

Village Life

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Welcome to the June 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 Simon for sponsoring this month's edition. His generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.

Kath Pearson is 102!! on **Mon. 12th Jun!!** Happy 102nd, Kath, from all of your friends and neighbours in Packs Close. We hope that you have a wonderful day.



St Peter's Church - the date of the next service is yet to be confirmed.

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. May winners:

1. Frances Harvey, Washbourne, £30

2. Ann Inder, Mill Meadow, £20 3. Mary Daroy, Bow Rd., £10
Many thanks for your support. To join, contact Frances (732297).

On **Sat. 10th June (10:30am)** we are starting work towards making a sustainable area in the churchyard. All ages very welcome indeed. Many hands make light work!!

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. 15th Jun.** An hour's cleaning. Coffee provided.

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

Cream Teas at the church – the teas were much enjoyed by all who came, raising over £200. Thank you.

Recycling and waste collection – collection dates for the Spring Bank Holiday as per the SHDC website:

Usual day	New day	Usual day	New day
Tue. 30 th	Wed. 31 st	Fri. 2 Jn.	Sat. 3 Jn.

Libraries Unlimited

Our next two visits are: **Thu. 1st Jun & Thu. 29th 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

Soup, a Cuppa & a Chat in a Warm Space at H/ford FC. On **Tue. 6th Jun. (12-2pm)** @ clubhouse, Woodcourt Rd. All welcome. No charge. Contact: Nigel Holmes (732592).

Quiz

Village Hall Quiz – Fri. 9th Jun. (8pm)

- Where's Kernow?
- Has King Charles appeared in *East Enders*??

If you can answer these (and even if you can't) come to 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. Info: Vicki Taylor, vct.wrns@yahoo.com

Our Neighbourhood Plan

is nearly ready - help finalise its priorities!

Info & rsvp at <https://tinyurl.com/238pc4mn>

- Celebrate our parish
- Envision our future
- (Re)discover local opportunities



H/ford Primary School - Sat. 10th Jun.

10:15: Coffee/tea/cake; **10:30 - noon:** Community conversation:

What do we most value about living here? What challenges do/will we have? What changes do we want by 2030?;

Noon -1:30pm: Exhibition & lunch (provided by PTFA).

Harberton Charity Quiz Trails in aid of the Parish Hall – it's on **Sun. 11th Jun.** You set off between 10:30 & 11:30 am on a one-mile village or four-mile lanes & green lanes route. £3/quiz sheet. All completed entries enter a prize draw (2pm).

Refreshments available for walkers and non-walkers. Info: Sasha Newman, fithealthishappytotnes@gmail.com or 07735-321013.

Harberton Parish Council's (PC) next ordinary meeting (Village Hall) is on **Tue. 13th Jun. (7:30pm)**. In July the PC will revert back to alternating meetings between Harberton and H/ford so that they are equally accessible for residents in both.

The zebra crossing (ZX) on the main road has been the site/cause of many accidents and near misses since its installation in 2003. Devon County Highways engineers have drafted a revised layout that could improve the safety of the ZX. DCC wants the support of the local community to ensure that the project will be considered acceptable. The PC has published the drawings with the proposed new layout. Residents are asked for their views via a questionnaire, by emailing the Clerk clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org or attending the PC's next meeting (**Tue. 13th Jun.**). Info & link to questionnaire: <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/zebra-crossing-plans/>

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

- **June 14th & 28th**
- **July 12th**

The Village Show is on **Sat 5th Aug.** We will be resuming in Sept. 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)

Harbertonford Youth Project (Thursdays, 6-7:30pm) – up to summer hols: •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**

Harberton & H/ford History Society – “Widdicombe Fair” is Devon's most famous song, known across the globe. “Uncle Tom Cobby, Widdicombe Fair and Harberton” is the subject of Dr Todd Gray's talk on **Fri. 16th Jun. (6:30pm)**. It's at Harberton Parish Hall. We will have refreshments to celebrate the talk and our first face-to-face meeting for three years!! All welcome.

Contact: Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com www.bit.ly/hahhs.

H/ford Summer Skittles Tournament – from June (Fri. eves). Teams of six (inc. at least two ladies). Info: John (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. 17th Jun. (11am – 1pm)** Only £8pp. Info: David (07732-687511).

Harbertonford Allotment Society – plot available for immediate take up. Email has-sec@outlook.com
The Village Play Area will soon have a new picnic table to replace the old one (20 years old). There are reports of dog mess in the play area, which is a serious issue. Dogs definitely NOT permitted in the children's play area, please.

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

Harberton Open Gardens (Sat. 17th/Sun. 18th Jun.) & **H**Classic Car Meet (Sun. 18th Jun.). Gardens: Tickets (@ Parish Hall) £10pp – inc. Full cream tea, Photographic Display & Art Show. Info: Annie Williams (07879-037131), Cars: Jo Poulter (07721-414881).

Harberton Church Community Fund – Reg. charity 1172549



Ploughmans and Puddings - all are very welcome. **Tue. 20th Jun. (12-2pm)**. Village Hall, £8. Please book with Frances (732297).

There will be a raffle and jams etc for sale. We hope this will be a time to meet up with friends and enjoy good food and good company. We do hope that you are able to come along.

Jazz evening at the Village Hall – it's on **Fri. 23rd Jun. (7:30)**. Entry by donation.

Village brunch – it's on **Sun. 2nd Jul. (10:15am to noon)** at the Village Hall. **WE NEED HELPERS** on the day - contact Sue Groom (732462). The brunch is a really good way to meet up with friends & neighbours for anything from a coffee to a full English (veg. option also available).

SHV Harbourne River Valley Group – a call to action! We have been monitoring the Harbourne to provide data on its health. The water is tested approx. monthly as part of the *Westcountry Rivers Trust's Citizen Science Investigations scheme*. A larger group would help us to increase our monitoring and broaden our scope. For instance:

- Walks along the river to enjoy and better understand the Harbourne and its wildlife.
- Reducing our household contributions to pollution.
- Working with landowners to assist with actions to improve the riverbank and adjacent environment.

If you would like to join the monitoring group or just learn more, please contact Chris Alton on chrisma217@gmail.com

Community Shop and Post Office

The Leasehold and Business Transfer contracts are agreed. The one remaining key issue is the PO transfer. Volunteers are 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

Harberton Parish Hall needs a cleaner - self-employed position. Four hrs/wk, flexible according to bookings and cleaner's convenience. This is really important, as we want to keep our newly decorated hall beautiful! If you are interested in finding out more, speak to any committee member, call Liz Fearn (866749) or email liz@anglecottage.plus.com

Harbertonford C of E Primary School

Thanks to everyone who joined us for May's community tea. The Kestrels' children made fabulous scones for the event and enjoyed sharing their learning. We will host another community tea in the Autumn term. We are all looking forward to a busy end of year. We have a community sports week, including a whole school outing to *Go Ape* planned and have already started working on our summer production. For recent school news, please see our Facebook page. Anne Burns, Academy Head

Citizens Advice South Hams is researching the rising cost of housing associations' (HA's) rents and charges. If you've experienced a large increase in charges in the last few months, please contact research@southhamscab.org.uk The research will help us lobby HA's and other social landlords to consider reducing these charges. All information will be anonymised. Remember, if you are facing difficulties paying rent, please contact us on 0808-278-7948 for free, confidential, independent advice. You can also visit our office at Follaton House in Totnes. Go to our website for more info: www.southhamscab.org.uk

Village Show: **Sat. 5th Aug.** – we hope that you already have your sunflowers growing and your potato in a bucket! Photo class: "H/ford building viewed from an unusual angle." Visitors will guess where this was taken, so please put name on reverse. We'd love more entries from children so please look at the schedule - available early June. Key contact: Jean (732588).

Fordfiesta -H/ford's Music & Arts festival is on **Sat. 9th Sep.** Local music, art, stalls, food & drink. For more info: Helpers/artists - contact Helen at helensutton@mac.com. Musicians - contact Guy: guy@metcalfe5.co.uk

Recent minor adjustments to 92 bus times – an updated H/ford bus timetable (on white card) is available in the shop.
Kids cricket at Harberton CC (HCC) - Friday eves, June & July. *All Stars Cricket* - 5-8yo. *Dynamos Cricket* – 8-11yo.

Info: email kidscricket@harbertoncc.com or call Jamie Fitzpatrick (07798-631876)

Harbertonford FC – 2022/23 season all done and dusted. For results, fixtures & news go to: www.bit.ly/hf-fc

Football club lottery: £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/mth. April's winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10): Phil Osgathorpe/Graham Clayton/Gina Bovey/Chloe Mills/John Mills/Mavis Sturman. Info: John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net), Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

Village contacts

- ❖ **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., Neighbourhood Plan	10 Jun., Churchyard wildflowers
23 Jun., Jazz evening	2 Jul., Village brunch
5 Aug., Village Show	9 Sep., Fordfiesta

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