

Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter



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Welcome to 2025 and the January edition of *Village Life*, in which we try to keep you informed of local news & events. It's delivered to your door each month by volunteers.....

And many thanks to those volunteers who deliver this newsletter. Every month, without complaint:

- John & Jean Blackler (Old Rd/Main Rd)
- Dave Brown, Sarah Orme, Rob Summers (Bow Rd/Riverdale)
- Sue Groom (Moreleigh Rd/Main Rd)
- Piers Whiting (Woodland Rd/Packs Close)

Also many thanks to **MAP Accountants** in Harberton for the monthly printing of *Village Life*. We've made use of MAP's service (really friendly & efficient) since 2017 – it's a fantastic support for us. Thanks again, Melanie, Sally, Eve & Traci.

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

Sponsorship – many thanks to the Allotment Society for sponsoring this edition. Their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



St Peter's Church:

We have a Plough Sunday service this month. It's a new venture and it may have some surprises! It's on **Sun. 12th Jan. (3pm)**. You are all very welcome.

St Leonard's, Halwell hosts the Midnight communion service on **Tue. 24th Dec. (11:30pm)**.

St Mary's, Diptford church hosts the Christmas Day communion service on **Wed. 25th Dec. (11am)**.

St Peter's is open to all every day (10:30am-4pm). 3rivers.org.uk
All at St Peter's send you seasonal greetings. We'd love to see you over the festive time. Frances (732297).

P.C.C. lottery – why not join the lottery? £12/year, prizes as below. It's a vital source of church income. Dec. winners:

1. L Willis, Old Rd., £30
2. Jaz Peters, £20
3. Donna Janes, Totnes, £10

Thanks to all who support the lottery - it's much appreciated.

Reminder - annual lottery payments (£12) are due this month.

Lottery membership really does help towards the church's running expenses. To join, contact Frances (732297).



Village Christmas tree – many thanks to Kai, Jeff & Lucy for setting up the village tree. It's very much appreciated.

Church cleaning – we need one or two new cleaners, so if you have a spare hour each month and would like to help out please phone Frances on 732297.



Carols Round the Tree

2024's carol singing (church car park): **Sun. 22nd 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)



Christmas Raffle – the shop raffle raised just shy of £600 – a fantastic result. This will be a 50/50 donation between the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and shop funds. Many thanks to all supporters.

TURKEYS, GEESE, DUCKS & Veg Boxes for Christmas

at Stanborough Farm, Halwell. Taking orders on: 01548-821306 or stanboroughfarm@hotmail.com

Village Hall - the committee sends all villagers best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



Opening times for Christmas period and New Year's Day:

- Christmas Eve (Tue.): 8am - 6pm (shop & PO)
- Christmas Day & Boxing Day (Wed. & Thu.): Closed
- 27th to 31st Dec. (Fri. to Tue.): Normal hours (shop & PO)
- 1st Jan. (Wed.): Closed

Community Speedwatch – no sessions of late. We still need one or two more volunteers. Season's greetings to all.

Thanks, Phil laurence.phil.dixon@btinternet.com



Harbourne Filling Station

will be OPEN AS USUAL throughout the holiday period EXCEPT FOR

- Christmas Day: 8am - 8pm
- Boxing Day: 7am - 9pm
- New Year's Day: 7am - 10pm

Photos taken by local photographer **Jimmy Swindells** at FordFiesta 23/24 available to download or print - please email him for details & pricing at: jim@jimmyswindells.co.uk
All profits will go to support H/ford Play Park revamp.



Recycling and waste collection

Collection dates over the festive season (as per the SHDC website):

Usual day	New day	Usual day	New day	Usual day	New day
25 Dec	27 Dec.	1 Jan.	3 Jan.	8 Jan.	9 Jan.
26 Dec.	28 Dec.	2 Jan.	4 Jan.	9 Jan.	10 Jan.
27 Dec.	30 Dec.	3 Jan.	6 Jan.	10 Jan.	11 Jan.
30 Dec.	31 Dec.	6 Jan.	7 Jan.		
31 Dec.	2 Jan.	7 Jan.	8 Jan..		

- w/c 13th Jan. – normal service
- The garden waste service will be suspended for four weeks, from **20th Dec.** Due to resume on **20th Jan. 2025.**



Flower arranging - why not join us @ the Village Hall? If you're not sure just come over and watch, have a coffee and a natter. Next meeting: **Wed. 8th Jan. (10:30am)** - "Snakes & Ladders". More 2025 dates in Feb's newsletter.

No experience needed, only enthusiasm. Tuition is available if needed. For more info. ring Pauline (732393).

Harberton Parish Council's (PC) next ordinary meeting is at Harberton Parish Hall on **Tue. 14th Jan. (7:30pm)**.
clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org

Harberton & H/ford History Society – wishing everyone a very happy 2025 and hope you'll join us for our first talk of the year on **Tue. 14th Jan. - ONLINE – (7:30pm)**. Our regular speaker Andy Crabb (Dartmoor archaeologist) will be giving his talk: 'Recent Discoveries in an Ancient Landscape'. This will cover the Cut Hill Cyst, a recent discovery, four times the size of the White Horse Cyst, discovered ten years ago. All welcome. Non-members: £3, Members: free. Please Register on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/h3sjan24> and see further details on our new website <https://h3s-history.org>

Many thanks Jill.Powell-Redlion@outlook.com



Coffee morning - Tue. 21st Jan. (10:30am)

In the Village Hall. Only £1 for coffee and biscuits. Raffle and most times there are jams etc. for sale.

Please come along – you are very welcome. Frances (732297).



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Could that be to have a go at growing your own food?

If so there's an allotment plot in the village waiting for you.



H/ford Allotment Society has small plots which have been cleared, covered ready for planting in the spring. And If you need help or advice to get started you'll be joining a friendly team with a wealth of experience to share.

Email has-sec@outlook.com and we'll arrange to meet up on-site to look at what's available.



Harberton Optimists Golf Society (est. 1997)

If you are an active member of a golf club or a golfer who would like to play different courses around Devon with a relaxed and friendly society, then please contact James Miller (07860-579951) or email: james@jamestmiller.co.uk

Harberton Panto

Alice In Wonderland

Fri. 7th & Sat. 8th Feb. @ Harberton Parish Hall

Tickets on sale early in New Year. More details next month

Village Hall bar & Sunday Skittles – Reminders

The VH bar is open every Friday evening from **7:30pm** Skittles is every **Sunday** (V. Hall, **(7-9pm)**). All are welcome. Cost: £2 (inc. coffee/tea & biscuits). Info: John (732588).

?	Village Hall Quiz – PROVISIONAL DATE	?
?	Fri. 21st Feb. (8pm)	?
?	A fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust	?
	Date will be confirmed next month	

Wanted! New home in the village - we now have a cash buyer for our house on Moreleigh Rd. and are still looking for our new home in the village or nearby. Please get in touch if you're listing your house in the new year, and want to save on estate agents fees! 2+ beds, semi or detached, garden essential, budget max. £500k. Many thanks, Nicola (07783-176826) or nicolalang84@gmail.com

Harbertonford Youth Project (Thursdays, 6-7:30pm) – it's H/F's Youth Club. Mostly every fortnight. No 2025 dates received yet. Info: Laura: lshamlyn.trave@gmail.com



Extra opening hours on Saturdays!!

Don't forget!!: our PO is now open for an **extra 2½ hours every Saturday pm, i.e. to 3:30pm**

So, in a normal week the PO's hours are:

Mon.-Fri. 8am-6pm and then Sat. 8am-3:30pm

Citizens Advice South Hams is looking for new trustees to join the charity's board as it seeks to expand its work to reach more people in need. Volunteer trustees play a vital role in setting the strategic direction & financial viability of the organisation and overseeing the service in partnership with the Chief Executive. Trustees meet several times a year and are responsible for setting policy, monitoring the charity's finances and reviewing the organisation's performance. For more information see the *Get Involved* section of our website at www.southhamscab.org.uk



Hopefully you've enjoyed the shop's Christmas offerings and its seasonal feel. Recent shop takings

suggest that you have! Incidentally, our eggs (Free Range & Farm Fresh!!) from Gibbins Farm near Exeter are incredibly popular. They've been flying off the shelves (not literally) of late and last week's order was for 85 dozen!! We understand that the farm has about 2,000 chickens roaming freely around and we're delighted that they supply our shop. Despite the shop's takings steadily increasing, we still need volunteers to help ensure that the enterprise is financially sustainable. If you'd like to help out please contact Belinda Burt: (07501-900027)

!!!! Support your community shop/PO !!!!

Harbertonford FC – not many games in the past month. Sadly the Saturday side lost in the Herald Cup to much stronger opponents. However the Sunday side continued their run of great results and are now through to the 4th round of the Devon County Supplementary Cup. For results, fixtures & news: www.bit.ly/hf-fc Info: John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net), Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

Football club lottery: £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/mth. **Nov. winners** (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10): Chris Hatch/Graham Clayton/Kieran Brown/Jake Harmieson/ Paul Turner/Dave Hart. n.b. Dec's draw not yet done.

Village contacts

- ❖ **Police:** PCSO Russ Broadhurst 30534. Tel: 07703-886012 or russell.broadhurst@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
- ❖ **Village Hall bookings:** Jean Blackler (732588)

Year Planner 2024/5:
21 Feb.(??), VH Quiz

7&8 Feb., Harberton Panto
2 Aug., Village Show



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Season's greetings to all readers. Many thanks for your continued support.

Next issue – contributions to Graham Clayton (732603) or g1clayton78@outlook.com. The copy deadline for the February newsletter is 20th January.