

Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the February 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.

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.

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- www.harbertonford.com
- www.harbertondevon.co.uk

Sponsorship – many thanks to the H/ford Tangueros for sponsoring this month's edition. Their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.

Jack Ball died on 4th November aged 97. Jack was born in Curtisknowle in 1925 and lived and worked for all of his life in this area. A farm worker (in his early days using horses), Jack, and his wife, Marcia, raised their family at Curtisknowle and then Wyse's Engleborne. On retirement, Jack and Marcia moved to Bridge House in the village and then to Marl Park about 20 years ago. They were great supporters of village events. A keen sportsman in his younger days, Jack in his later years enjoyed more leisurely, but no less competitive, games of darts and euchre (plus the occasional flutter on the horses). Jack was a delightful man, with a host of terrific anecdotes and a lovely sense of humour. Marcia pre-deceased him in 2018. On behalf of Jack's many friends, we send condolences to Maggie, John and family.

Bob Monaghan died on 30th December aged 77 after a period of ill health. A native of Newcastle, Bob moved to H/ford over 50 years ago. Throughout his time here he was involved in numerous village organisations and events; the youth club, the annual carnival, the football club, the village hall..... They all benefitted from his integrity, commitment, friendliness and sunny disposition. Bob will be much missed by so many people. Our thoughts are with Brenda, Matthew, Colleen and family.

Bob Monaghan – please join us (**Sat 4th Feb. @ 3pm** in the Village Hall) in remembering Bob's life. We are gathering to share some of our favourite memories, our stories, to laugh, to cry and to remember a wonderful man who will be greatly missed.



St Peter's Church has a service on **Sun. 19th Feb. (3:30pm)** – everyone welcome. The church is open to all every day between 10:30am & 4pm. 3rivers.org.uk

P.C.C. lottery – why not join the lottery in 2023? £12/year, prizes as below. **Info:** Frances (732297) or Hazel (732244). It's a vital source of church income. January winners:

1. Rose Palmer, Poulston Farm, £25
2. Angela Cox, Old Rd., £15
3. Amy Prowse, Kingsbridge, £10

Church 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. 16th Feb.** An hour's cleaning. Coffee provided.

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

Harbertonford Allotment Society – enquiries: has-sec@outlook.com



All That Jazz
with LA Smooth Big Band &
the Totnes Jazz Workshop.
Village Hall, **Fri. 3rd Feb. (7-10pm)**



£5 on the door. Bring own food, but please buy drinks at the bar to support the hall. **Info:** Jean Blackler (732588).

Green Gathering – Sustainable Harbourne Valley's monthly gathering for anyone interested in nature, climate & resilient community in Harberton/ford. It's on **Fri. 3rd Feb. (7pm)**, Church House Inn, Harberton. Brief informal update on local sustainability projects at 7pm. Come and go as you please. All welcome.



Soup, a Cuppa & a Chat in a Warm Space
at H/ford Football Club

1st Monday/month, from **Mon. 6th Feb. (12-2pm)**
in the football clubhouse, Woodcourt Rd.

All welcome. Donations if you wish, but there is no charge.
Contact: Nigel Holmes (732592)

Flower arranging – our next four meetings (Village Hall and always **Weds. @ 10am**) are:

- **Feb. 8th & 22nd**
- **Mar. 8th & 22nd**

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)

Our next two visits are: **Thu. 9th Feb. & Thu. 9th Mar.** **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

Harbertonford Youth Project (Thursdays, 6-7:30pm) – note change of times. Dates to end of April:

- **Feb 9th**
- **Feb 23rd**
- **Mar. 9th**
- **Mar. 23rd**
- **Apr 20th**

Contact: Adele (07915-228154) or amarshall.traye@gmail.com



Aladdin - The Harberton Pantomime
Fri. 10th Feb. @ 7:30pm

Sat. 11th Feb. @ 2pm & 7:30pm
at Harberton Parish Hall.

Tickets: Liz Fearn 866749 or liz@anglecottage.plus.com

The Parish Council's next ordinary meeting (Village Hall) is on **Tue. 14th Feb. (7:30pm)**.

Info: <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/>
email: clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org

Harberton Parish Neighbourhood Plan update - following last summer's 'Call for Sites' the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group (SG) has received funding to work with a team of experts to help assess the suitability of those sites in meeting the need for new housing in Harberton & H/ford. You may spot the team out with clip boards and wellies in coming weeks as they complete this review. The outcome of that work will be discussed with local residents in April - dates tbc. The SG's role is to maintain this community's influence on the parish's housing requirement (as set by SHDC's Local Plan). If you'd like to join the SG please look at the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Harberton Parish Council website, and contact the Clerk.

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



Sat. 18th Feb. (11am – 1pm)

Teachers are Anna and Ute. Before coming to the class, a Covid test is recommended.

Info: David (07732-687511).

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



Village coffee morning - all are very welcome. Monthly raffle, jams, marmalade etc. for sale.

Tue. 21st Feb. (10:30am). Coffee & biscuits £1 and it is warm. Hazel (732244)/Frances (732297).

Want to learn how to make Kimchi & Sauerkraut?

Members of the recent H/ford Transition Streets initiative have a skills-sharing session on **Wed. 22nd Feb. (19:30)** at the Village Hall. Fermentation is a great way to preserve veg and create a dish that supports your gut health, as well as tasting delicious! All welcome. A small contribution of £2 is requested to cover the hire of the hall. **Info:** Jenny (07725-918940).

The River Harbourn burst its banks on Sat 14th Jan. - the first time since Feb 2020 - and it was the result of more than two inches of rain falling in 24 hrs. Fortunately, no properties were damaged. For real time data on local rainfall & river levels go to: <https://bit.ly/hf-flood>

Weather watch – here's a quick summary of the 2022 rainfall data (in inches) for H/ford:

	2022	2021	2020	Av.1984-2019
Jan. - Apr.	12.7	14.4	21.9	16.4
May - Aug.	5.2	19.3	13.3	11.5
Sep. - Dec.	26.4	18.6	27.1	19.0
Full year	44.3	52.3	62.3	46.9

2022 was the second driest year in the past decade - mainly due to the Jul./Aug. heatwave. Many thanks to David Groom for providing this data – he now has almost 40 years' worth!

Harberton & H/ford History Society – details of our talks and events can be seen at www.bit.ly/hahhs. We look forward to seeing everyone in May. Updates re the Oral History Mill Project film soon. **Jill Powell, jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com**

Harbertonford C of E Primary School

The school has had a busy start to the Spring term with a "trip" to Spain, a Spanish dance day and a music day. These opportunities have been mainly funded by our wonderful PTFA & the Sports Grant, which has enabled us to relieve the parents of some financial pressure in these difficult times. Our Ethos group supports the school's continued development and improvement journey - we would love to hear from anyone in the community who would like to get involved! **Anne Burns, Academy Head**

Speeding through the village is a big issue. We now have two initiatives which will help. There are two new posts in place, one beside the garage and one outside the school. These will be used to mount speed indicator signs very soon. Big thanks to Kevin Rothwell for his help. Also, big thanks to Phil Dixon for getting the Community Speedwatch organised. **John McKay**

Community Speedwatch (CS) - many thanks to the volunteers for the CS. We now have a group of ten which should give us a decent chance of rounding up four, the ideal number for future sessions. Also, thanks to Rebecca from the police who gave us our recent on-site training and brought us the speed detector & colourful tabards. With training over, we go "live" very soon. **Phil Dixon, laurence.phil.dixon@btinternet.com**

Village Brunch - we hope to run another brunch soon. More details next month. **Best wishes, Sue Groom**

Coronation Day celebrations - the Village Hall committee is open to suggestions from villagers who might like to suggest events on the weekend of **Sat. 6th May**. Please contact Rob Summers (732004) or robert.summers13@btinternet.com

Recycling Lavazza eco caps - we are a drop-off point for Lavazza Eco caps. Your caps may not be compostable, so you can put them in the box placed outside our house. We'll send them to Terracycle for recycling. **Info:** <https://bit.ly/lavazza-eco>
Best wishes, Andy Clarke, 5 Bridgeside, TQ9 7UH

Village Hall Quiz – there's another fun-filled, fundraising quiz in the pipeline. Date and details next month.

Community Shop and Post Office

Legal: as previously, negotiations on the terms of the Leasehold and Business Transfer contracts continue with the owner's solicitor. We are getting there, but we cannot 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 or (t) 07810-007760

<https://harbertonford.com>

Volunteers - Citizens Advice needs you! Do you want to gain skills to go back into work, need a career change, or have some spare time and would like to make a difference? Citizens Advice South Hams urgently needs people to help as either telephone assessors or client support volunteers. Full training is provided with either role, via a mixture of classroom learning, home learning and on-the-job training. To join the team, email reception@southhamsca.org.uk or visit southhamsca.org.uk/get-involved.

Ukulele news – it's very quiet (literally) at the moment. More news soon. **Thanks, Peter Beamish**

Harbertonford FC – only one game played since early December, so hoping for dryer/warmer weather soon! For up-to-date results, fixtures & news go to: www.bit.ly/hf-fc

Bob Monaghan - the club extends its deepest condolences to Bob's family and close friends. Bob played as a striker for the Fords throughout the 1970's and into the 1980's and was renowned for his goalscoring ability. He was a member of our management committee for many years. More recently he served as the club's President. Despite his health issues Bob often made the effort to watch and support the team when he could. He will be much missed by us all at HFC. **Rest In Peace, old friend.**

Football club lottery: £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/mth.
December's winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

Pauline Overton/Marie Southcott/Holly Stone/Callum Payne/
Dave Hammond/Kieran Brown.

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

Year Planner 2023:

3 Feb., Jazz Night @ VH

?? Mar.??, Village Brunch??

6-8 May, Coronation Day??

5 Aug., Village Show

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Next issue – contributions to Graham Clayton (732603 or g1clayton78@outlook.com). The copy deadline for the March newsletter is 20th February.