

# 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:

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

**H**SSG – *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.

**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)



**Christmas tree** – once more the village has a tree to be very proud of. It is a great advert for H/ford. Many thanks to John & Lee Horswill, Paul Westlake & James Palmer for setting it up. Thanks to Gerry for hosting the collection box in the shop. There's also a collection box at the V Hall bar. Donations

pay for the tree & lights. So, all donations very welcome!!

**M**any thanks also to the suppliers of the tree: Heathfield Cross Christmas Tree Farm, near Modbury.

**S**ponsorship – many thanks to Alf for sponsoring this month's edition. His generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



**January church services (all at 3:30pm):**

- **Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** @ St Leonard's, Halwell
- **Sun. 15<sup>th</sup>** @ St Peter's, H/ford
- **Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup>** @ St Leonard's, Halwell

St Leonard's church, Halwell hosts the Midnight service on

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. (11:30pm)**. St Peter's has no Christmas service. It is open to all every day (10:30am-4pm). [3rivers.org.uk](http://3rivers.org.uk)

**T**he carol & reading service was well-attended and some lovely carols were sung. Many thanks to all the readers.

**P**.C.C. lottery – why not join the lottery in 2023? £12/year, prizes as below. [Info: Frances \(732297\) or Hazel \(732244\).](mailto:Info: Frances (732297) or Hazel (732244).)

It's a vital source of church income. December winners:

1. Duncan & Andrea, St Peter's Ct., £25
2. Liz Shinner, Riverdale, £15.
3. Sue Lethbridge, Brook Villas, £10.

**C**hurch cleaning - if you have a little time to spare, we would welcome you to help our small band. Anytime from **10:30am** onwards on **Thu. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.** An hour's cleaning. Coffee provided.

**O**n behalf of the PCC, Frances, Rosemary & Hazel wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Many thanks to everyone who has supported us throughout the year.

**R**ecycling and waste collection – collection dates over the festive season as per the SHDC website:

Usual day	New day	Usual day	New day	Usual day	New day
26 Dec.	28 Dec.	30 Dec.	3 Jan.	4 Jan.	6 Jan.
27 Dec.	29 Dec.	2 Jan.	4 Jan.	5 Jan.	7 Jan.
28 Dec.	30 Dec.	3 Jan.	5 Jan.	6 Jan.	9 Jan.
29 Dec.	31 Dec.				

- **w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.** - collections one day late.

- **w/c 16<sup>th</sup> Jan.** – normal service

**V**illage shop & Post Office - holiday opening times:

- 24<sup>th</sup> (Sat.): 8am-1pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> (Sun. -Tue.): Closed
- 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> (Wed to Fri.): normal
- 31<sup>st</sup> (Sat.): 8am-1pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sun. & Mon.): Closed
- 3<sup>rd</sup> onwards: normal

*Note: Any updates to these times will be posted on shop door.*

**T**he filling station will be OPEN AS USUAL throughout the holiday period EXCEPT FOR:

- Christmas Day – 8am to 5pm
- Boxing Day - 8am to 9pm
- New Year's Day – 7am to 9pm



**New Year's Eve Party**, with the village's favourite band, The Old Dogs. Welcome in 2023 by dancing the old year away! Bar open, party food from 7:30pm. £10 entry. [Info: Rob Summers \(732004\) or robert.summers13@btinternet.com](mailto:Info: Rob Summers (732004) or robert.summers13@btinternet.com)

**H**arbertonford Youth Project (alternate Thurs @ **6:15pm to 7:45pm**). 07915-228154 or [amarshall.traye@gmail.com](mailto:amarshall.traye@gmail.com)

**S**kittles is every **Sunday** (V. Hall, **(7-9pm)**). All are welcome. Cost: £2 (inc. coffee/tea & biscuits). [Info: John \(732588\).](mailto:Info: John (732588).)

**G**reen Gathering - Sustainable Harbourne Valley's new monthly gathering for anyone interested in nature, climate & resilient community in Harberton/ford. **Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. (7pm)** - Village Hall. Brief, informal update on local sustainability projects @ 7pm. Come and go as you please. Bar open. All welcome.

**B**adminton @ Harberton Parish Hall - we need experienced (intermediate) badminton players on **Mon. eves. (6:30-8pm)**. Our next session is **Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.** Please phone Wendy (862483) or message Selene on 07880-195953 for more details.

**P**arish Council (PC) news: H/ford resident Jill Davies has recently joined the PC. The PC's next ordinary meeting is on **Tue. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. (7:30pm)**. All meetings remain at our Village Hall.

[Info: https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/](https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/)  
[email: clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org)

**F**lower arranging – our New Year meetings (in the Village Hall and always **Weds. @ 10am**) are:

- **Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**
- **Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

No set charge. Apart from flowers, equipment (& tuition) is available, if needed. Relaxed, fun (& coffee). New members always very welcome. Many thanks, Pauline Hancock (732393)

**Libraries Unlimited**

Our next two visits are: **Thu. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. & Thu. 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.** Info: phone 0345-155-1001. **REMINDER:** Mobile library timings:

School: **12:30-12:50** (pupils) and **12:50-13:10** (all welcome)

Church: **15:20-15:40** Info: [librariesunlimited.org.uk](http://librariesunlimited.org.uk)



**Village coffee morning** - all are very welcome. Monthly raffle, jams, marmalade etc. for sale. **Tue. 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. (10:30am).** Coffee & biscuits £1 and it is warm. Hazel (732244)/Frances (732297).

**Argentinian Tango at H/ford Village Hall** - suitable for beginners to more experienced Tangueros. Only £7pp.



**Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. (11am - 1pm)**  
Teachers are Anna and Ute. Before coming to the class, a Covid test is recommended.  
Info: David (07732-687511).

**Harberton & H/ford History Society** - details of all of our talks and events can be seen at [www.bit.ly/hahhs](http://www.bit.ly/hahhs) Our next (Zoom) talk is on **Tue. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. (7:30pm):** Andy Crabb, "Digging Deep: Dartmoor's Key Archaeological Excavations". Andy's talk will focus on particular excavations that influenced our understanding of Dartmoor's past. Andy is an archaeologist with Dartmoor National Park and Historic England. The annual membership sub. (£12) is now due. A very Happy Christmas & New Year to All. Jill Powell, [Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com](mailto:Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com)



We are a group that researches the WW2 Auxiliary Units or Churchill's secret army. They would have been the British resistance had we been invaded and

they had a secret underground base near Tristford House: <https://www.staybehinds.com/patrol/harberton-patrol>

Does anyone remember the men involved? Can anyone supply a photo of any of them? We'd love to hear any stories/ memories of the men. Contact Nina: [cartdevon@gmail.com](mailto:cartdevon@gmail.com) or 01803-852977

### Harbertonford C of E Primary School

The children really enjoyed planning the seasonal events with the local community. All were involved in creating decorations for the church tree and our older children really enjoyed decorating it. Eagles class put their new baking skills to the test, creating mince pies to share with invited visitors. Kestrels class created unique pots and planting bulbs to give as gifts within the village. We'd really like to thank Lawsons, who, again, supported our Christmas bulb project and also the church, which funded materials for the decorations. We wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Anne Burns, Academy Head

**Community Speedwatch** - three locations in H/ford have been risk-assessed and authorised by the police. We have the owners' permission to operate a Community Speedwatch from there. Six volunteers have completed the necessary on-line training, but two are very busy with other village commitments. So, we are now looking for a few more. This should require not much more than an hour or so about once a month depending on its effectiveness. Details of the scheme can be found on [www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org) I've volunteered to coordinate our group and welcome any more folks willing to help out. If you feel strongly about the crazy speed of some vehicles through the village and would like to join the scheme, please email me: [laurence.phil.dixon@btinternet.com](mailto:laurence.phil.dixon@btinternet.com) Many thanks, Phil Dixon

**Village Hall Bar** - a reminder that the Village Hall bar is open every Friday evening from 7:30pm

**Carols Round the Tree** - many thanks to all who braved the icy conditions to support this year's event. Special thanks to Peter for providing musical accompaniment and to Gerry (shop) for sponsoring the mince pies.

**Cystic Fibrosis Trust**



The handmade, wooden Christmas tree was won by Aziz Khan. The raffle raised a wonderful £502

for the CFT. Massive thanks to all who supported it. Lin Tozer  
**Village Brunch** - we hope to run another brunch early in the New Year. Watch This Space! Best wishes, Sue Groom.



**Jazz Night at the Village Hall**, with the LA Smooth Big Band and the Totnes Jazz Workshop. **Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. (7pm)**. Bring your own food, but please buy drinks at the bar to support the VH;.

**Harbertonford Allotment Society** - enquiries: [has-sec@outlook.com](mailto:has-sec@outlook.com)

### Community Shop and Post Office

**Legal:** negotiations on the terms of the Leasehold and Business Transfer contracts continue with the owner's solicitor. Slowly we are getting there. I know the owner is keen to complete this process ASAP, but this cannot be allowed to put the community's interest at risk. It is better to take the time to get the proper safeguards in place for all the parties concerned.

**AGM:** this will be called once the contractual position is finalised.  
Thanks again, John McKay, [shop@thcl.uk](mailto:shop@thcl.uk) or (t) 07810-007760  
<https://harbertonford.com>

**Citizens Advice South Hams** - have you got a Christmas Debt Hangover? Many of us are familiar with overspending at Christmas which can lead to what is often referred to as a 'Christmas Debt Hangover'. The experienced debt team at Citizens Advice South Hams provides FCA-regulated debt advice and can give you a helping hand if things are looking tricky. Call our designated debt advice line on **01803-659734**, leave a message and one of the team will call you back. Or email [debt.advice@southhamscab.org.uk](mailto:debt.advice@southhamscab.org.uk). For generalist advice call **0808-278-7948** or visit the website [southhamscab.org.uk](http://southhamscab.org.uk)

**Harbertonford FC** - the very wet/cold/wet weather has disrupted fixtures. HFC's next match is on Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. at home to Div. 1 leaders Beesands. The Fords were very unlucky to lose on penalties to Plympton in Devon Senior Cup. For up-to-date results, fixtures & news go to: [www.bit.ly/hf-fc](http://www.bit.ly/hf-fc)

**Football club lottery:** £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/mth. **November's winners** (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10):  
Pauline Overton/Robin Dart/Matt Ghillyer/ Jordan Baggott/  
Bob & Brenda Monaghan/Mark Hancock.  
Info: John Mills ([j.mills@nhs.net](mailto:j.mills@nhs.net)), Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

### Year Planner 2022/23:

**24 Dec.**, Midnight service (Halwell) **31 Dec.**, NY Eve party  
**3 Feb.**, Jazz Night @ VH **?? Feb.??**, Village Brunch??

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**Season's greetings** to all 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.