



## Issue 10

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## From your editorial team

Welcome to our latest issue which is, once again, constrained by the lockdown due to covid-19 restrictions.

Contributions are welcome from Hardingstone individuals and clubs. We work to agreed editorial and advertising guidelines. Articles should normally be a maximum of 250 words.

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## November Parish Council news

### Lockdown

Now we are in lockdown again, if anyone has a problem with shopping or collection of medicines please ring the County Council on 0300 126 1000 option 5 or visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)

On a brighter note, members of our community group are organising a bigger and better Christmas tree for the war memorial gardens which we hope will bring some cheer in these dark times. They will also plant more bulbs around the village for a glorious spring display.

### Cherry Orchard

The saga drags on. We are currently in negotiation with the Borough Council for them to pay towards our legal expenses, occasioned by their latest change in the terms of transfer to our parish.

We have sourced a suitable metal mobility kissing gate for Cherry Orchard, and have now put out a tender for quotes for fitting.

### Football club on the rec.

Following numerous complaints about parking problems in Glebe Way, we have spoken to the Football club to consider ways to resolve this issue. They are currently not able to play due to the current lockdown restrictions.

### Proposed Bouverie Road takeaway

The Parish Council has, along with residents, opposed the conversion of 139 Bouverie Rd. into a takeaway, mainly on grounds of inadequate parking facilities but also the potential for litter and smells. It is a residential and conservation area and therefore totally unsuitable for this purpose.

### Parking on The Green

Several residents living on the north side of the war memorial have had their cars severely damaged by vehicles manoeuvring or speeding in that stretch of road.

A parish councillor has met with a representative of the County Council's Highways dept. to discuss a solution.

### Charging points.

The County Council have plans to put charging bays for electric vehicles in the High St. and on The Green. The Parish Council has opposed this as parking is already at a premium.

We suggest that Brackmills or supermarket car parks are more suitable.

### Remembrance service

The service this year was a little different to normal but seemed to go off without a hitch, with many watching from home. We hope that we can parade again next year.

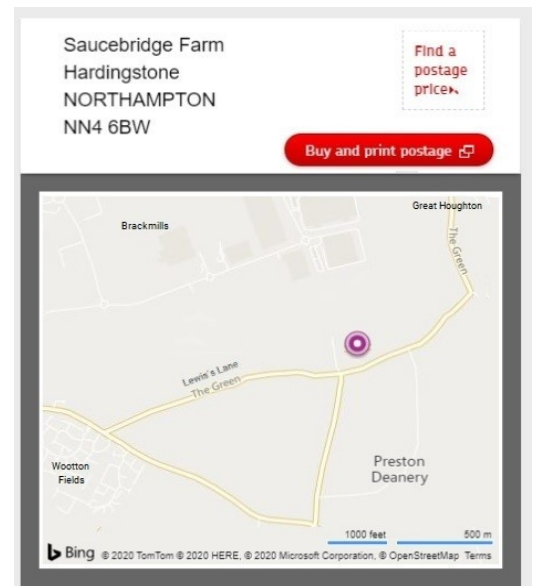
### When is a Green not a Green ? (no joke)

The un-named single track road known to inhabitants of Hardingstone as 'Lewis's Lane' has become 'The Green' because of assumptions made by most of the modern map makers. Google, Microsoft, the Open Street Map foundation and others have all unofficially extended the name 'The Green' in Great Houghton to apply as far as Newport Pagnell Road, probably copying from one another.

Developers and planners who believe that everything they see on on-line maps is correct, have now used this name on their plans, despite being told repeatedly that this will cause confusion; and the confusion has already started.

When the Parish Council applied to the County Council for road closure on 'The Green' for Remembrance Sunday there was uncertainty by NCC whether we wanted to close The Green Hardingstone or The Green according to online mapping (a.k.a. Lewis's Lane!)

A business operating from a farm halfway to Great Houghton has combined its proper postal address (which has no street name), with the online map street name, and cites its address as "The Green, Hardingstone": confusing or what?



Royal Mail address for Saucebridge Farm with Lewis's Lane marked on the map

So now we have The Green Wootton, The Green Great Houghton, The Green Hardingstone and The Green according to online mapping, which isn't, and never has been, a Green.

Could 'Green Lane' be a happy compromise?

Perry Thomas (Chair).

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

The next zoom meeting will take place on Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 at 7:30pm.

# Has HP Source had its chips?

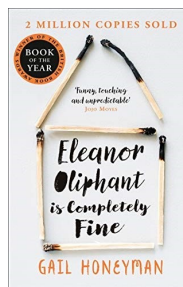
The Editorial Team and Hardingstone Parish Council are considering the longer term future of HP Source. The newsletter will continue, so far, to include the April-May 2021 issue 12. It is disappointing that so few residents are coming forward with items to be included. News, comments, congratulations, moans and groans, photos, along with short articles are always really welcome. We need variety.

So....if you wish this magazine to continue for a further year please send in your news or views ASAP. We applaud and commend "What's on in Hardingstone" facebook pages, but many in Hardingstone do not use social media and want village views and information in magazine format. So young or old, individual or organisation, please send something in to [hpsourcemag@gmail.com](mailto:hpsourcemag@gmail.com) or post to us at the Parish Room High St NN4 6DA. There is a letter box beside the door. Start it now!!

KAPH your Editorial Team

## A good read

A reading group that I belong to has just finished reading "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman. When scored by all 10 of us it scored an average of 8.7 out of 10. It's an easy to read page turner and a bit like an Agatha Christie where all is only revealed at the very end. You are kept wondering why things about the main tragic character, Eleanor, are so unusual. The characters are well defined and the style of



writing direct and at times refreshingly original. The book is very different in many ways and it is interesting to note that all of our readers, both male and female, finished it and would definitely recommend it to their friends.

JB

## A kind village

Many of you will have visited Cleatham House on one or more of the open garden events. Unfortunately an over-enthusiastic gardening manoeuvre injured and incapacitated Joan Martin.

She has been in touch to say how amazed she is by the kindness of people offering help and encouragement. To mention a few..... the sheet ironer, shoppers, Tim the postman, Viren and Dave, the paper boy, milkman, gate shutter, medical item collectors and general helper. Then there are the apple buyers and many more individuals.



Joan says they all deserve many thanks for their thoughtfulness.

The village needs to thank Joan too for her wonderful garden and all the funds she has raised for St Edmunds Church. She says coming from Lincolnshire means she enjoys chatting to people passing by.

We hope that she will soon recover to enjoy her passion for gardening, though with less enthusiasm for lifting heavy objects.

We should all be glad that we live in such a kind and friendly village.

## Remembrance Sunday – November 8<sup>th</sup> 2020



The covid-19 restrictions in place across the country meant that Hardingstone's Remembrance ceremony this year had to be held with a minimal number of residents taking part. It is sad that we were not able to have our usual parade with around 300 people present. The scout and guide leaders laid their flags on the war memorial. Four wreaths were laid, on behalf of the Parish Council, Hardingstone Guides, Hardingstone Scouts, and also on behalf of all the residents of Hardingstone. The service at the memorial was live screened on 'What's on in Hardingstone', and can now be viewed using the link below.

Friends of Hardingstone laid poppy crosses on behalf of those village organisations who had requested them.

Our trumpeter, Samuel, has played on Remembrance Sundays for the past 4 years. He is off to higher education next year.

Hardingstone Scouts are forming a band and have promised a trumpeter to play on Remembrance Sunday in 2021.

Thank you to those who, as requested, stayed at home. Thank you also to all who took part, to Canon Beverley for leading the service, and to Paul Hollins for the filming.



The video can be viewed by scrolling the 'What's on in Hardingstone' facebook page to 8th November, or entering the following link: [facebook.com/225478770825892/videos/4450547631272](https://www.facebook.com/225478770825892/videos/4450547631272)

## Village collection

Thank you to everyone who donated money into the Royal British Legion collection tin at Londis. Well done Viren for highlighting it. Friends of Hardingstone donated £50 separately, representing the organisations who requested that we lay a poppy cross on their behalf. We know that individuals donated online.



### — POPPY APPEAL — LONDIS

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£ 233-38

was collected by you.  
Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely  
*G. T. Hollins*  
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ .....  
Registered Charity No. 219279



## Hardingstone Neighbourhood Watch

### Check your tyres

One in five UK drivers never check the tread on their tyres. Every year 170 people are killed or seriously injured in tyre-related incidents.

Anyone found driving with illegal tyres could face three penalty points, and a fine of up to £2,500 per tyre. Driving without the correct amount of air in tyres makes a vehicle more difficult to control and reduces the amount of grip on the road. It increases fuel bills, tyre wear and the risk of being involved in an incident.

Tyres should have a tread depth above the minimum legal limit of 1.6mm to ensure the tyre remains in contact with the road in the wet. PLEASE GET YOURS CHECKED.

### Covid-19 scams

Police are aware of scam emails being sent stating that residents have breached Covid-19 legislation and are being fined. Fixed penalty notices are only handed out in person by an Officer or PCSO who will be able to show ID, after which paperwork would follow.

For further crime prevention advice on a range of subjects, visit:

<https://www.northants.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

### E-scooters

Police urge people not to buy e-scooters. Anyone caught riding a privately owned one on public roads could get a £300 fine, 6 points on their licence and the scooter seized. In Northampton, Voi, the managing company, have extended their e-scooter coverage to include Brackmills and



Hardingstone. NCC say there are two incentivised parking zones in High Street, one by the Post Office, and the other near Londis. Some people are finding the scooters extremely useful, but other drivers and pedestrians are concerned about safety issues. These rental scooters must only use roads, cycleways and bus lanes, not pavements.

### Catalytic converters

Police say: A thief can take the catalytic converter from your car in minutes. Cars targeted have higher chassis, such as 4x4s or SUVs. Other cars can still be targeted. If yours is stolen, you'll know because the engine will sound different. Report to Police immediately on 101.

To reduce the risk, avoid parking half on the pavement and half on the road. In public car parks, consider parking alongside other cars with your bonnet facing a wall. If someone is acting suspiciously under vehicles, report to Police on 101 (999 in an emergency) with as much information as possible, including vehicle registrations.

### Safety concerns

Date Reported: 13 November 2020 at 15:56:08 GMT

NHW has asked NBC to clear the footway opposite the church wall. We have also asked NBC about the missing seat panels from seats in the Brackmills Pocket Park. Had they been removed for replacement or vandalised, and when would they be reinstated?



**NORTHAMPTON**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Your call number is REP069937

Our target resolution date is 20/11/2020

‘Thank you for raising a call with us regarding leaf clearance on High Street, Hardingstone.’ – NBC

NOTE. If residents find any problems that are the responsibility of either the Borough Council or the County Council, they should contact the appropriate authority directly. (See useful contacts on page 2). Pointing things out on “What’s on in Hardingstone” is a good way to share concerns with others, but unless you refer the matter to the responsible authority they won’t know, and maybe nothing will get done. Police, NBC and NCC do not look through local facebook pages.

**Pam 761374**

# Hardingstone history

## St Edmund, King and Martyr

Olwen Lewis MA in her booklet 'A Short History of St Edmund's Church, Hardingstone' states that 'The dedication to St Edmund is unusual in this part of the country; comparatively few of the churches dedicated to the East Anglian king and martyr lie further west than Hardingstone'.



He was born on Christmas day 841 AD and succeeded to the throne of East Anglia in 856. He fought against the Vikings alongside Alfred the Great, but in 869/870 he was defeated by the Vikings and captured. He refused to renounce his faith and share power with the Vikings. He is reputed to have been tied to

a tree, shot through with arrows, and beheaded. His remains were taken in 902 to Bury St Edmunds, and his shrine became one of the great pilgrimage sites in the country.

He became the patron saint of England and was pre-eminent until the setting up of the Order of the Garter by Edward III brought St George on the scene. The two saints appeared to have co-existed as patron saints until the English Reformation in 1534. As a result of the Reformation movement his shrine was destroyed, along with many others. St George survived due to the Order of the Garter, and St Edmund faded into history.

It is thought that his coffin lies under a tennis court in Bury St Edmunds, where the old monks' cemetery used to be. If found, like the remains of Richard III, should we be resurrecting him as Patron saint of England?

The carving and banner shown in the photographs are on display at St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St. Edmunds.



### The Banner of St Edmund

Sybil Andrews, 1898 – 1992, was born and educated in Bury St Edmunds. In 1947, she emigrated to Canada and, in 1951, was elected to the Society of Canadian Painters, Etchers and Engravers. This is the artist's only example in this medium which is embroidered in Liberty's silks on hand spun, hand woven linen. Illustrating the saint's martyrdom, it includes pilgrims visiting Edmund's shrine and the thirteenth century local needlewoman Mabilla. Although the design and needlework was begun in 1930, it was only completed in 1975. It was mounted by the London School of Weaving.

## A Hardingstone Christmas Ghost Story: The Portway

The man trudged up the dark and muddy path. Legions had passed before, but not today, not this late. He'd met the last a while back, and now walked on alone with shadows and the night.

He didn't notice it at first, the stifled cry, in creaking trees and crunching feet. But then it sounded out once more, more human than it seemed before. He thought it was a young girl's voice, a rising call, some steps ahead.

Unnerved he thought to catch her round the turn, and braced himself to carry on.

He didn't see the girl. Then at limits of his sight he caught a sudden flash of white. She slipped around the broken gate, out to grey black night.



He heard her cry again, and knew at once she was afraid.

And then a shadow slipped behind. Fear clutched his heart. He followed fast.

The girl kept running on, a glow of pale, a broken sob. And he ran too, called, "It's alright", a helpless, hopeless flight.

Then she stopped dead. She turned, she smiled. Her eyes shone triumph and delight.

And he plunged down, his footing gone, no solid ground.

He felt dark water's bite. Wet terror's icy, piercing rise.

Cold fingers just in reach, a grasping hand pulled back. Led out, confused, back to the track.

And now he gains the village up ahead, confused, alive, he's safe.

Whilst guardian shade seeps back to darkness out of sight.

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The Portway, also known as Port Lane, was once an important part of the main route from Northampton to London. It ran from the port at Nunn Mills on the river Nene, passed to the east of Delapre Abbey, and then climbed the hill up to Back Lane in Hardingstone. Nowadays it is just a footpath, but with a little imagination one can visualise pack horses and pedestrians, and the occasional ghost, struggling up the incline to reach the village.

## A covid Halloween in Hardingstone

All the Hardingstone ghosts and ghouls came out to enjoy a socially distanced Halloween street dance. The Step Forward With Lewis event attracted witches, warlocks and - somewhat strangely but wonderfully - Frozen princesses of all ages.

It was great to see everyone out and about dancing the evening away to some spooky songs.

If you need some more inspiration to keep fit and healthy over the lockdown, Step Forward With Lewis will also be putting on two Christmas virtual runs in the lead up to the festive period.

Every entrant will get a special medal while part of the proceeds will go towards two fantastic charities:

Project 16:15 and The Lewis Foundation.

For more details visit [stepforwardwithlewis.com](http://stepforwardwithlewis.com)





# Hardingstone diary

## Christmas Events:

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas by Candlelight	For details see poster on page 13		
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas around the tree			
Christmas Eve	'Ring it out' children's service			
Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve Jingle	Our doorsteps	6pm	Further details at the bottom of this page

## Regular Events:

Mondays	Music Bugs	Village Hall	9.45 – 1.45	Lesley Johnson 08444 128179
Mondays	Yogami	Village Hall	6pm – 7pm	<a href="mailto:yogamiuk@gmail.com">yogamiuk@gmail.com</a>
Tuesdays	Music Bugs	Village Hall	9.45 – 11.45	Lesley Johnson 08444 128179
Tuesdays	Debutots	Village Hall	2pm – 3pm	<a href="mailto:charli@debutot.co.uk">charli@debutot.co.uk</a>
Tuesdays	Yoga Pebbles Teenage class	Village Hall	6pm – 7pm	<a href="http://www.yogapebbles.co.uk">www.yogapebbles.co.uk</a>
Wednesdays	Yoga with Karolina	Village Hall	6pm – 7pm	<a href="mailto:karolinadnb@gmail.com">karolinadnb@gmail.com</a>
Thursdays	Music Bugs	Village Hall	9.45 – 1.45	Lesley Johnson 08444 128179
Thursdays	Mindfulness	Village Hall	10am -12	<a href="mailto:mariannem@scentredbeing.org">mariannem@scentredbeing.org</a>
Thursdays	Yogami	Village Hall	6pm – 7pm	<a href="mailto:yogamiuk@gmail.com">yogamiuk@gmail.com</a>
Thursdays	Yoga Pebbles Adult class	Village Hall	7pm – 8pm	<a href="http://www.yogapebbles.co.uk">www.yogapebbles.co.uk</a>
Fridays	Char Char Chimps	Village Hall	10am - 12	<a href="mailto:izzy@ccchimps.com">izzy@ccchimps.com</a>
Saturdays	Irish Dance for Children	Village Hall	9 – 11.30am	<a href="mailto:melissa@thekerryschool.co.uk">melissa@thekerryschool.co.uk</a>
Saturdays	Yoga Pebbles Children's Yoga	Village Hall	10am – 11am	<a href="http://www.yogapebbles.co.uk">www.yogapebbles.co.uk</a>
Sundays	Chris Rose Dog Training	Village Hall		<a href="http://www.chrisrosedogtraining.co.uk">www.chrisrosedogtraining.co.uk</a> 07917 164402



On **Christmas** Eve at 6pm we are asking everyone to come outside and ring a **bell** for 2 minutes to spread **Christmas** spirit and to help **Santa** fly that **sleigh** 📺 😊

After a tough year it would be an **amazing** memory for the kids and communities. End 2020 with a bit of Magic, hope and togetherness!



**Christmas** Eve Jingle 2020

## Hardingstone House Detectives

### Muddiman's Farm (19 - 25, Coldstream Lane)

*The research on which this article is based was undertaken by Mr Chris Currie, whose mother, Jean, lived in Number 23 Coldstream Lane up to her death in 2018.*

The first recorded farm tenant was Joseph Muddiman, who occupied the farm when it formed part of the estate of Bartholomew Tate of Delapre Abbey. The Tates had, in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, acquired all three Hardingstone manors. The manor of Hardingstone (sometimes called Hardingstone East End), the manor of Cotton-and-Hardingstone, and the manor of Ravenscroft or Harveys.



In 1741 Bartholomew Clarke\*, a Hardingstone boy who made good as a London Merchant, lent Bartholomew Tate £2,000 secured by a Mortgage on Delapre Abbey and several properties in Hardingstone of which Muddiman's Farm was one. In 1749 the property was purchased by

Hitch Young (Bartholomew Clarke's brother in law), and later on was bequeathed to his niece who married into the Bouverie family. The property remained in the ownership of the Bouverie estate until 1945.

This row of cottages evolved from a Farmstead and outbuildings that were in existence circa 1500, located on the site of No 23 and part of No 21. It is thought that between 1700 and 1749 barns and other farm buildings were erected on the site of the present range of houses.

From about 1771 until at least 1805, the house and buildings were rented for use as a parish poor house. It seems likely that this would have continued until 1839 when a new workhouse on Newport Pagnell Road was opened by the Hardingstone Poor Law Union. By 1879 the farm buildings had been converted into three cottages.

\*A splendid memorial to Bartholomew adorns the north wall of the Chancel in St Edmund's Church.

### Granny Simmons - a Hardingstone legend

Elizabeth Percival was born in Twywell, Northants on 17th November 1829. Her first husband was RICHARD MOORE GLANISTER and their first child, Sarah Ann Moore Glanister, was born in Liverpool. Sadly Sarah died just after her first birthday. Joseph Henry Percival Glanister was born on 16th September 1856. During 1857 they returned to Twywell, where Richard died of tuberculosis aged just 32.

By April 1861 Elizabeth was a house servant for Edward Gilbert, Hardingstone's vicar. There Elizabeth met her second husband, widower DANIEL HARRIS, who lived next-door. They were married in Twywell, and son Felix was born in 1869 at Rose Cottage, Hardingstone. Also living in

Hardingstone, her eldest son Joseph was a tailor's apprentice for Charles Welch.

In 1881 Elizabeth, Daniel and Felix were still living next to the Vicarage, but Elizabeth was widowed again when Daniel died on 16th July 1889.

On 13th December 1894 Elizabeth married widower FELIX SIMMONS at Northampton Registry Office. Felix's first wife had been husband Daniel's youngest sister Jane. Elizabeth and Felix had been married for less than two years when Felix died, leaving Elizabeth a widow again.

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## Granny Simmons (cont)

By 1901 Elizabeth was living in Grove Cottage, Hardingstone with son Felix and his family, and by 1905 her sons had given her ten grandchildren. She died on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1928, just six weeks before her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was buried in Hardingstone with second husband Daniel. She had had four different surnames in her lifetime.

Known in later years as Granny Simmons, Elizabeth has many descendants alive today.

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This article is a summary of Hardingstone related detail found in 'A Twywell Girl' (<https://generationquest.wordpress.com/2016/04/03/a-twywell-girl/>)



Polling day 1926 at the school (now Village Hall). Elizabeth, aged 96, in the centre, with sons Felix Harris and Joseph Glanister

**Schoolreaders**  
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## Volunteers Needed to Listen to Children Read in Local Primary Schools After Lockdown

Our reading volunteers are going to be desperately needed due to Coronavirus. Thousands of children won't have had enough reading practice during lockdown. In a normal year, one in four children leave primary school unable to read well. Most children will have missed a term of school, so the reading gap is now even wider. Children who struggle with reading are more likely to live in poverty and be unemployed as adults.

Schoolreaders needs more volunteers in your local area to support children's reading and prevent them falling further behind. If you want to make a difference to a child's life, apply to become a Schoolreader. No qualifications are needed; just a love of reading and some spare time each week. The process to become a Schoolreader takes a few weeks, so please apply now so you can be ready to start as soon as it can be arranged.



To join us, please visit the website [www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer-application-form](http://www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer-application-form) or call 01234 924111 for further information.

Registered Charity: 1159157

## St. Edmund, King and Martyr, Hardingstone



Dear Friends

Trust me, the rumours are wrong. Christmas is NOT CANCELLED!!! Yes, it'll be different this year. And yes, it won't be the same, when we can't spend time in family groups, or have all the parties that distract us from the cold and the dark. But we're not going to let the virus beat us, are we? Hardingstone has spirit, and we'll find all sorts of ways to celebrate.

Here are some ideas.

1. Put an angel in your window – make one, or paint one, or print one – and then go for a walk and see how many 'angels of comfort and joy' you can spot.



2. Come to one of our Christmas services – look for the Eventbrite booking page, ([see details below](#)), as numbers have to be limited – or come via YouTube (we'll share links via facebook and the Living Brook website) ,where the services will be available from the beginning of December. We'll be making a lot of noise

when we hear about angels at our 'Ring it out' service, lighting the darkness at our 'Christmas by candlelight service' and discovering that trees really are a big part of God's story at our 'Christmas around the tree service'. Not sure if we'll actually find a cat in the tree – but who knows? Cats and dogs are welcome!

3. For a lot of people money is much tighter this year. If you feel you can stretch your Christmas budget to helping a family with basic food or toiletry supplies, or with presents suitable for children, I'll be taking them to St Mary's Far Cotton, and will happily receive donations at the vicarage or when the church is open. Let's do our best together to create Christmas comfort and joy – let's BE the angels of comfort and joy!

4. Finally, how about going out into your front garden on Christmas Day and singing your favourite Christmas carol? Shall we say midday? Excellent! Let's sing – like angels? – and let the world know that we are celebrating. If you're not sure which carol to sing, how about 'O little town of Bethlehem'? (Yes, it has got angels in it!)



\*Photo by Jessica Lewis on Unsplash

This may be an odd Christmas. Back in the 17<sup>th</sup> century when Oliver Cromwell was in charge he actually did cancel Christmas, which must have been really miserable. But we're still here, and doing it differently because we're going to beat that virus! So stay safe, stay home if you can and have a very blessed Christmas.

With love from everyone at St Edmund's, and from me,

*Canon Beverley*

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**Please ring 760411 to discuss the details, or visit**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-edmunds-hardingstone-31386430771> **to reserve seats**

## St Edmunds Church Christmas appeal

Because of Christmas, Hardingstone has a church; an historic peaceful building with a parish priest for generations of villagers to turn to at life's milestones, for christenings, marriages and funerals.

Without the first Christmas there would be no church; no people of Christian faith, trying to share the good news that God is with us, with us in sorrow and in celebration, in the disappointment and the difficulty, in the mess as in the good.

This Christmas, when thinking about gifts, please would you consider a donation to *our* church, St Edmunds? Without collections at services and social fundraising activities this year, giving to the church is projected to fall from £27k to £13k – less than half! There is no way we can pay our share for a priest, or much else.

I can provide a leaflet giving the church's bank details, with a section for Gift Aid, if you would like to make a bank transfer or donate a cash amount.

Or there is an online giving page, accessible from this QR code:



Or web address: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/f4eea3a2-0bae-4233-9f28-d529373dbadb> for which there is a direct link from the St Edmund's page on 'A Church Near You' website.

Thank you.

Hilary Wilson, A.C.A. (Treasurer, tel. 760411)



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## Hardingstone Village Hall update

November 2020.

Please note the Village hall has a new telephone number: 07486 355559

Contrary to popular belief, the Village hall is open for business and is Covid Secure. A good number of our users are back using the building, as much as government guidelines allow, and we are in contact with all our regular users who are looking forward to returning when restrictions are lifted.

We have had several new groups join us since September; and are pleased to have four children's groups, a number of fitness and wellbeing groups, and the dog training - all making use of the hall and garden.

We have undertaken major improvements which now allow us to have two separate letting areas, and access to toilet facilities when using the garden. We plan to develop the outdoor space further in the spring to utilise



the garden more in the future.

We are doing our utmost to keep the hall going through these difficult times, so that the village hall is available for many years to come. This is possible through good management and financial prudence, for which we are very appreciative to all our volunteer trustees.

If you have any plans for next year, family or social events please contact Gaynor on the new number 07486 355559 or email [hardingstone@outlook.com](mailto:hardingstone@outlook.com) to discuss. Get in early to book the date you want!

## Northampton High School

### Black History Month

Black History Month gave us the chance to highlight the accomplishments of black people throughout the years. Our month kicked off with a thought-provoking exhibit in reception, and assemblies with topics including 'significant, but not well-known examples of Black History' and 'a considerate analysis into the rise of the Black Lives Matter (#BLM)'.

We were delighted to welcome dynamic and motivating



Black History Month virtual talk

guests to speak with the community. Sharna Jackson is an author and artistic director awarded 'The Booksellers Rising

Stars' in 2013, and her impressive book 'High-Rise Mystery' is nominated for Waterstone's 'Children's Book Prize 2020.' Valerie Vaz is Member of Parliament for Walsall South, and Shadow Leader of the House of Commons. June-Elizabeth White Gulley is the Northampton-born daughter of Jamaican parents with Irish and Scottish heritage. During her working life she served as the first black police officer in Northamptonshire, as well as being a nurse, running a music school for disadvantaged children, and a health counsellor. June-Elizabeth's lively presentation gave insight into growing up in Northamptonshire as a child of the Windrush generation.

### European Day of Languages 2020

We were determined to mark this European-wide celebration of language learning, despite the current restrictions. Whilst the girls missed the 'social' aspect of many events, tutor groups enjoyed quizzes on the theme of language learning, Year 8 girls considered sexism in language and Year 5 designed posters to mark the occasion. Our annual European Day of Languages Bake Off became a 'virtual' event this year, with students baking at home and submitting photos of their tasty creations!

## Hardingstone Academy

We have completed our first half term back at Hardingstone Academy and are excited to be starting another. The staff are so proud of the way in which the children have been learning again; the children are fully into their new routines. Their 'bubbles' have become their 'new normal' for now and all of the children are happy and following the school expectations; we really are so proud of them all. It is lovely to see their happy faces on the playground, seeing them enjoy spending time with their friends and in the classrooms learning. The classrooms and corridors are filling up with creative and vibrant displays and it is lovely to have Hardingstone Academy running as a full school again. Every Friday we have held socially distanced achievement assemblies and it is always a joy to see all of the children sharing their many amazing in school achievements.



We would like to say a big thank you to all of our families for the support they have given us during the last half term, we appreciate the patience and understanding with all of the new arrangements and we know that this will continue as we move into the next.



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## The Hare Coursing Case

In the Northamptonshire Record Office, there is a file of press cuttings kept by Miss Mary Bouverie, the last of that name to live in Delapré Abbey. Unfortunately, not all the cuttings are dated, but we have managed to trace this one:

*Harry Roddis, publican; Frank Frost, farmer; Ernest Marriott, draper; Lewis Lewis, farmer; Harry Shellard, labourer; Herbert Frost, butcher; all of Hardingstone were summoned for a game trespass on February 4<sup>th</sup> as they had formed coursing parties on land at Delapré Estate (some are tenants). Mr Cooper, the occupier of the sporting rights, was not pressing charges but wanted to show that what the defendants were summoned for was illegal.*

*The defendants held the misapprehension they could go upon the land under the Ground Game Act, an offence on land occupied by John Anderton, tenant. The defendants had several greyhounds with them.*

*The defendants offered to apologise if they had inadvertently broken the law, while the whole of the*



*Delapré Estate would offer to undertake to preserve hares in future, as they had done in the past, on condition that they were allowed to hold 3 days coursing per season at reasonable times and after giving 3 days clear notice.*

*Mr Cooper was unable to accede to that suggestion.*

*The Judge said that the case should never had come to court but reluctantly awarded costs to Mr Cooper.*

A search on the website 'Find my past' reveals that the cutting is actually from the Northampton Mercury dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 1902.



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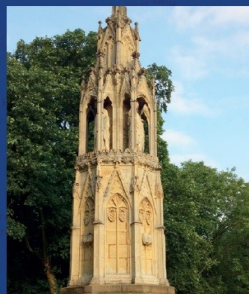
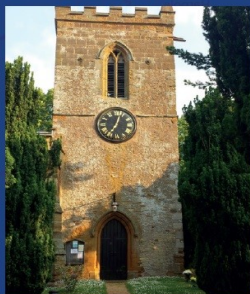
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