

Village Life

Harbertonford's newsletter

This month's edition celebrates
Kath Pearson's
100th birthday!!!

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Welcome to the June 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.

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

Kath Pearson celebrates her 100th birthday on **Sat. 12th Jun.** Kath, happy 100th from all of your friends and neighbours in Packs Close. We hope that you have a wonderful day.

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

Sponsorship – we've had a great response to last month's plea for new sponsors, with enough pledges to cover the next twelve months. Many thanks to all of you who responded.



St Peter's Church

There is one Holy Communion service at St Peter's this month - **Sun. 27th Jun. at 4:30pm.**

There is also a **weekly Sunday Service (11am)** via Zoom or telephone for the whole of the Mission

Community. 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: 3rivers.org.uk

The World Day of Prayer service - we have been invited to share in this year's postponed service with the South Brent churches of St. Petroc's C of E, the Methodist Church and St Dunstan's, the Roman Catholic Church. This will now to be held on **Fri., 2nd Jul. (2:30pm-3:30pm)** at St. Dunstan's Church, South Brent. Do come and join us. You'd be very welcome.

P.C.C. lottery - a big "thankyou" to the PO staff for continuing to help by making the monthly draw for us. We just need a few more members to get to 100. If you would like to join (£12/year) contact Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297). Your support really helps to keep the church running.

May's winners:

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

2nd Lesley Bowen, Rattery, £10

3rd Amy Prowse, c/o Gwen Janes, £5

Church Car Park - this is being badly abused by a few owners. At least two cars have been permanently parked for a month. If this continues we shall take action to have the vehicles removed. It's very unfair on those who use the park for occasional use. Please act responsibly and let everyone share its use. Thank you P.C.C.

Recycling - the roll out of the new recycling scheme has caused a lot of problems. Some people haven't had a collection for six weeks. I am told that, as of 24th May, FCC (the contractor) has deployed more vehicles and crew to clear the

backlog, so hopefully things will improve shortly. It is surprising that the resources needed were so badly misjudged by FCC. I and others have called for an emergency meeting to establish what went wrong and the way forward. If you are struggling with the boxes you may be eligible for an Assisted Service. If you are having problems please contact me. Many thanks,

John McKay, SHDC Councillor, (732117) or john@mckay.sh

Flower arranging – hooray, we're back!!! Three meetings!!! this month - **Wed. 2nd, 16th & 30th Jun.** @ Village Hall (10am). No set charge and apart from the flowers, equipment is available as is tuition, if needed. It's relaxed & fun (+ coffee). New members very welcome. Thanks, Pauline Hancock (732393).



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

Thu. 3rd Jun, Thu. 1st Jul. & Thu. 29th Jul. We hope to see you at the mobile library soon! Info: phone 0345-155-1001.

Sustainable Harbourne Valley 's monthly open get-together (Zoom) is on **Thu. 10th Jun. (7:30-8.30pm)**. All welcome. We have a litter pick in H/ford on **Sat. 12th Jun. 10am-12:30pm**. Visit www.sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk for further details.

Parish Council (PC) – the legislation that allowed parish councils to meet by Zoom has expired. The PC has agreed that it is too early to meet in person and so the June meeting has been cancelled. www.harbertonparishcouncil.org



Classic Car Show and Auto-Jumble
Sun. 27th Jun. (11am to 4pm)

Staverton Playing Field, TQ9 6PG

Adults £5, U16's £3, Family £15. Tickets on door. Classic cars/motorcycles can be displayed without charge, but a donation w/be appreciated. Info: <https://www.totnesrotary.co.uk>



Village School News - What an amazing day we had for our Art & Music Day! All the children have been exploring a range of printing techniques and have created some fabulous pieces of art using minibeasts and contemporary artists as their inspiration. We also explored pitch, variation and call & response in our music sessions. Thanks to Miss Pike for planning the art and Miss Mistry for planning the music; we are so lucky to have such creative and talented TAs! The children have been buzzing all day and are so proud of the beautiful pieces they have created. We also found time to take advantage of a live link-up with Daynes Farm. Thank you to the Camps for allowing us to "visit" again. Our community sports day is planned for **Mon. 28th Jun.** Our Facebook page will have details. For regular updates of school matters go to our website or Facebook page.

Thank you, Vicky Rawlings, school admin team
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A reminder from one of our local farmers for walkers to stay out of fields. Livestock can react very badly to people and dogs, especially if they have young stock to look after. Please don't put yourselves in danger. Many thanks.



These local cinemas are showing films once again. Note that these venues will have some level of Covid restrictions:

Barn - www.dartington.org/whats-on

Totnes (from 25th Jun.) - totnescinema.co.uk

Flavel, Dartmouth - <https://theflavel.org.uk>

Kingsbridge - www.merlincinemas.co.uk

Bob the Bus Travel Club is restarting its regular trips this summer. July/Aug. trips arranged so far:

Thu. 1st Jul., Boat trip, Exmouth to Torbay (£23, inc. boat)

Thu. 15th Jul., Looe & Polperro (£16)

Mon. 19th Jul., Boat trip, Plymouth to Calstock (£28, inc. boat)

Fri. 6th Aug., Taunton Flower Show (£15, inc. entry)

Thu. 19th Aug., British Firework Championships, Plymouth (£12)

It's a members only club (£5/year) and trips normally **sell out fast**.

Info: <http://bobthebus.org.uk> or phone Lyn on 07800-745332.



Harbertonford Allotment Open Day

11am - 3pm Sat. 24th July.

Put the date in your diary.

More details next month.

Contact has-sec@outlook.com for information.

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

Schedules available (from shop or Jean) early June.

Contact: Jean (732588) or jean801@btinternet.com

The interior of the Village Hall and every chair, table, spoon and surface within it now gleams after an extensive professional deep clean.

- Bookings can now be made on the assumption that all Covid-related restrictions will disappear on June 21st.
- We hope to re-open the bar on Friday evenings after then.
- Summer/Autumn events are planned. More news soon.
- Current charges are £40 (morning or an afternoon session), £50 (evening) and £100 (all day). There are discounted rates for regular village group bookings. Contact: Jean Blackler (732588) or jean801@btinternet.com

Rob Summers (732004) or robert.summers13@btinternet.com

Village Brunch – as soon as it is allowable, and will not put anyone in any danger, there will be a “welcome out and back” Brunch - July if possible. We will just have to wait and see, but it **will** happen and we are all looking forward to seeing everyone again. More news next month. Contact: Sue Groom (732462).

Harberton & H/ford History Society –we have no events now until October, but many thanks to all who joined our AGM and the Exeter City/Brazil talk. It's an amazing story available at: https://youtu.be/erVT_hmEKT4 This is stored on YouTube as “unlisted” so is only available to those with the link.

Harbertonford 100 - next year our school will be working with Valerie Belsey to present a play, 'Ten Times Ten'. This will trace H/ford's history over the past century. As part of this we have a 100-year-old slice of tree which will be labelled with what happened in H/ford in each decade from 1920ish till today, e.g. the coming of electricity. If you have family memories/photos of important village events, please email Jill Powell (address below). The society is working with Valerie to link with the Oral History Project and the film which is being made over the summer months. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

Citizens Advice South Hams - June 14th – 27th is Scams Awareness fortnight. Watch out for financial scams, e.g. investments promising high returns, spam emails posing as HMRC, or texts/calls from your bank asking you to transfer money quickly. Remember: Don't give money or personal details

to anyone you don't know, trust or have only met online, and don't click on any links they send you. If you think someone might be trying to scam you, it's important to act straight away. If you need advice and support you can call the Citizens Advice consumer service on **0808-223-1133** or visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Ne'er cast a clout 'til May be out – we've had a very unusual couple of months of weather. Not only has it been unseasonably cold, but we only had 1mm of rain in April (the 38-year average is 74mm, i.e. 3 inches). Following that we've had easily the wettest May since David Groom started keeping records in 1984. Over 200mm (8 inches) of rain so far compared to an average reading of 63mm. Many thanks to David for providing this data. A heatwave in June is predicted by some.....

Harberton Cricket Club (HCC) - the very wet weather has meant hardly any games played in May, but we're looking forward to a hot summer. 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). Details: www.harbertoncc.com

Harbertonford Football Club (HFC) is alive and kicking!! Despite rumours sweeping the village, HFC has not folded. In fact, a new team manager was appointed in May. With new players expected to join him, we are hopeful of a successful new season. Looking forward, we would also like to explore whether there is sufficient demand to establish an HFC youth section.

Many thanks, John Mills, HFC Secretary

HFC Lottery – £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/month. **May's winners** will be published next month.

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. Remove (and take away!!) 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

July?? Village brunch (hopefully!!) **7 Aug.**, Village Show

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