

# Village Life

Harbertonford's newsletter

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**W**elcome to the August 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)

**J**ohn Hockings died on 1<sup>st</sup> July, aged 86 years. Reunited with his beloved wife, Jean. Dad to Andrew and Stephen. John served on our Parish Council for many, many years. In 2022 he was made an Honorary Freeman of the parish, in recognition of his incredible service to Harberton and H/ford. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Donations if desired for Dementia UK may be left online at [wcpltd.com](http://wcpltd.com)

**S**ponsorship – many thanks to Pauline and the Flower Club for sponsoring this month's edition. It's timed to coincide with this month's Village Show and their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



**St Peter's Church** has a service on **Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> Aug. (3:30pm)** – everyone welcome. The church is open to all every day between 10:30am & 4pm. [3rivers.org.uk](http://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. July winners:

1. Barbara Martin, Bow Rd., £30
2. Angie Bradley, Packs Cl., £20
3. Debbie Sinclair-Jones, Moreleigh Rd., £10

Thank you to all who support the lottery, it's much appreciated. To join, contact Frances (732297).

**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. 17<sup>th</sup> Aug.** An hour's cleaning. Coffee provided. If you would like to join in, you would be most welcome.

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

**C**ream Teas at the church – on **Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. (2:30-4:30pm)**. We have Brixham Town Band playing from 3-4 pm. Hoping for lovely weather so that we can be outside.

**T**hanks to everyone who helps keep the church open/running. We are all in it together, let's keep it thriving. Frances

## Community Shop and Post Office

It's all systems go!! Barring last-minute problems, by the time you read this the village shop and PO will be under community ownership. The due date for completion of the purchase is **Thu. 27<sup>th</sup> Jul.** It's taken a long time to get to this stage and we thank everyone for their backing and patience. Please support the shop in whatever way you can. The hard work starts here! Many thanks. John McKay [john@liburne.com](mailto:john@liburne.com) 07810-007760

**W**ould you like to be a volunteer for our community PO & shop? We need more volunteers to ensure that the shop/PO runs smoothly and opening hours can remain as they

are. Help needed for essential tasks, e.g. deliveries, shelf stacking, serving customers. Training provided and volunteers will always have someone experienced with them. Please contact me if you are able to give a few hours. Jackie Clayton (732603)

**G**erry Mulrine – the shop/PO committee would like to thank Gerry for his commitment & contribution to the village over the past 17 years. His hard work and diligence (not least during the pandemic) has helped ensure that H/ford still has its village shop/PO – not an easy task in very difficult trading conditions.

Many thanks, Gerry.



**H/ford Village Show**  
(The 53<sup>rd</sup>!!)  
**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Aug.**



**Doors open at 2:30pm**

Main categories: (1) vegetables & fruit (2) flowers (3) cookery & preserves (4) handicrafts (5) young people plus: • photography • floral art • SHV colouring competition plus: Sunflower competition and Potato In A Bucket

As ever, the committee is hoping for a bumper year of entries.

Contact Jean Blackler (732588) or [jean801@btinternet.com](mailto:jean801@btinternet.com)

We'd love more entries from children so please look at the schedule – now in the shop or via Jean.

**B**ee Brick Making Workshop - at the Sustainable Harbourne Valley (SHV) stall at the Village Show. Just bring a box at least 21x9x6cm to carry your brick home. Also on the SHV stall:

- Garden water saving ideas
- Enter the How Big is Your Butt competition. Plus (free)....
- Locally-harvested Yellow Rattle seed for mini meadow making

**F**ree Stay and Play Group - ages five and under. Come along for a chat, a play and some cake! Every Wednesday in August (**2.30-4:00pm**) at the Village Hall. Lucy Mannion

**B**ingo at Moreleigh Village Hall – it's on **Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> Aug. with eyes down at 7:30pm.** Look forward to seeing you there.

\*\*\* A CELEBRATION \*\*\*

**SAVE THE DATE! Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Aug.**

To celebrate the long-awaited transfer to Community Ownership of our PO & Shop - a party on the green opposite the shop. More details will be circulated nearer the time but if you want to help with this, please contact me, Sue, on 01803-732634. The transfer is scheduled for the **afternoon of Thu. 27<sup>th</sup> July**



**Village coffee morning** - monthly raffle, jams, marmalade etc. for sale. **Tue. 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. (10:30am).** Coffee & biscuits £1. Frances (732297).

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



Our next two visits are: **Thu. 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. & Thu. 21<sup>st</sup> Sep.** Info: phone 0345-155-1001.

**REMINDER:** Mobile library timings:

School: **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**) – no meetings this month - summer recess.

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

**Dog walking/pet sitting service** - I am an experienced 16yo offering dog walking and/ or pet sitting to fundraise for a conservation expedition to Madagascar. Cost: £5 (½ hr dog walk) or £8 (1hr). Pet sitting charges would vary and can be discussed. If interested, please contact me at: [hannah.r.wintle@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.r.wintle@gmail.com) or text 07519-643 834.

Thanks, Hannah Wintle

**Village Hall Quiz** – next one very likely to be in Sept. Dates not yet finalised. More details next month.



**Recycling and waste collection**

**Mon. 28th Aug – Fri. 1st Sep.**

Dates for the August Bank Holiday

Collections are **one day late** that week (per SHDC's website).

**Flower arranging** – looking ahead to the autumn, these are the planned dates of our meetings (@ Village Hall and always **Weds. @ 10am**):

- 6th & 20th Sep.
- 4th & 18th Oct.
- 1st, 15th & 29th Nov.

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's music and art festival – Saturday 9th September** 2pm to 9pm. Local music, art, children's activities, stalls, food, bar, tea and cake.



Tickets going on sale in August – keep an eye on our website for full details and ticket sales [www.hfordfiesta.co.uk](http://www.hfordfiesta.co.uk)

**Ashington Tractor Fest – NEW DATE!!**

Vintage tractors & other vehicles on show. It's at Ash Meadow (TQ9 7UR) on **Sat. 9th Sep. (11am-4pm)**. Food, bar, children's play area. Adults £3, juniors £1.50, family £8.



**Harberton Parish Council's (PC)** next ordinary meeting is at Harberton Parish Hall on **Tue. 12th Sep. (7:30pm)** at Harberton Parish Hall. [clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org)



**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. 23rd Sep. (11am – 1pm)** Only £8pp. [Info: David \(07732-687511\)](mailto:info: David (07732-687511)).

**Harberton & H/ford History Society** – we had a great talk from Ian Mortimer in July and all the more enjoyable for meeting together again. Our next talk is on **Tue. 10th Oct. (7.30 pm) - online via Zoom**. **Speaker:** Phil Badcott; **Title:** The Boatmen of Babbacombe Bay. Here is the registration link for it: <https://tinyurl.com/octobertalk> Members free, non-members £3. **Contact:** [Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com](mailto:Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com) [www.bit.ly/hahhs](http://www.bit.ly/hahhs)

**We're Recruiting!** Citizens Advice South Hams is looking for new volunteer advisers, assessors and other roles to help members of the community overcome their problems. Work as part of a dedicated, friendly team. No previous experience necessary and full training given. We welcome volunteers from all walks of life. For more details please visit our website at [southhamscab.org.uk/get-involved/](http://southhamscab.org.uk/get-involved/)

**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 heritage** – there's a short new pamphlet telling the history of Harberton's Wesleyan chapel - a significant part of parish life over many years. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/4xxmrdsu>

**Wanted!!** Three-bed house with garden in or near H/ford. Please contact [lucy.p.mannion@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.p.mannion@gmail.com) or

07815-698690 if you want to sell (or if you might want to buy our two-bed cottage on Moreleigh Rd!).

**Community Speedwatch** - just the three of us yesterday and not much action. We tried the new site outside Harbourne Villa monitoring traffic approaching down the hill from Halwell. Conditions weren't ideal; rather busy and self-regulating along with a bin truck that needed ten minutes to clear the surrounding bins which caused a bit of a bottleneck. It's also a pretty visible site which caused more than a few to hit the brakes very quickly. In the event, we did not catch any speeders between 10 & 11am. Not to worry, hopefully awareness of possible speed traps will help to instil some level of sensible driving habit through the village. More soon, Phil. [laurence.phil.dixon@btinternet.com](mailto:laurence.phil.dixon@btinternet.com)

**Harbertonford Allotment Society** – more folk than ever turned up to our Open Day (including a cyclist from Totnes!). Our kettle was on the boil from 11am until way beyond the 3pm finish time. Sales of produce/plants made an all-time high of £80 for HAS funds. A big thank you to all who contributed to making our annual event such a success. If you want to join the allotment community, email She Coombes: [has-sec@outlook.com](mailto:has-sec@outlook.com)

**Village Brunch** – we had another excellent turnout at July's brunch. Many thanks to all who supported it and massive thanks to the Kitchen Team for (i) providing high quality food/drink and (ii) their unstinting & jolly enthusiasm! Sue Groom

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

**Harberton Parish Community Conversation – find out what people said about June's event!** Tell us if you agree! Go to <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/hnp-consultation/> for a short summary of the event, more details, and your comments.

**Soup, a Cuppa & a Chat in a Warm Space** (H/ford FC). Not July or August. Sept. resumption. Nigel Holmes (732592).

**The current H/ford bus timetable** (on white card) is available in the shop.

**Harbertonford FC** – pre-season training (at the ground) is every Weds. (6:30pm). New players always very welcome! The club has a memorial match (**Sat. 26th Aug., 3pm**) for Bob Monaghan, Steve Jane & Ross Hammond, much-missed HFC legends. **Info:** John Mills ([j.mills@nhs.net](mailto:j.mills@nhs.net)), Mike Bishop (07813-120390). For results, fixtures & news go to: [www.bit.ly/hf-fc](http://www.bit.ly/hf-fc)

**Football club lottery:** £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/mth. **June's winners** (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10): Brian Tickner/ Matt Ghillyer/Paul Turner/Nigel Holmes/ Matt Monaghan/Alan Hamlet

**Village contacts**

- ❖ **Police:** PCSO Russ Broadhurst 30534. **Tel:** 07703-886012 or [russell.broadhurst@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:russell.broadhurst@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)
- ❖ **Village Hall bookings:** Jean Blackler (732588)

**Year Planner 2023:**

**5 Aug.,** Village Show

**11 Aug.,** Bingo @ Moreleigh

**26 Aug.,** Cream teas @ church

**9 Sep.,** Fordfiesta

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**Next issue** – contributions to Graham Clayton (732603 or [g1clayton78@outlook.com](mailto:g1clayton78@outlook.com)). The copy deadline for the September newsletter is 20th August.