

Village Life

Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the April 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 Ian & Ros for sponsoring this month's edition. Their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



St Peter's Church has a service on **Sun. 16th Apr. (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. It's a vital source of church income.

March winners: 1. Dreena Paxton, Bow Rd., £30

2. Angie Bradley, Packs Cl., £20 3. John Blackler, Old Rd., £10
We now have almost 120 members and have been able to increase the prizes. Many thanks for your support. Anyone wishing to join please contact Frances (732297)/Hazel (732244).

We are decorating the church for Easter on Sat. 8th Apr. (10-noon). Gifts of flowers and foliage will be gratefully received. Everyone is very welcome. Many thanks, PCC

Annual church meeting

Wed. 26th 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.

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. 13th Apr.** An hour's cleaning. Coffee provided.

Church - brass polisher wanted!! If you could help out please contact Frances (732297)/Hazel (732244).

Cream Teas at the church – a date for your diary. Everyone is very welcome indeed. It's on **Mon. 8th May (2:30-4:30 pm)** and we're hoping for a sunny day so that we can sit outside.



We have three events this month to which everyone is very welcome indeed. Here are the timings & details:

Sat. 1st Apr. (10-12) - *Fruit Corner; Spring Workday*: help with bulb planting, tree mulching + general tidy-up @ H/ford playpark.

Wed. 5th Apr. (7:30pm) @ H/ford Village Hall - *Restoring Wildlife Habitats*: Lynne Kenderdine (Devon Wildlife Trust) will outline how The Avon Valley Project, aimed at promoting the need for wildlife corridors and habitat connectivity, has evolved to deliver very significant habitat change. Desley White is involved in the project and will discuss conservation grazing and biodiversity. <https://www.sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk>

Fri. 14th Apr. (6:45-7:45pm) @ Harberton Parish Hall followed by drinks at the Church House Inn from 8pm - *Special Green*

Gathering & AGM: SHV's annual gathering for everyone interested in action for nature and climate in Harberton/ford. All welcome - no charge. New trustees needed!! Email us on: hello@sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk for an informal chat.

Charity Easter Egg Hunt(s) at Daynes Farm – fundraisers for Devon Air Ambulance. **Dates: Sat. 1st & Sat. 8th Apr., (11am-3pm).** Two trails organised and a chocolate surprise for all completed sheets! www.facebook.com/daynesfarm

Soup, a Cuppa & a Chat in a Warm Space at H/ford FC. This month we meet on **Mon. 3rd Apr. (12-2pm)** in the clubhouse, Woodcourt Rd. Good turnouts so far. All welcome. Donations if you wish, but there is no charge. **Info:** Nigel Holmes (732592)

Flower arranging – our meetings for the next few weeks (Village Hall and always **Weds. @ 10am**) are on:

- **Apr. 5th & 19th**
- **May 3rd, 17th & 31st**
- **Jun. 14th**

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)
P.S. Don't forget the Village Show on **Sat 5th Aug!!**



Our next two visits are: **Thu. 6th Apr. & Thu. 4th May.** **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

Village Show 2023 - there is a meeting of all interested persons to finalise the 2023 schedule. **Fri. 14th Apr. (8pm)** at the Village Hall. New ideas very welcome. If you have any queries please come along. This is the Village Show and we would also like to meet people who could organise outdoor activities/stalls to make this a whole village day. The football pitch will be available for use. Thanks, Jean Blackler (732588)



Argentinian Tango at H/ford Village Hall

Suitable for beginners to more experienced Tangueros. The teachers are Anna and Ute.

We meet next on **Sat. 15th Apr. (11am – 1pm)**
Only £8pp. **Info:** David (07732-687511).

Harbertonford Youth Project (Thursdays, 6-7:30pm) – note change of times. One meeting in this month – **Thu. 20th Apr.**
Contact: Adele (07915-228154) or amarshall.traye@gmail.com

Quiz

Village Hall Quiz – Fri. 21st Apr. (8pm)

- Brent, Canada and Pink-footed are all what?
- What's the highest number on a bingo card?

• What rank was Prince Harry when he left the army?
If you can answer these (and even if you can't) you should be at this quiz!! A light-hearted, raucous, brain-stretching fundraiser for the hall. Cost £1/head, payable on the night. No pre-reg. – just turn up. Max. 6/team. Winners take home (temporarily) the coveted VH Cup. **Info:** Vicki Taylor, vct.wrns@yahoo.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

Harberton Parish Council's (PC) next ordinary meeting (Village Hall) is on **Tue. 11th Apr. (7:30pm)**.

Local Council Elections take place on **Thu. 4th May**. All current District and Parish councillors will stand down and elections will be held to replace them. Our PC needs people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward to be elected to join the PC. Training is available to support you. Nomination papers are now available – submission deadline is **Tue. 4th Apr. (4pm)**. For more info go to: <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/2023-local-elections/> or contact the Parish Clerk clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org

Remember your Voter ID! Voters in England now need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections. Info: electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

Harbertonford C of E Primary School

As we come to the end of another busy term, we would just like to thank everyone in the community who continues to support us, whether it is reading or volunteering in school or including us in community events. All of you contribute so much to making the school such a special place. Thank you to James, one of our parents, who has created a short video celebrating the school. This is available on our website and our Facebook page. We have a few spaces available in the school, including Reception class, for September so please feel free to share the video with anyone you think maybe be interested in becoming part of our community.

Anne Burns, Academy Head

Village brunch - a big thank you to all the volunteers who made the last brunch such a success. We sold about 60 breakfasts and approx. 75 people attended in all. It was lovely to see that many villagers (old friends and newcomers) enjoying both the food and spending time getting to know their neighbours. With so many offers of help we will be organising the next date (June/July) soon. Watch this space. Thanks again, Sue Groom

Last month's Give and Take Day was very successful. Plenty of people, a lot of goods changed hands, cake was eaten and conversations were had. All the surplus went to Refurnish and Totnes charity shops. Many thanks to all who were involved.



Village coffee morning - all are very welcome. Monthly raffle, jams, marmalade etc. for sale. **Tue. 18th Apr. (10:30am)**. Coffee & biscuits £1 and it is warm. Hazel (732244)/Frances (732297).

Community Speedwatch (CS) – we've 10 in the group now and 4 or 5 of us get together about twice a month. We're only enabled to report motorists exceeding 35mph. These are input into the police system (16 last month) which leads to a polite, but strong, police request to adhere to the speed limits in future. The mere presence of our yellow jackets has a remarkable effect on the speed of many who quickly apply their brakes. Hopefully, along with the illuminated sign, things are improving a little.

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H/ford Allotment Society



Want to grow your own fruit & veg but have no garden? The village has allotments and plots *do* become available. Why not put your name on the waiting list? Email has-sec@outlook.com

Coronation Day celebrations – this is the very last call for ideas and volunteers to arrange any event(s) that villagers would like to organise to celebrate King Charles' coronation. The Village Hall is available, but arrangements need to happen pretty quickly if anything is to happen. Please contact Rob Summers on (01803) 732004 or at robert.summers13@btinternet.com

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

Harberton & H/ford History Society – we'll be sending out a newsletter shortly about May events. We'll hold our AGM on **Tue. 16th May** before Dr Abi Gray's talk on Sandwell Manor. www.bit.ly/hahhs. Jill Powell, Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com

Kids cricket at Harberton CC (HCC) – supported by the Devon Cricket Board and sanctioned by the England Cricket Board, we offer kids cricket at HCC run by qualified coaches. Friday evenings May-July.

All Stars Cricket (ASC) provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years where they're guaranteed fun, activity and skills development. We introduce children to cricket, teach them new skills, and help them to make new friends.

Dynamos Cricket (DC) is the next step on from ASC. It's perfect for 8-11 year-olds new to cricket. Complementing Junior cricket, DC is a more social offer - developing and applying fundamental movement skills in an exciting game of countdown cricket.

Email kidscricket@harbertoncc.com or call Jamie Fitzpatrick on 07798-631876 for more information.

Harberton CC's website: <https://www.harbertoncc.com>

Citizens Advice South Hams seeks volunteer receptionists at its office in Follaton House. If you have a few hours to spare, you could help our busy team of advisers by greeting members of the public and taking brief details while they wait to see the advice team. Full training provided along with free tea & biscuits! If you, or friends and relatives have some time to spare, please contact recruitment@southhamscab.org.uk for more information.

Community Shop and Post Office

The contracts that will allow the community to take over the shop and PO have finally been agreed apart from some very minor issues that will be dealt with when lawyers return from their holidays! It has been a very long haul getting here, but I think the agreements will serve the community well. As soon as they are finalised we will schedule an AGM. We are still looking for volunteers. Please contact me if you are able to give a few hours. Also, regarding speed signs, the next step is to get one installed on the hill into the village and one outside the school. Many thanks. John McKay john@liburne.com 07810 007760

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

Harbertonford FC – the Fords' improved form continued in March. For results, fixtures & news go to: www.bit.ly/hf-fc

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

Graham Clayton/ Gina Bovey/Mike Bishop/Paul Turner/

Jake Harmieson/Siobhan Edwards.

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

Year Planner 2023:

26 Apr., Annual church meeting **6-8 May**, Coronation event?

8 May, Cream teas @ the church **5 Aug.**, Village Show

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