

Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter

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

John Horswill died on 29th March, aged 68. John was born in the village and lived here for all of his life. Most of his working life was in the family building firm. John was always ready to organise or help with village events or organisations, such as the annual carnival, the '68 Youth Club and, latterly, organising the village Christmas tree. John suffered badly with ill-health for many years, but was always cheery, chatty and friendly. An important part of the village, John will be much missed by his many friends. Our thoughts are with Donna, Lee, Kirsty and the Horswill family.



St Peter's Church has a service on **Sun. 21st May (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? £12/year, prizes as below. It's a vital source of church income. **April winners:**

1. Kath Pearson, Packs Cl., £30
 2. Susan Gauntlet, Somerset, £20
 3. Kathy Lewis, W'bourne, £10
- Many thanks for your support. Anyone wishing to join please contact Frances (732297)/Hazel (732244).

Thank you to everyone who donated/helped with decorating the church for Easter. It looked fantastic.

Cream Teas at the church (**Mon. 8th May (2:30-4:30 pm)**) – All are welcome. If sunny, we'll sit outside.

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. 18th May**. An hour's cleaning. Coffee provided.

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

Many congratulations to Sue & Dave Groom who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 30th March.

Recycling and waste collection – three Bank Holidays (BH) this month!! Collection dates as per the SHDC website:

May Day BH		Coronation BH		Spring BH	
Usual day	New day	Usual day	New day	Usual day	New day
Tue. 2 nd	Wed. 3 rd	Tue. 9 th	Thu. 11 th	Tue. 30 th	Wed. 31 st
Fri. 5 th	Tue. 9 th	Fri. 12 th	Mon. 15 th	Fri. 2 Jn.	Sat. 3 Jn.
		Tue. 16 th	Wed. 17 th		
		Fri. 19 th	Sat. 20 th		

Soup, a Cuppa & a Chat in a Warm Space at H/ford FC. On **Tue. 2nd May (12-2pm)** @ clubhouse, Woodcourt Rd. All welcome. No charge. **Contact:** Nigel Holmes (732592).

Weather watch – was March 2023 particularly wet? Thanks to David Groom for this data (in inches) for H/ford:

	2023	2022	2021	Av.1984-2020
Jan.	7.9	3.1	7.2	5.7
Feb.	0.6	5.2	4.9	4.2
Mar.	8.7	3.1	2.2	3.7

So, it was the wettest March that David's ever recorded, after a very dry February.

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

- **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)



Our next two visits are: **Thu. 4th May & Thu. 1st Jun.** **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

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



Sustainable Harbourne Valley (SHV)

Green Gathering - Fri. 5th May (7-9pm).

Monthly informal gathering. Update on local sustainability issues & projects. At our V Hall. Bar open. All welcome www.sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk

Enriching Our Churchyards - Our V Hall, **Wed. 24th May (7:30pm)**. David Curry, environmental advisor (Diocese of Exeter), will talk on the very special value of churchyards & how we can improve them for both wildlife and the local community.

Gardening for Wildlife booklets – distributed to all H/ford homes. We hope that you find them useful & enjoyable.

Harberton Parish Council's (PC) next ordinary meeting (Village Hall) is on **Tue. 9th May (7:30pm)**.

Local Council Elections 2023 - the following were elected as councillors to the PC without contest: **Harberton ward:** David Camp, Richard Morris, Tania Paine, Nick Williams. **H/ford ward:** Peter Beamish, Chris Bowley, Jill Davies. The elected members are allowed to co-opt members to fill the remaining vacancies - two for Harberton and three for H/ford. You can put yourself forward for co-option. Councillors hope to fill those vacancies at the PC meeting on Tue. 9th May. If this might be you, contact: clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org or see the PC website for more info. about what's involved: www.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 Youth Project (**Thursdays, 6-7:30pm**) – up to summer hols: • **18th May** • **15th Jun.** • **29th Jun.** • **13th Jul.**

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

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. 16th May. (10:30am). Coffee & biscuits £1 and it is warm. Hazel (732244)/Frances (732297).

Ploughmans & Puddings - **Tue. 20th Jun.** More info next month.

Harberton & H/ford History Society - we have our AGM on **Tue. 16th May (7pm)** before Dr Abi Gray's talk on Sandwell Manor (**7:30pm on Zoom**). All welcome. Please register for this: <https://tinyurl.com/H3SMayTalk> www.bit.ly/hahhs. Plus:

Sat. 20th May (11am): Guided walk & picnic @ Dartington Estate with Matt White. Fee £5. Contact: jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com



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. 20th May (11am - 1pm)** Only £8pp. Info: David (07732-687511).

H/ford Summer Skittles Tournament - starting in June (Fri. evenings). Teams of six, which must include two ladies. Entries by **Tue. 30th May** to John please on 732588.

Community Shop and Post Office

The Leasehold and Business Transfer contracts have been agreed. Two key issues now: staff holidays (early May) and the PO transfer. We are planning for the takeover and have had several meetings with the staff (Denise, Lin & Sue), who are helping us get ready. We will rely heavily on their experience and know-how during the first few months. We will recruit someone to support Denise with the PO side of the business. Volunteers sought to help with a variety of essential tasks, e.g. deliveries, shelf stacking, serving behind the counter. Training provided and volunteers will always have someone experienced with them. Please contact me if you are able to give a few hours.

Many thanks. John McKay john@liburne.com 07810-007760

Baby-sitting service - I am a very responsible 16yo seeking baby-sitting jobs to raise money for a conservation expedition to Madagascar. My charge varies but is about £6/hour. If you are interested please text to 07517-286696. Jema Skinner

Harbertonford C of E Primary School

We have had a busy start back to school with a football festival, a fire safety visit and a visit from the Space Dome. We have limited spaces available for Sept., including some in Reception class. If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our school, please ask them to get in touch. We would also be grateful for any comments on our social media pages and shares in community groups you belong to in order to help us to promote all the exciting things we get up to. Anne Burns, Academy Head

Harberton's first ever Parish Assembly - 'Your Parish, Your Future' - is on **Sat. 10th Jun. (9:30am-2:30pm)**. An important event. All in the parish are welcome. The Neighbourhood Plan Committee invites your club, society or group to take part and influence how the parish develops over the next decade. You are invited to share what you do and take part with our community on a no-fee info. stall. A great chance to meet friends & neighbours and discover local talent. For details on the size of stalls and the day itself contact Cat Radford, Parish Clerk, on 0845-557-8469 or clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org. RSVP by **Mon. 5th Jun. (5pm)**. If you can't come for the whole day as an exhibitor or visitor, it will be worth dropping in for a good chat & refreshments! More info will be on the Harberton Parish website soon: www.harbertonparishcouncil.org. Prana Simon (07773-797647).

Harberton Charity Quiz Trails (walking) in aid of the Parish Hall. **Sun. 11th Jun. (am)**. Detailed info next month.

Harbertonford Allotment Society - plot available for immediate take up. Email has-sec@outlook.com

Diary dates! Harberton Open Gardens (**17th/18th Jun.**) & Classic Car Meet (**18th Jun.**). Info: Gardens: Annie Williams (07879-037131), Cars: Jo Poulter (07721-414881).

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.

Fordfiesta - a small group of villagers are planning a one-day, village Music & Arts festival for **Sat. 9th Sep**. Local music, art, stalls, food & drink. Small entry fee to cover costs, but the organisers and performers are doing it for the fun of it. If you are interested in joining the organising team, contact Helen at helensutton@mac.com. Musicians who would like to be involved: contact Guy: guy@metcalfe5.co.uk. Artists - if you'd like to join us, please contact Helen at helensutton@mac.com. More soon.

Minor adjustments to 92 bus times - a few of the times for the **92 bus into Totnes** have changed (slightly) from April: **Mon.- Sat. changes:** 06:35 now 06:31; 10:20 now 10:19; 12:50 now 12:52; 18:50 now 18:47. **Sat. only:** 08:20 now 08:18.

An updated timetable (on card) will be in the shop very soon.

Kids cricket at Harberton CC (HCC) - supported by the Devon Cricket Board, sanctioned by the England Cricket Board, run by qualified coaches. Friday evenings May-July. **All Stars Cricket (ASC)** - children aged 5-8 years. An introduction to cricket, we teach them new skills. Plus they make new friends! **Dynamos Cricket (DC)** is for 8-11 year-olds new to cricket. Developing & 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.

Harbertonford FC - a few fixtures left for the 2022/23 season. For results, fixtures & news go to: www.bit.ly/hf-fc

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

Graham Clayton/ Gina Bovey/Mike Bishop/Linda Allen/ Jake Harmieson/Mavis Sturman.

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

Village contacts

- ❖ **Parish Council:** www.harbertonparishcouncil.org or Parish Clerk on 0845-557-8469 or clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org
- ❖ **Police:** PCSO Russ Broadhurst 30534. Tel: 07703-886012 or russell.broadhurst@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
- ❖ **Village Hall bookings:** Jean Blackler (732588)

Year Planner 2023:

10 Jun., Churchyard wildflowers **2 Jul.**, Village brunch
5 Aug., Village Show **9 Sep.**, Fordfiesta

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Please phone Melanie Allday (867655) for details of MAP's services

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