

Village Life

Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the March 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.

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

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!

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 – two services this month:

- **Wed. 2nd Mar., (10am)** Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion.
- **Sun. 20th Mar. (3:30pm)** - Holy Communion

Mothering Sunday service on Sun. 27th Mar. (3:30pm) at St Leonard's, Halwell.

Easter Sunday service at St Peter's on Sun. 17th Apr. (3:30pm).

Info: Frances (732297) or Hazel (732672).

P.C.C. lottery – please remember that your payment of £12 is due for 2022. Pay your usual collector. Contact Frances or Hazel 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.

February's winners:

1st Helen Dobson, Peartree Court, £25

2nd Pat Durrans, Old Road, £15

3rd Julie Wheeler, Kiln House, £10

Plant sale in aid of Halwell, Moreleigh & H/ford churches – coffee, light lunches and cream teas. It's at Higher Poulston on **Sat. 14th May (10am-4pm)**. Any garden related items would be gratefully received. More details to follow.

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.

Citizens Advice South Hams is here to help during the cost-of-living crisis. Its team of advisers and specialists can help with benefits and income maximisation, to debt and energy advice and more. Call the generalist advice line on **0808-278-7948**, or for energy advice call the energy advice line **01803-659733** and leave a message, or email energy.advice@southhamscab.org.uk.

The Village Hall committee is organising celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on **Fri. 3rd Jun.** In the evening, there will be a concert featuring The Old Dogs band, a bar and food by *Proper Moorish* burgers. In the afternoon, it is hoped to invite villagers to bring their own food and drinks to a "family

picnic" either on the football field or, if the weather dictates, inside the Village Hall. It is hoped that there will be several activities to entertain both children and adults. A clown is likely to appear, and volunteers are needed to perform or organise other entertainments and activities. Cream teas, fancy dress competitions for children and adults, music, sports events have all been suggested. If you would like to volunteer for any activity or to discuss an idea, please contact Rob Summers on 732004 or at robert.summers13@btinternet.com



Still six weeks to go!! These

workshops are aimed at children and parents who would like to spend an hour learning to play their ukuleles and

guitars together. Village Hall (**Mondays, 5-7pm**), £2.50/session. Two distinct 50 min. sessions: Beginners and Intermediate with a 20 min. break between. 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 this month (Weds., in the Village Hall): **2nd, 16th & 30th Mar.** Start time is **2pm (please note it's now an afternoon session!!)**. 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).

Fledglings Baby and Toddler group meets Fridays during term time (9:30-11:00am). It's at our village primary school (tel: 732352). £1 entry to include a snack and drink for child and tea/coffee and cake for the parents and carers. Fledglings is run by Sinead Bennetts, a qualified early years worker.



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).

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. Our next four meetings are **Thu. 3rd Mar., Thu. 17th Mar., Thu. 7th Apr., Thu. 14th Apr.**

Contact 07426-290141 or lshamlyn.traye@gmail.com

This month's **PC meeting** is on **Tue. 8th Mar. (7:30pm)** at H/ford Village Hall. Thank you very much to everyone who gave their time to plant the new fruit corner at the village park, to members of the Parish Council for cleaning up the play equipment and safety surfaces and to neighbours who helped with access to power and water. It's looking great! If you've time to join the group forming to help revitalise the park, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org.

Point-to-Point (PtP) at Buckfastleigh racecourse (take Lower Dean exit off A38) on **Sun. 13th Mar.** Pony racing at 11am; PtP racing starts at noon. Entry costs: £15pp & U16s free. **Info:** Jacqui Elliott (01364-643462).



Monday night fish and chips – the *Just For The Halibut* fish and chip van visits the village every Monday. It parks in Bow Road from 5-6pm and then opposite the pub from 6:15 - 7:30pm.

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



Village coffee morning - Tue. 15th Mar.

(10:30am) - you are very welcome. We have a raffle, bring/buy stall, most times jams, marmalade and produce. **Cost:** £1 (inc. coffee

& biscuits). As a change on **Tue. 19th Apr.**, we are having a soup and pudding event from 12 noon to 2pm. If you wish to come, please book: Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297) - tickets £6.

This will include homemade soups and puddings with tea/coffee.

Harberton & H/ford History Society welcomes Robin Toogood on **Tue. Mar 15th @7:30pm**. His **Zoom** talk is titled "A History of Orchards and Cider in S. Devon". Robin is Chair of Orchard Link (www.orchardlink.org.uk). To register for talk: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcOmspiwHtl8yE-fi_rTUXec9ZbZj6?mc_cid=95eb148a8f&mc_eid=e177c9879f

For later in 2022 we have organised:

Tue 14th Jun. – AGM and then "Sharpham Estate: Ups and Downs" - an illustrated talk by Lynette Gribble.

Sun. 17th Jul. - Annual Summer Archaeological Walk and Picnic

Tue. 4th Oct. - 'The Time Traveller's Guide to Regency Britain'

Tue. 22nd Nov. - The Remarkable Pinwill Sisters.

Thanks, Jill Powell, Secretary

Penguin Cafe are world-renowned, comprising a talented group of musicians from Suede, Gorillaz & Razorlight. See them live at St Mary's Church, Totnes on **Fri. 18th Mar. (7pm)**. Details: www.cabaretvoltaireevents.com

Argentinian Tango at H/ford Village Hall

Sat. 19th Mar. (11am – 1pm)

Only £7pp. Suitable for complete beginners to more experienced Tangueros. Teachers will be Anna and Ute. We suggest that you 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.



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

3:05pm to 4pm - are on **Thu. 24th Mar.** and **Thu. 21st Apr.**

Info: phone 0345-155-1001.

Sustainable Harbourne Valley are holding a GIVE AND TAKE DAY

on Sat. 2nd Apr. (10-12), in the Village Hall

This is a chance to find something you might need or fancy and to offer others your unwanted goods. Everything is free, although coffee, tea and cake will be on offer for sale to try and recoup the hall rental. Only bring items that still have another life: no rubbish nor broken items. Thank you.

Village shop - our work to secure the shop is ongoing. We are preparing a Community Share Offer to raise the funds to take over the Shop and PO. We had hoped to give more information this month, but there has been a slight delay, out of our control. Please bear with us. More news next month! Any questions - don't hesitate to get in touch: john@mckay.sh 01803-732117.

Village School – a couple of pleas this month. Firstly, next half term, our Eagles class are looking at the history of farming. Is there anyone in the community who would be happy to come into school and talk about what farming was like 50+ years ago? Secondly, our PTFA provides much needed funds and experiences to enrich our children's learning experiences. Have

you got the time and enthusiasm to become a friend of the school? If so, we need you to help enrich the learning of the next generation. You can register your interest via this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vQ0V4_Sec0WRRGeMKx2k_Xlag-iyh1NPrL9wml0EkM9UN1BVTz1RzIKV0xMSjg4TEFRRIdENIJJR_C4u
OR contact us direct:

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

Harbertonford Allotment Society – no spare plots at present, but enquiries/interest to has-sec@outlook.com

Cleaner wanted - we are looking for a cleaner to join us for a holiday let at Horner with changeovers on Fridays and Mondays (usually one clean/week – approx. four hours). If you are interested, please call Emily on 07825-266008. Thank you.

Harberton Cricket Club (HCC) is always keen to welcome new members (playing or non-playing). HCC is a very friendly club and it has a lovely ground with glorious views. Our weekend side has a full list of friendlies (usually Sundays). The midweek XI also has a full list of evening fixtures. Potential new members (playing, non-playing), contact Angus (07738-731959). First two home games: **Sat. 23rd Apr.** (Sheepscombe CC) and **Fri. 29th Apr.** (Birdlip CC). www.harbertoncc.com

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

The Dart Music Festival is back - Fri. 6th to Sun. 8th May. www.dartmusicfestival.co.uk for news.

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



New players sought!! Harbertonford FC is keen to attract new players for their South Devon League programme. It's a friendly club, playing a decent standard of football & we have good facilities. Info: John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net) or Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

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

Graham Clayton/Mark Hancock/Harry Gibbins/Luke Forward/Mike Bishop/Jake Harmieston/Terry Eastley. **Contacts:** as above.

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.

Year Planner 2022

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

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Next issue – contributions to Graham Clayton (732603 or ng1clayton78@outlook.com). The copy deadline for the April newsletter is 20th March.