

# Village Life

Harbertonford's newsletter

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**W**elcome to the April 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.

**H**SSG – *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](http://www.harbertonford.com)
- [www.harbertondevon.co.uk](http://www.harbertondevon.co.uk)

**S**ponsorship – many thanks to Bill & Louise for sponsoring this month's edition. Their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.

**P**at Scoble died on 5<sup>th</sup> March, aged 83. Many will recall Pat's time as landlady of the village pub. Pat and husband Paul ran the Maltsters for a number of years. Following Paul's untimely death, Pat ran the pub successfully for some time. She left in 1994, settling in Totnes. Pat is remembered in the village with much fondness. Our thoughts are with Pat's family and friends.

**C**live Lawrence died on 13<sup>th</sup> March, aged 77. Clive succeeded Pat and, with Heather (aka Charlie), ran the Maltsters from 1994-2006. A native of Reading, Clive enjoyed a range of occupations – carpet fitter, tree surgeon, hotel manager, estate manager and latterly, publican. Under Clive's management the pub continued to thrive, but illness forced him to retire. Astute, good fun and very popular, Clive will be much missed. We send our condolences to Heather, Peter, Zoe, Briony & Connor.



## 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](mailto: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

**C**hurch website – a reminder that the benefice's website address is now: [3rivers.org.uk](http://3rivers.org.uk)

**P.C.C. lottery** – a big "thankyou" to the PO staff for continuing to help by making the monthly draw for us:

**March's winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Joyce Bond, Dartmouth, £20

2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie O'Leary, Woodland Road, £10

3<sup>rd</sup> Jill Legg, Woodland Road, £5

If we can get just a few more members we shall be able to increase the prize money, hopefully next month. Please think about joining if you have not already done so. It's £12 for the year. We make the draw once a month and we would love to have you on board with us. It really does make a big difference towards keeping the church and churchyard open and cared for.

**C**hurchyard tidy on **Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Apr. (10-12 noon)**, please come along if you can, even for an hour. All sorts of jobs need doing. Bring any tools you have but there are always some

spares waiting to be used. We have some very willing grass cutters but badly need two/three more with trimmers to help keep the grass looking good through the summer, PLEASE can you help?? Any offers of help - phone Frances (732297) or Hazel (732672). Thank you all. God Bless, Frances & Hazel

**F**rom the beginning of April the H/ford Coronavirus Support Group will cease to operate. Over the last year we have thankfully had few requests for support, but those we have had have been fulfilled with the help of our lovely volunteers. Saj would like to thank everyone who got involved and gave to their community at this difficult time!

**U** pdate on Covid vaccinations from Leatside Surgery - see the latest updates on Covid vaccinations for those registered with Leatside at <https://leatside.co.uk>. Phone: 01803-862671.



**Village School News** - it has been wonderful to welcome our children and families back to school and we were delighted to see how happy and excited the children were to return. We have

packed a lot in already! One highlight was the virtual tour of Daynes Farm. Helen and David Camp showed the whole school around. We learnt all about life on the farm at this time of year, including kidding, lambing, calving, scanning pregnant cows and the day-to-day care and management of animals and the farm itself. We finished the half term with our virtual Easter festival and an Easter Eggstravaganza organised by our fantastic PTFA.

**School info:** Vicky Rawlings, school admin team  
(t) 732352, (e) [adminharbertonford@thelink.academy](mailto:adminharbertonford@thelink.academy)  
Office hours: Mon. – Fri., 08:30 - 16:00

**S**aturday evenings are Proper Moorish evenings! We are a team of Loddiswell ladies and we now drive our hot food truck to H/ford every Saturday. Our main offering is Gourmet Burgers (meat & veggie) and our Pot Of Goodness (stew, chilli etc.) is always a treat. We serve at H/ford on Saturdays:

- 5-6pm in Bow Road
- 6:30-7:30pm opposite the pub

See our Facebook page (Proper Moorish) for our menu and to pre-order. Alternatively phone us (07970-870677). Cash or card.



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

**Thu. 8<sup>th</sup> Apr. and Thu. 6<sup>th</sup> Apr.** We hope to see you at the mobile library soon! **Info:** phone 0345-155-1001.

**S**ustainable Harbourne Valley's next online meeting will feature a Wildlife Gardeners' Question Time alongside committee elections. It's on **Thu. 8<sup>th</sup> Apr. (7:30pm)**. Open to all - either email for the link: [hello@sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk](mailto:hello@sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk) or become a member: [www.sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk](http://www.sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk)



**Back to normal service this month!**

From **Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Apr.** BTB resumes its village service. So for H/ford it's:

**Tue. 09:10**, return from Totnes **12:45**

**Thu. 09:30**, return from Totnes **13:00**

On-board Covid protocols apply. It is hoped to restart the BTB Travel Club in the summer. **Info:** Lyn (07800-745332).

**Parish Council (PC)** – the next PC meeting (via Zoom) is on **Tue. 13<sup>th</sup> Apr. (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](http://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org)

**South Devon AONB** offers you a free informal and informative talk about South Devon AONB from the comfort of your sofa!! **Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> Apr (7-8pm): 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

**The Devon History Society (DHS)** offers a series of Zoom talks throughout the spring: [www.devonhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.devonhistorysociety.org.uk) DHS launches its “Devon in the 1920’s” project (via Zoom) on **Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Apr. (10am)** with these talks:

- The Legacy of the First World War
  - The Fall of the House of Palk
  - A New Dawn: changes to life in a rural parish
  - Wagonettes & Charabancs: Tourism on Dartmoor in 1920’s
- Anyone can join this free Zoom event.

**The Business & Intellectual Property Centre (BIPC) Devon** will be hosting a programme of events from May to July to celebrate Women in Business. Our intention is to create a space to share women’s knowledge, expertise and experience of the business world. We have a programme of talks, workshops, panel events, networking and much more. All events are free and can be booked via our website: <https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/> If you would like to contribute to our Women in Business programme, please email [bipc@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:bipc@librariesunlimited.org.uk)

**The Village Hall** is scheduled to receive a professional deep clean on **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. The committee will assemble the following week and it is hoped that activities not precluded by remaining restrictions will start soon thereafter.

Rob Summers (732004) or [robert.summers13@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.summers13@btinternet.com)

**The car park at the Village Hall** is private and for use by permit holders and users of the hall only. If you do not have a permit please do not park here as, recently, permit holders have been unable to park due to unauthorised vehicles being left there. Your co-operation would be appreciated. Regards, Jean.

**Harberton & H/ford History Society** – join us for our AGM and next Zoom talk. It’s at **7pm on Tue. 11<sup>th</sup> May**. We ask as many members as possible to attend the AGM to ensure we have the required number when adopting the accounts and voting. The meeting will be short and simple and followed by what promises to be a very interesting talk by Martin Weiler & Dr Will Barrett: ‘The Day we played Brazil’: The Amazing story of Exeter City’s tour to South America in 1914.

Email: [handhf.history.society@gmail.com](mailto:handhf.history.society@gmail.com) to register your interest.

Thanks, Jill Powell, [Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com](mailto:Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com)

<http://www.harbertonandharbertonfordhistorysociety.org>

**This year’s Village Show** is planned for **Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Aug**. Just to get you thinking ahead, grow a single potato in a builder’s bucket – see the surprise on show day!! Photograph theme: ‘Spring is here’ - interpret as you like. Schedules available in May. Contact: Jean (732588) or [jean801@btinternet.com](mailto:jean801@btinternet.com)

**The Harbertonford Community Limited (THCL)** has received a grant of £1,500 from LiveWest to help with addressing the problems with the area of the play-park that is currently fenced off. There will also be £500 from the SHDC Localities Fund and £1,000 from the Parish Council Community Fund. Hopefully, by the summer the necessary works will be done. If you are able to

help in any way please do contact me or the Parish Council. There is also a longer term project to look at how best to improve and develop the play-park. If you have any ideas do let us know. It is your play-park! Thx, John (732117), [me@johnmckay.org.uk](mailto:me@johnmckay.org.uk)

**Citizens Advice South Hams** - 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](mailto:debt.advice@southhamscab.org.uk). For generalist advice contact Citizens Advice South Hams on **0800 278 7948** or visit the website [www.southhamscab.org.uk](http://www.southhamscab.org.uk)

**H/ford Allotment Society** – all plots currently taken.

Contact: [has-sec@outlook.com](mailto:has-sec@outlook.com)

**Football club (HFC)** is delighted that football is restarting. After friendly fixtures in early April, the Fords will compete in a Champions League-style (South Devon) tournament.

**Football ground** – sadly, dog mess has been found again on the playing area. 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.

**HFC Lottery** – £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/month.

**February winners** (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

Jordan Baggott/Stu Maller/Sam Passmore/Linda Allen/

Bob & Brenda Monaghan/Matt Monaghan

**March winners:** Linda Allen/David Mortimore/ Callum Payne (x2)/

Phil Osgathorpe/Jack Hopkins.

**HFC club & lottery info:** John Mills ([j.mills@nhs.net](mailto:j.mills@nhs.net)) or

Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

**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). Our midweek XI also has a full list of evening fixtures. Potential new members (playing, non-playing), contact Angus (07738-731959). For more details: [www.harbertoncc.com](http://www.harbertoncc.com)

**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: [russell.broadhurst@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:russell.broadhurst@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

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

❖ **Parish Council:** [www.harbertonparishcouncil.org](http://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org) or via Parish Clerk on 0845-557-8469 or [clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org)

❖ **Police:** PCSO Russ Broadhurst 30534. Tel: 07703-886012 or [russell.broadhurst@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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](mailto:g1clayton78@outlook.com)). The copy deadline for the May newsletter is 20<sup>th</sup> April.