

Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the August 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 www.harbertondevon.co.uk

Covid19 – lockdown continues to ease, but much of what is normally published in this newsletter is still not happening. There is useful information to be passed on though, such as:

Harbertonford 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

Please do call us We are here to help you!

Sponsorship – many thanks to the parish council for this month's sponsorship. Their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



St Peter's Church

There will be a service (non-communion) on **Sun. 16th Aug. (4:30pm)**. We'd like to welcome as many of you as possible, but could anyone who wishes to attend please let either Hazel (732244) or Frances (732297) know before the service. The church will open for private funerals, but won't be opening for private prayer at this time. Please feel free to come and sit on the bench in the churchyard for quiet time and contemplation if you so wish. Our Food Bank remains closed. Once again, many thanks to the diligent people who are caring for the churchyard - it is looking really good. We thank all of you who support us in many ways. God bless you all.

Coffee morning – 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).

July's winners:

1st Janet Wooster, Hernafor Lane, £20

2nd Bunny Rothwell, Moreleigh Road, £10

3rd James Willis, Moreleigh Road, £5

The village shop's Food Bank is still open. 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 C-19. Any help here will be very gratefully received.

Local bus services – the 92 & 164 services are both now **running as usual** (n.b. school holiday timetable in Aug.). Bob The Bus has started a limited (M/W/F) service within Totnes.

The village shop is very well stocked and offers a delivery service – ring 732220 for details. Scott's ("the affordable farm shop") now supplies Gerry with fruit & veg at the shop.

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

Scott's Farm Shop – Jo Walker's fruit & veg stall has moved and is now open **every Thursday afternoon (2-7pm) IN THE VILLAGE HALL**. Orders taken, delivery service, cash or card accepted. Phone 07929-083523.

Parish Council (PC) – there is no ordinary PC meeting this month although there might be a planning meeting (Zoom) if planning applications come in. The PC has recently welcomed two new councillors - Douglas Hambly (H/ford ward) and Emma Croft (Harberton). (www.harbertonparishcouncil.org)

Our Play Park has re-opened - government public health guidelines on the re-opening of play parks are a considerable challenge and so the PC has taken its lead from the Association of Play Industries. This is a pragmatic approach with clear information to the public about risks. It is not feasible for the PC to provide stewards, a booking system, daily cleaning of equipment, creation of a one-way system with entrances and exits, or an increase in bin collections. The PC has put up signs advising users to maintain social distancing and to come back another time if the park is busy, wash hands before, during and after using equipment and to stay away if they have C-19 symptoms. Following guidance, food and drink is banned within the play park. The PC has arranged for the grass to be cut and to ensure that any safety issues identified within May's Annual Inspection Report have been addressed. The PC has fenced off the wooden multi-activity unit as a number of safety issues were highlighted and the PC does not have the resources to resolve them. A community funding effort is required to either remove and replace or repair the equipment and The Harbertonford Community Limited (THCL) has agreed to lead on this on behalf of the community. If you would like to volunteer your time to help with fundraising or support maintenance of the park, please contact clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org and john@mckay.sh



The mobile library service has restarted.

Its next two H/ford visits - at the church (ONLY!) from **3:05pm to 4pm** - are on **Thu. Aug. 13th and Thu. Sep. 10th**.

Info: phone 0345-155-1001.

Village picnic – would you be interested in helping make an informal, pop-up village picnic a reality? **Date:** Bank Holiday w/end. **Venue:** football field. **Info:** Prana Simon (07773-797647). The H/ford Community Benefit Society is happy to offer support, but we might need a few loaned marquees from residents and help with carrying things/tables back and forth into the hall. So register your interest early(!) as it won't go ahead without likely double-digit numbers. Check the village notice boards/shop for a confirmed date the week before. Thank you in advance!

Help 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.

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 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) is still in negotiations and is preparing the ground so that it is ready when these are complete. It may be a while before we get the go-ahead but we will continue to post updates in VL and will be putting more information on <https://harbertonford.com>. Thanks to all for your support. John (732117), john@mckay.sh

Vandalism – unfortunately we have to report a re-occurrence of vandalism in the village. The church, football ground, Play Park & bus stop have all been damaged, some by fire. A potentially serious fire at the Village Hall was narrowly avoided last week. The police are aware of the situation and we ask villagers to report any anti-social behaviour to them.



**Village
School News**



We have had an unprecedented year with the school partially closed for several months and schooling happening remotely. Since June we have welcomed back as many pupils as we could and those children have loved coming back into school; enjoying learning with their friends and fun activities. We thank the community for your ongoing support. The school re-opens to all pupils on **Mon. 7th Sep.** Staff will be at work from **Thu. 3rd Sep.** We hope that you are having an enjoyable summer. Thank you again for your support. Regards, Vicky Rawlings, Admin Team
(T) 732352, (E) adminharbertonford@thelink.academy

School car park - please ensure that **from Thu. 3rd Sep.** all cars parked in the car park are removed between **08:30 and 16:30.** We have recently experienced issues with cars being left all day and staff having difficulty parking. All cars parked in the car park should display a permit (available in the school office).

Citizens Advice South Hams – our volunteers have been honoured with the Queens Award for Voluntary Service – the highest award that is made for groups and equivalent to an MBE. The local charity continues to provide up to the minute advice for everyone, whatever the problem. For help with benefits, debt, housing, employment issues or any other worries ring 03444-111-444, WhatsApp 07497-758779 or go to <https://southhamscab.org.uk/>

Harberton & H/ford History Society – further updates:
Colin Vosper's talk (Sep.22nd) - POSTPONED until 2021.
Dr Todd Gray's talk (Nov.) - under review.
This month Dartmoor National Park is celebrating the moor's history and wildlife through an exciting line-up of online events and activities: <https://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/enjoy-dartmoor/dartmoor-connections-festival>. Many of the workshops are already booked, so act fast if you are interested. Our Oral History Project is going apace and we shall soon be meeting Dr Will Barrett to plan how to proceed with the film about the living history of the H/ford mill. More news soon and we hope that everyone is keeping well. Jill Powell (07759-578496).



I NEED A PLACE TO RENT (prefer to buy) for motorcycle storage. Long agreement if possible. Rent negotiable, according to size.

Contact Mark in village mtland44@me.com or Graham Clayton.

Community Speed Watch - there have been several reports of near misses on the A381 through the village just recently, as well as people just having a very scary moment. The police are looking into monitoring speeds but they have also advised

that we should have our own Community Speed Watch team that they will train and they will also provide the equipment. If you can spare a few hours a month it could make a huge difference!

Contact: john@mckay.sh or 01803-732117 or 07810-007760.

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

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) – the Fords' first league match is on **Sat. 5th Sep.** Training (Ivybridge) - this month. Info: John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net) & Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

Football ground - HFC asks dog walkers to respect the field and keep off the playing area. Please remove (and take away with you!!) all dog mess. The field is a popular meeting place for local families throughout the week. Many thanks, HFC committee.

HFC Lottery – £160 won every month. Cost: £5/month.

Recent winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

- **Jun:** Mark Hancock/Jordan Baggott/Dave Hatch/Holly Stone/Callum Payne.
- **Jul:** David Hart/David Hammond/Paul Turner/ Phil Osgathorpe/Terry Eastley/M Osgathorpe Info: John Mills (see above).

Harberton Cricket Club (HCC) – competitive matches (weekends and midweek) and net sessions are now under way. Friendly club, friendly cricket, lovely setting. Info: Angus @ HCC (467764).

Village Hall (VH) – our 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 (or phone 732004).

Would you like to be more proactive in helping to combat fly tipping? If YES, and you can do so safely, please record & report any suspicious activities involving vehicles, which could be connected to fly tipping. It would be helpful if any appropriate information you have could be passed to the Local Authority: Environmentalprotectionauto@swdevon.gov.uk or reported on the following link: <https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit>

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

The Flavel, Dartmouth hopes to re-open next month. All plans are subject to change at short notice so please keep an eye on its website: www.theflavel.org.uk

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 September newsletter is 20th August.