

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. 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
- www.harbertondevon.co.uk

Jack Ball died on November 4th aged 97. His funeral was held in St Peter's church on Wed. 23rd Nov. An obituary for Jack will be printed next month.

Sponsorship – many thanks to Louise for sponsoring this month's edition. Her generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



St Peter's Church has two December services:

- School carol service – **Thu. 15th (1:30pm)**.
- Three Parishes Carol Service – **Sun. 18th (3:30pm)**. Tea/coffee, mince pies.

St Leonard's church, Halwell hosts the Midnight service on

Sat 24th Dec. (11:30pm). St Peter's has no Christmas service. It is open to all every day (10:30am-4pm). 3rivers.org.uk

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 November draw:

1 Liz Shinner, Riverdale, £25 2. Liam Reading, Main Rd, £15
3 Jean Blackler, Old Rd, £10. Well done everybody.
As we go into 2023 why not make a resolution to join? £12/year, prizes as above. Contact Frances 732297 or Hazel 732244. We look forward to welcoming some new members as well as those who have been with us since 1991 when we started!!!!

Church cleaning - no church cleaning this month. A big thank you to those who have helped through the year. Many hands make light work!

A BIG thank you to everyone who has attended our events, offered help, made cakes etc... Your support has been fantastic. THANK YOU. Happy Christmas, St Peter's PCC.

Buckfast Abbey Open-Air Christmas Market – browse, buy, indulge & get into the Christmas spirit! It's on **Thu. 1st Dec.** to **Sat. 3rd Dec. (10am-5pm)**.

<https://www.buckfast.org.uk/christmas-market-2022>
Buckfast Abbey <newsletter@buckfast.org.uk

**Libraries
Unlimited**

Our next two visits are: **Thu. 1st Dec. & Thu. 12th Jan.** 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

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

Harbertonford Youth Project (alternate Thursday evenings) – sessions (**5.45pm to 8.15pm**) are on: • **1st & 15th Dec**. Our contact details: 07915-228154 or amarshall.traye@gmail.com



Our local children's ukulele band has these three bookings in December:

Sat 3rd, Dartmouth Old Market, 11am

Sat 10th, Daynes Farm Shop, 11am

Sat 17th, Carols Round the Tree, 5:30pm

The weekly ukulele/guitar sessions continue @ the Village Hall - **Mondays 5-6pm**. Thanks, Peter Beamish (07984-677157).

Argentinian Tango at H/ford Village Hall **Sat. 3rd Dec. (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.

Late night Christmas shopping in Totnes - *Bob the Bus* will be running a Park and Ride service between Follaton House and the town centre on **Tue. 6th, 13th & 20th Dec. (5-10pm)**. No ticket fares; donations only accepted.

www.visittotnes.co.uk/totnes-christmas-market



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

Flower arranging – only one meeting this month (in the Village Hall) – **Wed. 7th Dec. @ 10am**. 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).

**Brixham Town Band
Christmas Concert
with Carols**

**Thu. 8th Dec. (7:30pm)
Village Hall**



A lovely way to start Christmas. Refreshments & raffle.

Entry £5. Info: Frances Harvey (732297)

Harbertonford Allotment Society – enquiries: has-sec@outlook.com



Christmas Quiz

1. An ant has how many lungs? 0, 1, 2 or 4?
2. The stapes bone. Is it in your nose, ear or foot?

If you know the answers to these (and even if you don't) you should be at the next **Village Hall Quiz** on **Fri. 9th Dec. (8pm)**. A light-hearted, raucous, brain-stretching fundraiser for the hall. Cost £1/head, payable on the night. No pre-reg. – just turn up. Max. 6/team. Prizes for the winners + temporary ownership of the iconic VH Cup. Info: Vicki Taylor, vct.wrns@yahoo.com



Harberton's Christmas Tree Festival is open to all at St Andrew's Church (**Fri. 16th to Sun. 18th Dec., 11am to 5pm**). Home-made soup, bread, cakes & hot drinks will be served throughout. The Festival will end with a Carol Service at 6pm.

Lengths of firewood for sale – lots of wood available. No cost, but a Rowcroft donation: <https://rowcrofthospice.org.uk> would be much appreciated. Ring John Attree (07516-480749).

TURKEYS, GEESE, DUCKS & Veg Boxes for Christmas at Stanborough Farm, Halwell. Taking orders on: 01548-821306 or stanboroughfarm@hotmail.com



Carols Round the Tree

This year's carol singing (church car park) is on **Sat. 17th Dec. (5:30pm)**. Mince pies & hot drinks.



It's a lovely, seasonal village event & all ages are very welcome. It will be cancelled if very wet. Jackie Clayton (732603)

Play Area – last month's workday went very well and a lot of good work was accomplished. Thanks to Caroline, Sarah, Piers, Jill & Chris. Regards, Peter Beamish (07984-677157).

Cystic Fibrosis Trust



A lovely, handmade, wooden Christmas tree (one metre high)

is the prize in a fundraising raffle for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Tickets on sale (and tree on show) in the shop. The raffle will be drawn on **Mon. 19th Dec. (early pm)**. Many thanks, Lin Tozer.



Special Christmas coffee morning

Tue. 20th Dec. (10:30am). Everyone is very welcome. We had an excellent turnout last month – fingers crossed that this continues into 2023.

Monthly raffle, jams, marmalade etc. for sale. It's just £1 for coffee & biscuits and it is warm. Hazel (732244) or Frances (732297).

Parish Council (PC) – the next ordinary meeting of the PC is on **Tue. 13th Dec. (7:30pm)**. All meetings until next March are at our Village Hall. Info: <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/> email: clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org



New Year's Eve Party, with the village's favourite band, The Old Dogs. Welcome in 2023 by dancing the old year away! Bar open, party

food from 7:30pm. £10 entry. Info: Rob Summers (732004) or robert.summers13@btinternet.com

Village shop and Post Office opening times for Christmas:

- Christmas Eve (Sat.) – 8am to 1pm
- Christmas Day (Sun.) – Closed
- 26th & 27th (Mon. & Tue.) – TBC
- 28th to 31st Dec. (Wed. to Sat.) – normal hours

Note: Any updates to these times will be posted on shop door.

The filling station will be OPEN AS USUAL throughout the Christmas period EXCEPT FOR:

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

Harberton & H/ford History Society – we have a tree at the Harberton Christmas Tree Festival. Pop in to see our 2023 theme! Our next (Zoom) talk is on **Tue. 24th Jan. (7:30pm)**: Andy Crabb, "Digging Deep: Dartmoor's Key Archaeological Excavations". More info next month. A Very Happy Christmas & New Year to All. Jill Powell, Jill.powell-redlion@outlook.com

November's Brunch - a big thank you to the kitchen team for all their hard work. It was lovely to see so many people, both old friends and newcomers. Hopefully we'll have the next one in February. If you'd be interested in helping out in any way please contact Sue Groom (732462 or sue.groom@virgin.net).

Craft Fair – unfortunately, neither Linda nor Sue was in a position to organise a craft fair this year. There has been some interest from others wishing to take on much of its running in the future so we hope it will be back in action again next year.

Last month's ceilidh was very good fun and raised a useful profit for the Village Hall. Thanks to all who helped and to the band (Worts'n'All) for taking only a nominal fee.



Waste collection – hopefully this is now working well. If you have any SHDC issues to raise please don't hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks, john@mckay.sh (07810-007760)

Community Shop and Post Office

The takeover remains in the hands of our respective solicitors, but progress, whilst slow, is being made. Don't forget:

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 or (t) 07810-007760

Citizens Advice South Hams encourage people to be savvy this Christmas. Whatever the deal, or temptation, don't buy from unauthorised traders or borrow from unauthorised lenders.

The initial saving may prove to be a false economy. For help with any issue call us on 0808-278-7948, visit us at our Follaton office (Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm), or use our website southhamscab.org.uk

Harbertonford FC - League results (W2, L5) are mixed, but HFC's Devon Senior Cup campaign continues. For up to date results, fixtures & news go to: www.bit.ly/hf-fc

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

Phil Osgathorpe/Luke Forward/Matt Ghillyer/ Kieran Brown/ Marie Southcott/Jordan Baggott.

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

Year Planner 2022/23:

8 Dec. , Christmas Concert	9 Dec. , Christmas Quiz
15 Dec. , School carol service	17 Dec. , Carols Round the Tree
18 Dec. , Church carol service	24 Dec. , Midnight service

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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 **Fri. 16th Dec.**, earlier than usual, so that January's *Village Life* can be printed & delivered to homes in good time.