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From your editorial team

Across the country people are preparing to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and Hardingstone is no exception. The HOT (Hardingstone Organisations Together) group have come up with some ideas (see page 4), but to make this celebration a success the whole village needs to work together. If you have any events that you are prepared to organise, or you can lend a hand with other events, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk (details below).

The June issue of HPSource will be distributed at the end of May, and will include the full programme of the Jubilee celebrations in Hardingstone, so do make sure you keep it to hand.

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Notes from the Parish Council

The Parish Council have been looking into the possibility of working with other local Parish Councils to share a PCSO. Unfortunately, the associated costs mean that we cannot afford to do this alone, and as no other local councils are interested in working with us this will not be something we will be able to go forward with at this time.

Councillors met with representatives from Tilia to discuss the plans for a community centre on the Landimore estate. We requested alterations to their design and await their modified drawings.

The community group of the council are working with Hardingstone Organisations Together (HOT) to organise numerous events over the weekend of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There will be activities for all ages from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June which will culminate in a grand family picnic on the Rec. More information can be found on pages 4-6 of this issue. The community group are looking for volunteers to help organise and run these events so if you are able to help please give your name and details to the parish clerk.

Watch for details of the activities and more information on the websites and notice boards in the coming weeks.

Sally Willis, Clerk.

email: clerk@hardingstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk



The good

Don't the Daffodils in the Rec look lovely on this beautiful Spring day?.

Many thanks to the Scouts, Councillors and other volunteers who helped to plant them in the autumn. Many thanks also to those who recently planted the extra trees. This brings the total of trees planted for the Queens Green Canopy as part of the Platinum jubilee celebrations to 90. We also thank Lynn Kitchen who organised delivery of the trees from the Woodland Trust.



The bad

A new picnic table has been vandalised in the Rec, but as yet the offenders have not been identified. The manufacturer has agreed to replace the damaged parts free of charge - we just have to pay a fitting charge.

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

The next Parish Council meetings are on Tuesdays April 5th and May 3rd at 7:30pm in **Bouverie House**.

Please look on noticeboards and the HPC website for agendas and further information.

Parish Council Police Report

Hardingstone Crime Figures – 2021/22



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	Burglary Residential	Non-residential Burglary	Criminal Damage	Vehicle Crime
September	0	0	1	2
October	0	0	0	2
November	1	0	9	2
December	4	0	5	0
January	0	0	5	0
February	0	0	3	1

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A variety of events are being planned in the village from June 2nd- 5th this year, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The following pages show the current proposals, so keep this handy so you can refer to it nearer the time. The June issue of HPSource, to be circulated at the end of May, will contain the latest programme of events.

The organisers are in need of volunteers to help with some of the events, so if you can help to make this a really memorable event please contact the Parish Clerk, whose contact details are on the inside of the front cover.



Jubilee proposals

General Jubilee activities

- Jubilee scarecrows: page 6
- Hardingstone Platinum Jubilee Cookbook: page 6
- Share your memories of the Coronation: page 6
- Community mural project: details on page 8

Thursday 26th May

- 1:30pm Jubilee celebrations at Hardingstone Academy.
- Poster with details on page 6

Thursday 2nd June

- 2:00pm Afternoon Tea
- Tea Party in the Village Hall for those who remember the coronation in 1953.
- Details on page 5

Friday 3rd June

- Coffee morning at 'The Well'
- Celebratory Coffee Morning, details in the next issue. 'The Well' poster is on page 10
- Teddy's zip wire
- (To be confirmed) Afternoon: It is hoped that Hardingstone Scouts will provide another opportunity for your favourite stuffed toys to enjoy a zip wire descent from the church tower.

Saturday 4th June



11am The Crown Jubilee party

A street party in front of the pub

- Sergeants Hog Roast from 1pm
- Bread and Dripping. From 2pm this duo will pay tribute to Chas & Dave, and also play plenty of old songs to provide a typical British celebratory 'knees up'.
- Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe (sweets and Jubilee cupcakes)
- Afternoon teas will also be available.
- Jubilee fancy dress optional

Sunday 5^h June

- From 12:00 (midday) bring your own picnic to celebrate on the Rec, just turn up on the day. It is hoped to include:
- Fun Runs with free medals for children
- 1pm Children's entertainer
- Disco
- Craft table, children's make a crown
- Bring your fruit and vegetable heads - page 6
- Scout band and stall
- Ice creams and lollies
- 4pm Jubilee Church Service of Thanksgiving for HM Queen Elizabeth

How did you celebrate the Queen's coronation in 1953?

When you ask that question to anyone over "a certain age" i.e. 70+, they will all have their unique memories of how the coronation was celebrated. It may have been a Street Party, dressing-up for a pageant, or crowding into someone's sitting room with all the neighbours to watch it on the only TV in the street.

Whatever your personal memories are of the occasion, please come and share them with us at an afternoon tea party to be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 2nd June, 2pm - 4pm. We would love for 50 of our elder residents to attend in person to mark this historic occasion, but understand that some may require help to access the Hall. Whilst we can offer cups of tea to your helpers, we need to limit numbers for the actual "bun fight". With that in mind can you please reserve your place by replying to the invitation flyer within HPSource?

Collection boxes for your replies will be placed at Hardington Post Office and the One Stop shop (formerly Viren's) or for those of you who are computer "savvy", you can send your replies via the Parish Council email - clerk@hardingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

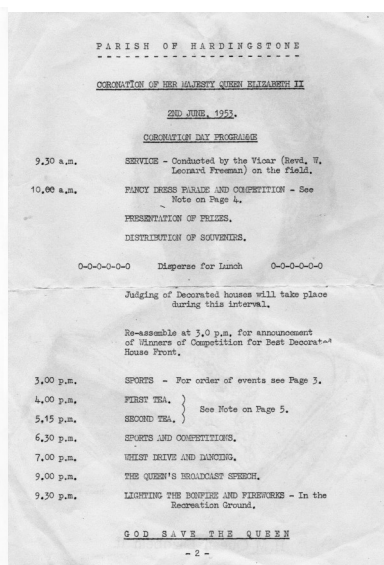
If you feel unable to attend or can't obtain a place, we would still like to hear from you. We are hoping to share photos of how Hardington marked the occasion so if you have any then we would love to get copies before the event. Please drop them off as soon as possible at the Parish Room on a Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 - 14:00 or email the Parish clerk to arrange collection and return.

How we celebrated in 1953



Parish of Hardington
Coronation Celebrations

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A coronation performance in the old church hall at Blue Barns
(Photo courtesy of J. Whiting)

Jubilee celebrations



HARDINGSTONE PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND SCARECROWS

Create your own scarecrow to depict a part of history during the past 70 years.

These can include anything historical such as events, people, TV shows, fashion etc.

Leave your scarecrow on display outside your home from 2nd – 5th June for all to see & enjoy.

Red, White and Blue bunting

The pins and needles group have been making jubilee bunting to display along the church wall and approaches to the rec.



Hardingstone Village Queen's Platinum Jubilee Cookbook

We are collecting recipes to create a Hardingstone Platinum Jubilee Cookbook.

Please email any recipes you would like to be included to clerk@hardingstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk

By 10th April 2022



JUST FOR FUN...

FRUIT & VEG HEAD

Create a famous person Fruit & Veg head and bring it to the rec on Sunday 5th June to be displayed.

(The subject must be someone who has lived in the past 70 years)

Share your memories of the Coronation

We're celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in a variety of ways in the village and would LOVE to hear from residents who could share their memories of the coronation. Were you there? Did you watch it on TV or listen on the radio? How did you celebrate at the time?

OR, perhaps you were born in the same year as the coronation and would be willing to talk about life over the past 70 years? Maybe you were named after Queen Elizabeth herself!

Either way, we'd love to share your stories with your friends and residents of Hardingstone as part of a special jubilee celebration exhibition.

Get in touch with Sam on sassycomms@hotmail.com to take part.



Jubilee Celebrations at Hardingstone Academy

Thursday 26th May

1:30pm - 4:30pm



Her Majesty, The Queen, will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. Please get involved in celebrating Her Majesty's historic reign with us. You are all invited to come along for our Tea Party to celebrate the magnificent achievement. We will be travelling through the decades with songs and artwork. Further details will follow - put this date in your diaries ready for our community event!



Hardingstone Neighbourhood Watch

General parking issues were decriminalised some years ago. All but obstruction offences are now dealt with by West Northants Council (WNC), so they are the contact for most parking issues.

In March 2021 the Wootton-bound bus stop on Newport Pagnell Road, between Mereway roundabout and the Queen Eleanor PH, was hit by a vehicle and had to be removed. After 3 reminders to WNC from NHW it was finally replaced in March 2022.

Despite assurances from West Northants Council, the fallen leaves on High Street, now very compacted and mainly washed into the drains, have not been dealt with. Take care in this area, as the footway between Blue Barns and the Village Hall

remains extremely slippery on wet days.

PCSO Lee Shelton attended 'The Well' in March. He answered questions about parking, and shared information on a recent knife amnesty where 40 knives were handed in outside Tesco. Most of these were kitchen utensils, so nothing alarming. Police are visiting several schools giving talks. People thought his visit was very helpful.



Police are holding a drop-in at 'The Well' on Friday 6th May 10:30 to 11:30am, so come and speak to them and get advice.

Pam Pease 761374



Police notes

PC 0955 OKERE
PCSO 7122 HOPPER-HALL
PCSO 7168 EVANS

Cadet recruitment

Do you know a young person who would like to join the Northamptonshire Emergency Service Cadets?

Well, the scheme is currently recruiting for their September 2022 intake but you have to apply by **April 8th**!

If your child wants to learn new skills, make new friends and get to grips with the way all three blue light services work, this is the group for them. All applicants need to be 13 before September 1st to be included in this year's intake.

Cadets meet once per week in Northampton and Wellingborough on Thursday evenings.

If you would like to apply for this year's intake, or know someone who would be interested, please contact:

Kelly Noble

(Police, Social Media Engagement Officer - Corporate Communication, Northamptonshire Police)



Cadets on parade

David Okere P0955

Neighbourhood Police Officer

Team 3 Mereway Fire and Police Station

Telephone 101, Mobile 07557 778 678

Email david.okere@northants.pnn.police.uk

When a crime is in progress or a life at risk, always call 999. To report an earlier crime or incident, provide information or for advice, call 101 or visit www.northants.police.uk To contact our Neighbourhood Team email:

NeighbourhoodTeamNorthampton@northants.pnn.police.uk

Hardingstone community

Hardingstone Community Mural Project

To commemorate the Platinum Jubilee, the 'Hardingstone Organisations Together' (HOT) group, supported by the parish council, are keen for the whole community to collaborate and create a legacy artwork during this special year.

The western boundary wall of the Rec cries out for a mural to enhance the best public outdoor space in our village. The theme would probably echo that of the Platinum Jubilee Pageant, telling the story of the Queen's 70-year reign and our hopes and aspirations for the planet over the next 70 years.

The idea is that the whole community contributes a drawing or image of something indicative of any of the past or future seven decades, that can be collated into a design for a mural on the Rec wall. There is plenty of wall for everyone who would like to help with some painting-by-numbers, and get involved in creating a fantastic artistic legacy for Hardingstone.

Specialist support is needed for collating the design and to supervise painting the mural onto the wall. Enquiries suggest that the cost of the project using a professional participatory muralist would be around £3,750 - so any offer

of help from a talented local artist who could volunteer to lead on this project would be appreciated.

Sponsorship, grant applications and maybe crowd funding will be sought to cover the costs of the project. *If you can help, please contact the Clerk.*

Meanwhile, do start thinking of the drawing/design that you might contribute, and look out for further information on noticeboards, social media and by word-of-mouth!



The western wall of the Rec.

The Well

The community café in St Edmund's continues to be **well** supported. Please note that the opening hours have changed to 10am - 12.30pm.



A special Tuesday morning, just after Valentine's Day, provided the opportunity to express our thanks to the wonderful volunteers. We also raised additional funds for a worthwhile cause: the provision of a new defibrillator, physically closer to the heart of Hardingstone at the Village Hall. Over £177 was taken, which we boosted to a £200 donation.



The sunflower is Ukraine's national flower. Perhaps residents could grow some in their front gardens?

Merry May

Midsummer Merriment is postponed this year, due to all the great Jubilee activities planned for June. Instead, the Supporters of St Edmunds will hold a **Merry May** on a smaller scale, to raise funds to maintain and improve the church building.

The popular sale of spring plants & home-made cakes will take place in the churchyard on the afternoon of May 8th (see poster on page 10). Also on May 8th, from 1pm the garden of Cleatham House, 50 High Street, will be open; entry will be

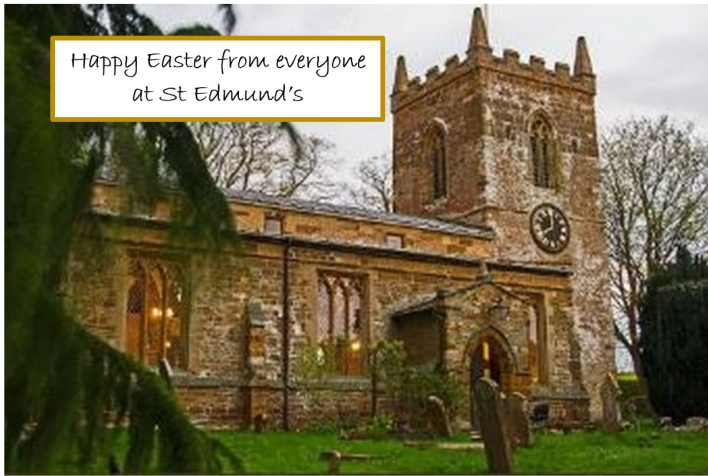
a £2 donation to The Supporters of St. Edmunds.

During the month a variety of other Gardens will be open; details are still being planned but tickets will be available from the shop after Easter.

If you'd be willing to allow a few neighbours to visit your 'green outdoor space' (developer-speak) one Saturday/Sunday in May to share ideas and discuss gardening, please contact John & Hilary on 760411.

Thank you.

St. Edmund, King and Martyr, Hardingstone



Happy Easter from everyone at St Edmund's

Franklyn and Gladys that have battered us, and we are now enjoying those first fruits of spring.

But even though we are through the darkness of the winter months, we are still facing challenges that we had not expected, and many of us will be left with a feeling of uncertainty. When we join together on Easter Sunday we are celebrating certainty, the certainty of the hope we have in the resurrected Christ, and the certainty that God loves each of us just as we are.

When we think of Easter we quite rightly think of chocolate, daffodils, and all those spring bulbs that have started to open up and fill our gardens with colour. All of these quite simply epitomise Easter and spring, and whenever I see the colour yellow, I am filled with the hope of Easter.

My hope and prayer for us all this Easter is that we are able to know that love and that certainty.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and don't eat too much chocolate – Happy Easter.

Easter is that time of new birth, we have come through the winter, we have faced storms Eunice,

Rev Julie



St. Edmund's Church Services

Date	Time	Service	Vicar
March 27 th Mothering Sunday	10.00 am	Sung Communion	Rev Doug Spenceley
April 3 rd	8.30am	Said Communion	Rev Sylvia
April 10 th Palm Sunday	10.00am	Said Communion	Rev Julie
April 15 th Good Friday	2.00pm	Said Communion	Rev Julie
April 17 th Easter Sunday	8.00am	Said Communion	Rev Julie
April 24 th	10.00am	Sung Communion	Rev Stuart Mousir-Harrison
May 1 st	10.00am	Said Communion	Rev Julie
May 8 th	10.00am	Sung Communion	Bishop Ed Condry
May 15 th	10.00am	Said Communion	Canon Michael Webber
May 22 nd	10.00am	Sung Communion	Rev Sylvia

Hardingstone events

Forthcoming Events:

Saturdays 2 nd April & 7 th May	FoH Coffee Morning	10:00 - 11:30am, Parish Room. Pam 761374 (See p 13)
Sundays 3 rd & 10 th April	Church (& tower tours if fine) by Bill Lockerbie	2 - 3pm, St. Edmunds's Church (See poster p14)
Tuesdays 5 th April & 3 rd May	Hardingstone Social Club	8pm, Village Hall. Lesley 07599 216166. April 5th - Colin Hill (former royal protection officer) 'Dancing with Diana'
Mondays 4 th & 11 th April	Church tours by Bill Lockerbie	11am -1pm, St. Edmunds's Church (See poster p14)
Wednesdays 13 th April & 11 th May	Hardingstone History Society (see page 13)	2pm Parish Room - April: A tour of the county May: Northampton & communications
Tuesdays 19 th April & 17 th May	Bouverie WI	7:30pm, Village Hall. Karen 675161 or Linda 763585
Saturday 7 th May	FoH Coffee Morning	10:00 - 11:30am, Parish Room. Pam 761374 (See p 13)
Saturday 7 th May	Wellingborough Gospel Choir	7:30pm, St. Edmunds Church (See poster page 14)
Sunday 8 th May	Bring and Buy Plant Sale	2:00 - 4:30pm, St. Edmund's churchyard (See below).
Sunday 8 th May	Open Garden	From 1pm, Cleatham House (opposite church)



The Well

Hardingstone's Community Café
- the local meeting place

Open 10_{am} – 12.30_{pm}

Drop in to St Edmund's church
on Tuesdays and Fridays for

- A coffee or tea
- Others to chat with
- Things to do
- A space to be quiet
- The beautiful churchyard
- Important local history and heritage



All's well at The Well



The National Lottery
Heritage Fund



Department for
Digital, Culture,
Media & Sport



Bring & Buy Spring Sale

Sunday 8th May

2 – 4.30 pm

In the churchyard

Plants & seedlings

Home made cakes

Funds for the Supporters of St Edmund's –
maintaining & improving the church

Hardingstone events

Regular Events:

Every weekday	MY-STS Wonderland - After-school club	Village Hall	3 - 6pm	sts912@sky.com
Mondays	Barre Express with Millie	Village Hall	5:30 - 6pm	Contact details as Thursday
Mondays	Yogami Hatha Flow with Millie	Village Hall	6:05 - 7:05pm	Contact details as Thursday
2nd & 4th Mondays in month excl December	Pins & Needles. Bring own craft items & chat: Apr 11 th & 25 th , May 9 th & 23 rd	Parish Room	7.30pm - 9pm	Jo 761461, FoH.
Tuesdays	'The Well' coffee morning (See page 10)	St. Edmund's Church	10am - 12:30pm	Hilary 760411
1 st Tuesday in the month	Hardingstone Social Club	Village Hall	8pm	Lesley 07599 216166
3 rd Tuesday in the month	Bouverie WI Summer meeting times: Apr 19 th & May 17 th	Village Hall	7:30 - 10pm	Karen 675161 Linda 763585
Wednesdays	Introduction to Yoga	Village Hall	6pm	julijanikolajeva@yahoo.co.uk 07738 738766
2 nd Wednesday in the month	Hardingstone History Society Apr 13 th & May 11 th	Parish Room	2 - 4:30pm	Adrian 761327 (see page 13)
Thursdays	Barre Express with Millie	Village Hall	5:30pm - 6pm	yogamiuk@gmail.com Mobile: 07948 992220
Thursdays	Yogami Hatha Flow with Millie	Village Hall	6pm - 7pm & 7:20 - 8:20pm	www.bookwhen.com/yogamiuk
Thursdays	Northampton and District Model Railway Club	Village Hall	7:30pm - 10pm	Colin Tarry 518108
Fridays	'The Well' coffee morning (See page 10)	St. Edmund's Church	10am - 12:30pm	Hilary 760411
Fridays	MY-STS Wonderland - Inflate-a-play for children up to 12yrs	Village Hall	12:30 - 6:30pm	sts912@sky.com
1 st Saturday in the month (Excl January)	Friends of Hardingstone Coffee morning, all welcome, Apr 2 nd , May 7 th	Parish Room	10 -11:30 am	Pam 761374.
Sundays	Barre with Millie	Village Hall	9:00—9:45am	Contact details as Thursday

Delapre Abbey and Hardingstone

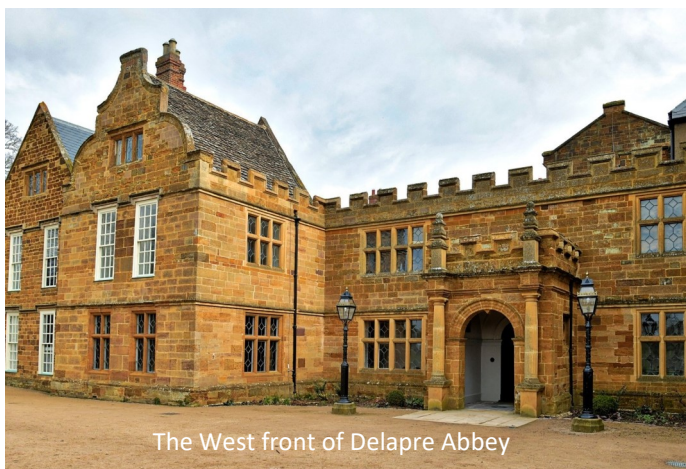
In part two of his series about Delapre Abbey, Bill Lockerbie explores the influence of the Tate family who made this their family seat for over 200 years.

Part 2- The Tate Family 1546-1764

Following the dissolution of the monasteries in 1538 and with the convent now emptied of its contents, the buildings and demesne lands were let to a tenant and eventually sold to John Mershe, a Land Speculator from London. A few years later, sometime between 1546-48, the Abbey was purchased by Anne Saunders of Harrington, who was by then married to Andrew Wadham. Anne's first husband was Bartholomew Tate of Laxton (1486-1532), the son of Sir John Tate (1442-1515), a former Lord Mayor of London. The eldest son from this marriage was also named Bartholomew (I of Delapre) (1529-1601), and it was in his name that the property was registered. It was this Bartholomew who would make Delapre Abbey the principal family seat.

There followed another six generations of Tates to own and live at Delapre, who would then go on to establish themselves as a prominent Northamptonshire family, acting as county sheriffs, JP's and MP's for Northampton. Following the aftermath of the gunpowder plot in 1605, William Tate (1529-1617), son of Bartholomew, and father of Zouch (1606-1650), mastered the militia and led a raid on Harrowden Hall where members of the plot were thought to be hiding. He then led the enquiry into the gunpowder plotter's lands the following year.

Each generation also contributed to the reformation of the fabric of the building, transforming from Abbey to Country House, but it was Zouch Tate, grandson of Bartholomew I of Delapre, who initiated the major conversion of the site, including the impressive West front main entrance and the East range behind, including a kitchen and laundry facility.



The West front of Delapre Abbey

Zouch Tate was a zealous parliamentarian and served as MP for Northampton in the long parliament under Charles 1st. After the battle of Naseby in 1645, a series of 39 of the King's letters were captured and almost all individually witnessed as accurate by

Zouch. It was these letters that would form the basis of the trial and execution of Charles 1st. He witnessed the rise of Oliver Cromwell as well as the execution of Charles 1st in 1649 at Whitehall.

Hidden under the Altar in our Church there are two black limestone slabs, with finely engraved Tate coat of arms, indicating the final resting place of Zouch Tate's daughter in law, Mary Stedman of Lincoln's Inn London, wife of William Tate, also William's son Bartholomew (the third) together with his spouse, Mary Noel.

However, it was yet another Bartholomew (III of Delapre, the fourth of that name) who would end the Tate dynasty at Delapre when his daughter passed away unexpectedly, without heirs, only eighteen months after marrying Admiral Sir Charles Hardy, a prominent Royal Navy figure from Portsmouth. Although Hardy would make further improvements to the Abbey, building the stable block and coach house, he would sell the Abbey in 1764 to The Bouverie Family for £22,000. After nearly 220 years, the Tate family association with Hardingstone and Delapre Abbey was over.

Bill Lockerbie

Bartholomew Tate II's tombstone

Here lyeth inter'd
BARTHOLOMEW TATE of Delapree Esq^r.
He departed this life
Ye 6th of July 1704
Aged 38 years

Here also lyeth inter'd the body of MARY TATE
the wife of BARTHOLOMEW
TATE Esq^r.
She departed this life ye 10th of
May 1721.
Aged 43 Years.

Bartholomew, Edward,
Catherine, Mary & Susanna
Children of the said above-
mentioned.

Edward died Young.
the rest are Surviving



Hardingstone community



Friends of Hardingstone ♥
Putting the heart back into Hardingstone



Next FoH Coffee Mornings: Sats Apr 2nd & May 7th, 10am -11.30am Parish Room
This is where we share news & views!!

Pins & Needles now meet twice monthly on 2nd & 4th Mondays.



Mon 11th & 25th Apr,
9th & 23rd May 7.30 - 9pm
Parish Room



Please come and help us tidy the churchyard



1st Thursday in the month

10am - 12 noon

April 7th and May 5th

Come & help remove fallen twigs and ivy

Have a cup of tea or coffee

John 760411



Hardingstone History Society

Next meetings

held in

The Parish Room, High Street

Wednesday 13th April at 2 pm

A tour of Northamptonshire
Speaker: Kate Wills

Wednesday 11th May at 2 pm

Northampton and
Communications
Speaker: Ruth Thomas



If you haven't been to one of our meetings before, why not join us to listen to one of our Northamptonshire speakers?

Phone 761327 for details

Find out more about us on

www.hardingstonehistory.org.uk

Telling St Edmunds Stories

Guided tours of our wonderful historic church by Bill - the brilliant tour guide!

'Highly entertaining & thoroughly recommended'

5 opportunities this spring:

Mondays 11 am - 1 pm

March 28th

April 4th & 11th

Sundays 2 - 3 pm with Tower Tour, if fine (numbers will be limited)

April 3rd & 10th

Meet at the church

Donations will be appreciated, in aid of church funds



AN EVENING OF MUSIC WITH THE

WELLINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

7.30pm Saturday 7th May



**ST EDMUND'S CHURCH,
HARDINGSTONE, NN4 6BZ**

TICKETS £10 INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS
To reserve tickets (payment taken on evening),
email hardingstonechurch@gmail.com
or call 01604 760411

**Family and friends Jubilee picnic on the Rec
Sunday 5th June**










Come and bring everything you need for a relaxing afternoon. The fun starts at 12noon with fun runs, a children's entertainer and the scout band. Make a crown, display your veggie potato head that you made at home. Why not dress up in Jubilee fashion of any decade? Ice creams will be on sale from Bouverie House back gate.

The DJ is entertaining us from 2pm.

Don't forget your blankets and chairs. We are hoping for a big turnout. Everyone welcome

Sorry but no bbqs allowed






Ukraine appeal

Withing 24 hours of an appeal by the Northampton Ukraine Association for emergency supplies, the kind-hearted community of Hardingstone delivered a a car load of donations to the collection point on 1st March.

Michelle commented “wow wow wow.... that was a tad emotional today. The atmosphere at the donation drop off was amazing. The Wellingborough Road was choc a block with cars queueing to get in. Many thanks were given for our full car load of donations. What a great community we have.”

Then on 3rd March, as elsewhere around the country, St Edmund’s church bells were chimed for 7 minutes to commemorate 7 days of war in Ukraine, and lights were switched off for that time to show Putin that we’d rather sit in the dark than buy his gas and oil.

We pray that peace will prevail.



Churchyard wildlife project

It has been the children’s turn to help in the wildlife area.

13-year-old Matilda has designed a stylish 3-fold leaflet promoting St Edmund’s beautiful churchyard as part of her chief scout’s gold award. This has been professionally printed, thanks to 2021 grant funding, and copies are available in the church.

Then to celebrate National Hedgehog Day, we held a



Hibernating hedgehogs!

clay modelling workshop on a Sunday afternoon in January, creating some amazing hedgehogs with materials in the churchyard. After a month’s hibernation

to harden, these were distributed along the paths in the wildlife area in February, creating a hedgehog trail for others to discover. Come and see if you can find them sometime!

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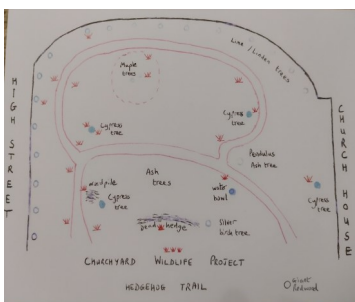
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Wildlife from the old golf course

This was the view that greeted me in front of the patio door the other morning. The inquisitive buck muntjac stood there for a good five minutes, before scuttling away when the dog saw him! He has visited my garden a few times along with his mate, but so far I haven't managed to get a photograph of them together.



Arnold in Back Lane

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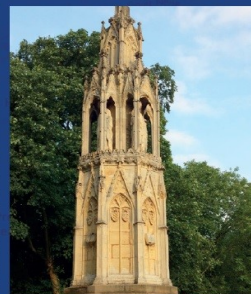
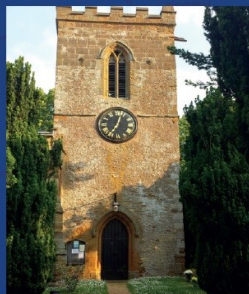
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