

Hardwick Happenings

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Foreword

This is the first edition of the magazine under its new editorial team of Peter Cornwell and Howard Baker.

Having been assistant editor of his school magazine, Peter became assistant editor of his college mag and was subsequently [back in 1975] the first editor of the Dry Drayton newsletter. His wife Sue was involved with the Happenings in the past and his mother Norah was one of the early editors of HH. After forty years in Education and Business Peter is now happily 'more or less' retired.

Howard moved to the village in 2000 with his wife Helen and their sons Daniel and James. He had worked as a teacher, social worker and journalist and was instrumental in the setting up of the Hardwick Allotments Association in 2007 and is now Honorary President. After retiring from teaching in 2007 he enrolled on the creative writing course at Anglia Ruskin University. He has contributed a number of articles to the Hardwick Happenings in the past.

The previous editor, Sam Marcus, has gone to University to study law. The Happenings team would like to thank her for all she has done and wish her well in her new student life.

Editorial

In the letter on P 11, Steve Rose introduces the village survey on attitudes to possible housing development. There is more on P.16 from Martin Cassey and a longer article on P52/53, mainly about the Grace Crescent proposal, from Howard Baker. I'm told that feelings run high but where are the letters on this? Could the proposals result in a vibrant letters page in HH? Over to you.

Elsewhere on P 18/19 there's a lovely article from Robbie Thomson, worth reading for Christians and non Christians alike, a children's crossword on P.59 and a cutely titled 'Shepherdless Pie' from Carole on P 34. News of the Hardwick Facebook comes from Nicola Ellender on P 21.

It was interesting to have feedback from one villager, (name and address withheld!), who suggested that HH is no more than a church magazine. That led me to do some counting. Of the sixty four pages five are from St. Mary's and three and a half from the Evangelical Church.

For the first time this month HH will be available on line at hardwick-cambs.org.uk. Please tell friends and family. If we can encourage lots of people to look, there is potential income for us.

All the village contact names have been updated and included on the previous pages. Please shout if any are wrong..... hardwickhappenings@gmail.com

Special thanks to Ben for his cover, to Carole for her usual excellent contribution and to Cinnamon for helping a rookie editor to survive.

Finally, for those with time on their hands; how many Octobers and which languages can you find on the cover? Answers on P.59

Would you welcome the opportunity of meeting new people over lunch?

Have you felt the need to get out a bit more, and do you prefer spending time in smaller groups rather than larger social events?

Then Home Lunch Club-Hardwick is the place for you!



Home Lunch Club-Hardwick is based in a family home in the village.

It is a small friendly and welcoming group currently catering for up to 8 lunch guests at a time, held twice a month on **Thursdays between 12:30 to 2:30**. It includes a two course home cooked lunch followed by tea or coffee and lots of chatter. Guests are asked to make a donation of **£4.50** each to cover the cost of food and insurance.

Next lunch dates

3 and 21 September 2015

1 and 15 October 2015

5 and 19 November 2015

3 and 17 December 2015

For more information or to book a place or transport please contact Jane Johannessen, Care Network, Phone: 01954 211919

Jane would be pleased to hear from anyone who may be interested in starting up their own Home Lunch Club.

Wonderful News !

I just wanted to update you on the situation with the baby group in St Mary's church port-a-cabin: Two fabulous women will be running Hardwick Mum's and Tums from September onwards. Jo with baby Chloe will be leading the group starting from 9th September and then from the beginning of October Stella will join her and keep running the group after Jo goes back to work. I hope you will agree that this is truly wonderful news.

So if you are a parent or carer of a young baby, pop on down to the group on a Wednesday at 11.00 and enjoy a cuppa with Stella, Jo and others with a baby. A great chance to chat and share the ups and downs of life with a little one with friends old and new.

A big thank you to two lovely women for keeping our village baby group going. Let's make the most of it.

Please check the advert opposite for details.

Best wishes

Alison Marcus



Invitation

Sunday, 11 Oct, 10:30-11:45 am

@ Hardwick Community Primary School

Community café including children's corner
Hot & cold drinks, pastries, good company



Suggested contribution ... £1 per person



What does it mean to forgive the people who murdered your son?

Fred Gill has had a Harley-Davidson motorbike customised as a tribute in memory of his son, Rob. Fred will be sharing his story of hope, tragedy and forgiveness. He will be joined by friends from the Christian Motorcyclist Association (CMA, Bedford branch).

This event is open to everyone, irrespective of their faith background. As well as our guest speaker, and the café style layout, there will be an informal table quiz, and some time for quiet reflection / prayer.

Another event brought to you locally by Hardwick Evangelical Church
More info: Steve & Kate Gaze - 01954 211900 - minister.hechurch@gmail.com



HARDWICK NEW MUMS & TUMS GROUP

A group especially for parents-to-be and parents /carers of babies up to the age of begin mobile..

We meet every Wednesday 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Our first meeting is on the 9th September 2015

***Venue : In the port-a-cabin behind St Mary's Church,
Main Street, Hardwick, Cambs. CB22 7QT.***

Come and have a chat with other parents & share experiences

A chance to catch up with friends and make new ones

Baby play mats, seats & toys provided

Changing facilities

Drinks & biscuits - donations welcome

For further information please do not hesitate to us contact us.

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A meeting will be held in the school hall on
Tuesday 13th October
6.30
to launch the

HARDWICK VILLAGE PLAN

All welcome
See the letter from Steve Rose opposite and the article
from Martin Cassey on P.16/17

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From the Chairman of the Parish Council , Steve Rose.

Hardwick is facing many new challenges and opportunities over the next few years.

There is a requirement for many more homes to be built in South Cambridgeshire and developers are looking at Hardwick for some of these.

The Government has recognised that new housing needs more infrastructure and is providing money to the region for public transport and cycle ways and this is of significant relevance and Hardwick is on the route from Cambourne to Cambridge which has specifically been identified for receipt of significant funding.

Circle Housing is proposing to build 184 houses at St Neots Road to the west of Hall Drive. They held a drop-in afternoon on 8th September so that residents could view the proposals and provide feedback.

The Parish Council is launching a village survey in conjunction with this event to ask about the following.

1. Do residents agree in principle with the proposal for new housing at St Neots Road?
2. What facilities would residents like to see improved or provided if the development goes ahead?
3. A working party is being set up to produce a Village Plan to guide the future development of Hardwick. The working party is seeking help from residents who are interested in contributing to this process.

Steve Rose
Chairman
Hardwick Parish Council

West of Cambridge Churches Joint Service
present

HOW DO WE ENGAGE WITH POST CHRISTIAN BRITAIN?

with guest speaker **Dr Rowan Williams**

**Sunday 22nd
November, 2015**

**Comberton Leisure
10:30-11:45**

**Come and join us for a morning of
sung worship, prayer and a talk from
Dr Rowan Williams followed by refreshments.**

**Children of all ages are welcome.
A crèche and a session for primary school age will be provided.
Both will have an audio and video relay of the main service.**

Service supported by: Local Baptist Churches, Cambourne Church, Hardwick Evangelical Church,
Lordsbridge Team Ministry, Methodist Churches, Papworth Team Ministry, WCCYM

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**Family Worship
on Sundays
10.30am-12 noon**

With children's & young people's groups,
followed by refreshments

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evangelical
church**

Meeting venue on Sundays

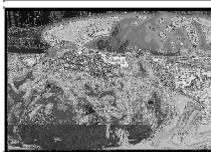
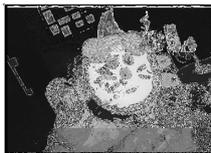
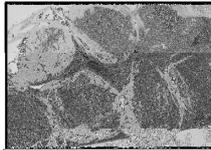
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song, and a FREE meal! For all ages.

**Third Sunday of the month
Hardwick Primary School
4.00-5.45pm**

**Sunday 20th September
Sunday 18th October
Sunday 15th November**



For more information,
please contact: 01954 211900
hardwickmessychurch@gmail.com

An event organised by





The practice of thanksgiving

As we watch the completion of the harvest in the fields, we recognize the ancient rhythm of the farming year upon which earlier villagers would have been much more dependent. Today, however, we reinvent the celebration of the harvest as a way of being together as a community and of engaging in the practice of thanksgiving. Anthony Seldon, in his new book *Beyond Happiness*, suggests that “a grateful attitude to life, whether informed by religious or secular humanist motivation, transforms our relationships with other people. It will make their lives and ours more rewarding.”(ch6)

Why not try one or more of the following:

Write down three things for which you are thankful that day, then after seven days or so look back and see if it made any difference to your attitude and approach to life during the week.

Make a list of five or so people who have helped you. Think about the way you could show your gratitude to each – an email, a visit, a favour, say – then act on it.

Take part in the Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations on 11th; be with others in a collective act of appreciation for life.

Thanksgiving is an ancient spiritual practice in Christianity as well as other religions; it is also a contemporary practice in the pursuit of mindfulness.

‘If the only prayer you said in your whole life was ‘thank you’, that would suffice’.

Meister Eckhart, German Christian mystic.

‘Always give thanks to God our Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.’ Ephesians 5:20

Alison

St Mary's Church, Hardwick

St Mary's, Hardwick, is part of the Lordsbridge Team of Churches, and the diocese of Ely
www.stmaryshardwick.org.uk

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Services in October (at St Mary's Hardwick unless otherwise noted)

4 October	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
11 October	9.30 am	All Age Harvest Thanksgiving
18 October	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
25 October	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
1 November	9.30 am 4 pm	Holy Communion with Sunday Club All Souls Service

Harvest Thanksgiving A Community Service for All Ages,

11 October, 9.30am

For families together. Bible story, activity,
songs and prayers.

Fun and interactive with a reflective moment or two. All Welcome

Please bring gifts of food to the morning
service
Donations of Non-perishable tins and pack-
ets for Cambridge Food Bank
Perishables for Children's Hospice, Milton

All Souls Service

1 November, 4-4.45pm

A reflective service of readings and
prayers to remember those we love who
have died. Open to all.

at St Mary's church
followed by refreshments

SUNDAY CLUB

AT A LOOSE END ON SUNDAY MORNINGS?
WANT TO COME TO CHURCH BUT THINK
THE CHILDREN WON'T LIKE IT?
WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT
JESUS AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?



SUNDAY CLUB RUNS ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 9.30
TO 10.30 IN HARDWICK AT ST
MARY'S CHURCH.
DROP THE CHILDREN OFF OR
STAY FOR THE ADULT SERVICE.

FOR AGE 5 TO AGE 11-15H

BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS,
GAMES AND CHAT.



1ST, 3RD AND 4TH SUN-
DAYS OF THE MONTH, WE
START IN THE CHURCH AND
THEN GO TO THE POTA-
CARIN. 2ND SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH ADULTS, CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES ARE IN THE
CHURCH TOGETHER.

CONTACT PETER CORNWELL ON PCORNWELL@ELCJLD.COM

Small 'crèche' area
with quiet toys at
the back of church
in Sunday services.

HARDWICK VILLAGE PLAN

What is a Village Plan?

A Village plan sets out how the community wants to develop in the future, what it needs and the steps needed to make things happen.

We want the Hardwick Village Plan to:

- reflect the views of all sections of our community;
- identify the features and local characteristics that we value;
- identify local issues and opportunities;
- spell out how we want our community to develop in the future;
- include a realistic plan of action.

The Village plan cannot override Central or Local Government planning policies but it can influence local developments and facilities. It can also influence the provision and management of services such as health and transport.

How can I help?

A small group of volunteers has agreed to kick-off the process but its ultimate success depends on you.

We want as many Hardwick residents as possible contributing their ideas and energy to the process. So,

- If you have ideas about what Hardwick should look like in the future, what facilities it needs in the short, medium or long term, let us know.
- If you are passionate about some aspect of village life – transport, the environment, sports and social activities or just want to give something back to the community, please get involved.
- If you have skills or talents that can help us develop the plan or consult with the village, please volunteer some of your time.

How can I contact the Working group?

- Email contribute@hardwickplan.uk,
- Post on the Hardwick facebook group
- Write c/o the Parish Clerk hardwickpc@lgs-services.co.uk

What happens next?

There will be a public meeting in the School Hall on Tuesday 13th October, starting at 6:30 pm. This meeting will formally launch the Village Planning process and appoint a Steering Committee. We hope to have at least one guest speaker to explain more about the benefits of having a plan and there will be an opportunity for attendees to identify topics for consideration during the plan development.

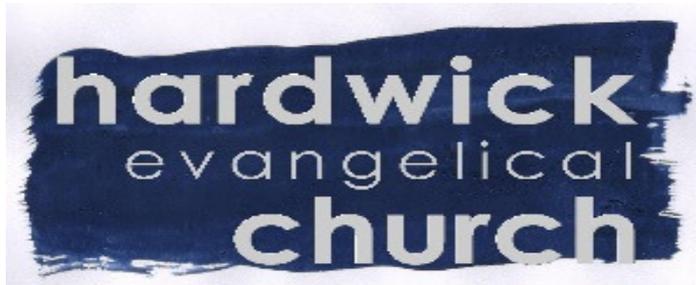
How will I be kept informed?

We hope to use a variety of media to inform the Village about progress, including articles in Hardwick Happenings, Posts on Facebook, updates at Parish Council meetings and via the dedicated website www.hardwickplan.uk.

[Martin Cassey](#)



Hardwick's
community café
is open on 3 October and
7 November 10am to midday, in the
community room at the
school. Coffee, cakes and company.
Perhaps we'll see you there?



I recently shaved my beard. Having left it for the whole summer it had become fairly uncontrollable, pretty long and quite wispy. Having convinced myself it

looked good, reality kicked in, I realised it didn't and within 10 minutes it was all gone. I used to shave my head a lot as well. It was a cheap, easily manageable haircut that I could do myself. The thing with having either a massive beard or a skinhead or both (heaven forbid!) is that it changes people's perception of me. With a big bushy beard, people mistake me for a shepherd or a hobbit or Hagrid and with a skinhead it's noticeable that people find me less approachable. Maybe I look more menacing or troublesome. Elderly ladies clutch their handbags that bit tighter and mothers usher their children to the other side of the road – well not quite, but you get my drift. Initial impressions of someone don't always necessarily tell the whole story.

I met a teenager called Josh this summer. I met him at an event that I manage called Soul Survivor*. Josh is 15, has bobbed hair covering the majority of his



face, ripped skinny jeans, untied black boots and enough bangles around his wrist to make Mr T jealous. His demeanour is incredibly vacant. Constantly staring to middle distance, his attention gets caught rarely and even then is only caught for a matter of seconds.

Early impressions of Josh were that we weren't going to have that much in common and that our conversation would be fairly short (especially as I was a good way into my beard-growing phase by then.)

I started chatting to him. He initially mumbled his way through the start of our conversation, answering in a few grunts and groans. I asked him how

he was enjoying the event and what his favourite part was to which I got mainly one word, one tone replies. I then asked him where he was from and what church he went to.

It turns out Josh attends a small church in the Highlands in Scotland. He is one of 12 people in the congregation, of which he is the only person under 45. He has no one of similar age or life experience in his church. But every Sunday Josh will go to the same church. I was intrigued as to what it was that made him go back every week. His reply was initially very worrying – “my ladies!” he replied. Thinking that I’d heard too much to turn back now I asked him to explain further. His reply left me regretting my earlier judgement of him. It turns out Josh has six ladies. They are all over 80 years old and are all widowed. Every week, Josh will go round to a different lady’s house for lunch after church to which Josh takes dessert. They chat, eat together and then Josh spends the afternoon helping them with things around the house. He isn’t paid, his parents don’t force him and he doesn’t even get given that many biscuits (apparently).

Too often we have a preconceived idea about young people – who they are, what they do and what they’re capable of. We judge them based on appearance, music taste, who they associate with and what they spend their time doing.

In my job and in my life at home in Hardwick, volunteering at Hardwick Evangelical Church and with the village youth club, I’ve found myself surprised and encouraged by the capacity for good in young people. They are not the finished article and so we shouldn’t judge them as such. We must understand they are still growing – they need nurturing, supporting, encouraging and guiding.

Josh is one of the reasons I love working with young people. He is also a stark reminder that first impressions never tell the whole story and that fashion is something I’ll never truly understand.

Robbie Thomson
Trustee at Hardwick Evangelical Church

*Soul Survivor is a Christian charity based in Watford. It organises five summer events in locations near Stafford, Kinross and Shepton Mallet that gather together a total of 30,000 teenagers and young adults (of which, a bunch come from both Hardwick St Marys and Hardwick Evangelical Church). For more information head to www.soulsurvivor.com

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Hardwick has its own Facebook page

As a keen user of Facebook for many years, I had noticed more and more local villages had their own Facebook page. These were well used places of discussion where residents could chat about local events, ask general questions and even buy/sell items more locally. As a happy resident of Hardwick, I decided that it would be nice for us to have a similar page.

Creating the group under the simple name of Hardwick, Cambridge, I set about inviting all of my local friends on Facebook...and in turn asked them to do the same. Numbers started to grow steadily and at the time of writing, we have just under 740 members. The group is of primary interest to residents of Hardwick but is also open to residents of other nearby villages and towns who may have an interest in the village (e.g. those whose children attend Hardwick Primary or who wish to promote local services).

So what does the page do for residents of Hardwick and slightly beyond? Well, it gives us a central place to discuss local events, items of general interest, buy and sell to fellow residents (and in many kind cases, give away items for free), ask for help and I am even proud to say that we have reunited a lost pet or two and items of lost property found around the village! I have the page set as a closed group which basically means that I have to approve all requests for membership and also means that posts can only be seen by members and not the wider Facebook public. This helps to prevent the spam which can sometimes invade Facebook pages and also hopefully gives members the confidence to post to others with the similar aim of connecting with local residents.

I have to say that I am rather proud of our Facebook page and how friendly it is. We are all there to help each other in any way that we can and further proves to me what a wonderful place Hardwick is to live in.

The website address for the group is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hardwick.cambridge> As a parent with two children at Hardwick Community Primary School, I also run a group for parents/carers of the school at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hardwick.community.primary.school>

I hope to welcome you to our lovely Facebook page soon!

Nicola Ellender Administrator
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Village voices

What is Hardwick doing about
the
migrant crisis?

We are looking for responses to
this question in the next edition.

ALSO

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poems, stories, anecdotes,
memories and opinion.

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Parish Council report for the meeting held on Tuesday 25th August 2015.

The meeting was attended by 6 Parish Councillors and 10 members of the public including Grenville Chamberlain.

There was a 15 minute public session starting at 7.45pm and the business meeting started on time at 8pm. Grenville, our District Councillor, assured the PC that he will address the poor bus provision to the southern end of Hardwick with the District Council. With the prospect of new developments and new bus corridors from Cambourne to Cambridge he would keep requesting better public transport provisions through the village.

Martin Cassey volunteered to steer a new Village Improvement Plan working group which will be made up of 2 PC members and as many villagers as want to be involved. This group will not be part of the PC but be a community group who explore what the residents would like to see happen in Hardwick over the next 5 years. A broad range of residents is essential for this idea to reflect the whole village so please contact Martin if you are interested.

martin@cassey.org.uk

Dog mess is an ongoing problem and as we have a good number of bins we ask all dog walkers to always clear up after their dogs. A Speedwatch team will be resurrected with volunteers needed (6) and training is provided. Gail, the clerk can help with those keen to help. hardwickpc@lgs-services.co.uk

Double yellow lines will be finally painted onto the corners around the school and Egremont Rd to encourage safer parking and routes across the roads. Cahills Corner (the bend where Cambridge Rd meets Main Street) will have pavement improvements made to widen the path for pedestrians and clear the view as much as possible on the approaches. Road improvements are rarely funded by the highways unless bad accidents have occurred. As we can't wait for this to happen, the PC is funding this project within finances we set aside for this several years ago. The football pitches will be sprayed for a plantain infestation as it does seem to be particularly bad this year.

A survey will be available at the drop in session for the new St. Neot's Rd development although this publication will be delivered many weeks after that event. The Parish Council meetings are open to all members of the press and public and there is still a vacancy for a councillor if anyone feels community minded.

Jane Humphries

St Mary's Church
invites you to
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From our MP Heidi Allen

The second week of September signalled the return to Westminster's ways for South Cambridgeshire's Heidi Allen as Parliament returned from its summer recess.

In the weeks leading up to the return, Heidi found herself walking the wards at Addenbrooke's, on the beat with Cambridgeshire's finest, out with paramedics as an Ambulance observer and settling down for a cup of tea with a truly amazing constituent.

Keen to experience the daily work of the staff at Addenbrooke's hospital Heidi visited on a number of occasions. She spent an afternoon with nurses on wards caring for the elderly and at the other end of the spectrum, joined consultants on a Friday evening in A&E and intensive care. A shift with paramedics helped Heidi to understand how the services interact and the conflicting pressures they face.

Friday 21 August was a night to remember for Heidi as she made the move from the wards to the cells, out and about with Cambridgeshire constabulary. Experiencing the custody suite at Parkside station towards the end of the shift Heidi had a window into the world that many of us fortunately never have to look through. Speaking afterwards, Heidi said "I was truly humbled by the work that our emergency services do. I saw things I never thought I would, and frankly I take my hat off to our police, paramedics and doctors and nurses. I couldn't do what they do, and they deserve our utmost respect. Real life heroes; all I can say is thank you."

On Friday 4 September a very special constituent of Heidi's celebrated his 97th Birthday. Heidi had the pleasure of being invited to tea with the birthday boy himself, the remarkable Frank Burton.

One of only a handful of survivors from the first naval battle of WW2, Battle of the River Plate, Frank and Heidi enjoyed a cup of tea and a biscuit while Frank reminisced about his days in the navy, and more importantly his prize winning vegetables.

Describing her meeting with Frank as one of the best parts of her job, an honour, and the least Heidi could do to say thank you for

The first week back was also the chance for a first visit to Parliament for some of Heidi's younger constituents. Pupils from Newton Community Primary School had the chance to go on a tour of the Houses of Parliament and meet Heidi. Who knows, some might return as MPs one day!

If you would like to contact Heidi about an issue, book a surgery appointment or find out what else she has been up to, visit her website www.heidisouthcamps.co.uk , email: heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or telephone 01954 212707.

Upcoming surgery dates are:
Friday 18 September 4pm Bassingbourn
Friday 9 October 3pm Longstanton

Frank Burton & Heidi



Auction of Promises



AN AUCTION OF PROMISES IS BEING HELD ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27TH AT HARDWICK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL TO RAISE MONEY FOR ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HALL. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE SOMETHING, LARGE OR SMALL, PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO ME AT 23 EGREMONT ROAD, OR EMAIL jeffandanne23@gmail.com WITH THE DETAILS.

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Caldecote Village Hall Coffee Morning Dates

Held in Caldecote Village Hall from 9.15am – 11.30am on the dates listed below.

Have a cup of tea or coffee with some homemade cake and make a donation to the following charities.

Fri 2 October 2015 Addenbrookes Charitable Trust

Fri 6 November 2015 Help for Heroes

Fri 4 December 2015 East Anglian Children's Hospice

Fri 8 January 2016 Jimmy's Night Shelter

Fri 5 February 2016 Little Bundles (local baby charity)

Fri 4 March 2016 Guide Dogs for the Blind

Fri 1 April 2016 Caldecote Cubs and Scouts

Fri 6 May 2016 Friends of Caldecote Church

Regular weekly events in Hardwick

Day	Venue	Activity	Time
Mon	St Mary's Portacabin	Crafty Bs	7.15pm - 9pm
	Community Room	Brownies	6.15pm - 7.30pm
Tues	Scout & Guide Hut	Rainbows	4.30pm - 5.30pm
		Guides	TBC
Wed	St Mary's Portacabin	New Mums & Tums	11am - 12.30pm
	HSSC	Friendship Club	2pm - 5pm
Fri	Community Room	Toddler Group	1.45pm - 3pm
	Community Room	Youth Club	Alternate week 8pm - 9.45pm
Sun	Hardwick Community Primary School	Evangelical Church	10.30am - mid-day
	St Mary's Church	Service of Communion & Sunday Club	9.30am 2 nd Sunday of month, All Age Worship

HSSC - Hardwick Sports & Social Club - overlooking recreation ground

St Mary's Portacabin - behind St Mary's Church

Scout & Guide Hut - overlooking recreation ground

Community Room - in Hardwick Community Primary School

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Many thanks

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	Event	Venue	Time
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1 st	Quiz Night	Sports & Social Club	7.30pm
2 nd	Coffee morning in aid of Addenbrookes Trust	Caldecote Village Hall	9.15am - 11.30am
2 nd	The Police Contact Point	Morrison's	5pm - 7pm
3 rd	'Pippin's' Coffee & Company	Hardwick Primary	10am - midday
3 rd	W.I. Produce Stall	Hardwick Primary	10am
7 th	Hardwick Local History Group - talk	Church Portacabin	7.30pm
11 th	Harvest Thanksgiving Service	St Mary's Church	9.30am
14 th	The Police Contact Point	Morrison's	5pm - 7pm
16 th	Guides Disco	Hardwick School	6.45pm - 8.30pm
17 th	Harvest Supper & Ceilidh	Hardwick School	7pm
20 th	Quiz Night	Blue Lion	8pm
21 st	W.I. Trials & tribulations in a rainforest'	Hardwick School	7.45pm
26 th	Bingo	Sports & Social Club	7.30pm
27 th	Parish Council Meeting	Hardwick School	7.45pm
31 st	Halloween Disco	Sports & Social Club	7.30pm
Nov			
5 th	Fireworks Display	Blue Lion	Gates open at 6pm, fireworks at 7.30pm
5 th	Quiz Night	Sports & Social Club	7.30pm
6 th	Coffee morning in aid of Help for Heroes	Caldecote Village Hall	9.15am - 11.30am
7 th	'Pippin's' Coffee & Company	Hardwick Primary	10am - midday
12 th	Community Room User Group meeting	Hardwick Primary	7pm

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13 th	Guides Disco	Hardwick School	6.45pm - 8.30pm
14 th	Christmas Bazaar	Hardwick School	
17 th	Quiz Night	Blue Lion	8pm
18 th	W.I. - 'Rajahstan India' - Colin Kirtland	Hardwick School	7.45pm
24 th	Parish Council Meeting	Hardwick School	7.45pm
27 th	Auction of Promises	Hardwick School	7pm
30 th	Bingo	Sports & Social Club	7.30pm
Dec			
3 rd	Quiz Night	Sports & Social Club	7.30pm
4 th	Coffee morning for East Anglian Children's Hospice	Caldecote Village Hall	9.15am - 11.30am
5 th	'Pippin's' Coffee & Company	Hardwick School	10am - midday
7 th	Christmas Fair	Sports & Social Club	7pm - 9.30pm
15 th	Parish Council meeting	Hardwick School	7.45pm
16 th	W.I. - Members' Evening - Christmas theme	Hardwick School	7.45pm
21 st	Fun morning at St Mary's	St Mary's Church	10.30am - midday
21 st	Christmas carols around the fire	St Mary's Church	6.30pm
28 th	Bingo	Sports & Social Club	7.30pm
Jan			
7 th	Quiz Night	Sports & Social Club	7.30pm
8 th	Coffee morning for Jimmy's Night Shelter	Caldecote Hall	9.15am - 11.30am
19 th	Quiz Night	Blue Lion	8pm

A 'Shepherdless' Pie

Recipe tried and tested by Carole Oakes

Ingredients (serves 4)

1 tbsp olive oil
1 large onion, halved and diced
400g carrots, cut into sugar-cube size pieces
1 tbsp mixed herbs
400g can chopped tomatoes
1 stock cube
410g can green lentils
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
800g sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
25g butter
85g mature cheddar, grated

Oven 190c/170c fan – gas mark 5

Method

Heat the oil in a large pan and fry the onion until golden. Add the carrots and mixed herbs. Pour in 250ml boiling water and the tomatoes, then sprinkle in the stock cube and simmer for 10 minutes. Tip in the can of lentils, including their juice, then cover and simmer for another 10 minutes, until the carrots still have a bit of bite.

Cook the sweet potatoes for 15 minutes until tender, drain well and mash with the butter and season to taste.

Pile the lentil mixture into a pie dish, spoon the mash on top and sprinkle over the cheese.

Cook in a pre-heated oven for 20 minutes until hot all the way through.

Serve with plenty of broccoli

October 2015



October in your garden

Collated by Carole Oakes

Now that the weather is turning colder, any plants with green tomatoes or peppers can be hung somewhere indoors, upside down, to ripen.

At the end of harvesting beans and peas, cut the plant at ground level and leave the roots in the soil. As the roots break down nitrogen will slowly be released into the soil, a nutrient which will help next year's crop production.

If you have a lot of autumn leaves fall in your garden, have you considered making a post and chicken wire pen? The leaves raked up and put in here will turn into leaf mould, which is a good soil improver (some leaves take longer than others to compost depending on the species).

Towards the back of the border, where it will not be disturbed, make a log and leaf pile with prunings and other clippings which will be used for winter protection by hedgehogs, frogs, beetles and other creatures.

Climbing and rambling roses can be pruned when they have finished flowering, tying in stems so that they are not damaged in high winds.

Your soil will still be slightly warm and certainly moister than during the summer months, therefore now is a good time to plant herbaceous perennials.

Pots and seed trays used this year should be cleaned using soapy water with a little disinfectant added to kill any fungal spores. Make sure the pots are completely dry before stacking and storing them away.

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Hardwick Local History Group

It is with regret that at the AGM on 2nd September 2015 it was decided that the group would be suspended as it is no longer viable as a standalone group.

The last meeting will be held in Portacabin at 7.30 pm on 7th October when Michael Coles will be giving us an update on the Wimpole Hall archaeological dig.

The group would like to thank all those people who contributed their time and effort over the years. Even though it was a small group we were able to attract a great variety of speakers who talked on all manner of subjects including the history of the bicycle, village memories, flour mills around Cambridge and family Genealogy to name just a few.

We would like to make a special mention of a founder member, Barbara Slade, who has worked tirelessly as Chairman for the group since its inception, holding meetings in her living room until it was moved to the Portacabin. She and Michaela McNeil, were able to use their contacts in the local history scene to persuade many interesting speakers to come to our meetings.

If anyone is interested in restarting the group please contact Barbara Slade. She holds a large number of records of village families and other topics relating to Hardwick..

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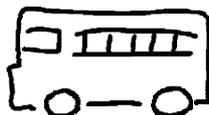
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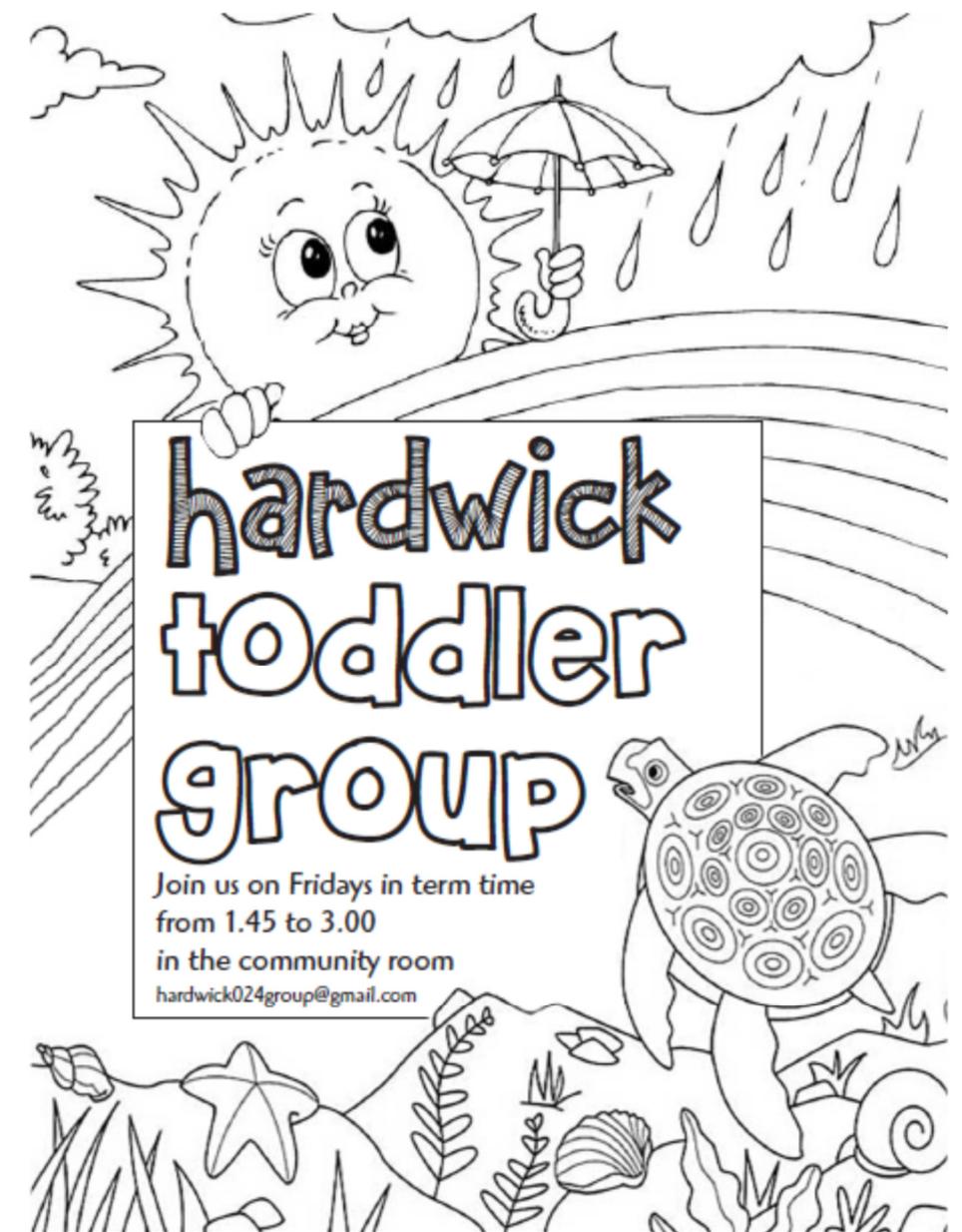
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HARDWICK FOOTBALL CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We run three adult football teams playing on Saturday afternoons on the recreation ground in Egremont Road. The first team play in the Kershaw Premier, with the Reserves in Senior B and the A team in Division 3A, making us one of the most successful village sides in Cambridgeshire. We are keen to bolster our team of volunteer helpers. If you have spare time during the week or Saturday afternoons and would like to get involved in any way – linesman, refreshments, setting up pitch, match administration, committee member - we would love to hear from you. We are a very friendly club and offer a fun, social environment outside the football.

If you are interested please contact our Chairman, Steve Chamberlain on:
01954 260008 or steve@thechamberlainfamily.co.uk



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Welcome to Hardwick baby & toddler group

We are a friendly group of parents who meet on Fridays in school term time; 1.45pm–3.00pm on a drop-in basis. Your first visit is free, then the session cost is £2 to cover room rental and insurance.

The aim of the group is to give children aged 0–4 years and their parents or carers an opportunity to play, chat and meet local people in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

A typical session is:

1.45 Arrive and sign in

Record drink and tick to say you've paid

Free play, sometimes including:

- Baby area
- Craft table
- Building blocks
- Bouncy Castle
- Larger 'Little Tikes' toys: vehicles, slide, kitchen
- Train set, cars, action playsets

2.30 Snack time

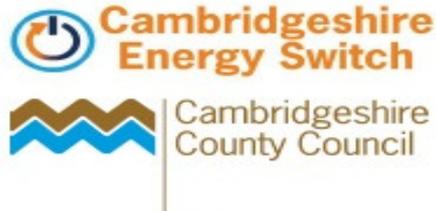
'Everyone who can' helps to clear the tables and prepare drinks of water or squash for the children, tea or coffee for the adults and biscuits for everyone!

2.50 Tidy-up time

We appreciate any help with tidying up the toys and refreshments you can give, dependent obviously on the needs of your little one(s)!

3.00 Home time

If you have any questions please email hardwick024group@gmail.com



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Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick Community Car Scheme

If you need a lift for medical, dental or essential social purposes such as shopping, hairdressing, visiting relatives etc do please ring one of the co-ordinators listed below. Please try to give 48 hours notice if possible and only leave an ansaphone message on one phone line as otherwise it confuses co-ordinators and might mean two lifts or more get booked.

The co-ordinators are:

Marian Gibbens	Tel: 01954 211709
Hazel Swindells	Tel. 01954 212998
Lizzie Coe	Tel. 01954 211838
Gillian Stott	Tel. 01954 210942

For emergencies please try all numbers. (If no success with any of these - for emergencies ONLY - try Sheila Stephenson on 01954 210638. Please do not leave ansaphone messages for emergencies except with Sheila.)

The above co-ordinators will link you with a driver who will come and pick you up at an agreed time, take you to your destination and deliver you home. All the drivers are volunteers and are only reimbursed for their petrol. Thus for each run to Comberton or Bourn the passenger pays the driver £3.50. For all other runs the passenger pays the driver 30p per mile of the journey. The mileage is calculated from the driver's front door to the destination and back again. Currently when the mileage is submitted to the County Council by our treasurer (roughly every six months) Cambridgeshire County Council reimburse the drivers an additional 15p per mile for the mileage they have driven. This is one of the reasons we need plenty of drivers so that the passenger can ideally be near to where the driver lives, thus cutting costs. All drivers are DBS (originally CRB) checked at no cost to themselves.

Good news!

As the result of recent publicity in the Hardwick Happenings several new drivers have come forward offering to help. This is a fantastic response and they have all now been DBS checked. We are very very grateful to them.

What we need now is a similar response for drivers from Caldecote and Dry Drayton - as stated above - to keep driver's and passenger costs as low as possible.

Regardless, we always need more drivers! As said everyone helping with the scheme is a volunteer, usually with their own busy lives or work, and the more volunteers we have the easier it is to match up times of lifts and nearness of pick-up places.

Thank you so much to all those who have volunteered in Hardwick, particularly in response to our recent urgent plea. And to those still thinking about it in Hardwick, Dry Drayton or Caldecote do please come forward. Passengers are always so grateful and your help makes things so much better for everyone.

If you can help in any way please contact Sheila Stephenson on 01954 210638 or email to sheila1pc@yahoo.co.uk. I look forwards very much to hearing.

Important further notes

Our annual coffee morning in Caldecote Village Hall was held in July and was as successful as ever. Care Network (the charity which oversees us was there, plus representatives from Ascrip Pharmacy. Both came and gave brief talks. Caldecote Book Club came and did their popular book stall again and kindly gave us the proceeds and the Hardwick Scout and Guide Hut Appeal brought gifts and cards for sale. Altogether the coffee morning raised £138.50 which is a huge help to the running of the scheme.

Organising it all was a big team effort. Marian Gibbens did the lion's share this year with a lot of crucial helpers. Anne Jones did an entertaining short talk about the scheme and the lively raffle and Anne Maclachlan did an amazing job occupying the children with icing cup cakes. And Hazel organised getting our passengers there and back home again which involved the drivers.

And it is not only a big thank you to all of our of helpers – but to the Open doors Coffee morning team for offering us a morning. Without their help in setting up/coffee making and clearing up afterwards we would have found it very hard to do so much. We are very grateful to them.

Finally we end on a very sad note.

Sadly two of our helpers have suddenly died. Peggy Hood was living in Caldecote and was helping with the co-ordinating. Sarah Hefferon was living in Dry Drayton and helping with the driving. We are very grateful to them both for the help they have both given and our sincere sympathy goes to both families in their sudden loss..

Sheila Stephenson

HARDWICK W.I. - AUGUST 2015

For the August meeting, 10 members headed off to Bourn Golf Club to the driving range. Most had never held a golf club before, except for pitch and putt, so Ian, the instructor was going to have an eventful time!

We were divided into three groups, given a No 7 iron, then after tuition, including how to hold the club and stand to address the ball, we were let loose at hitting the ball! Lots of giggles and some good hits were made. Ian was very patient and a very good instructor. Anne Jones

Constant change is here to stay...

It seems to me that the longer I have been alive, the faster each year goes by. Just a few moments ago I was closing the final assembly of the summer term and wishing the pupils an excellent summer holiday, and now I find myself welcoming them and the new pupils back to the start of a new academic year. And so, the new school year begins with all of its attendant joys, trials and rewards.

The world of education is something of a political football. It is one thing that parents universally care deeply about, and therefore an area where politicians (and others) wish to make changes for the better. Those of us of a certain age will remember the three key priorities presented by the new Labour government when they were elected in 1997 - "Education, education and education". This inevitably leads to changes, which can often be a good thing, and can also present some decent challenges to those of us involved in working with young people.

The current government are no exception to this practice, and over recent years the pace of change has been somewhat breath-taking. During the course of the last government, schools had new performance measures introduced that would be used to determine whether they were considered successful or not, some of which were applied to pupils who had already left school. There have been significant changes to curriculum structures and content, with some changes being implemented whilst pupils were already undertaking the course (nationally some students sat a GCSE English assessment, which was then withdrawn from the course). Our current Year 10 students will be the first to have some GCSEs graded A* - G whilst others are graded 9 - 1, and our new Year 7 students operate in a framework where a nationally agreed set of levels to describe their performance no longer exists.

Others tasked with setting standards in education also have views about what should be done; last week Sir Michael Wilshaw, Head of Ofsted said that comprehensive schools should have a “Grammar school ethos”.

It is right that those tasked with leading nationally should have high aspirations for every child in the country and expect schools to give every opportunity for success and to insist on the highest possible standards in every aspect of school life. How do schools achieve this against a backdrop of constant change? I think the answer is simple (in principle, if not in practice...!). Schools need to be absolutely crystal clear about what they believe is important, and then need to work determinedly and doggedly to insist that this is the reality. At Comberton Village College we have 5 core principles that underpin everything that we do. Our second of these is the “Comprehensive Principle” – we are proudly committed to being a comprehensive school whereby every single pupil is a member of our community and will be given outstanding opportunities to learn at the highest possible level. The first is the “Excellence Principle” – we will require the highest standards of teaching and learning possible, to lead to high levels of student aspiration and achievement. If that is what it means to have a “Grammar school ethos” then maybe I do agree with Michael Wilshaw, if not with his choice of words...

Wishing you an excellent year,

Peter Law
Head of School
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HARDWICK AND THE HOUSING CRISIS

We are frequently told in the media that Britain has a housing crisis and must build more houses. We are told less frequently that there are thousands of houses standing empty and that perfectly serviceable houses are being knocked down. But if the answer is to build more houses then every city, town and village must be willing to build them.

In Hardwick this building began some years ago with houses appearing on the site of the old Endeavour café at one end of the village and on land adjoining The Pastures at the other end. This group of houses, flats and bungalows, known as Grace Crescent, is now the subject of another building development, while a second development is under consideration on St Neots Road close to Hall Drive.

At this point I must declare an interest. I live in Grace Crescent. These houses were built seven years ago and there is a mixed population of families, single people and pensioners. And there are two small areas of grass land. At the moment, during school holidays there are children out playing most of the time but during term time it is a peaceful place; sometimes you can go a whole day without seeing any signs of life except the occasional delivery van. Behind the crescent there is a large area of farmland. Our house backs on to this and we have recently noticed a lack of agricultural activity there because the building company Hill wants to purchase the land and use it for a new development of .houses.

A few weeks ago I attended their drop-in meeting - there was a very big turnout so I didn't manage to speak to anyone from Hill and ask the question that most concerns us in the crescent, the question of access to the site. This is a pertinent question: the crescent is bounded on one side by the public right of way leading to Caldecote and it is difficult to see how a road between the new housing and Main Street could be accommodated, as initially proposed, through the narrow strip of land between the borders of Grace Crescent and The Pastures.

After the meeting I e-mailed Hill and received a positive and helpful reply from Steve Mutton in which he said that his company had applied for outline planning permission to develop the land behind Grace Crescent subject to access, transport, drainage, utilities, landscape, character, ecological impacts, together with design principles such as boundaries, density, heights, local vernacular etc.

More recently I attended another drop-in meeting to publicise a second new housing development . This time it was the plan for Circle Housing to build two hundred and fifteen houses at a site close to St Neots and again the meeting was well attended, indicating that Hardwick residents are concerned about these two purpose major changes to the village.

It goes without saying that new housing developments will require new roads, pre-school provision, play areas, schools, shops and social facilities, and there is a strong feeling that the village has long needed its own doctors surgery. I understand that the government has promised that the necessary finance will be made available.

We are all familiar with the expression N.I.M.B.Y (not in my backyard), and the proposed Grace Crescent development will be almost literally in my backyard, but, trying to take a more objective view I ask myself do we want to see our small village turned into a small town?

Howard Baker,
Assistant Editor.

What do **you** think about these two new developments? Send your views to us at Hardwick Happenings hardwickhappenings@gmail.com

History Trivia

Education in the first half of the 19th Century was taken care of by the Sunday School. Most people, no doubt think of this institution in terms of teaching children basic knowledge of Christianity, but when they were first founded they also taught children reading, writing and arithmetic. In many parts of the country this was the only education available to children, and had to be on Sundays for they worked all the rest of the week. When the Hardwick Sunday School was founded we do not know, except that there wasn't one in 1789, the curate feeling it was impracticable owing to the general disposition of the inhabitants. By 1818 the Sunday School had 9 children, the curate finding it hard work as he reports that the poor people "seem very indifferent whether their children have the advantage of education or not". By 1833 attendance was 13 children and in 1846/47 it was 33. The Sunday School met in the Church and was free to all

From an article which first appeared in HH in 1976 { Source: the village web page.}

Was there really a HH mag in 1976. I thought that the first one was around 1980.Ed

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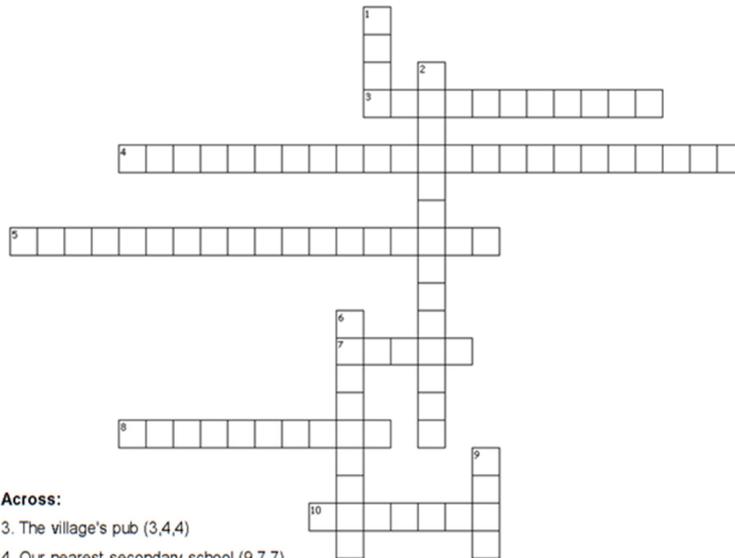


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- 4. Our nearest secondary school (9,7,7)
- 5. A way to get to Comberton and Coton on foot (9,8)
- 7. The fruit which many of the roads take their names from (5)
- 8. Our Member of Parliament (5,5)
- 10. The village church (2,5)

Down:

- 1. Neighbouring Village (4)
- 2. The colours our football team wear(6,3,5)
- 6. The other village that makes up our cricket team(9)
- 9. Our local shop (4)

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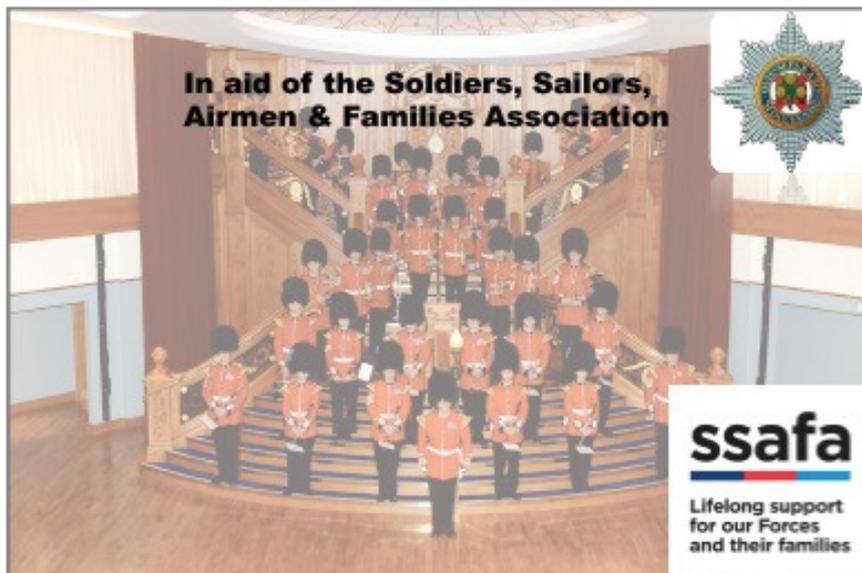
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