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11. Feb—Mar 2021	1 January 2021	Last week in January
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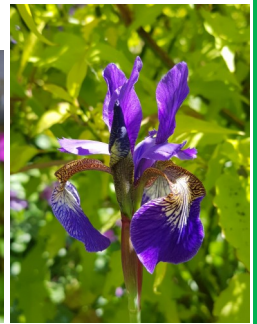
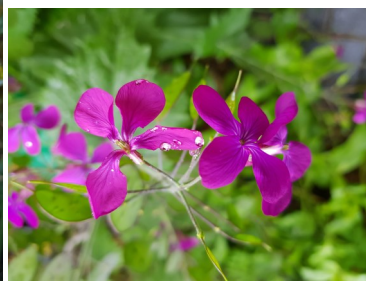
Winter is fading slowly away and rumour has it that the long awaited Spring is finally on its way at last! Whether you are an allotmenter, a gardener or a wildlife lover, this month brings articles for you on how you can get the most out of being in the great outdoors.

With this 6th edition we reach the end of our first year of HP Source. It has been hard work for a very small editorial team, and it was great to get your positive feedback through the survey. Having made it through the first year, one of the team is stepping back after this issue.

This means that now more than ever we need **you** to step forward and help out if you want the newsletter to continue and to improve.

We need writers with style, graphic designers with flare, photographers with the eye, and editors who can make a story sing. You don't have to be able to do everything, but you will need a spare few days a month and the patience of a saint. If that could be you, please get in touch on hpsourcemag@gmail.com.

KAPH - the editorial team



Parish Council

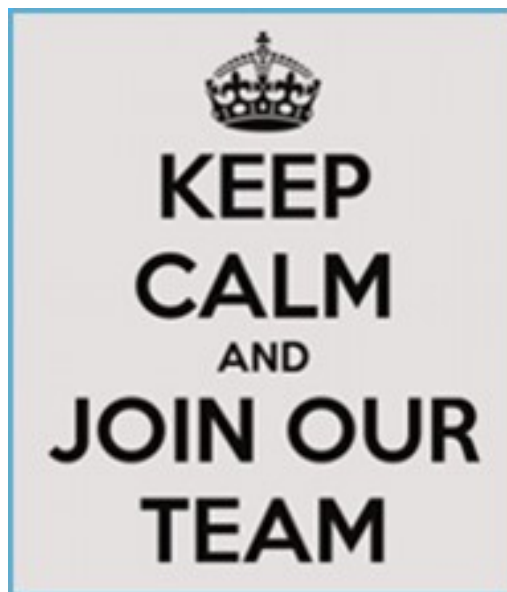
Editorial Note: Stop Press: Some elections may be postponed for a year —see note on page 4.

It's election time at Hardingstone Parish Council. Elections will take place on 7th May alongside elections for councillors for the new unitary authority and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), but the deadline for applications is **8th April**.

Expressions of interest are welcomed from anyone who is over 18 years old.

As a councillor representing your community you will help to keep it a great place to live and work. You should be comfortable working electronically.

You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.



The current council is very friendly and we look forward to working with new people and supporting you in your role.

If you are interested in joining the council please contact the Clerk Sally Willis for more information (see 'Useful contacts' on page 2), or contact the Northampton Borough election team directly.

The Parish Council currently meets in the evening on the first Tuesday of the month.

If you care about your community and would like to help make a real

difference then why not become a Parish Councillor!

Parish Council

Parish Council news

Cherry Orchard

We are still in discussions with Northampton Borough Council concerning the terms and conditions of the transfer to Hardingstone Parish Council (HPC).

Parishes against Unsustainable Development

HPC organised a meeting with representatives from neighbouring councils to form a combined lobby group which will stand against any further development in the area which we feel is unsustainable.

It is obvious that plans are being submitted and passed which ignore concerns about future traffic congestion and air pollution, NHS provision and other infrastructure inadequacies. We feel that planning is developer-led and driven by government coercion to build houses with only numbers in mind, devoid of any thought of the quality of life of present or future residents. The recently approved rail

freight terminal at Roade only serves to exacerbate the issues.

Unfortunately previous objections by residents and individual councils have fallen on deaf ears. We are hoping that a combined effort will have more success.

A planning consultant with links to Hardingstone and experience of successful campaigning to block undesirable developments, has offered to lend her expertise.

Gigabit broadband

The recently laid gigabit broadband cables will be going live in early April. Anyone wishing to use this service should contact Vodafone (<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/broadband/deals/gigafast>).

Community centre at the new housing development

A meeting is being arranged with the developers and our expert adviser to help the council decide on the design and future running arrangements for the centre.

Cherry Orchard



Parish Council meetings 3rd February & 4th March

Editor's Note: Due to the coronavirus outbreak, local elections have now been postponed for a year. How this will affect elections for our Parish Council and the new unitary authority was not known when going to press.

There will be Parish Council elections in May. The deadline for applications to stand for nomination closes on 8th April 2020. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact the clerk, or the electoral services at Northampton Borough Council, for more information.

A resident living on The Green has offered to look after the beds in the garden by the War Memorial. Parish Council thanked him for his help in this area. We look forward to seeing it in full bloom soon.

Many planning applications were considered, some quite controversial. For more information see the planning report on our website.

The Structural Change order has passed through Parliament,

which means we will be moving to unitary authorities in April 2021.

Despite Highways England putting notices in the newspaper, the plans for Queen Eleanor roundabout improvements have not been finalised. We are hoping that a highways representative will come to a parish council meeting soon to update us when he has more firm details.

The Borough Council have been asking for nominations for buildings, monuments or open spaces for possible inclusion on a local heritage list for Northampton. The parish council are going to nominate the War Memorial and Memorial Garden, Cherry Orchard, The Recreation Ground, Pedlands footpath and the Golf course.

Parish Council meetings in April and May

Full Council 7 Apr

Finance & General Purposes 8 Apr

Annual Parish Meeting 16 Apr

Planning 21 Apr

Annual Full Council 19 May

All 7.30pm start.

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

New transport link: Hardingsstone to Northampton



Following the cuts to bus services over the last two years, a local start-up business is planning a new transport link between Hardingsstone and Northampton. Making use of the natural topography, the company plans to build a system of zip wires from the end of Hardingsstone Lane to a point mid-way down the London Road, carrying 'passengers' high above the A45 and through the Delapre woods.

The planning proposal argues that a lot of people don't like driving into town with the traffic and cost of parking, and pedestrians don't like crossing the Queen Eleanor roundabout on foot because of the isolated underpasses. The proposals say that this plan would provide an eco-friendly, exciting alternative.

At a consultation event held recently, the company's representative said that eventually it was hoped the system would cover the whole route between Hardingsstone and Northampton. Some members of the community were sceptical, feeling that only the young and fit would be interested, but Avril Fuller responded that they hoped to incorporate hanging chairs and boxes to transport those who were less fit, and those carrying bulky packages or transporting animals.

The proposals will be considered by Northampton Borough Council in the next few months.

Roadworks

Residents may remember that planning permission for the housing development behind the Warren was dependent on upgrading local roads, to cope with all the extra traffic from the new residents. Works are planned for the roundabouts along Newport Pagnell Road, the Queen Eleanor roundabout and at Brackmills. At the Queen Eleanor roundabout, London Road will have traffic signals for the first time, Newport Pagnell Road will have 3 lanes and the north bridge over the A45 will increase from 2 to 3 lanes (without widening the bridge). The roundabout will be 5 lanes across where Hardingsstone Lane enters it.

The start date of the works has not been made public but is expected to be this year. Maps are available on the county council's website at northamptonshire.gov.uk.

Meanwhile the roadworks to turn the M1 into a "smart motorway" between junctions 13 and 15 have been underway since June 2018, and are scheduled to continue until March 2022.

Mick Freeland, Hardingsstone's Footpath Warden

I have been the Parish Footpath Warden for 24 years. All our Parish footpaths have the 2-letter code KN followed by a number. We have 14, though many now run through built-up areas.

I was born in Far Cotton in 1936, attended the Tech College then started work at Philadelphus Jeyes, was called up in 1955 and posted to NATO HQ in Paris. I served 2 years in the Royal Army Service Corps under Montgomery.

I worked for A H Allen Engineers travelling selling steel for 39 years.

Rita and I bought our house in The Warren in 1976 for £11,750 and still live there today. I've always been active playing tennis and a member of the Ramblers. I've walked every long-distance footpath in England: The



Pennine Way, Wainwright's Coast to Coast, St Cuthbert's Way, and The Cornwall Coastal Path etc.

Footpath Wardens patrol and report

issues to the Rights of Way Team who deal with broken stiles, damaged gates, fallen branches/trees etc. I report at Parish Council meetings.

Footpaths KN 4 & 5 from Back Lane are used by Brackmills staff so I do carry secateurs to clip back brambles etc.

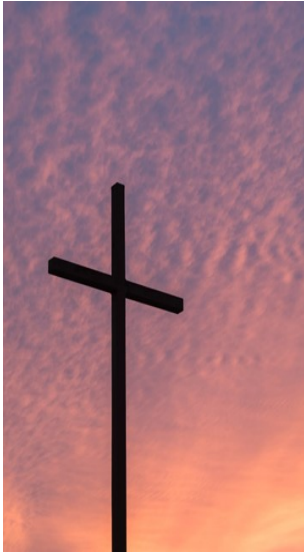
I am retiring from my post this spring. Hardingsstone's new Footpath Warden is Parish Councillor Sue Clements.

Well done and thank you Mick for your loyal service to Hardingsstone. We will miss your entertaining reports at Parish Council Meetings. Sue, you have a hard act to follow Best foot forward.



Happy Easter!

Gavin and Stacey fans will recognise the phrase 'You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs'. Easter is perhaps the time of year when the story behind the festival best illustrates that. God so loved the world that he made us free. Free to choose whether to love him back, or whether to believe in him or not. Free to do good or bad. And he so loved the world that he sent his only son to save us from the bad things that we do, the bad choices that we make. He loves us so much that he sent his only son so that anyone who believes in him will have everlasting life in the place which really is full of all that is good, and loving and pleasurable, without the bad stuff. But in order to bring us to everlasting life, God's son lived, as we do, through the pain and the hardships and the sorrows – as well as the joys and the laughter and the loves – of a human life. He accepted condemnation and even crucifixion in order to show us what love is all about. That's the egg breaking. The omelette is what followed – Jesus rising from the dead to show us that the promise of everlasting life is real and tangible.



Picture: Aaron Burden on Unsplash

A blessed and Happy Easter to you all

Canon Beverley

If you want to know more about Jesus; if you believe in Jesus but haven't joined in with others who also believe, if you just think this might be interesting, you are welcome to join us at St Edmund's. Why not come to one of our services this Holy Week or Easter? Good Friday at 3pm, or Easter Day – and any Sunday – at 11am. The service on Easter day will include an Easter egg hunt for children. You are very welcome.

Meetings at St Edmunds

Everyone is invited to a presentation by the Wildlife Trust at 3.30 pm on **Sunday 26th April** about the Northamptonshire Churchyard Conservation Award Scheme.

Refreshments will be served and the annual meeting of parishioners will follow. All are welcome.

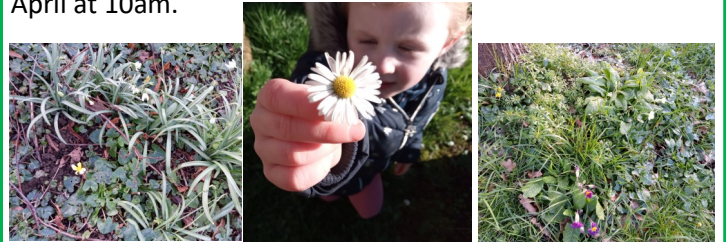
Churchyard Wildlife

On the first day of (meteorological) spring, 20 of us met in the churchyard to consider how we might help the local environment and encourage wildlife to this peaceful spot in the village.

We wandered around in the sunshine to discover what flora and fauna we might spot amongst the graves then, warming up over a cuppa, we looked at various resources and shared ideas e.g. bird boxes and feeders, leave a wild area, create a scented area for quiet contemplation, adopt a grave to tend and plant with wildflowers, herbs or medicinal plants, construct a dead hedge and build a bug hotel.

After meeting with the representatives of NBC (who are responsible for maintaining the churchyard), the next step is to draw up a management plan - then get started!

The next gathering will be on **Sunday 5th April** at 3pm, all are welcome. For anyone free during the daytime, the monthly churchyard 'tidy-ups' resume on Thursday 2nd April at 10am.



Developing the church

Since the community survey (see HPS issue 4) the 'Vision group' have been busy finding out what other churches have done to improve their buildings. There are so many options for new floors, heating systems, serveries and kitchens, seating, lighting etc to consider!

And since the Church of England has now pledged to reduce emissions year on year to be carbon neutral by 2030, we shall seriously investigate PV panels, ground and air source heat pumps, and other green alternatives; insulating an ancient 2* building is not going to be easy either.

We really want to make St Edmunds a welcoming and safe space for the whole community to use for at least 50 years hence, and to do this we'll need the support of the whole of Hardingstone.

Estimates will now be sought, grant funding investigated and a team gathered together that can make this project a success. If you'd like to be involved, please email hardingstonechurch@gmail.com.

Goodbye to a Hardingstone "Character"

Jock Johnson died at the end of October, unexpectedly but peacefully in his home on The Green. He was 96 years old and had lived the last 55 years in Hardingstone.

Jock was born in the Shetland Islands. War brought him south and women kept him here, he explained. In the RAF he met his beloved Joan, on a windswept Yorkshire airfield. She was his rock, tempering his optimism with practicality. In the last years of her life he was her carer, and she died within 7 months of their 70th wedding anniversary. The other women were his two daughters.

Though outwardly cheerful, he had bouts of depression. His doctor advised taking up a hobby and he rekindled his interest in photography, making a slide-show celebrating his Shetland heritage. It proved popular and became the first of several shows. They became stalwarts of the Northampton Camera club and were instrumental in its coming to Hardingstone Village Hall.

Joan's faith eventually brought him to the Anglican church and they were active members of Hardingstone Church



community.

He loved driving from age 15 when he was entrusted with his employers 3-wheeled delivery van, through his career as an agricultural animal feeds sales representative until his early nineties when his elderly Lexus failed and the family persuaded him to give up car driving, all with an unblemished record. He transferred to a mobility scooter, often leading a traffic queue through the village at 8mph.

In August 2019 he fell on the front step at Viren's Londis and broke his leg. His daughter was away but Hardingstone community took care of him, at the scene and ready to offer help later had it been needed. He and his family were most grateful. His leg was repaired but he developed a cough in hospital that proved resistant to antibiotics.

Jock took a pride in all his expanding family's achievements. He had a rapport with children, his grandsons and toddler great-grandsons.

He would ask that you do not mourn his passing but be happy that you knew him.

Hardingstone Social Club

Under its previous name, Hardingstone Wine Circle, the club has been running in the village for 38 years. When I joined 30 odd years ago, the emphasis was on wine making and tasting. A few members, notably Harry Croker and Tom Cooper, were very willing to show their expertise (I did have a go, to limited success). There was a yearly wine making trophy competition, the winners alternating between Tom, Nigel Ancil and Harry. There was also a variety of speakers, social events including trips to the seaside (Cromer being a favourite of Lal Clayson), games evenings, car rallies, barge trips, BBQs and the Christmas Party.

As good wine has become much more affordable, and we aren't making our own anymore, we're happy to drink wine, beer or soft drinks, and the emphasis is now on social activities.

We have lots of interesting speakers on a variety of topics, we usually have a walk or visit in June, and a coach trip to London in September which coincides with 'Open House

London' when lots of buildings are open to the public.

For the Christmas party last year we had a 2 course meal and live entertainment provided by Enzo and his fabulous guitar playing.

Sadly over the years members have passed, moved or drifted away. Looking back at the minutes of 20 years ago, - more fresh blood needed on committee, new members needed, money needs to be raised, support needed for trips and events - they could have been written today.

But with thanks to Parish Council grants and a donation from 'Friends of Hardingstone', we are still surviving - still needing volunteers for committee, new members and support for events.

Hopefully we can attract new members and carry on for another 38 years!

Lesley Francklow, Secretary Hardingstone Social Club



Dastardly deeds and wicked wills: all to be revealed by Hardingstone's House Detectives

A group of local historians have come together to uncover the stories of Hardingstone's houses and their former residents. Following the success of the 'Delapre Gentry and Hardingstone Villagers' exhibition last year, we are using house deeds, census records and other historical documents to build up the real history of Hardingstone.

Mysteries like the widow of Coldstream Lane, who married and buried her cousin within a year and inherited financial independence through a string of village properties. Heartless or heartbroken? History doesn't record...

What secrets does your house hold? We'd love to find out! If you hold the deeds to one of Hardingstone's old houses

we can translate the legal jargon into plain English, cross-check with the censuses and check against other historical records to reveal the people behind the words. The more deeds and documents we can unearth, the more connections we can make to understand the rich detail of Hardingstone life across the centuries.

To launch the project we are holding a drop in session at the Parish Rooms (by the Village Hall) from 10am to 1pm on **Saturday 18th April**. Please bring along any records you have and we will try our best to uncover the hidden history. With your permission we will also take copies to put into a 'Parish Chest', keeping this important historical information safe and available for posterity.

For more information, contact John on supporters@hardingstone.church or 760411.

Hill Top, 7 Back Lane

A chance encounter on Rugby railway station, our wedding at Hardingstone Church, and then we fell in love with this rundown cottage and are still here some 42 years later.

A 1778 map outlines the site of the original stone cottage, then within the Bouverie estate, but its boundaries have changed many times. The Swannell family bought the cottage in the large auction sale of the estate in the 1920s. In 1978 Granny Swanell sold the cottage to the Merrimans at number 3. They hived a 15 foot strip off the garden to build a double garage, before selling the residue to us.

We incorporated a brick coal house and the archway access to our orchard, together with number 9 (a small, semi-detached brick house which had been condemned in 1952 and sold to the Spencers, who added modern facilities; Albert and Lottie Spencer lived there for many years).

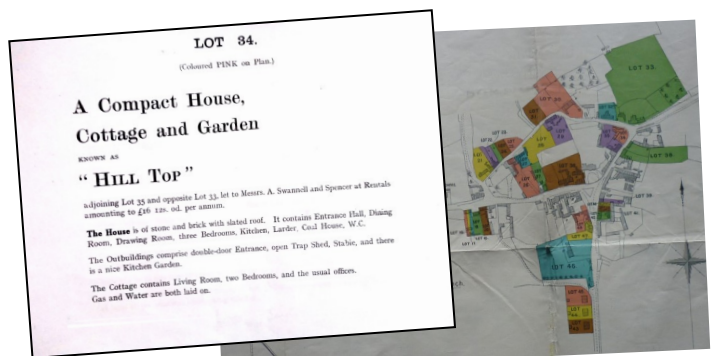
We built a large 2 storey rear extension using salvaged stone from the demolished St Edmunds church on Wellingborough Road. We knocked through to create a study in the former coal house, demolished internal walls, opened new windows and modernised throughout. An outside WC and a row of brick outbuildings were demolished, including the Swanell's work horse's stable.

A number of the old fruit trees in the orchard have died or been removed. Two of the original apple trees and several



damson trees remain, together with the large red and yellow berried holly trees. The very high stone curved retaining wall on the eastern boundary along Back Lane is still a feature of the property.

Kate and Tony.



News from Northampton High School, in Hardingstone

A play in a week – ‘Scheherazade’



Play in a Week is an ambitious and thrilling event, which is undertaken by students in Years 5 and 6 at Northampton High School each academic year. The girls are tasked to learn, rehearse and perform a classic play within the space of just one week, with this year’s chosen play being the exciting ‘Scheherazade’!

Call the Midwife!

Creator Heidi Thomas and actor Stephen McGann from TV series Call the Midwife entertained a capacity audience at Northampton High School on Friday 28 February, giving a lively insight into events on and off screen. The event was organised as a fundraiser for 78 Derngate, raising over £4,000 .



Double excellent in inspection report

Following an inspection by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), Northampton High School achieved the highest grade possible – ‘Excellent’ – in both categories of the Educational Quality Inspection: the quality of pupils’ academic and other achievements and the quality of pupils’ personal development. Mrs Caroline Petryszak, Head of Northampton High School, said, “We are delighted that the hard work of pupils, parents, staff, governors and the wider school community has been acknowledged in the glowing ISI Report on our school.”

Hardingstone’s owls are still making themselves heard in the small hours. As the Spring approaches, and assuming that the rain will eventually give way to some clear nights, we can expect to hear more from them. Listen out if you are having a sleepless night, and let us know where you have heard them!

Down on the allotment

April (Mid Spring)

This is the main month for sowing outdoors as soon as soil conditions permit. Dig plots occupied by winter greens and prepare for leeks and main crop potatoes.



On beds prepared earlier, plant out brussels, cabbage and cauliflowers (summer & autumn), sown earlier under cover or purchased from garden centre.

Make further sowings of beetroot, radish, spinach, carrots, main crop peas, broad beans and parsnip, also early lettuce and salad onions.

Late April

Sow winter crops i.e. winter cauliflower, cabbage, kale and broccoli.

Sow courgettes, pumpkins and other squashes, along with sweet corn, French and runner beans under cover or on a window sill, ready for planting out next month when risk of frost has passed.

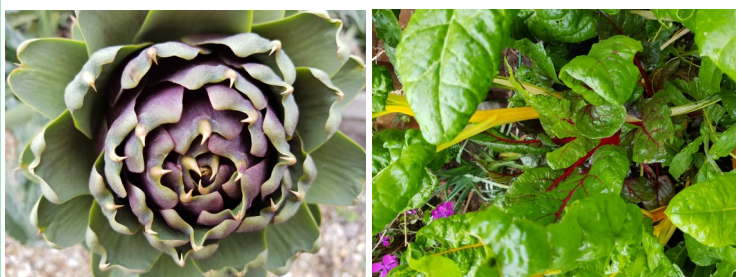
Protect tender plants from frost and pests using fleece and cloches, keep hoeing weeds and mulch permanent beds to suppress weeds and preserve moisture.

May (Late Spring)

Prepare bed and put up framework for peas and beans, sow French and runner beans, Chinese cabbage, outdoor cucumbers, carrots, courgettes, lettuce, turnips, spinach and parsley.

Under cover transplant aubergines, outdoor cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers and sweetcorn.

Try to encourage wildlife to the plot, by growing early flowers, leaving small areas wild with long grasses, nettles and wild flowers. Borage will attract pollinators. Make a log pile or bug hotel, create a small pond in a bucket, plastic bowl or half barrel. Comfrey will make a liquid manure high in potassium and nettles a liquid manure high in nitrogen.



Hardingstone diary

Special Events:

Saturday 4 th April	Friends of Hardingstone Coffee Morning (See p 16)	Parish Room, High Street	10am-11:30am	Pam 761374
Sunday 5 th April	Supporters of St Edmund's – Wildlife Project (See p 14)	St. Edmund's Churchyard	3pm	John 760411
Tuesday 7 th April	Social Club - Talk on 'Alfred Cockerel' (See p 15)	Village Hall	8pm	Lesley 07599 216166
Wednesday 8 th April	History Society - talk 'The Artist and the German Spy' (See p 14)	Parish Room	2pm – 4pm	Adrian 761327
Thursday 16 th April	Annual Village Meeting (come and air your views)	Village Hall	7:30pm	Clerk 07709 523746
Saturday 18 th April	House Detectives Drop In (See article p8, poster p15)	Parish Room, High Street	10am – 1pm	John 760411
Tuesday 21 st April	WI meeting – 'Dancing with Diana' (See p 15)	Village Hall	7:45pm	Linda 763585
Sunday 26 th April	Wildlife Trust Presentation	St. Edmund's Church	3:30pm	John 760411
Sunday 17 th May – Spring Fayre	Cream Teas & stalls (See p15)	St. Edmund's Church	2.00-4.30pm	Chris 07801 655143
	Open garden at Cleatham House (See poster p15)	High Street - Opposite Church	2.00-4.30pm	Chris 07801 655143
Sat/Sun June 21 st - 22 nd	Midsummer Merriment (p14)	Various around village	Details later	Hilary 760411

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

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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	Joyyogotherapy.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	Pilates	Village Hall	6 – 7pm	Back & Body Clinic.co.uk 493066
Thursdays	Back at Ease Pilates	Village Hall	7:15 - 8:15pm	Susie Burgess 07880 750258
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

Community reports

Hardingstone Village Hall open day



We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Open Day such a roaring success. With tea and cake, old village photographs, and displays from Sing & Sign, Music Bugs, Hardingstone Players and Sinead Loughnane Academy,



there was no shortage of things to see and do. Members were also on hand from the Camera Club, Northampton & District Model Railway, Adult Wellbeing, Bouverie WI and Hardingstone History Society, to demonstrate the wide variety of clubs and activities on offer.

We plan to open the Hall again to show what a fantastic facility we have in the village – make sure you don't miss it!

Volunteers

We are looking for Hardingstone people to join our committee and provide an impartial voice to keep the hall running for future generations. The time commitment is five meetings per year.

To find out more about the Village Hall or the committee, contact hardingstone@outlook.com



Hardingstone Neighbourhood Watch

Police Advice re Fraud & Cybercrime

Phishing

Fraudsters send emails or texts containing links to fake websites. They'll claim to have gained access to your device. Never click on links or open attachments in unexpected material.

Computer Software Services

Fraudsters phone saying you have a problem with your computer. People are still falling for this trick. NEVER respond to any requests to log on even if they know your name.

Malware

Always use official apps. Make regular backups of your important documents. Use up-to-date antivirus software.

Online Auction Sites

Fraudsters advertise non-existent goods at cheap prices and ask you to pay by bank transfer (losing buyer protection), rather than by PayPal etc.



HMRC Fraud & Scams

Fraudsters phone, email or text saying you have underpaid tax and legal proceedings will follow. They email saying a tax refund is due. These communications look real. If you click on a link you will be asked to enter financial details. Hang up or delete.

Securing Your Online Accounts

Use strong separate passwords for each account using three random words plus extra numbers & symbols.

Phone scams

Fraudsters keep the line open after you hang up, and they can put on a fake dialling tone to deceive you. Always wait a few minutes before using that phone or use a second device. Too quick a phone call to, say your bank by you, could be giving bank details to the scammers who will pretend to be at your bank!

NHW Coordinators for Hardingstone:

Pam 761374 Jim 709715

Police 999 if life or property is in immediate danger. Otherwise it's 101



Friends of Hardingstone ♥ Putting the heart back into Hardingstone



“Cheap Thrills” live band gave us a great night with everyone dancing and toe tapping to iconic 60s numbers. It is a great pity that so few Hardingstone residents came to support this event – they missed a good local night out with friends. We raised £300 for the ‘Supporters of St Edmunds’ who are looking for sources of income so that church can upgrade flooring, heating and seating to make it more user friendly for all activities.

Friends of Hardingstone are pleased to announce that we have also donated £200 to St Edmunds fund raising committee towards expenses for fayres and other community events at the church. These are lively events so do watch for their posters.

We are further donating £200 to the wildlife project in the churchyard. This is a community-wide project supported by the Wildlife Trust. Wild flower areas, bird boxes etc. will be put in place.

**WE NOW NEED MORE TOTE TICKETS TO BE PURCHASED, FOR JUST £1 PER MONTH (£12 A YEAR).
FOR THAT YOU GET 36 CHANCES OF A CASH PRIZE. (SEE MONTHLY RESULTS)**

**DURING THE PAST YEAR SOME OF OUR INVESTORS HAVE MOVED OR SADLY DIED SO WE ARE ASKING NEW
PEOPLE TO TAKE PART**



Vehicle Activated Signs

No doubt you will have noticed the vehicle activated signs (VAS) that the Parish Council have installed at various locations in the village, and possibly wondered if they serve any other purpose than showing your speed as an encouragement to get you to slow down.

The answer to this question is yes, they store information about traffic movement and speed, but they do not record vehicle registrations as some people think. The recorded data is downloaded to a computer once a month in conjunction with changing the batteries.

This data is then processed using special software which can display it in graphical form, making the results easier to interpret and to compare with previous readings.

When operating, the sign detects an approaching vehicle and displays its speed to the driver. Speeds up to 30 mph show in green figures, while those above 30 show in red, and it has been found that displaying the vehicle's speed makes most drivers reduce their speed. The sign also records details of activations such as time, date, and speed of the vehicle. Our signs have been calibrated not to detect vehicles travelling at less than 25mph, so sometimes when you drive past one it does not display your speed. This helps save on battery life



and increases the interval between battery changes.

The information provided by this equipment will prove valuable in the future, as the evidence it produces can be used to support or counter any proposals for road ‘improvements’ in our area. Previously we had to rely on census data, obtained through manual counts by volunteers, to challenge figures produced by other parties. Now we will have a reservoir of historical traffic information that we can call on whenever this situation occurs.

A future article will examine the data that has been obtained so far, and what conclusions can be drawn from this information.

Hardingstone Parish Council.

Please come and help us tidy the churchyard

1st Thursday in the month
10am – 12 noon

April 2nd and May 7th

There's time for coffee too!



John 760411



Quinton Comedy Night

The inaugural Quinton Comedy Night, organised by Quinton Village Hall and Comedy at Work, will take place on Friday 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The event will feature 6 different comedians, and tickets costing £12.50 each can be purchased in advance from the Comedy at Work website:

<https://www.comedyatwork.com/events-1>

If you use the code QUIN20, the ticket price is only £10 and the village hall will get an additional £1 donation.

We look forward to seeing you.



Hardingstone Open Garden
Sunday 23rd February



If you weren't one of the 66 visitors to 32 Back Lane in February, you missed a real snowdrop treat. The garden was open in support of the National Garden Scheme Snowdrop Festival, and raised approximately £240 for their charities.

Thank you to all our visitors and helpers, for braving the weather on a cold and blustery Sunday.

Hardingstone History Society



APRIL MEETING 2020

The Parish Room, High Street
Wednesday 8th April at 2 pm

The Artist and German Spy
Speaker: Kate Wills

Kate has provided us with a number of interesting talks over recent years, and is returning for another entertaining and informative presentation.

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 May 13th 2020, and is part one of a talk about Little Houghton by Richard Deacon.

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

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Hardingstone Social Club

(Formerly Hardingstone Wine Circle)

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.

Our upcoming programme is:

Tuesday April 7th Alfred Cockerel, Northampton's forgotten philanthropist - Bob Farey

Tuesday May 5th The Rust Bucket Challenge - Bruce Wright

Tuesday June 2nd Nostalgia for the 50's—Polly Feeley

Tuesday July 7th Holiday—No meeting

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.



Bouverie WI

Our friendly group meets in Hardingstone Village Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:45pm.

Members are entertained with a variety of speakers, activities and outings. We would always love to have more ladies join us to share our interests and bring new ideas to the group. Our next events are:

21st April - Dancing with Diana

19th May - Member's Night

16th June - Life Lessons learned from a 500 mile hike across Spain

Visitors are very welcome, so do come along, and why not bring a friend? We would love to see you.

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for more information**



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We can try to help solve an old house 'history mystery' from census & other information

**On Saturday 18th April, 10 am - 1 pm
in the Parish Room.**

Call in any time with whatever pieces of information you may have, bring pictures, documents, and curiosity!



A parish chest initiative event

Hardingstone groups



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Tote results drawn at Coffee Mornings

Prize	Ticket February	Prize £	Name
1st	09 & 15	£40	A Belson
2nd	01 & 02	£20	B Wright
3rd	07 & 19	£15	C Bunting

Prize	Ticket March	Prize £	Name
1st	10 & 18	£40	S Walker
2nd	02 & 14	£20	T Cullumbine
3rd	11 & 13	£15	J Crowe

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