

FOOTPRINT IN WHISSONSETT

**The Family of the Norfolk diarist
Mary Hardy (1733–1809)**

**Discover more about her
fascinating family life**



**Listen to a talk by Margaret Bird
Editor of *The Diary of Mary Hardy***

**Come to an Organ concert of music
popular in the period**

A week full of activities for all ages



St Mary's Church

5th – 11th August

10am – 4pm

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Wednesday 7th August at 2pm

A talk by Margaret Bird Editor of *The Diary of Mary Hardy*

The Norfolk diarist Mary Hardy (1733–1809), who was born into a family of shopkeepers, maltsters and farmers, spent nearly half her life in Whissonsett and retained close links with her Raven and Goggs family here. She wrote Whissonsett entries in her 36-year-long diary only during her regular visits to the village where she had been born Mary Raven in 1733 and from which she had moved on her marriage to a Yorkshire-born excise officer in 1765. Nonetheless the links remained very close. Family visits were frequent, and news was exchanged in letters.

This was a time of rapid social and economic change. Mary Hardy's Whissonsett relatives had to cope with personal loss through premature death and the sale of property, and the way they rose to meet the challenges confronting them makes a compelling story.

Refreshments

Including some from Mary Ann Hardy's recipe book 1784–1805 will be served as well as delicious cakes from our own 21st century cooks

Self-guided walk Discover the house where she grew up; the farmhouse where her uncle had a shop; the font where she was christened; the church tower her father rebuilt when churchwarden and the chandelier presented to the church.

Activities will include writing and illustrating your own diary page and adding to that to be held in the church during the week. Find Mary's family memorials, names and images.

Saturday 10th August at 2pm

A recital on the Nicholson Organ by Margaret Vincent. Music of the period to include Handel

Donations will be welcomed after the talk & organ recital