

Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the October 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 version (PDF file) of *Village Life* is available on these two village websites: www.harbertonford.com
www.harbertondevon.co.uk

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 Rob & Linda for this month's sponsorship. Their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



St Peter's Church

The church (and Food Bank) is closed. All church services are suspended. We thank all of you who support us in many ways.

God bless you all.

Church website – the benefice has a website: www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk

Coffee 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).
September's winners:

1st Rosemary Cavell, Packs Close, £20

2nd Alf Greest, Bow Road, £10

3rd Joyce Bond, Dartmouth, £5

Churchyard Clear-Up – we need a few helpers for the last of the tidying before the winter sets in. It's only for a couple of hours in the morning – on **Sat. 10th Oct. (10-12)**. Although some tools will be available, but please bring any that you have. Most important - we need energetic helpers! We look forward to seeing you. Please phone Frances (732297) if you are able to help. Thank you again to the three very willing men who have cut the grass through the summer - not an easy job. We are very grateful to you.
Frances and Hazel



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

Thu. Oct 8th and **Thu. Nov. 5th**. Info: phone 0345-155-1001.

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.

Happy 40th Birthday on **Sat. 10th Oct.** to Tom Dixon in Old Road!! Tom, his wife Erica and their son Rowan have lived in the village for over five years. Tom grew up locally and even went to H/ford Primary School! Very many happy returns for your special day, Tom.
Abi, James, Jossi and Bayla

Musicians needed for **Carols Round The Tree** – is there anyone in the village who could lead the community carol singing on **Sun. 20th Dec?** If able to go ahead this will be outdoors only and will be cancelled if wet or other circumstances dictate. Thanking you in advance, Jackie Clayton (732603).

Local bus services – the 92 & 164 services are both running as usual. Bob The Bus has a limited (M/W/F) service within Totnes – every 15 minutes from the Plains via Fore St. & High St. Masks required on public transport!

The village shop is very well stocked and offers a delivery service – ring 732220 for details.

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



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School News



Hello, my name is Anne Burns and I am the new Head Teacher at Harbertonford Primary School. I would like to thank all of the school community for the wonderful welcome I have received. I am very excited to be joining your school! We have returned to school and I can't tell you how lovely it has been to see all the children coming back to school with such positive attitudes and being so happy! We are looking forward to offering a varied and exciting curriculum within the 'new normal'. Please take a look at our Facebook page for regular updates on what the children have been up to. Could I take this opportunity to remind the community that all cars should be removed from the school car park by 08:30 each weekday in term time. Recently the bin lorries were unable to empty our bins due to cars being left all day and parked in the way. Thank you, Anne.

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Office hours: Monday - Friday, 08:30 - 16:00.

Events at Dartington Hall have re-started. For details go to: <https://www.dartington.org/whats-on/>



The Flavel Arts Centre, Dartmouth has re-opened. It has a very exciting schedule of events coming up so please check the website www.theflavel.org.uk and get booking!

Parish Council (PC) – the next PC meeting (via Zoom) is on **Tue. 13th Oct. (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)

The South Hams Society (www.southhamssociety.org) is seeking a dynamic new Chair to steer it through these challenging times. If you live in the South Hams and have relevant skills and experience – and 1-2 days per week to

volunteer - we would love to hear from you. For an informal chat, please contact the current Vice Chair, Didi Alayli, at southhamssociety@gmail.com. The society is also keen to appoint a **new Communications Officer**. This is a voluntary (unpaid) role to work with a small, friendly committee to handle our press and social media. For an initial chat, contact Cathy Koo, Trustee, at cathykoo3@gmail.com. Applications for both posts by **Wed. 14th Oct.** Send your cv and a covering letter to southhamssociety@gmail.com.

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 NOW: russell.broadhurst@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Sustainable Harbourn Valley (SHV) – previously the Harborton & H/ford Environmental Action Group. What we do:

Litter Pick Walks - we currently have enough volunteers for two teams and plan to start work as soon as C-19 restrictions allow.

The Environmental Action Zoom Group is exploring a range of different environmental projects.

Our Facebook Page ([Sustainable Harbourn Valley](#)), set up by Cherry Hornsby. We use this to highlight a variety of environment issues and possibilities for taking action. Join us!

Draft Policy for Managing the Green Spaces in the Parish – awaiting approval from the PC. It will form a basis for co-ordination across the parish. Conversations have begun with organisations that manage these spaces, to plan how we can work with them to support a wildlife-friendly approach.

Wildlife-Friendly Gardening - promoted on the Facebook pages of the SHV and also the Harborton Village Support Group.

Local Parish Walk Guides - Peter Kirkham has written five Local Parish Walk Guides with more in the pipeline. We are looking to find a way to make these accessible and downloadable.

Hedgehog Highway - Ken and Jill Beagley have been encouraging residents to make hedgehog-sized holes in their garden boundaries. They have also produced some attractive 'hedgehog' signs to mark the gaps.

PC - Emma Croft, SHV member, has become a parish councillor.

Website - we are applying to the Community Benefit Fund for support with the costs of creating a website so that information about the activities of the group can be readily accessed and communicated across the parish.

SHV info: Chris Alton at chrisma217@gmail.com

Citizens Advice South Hams has a team of 60-strong staff and volunteers - all working from home, with access to up to date information and advice to help you find a way forward. If you are worried about housing, employment, benefits, immigration or any other issue please get in touch. To contact your local team you can email via our website <https://southhamscab.org.uk/> or contact on WhatsApp (07497-758779). Alternatively call Devon Adviceline on 03444-111-444.

Christmas Craft Fair - with the current C-19 restrictions likely to be in place for the foreseeable future we have been trying to work out if we could possibly run this year's fair in a safe legal way that would not spoil its busy social atmosphere - regrettably it just does not seem feasible. We hope everyone stays safe and that we can all get together again next year. Linda & Sue



I NEED A PLACE TO RENT in the local area.

Anything up to six months or possibly longer.

Rent negotiable, according to size.

Contact Simone (07534-124861 [voicemails only]).

Harborton & H/ford History Society – we are unable to proceed with live talks for the moment, but we will keep

people in touch with any virtual talks . We are able to press on with our Oral History Project. **Info:** Jill Powell (07759-578496)
This may be of interest ...

The **Mayflower 400 celebrations** include the sailing of the Mayflower Autonomous Ship (MAS). This will sail across the Atlantic in 2021 and will reflect the voyage undertaken 400 years ago by the original ship. The MAS is powered by state-of-the-art wind and solar technology. It was officially launched last month at a ceremony in Plymouth. <https://www.mayflower400uk.org/>

Our **Play Park is open** again. A community funding effort is required to either remove and replace or repair unsafe equipment and The Harbortonford 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@harbortonparishcouncil.org and john@mckay.sh

Village Hall (VH) – six members of the committee will meet soon to discuss some maintenance matters and to consider whether to re-start uses of the hall. However, the current C-19 situation makes it unlikely there will be any significant change. **Info:** robert.summers13@btinternet.com (or phone 732004).

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

Football club (HFC) - four games played to date but, sadly, only one win. Two defeats by a single goal. The playing area has had a major refurb and is looking terrific. For info. on joining the club, training etc, contact John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net) or 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):

- **Aug:** Mavis Sturman/David Hart/Linda Allen/Callum Payne/Jack Hopkins/JE Hopkins.
- **Sep:** Luke Forward/Graham Clayton/John Mills/Holly Stone/Dave Hammond/Siobhan Edwards. **Info:** j.mills@nhs.net.

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.harbortonparishcouncil.org or via Parish Clerk on 0845-557-8469 or clerk@harbortonparishcouncil.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 November newsletter is 20th October.