

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. 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.

Brian Gardiner died on 8th January, aged 73. Brian had been seriously ill for fourteen years. He bore his illness with incredible bravery, positivity and good humour. Brian & Barbara moved to H/ford 20 years ago and their outgoing nature meant that they made new friends quickly and easily. He was influential in many village fundraisers & initiatives (most notably; organising his charity auction for the Ricky Grant Unit @ Torbay Hosp. and managing the Fordstock Music Festival). He was also the editor of the long-lamented *Nobbers' News*. Brian was a multi-talented man, devoted to his family. His passing, whilst not unexpected, was, nonetheless, a massive shock and sadness for his and Barbara's many friends in H/ford. Our thoughts are with Barbara, Jonathan, Nick, Sarah, Evie & Piran.

Edna Bearns, nee Hingston, died recently. Edna grew up in H/ford with her sister & brother, both deceased, and sang in the choir at St. Peter's. Edna was a nurse at Totnes Cottage Hospital where she met her husband, Ted. Although she was in ill health she loved hearing news of H/ford and she contributed to the church lottery since it began. Please remember Lynda and Sally, Edna's daughters, in your prayers and all her family. Edna's burial is on **16th Feb. (1:30pm)** @ Netley Marsh, Southampton.

Kind regards, Muriel Wakeham

Sponsorship – this edition is sponsored by Sarah Morrison, who is a big fan of 'Village Life', both literally and also in print. Sarah's generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.

A downloadable version (PDF file) of Village Life is available on these two village websites:

- www.harbertonford.com
- www.harbertondevon.co.uk

Church website – a reminder that the benefice's website address is:

3rivers.org.uk



St Peter's Church – we have no information on February services, so please contact the churchwardens for dates/times:

- Frances (732297) or Hazel (732672)

P.C.C. lottery – thank you to all our members (now >100!). Please remember that your payment of £12 is due for 2022.

Pay your usual collector. Contact Frances (732297) or Hazel (732672) if you would like to join. Our lottery makes a big difference to the running of the church; helping to pay for electricity/gas and many other expenses. December's winners:

1st Kath Pearson, Packs Close, £20

2nd Sue Miller, Totnes, £10 3rd Helen Dobson, Peartree Ct, £5

January winners:

1st Janet Wooster, Hernafor Lane, £20

2nd Sarah Orme, Bow Rd, £10 3rd Rose Palmer, Poulston, £5

Church clean – this month it's **Thu. 24th Feb. (11am)**. Just for one hour. If you are able to join us that would be great. We

still need a working Hoover - does anyone have one they might like to donate? Contacts: Frances (732297) or Hazel (732672).

The village food bank (in the shop) welcomes donations.

These are gratefully received and go to local people. Many thanks, in advance, to all donors.

Apologies to all of you whose sponsorship of *Village Life* hasn't yet appeared. The massive response to last year's request for sponsors means we're still working down through our list of generous donors. You have not been forgotten!

Christmas Tree - John Horswill, who organises H/ford's tree every year, would like to thank everyone who donated towards the cost of the tree & lights. £217 was raised as follows:

Post Office collection box	£18.45
Collection at Carols Round The Tree	68.81
Anonymous donation	100.00
Anonymous donation	30.00
Total raised	<u>£217.26</u>



Thanks to some funding from Community Benefit Fund, I have booked ten weeks of Village Hall hire (**Mondays, 5-7pm**), from **Mon. Jan 31st**.

These workshops are aimed at children and parents who would like to spend an hour learning to play their ukuleles and guitars together. Two distinct 50 min. sessions: Beginners and Intermediate with a 20 min. break between. Ten weeks of sessions at £2.50/session. Songbooks will be issued to those who book for the ten weeks. Ukuleles are tuned up to D, to make it possible to play novice guitars as well...There will be ukuleles available for people to try out! Many thanks, Peter Beamish

Flower arranging – dates for next two months (Weds., in the Village Hall): **2nd & 16th Feb.**, then **2nd, 16th & 30th Mar**. Start time is **10am**. No set charge. Apart from flowers, equipment is available as is tuition, if needed. It's relaxed & fun (+ coffee). New members welcome. Thanks, Pauline Hancock (732393).

Village Hall Bar – a notice that the weekly Village Hall bar has re-opened. It's every Friday evening from 7:30pm.

Village Hall Bar Quiz – this month we host our first quiz. It's on **Fri 18th Feb. (8pm)**. Open to all, so why not meet old/new friends and give your grey matter a spring clean!



Skittles are on **Sunday evenings** in the Village Hall (**7-9pm**). Everyone is welcome. Sanitiser available and masks optional. A charge of £2 to include coffee/tea and biscuits. Enquiries to John (732588).

This month's PC meeting is on **Tue. 8th Feb. (7:30pm)** at H/ford Village Hall unless circumstances change due to the pandemic. <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org>

Harbertonford Youth Project is a space for young people aged 8+ to get together and have fun. We run every other Thursday (6:15-7:45pm) at the Village Hall. The sessions are free and include fun and engaging games, arts and crafts, drinks and snacks. This month we are running on **Thu. 10th Feb.** and we have a half term activity for young people on **Thu. 24th Feb.** Please email: amarshall.traye@gmail.com for more information.

The Harberton & Harbertonford Community Land Trust will soon finalise the purchase of land in Harberton to build affordable housing for the parish. Part of the scheme is an electricity microgrid that we have a grant to design at the moment. The grant funders have asked us to engage with the community about how any surplus funds from this could be best used for the benefit of the parish. So we have created this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JJPB26F> which we encourage you to complete. Best wishes, Nick Williams

Sustainable Harbourne Valley (SHV) members will be planting the first fruit trees as part of the Fruit Corner project. This is on **Sat. 12th Feb.** and will see an area in the corner of the play park developed to provide the village with free fruit as well as providing a haven for wildlife and a tranquil place to come a sit. It is hoped that children and their families will join us from **12-1pm** for a fruity drink, a chance join in with some of the planting and an opportunity to learn more about caring for fruit trees

SHV also has a Seed Swap and Wildflower Plug event on **Sun. 27th Feb. (11am-1pm)** at the Grow & Share stall on Old Rd. The plugs (lesser knapweed, bird's-foot trefoil, self-heal & yarrow) will help increase the biodiversity and interest of lawn/grass areas in the garden – 25p each, ready to plant out.



Village coffee morning - Tue. 15th Feb.

(10:30am). Our 32nd year got off to a slow start with only nine people attending. Please join us in February. Everyone is welcome and

we look forward to seeing you. **Cost:** £1 (inc. coffee & biscuits). We also have a raffle and bring & buy stall, with, usually, a very varied selection of things for sale. If you would like to bring along your knitting ,crochet or anything you wish that's fine. We thought we would give it a try. We are delaying the Soup and Pudding event till a little later when we know what restrictions will be lifted. More info next month. Also we are hoping to arrange a day trip on Bob The Bus in the spring. We will discuss this at the Feb. coffee morning. **Info:** Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297).

Argentinian Tango returns to H/ford Village Hall Sat. 19th Feb. (11am – 1pm)



Only £7pp. Suitable for complete beginners to more experienced Tangueros. Teachers will be Anna and Ute. Please perform a Covid test before coming to the class. For more info. and to check that the course is going ahead please

contact David 07732-687511. We hope to see you there! Many apologies for January cancellation.



USE IT OR LOSE IT!! Our mobile library still needs more customers. Its next two H/ford visits - at the church (ONLY!) from

3:05pm to 4pm - are on **Thu. 24th Feb.** and **Thu. 24th Mar.** **Info:** phone 0345-155-1001.

Children's cricket - Harberton CC plans to run weekly cricket sessions (in May) for youngsters (ages 5-11). **Info:** Jamie Fitzpatrick (07798-631876) or kidscricket@harbertoncc.com

Village School – our children at the school had a great time "visiting" Japan last month and they are already enjoying their Forest School sessions.

- The lunchtime team would like to create a reading area that children can use during the long break. They would welcome any donations of cushions with removeable, washable covers.
- We are looking for volunteers to help at lunchtime and to hear readers. If you can help, please contact the school office.

Tel: 01803-732352, adminharbertonford@thelink.academy

There are parking problems at the school and so we have sent a letter to all homes in the village which explains the situation.

Village shop - there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work going into getting ready for a Community Share Offer to raise the funds to take over the Shop and PO. See Next VL and a new web site with all the information. If you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch: john@mckay.sh 01803-732117.

Harberton & H/ford History Society will be sending out its 2022 programme shortly. Thanks, Jill Powell, Secretary

Struggling with debt? Citizens Advice South Hams has a dedicated team of advisers including two qualified debt relief intermediaries who are registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and who offer free, confidential, and impartial advice. They can be contacted via the designated debt Adviceline on 01803-659-734 and leaving a message, or emailing debt.advice@southhamscab.org.uk. For generalist advice contact Citizens Advice South Hams on 0808-278-7948 or visit the website www.southhamscab.org.uk

Open Gardens - provisional date is **28/29th May**. If you are interested email helenrphillips@icloud.com Thanks, Helen

Weather watch – here's a quick summary of the 2021 rainfall data (in inches) for H/ford:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Av.1984-2018</u>
Jan. - Apr.	14.4	21.9	13.7	16.5
May - Aug.	19.3	13.3	10.7	11.5
Sep. - Dec.	<u>18.6</u>	<u>21.3</u>	<u>27.3</u>	<u>19.2</u>
Full year	<u>52.3</u>	<u>56.5</u>	<u>51.7</u>	<u>47.2</u>

It was another wet year. In fact six of the wettest years since 1984 were in the past decade. 2021 also had the driest April (and then the wettest May) since 1984, when David Groom began keeping records. Many thanks to David for providing this data.

Platinum Jubilee Weekend Event - Village Hall, Sat. 3rd Jun!

Details will follow but make a note in your diary for what will be a celebration event for all the family!

Chris and Margaret (Sustainable Harbourne Valley) – REPEAT REQUEST. We are "Maintaining for Wildlife," a strip at the far end of the churchyard. We need someone to cut and maintain a boundary path at the margin of our area. We MAY have access to a petrol lawn mower. If you can help please contact Margaret (731081) or Chris (732095). Thank you.



Football club lottery:

£160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/month.

Dec's winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

Holly Stone/ Mark Hancock/Mavis Sturman/Jordan Baggott

Robin Dart/Mark Hancock

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

Year Planner 2022

28/29 May??, Open Gardens **3 Jun.**, Platinum Jubilee Event
6 Aug., Village Show **tbc** Village brunch

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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.