

# Village Life

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**W**elcome to the March 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](http://www.harbertonford.com)
- [www.harbertondevon.co.uk](http://www.harbertondevon.co.uk)

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

**B**ob Monaghan – Brenda, Matthew and Colleen would like to thank everyone so much for their love, kindness and support over these past few difficult weeks. Also, there was a wonderful turnout at Bob's wake in the Village Hall. This has all meant a massive amount to us. Many, many thanks.



**St Peter's Church** has a special Mothering Sunday service on **Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. (3:30pm)**, with refreshments to follow. We look forward to seeing parents and children. The church is open to all every day (10:30am to 4pm). [3rivers.org.uk](http://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. February winners:

1. Jaz Peters, Packs Close, £25
2. Alf Greest, Bow Rd., £15
3. George Cole, Woodland Rd., £10

**A**nnual church meeting **Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Apr. (2:30pm)** - in the church. Please come if you can. We really do need a good number to attend this meeting, to discuss the future of the church.

**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. 16<sup>th</sup> Mar.** An hour's cleaning. Coffee provided.

**C**hristmas Tree - John Horswill, who organises H/ford's tree every year, would like to thank everyone who donated towards the cost (£130 this year!) of the tree & lights. The money raised was split as follows:

Post Office collection box	£31.35
Village Hall collection tin	29.53
Collection at Carols Round the Tree	37.18
Total raised	£98.06

**R**ecycling **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

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

**Point-to-Point** at Buckfastleigh racecourse (take Lower Dean exit off A38) on

**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Mar.** Seven races in all – the first @ noon. Entry: £15pp & U16s free.

<https://www.pointtopoint.co.uk/events/7054>



**A**ll That Jazz – last month's jazz evening at the VH was excellent. Great music and terrific to see the hall so busy.



**Village brunch** – the next brunch is on **Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Mar. (10:15am to noon)**, @ V. Hall. **HOWEVER, WE NEED HELPERS** on the day. Could that be you?? If so, contact Sue Groom (732462). The brunch is a really good way to meet up with friends and neighbours for anything from a coffee to a full English (veggie option also available).



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

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

Last month's (first) lunch was very enjoyable. All welcome.  
Donations if you wish, but there is no charge.

**Contact:** Nigel Holmes (732592)

**F**lower arranging – our meetings this month (Village Hall and always **Weds. @ 10am**) are • **Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>** • **Mar. 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)

## Sustainable Harbourne Valley

'Sustainable Food: Eating our way to a sustainable future',  
**Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Mar, (7.00 for 7.30pm)**, H/ford Village Hall

A talk and discussion with three local experts in sustainable food production and organic and regenerative farming – Harriet Bell, Regenerative Farming Lead with Riverford Organic Farmers, Oliver Lee from (carbon-negative!) How Now Dairy, and David Camp from Daynes Farm, winner of Best Sustainable Farming Initiative at the 2022 Devon Farm Business Awards and fresh from the Oxford Real Farming Conference. There will be local food for sampling and the bar will be open. Free, but donations towards costs welcome.



Our next two visits are: **Thu. 9<sup>th</sup> Mar. & Thu. 6<sup>th</sup> Apr.** **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)

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

- **Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Apr 20<sup>th</sup>**

Contact: Adele (07915-228154) or [amarshall.trave@gmail.com](mailto:amarshall.trave@gmail.com)



**The next Village Hall quiz** - there's another light-hearted, raucous, brain-stretching fundraiser for the hall on **Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Mar. (8pm)**. Cost £1/head, payable on the night. No pre-reg. – just turn up. Max. 6/team. Prizes for the winners + temporary ownership of the iconic VH Cup. Future quiz dates: **21<sup>st</sup> Apr., 9<sup>th</sup> Jun., 21<sup>st</sup> Jul.**  
**Info:** Vicki Taylor, [vct.wrns@yahoo.com](mailto:vct.wrns@yahoo.com)

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

### Give and Take Day

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Mar. (10am to noon)

Come to the Village Hall to donate your unwanted items and/or take away anything you take a fancy to, all for FREE!!! All items should be working and in good condition. *No rubbish accepted!* There will be a small café selling coffee, tea & cake to cover the hall hire cost. This event has been held several times over recent years and always enables many things to find new homes, keeping them out of landfill or from cluttering up our homes! Everyone welcome.

**T**he Parish Council's next ordinary meeting (Village Hall) is on Tue. 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. (7:30pm).

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

**A**rgentinian Tango at H/ford Village Hall - suitable for beginners to more experienced Tangueros.



Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar. (11am – 1pm)

Teachers are Anna and Ute.

Only £8pp.

Info: David (07732-687511).

**V**illage 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. 21<sup>st</sup> Mar. (10:30am). Coffee & biscuits £1 and it is warm. Hazel (732244)/Frances (732297).

**C**hildren's Play Area - we are trying to initiate a formal group to oversee the Play Area. Our inaugural meeting is @ the Village Hall on Tue. 21<sup>st</sup> Mar. (7pm). It would be brilliant if as many people as possible came along. We need to form a proper committee to enable us to make funding applications to rejuvenate the Play Park, so long in a state of decay.

Very best wishes, Peter Beamish

**H**arberton & H/ford History Society – details of our talks and events can be seen at [www.bit.ly/hahhs](http://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](mailto:jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com)

**C**ommunity Speedwatch (CS) - we have had two sessions to date. A third had to be cancelled last week because the police discovered that our insurance wasn't valid. All Devon and Cornwall Speedwatch sessions were suspended for a week whilst that was organised. We are now back up and running. We could use another volunteer, or two. Most of those currently signed up are working and can't make some times of day.

Phil Dixon.

[laurence.phil.dixon@btinternet.com](mailto:laurence.phil.dixon@btinternet.com)



**Coronation Day celebrations** – if you have a suggestion(s) as to how H/ford might celebrate King Charles' coronation on the weekend of

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> May. please contact the Village Hall secretary, Rob Summers (732004) or [robert.summers13@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.summers13@btinternet.com)



**BTB needs more drivers & volunteers!!**

We need more help to maintain and grow our services. Driving hours are arranged to suit availability. We'd also love to hear from anyone who has a few hours spare

and is interested in admin., fundraising, PR and/or general roles. If you can offer help and/or suggestions:

email [bobthebushire@yahoo.com](mailto:bobthebushire@yahoo.com) or phone 07800-745332.

**U**kulele news – it's still very quiet, but more news next month. Thanks, Peter Beamish

**V**olunteers - 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@southhamscab.org.uk](mailto:reception@southhamscab.org.uk) or visit [southhamscab.org.uk/get-involved](http://southhamscab.org.uk/get-involved)

### Community Shop and Post Office

**Legal:** some good work has been completed over the past month and we are getting there, but, as previously reported, 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:** no change. 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>

**C**ommunity beekeeping days at Buckfast Abbey – these will involve the care and maintenance of four hives for those who want to, but also the care, development, and maintenance of the garden. Pruning, weeding, mowing, and planting will all be on the agenda as well as the creation of habitats for solitary bees and other wildlife. Two meetings/month from Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr. (2-4pm). <https://www.buckfast.org.uk/whats-on>

**M**onday night fish and chips – the *Just For The Halibut* fish and chip van visits the village every Monday. It parks in Bow Road from 5-6pm and then opposite the pub from 6:15 - 7:30pm.

**H**arbertonford FC – some excellent recent performances, with victories in each of the team's last three league matches. The Fords are now in a six-team dogfight for mid-table respectability.. For up-to-date results, fixtures & news go to: [www.bit.ly/hf-fc](http://www.bit.ly/hf-fc)

**F**ootball club lottery: £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/mth. January's winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

Brenda Monaghan/Luke Forward/Mike Bishop/Terry Eastley/  
Mavis Sturman/Matt Ghillyer.

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

### Year Planner 2023:

5 Mar., Village Brunch

26 Apr., Annual church meeting

6-8 May, Coronation Day?

5 Aug., Village Show

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