

# Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter



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**W**elcome to the January edition of *Village Life*, in which we hope to keep you informed of local news and events. It is delivered to your door each month by volunteers.....

**A**nd many thanks to those volunteers who deliver this newsletter. Every month, without complaint:

- Sue Groom (Moreleigh Rd/main road)
- Piers Whiting (Woodland Rd/Packs Close)
- Dave Brown, Sarah Orme, Rob Summers (Bow Rd/Riverdale)
- Graham Broome (Old Rd/main road)



**H/ford Christmas tree** – we have another tree to be very proud of. It is a great advert for the village. Many thanks to John & Lee Horswill, Paul Westlake and Neil Palmer for setting it up. Thanks to Gerry for hosting the collection box in the shop. There's also a collection box at the Village Hall bar. The

tree & lights are expensive. Donations help to ensure that they're affordable. So, all donations very gratefully received!!

## CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

@ 6pm

It's a lovely, seasonal village event and all ages are very welcome indeed.



- Hot punch & mince pies
  - Bring your own chair, if wanted.
- Will be cancelled if wet. Thanks, Jackie Clayton (732603)

**HSSG** – *Village Life* provides news and information to every household in the village, so get in touch if you have any information or events that you would like included.

**Sponsorship** – many thanks to Jo & Louise for sponsoring this month's edition. Their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.

**A downloadable version** (PDF file) of *Village Life* is available on these two village websites:

- [www.harbertonford.com](http://www.harbertonford.com)
- [www.harbertondevon.co.uk](http://www.harbertondevon.co.uk)

**Church website** – a reminder that the benefice's website address is: [3rivers.org.uk](http://3rivers.org.uk)

**Christmas Day service** – also a reminder that there is a Christmas Day service (10am) at St. Leonard's, Halwell.

**St Peter's Church** – one service this month:

- Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. (3:30pm)

Holy Communion

We were thrilled that the school children, once again, were able to make decorations for our tree and hope they enjoyed coming to decorate the tree. We certainly look forward to seeing them. A huge thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for the band concert and to everyone who helped in any way, we are very grateful for your help.

Happy New Year from the churchwardens Frances & Hazel.

**P.C.C. lottery** – we now have just over 100 members, which is great. As we go into 2022 please think about joining our lottery. It would cost you just £12/year. We make the draw at the monthly coffee morning. The income makes a great difference to the running of the church. Contact Frances (732297) or Hazel (732672). Dec. & Jan. winners next month.

**Church clean** – this month it's **Thu. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. (11am)**. Just for one hour. If you are able to join us that would be great. We still need a working Hoover - does anyone have one they might like to donate? **Contacts:** Frances (732297) or Hazel (732672).

**The village food bank** (in the shop) welcomes donations.

These are gratefully received and go to local people. Many thanks, in advance, to all donors.

**Stanborough Farm** - for Christmas, once again, we have oven-ready turkeys, geese, ducks & chicken. Also veg. boxes. (t) 01548-821306 or (e) [stanboroughfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:stanboroughfarm@hotmail.com)

**Village shop and Post Office** opening times for Christmas:

- Christmas Eve – 8:30am to 6pm
- Christmas Day & Boxing Day – Closed
- 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. - 8:30am to 6pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - 8am to 6pm

**The filling station** will be OPEN AS USUAL throughout the Christmas period **EXCEPT FOR:**

- Christmas Day – 9am to 9pm
- Boxing Day - 9am to 9pm

**Recycling and waste collection** – collection dates over the festive season have been amended as follows:

Usual day	New day	Usual day	New day
27 Dec.	29 Dec.	3 Jan.	6 Jan.
28 Dec.	30 Dec.	4 Jan.	7 Jan.
29 Dec.	31 Dec.	5 Jan.	8 Jan.
30 Dec.	4 Jan.	6 Jan.	10 Jan.
31 Dec.	5 Jan.	7 Jan.	11 Jan.

- 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. - all collections will run two days late.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. – collection on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan.
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. - all collections will run one day late.

**2022 New Year's Eve Party**, featuring the Old Dogs band in the Village Hall on New Year's Eve. Entrance **FREE**: food, bar, dancing! **Info:** Rob Summers (732004) or [robert.summers13@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.summers13@btinternet.com)

**Village Hall bar** – a reminder that there's a weekly Village Hall bar. It's **every Friday evening from 7:30pm**.

**Flower arranging** – dates for this month (Weds., in the Village Hall): **5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.** Start time is **10am**. No set charge. Apart from flowers, equipment is available as is tuition, if needed. It's relaxed & fun (+ coffee). New members welcome.

Thanks, Pauline Hancock (732393).



**Skittles** are on **Sunday evenings** in the Village Hall (7-9pm). Everyone is welcome. Sanitiser available and masks optional. A charge of £2 to include coffee/tea and biscuits. Enquiries to John (732588).

**Harberton & H/ford History Society** – we would like to wish all our members a Very Happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you on **Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> (7:30pm)** when Andy Crabb will give his talk via Zoom: “Digging Deep – Dartmoor’s key archaeological excavations”. We are delighted that our Oral History Project is moving forwards, with filming now underway and more planned for 2022. Thanks, Jill Powell (07759-578496).

**The Parish Council (PC)** still has one vacancy for the Harberton ward. Nominations from residents of both Harberton and H/ford will be considered.

**This month’s PC meeting** is on **Tue. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. (7:30pm)** at H/ford Village Hall unless circumstances change due to the pandemic. <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/>



**Village coffee morning – OUR 32<sup>ND</sup> YEAR!!**  
**Tue. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. (10:30am)**

Everyone welcome. Jams, cakes, plants often for sale and we welcome any contributions.

Raffle, bring & buy. Info: Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297). On **Tue. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. (12-2pm)** it’s soup and puddings (in place of the coffee morning). More details next month.

**Argentinian Tango returns to H/ford Village Hall**  
**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. (11am – 1pm)**



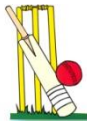
Only £7pp. Suitable for complete beginners to more experienced Tangueros. Teachers will be Anna and Ute. Please perform a Covid test before coming to the class. For more info. please contact David (07732-687511).

We hope to see you there!

**Sustainable Harbourne Valley** is giving away free trees for people to plant in their gardens. It’s **Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan.** @ the Village Hall (**10am-4pm**). There will be 200 available and you can each collect 1-5 free trees + protection and a free planting and aftercare guide. Trees provided by Devon Wildlife Trust as part of their Saving Devon’s Treescapes project. See you there! [www.sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk](http://www.sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk) for more details.



**USE IT OR LOSE IT!!** The library has had only one customer in each of the last three months. Its next two H/ford visits - at the church (ONLY!) from **3:05pm to 4pm** - are on **Thu. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. and Thu. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.** Info: phone 0345-155-1001.



**Children’s cricket**

Harberton CC is planning to run weekly cricket sessions for youngsters (ages 5-11) at its ground in the 2022 season. For more

information email [kidscricket@harbertoncc.com](mailto:kidscricket@harbertoncc.com) or call Jamie Fitzpatrick (07798-631876).

**Village School** – the children had a fantastic last week of term, with plenty of special treats provided by our wonderful PTFA, including a Christmas storyteller, a visit to the outdoor grotto and a class party on the last day. It is with great sadness that we received Gwen’s notice of retirement after many, many years of support at the school. We’d like to thank her for all that she has done over the years and look forward to her visiting us often. If you are interested in a mealtime assistant role, please keep an eye on the vacancies section of our website.

• We are looking for volunteers to help at lunchtime and to hear readers. If you can help us, please contact the school office.

Tel: 01803-732352, [adminharbertonford@thelink.academy](mailto:adminharbertonford@thelink.academy)

**Village shop** - we are working on the preparations necessary to take over the shop within six months. There is a lot to do. If you can help in any way please do get in touch. Stay safe and a very happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

John (07810-007760) or [john@mckay.sh](mailto:john@mckay.sh)

**Worried about debt?** Citizens Advice South Hams has a dedicated team of advisers including two qualified debt relief intermediaries who are registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and who offer free, confidential, and impartial advice. They can be contacted via the designated debt advice line on 01803 659 734 and leaving a message, or emailing [debt.advice@southhamscab.org.uk](mailto:debt.advice@southhamscab.org.uk). For generalist advice contact Citizens Advice South Hams on 0808 278 7948 or visit the website [www.southhamscab.org.uk](http://www.southhamscab.org.uk)

**Speed signs** - a recent police survey revealed, on further analysis, that there are nearly 2,000 vehicles a week travelling at or over 35mph through the village. To try and bring this figure down some speed indicator signs will be installed in the next couple of months. [john@mckay.sh](mailto:john@mckay.sh) or 732117

**Harbertonford Allotment Society** – no spare plots at present, but enquiries/interest to [has-sec@outlook.com](mailto:has-sec@outlook.com)

**Chris and Margaret (Sustainable Harbourne Valley) – REPEAT REQUEST.** We are "Maintaining for Wildlife," a strip at the far end of the churchyard. We need someone to cut and maintain a boundary path at the margin of our area. We MAY have access to a petrol lawn mower. If you can help please contact Margaret (731081) or Chris (732095). Thank you.

**Nicola and Myrtle** are delighted to be moving into our self-built straw bale home at last. We’d like to thank everyone for their encouragement and support, and donations of tools or materials. We’re looking forward to settling into the village and getting to know people better.

**Open Gardens** – similar to Harberton’s Open Gardens. Meet neighbours & share ideas. Crafts people as well (with or without a garden)? Provisional date is **28/29<sup>th</sup> May**. If you are interested email [helenrphillips@icloud.com](mailto:helenrphillips@icloud.com) Thanks, Helen.

**Totnes Rural Area Youth Engagement Project (TRAYE)** runs a fortnightly Youth Club in our Village Hall. Age 8-18, £1. New members welcome. Info: 07895-485581 or [www.traye.org](http://www.traye.org)



**Football club lottery:**

£160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/month.  
Nov’s winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

Dan Bovey/Bob & Brenda Monaghan/Dave Hatch/  
Chris Hatch/Paul Turner/Mark Hancock

Info: John Mills ([j.mills@nhs.net](mailto:j.mills@nhs.net)), Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

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**Season’s greetings** to all of our readers. Many thanks for your continued support.

**Next issue** – contributions to Graham Clayton (732603 or [g1clayton78@outlook.com](mailto:g1clayton78@outlook.com)). The copy deadline for the February newsletter is 20<sup>th</sup> January.