

# Village Life

In remembrance of  
HM Queen Elizabeth II  
21/4/1926 - 8/9/2022

## Harbertonford's newsletter

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.

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

- [www.harbertonford.com](http://www.harbertonford.com)
- [www.harbertondevon.co.uk](http://www.harbertondevon.co.uk)

**Sponsorship** – none this month, but back to normal in November. Sponsorship enables us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



**St Peter's Church** has a Harvest Songs of Praise on **Sun. 16th Oct. (3:30pm)** – everyone welcome. The church is open to all every day between 10:30am & 4pm. [3rivers.org.uk](http://3rivers.org.uk)

**O**n the morning of the Queen's funeral churches were asked to toll the bells from 10-11am. St Peter's was well able to do this thanks to Brian, Colin, Kevin and Roy, who took turns to keep the bell going for the whole hour. We thank them for giving up their time and having the energy to keep going - not an easy task. Jan provided coffee and cake for everyone. The hour was a lovely time together which we all enjoyed. Thanks, Frances.

**P.C.C. lottery** – thank you to everyone who already supports the lottery. Please contact Frances (732297) or Hazel (732672) if you would like to join (£12/year). It's a vital source of church income. Winners of the September draw:

1. Susan Gauntlett, Somerset, £25
2. Muriel Wakeham, Stoke Fleming, £15
3. James Willis, Moreleigh Rd., £10. Well done everybody.

**C**hurch cleaning - if you have a little time to spare, we would welcome you to help our small band. Anytime from **10:30am onwards on Thu. 13th Oct.** An hour's cleaning. Coffee provided.

### Harvest Festival dates

**Sat. 15th Oct. (10:30am)** - decorating the church.  
Helpers most welcome!

Donations of flowers/greenery are sought!  
Please bring to church on the morning  
or leave it the day before.

**Sun. 16th Oct. (3:30pm)** – Harvest Songs of Praise  
**Sun. 23rd Oct. (12:30pm)** – Harvest Lunch (Village Hall)  
Info: Frances (732297)

**T**otnes Raft Race (2nd Oct.) **CANCELLED** - Totnes Rotary has cancelled this year's race. Very low water levels on the River Dart has created dangerous obstacles for rafters.

**U**kulele news – Monday evening after-school ukulele/guitar sessions restarted on 26th Sep. The aim is to continue through the Autumn during school term time: **Mondays 5-6pm**. Guitars & ukuleles, Parents/Grandparents youngsters aged 5+. ALL WELCOME!! Thanks, Peter Beamish



Our next two visits are: **Thu. 6th Oct. and Thu. 3rd Nov.** Info: phone 0345-155-1001.

**REMINDER:** Mobile library timings:

School: **12:30-12:50** (pupils) and **12:50-13:10** (all welcome)

Church: **15:20-15:40** Info: [librariesunlimited.org.uk](http://librariesunlimited.org.uk)

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**H**arbertonford Youth Project (alternate Thursday evenings) – sessions (5.45pm to 8.15pm) are on: • **6th & 20th Oct.**, • **3rd & 17th Nov.**, • **1st & 15th Dec.** Note our new contact details: 07915-228154 or [amarshall.traye@gmail.com](mailto:amarshall.traye@gmail.com)

**A**rgentinian Tango at H/ford Village Hall  
**Sat. 8th Oct. (11am – 1pm)**



Only £7pp. Suitable for complete beginners to more experienced Tangueros. Teachers will be Anna and Ute. We suggest that you perform a Covid test before coming to the class. For more info. and to check that the course is going

ahead please contact David 07732-687511.

**P**arish Council (PC) – the next ordinary meeting of the PC is on **Tue. 11th Oct. (7:30pm)**. Venue not yet confirmed, but likely to be our Village Hall.

**F**lower arranging – our Autumn meetings (in the Village Hall and always **Weds. @ 10am**) are:

- **Oct. 12th & 26th**
- **Nov. 9th & 23rd**
- **Dec. 7th**

No set charge. Apart from flowers, equipment (& tuition) is available, if needed. Relaxed, fun (& coffee). New members always very welcome. Many thanks, Pauline Hancock (732393).

### The Big Breakfast

**Sat. 15th Oct. @ Harberton Parish Hall**

Celebrate the produce of our local farming communities in a **Pop-up Cafe (from 9am to 1pm)**



**Village coffee morning - Tue. 18th Oct.**

**(10:30am)** - you are very welcome. Bring/buy stall, raffle, most times jams, marmalade and produce. **Cost:** £1 (inc. coffee & biscuits).

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

### Community Shop and Post Office

The takeover is in the hands of our respective solicitors. This process is taking longer than we had hoped, but it will be completed soon. A reminder that we have over 200 shareholders who have invested more than £67,000. However,

**You can still buy shares** - pick up a form from the shop or go to <https://harbertonford.com>

**Share certificates** - if you haven't received your certificate or it's incorrect, please let us know so we can correct any mistakes.

**Volunteers** - if you are interested in volunteering in the shop/PO please let us know, so we can log your preferences: <https://harbertonford.com/volunteers/>

**Website Editor needed** - we need someone to help keep <https://harbertonford.com> up to date with fresh content & news. Thanks again, John McKay, [shop@thcl.uk](mailto:shop@thcl.uk) or (t) 07810-007760

**S**ustainable Harbourne Valley is running its first Apple Day!

Join us in the H/ford playpark on **Sat. 22nd Oct. (10:00–12:00)** for apple pressing, appley-y games and fruity refreshments. It's a bumper harvest, so keep plenty of apples back (or scrounge them from friends) and bring them along for juicing – not forgetting containers so you can take away the juice. [hello@sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk](mailto:hello@sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk)

### VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

- Bingo evening – **Sat. 29th Oct. (7:30pm)**
- Ceilidh (Ian Hooper Band) – **Sat. 12th Nov. £10/u18 free**

**The Village Hall AGM** was held last month. There were no changes to the committee.

Key contact:

Rob Summers (732004) or [robert.summers13@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.summers13@btinternet.com)



**Village brunch** – the latest brunch is **PLANNED for Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

**(10:15am to noon), @ V. Hall.**

**HOWEVER, WE NEED HELPERS** on the day. Could that be you?? If so, contact Sue Groom (732462). The

brunch is a really good way to meet up with friends and neighbours for anything from a coffee to a full English (veggie option also available).

## South Hams District Council

**Speed signs** - the funds needed for the variable speed signs for the main road and past the school are now

available. I have the posts ready to be installed. So hopefully the signs will be operational in the next few months.

**Waste collection** - on Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, SHDC takes this service back in-house and FCC will be consigned to the brown bin of history. It has been a costly exercise, but I hope everyone will see a marked improvement over the coming months.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

John: [john@mckay.sh](mailto:john@mckay.sh) 07810-007760

**Harberton & H/ford History Society** – apologies, but we have had to move Ian Mortimer's talk from this month to 2023, when we can meet in person. Our next online talk will be on **Tue. 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. (7:30pm)** - Dr. Helen Wilson: "Lady Woodcarvers; The Remarkable Pinwill Sisters". We look forward to seeing you then.

Thanks, Jill Powell, [jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com](mailto:jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com)

**Village School** – we are all so impressed at how our new Reception children are settling in and growing in confidence. We are so appreciative of the support from Lawsons and Ann Potter to ensure that we could get our new cooking programme up and running from this term. Lawsons donated equipment and Ann Potter made aprons; we hope you saw the write-up in the local press. As a school, we are keen to get involved in community projects. If you think we can help, please contact the office to let us know.

Anne Burns, Academy Head.

**Citizens Advice South Hams** offers free, confidential and impartial advice on issues such as debt, benefits, energy, employment, housing, and health. They can be contacted by calling their local Adviceline on freephone 0808-278-7948 or by visiting their website [www.southhamscab.org.uk](http://www.southhamscab.org.uk). You can also visit their office in Follaton, Mon. - Fri. (10am-4pm), or the outreach at The Mansion on Weds. (9.30am to 12.30pm).

**Weather watch** – with Autumn here, but plenty of rain needed to replenish rivers & reservoirs, how does 2022 compare with previous years? Here's the rainfall data (in inches) for H/ford:

	2022	2021	2020	Av.1984-2019
Jan. - Apr.	12.7	14.4	21.9	16.4
May - Aug.	5.2	19.3	13.3	11.5
Year to date	17.9	33.7	35.2	27.9

So far 2022 is the driest year (along with 2003 & 2005, which had almost identical figures) since 1984, when David Groom began keeping records. As for temperature, H/ford's highest this year was 31.1°C (88°F). Last year's was 30.9°C and in 2020 it was 29.9°C. Recent monthly mean temperatures (°C) were:

	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.
2022	14.9	17.5	18.0
2021	15.4	17.4	15.9
2020	14.6	15.5	16.9

Many thanks to David for providing this data.

**Harbertonford Allotment Society** – small plot available late October. Email [has-sec@outlook.com](mailto:has-sec@outlook.com) to arrange a viewing.

**September wedding** – many congratulations to villagers Ros and Ian who were married last month. We wish you every happiness together.

**Harberton Table Tennis** is weekly (**Mon. 2-4pm**) at **Harberton Parish Hall**. All abilities very welcome. Cost £2/session. Please contact Brian (863601) for more information.



**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).

**Village Hall Bar** – a reminder that the Village Hall bar is open every Friday evening from 7:30pm

**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.

**Picnic on the Pitch** – there was a tremendous turnout for last month's picnic. Many thanks to the ladies who made the fantastic cakes. We'll look to do something similar this year hopefully and next summer certainly. Nigel

**Harbertonford FC** – mixed results so far. Two league defeats, but into the next round of the Devon Senior Cup.

**Football club lottery:** £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/mth. August's winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

Paul Turner/Linda Allen/ Stuart Maller /Callum Payne/

Terry Eastley/Phil Osgathorpe.

September: Linda Allen/Matt Ghillyer/Robin Dart/

Stuart Maller/Jake Harmieson/John Mills.

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



**BTB needs more drivers & volunteers!!**

We need more help to maintain and grow our services. Driving hours are arranged to suit availability. We'd also love to hear from anyone who has a few hours spare

and is interested in admin., fundraising, PR and/or general roles. If you can offer help and/or suggestions:

email [bobthebushire@yahoo.com](mailto:bobthebushire@yahoo.com) or phone 07800-745332.

**What's On** – a trimmed-down list of interest groups and regular village events, with contact details:

❖ **Parish Council:** [www.harbertonparishcouncil.org](http://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org) or via Parish Clerk on 0845-557-8469 or

[clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org)

❖ **Police:** PCSO Russ Broadhurst 30534. Tel: 07703-886012 or [russell.broadhurst2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:russell.broadhurst2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

❖ **Village Hall bookings:** Jean Blackler (732588)

<b>Year Planner 2022:</b>	<b>16 Oct.,</b> Harvest Songs of Praise
<b>23 Oct.,</b> Harvest Lunch	<b>29 Oct.,</b> Bingo – for VH fund
<b>30 Oct.,</b> Village brunch???	<b>12 Nov.,</b> Ceilidh – for VH funds

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**Next issue** – contributions to Graham Clayton (732603 or [g1clayton78@outlook.com](mailto:g1clayton78@outlook.com)). The copy deadline for the November newsletter is 20<sup>th</sup> October.