

Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the February edition of *Village Life*, in which we hope to keep you informed of local news and events. This newsletter is produced by HSSG (H/ford Sports and Social Group) and 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.

A downloadable version (PDF file) of *Village Life* is available on these two village websites: www.harbertonford.com
www.harbertondevon.co.uk

Sponsorship – many thanks to Jeremy & Hilary for sponsoring this month's edition. Their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



John Horswill, who organises H/ford's Christmas tree every year, would like to thank everyone who donated towards the cost of the tree & lights:

Post Office collection box	£30.81
Collection at Carols Round The Tree	87.29
Anonymous donation	30.00
Total raised	£148.10

Finally, many thanks to John & Jean Blackler for funding the £30 cost of electricity.

Carols Round The Tree - many thanks to Peter Beamish for providing the music at December's carol service. There was an excellent turnout (and some excellent singing!).



St Peter's Church

Public worship in church remains suspended. In the meantime there will be a Sunday Service on Zoom or via telephone for the whole of the Mission Community at 11am.

Please email parish_sayle@me.com or phone 01548-821199 for the log-in details.

Once a week (Thursdays 11-12) the church is open for private prayer. Please come in. All welcome. Face masks must be worn and social distancing observed

Church website – a reminder that the benefice's website address is now: 3rivers.org.uk

P.C.C. lottery - thank you to all who contribute each month. Lottery payments are now due. Many like to pay for the year (£12), so please pay your usual collector. Otherwise pay Sue Lethbridge in the PO or Hazel (732672) or phone Frances (723297) for collection. If you usually pay at the coffee morning please contact one of us. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and does make a difference to the church finances. **January's winners:**

1st Barbara Gardiner, Woodland Road, £20

2nd Helen Dobson, Pear Tree Court, £10

3rd Bunny Rothwell, Moreleigh Road, £5

Perhaps you would think about joining for the first time? That would be great - look forward to hearing from you. This is the 30th year of the lottery!!!!
God Bless, Frances & Hazel

Uppdate on Covid vaccinations from Leatside Surgery - see the latest updates on Covid vaccinations for those registered with Leatside Surgery at:

<https://www.facebook.com/leatsidesurgery>

South Hams District Council - because of the Covid crisis SHDC is focused on delivering help and support to individuals and the many beleaguered companies affected by the pandemic. It has had to adapt to the many new responsibilities it now has and to dealing with constantly changing directives coming down from central government. I am not bashful about criticising SHDC, but in this regard I believe it really has risen to the challenge. If you know of anybody or a business that needs assistance from the council then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. Many thanks. Cllr John McKay (732117), john@mckay.sh

The *Just Giving* page for those villagers affected by December's flood is still open. Over £2,800 raised so far – a tremendous response from the village. To make a donation go to: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jo-walker-2?utm_id=102&utm_term=zqYnBWRK4

Harbertonford Community Response remains on standby to support village residents (self-isolating) with shopping and other tasks needed during the Coronavirus outbreak.

We can help with things like:

- Shopping
- Meal delivery
- Prescription collection
- Help finding advice
- Pet care
- Gardening

Please get in touch...Call 01803-731077 or email:

harbertonfordcommunityresponse@gmail.com

Please do call us...We are here to help you!

Harbertonford Community Response
here to help our neighbours
through the Coronavirus outbreak

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Tel: 01803 731077

Citizens Advice South Hams is extending its reach into the community with a new remote service. Five video booths in local community centres will enable those who have difficulties accessing the internet to use a laptop and be connected directly to a trained Citizens Advice adviser. Your nearest centre is Totnes Connection Hub (Weds. 10:00-12:30). Call **01803-840354** to make an appointment. For help over the phone call Devon Adviceline free on **0800 144 88 48**. Visit the website southhamscab.org.uk for more information.

Parish Council (PC) – the next PC meeting (via Zoom) is on **Tue. 9th Feb. (7:30pm)**. Meetings may be observed by the public. The public session within the first 30 mins. of the PC remains a standing item on the regular agenda. Info. on how to access meetings via Zoom are available on the PC website when the agenda is published (www.harbertonparishcouncil.org)



The mobile library service's next two H/ford visits - at the church (ONLY!) from **3:05pm to 4pm** - are on:

Thu. 11th Feb. & Thu. 11th Mar. We hope to see you at the mobile library soon! **Info:** phone 0345-155-1001.

Sustainable Harbourne Valley is holding a public (Zoom) meeting on **Thu. 11th Feb. (7:30pm)**. All are welcome. The meeting is in part to be able to formally constitute but also to share news and ideas and launch the SHV website. For further details email: hello@sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk



**Harberton & H/ford History Society
Programme 2021**

Note: All meetings start at 7:30pm

Tue. 2nd Mar. - Colin Vosper: "The Old Saltway; From Coombe Cellars to Totnes" – Zoom meeting

Tue. 5th Oct. - Dr Todd Gray: "Uncle Tom Cobley, Widecombe Fair and Harberton"

Tue. 16th Nov. - Sue Knox: "General Lawrence and his tower - the History of the Haldon Belvedere"

Email: handhf.history.society@gmail.com to register your interest.

Thanks, Jill Powell, Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com

<http://www.harbertonandharbertonfordhistorysociety.org>



**Village School
News**



At very short notice the school had to switch from having all of our pupils in school to teaching the majority of our pupils remotely using a variety of online methods. We remain open for the children of our critical workers and vulnerable families. I want to thank my staff for the dedication and professionalism they have shown and the speed at which they have embraced the new way of teaching. The variety of online learning they are providing is impressive. I also want to thank our families for their support. It is hard for them to balance the needs of their jobs while working at home and then suddenly having to help teach their children at home. Lastly, I want to thank the community for your support.

Anne Burns, Academy Head

The school is open and therefore we do require the community to continue removing their cars from the car park by 08:30 each morning. **Advance notice:** The car park will be closed to the community for the annual closure from **Fri. 26th Mar. (16:00)** and reopens on **Mon. 29th Mar.**

School info: Vicky Rawlings, school admin team

(t) 732352, (e) adminharbertonford@thelink.academy

Office hours: Mon. – Fri., 08:30 - 16:00.



**South Devon AONB
Online talks programme
Feb. – May 2021 (all talks are at 7-8pm)**

A series of free informal and informative talks about South Devon AONB from the

comfort of your sofa! www.southdevonaonb.org.uk

- **Tue. 23rd Feb: 120 years of farming in Prawle**
70% of the AONB is farmed. Using old family photos, archives and personal stories, Roger Tucker will show how farming and farming family life has changed over the last 120 years.
- **Mon. 15th Mar: Tales of the Dart estuary**
Discover the history of living, working and leisure time on the Dart with John Risdon's tales and wonderful archive images.
- **Mon. 19th Apr: Seasonal guide to local bird watching**
Find out about bird migration and the journeys taken to get here from far off places and how they are getting ready for the busiest time of the bird year – breeding season. Also, how you can get involved with International Dawn Chorus Day on Sun. 2nd May.
- **Tue. 11th May: A history of local orchards and cidermaking**
Robin Toogood, chair of Orchard Link, looks at the importance of orchards and cider-making to our region. How Devon became famous for its cider, why there were so many orchards, why they disappeared and how they are now making a comeback.

Get your free ticket at: www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/events
After booking your free place you will be sent a link and instructions on how to sign into the talk. You will need a computer or mobile device with internet access.

Weather watch – here's a quick summary of the 2020 rainfall data (in inches) for H/ford:

	2020	2019	Average 1984-2018
Jan. - Apr.	21.9	13.7	16.5
May - Aug.	13.3	10.7	11.5
Sep. - Dec.	21.3	27.3	19.2
Full year	56.5	51.7	47.2

So 2020 was a wet year, in fact the fourth wettest since 1983. In all of the four-month periods shown above, it was wetter than the 35-year average. Also December 2020's rainfall (10.9 inches) was the highest December reading since David Groom began keeping records. Many thanks to David for providing this data.

Village Hall (VH) – the cleaning contractors will deep clean the hall once Covid restrictions are lifted. Hoping for activities to restart in the hall soon.

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

H/ford Allotment Society – all plots currently taken.

Contact: has-sec@outlook.com

Football ground – sadly, dog mess has been found again on the playing area. It's unhealthy, unsightly and totally unnecessary. HFC welcomes dog walkers, but please respect the club and keep off of the playing area. There's plenty of room away from the white lines! Please remove (and take away with you!!) all dog mess. Many thanks, HFC committee.

Football club (HFC) – no matches, no training sessions at present. Club info: John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net) or Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

HFC Lottery – £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/month.
December winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

Chris Hatch/Linda Allen/Jordan Baggott/ Graham Clayton/
Pauline Overton/Carl Southcott.

Info: j.mills@nhs.net. January winners w/be printed next month.

Police support - PCSO Russ Broadhurst is a regular visitor to the village. If you wish to contact him then, in the first instance, text or email him. Otherwise dial 101. In an emergency dial 999. To contact Russ via text, dial 07703-886012. His email address IS NOW: russell.broadhurst@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Youth club – please contact Gwen on 732447 if you can help to keep our junior youth club going.

What's On – a trimmed-down list of interest groups and regular village events, with contact details:

- ❖ **Parish Council:** www.harbertonparishcouncil.org or via 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).

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