

Village Life

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. 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.

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

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

Congratulations to villagers Susan & Clive Gauntlett, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month. Many thanks to Susan & Clive for sponsoring this month's edition in celebration of their diamond anniversary. Their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.

Stuart Legg, second son of Jill & Fred, died on 22nd June, after a short illness. He was 59. Stuart grew up in Plymouth and Sparkwell and moved here with his family in 1998. Qualified as a horticulturalist, he worked for Plymouth City Council & then with his father in the family landscaping firm. Stuart was well known in this area and tended many local gardens. He lived in Kingsbridge for many years and, latterly in Newton Abbot. His untimely death is a shock and a great sadness to his family and his many friends. Our thoughts are with Jill, Nick, Jonathan and Becky. Jill & family send thanks to everyone for their kind messages and support.

Pam Briggs died, aged 79, on 23rd June. Pam was born in the village, the eldest of five children, to Eddie & Edith White. Pam attended school in the village and then in Totnes. In her late teens she moved to the Midlands for work and later she settled on the south coast. She returned to live in the village with husband Derek and daughter Jacqui in the 1970's. Pam was regularly involved in village groups and social events. She was also a proactive member of the local church. She worked for a variety of organisations and the role that gave her the greatest pleasure was in social caring. Always keen on learning, Pam was an excellent quizzier, often winning prizes, once even appearing on a TV quiz show. Pam was well known, popular, always keen for a chat. Sadly, ill health dogged her final years and she passed away peacefully in late June. Derek and her brother, Trevor, predeceased her. We send our condolences to Jacqui & Derek, John, Anne and Michael. Pam's family would like to thank everyone for their cards of sympathy. In the next few weeks they hope to arrange a church service to celebrate Pam's life.

Richard Rendall, aged 69, of Woodland Road, H/ford, died unexpectedly, but peacefully, at home on Sunday 11th July. Thanks to all who sent cards and condolences.

Community shop - this is now progressing and we are working with Gerry to make it happen. If you would like to get involved then please get in touch. Thanks! John McKay (732117)

Parish Council (PC) – the next PC meeting w/be in Sept. – date to be confirmed. www.harbertonparishcouncil.org

Kath Pearson would like to thank her friends and neighbours for sponsoring June's *Village Life* to mark her 100th birthday. Thanks for the many cards and presents and to all who came to the Tea Party. It was great to see you all. To my wonderful family

for providing the refreshments and making it all possible. And last, but not least, to dear David for ringing the church bell 100 times! Thank you, Dave, a great effort!



St Peter's Church

There is a service at the church on **Sun. Aug. 18th @ 9:30am**. Please note change of time.

There are no Zoom services during August.

Once a week (Thu. 11-12) the church is open for private prayer. Social distancing + face masks must be worn.

Church website – a reminder that the benefice's website address is: 3rivers.org.uk

P.C.C. lottery - a big "thank you" to the PO staff for continuing to help by making the monthly draw for us. We need just a few more members to get to 100.

July's winners:

1st David Willis, Moreleigh Rd, £20

2nd Janice Parnell Broadhempston, £10

3rd Alex Luff, c/o Harbourne Terrace, £5

If you would like to join (£12/year) contact Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297). Your support really helps the church.

In August we are serving cream teas in the churchyard. They're on **Sat 14th & 21st (2.30-4pm)**. Everyone is very welcome indeed.

Church clean - we have decided to have a regular church clean. It's every fourth Thursday of the month, so this month it's **Thu. 27th Aug. (11am)**. Just for one hour. If you are able to join us that would be great. As ever, many hands make light work!

Thank you to all who are continuing to help with grass cutting/clearing etc, we do appreciate it so much and the churchyard is looking really good.

Harvest Lunch, we hope, in October. We will have more details next month. Thank you, everyone. Hazel & Frances.

Village Hall bar - in line with the Government's relaxation of restrictions, the weekly Village Hall bar has re-opened. It's open **every Friday evening from 7:30pm**.



H/ford
Village Show
Sat 7th Aug.
Show opens 2:30pm



The 2021 programme (inc. entry form & rules) is available in the shop. The main categories for the show are:

- Vegetables & fruit •Flowers •Cookery & preserves
- Handicrafts •Floral art •Children's classes.

Also: •Potato In A Bucket; •Sunflower Competition
Why not get involved?

As ever, we are hoping for a bumper year of entries.

Key contact: Jean Blackler (732588)

Village Show Evening Party - on **Sat 7th Aug. from 7:30pm** with the bar open, Silver Bullet Reloaded Band to provide music and Proper Moorish in attendance for your culinary needs! Tickets available at the shop and garage - Adults £10, Children u11 free, 11-17yrs £5. Come and join us for a village party! Rob Summers (732004) or robert.summers13@btinternet.com



Village coffee morning Tue. 17th Aug. (10:30am)

As lockdown eases, monthly get-togethers at the Village Hall have recommenced. It is so good to meet everyone again. Please tell your friends or anyone new to the village. Raffle, bring & buy, produce, cakes.

Everyone welcome. Info: Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297).

Flower arranging - we're delighted to be back and it's great that so many of you are coming along! Next four meetings [all Weds. @ Village Hall (10am)] are: **18th Aug., 1st Sep., 15th Sep. & 29th Sep.** No set charge. Apart from the flowers, equipment is available as is tuition, if needed. It's relaxed & fun (+ coffee). New members welcome. Thanks, Pauline Hancock (732393).



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

Thu. 26th Aug & Thu. 23rd Sep. We hope to see you at the mobile library soon! Info: phone 0345-155-1001.

Football club (HFC) - at the June AGM, HFC welcomed Andy Hartley as the new team manager. Andy will have Jon Squires to help him on match days as his assistant.

Ross Hammond memorial game - HFC is organising a memorial game for Ross, a committee member for over 30 years - latterly chairman and treasurer. This has been delayed because of the pandemic, but it will now take place on **Sat. 28th Aug. (2pm)**. It will be a fun match involving present and former players and it is hoped that Ross' mother and sister will attend.

HFC Lottery - £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/month. **June's winners** (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

Pauline Overton/Matt Ghillyer/Phil Osgathorpe/Keith Jane/
Pete Grafton/Bob Monaghan.

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

Youth Club - Totnes Rural Area Youth Engagement Project (TRAYE) will be running a fortnightly Youth Club in our Village Hall (6:15-7:45pm, £1, age 8-18) from Sept. Info: www.traye.org

Traffic on the A381 is getting worse due to a variety of causes, not least the building of 400+ homes in Dartmouth. In order to quantify the levels of traffic, speeds and types of vehicle, there will be an Automatic Traffic Survey to running for seven days from this weekend (24/7), near the northbound bus stop in the village. There will be another one after the schools go back.

Waste collection service - a marked improvement of late, but more to do; 2,000 missed collections/month and we are still "co-mingling"! If you have any problems please let me know. If you can please use: <https://mckay.sh/waste/> or john@mckay.sh or call 07810-007760. Thanks! John (SHDC Councillor)



Village School News - the children had a fabulous time at their Sports Days. They tried their hand at archery, rugby, tennis, football, dance, frisbee and handball and had the support of top-quality coaches to develop their skills. Thank you to the Raleigh Bike Company, who donated a water bottle for every child and to Mr Tanner, who organised the event. It was so lovely to be able to welcome parents back on site and to enable you to be part of our Sports Day. Unfortunately, current restrictions did mean that we had to limit numbers but thank you for being so understanding. It meant a great deal to the children to see you there. Thank you to all the staff who made it such a special day, especially Miss Jones (who organised the event). It was great to see the children enjoying themselves so much! You can find an album of photos on our Facebook page.

Kind Regards, Vicky Rawlings, Primary School Admin Team.
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Village Brunch - not able to proceed with this yet. Fingers crossed for September..... Contact: Sue Groom (732462).



Harbertonford Allotment Society has plots available for immediate take-up. So if you'd like to join us, please contact has-sec@outlook.com to arrange a viewing.

Citizens Advice South Hams - we're seeking volunteers to join our team. Full training is provided for Telephone Advisers, i.e. you carry out assessment interviews and identify a particular course of action for clients. You would establish how urgent the problem is and help the client to manage it. CA volunteering is a great way of not only helping to change people's lives, but possibly your own life as well. You learn many new skills that could lead to a new job, higher education, and many other opportunities. Training course starts in Sept. For more information or to apply please contact training@southhamscab.org.uk or visit our website www.southhamscab.org.uk

Lin's Tin - Lin thanks everyone who has contributed to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust tin in the shop. Almost £200 to date, which is fantastic.

Harberton & H/ford History Society - we were delighted that Dr Will Barrett & Elliott Morgan were able to start filming for the Oral History Project at our primary school in July. The children are involved in a play written by Valerie Belsey which covers village life (1921-2021). The children performed one act of the play - life for children working in the village woollen mill. The children did an excellent job and we look forward to seeing extracts of this in the final film. In the meantime Will and Elliot will send the film to the school. Thank you to Mrs Burns for facilitating this project during these testing times. We look forward to meeting up in October for our next talk. Jill Powell, Secretary

Sustainable Harbourne Valley would like to hear from anyone who is keen to support new trees in the parish - whether that is interest in tree planting, looking after young trees or by making land available. There are a number of tree grants that we would be interested in benefiting from if wider community support is available and we need to start planning now to make the most of these. Contact: hello@sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk

The Big Butterfly Count is a citizen science survey running until **Sun. 8th Aug.** & asks for just 15 minutes of observation. Visit <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/> for info.

Himalayan Balsam - this invasive species is currently in flower on the riverbanks and now is the time to cut and dispose of it carefully (not via the brown bin or by home composting) in advance of an explosion of seed. Official guidance available here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-the-spread-of-harmful-invasive-and-non-native-plants>

Summer bus timetable - copies of this timetable (white card) are available in the shop. As well as a more frequent 164 service, note that it now operates a direct service between Salcombe and Totnes.

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