

Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter

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

Tilly Palmer died on 22nd July, aged 46 after a long period of ill health. An artist and sculptor, Tilly lived at Luscombe Farm with her husband, Jim. Our thoughts are with Jim and with Tilly's family & friends.



St Peter's Church has no service in September.

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. August winners:

1. Laura Hobden, Mill Meadow, £30
2. Pat Durrans, Old Road, £20
3. Jean Blackler, Old Road, £10

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

Church cleaning – no date for this month. More news in October.

Cream Teas at the church with the Brixham Town Band were enjoyed by many. It was a really lovely afternoon.

The churchyard has now been cut and raked, it looks very good, thank you to all helpers.

Thanks to everyone who helps keep the church open/running. We are all in it together; let's keep it thriving. Frances

August's Bingo held in Moreleigh was a huge success, making over £1,000. Massive thanks to everyone who donated in any way. Frances

Diary date: Harvest Lunch - it's on Sun. 15th Oct. in the Village Hall. More news next month.

Our Community Post Office and Stores is up and running! July's business transfer went according to plan and gradually the shop is being cleaned and restocked. The PO is doing well; every transaction you make there contributes to the success of The Harbertonford Community Ltd. Whilst there are plans for refurbishment, we are moving slowly because, apart from staff, we are all volunteers with other commitments. But with time and support from customers, you will see gradual improvements. We still need a few more volunteers willing to learn the till so if you can spare some time, please get in touch (Sue 01803-732634 or 07870-963024). We have a lot of costs to cover, so we need to increase our daily sales. This will only happen with plenty of local support. Please use the shop as much as you can! Obviously, we

welcome any suggestions that you might have regarding what we sell/how we operate etc. This is a community enterprise and it will only succeed with community involvement.

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



92 bus service – MORE BUSES!!

On the Stagecoach website: "From Sun. 3rd Sep. our 92 bus timetable is

enhanced significantly, with the frequency of buses doubled to every hour for much of the day (Mon.-Sat.). A number of additional early evening journeys will also be introduced, providing later journey opportunities in both directions. Buses 7 & 92 will provide an hourly frequency from Exeter to Dartmouth via Newton Abbot, with a guaranteed connection in Totnes. The vast majority of journeys are designed to connect in and out of Bus 7 at Totnes.

An updated H/ford bus timetable, taking account of the new 92 times, will be available in the shop next week.

Flower arranging – these are the planned dates (Sep. to Nov.)

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 Youth Project (Thursdays, 6-7:30pm) – our sessions restart this month. Dates up to Christmas are:

- Sep. 7th & 21st
- Oct 5th & 19th
- Nov. 2nd, 16th & 30th
- Dec. 14th

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

FORD FIESTA Harbertonford's music and art festival
Saturday 9th September
2pm to 9pm.



GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

Visit - www.hfordfiesta.co.uk

- Limited numbers
- Full refund if cancelled
- Cheaper in advance
- Simple online process

Please note that FordFiesta tickets can be purchased from the village shop.

Park Action Group - we will be running a second-hand toy stall at FordFiesta and are on the hunt for unwanted toys. If you have any used, but unwanted toys can you please drop them into the village shop. Thanks in advance. Any queries please contact Jess on 07894-063018.

FORD FIESTA RAFFLE
MUSIC & ART FESTIVAL
Sat 9th September

Loads of great prizes to be won in our grand draw.
Tickets on sale in the village shop and at the event - £2 each

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



Village coffee morning - monthly raffle, jams, marmalade etc. for sale. **Tue. 19th Sep. (10:30am).** Coffee & biscuits £1. Frances (732297).

Village Hall Annual General Meeting
Wed. 20th Sep. (7:30pm) in the Village Hall

- Report of activities and events
- Report of financial position
- Formation of committee to manage the hall
- Discussion of future plans

This is a chance for any villager to come to the Hall, meet with those who manage its use and development, make observations and suggestions and/or join the management committee.

Rob Summers (732004), robert.summers13@btinternet.com

Libraries Unlimited

Our next two visits are: **Thu. 21st Sep.** & **Thu. 19th Oct.** 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

Village Show - this is an annual village event and despite this year's poor weather there were a lovely lot of entries and I would like to thank all those who participated. Thank you to all who helped put the event together and kept the visitors well supplied with the excellent cream teas. Look forward to seeing you all at next year's show on Sat. 3rd Aug. Jean B

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

Skittles Tournament - the final (11th Aug.) was a very close event with the Misfits and Sunday Nighters drawing on nine ends with a total of 424. This required a further end to be played with the Misfits winning narrowly by four pins!! Many thanks to all the teams who took part - see you again next year. John B

Harbertonford Allotment Society - enquiries: has-sec@outlook.com

Harberton & H/ford History Society - our next talk (online via Zoom) is on **Tue. 10th Oct. (7.30 pm)**. **Speaker:** Phil Badcott; **Title:** "The Boatmen of Babbacombe Bay". It's the story of the fishermen and pleasure boat skippers of Babbacombe Bay in Torquay from the 1850s to the 1950s using previously unseen photos from Phil's family's photo archive and the unheard stories of his nine ancestors who were Babbacombe Boatmen. All welcome. Members free. Non members £3.

The registration link for it is: <https://tinyurl.com/octobertalk>
Contact: Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com www.bit.ly/hahhs

Village Hall Quiz - there's another fundraising quiz in the pipeline. **PROBABLE** date is **Fri. 13th Oct.**



Argentinian Tango at H/ford Village Hall

Unfortunately, this month's session has been cancelled. We resume on **Sat 21st Oct.** Sorry for any inconvenience. David (07732-687511).

Weather watch - was June & July's rainfall unusual this year? Thanks to David Groom for this H/ford data (inches):

	2023	2022	2021	Av.1984-2020
Jun.	0.5	2.3	2.3	2.8
Jul.	6.9	0.2	4.9	2.8
Difference	6.4	2.1	2.6	0.0

Yes, it was certainly unusual, with hardly any rain in June followed by the second wettest July that David's ever recorded (i.e. since 1984). The difference between the two months' rainfall (6.4 inches) is the biggest in the past 40 years.

Cleaner sought (Harberton) - can anyone recommend a cleaner for us? We live in Harberton. Many thanks. Please call 01803-862870.

Soup, a Cuppa & a Chat in a Warm Space (H/ford FC) - we plan to resume these lunches in October. Nigel Holmes.

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 or text 07519-643 834.

Thanks, Hannah Wintle

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

Would you like to join our board? Citizens Advice South Hams is looking for volunteer trustees to help shape the future of one of the South Hams' biggest charities, providing free and independent advice for everyone on a wide range of issues. We're looking for people from all backgrounds regardless of race, disability, gender or religion. Trustees are members of the community who can use their experience and ideas to ensure the organisation is meeting the needs of local people. To find out more, please email recruitment@southhamscab.org.uk

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

Community Speedwatch - on 11th Aug. we logged ten speeders, including a Scania mega cement mixer barrelling past at 38mph. Just to underline, we are only able to report vehicles travelling at over 35mph. I estimate this site is at least 100 yards beyond the 30mph restriction sign, and yet many vehicles including 30+ ton trucks are still charging through at more than 30mph, these are just the worst during a one-hour period. We will organise another session shortly. Phil

laurence.phil.dixon@btinternet.com

Village Brunch - hopefully we'll have another brunch in October. More news next month.

Harbertonford FC - pre-season training (at the ground) is every Weds. (**6:30pm**). New players always very welcome! The Fords' first home league match is on **Sat. 2nd Sep.**

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

For results, fixtures & news go to: www.bit.ly/hf-fc

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

Jul: Donna Jane/Matt Monaghan/Chris Hatch/

Mark Hancock/Kieran Brown/ Mike Bishop

Aug: Gina Bovey/Marie Southcott/Matt Ghillyer/Chris Hatch/

Chloe Mills/Luke Forward

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:

9 Sep., FordFiesta

15 Oct., Harvest Lunch

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