

Village Life

Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the April 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 Julie for sponsoring this month's edition. Julie's 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.

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 has an Easter Sunday service on **Sun. 17th Apr. (3:30pm)** –. If you'd like to help decorate the church please contact Frances (732297) or Hazel (732672).

P.C.C. lottery – please 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. The winners of the March draw were:

1st Kath Pearson, Packs Close, £25

2nd Pat Durrans, Old Road, £15

3rd Sue Miller, Totnes, £10

The annual parochial church council meeting will be held in St Peter's on **Wed. 27th April (10 am)**. Please come along and give us your views. Tea/coffee provided.

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.

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.

Flower arranging – our last meeting (always Weds., in the Village Hall) before Easter is **30th Mar. @ 2pm**. After Easter we shall be returning to our normal **MORNING TIME, i.e. 10am**.

Future dates: • **27th Apr.** • **11th May** • **25th May**

• **8th Jun.** • **22nd Jun.** • **6th Jul.**

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).

Bob The Bus services to/from H/ford will cease from **Tue. 5th Apr.** This is due to insufficient passenger demand. Also, the village is now reasonably well-served by the 92 and 164 buses.

Sustainable Harbourne Valley (SHV) - everyone is welcome to join the AGM on **Tue. 5th Apr. (6pm)** via Zoom. Please email hello@sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk for the Zoom link. A lot of positive action has taken place since SHV began but changes in circumstances for several trustees mean that we are seeking new people keen to shepherd and steer the organisation so that our events and activities can continue.

Harbertonford Youth Project is a space for young people aged 8+ to get together and have fun. We run (usually) 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 meetings for the rest of the school year are on **7th Apr., 5th & 19th May, 16th & 30th Jun. and 14th Jul.** Also, we have trips and activities planned for the Easter holidays. Details for these will be sent out once confirmed.

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

Village (Flower) Show - there is an informal meeting on in the Village Hall on **Fri. 8th Apr. (8pm)**, with the bar open, to discuss a re-vamp of the show's schedule of events and classes. If you would like to suggest any changes to the show please come along and join the discussion. The show is on **Sat. 6th Aug.**

This month's PC meeting is on **Tue. 12th Apr. (7:30pm)** at H/ford Village Hall. clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org



Village coffee morning - Tue. 19th Apr.

(12-2pm) – this month, as a change, we are having a soup and pudding event. Please book - tickets £6 - by 15th Apr. via

Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297). homemade food plus tea & coffee. Everyone is very welcome indeed.

Devon Libraries **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. 21st Apr.** and **Thu. 21st May.**

Info: phone 0345-155-1001.

Argentinian Tango at H/ford Village Hall

Sat. 23rd Apr. (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.

The Village Brunch is back!! Meet friends and neighbours for a social chat and a Brunch, (anything from a coffee to a full English — vegetarian option available) cooked and served in the Village Hall on **Sun. 24th Apr. (10:30am–noon)**. Payment by donation. Everyone is very welcome indeed.



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).

Maintaining for Wildlife – many thanks to Jeremy & Hilary Thorn for volunteering to help us maintain the wildlife strip in the churchyard. Margaret (Sustainable Harbourne Valley).

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



Wanted for the Plant Sale
@ Knowle House, Halwell
on **Sat. 14th May**



- Unwanted gifts & used gift bags for tombola
- Garden/flower related items for White Elephant stall
- Plants (rooted) • Books & magazines • Sponsorship
- Cakes & preserves (on **Fri. 13th May**)

Drop off at Knowle House or contact Rose for collection:
rosepalmer020@gmail.com or 07976-869506

Citizens Advice South Hams offers free, confidential and impartial advice on issues such as debt, benefits, energy, employment, housing, and health. Contact CA by calling the local Adviceline on freephone 0808-278-7948 or by visiting the website www.southhamscab.org.uk.

Village School - it is lovely to see all the children enjoying being back at school. A huge thank you to Helen, David & Alfred Camp, who organised the visit to their farm for the Owls class. The children had an amazing time meeting the animals, making peg sheep and enjoying hot chocolate and biscuits!

Handy person needed! – the village school is looking for a "handy person" who would be able to do a range of small maintenance jobs in the school on an ad-hoc basis. If you know of someone, please ask them to get in touch.

Tel: 01803-732352, adminharbertonford@thelink.academy

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.

Our shop and Post Office has served the local community for over a century and we are now getting close to bringing it into community ownership. To raise the necessary funds there will be a Community Share Offer in May. There is a lot of detail about this on the newly refurbished website:

<https://harbertonford.com>. As well as media coverage, there will be leaflets in the shop. If you have any questions please get in touch. John, T:01803-732117 M:07810-007760 john@mckay.sh

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

The H/ford Open Gardens will take place on **Sun. 29th May, (11am-5pm)**. There will be nine gardens open with teas and refreshments available in the church and plants for sale in one of the gardens. If you can help with supply of cakes or assistance on the day at the church it would be greatly appreciated. More details to follow. Contact Helen: helenrphillips@icloud.com

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Friday 3rd Jun. - as announced in last month's newsletter, there will be a concert by *The Old Dogs* at the Village Hall in the evening on this date, with a bar and also food by *Proper Moorish burgers*. We still need volunteers, please, to help plan and set up a "village picnic" with activities and entertainments for adults and children. Please contact Rob Summers on 732004 or at robert.summers13@btinternet.com if you can help in any way.

Harberton & H/ford History Society - we had a really enjoyable and interesting talk by Robin Toogood on the history and revival of Devon Orchards. Our next talk (about the Sharpham Estate) is on **Tue. 14th Jun.** It's also our AGM and we look forward to seeing you then. We are eager to welcome new committee members if you have an interest in local history. Our Oral History Project is on track – completion by June, we hope.

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

Harberton Cricket Club (HCC) is gearing up for the new season and groundwork has started. Our weekend (Sunday) and midweek sides have a full list of friendly 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 has (ECB-sanctioned) cricket programmes, run by qualified coaches, on Thursday evenings from May-July. Join us at beautiful HCC as we launch these programs for the benefit of the local community. The emphasis of these programs will be inclusivity.

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed eight weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. It's designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Dynamos Cricket is a next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket. It's also a good introduction for children aged 8-11 years old who are new to the sport. Complementing junior cricket, *Dynamos* provides children with a more social offer, focused on developing fundamental movement skills and applying them in an exciting game of countdown cricket.

Email kidscricket@harbertoncc.com or call Jamie Fitzpatrick on 07798-631876 for more information. Our goal is providing fun, inclusive cricket activities for all of the local community, so if you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Football club - Micky Hunt is HFC's new team manager for the 2022/23 season. He has experience with Torquay youth and has managed in the Peninsula League. Micky also has coaching badges up to Level 3 which will hopefully improve existing and new recruits ready to go for next season.

Football ground – there's been an increase in the instances of dog mess left on the football ground. HFC reminds dog walkers that the football ground is private property. Dogs are NOT allowed on the playing field or the perimeter. Please keep dogs away from the area. Many thanks, HFC committee.

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

Keith Jane/Gina Bovey/Chloe Mills/Callum Payne/Marie Southcott/David Hammond.

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

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

Year Planner 2022

24 Apr., Village brunch

29 May, Open Gardens

3 Jun., Platinum Jubilee events

6 Aug., Village (Flower) Show

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