

# Village Life

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**W**elcome to the July 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 please try and get in touch if you have any information or events that you would like included.

**A** downloadable online 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)

**N**ew arrivals – to date in this newsletter we have never noted H/ford births and it's time to put that right. We're aware of three H/ford families who have welcomed new babies recently. So we send our congratulations to their proud (and sleep-deprived?) parents:

- **Avalon Ivy Bromhead, born 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020** – Amie (nee Rothwell) and Ryan are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Avalon. Amie was born and raised in the village, before she and Ryan set up home in Plymouth.
- **Frederick Gordon Powell, born 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020** - Lauren and Michael (Old Road) are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Frederick.
- **Ginny Rose Palmer, born 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020** – Hannah and Jamie (Rolster Bridge) are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Ginny.

**C**ovid19 – lockdown is easing, but much of what is normally published in this newsletter is still not happening. There is much useful information to be passed on though, not least:

**H**arbertonford Community Response wants you to know that we remain here to help village residents who need assistance when 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](mailto:harbertonfordcommunityresponse@gmail.com)**

Please do call us ..... We are here to help you!

**S**ponsorship – many thanks to Muriel for this month's sponsorship. Her generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



## St Peter's Church

The Church will open for private funerals, but won't be opening for private prayer at this time. This will be reviewed at a later date.

Please feel free to come and sit on the bench in the churchyard for quiet time and contemplation if you so wish. The Food Bank remains closed. The PCC would like to thank all those people who have helped with cutting the grass in the yard. We are very grateful. We thank all of you who support us in many ways. God bless you all.

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

**P.C.C. lottery** – 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).

June's winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Ann Inder Mill Meadow, £20

2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Luff, c/o Harbourne Terrace, £10

3<sup>rd</sup> Jenny Smith, Marl Park, £5

**H**elp with grass cutting – we still need help with maintenance of the churchyard. If those who have relatives' graves here would consider donating towards the cutting of the grass, that would be wonderful. Volunteers to help cut it would also be good. Contacts: Hazel (732244) or Frances (732297). Thank you, PCC.

**T**here 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.

**L**ocal bus services – the 92 & 164 services are both now running as usual. Bob The Bus remains suspended.

**S**cott's Farm Shop – sadly Jo Walker's fruit & veg stall has now closed down. We'd like to thank Jo for all of her hard work (and excellent produce) during the lockdown. The stall worked very well and developed a tremendous number of customers – those who visited the site and those to whom Jo made home deliveries. Please note that Scott's ("the affordable farm shop") now supplies Gerry with fruit & veg at the shop.....

**T**he village shop is very well stocked and offers 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.

**T**he filling station is open seven days a week Mon.-Sat. (6am-10pm), Sun. (7am-9:30pm) with a good range of groceries.

**A**s the lockdown eases, thanks are due to Gerry (shop), Reuben (filling station) and their staff for maintaining a very good level of service during such a difficult and unique time.

**P**arish Council (PC) – the next PC meeting (via Zoom) is on **Tue. 14<sup>th</sup> Jul. (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))

**H**elp for Residents Who Need Basic Essentials - SHDC has a Covid19 (C-19) Welfare Support Fund to support residents whose financial situation has been seriously affected by C-19.

The fund will help people who have no money for even the most basic household essentials. The fund provides small emergency payments to help with necessities such as food, basic household items, essential travel or utility payments. Residents may be eligible for short-term financial support if:

- They run their own business and cannot currently trade.
- Their business has been drastically reduced because of C-19.
- Their employment situation has changed and their income no longer covers their needs
- They have lost their job due to the C-19 outbreak.
- They have still not received expected Government funding (self-employed).

If you are a resident and have been affected financially by C-19 and can demonstrate a need for immediate short-term financial help, you can apply for a grant by completing a simple online application form on this link: [www.southhams.gov.uk/welfarefund](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/welfarefund). If you need help and don't have access to a computer, please call SHDC from Mon. to Fri., 9am to 5pm on: 01803-861407.

**The Harbertonford Community Ltd (THCL)** - C-19 has slowed our attempts to bring the shop into community ownership, but during this period there has been work going on in the background and we hope to bring news of real progress next month! THCL was set up to acquire the pub and/or the shop. It is also now getting involved in other community projects, and has helped fund projects including meals for vulnerable people, the making of scrubs for NHS staff and will be working to help the play park. Thanks to all. John (732117), [john@mckay.sh](mailto:john@mckay.sh)

**South Hams Citizens Advice** – don't forget that Citizens Advice has trained volunteers available to help with all sorts of issues. They specialise in benefits claims, managing debt & finance issues, employment concerns, housing matters and consumer issues - but can help with any problem. Just get in touch. You can call 03444-111-444, email us via our website: <https://southhamsca.org.uk/contact/> or WhatsApp us your contact details on 07497-758779.

**Test and trace scam** - we've heard about a test and trace scam, which is trying to con people into paying for a C-19 swab test. Here's what happened. A care home manager received a text to say that he had tested positive following a recent swab, and that he needed another test. He phoned the number in the text and was told that he'd have to pay for the test. He was asked for his bank details. This is a scam. Please note that the NHS Test and Trace service will absolutely not ask:

- for bank details or payments
  - for details of any other accounts, such as social media
  - you to set up a password or PIN number over the phone
  - you to call a premium rate number, e.g. those starting 09 or 087
- Text messages will come from NHStracing. Calls will come from 0300-0135000. You'll be asked to sign in to the NHS Test and Trace contact tracing website <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>.

[This information has been circulated by Devon County Council]

**FREE** places on an entrepreneurship workshop - SHDC is in partnership with the PopUp Business School to help would-be start-ups in South Devon to get their ideas off the ground this July. Go to: <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/568/News->

**Harberton & H/ford History Society** – we're still planning to go on our annual guided walk & picnic (**Sat. Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>**) with Dartmoor Archaeologist, Andy Crabb. This remains a provisional date, as does our next talk, due on **Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

- **Covid-19** - an important moment in history. We'd like to create a record for the archive and possibly the website of people's experiences during this pandemic. This could be photos, a short sentence or two or a longer piece, audio recordings etc. Please could you send to [Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com](mailto:Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com)
- Dr Todd Gray is currently giving really interesting, daily talks on local Devon history on Radio Devon at 1:10pm every weekday.
- If you are interested in transcribing the Oral History Project interviews please call me. It's not difficult, just time consuming - an ideal activity for the times! Thanks, Jill (07759-578496).

**H/ford Allotment Society** – thinking of growing your own? Now is a good time to put your name on the waiting list for an allotment plot: contact [has-sec@outlook.com](mailto:has-sec@outlook.com).

**Village Show** – we still hope to be able to organise something in the autumn. Any suggestions, please, to Jean on 732588.

**Harbertonford Football Club (HFC)** – HFC will be one of the 14 teams playing in Division 1 (Level 2) of the South Devon Football League in 2020/21. The league now has four divisions, 58 teams and over 1,500 registered players.

Info: John Mills ([j.mills@nhs.net](mailto:j.mills@nhs.net)) & Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

**HFC AGM** – this takes place on **Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Jun. (from 2:30pm)**.  
Venue: HFC clubhouse.

**Football ground** - HFC reminds dog walkers that the football ground is private property. Dogs are NOT allowed on the playing field or the perimeter. A lot of work has been carried out on the ground in the past few weeks at HFC and the amount of dog mess encountered has been shocking. Please keep dogs away from the area. Many thanks, HFC committee.

**HFC Lottery** – this is a monthly draw with prizes totalling £160. Cost: £5/month. Info: John Mills (see above). June's draw has not yet taken place.

**Village Hall (VH)** – the VH kitchen continues to be available to the H/ford Community Response group. The VH committee will reconvene once social restrictions are lifted.

Info: [robert.summers13@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.summers13@btinternet.com) (or phone 732004).

#### Mobile Hairdresser

Professional and friendly hairstylist working locally. I've not restarted yet, but as soon as hairdressers can work again I will be using PPE. That means a fresh gown per person, mask, face covering and gloves. Contact: Kate (07871-174162)

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

**Village Play Park** – this remains closed during the pandemic, following Government advice.

**The Box** - the opening of Plymouth's £42m museum & art gallery has been postponed due to C-19. The cultural attraction was due to start admitting the public in May. The Box will confirm the new opening date as soon as it is able. You can access The Box online: <https://twitter.com/theboxplymouth>

**Urgent dental care** – local dental practices were given permission to re-open from 8<sup>th</sup> June. For more info. go to: <https://www.dentalhealth.org/pages/faqs/category/coronavirus>

**Online & telephone scams** – please be vigilant. Don't get "stung". Is your neighbour "at risk"? Are they a target?

**The mobile library service** is suspended, but Devon Libraries continues to offer as many online services as possible. Info: [www.devonlibraries.org.uk](http://www.devonlibraries.org.uk) or phone 0345-155-1001.

**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.broadhurst2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:russell.broadhurst2@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 August newsletter is 20<sup>th</sup> July.