

Village Life

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Welcome to the May 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.

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.

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

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

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

However we need more sponsors – each edition of *Village Life* costs £10 to print. We've nearly run out of sponsors. So if you'd like to help out please contact Graham Clayton (732603).



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 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

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

April's winners:

1st Stuart Legg, c/o Woodland Road, £20

2nd Pauline Hancock, Fine Pine, £10

3rd Jan Wooster, Hernafor Lane, £5

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the lottery. If you would like to join (£12/year) contact Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297). We do appreciate your support; it really makes a difference to keeping the church running. Many thanks to those who generously donate their winnings.

Churchyard clear-up: Many thanks to all who came to help. We had a great morning. Look out for the next date, probably in about two months' time.

Spring clean: Also, many thanks to the group of ladies who gave the church a spring clean. It is very much appreciated. Still more to be done!!

The annual parochial church meeting will be held (on Zoom) on **Mon. 10th May (10:30 am)**. Please email parish_sayle@me.com or phone 01548-821199 for the log-in details. Thank you all.

God Bless, Frances & Hazel

Sincere thanks to the organisers and volunteers of the village Coronavirus Support Group for all their help last year. Always willing, friendly, energetic and cheerful, they embodied the very best of rural village life.

Thanks again, Meg Leng

Uppdate 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 We are looking forward to a packed summer term. Planned activities include themed lunches, outdoor adventure days for the older children, Bikeability training for the Year 5's, a visit to the local solar farm and Sports Day.



Renew parking permits!! If you'd like to park at the school (out of school hours), please apply for a new permit via the school website: http://www.harbertonford.thelink.academy/website/car_park/551895.

Thank you, Vicky Rawlings, school admin team
(t) 732352, (e) adminharbertonford@thelink.academy

Office hours: Mon. – Fri., 08:30 - 16:00



Back to normal service!

A reminder that BTB has resumed 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).

Harberton Cricket Club (HCC) hosts Bridford CC for the first game of the new season. It's on **Sun. 2nd May (2pm)**. HCC is a very friendly club, with a lovely ground, grass nets and 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

Parish Council (PC) – the next PC meeting (via Zoom) will be held a week early, i.e. **Tue 4th May (7:30pm)**. This is so it can be legally held as an online meeting. The legislation allowing PC's to meet remotely expires on the 7th May. 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



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

Thu. 6th May and Thu. 3rd Jun.. We hope to see you at the mobile library soon! Info: phone 0345-155-1001.

The Village Hall is scheduled to receive a professional deep clean on **May 10th**. 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

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. 11th 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 to register your interest.

Thanks, Jill Powell, Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com
<http://www.harbertonandharbertonfordhistorysociety.org>



The Devon History Society (DHS) offers a series of Zoom talks throughout the spring. For details go to: www.devonhistorysociety.org.uk

From **Sat. 24th Apr.:** "Devon in the 1920's" project

Thu. 6th May (7-8pm): "Improving water supplies after WW1"

Fri. 21st May (10-11am): "Place names – Ottery and Devon"

South Devon AONB offers you a free informal and informative talk about South Devon AONB from the comfort of your sofa!!

Tue. 11th May (7-8pm): A history of local orchards and cidermaking - Robin Toogood, chair of Orchard Link, looks at the importance of orchards and cider-making to our region. How Devon became famous for its cider, why there were so many orchards, why they disappeared and how they are now making a comeback. Free tickets at: www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/events

Sustainable Harbourne Valley's next monthly meeting will cover project news and ideas and is open to all. On Zoom – **Thu. 13th May (7:30pm-8:30pm)**. Please, either email for the link: helo@sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk or become a member: www.sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk for future updates.



We hope to re-open **w/c Mon. 17th May**, roadmap permitting. We are already putting together an exciting programme of events for 2021 – cinema, music, live events, workshops, the library - all the activities that you would expect. So please keep an eye on our website and social media for specific details as they are confirmed. We expect to be working under Covid restrictions for a while to come and you may rest assured that all areas of the building will be "Covid safe". <https://theflavel.org.uk>

Dartington Hall – our attractions and businesses are gradually re-opening in line with the government's "roadmap guidelines. For more info, go to: <https://www.dartington.org/visit/>

Home Farm Shows

Fun Horse & Dog Show, Sun. 30th May - open to all

Pre-entries (£& /class) to be emailed to homefarmshows@outlook.com

A fun show for everyone to enjoy – all ages and abilities
Home Farm, Down Thomas, PL9 0DY. Tel: 07528-014577
<https://www.facebook.com/homefarmshows>

This year's Village Show is planned for **Sat. 7th 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

Citizens Advice South Hams - think you've been scammed? Citizens Advice Scams Action service can help. Call **0808-250-5050** or visit citizensadvice.org.uk/scamsaction. For generalist advice on any matter, call your local Citizens Advice South Hams free on **0808-278-7948** or visit southhamscab.org.uk. We're here to help.

Survey of bus services – local MP Anthony Mangnall recently launched a survey on his website to gauge local use and perception of the bus services in Totnes and South Devon. The

results of this survey will be used to engage with local authorities and service providers, so that we can improve our local transport network following the announcement of the National Bus Strategy. We encourage as many people as possible to have their say. Community engagement is essential to ensure that we get the most out of the National Bus Strategy. The link to the survey is here: <https://www.anthonymangnall.co.uk/news/totnes-south-devon-bus-strategy-survey>

Those who would like to respond to the survey but require a paper version can call Mr Mangnall's office on 01803-868378.



Harbertonford Allotment Society has plots available for immediate take-up. Start planting this month for summer & autumn harvest. Contact has-sec@outlook.com to arrange a viewing.

Weather watch – allotment holders won't be surprised by this news – H/ford had no recorded rain in April. The average April rainfall for H/ford since 1984 has been slightly under three inches. Also there were an excessive number of frosts (15). So, after a very wet Jan. & Feb. (both had rainfall above the village's long-term average) we've had an incredibly dry (and frosty) spell. Many thanks to David Groom for providing this data.

Football club (HFC) has, reluctantly, withdrawn from the South Devon Football League summer tournament due to a lack of available players.

HFC Lottery – £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/month. April winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

Pauline Overton/Luke Forward/Jack Hopkins/Bryan Tickner/Chloe Mills/Nigel Holmes

HFC club & lottery info: John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net) or Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

Football ground – HFC welcomes dog walkers, but please respect the club and keep off of the playing area. There's plenty of room away from the pitch! Please remove (and take away with you!!) all dog mess. Many thanks, HFC committee.

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

Year Planner 2021

7 Aug., Village Show (hopefully!)

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.broadhurst@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

❖ **Village Hall bookings:** Jean Blackler (732588).

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Please phone Melanie Allday (867655) for details of MAP's services

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