	11:00am	hardingstone.church@gmail.com

Bouverie House

In the village survey some people reported that they felt lonely. You wouldn't be lonely here.

This is a place where people can meet up. Don't be put off by thinking no one will talk to you if you come on your own. There are several men who chat and put the world to rights and the ladies, well....they are never short of something to say either!

There is the chance to hear about other events going on in the village. You might want to see if anyone is interested in starting up a daytime knit & natter, scrabble or other table top game group. Come along and find out more. The room is fully accessible and very comfortable.

Coffee mornings are on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30
Pam 761374

Bingo on Friday afternoons (doors open 13:15) is also highly sociable and there's plenty of lively banter with your cup of tea. So don't hold back. Just call in YOU WILL BE WELCOME.



Barbara 07976 906963



2019 fundraising round up from St Edmund Church Fundraising Committee

We are extremely pleased to announce that the total funds raised by the Winter Fayre and Prize Raffle were a fantastic £2,134.68. We are extremely grateful to all who supported the event: those who sponsored prizes, those who gave up their time to run stalls and those who made donations including Bob's famous guess the weight of the cake.

The winter fayre completed a very successful year. During 2019 we held three fayres, two open gardens, two music concerts, two lunches and a prize draw. We would like to thank everyone who has sponsored and supported events throughout the year, including the Friends of Hardingstone, the church congregation and of course the wider Hardingstone community. The total funds raised were £5,113, which contributed towards the church staying open and remaining an important part of the village.

We have more events planned for 2020, beginning with the Musica Charity Choir on Saturday 28th March, and following that we are holding a May Fayre including cream teas. Further details will be issued throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you all at these events.

St Edmund Church Fundraising Committee

Food bank collection point

St Edmunds always has boxes at the back of church for residents to donate to the Re:store Food Bank in Sheep Street. Julia takes the items to the food bank on the 1st Tuesday of every month, together with donations from Piddington & Quinton churches. The December delivery was a bumper one and the staff and volunteers at Re:store were delighted. Thanks to all who contributed.

Unfortunately the need still remains now Christmas is over, so please continue to take your donations of food or personal hygiene items in to church whenever the 'church open' sign is on the gate.

Neighbourhood Watch

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)



ANPR is a technology whereby images of passing vehicle number plates are captured by a camera that reads the plate using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software, before sending the data back to a central database. This is used by police forces across the country to help detect, deter and disrupt criminality by providing lines of enquiry and evidence in the investigation of crime.

Starters and puddings

'Start!' is a 6 week course for all who want to explore what a journey of faith might mean. Perhaps you've recently attend a church service, baptism or festival and it's made you think more about your faith? Come along, ask questions, share your thoughts, and eat pudding!

Start! starts on Monday 3rd February at 7pm in St Edmund's church, all are welcome. For those who can't attend, the donation of a pudding would be much appreciated. Contact **Angie 07725 198927**

Cleaning and upkeep of the Church

Can you spare 1 or 2 hours of your time to help keep our church clean? Cleaning is done on a weekly rota, depending on the number of volunteers it is likely to be once every six weeks.

We also do a deep clean once a quarter, the next being on 11th March at 6.30pm. As always, any help is appreciated.

For further details please contact:

Chris Else 07801 655143 or Libby Sheppard 07714 012396

Thanking you in advance!



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Tote results drawn at Coffee Mornings

Prize	Ticket December	Prize	Name
1 st	12 & 23	£40	J Tear
2 nd	01 & 08	£20	Y Francklow
3 rd	09 & 16	£15	P Belson

Prize	Ticket January	Prize	Name
1 st	09 & 12	£40	M Freeland
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3 rd	07 & 19	£15	J Higginbottom

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Pam 761374 or Josie 762019

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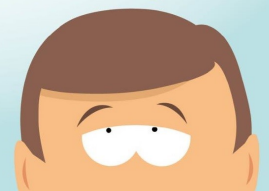
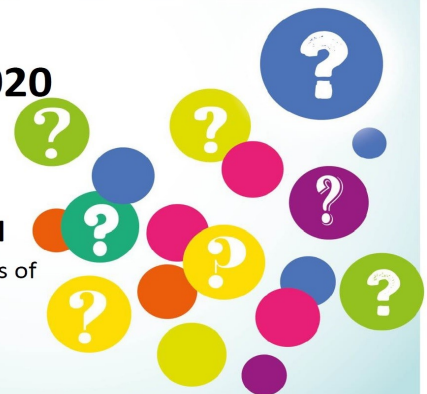
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We are a social group of varying ages, who meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in Hardingstone Village Hall. The evening usually consists of a speaker, followed by a raffle and a chance to chat, finishing at 10pm. Members provide their own drink.

Non members welcome, £3 visitor's fee

Tuesday February 4th

AGM and Talk on Dementia Friends

Tuesday March 3rd

The Silk Road - Ray Rowson

Tuesday April 7th

Alfred Cockerel, Northampton's forgotten philanthropist - Bob Farey

Tuesday May 5th

The Rust Bucket Challenge - Bruce Wright

We'd love to have new members to come and join us. If interested please come along, or phone Lesley on 07599 216166 for more information.

Hardingstone History Society



FEBRUARY MEETING 2020

The Parish Room, High Street
Wednesday 12th February at 2 pm

Country Life A talk by Roger Drage

A return visit from Roger is long overdue, and we welcome him back to talk to us about Country Life.

Visitors are welcome to attend any of our meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of every month.

Phone 761327 for details
Refreshments will be available.

Our following meeting is on March 11th 2020, and is a talk on Medieval Delapré by Steve Parrish

More information about us on
www.hardingstonehistory.org.uk

Please come and help us tidy the churchyard

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18th February - Amazing Japan

17th March - Local Women's Land Army in WWI

Visitors are very welcome, so come along, why not bring a friend, we would love to see you.

Phone Linda on 01604 763585
for more information

HARDINGSTONE SEASONAL QUIZ



RESULTS:

1st J Dawkins (88)

2nd J Wakefield (84)

Joint 3rd E Williamson &
The Quizzie Rascal Ladies (81)



Thank you to everyone who took part and we hope that you enjoyed the challenge. The quiz raised £260 for the Supporters of St. Edmunds, which will be used to maintain and restore the church.

We do not have the compiler's permission to publish the answers.

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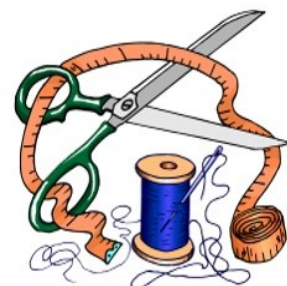
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