

Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the April & May edition of *Village Life*, in which we hope to keep you informed of local news and events. This newsletter is produced in the village 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 please try and get in touch if you have any information or events that you would like included.

Apologies – because of the sudden imposition of the virus lockdown in late March it was not possible to get the April newsletter to the printers. Fortunately we have been able to get this month's edition printed.

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

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

Covid19 – the lockdown continues and much of what is normally published in this newsletter is not happening. There is still much useful information to be passed on though, not least:

Harbertonford Community Response is a group of village residents offering help with shopping and other tasks which are needed while self-isolating 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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Sponsorship – many thanks to St Peter's PCC for this month's sponsorship. It has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.

Tim Padfield died on 27th February, aged 82, after a long illness. Most of Tim's working life was spent as a conservation scientist. He and his wife Frances lived in H/ford for nearly ten years before moving back to Denmark to live near to their family. In their time here, Tim & Frances made many friends. Tim was very involved in village issues and served on the parish council for about five years. Tim will be greatly missed and remembered for his active mind, talent for drawing and painting, his passion for sea kayaking, for interesting and challenging discussions, for his generosity and his kindness. Our thoughts are with Frances, Nicholas and the Padfield family.



St Peter's Church

The church (and Food Bank) is closed. All church services have been suspended. We thank all of you who support us in many ways.

God bless you all.

Coffee morning – sadly these are cancelled for the foreseeable future. Info: Hazel Willis (732244).

P.C.C. lottery – the winners (£20/£10/£5) for the last two months' draws were:

March

1st Louise White, Marl Pk

2nd Edna Beames, So'ton

3rd Brenda Monaghan, Marl Pk

Thank you to all who contribute each month. Your support is wonderful. If you want to join – it costs only £1/month - please contact Hazel (732244) or Frances (732297).

Help with grass cutting – St Peter's cannot afford to pay for the grass to be cut throughout the summer. Are there one/two/three people in the village who could help out? Please ring Frances (732297) to discuss.

There is a food bank in the village shop. Please donate any food and/or money that you can spare. A number of villagers have suffered a massive cut in their income because of the pandemic. Any help here will be very gratefully received.

South Hams Citizens Advice – anyone with questions around debt, benefits, employment or housing should contact us via our website (www.southhamscab.org.uk) or WhatsApp (07497-758779). Leave a really brief message and one of our team will get back to you. All face-to-face and outreach services are suspended. Monitor our website for when these resume. Alternatively you can phone Advice Line (03-444-111-444).

Urgent dental care (Torbay, Plymouth & Exeter) - to get access, people should phone their own dentist to be assessed. NHS dental surgeries should be contactable, even while their doors are closed. Out of usual surgery hours, call NHS111. The initial phone assessment will help the dentist decide whether someone needs to be seen immediately, within 24 hours or can be booked in later for an appointment. People without a dentist or who cannot contact their usual surgery should call 03330-063300 or email accessdentalhelpline@nhs.net

Free deliveries of meds and essentials - we are a group of mature responsible men & women who ride mainly Harley Davidson motorcycles. We are offering our services to distribute meds and essentials to Dartmoor and the South Hams. We are based in Totnes and are happy to help anyone isolating or vulnerable. Just get in touch with Annie on 07875-263466.

Parish Council (PC) - the first virtual PC meeting was held via Zoom on 14th Apr. This will continue monthly until social distancing measures are relaxed. 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)

Village Play Park – the PC has had to close the play park. The Government (HMG) required play parks to be closed because they are 'high touch' areas, i.e. even if people are using the parks at different times of day, there is still a risk of transmission of the virus through the equipment itself. SHDC is not undertaking its monthly H&S inspection on the basis that people should not be using the equipment. So the PC had no choice but to close the park until HMG advice changes, and until regular safety inspections are reinstated.

Big increase in online and telephone scams - the PC has been made aware of a spike in online and telephone scams claiming everything from Coronavirus cures to money-based ones. Everyone is asked to be vigilant, especially if they have a neighbour who falls into the at-risk groups.

Local bus services – the 164 service runs as usual. The 92 is operating a Sunday service. Bob The Bus is suspended.

The village shop remains well stocked. Gerry is offering a delivery service – please ring 732220 for details. A reminder that there is also a Food Bank in the shop. Please help if you can.

The filling station is open seven days a week (early to late) and it has a good range of groceries.

Scott's Farm Shop – Jo Walker's fruit & veg stall at River House, Woodland Rd is open Mon.-Fri. (8-9:30am & 5-7pm) and at weekends (9am-7pm). Orders taken, delivery service, cash or card accepted. Phone 07929-083523.

A company supplying fresh fish is prepared to deliver to H/ford area on Wednesdays if there's enough interest.
<http://www.soundseafood.co.uk>

Walkers' information from the NFU - please remember that much of our green space is working land. Farms are in the lambing and calving season. Our Parish Clerk has had several reports over recent weeks of livestock accidentally being let loose due to gates not being shut properly, dogs worrying cattle and a close encounter between a walker and a young bull. Please take extra precautions when walking around farmland to protect the animals and the health of the farmers who look after them.

Community equipment update - since we launched our appeal last week, hundreds of you have kindly donated the community equipment that you no longer use, such as walking frames, perching & shower stools and commodes. Thank you! We've received almost 500 items, and we've already started to re-use them (after testing and cleaning them) to help other people to remain independent at home. All donations gratefully received and we now have a particular need for pressure-relieving mattresses, mobile hoists and profiling beds. Call Millbrook Care on 0330-124-4491 and we'll arrange a free collection. (Extract from DCC Covid-19 email 24/4/20).

Totnes Caring - due to the C-19 virus Totnes Caring has suspended all planned public events and clubs, including our Memory Cafe. We will post more information as the situation changes. However, we are providing vital services to those that need them most. Although the majority of our staff are working from home they are able to answer phones (01803-865684) and deal with queries as though they were still in the office. **We still need donations** and we can now receive these by text. Please help spread the word. It is quite easy. To donate:

£3 - text CARING to 70331, £5 text CARING to 70970
£10 - text CARING to 70191

Of course anyone can still become a Friend of Totnes Caring and donate on a regular basis.

H/ford Allotment Society - no plots currently available, but you can join the waiting list. Contact: has-sec@outlook.com

The mobile library service is suspended. Devon Libraries (DL) will continue to offer as many online services as it possibly can so that its libraries remain open to everyone in Devon. DL will be working hard to maintain this access and will be developing new offerings to help support its local communities. Info: www.devonlibraries.org.uk or phone 0345-155-1001

Village Show (Sat. 1st Aug.) – keep this date for your diary. We hope that our annual celebration of local growers will be able to go ahead. Info: Jean Blackler (732588)

Harberton & H/ford History Society – huge thanks to those who are transcribing the Oral History Project interviews. We are now halfway. If you are interested in this fascinating task, we would love to hear from you. It's not difficult, just time consuming – an ideal activity for the times! We have postponed the AGM and Lynette Gribble's talk. Our annual Guided Walk & picnic is on Aug. 1st and the next talk is due on Sep. 22nd. Provisional dates.

Thanks, Jill Powell (07759-578496).

Harbertonford Football Club (HFC) has learned that the SDL 2019/20 season is over and all results will be expunged. A real shame as HFC headed the Div. 1 table at lockdown. Info: John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net) & Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

HFC Lottery – the football club has a monthly lottery, with prizes totalling £160. It costs £5/month and new members are always welcome – contact John Mills (see above). Recent winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

- Mar. – Chris Hatch/Mike Bishop/John Mills/Luke Forward/Dan Bovey/Callum Payne.
- Apr. – Jake Harmieson/Mike Bishop/Robin Dart/Harry Gibbins/Paul Turner/David Hart

Memorial football match for Ross Hammond – this has been postponed until the autumn.

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

Huge thanks to all who joined in March's ceilidh at the Village Hall, especially the Mooncoin Ceilidh Band and all the enthusiastic dancers. Thanks to Gavin for the delicious curries and to the bar team for pulling the pints. The evening raised £650 and was organised by The Harbertonford Community Ltd, a local group which is working to save our village shop & PO
www.harbertonford.com www.facebook.com/HfdCommHub/

Parish Environmental Action Group – March's public meeting brought together 40 people from the parish who all expressed their misgivings about the state of our environment. Plans are now on hold, but it would be a shame to lose the momentum that was evident that evening. We hope for a re-opening of these matters as soon as possible.

Thanks, Sue Deakin. www.suedeakin.com

Harberton Cricket Club (HCC) – all competitive cricket is currently on hold. Limited groundwork has started.

Village Hall committee – no meetings planned at present. Info: robert.summers13@btinternet.com (or phone 732004).

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.broadhurst2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
- ❖ **Skittles:** V. Hall, Suns., 7-9pm. Cost £1. Gwen Janes (732447).
- ❖ **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 June newsletter is 20th May.