

Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the September 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 Roy & Frances for this month's sponsorship. Their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



St Peter's Church

On Sun. 16th August we had our first service since March. It was wonderful to welcome people from across the benefice and that so many had come to support us at St Peter's. Thank you. Our churchyard continues to be cut by three very caring men. We are so thankful to them for their continued hard work. There is still time if you would like to offer some help. Please phone Frances (732297) if you can offer a little time to help keep it in good order till the end of the summer.

Thank you, Frances and Hazel

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).
August's winners:

1st Pat Durrans, Old Road, £20

2nd Jackie Clayton, Woodcourt Road, £10

3rd Donna Janes, Totnes, £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 running as usual. Bob The Bus has a limited (M/W/F) service within Totnes. Masks required on public transport!

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

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.

Jo Walker's fruit & veg stall – sadly Jo's stall is closing and her last afternoon at the Village Hall is/was on **Thu. 27th Aug.** There has been insufficient demand for Jo to make it worth her while. Jo thanks everyone who has supported her during and post-lockdown. We thank Jo for providing an excellent service in very difficult times.

Village picnic is ON! C'mon along for a wee bibble & chat at our distance-social for H/F neighbours. Football field, Woodcourt Rd., **Mon. 31st Aug. (12-3pm)**. Weather is forecast partly sunny. Bring your own blankets, brollies, hand-sanitiser, food and flasks. Sorry, No dogs, No BBQ's, No hard liquor, but a frisbee wouldn't be a bad idea as a socially-distant exercise....?

All locals invited

Please bring a bin bag to take your rubbish home with you
And, anyone fancy being a bluetooth DJ for a couple of hours?

Contact Prana Simon for more info (07773-797647).



Village
School News



The school re-opens to all pupils on **Mon. 7th Sep.** Staff will be at work from **Thu. 3rd Sep.** Thank you again for your support.

Regards, Vicky Rawlings, Admin Team

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School car park - please ensure that from **Thu. 3rd Sep.** all cars parked in the car park are removed between **8:30am and 4:30pm.** 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).

Events at Dartington Hall (in the open air and also the Barn Theatre) re-started in August. For details go to:

<https://www.dartington.org/whats-on/>

the flavel We are back! We are thrilled to let you know that The Flavel Arts Centre, Dartmouth is re-opening its doors from

Mon. 7th Sep. We have a very exciting schedule of events coming up (films from **Fri. 11th**) so please check out our website and get booking! We look forward to welcoming you back!

www.theflavel.org.uk

Parish Council (PC) – the next PC meeting (via Zoom) is on **Tue. 8th Sep. (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)

Devon Libraries The mobile library service is running. Its next two H/ford visits - at the church (ONLY!) from **3:05pm to 4pm** - are on

Thu. Sep 10th and Thu. Oct. 8th. Info: phone 0345-155-1001.

Police support - PCSO Russ Broadhurst is a regular visitor to the village. He would like to explore the possibility of establishing a regular surgery session. This is not feasible currently, because of Covid-19 restrictions. If you would like to contact him then, in the first instance, text or email him. Otherwise dial 101. In an emergency you should dial 999. To contact Russ via text, dial 07703-886012. His email address HAS CHANGED to: russell.broadhurst@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Our Play Park has re-opened - 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. Food and drink is banned within the play park. The PC has fenced off the wooden multi-activity unit as a number of safety issues have been 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



Join us for Devon Open Studios 2020!
Sat. 12th – Sun. 27th Sep.

For 16 years the Devon Artist Network has championed local individual, self-employed artists and galleries. Devon Open Studios (DOS) connects artists with both local art lovers and the many visitors to the region. Devon is brimming with talented artists working in studios that are keen to open to the general public, giving their work exposure, feedback, and sales. Many Devon artists have suffered extreme financial hardship during lockdown and DOS enables them to sell their work without commission straight to the public, allowing a crucial economic boost. See our online guide <https://www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk/> plan your own trail and visit some stunning parts of the county. This year we have 114 venues and 200 artists involved.

The Harbertonford Community Ltd (THCL) is still in negotiations and will be putting more information on <https://harbertonford.com>. Thanks to all for your support. John (732117), john@mckay.sh

Citizens Advice South Hams – there have been some changes to the Citizens Advice Universal Credit helpline. If you have been made redundant and need support applying for Universal Credit call the national helpline on **0800-144-844**. Press 1 at the first option to be directed to a group of highly-trained *Help to Claim* advisers who can support with complex situations. The Redundancy Priority Service runs Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm. For help with other issues such as employment, debt or housing contact Citizens Advice Devon on 03444-111444 or email via <https://southhamscab.org.uk/contact/>

Harberton & Hford History Society – we are proceeding with the Oral History Project and are delighted that Dr Will Barrett is creating a film about the history of the mill and bringing it to life through the families who worked there. The British Association of Local History has a Zoom event on **Sat. 12th Sep. (2-4pm)** which includes its AGM and a talk by Prof. Catherine Clark - 'What is Local History?' Register to join it via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlscemsqzluE9C4lWJZuc6pBPAnfJ5Xorf>
More news soon.

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.

Speed watch - Devon Highways are looking at resurfacing the A381 through the village and improving drainage. As part of this project they will also now be looking at ways to improve the safety of the zebra crossing, which might even involve moving it and improving signage! Separately, the police recently did a speed survey beside the garage which suggests that in general traffic is travelling at less than 30mph. However, we will be doing our own survey over the next couple of months. If you can help please let us know. More info on <https://harbertonford.com> or contact John on 732117 or john@mckay.sh

Monday night fish and chips – a reminder that the *Just For The Halibut* fish and chip van visits the village every Monday. It parks in Bow Road from 5-6pm and then opposite the pub from 6:15 - 7:30pm.

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



The Fords have played five pre-season matches so far. The first league match is on **Sat. 5th Sep.** Weekly training @ Ivybridge.

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

HFC Lottery – £160 prizes/month. Cost: £5/month. August's winners published next month. Info: John Mills (see above).

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.

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

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

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

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 October newsletter is 20th September.