

Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter



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Welcome to the December 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 helps village residents who need assistance when self-isolating during the Covid 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!



Christmas Services at St Peter's

On **Sun. 20th Dec (3:30pm)** there is a service of music/carols, readings and pictures. If you would like to join us, please let us know:

Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297).

On Christmas morning we will have a **9:30am**

Holy Communion service. Again, please let us know if you wish to come (short notice will be fine).

Once a week (Thursdays 11-12) the church is open for private prayer .

The churchyard is being kept tidy. If you would like to get involved please contact Hazel or Frances - you will be very welcome. We are hoping to have a Christmas tree outside the church. Please see posters for more info. on this and other events. Your support for the church does mean a great deal to the churchwardens. We wish everyone reading this a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas. We look forward to everything improving in 2021. God bless, Hazel & Frances.

Church website – please note that the benefice has a new website: 3rivers.org.uk

P.C.C. lottery - thank you to all who contribute each month. We could do with a few more people, so if you want to join – (£1/month) - please contact Hazel (732672) or Frances (732297).
November's winners:

1st Joyce Bond, Dartmouth, £20

2nd Alan Inder, Mill Meadow, £10

3rd David Willis, Moreleigh Rd, £5

Thank you to all the people who donate their winnings back to the funds. It's very much appreciated.

Sponsorship – many thanks to Chris Reeve (Stanborough CP) for sponsoring December's *Village Life*. It's enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter. For oven-

ready turkeys, geese, ducks and chicken for Christmas, phone 01548-821306 or email: stanboroughfarm@hotmail.com

Christmas Dinner in a Box

This year Stanborough Christmas Poultry offers to also supply a box of ready-to-prepare vegetables to provide all you need for your special Christmas meal. Choose a Turkey/Turkey Roll, Goose, Duck or Chicken (price on request).

We can then (for £20) add the vegetables, sausage meat, homemade cranberry sauce & fresh herbs (box serves 6+)
It's local veg from Berrymans, South Milton & Warcombe Produce - potatoes, leeks, onions, cauliflower, savoy, carrots, parsnips, swede, sprouts & red cabbage.

stanboroughfarm@hotmail.com Tel: 01548-821306
Stanborough Farm, Halwell TQ9 7JQ. Delivery cost is £3.

Benefice of the 3 Rivers Mission – we have a virtual quiz (via Zoom) on **Thu. 10th Dec. (7:30pm)**. Entry fee £10/group.

First prize... A Christmas Hamper. 🎄🎄🎄

Arranged by Halwell Church PCC. To participate please contact: Helen at hmparishnews@hotmail.co.uk / 07807-787327 or Rose at rosepalmer@btconnect.com / 07976-869506

Carols Round The Tree – no luck yet in finding local musician(s) to lead this, so it's doubtful that this year's event will take place. I'll post notices around H/F (date, time) if something can be arranged. Thanks, Jackie Clayton (732603).



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

Thu. Dec. 3rd and Thu. Jan 14th. Heidi hopes to see you at the mobile library soon! Info: phone 0345-155-1001.



Save Our Mobile Library! – we've raised over half of our target £15,000 needed to re-furbish our "new" second-hand van. For info. on how you can help please use this link: justgiving.com/campaign/get-mobile-library-on-road. We visit over 380 communities and the library is an educational, social, wellbeing, and cultural service. We need your help so we can continue to support people the South Hams and West Devon. Many thanks, Rachel Gee.

librariesunlimited.org.uk & devonlibraries.org.uk

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

Totnes & District Chamber of Commerce – "The Tuesday Xmas markets will now not be running in the market square. Lots of shops ...will open on the Tuesday evenings to enable those that work or have daytime commitments to shop in the evenings and this will help spread the footfall from the weekends!

Shops, cafes, bars and restaurants, beauty, hairdressers etc. - it will be amazing if we all show some evening hospitality at this very special seasonal time this year." (Facebook post, 25/11/20)

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.



The H/ford Community Limited (THCL) has teamed up with Food in Community (FIC) www.foodincommunity.org to deliver food boxes in H/ford. If you are struggling to access food, you can be referred through several local organisations including Citizen's Advice and NHS professionals. However, if it is an emergency, please contact FIC in confidence. They understand it can be difficult to reach out but please do it. They are a kind and experienced team and some of them have lived experience of similar situations. Volunteers from THCL will deliver food boxes for free. THCL & FIC will continue to work together and hope to start a "Jams & Preserves" event at the Village Hall, where any produce going out of date can be preserved. If you are interested in volunteering for this please contact : foodincommunitycic@gmail.com

The village shop and Post Office will be OPEN AS USUAL for the holiday period but **CLOSED** on these two days:
Christmas Day and Boxing Day

The filling station will be OPEN AS USUAL for the holiday period **EXCEPT** on these days when it's:

- Christmas Day – 9am to 8pm
- Boxing Day - 8am to 9pm

January's *Village Life* will list the New Year's Day opening times and the recycling & waste collection times for the holiday period.

Devon Air Ambulance - thank you to everyone who generously donated for the flowers and vegetables we put at the end of the drive. A total of £60.80 has been passed to the Devon Air Ambulance.
John & Jean at Roselea



We have a wide programme of excellent events this month. For What's On: www.theflavel.org.uk or 01803-839530.

Harberton & H/ford History Society - after an enjoyable first online history talk with Todd Gray last month, we are planning more online talks in 2021. We will notify members of our new programme in due course. Meanwhile, we hope to start filming for the Oral History Project this month. We send all Good Wishes for a Very Happy Christmas and hopefully a Much Happier New Year. Many thanks, Jill Powell (07759-578496).

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.

Village Hall (VH) – we have been through a bidding process for a professional deep clean to the VH, after nine months of stagnation. We have a cleaning firm set up and ready to go on Dec. 2nd, or as soon as HM Government allows. Thereafter, we hope to be able to offer suitably socially-distanced groups the opportunity to start using the VH again.
Info: robert.summers13@btinternet.com (or phone 732004).

H/ford Allotment Society – plots available **now**, well-worked and good size for the first time veg gardener.

Email has-sec@outlook.com to arrange an immediate viewing. Please note the path through the gate leading to the allotments is for members only. it is not a public footpath and it is **definitely not** a place to walk your dog.

Sustainable Harborne Valley (SHV) – if you would like to support our work, please email chrisma217@gmail.com and join our Facebook page 'Sustainable Harborne Valley'. Peter Beamish looks after the H/ford Play Park. He's looking for volunteers to help him manage the grounds in an environmentally-friendly way. If you can help email him at: p.beamish732@btinternet.com.

Play Park fundraising - if you would like to volunteer your time to help with fundraising please contact clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org and john@mckay.sh

Football club (HFC) sends seasonal greetings to all supporters. Club info: John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net) or Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

HFC Lottery – £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/month.
October winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):
Siobhan Edwards/ Chloe Mills/Holly Stone/Claire Hallett/ Jake Harmieson/Dave Hart.
Info: j.mills@nhs.net. Nov. winners published next month.

Hungry Harberton cookbook - a beautifully illustrated 194-page book with over 130 recipes from local residents, sold in aid of Harberton Church Community Fund - £12. A perfect Christmas or birthday present. To order a copy contact: Annie Williams (862994) or harbertonccf@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

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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Please phone Melanie Allday (867655) for details of MAP's services

Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year to all of our readers. Many thanks for your continued support.

Next issue – contributions to Graham Clayton (732603 or g1clayton78@outlook.com). The copy deadline for the next newsletter is **16th Dec.**, earlier than usual, so that January's *Village Life* can be delivered to homes before Christmas.