

Village Life

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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. 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.

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

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St Peter's Church

A reminder that St Peter's is, once again, open every day.

There will be a Harvest service on

Sun. 17th Oct. @ 4:30pm.

Church website – a reminder that the benefice's website address is:

3rivers.org.uk

P.C.C. lottery – we need just a few more members to get to 100. If you would like to join (£12/year) contact Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297). Your support really helps the church. Here are September's winners:

1st Jackie Clayton, Woodcourt Road, £20

2nd Betty Nicholls, Moreleigh, £10

3rd Angie Bradley, Packs Close, £5

Cream teas in the churchyard - thank you to all who so generously supported us - over £700 was raised. Thank you to all the willing helpers. We hope that it was enjoyable.

Harvest Lunch: this is on **Sun. 24th Oct. @ 12:45**. Tickets cost £10, from Frances (732297) or Hazel (732672) - please book by **21st Oct.** Everyone is very welcome indeed.

Church clean - it's every fourth Thursday of the month, i.e. this time it's **Thu. 28th Oct. (11am)**. Just for one hour. If you are able to join us that would be great. Many hands make light work!

The churchyard continues to be looked after by the lovely band of helpers - cutting, strimming or raking the grass. THANK YOU so much for your efforts.

The village food bank (at the village shop) welcomes donations. These are gratefully received and go to local people. Many thanks, in advance, to all donors.

Britannia Royal Naval College Volunteer Band – concert in St Peter's. It's on **Thu. 16th Dec.** More details next month.

Village Hall bar – a reminder that the weekly Village Hall bar has re-opened. It's **every Friday evening from 7:30pm.**



Skittles are on **Sunday evenings** in the Village Hall (7-9pm). Everyone is welcome. Sanitiser available and masks optional. A charge of £2 to include coffee/tea and biscuits. Enquiries to John (732588).

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

Harberton & H/ford History Society – Dr Todd Gray has agreed to an online ([Zoom](https://www.zoom.us)) talk to our society - "Devon's

Slave-Owners in 1834" - on **Tue. Oct. 5th (7.30pm)**. His talk covers at the emancipation of slaves in the empire on 1st Aug. 1834. On that date owners received government compensation and surviving records provide details on which Devonians were involved. This talk reveals not only who they were and where they lived but examines their contribution to Devon at this time. We are planning to reinstate the Uncle Tom Cobley talk in 2022 by which time we hope we can meet together "in the flesh". To register for the talk please go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125460870>
Thanks, Jill Powell (07759-578496)



The Totnes Raft Race, known as 'The River Dart Struggle', is on **Sun. 10th Oct. (7:30am)**.

It's a 13km race from Buckfastleigh to Totnes. 2-10 people/raft, over the age of 18, can take

part in an exciting struggle to the finish. For details go to:

<https://www.totnesrotary.co.uk/totnes-raft-race>

Parish Council (PC) – a reminder that the PC has reverted to physical meetings. This month it's on **Tue. 12th Oct. (7:30pm)**. The venue, we understand (i.e. it's not confirmed), is

H/ford Village Hall. <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/>

Flower arranging – two meetings this month (always on Weds.) – **13th Oct & 27th Oct**. It's in the Village Hall from **10am**. 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).



Village coffee morning

Tue. 19th Oct. (10:30am)

If you are new to the village please come along; we are a friendly group and you will be made very welcome. We often have marmalade, jams, cakes, plants for sale and welcome any contributions. Raffle, bring & buy. Everyone welcome. Info: Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297).

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

Thu. 21st Oct. and Thu. 18th Nov. We hope to see you at the mobile library soon! Info: phone 0345-155-1001.

Monday night fish and chips – 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.

Open Day 2022 – should H/ford have an 'Open Day' next year? Our Open Studios weekends in the past were very successful, but maybe future events could be more diverse. Artists and craftsmen could join with gardeners and musicians with special events for children. On the Jubilee Bank Holiday (early June '22)? or later so that gardens are in full bloom? If you are interested in this idea and would like to participate in any way please email Helen (helenrphillips@icloud.com) or come to an informal meeting on **Wed. 27th Oct. (7pm)** at Brooklyn, Bow Rd.

Harberton Table Tennis - we have restarted weekly table tennis at Harberton Parish Hall (**Monday 2-4pm**). This was previously organised under the Totnes U3A, but is now an informal group, open to all. If you would like to give it a try, all

abilities are most welcome. Sessions cost £2. Please bring a face mask to wear if you wish and some hand gel, for your own personal use. We have a short break partway through the afternoon, so please bring your own refreshments. We will not be using the hall's kitchen. We have a few spare table tennis bats, but if you have your own, please bring it with you. Table tennis balls will be provided. You will also need to wear 'non-slip and non-marking' sports footwear. **Further info:** Brian (863601).

Harbertonford Allotment Society - enquiries re an allotment plot to has-sec@outlook.com

The Village Hall committee held its AGM last month – the first since 2019. All the incumbent committee were re-elected and were joined by two new members. Jean Blackler remains Treasurer and i/c of hall bookings. Rob Summers continues as Secretary and John Blackler as Chair. **Info:** Rob Summers (732004) or robert.summers13@btinternet.com



Can we put in a call for CA volunteers again? Sorry to repeat content but we really need some new volunteers come January.

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. The training course starts in January. For more information or to apply please contact training@southhamscab.org.uk or visit the website www.southhamscab.org.uk.

Bob & Brenda would like to pass their thanks on to everyone who came along to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary in the Village Hall last month and for making it such a special & memorable day. Many thanks to all those who helped.

Village Brunch – this stays on the back burner for the moment as (i) the team hasn't been able to meet up and (ii) there are concerns that people are still reluctant to go to places where there are likely to be crowds as the level of Covid infection is still high. **Contact:** Sue Groom (732462).

Village Craft Fair - we cannot run the fair this year as that is only really viable (both financially and as an interesting selection of stalls) with the number we usually have in the hall. So social distancing would be impossible. Many apologies and I hope that we can resurrect the fair next year. Sue Groom (732462).



Football club (HFC) – the Fords have had a disappointing start to the SDFL season and still await their first victory.

Ross Hammond memorial game – Cynthia and Ellie Hammond thank everyone at HFC for the wonderful afternoon held in memory of Ross. They were overwhelmed by the excellent turnout, the lovely atmosphere and the many kind tributes to Ross. It was made clear to them how highly regarded Ross was – within both the club and the local community.

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

Linda Allen/Paul Turner/Stewart Hunter/Robin Dart/
Harry Gibbins/Dave Hatch.

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

A381 Traffic Data Analysis - the data from the recent Automated Traffic Survey (29th Jul. to 5th Aug) has been analysed at: <https://www.harbertonford.com/a381/index.php>
The survey collected speed, volume and vehicle types in 15 min intervals. It took place about 20 metres north of the zebra-

crossing, just opposite the old school and on the edge of the 20mph zone. Here the speed limit is 30mph (the 20mph zone is advisory only). The charts require a modern browser to view & are best viewed on a decent size screen..not a phone! Clicking on one of the legends will remove that data from the chart, which can be useful to see some data more clearly. Mouse over the chart to see specific data values. If you have any questions or would like to write in support of traffic calming please phone 732117 or email john@liburne.com Thanks, John McKay (SHDC Councillor).

Could an eCargo bike put your business on a more sustainable delivery track? The DfT has made £400,000 available for the purchase of eCargo bikes.

- Funding covers up to 40% of the total cost of a bike, up to a max. of £2,500 (two-wheel models) & £4,500 (three-wheel).
- You can apply for up to five eCargo bikes per organisation.
- Ltd. companies, sole traders, partnerships, charities & not-for-profit organisations are all eligible to apply. Public, community or third sector organisations are also eligible provided they are legally constituted and have the appropriate formal structure. To apply (**deadline Tue. 14th Dec.**), or for info. & case studies: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/ecargo-bike-fund/>

South Hams enterprises can now apply for funding up to £7,500 to support the development of products and services for the low carbon sector. Key dates: • Applications in by **Thu. 28th Oct (noon)**, • scoring of applications in **Nov. 2021**, • approved partnerships to deliver their project by **May 2022**. <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/sustainability-hub-low-carbon-devon/devon-net-zero-innovation-fund>

Community Broadband - do you need faster, more reliable broadband? South Hams DC is working with broadband suppliers to help communities get faster connections to homes and businesses. SHDC wants to hear from people keen to improve their broadband and those who would like to help drive the project forward. If you'd like to register your interest go to: <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/community-broadband>

Year Planner 2021/22

24 Oct., Harvest lunch	16 Dec., BRNC Volunteer Band
tbc Village brunch	6 Aug., Village Show

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 November newsletter is 20th October.