

Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the June edition of *Village Life (VL)*, in which we hope to keep you informed of local news & events. It's delivered to your door each month by volunteers.

HSSG – VL 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 VL is available here:
www.harbertondevon.co.uk/villagelife.htm

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

Netta Griffiths, long-term resident of Marl Park, died peacefully, after a long period of ill-health, in Torbay Hospital on 16th April, aged 81. Netta was the beloved Mum of Barry and the much-loved sister of David and Christabel. Netta was well-known in H/ford, having lived in the village for most of her life and so she will be much missed by her many friends here and in the local area. A celebration of Netta's life was held last month at Torbay Crematorium and then at our Village Hall. Our thoughts are with Barry and his family.



St Peter's Church

There are no services this month.

The church is open to all every day (9am-5pm).
3rivers.org.uk

P.C.C. lottery – thanks to everyone who belongs to the lottery. You can join at any time, £12/yr. It really does help to keep the church going. Phone Frances (732297).

May winners: 1. Ann Bowhay, Bow Road

2. Janice Parnell, B/hempston 3. Neil Palmer, Poulston

Lottery: 2026 renewal – a few 2026 payments of £12 are due. Please pay your usual collector. If you would like to join, please contact Frances (732297) or Sue Lethbridge in the shop.

The Summer Skittles tournament will run (Fri. eves.) throughout June & July. If you'd like to enter a team, please contact John Blackler (732588). Starts soon, don't delay!!

Whist drive – the fourth Monday of each month (7:30pm). At Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall.

Bat Monitoring - Sustainable Harbourne Valley welcome back Devon's Principal Ecologist and bat expert, Tom Whitlock, to our Village Hall. It's on **Mon. 1st Jun. (7:30 – 9:30pm)**. Bats are indicators of a healthy environment and can tell us a lot about the health of our ecosystems. If bats are thriving, other wildlife often is too. With our two new bat monitors, available for loaning out, Tom can guide us through their use and interpret their findings. What bats do we have here? How can we help them survive?

The Flower Club has these Weds. meetings @ 10:30am: **Jun. 3rd Jun. 17th 1st Jul.** We're then preparing for the village show in August. Join us for a coffee!!

Many thanks, Pauline 01803-732393

Royal Cornwall Show - Royal Cornwall Events Centre in Wadebridge from **Thu. 4th to Sat. 6th Jun.** It features livestock, entertainment and shopping across the three days.

Harberton Parish Council's (PC) next ordinary meeting is at our Village Hall on **Tue. 9th Jun. (7:30pm)**.

The PC has three vacancies for new councillors! - one in H/ford ward & two in Harberton. •Learn more about your parish •Put forward your ideas •Represent the views of local people •Ensure that community interests are taken into account. Contact: The PC clerk: clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org or see the PC website: www.harbertonparishcouncil.org

Harbertonford Youth Project (Thurs., 6-7:30pm) – our Youth Club. Usually every fortnight, at the Village Hall. Next dates: **11th & 25th Jun., 9th Jul.** We will be off on trips with young people in w/c 20th Jul. *Info:* deekelly.traye@gmail.com

Harberton Open Gardens - you can visit 17 gardens in all! A fundraiser for the Harberton Church Community Fund, it's on **Sat. & Sun. 13th & 14th Jun. (12-5pm)**. Light lunches & cream teas served in Harberton Parish Hall, where you can park & buy your entry to the gardens (£10pp), which inc. a cream tea.

Harberton In Bloom Art Exhibition (part of same event) - entries sought!! •Children: "Devon flora, fauna & farms" (8x6in) •Adults: "Harberton in Bloom" (6x4in). *Info:* Annie Williams: 01803-862994 or 07879-037131 or annio_w@hotmail.com

Open Farm Sunday

Family Fun Day @ Daynes Farm, Harberton

Sun. 14th Jun. (10am-4pm) – see Facebook +/or Instagram

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Coffee morning - Tue. 16th Jun. (10:30am)



In the Village Hall. Only £1.50 for coffee & biscuits.

Raffle, jams etc. (often), lots of chat (always!)

Do come along – you are very welcome. To ensure that the coffee mornings can continue extra helpers are needed. Could that be you? If so, please let Frances (732297) know.

A fundraiser for the shop! We have a garden party, plant and flowerpot sale on **Sat. 20th Jun. (from 3pm)** in the garden at Brooklyn, Bow Road. • Cream teas & cakes • Plant stall • Large glazed & earthenware flower pots for sale
If wet, we shall have to think again!

A huge thank you to the team at the village shop for their very kind donation of £208 to our school's PTFA from funds raised through the Easter Raffle! Rising costs mean that enrichment opportunities for our children are increasingly supported by the PTFA. Donations like this help make wonderful experiences possible: transport for theatre trips, welcoming visiting musicians & artists into school, supporting other exciting activities for our pupils. We're incredibly grateful for the continued support from our local community. Working together really does make a difference for our children. Thank you again to everyone who got raffle tickets from everyone at the school and PTFA!

Quiz

Village Hall Quiz

Fri. 3rd Jul. (8pm)

Quiz

ANOTHER FUNDRAISER FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH

Our church needs **urgent repairs**, so your help is needed! A friendly, fun quiz. £2pp. Max. 6/team. No team? No problem - we'll sort it out!! Bar open. Vicki Taylor: vct.wrns@yahoo.com

!!SUPPORT ST PETER'S!!

Up the Creek, Tuckenhay Regatta – **Sat 11th Jul. (1pm)** - on the river near The Maltsters Arms, featuring traditional on-the-water races, canoeing and waterside community celebrations.

Harberton & H/ford History Society – thanks so much to all who attended our AGM and talk on Operation Tiger at Slapton - we were delighted to see so many of you. Our next event is our summer outing & picnic for a guided tour of Higher Uppacott - a medieval longhouse on Dartmoor:

Date: Sat. 11th Jul. **Time:** 10:30am-noon **Cost:** £5

Please see website for further details: h3s-history.org

Many thanks, Jill.Powell-Redlion@outlook.com

Harbertonford; A Village History - we're delighted to let you know of our recent publication. Copies are £4 and can be obtained in the shop or by contacting our website.

OPEN DAY AT THE ALLOTMENTS

Sat. 11th Jul. (10am - 3pm)

- Goodies to eat
- Produce to buy

Come & join us and celebrate another year of growing well

Further info: has-sec@outlook.com



Open Mic in May was an absolute cracker with the youngsters starting the show with a pianist/singer, singing groups, a magician and a contortionist; the older performers rounding off the night with a seven-piece Jam Band including two bass players!

We are now taking bookings for **The Big Wide Open Mic** - what a day out it'll be! It's on **Sat. 18th Jul. (2-10pm)** at the football field. Even if you are one person with one thing to perform for the first time - we want you! But hurry - we are starting to fill up. See y'all there! Contact: [Gavin middlewoodart@gmail.com](mailto:Gavin.middlewoodart@gmail.com)

Contact your local MP, Caroline Voaden, for help with an issue that you are facing. As part of her remit, Caroline can assist with anything that is the responsibility of a national government department, such as pensions and benefits. You can email her at: caroline.voaden.mp@parliament.uk or phone her office at: 01803-658461.

We held a **Speedwatch session** by the zebra crossing on Wed 21st May (9-10am). Our yellow tabards stand out and are effective in slowing down quite a few vehicles. We did register three vehicles driving through at more than 35 mph, though. They are logged into the police system and should get gentle reminders to slow down through the village in future. Thanks, Phil

Let's Get Growing! The schedule/programme for the Village Flower & Produce Show (**Sat. 1st Aug.**) will be available at the village shop in early June. And it's not just for the gardeners amongst us but also anyone creative, old & very young!

Taunton Flower Show – the oldest flower show in the country, set in Vivary Park, Taunton. **Dates:** Fri. 7th & Sat. 8th Aug.

Village Hall bar & Sunday Skittles – Reminders:

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

The **Apricot Centre** delivers a wide range of organic veg, fruit, home-reared meat & more to doors in H/ford and surrounds. Free weekly home delivery on Weds. Orders can be taken online (www.apricotcentre.co.uk) and assistance is available on 01803-762253 or email apricotcentrefarm@gmail.com

Taru Pilates – • Increase mobility • Build core strength • Improve posture. Harberton Parish Hall (**Thu. 18:30-19:30**). Contact Clare: tarupilates@gmail.com or 07546-684420.



Local tech help, right on your doorstep - need help with your broadband, computer, or phone line? Tech-Nes is your local IT & telecoms service, based in Diptford. From home repairs to business broadband, no job is too small. Give Ollie a call for friendly, honest help from someone who knows the area:

- 01803-309007
- www.tech-nes.com
- support@tech-nes.com

H/ford Bus Times - from April '26

H/FORD to TOTNES		TOTNES to H/FORD	
Mon-Fri	Sat	Mon-Fri	Sat
164 06:31	7 06:29	7 07:02	7 07:05
7 06:33	164 07:56 H	164 07:10	7 08:05
164 07:31	7 08:18	164 07:50	164 09:00

Bus 7 now runs up to every hour between Exeter & Dartmouth via N.Abbot & Totnes, providing new journey opportunities, with through tickets and no requirement to change buses. The new H/F timetable (see above) is in the shop (@ counter).

Hello everyone, I live in H/ford and offer 1 to 1 lessons in music and ceramics. I teach piano, singing, clarinet & saxophone, and also offer 1 to 1 ceramics sessions, focusing on hand-building techniques and sculpture. Complete beginner? Adult returner? Need to build confidence? I'm happy to tailor lessons to suit you. Please contact me if you'd like more info:

(e) findinglizzie@hotmail.com (m) 07843-858313

Citizens Advice South Hams has opened recruitment for new volunteers based at Follaton House, Totnes. Our fantastic volunteers are the lifeblood of our charity, helping local people overcome their problems. No previous experience is necessary as we provide all the training you need. We're particularly looking for people to help with Reception (both on phone and in-person) who can identify issues and connect callers to the right advisers for their situation. Please visit our website at <https://southhamscab.org.uk/get-involved/> to find out more.

Harberton Cricket Club (HCC) 2026 - for children & adults

- Massive thanks to all who responded to our *Crowdfunder* appeal for funds for a new practice net. Our ancient net blew over in high winds and was damaged beyond repair.
- If you would like to join our lottery (£5/month), please use the link below. Help HCC to grow & continue to provide cricket for all the community. <https://draw.ourclublotto.co.uk/harbertoncc>
- We have an informal friendly women's/girls' softball cricket session one evening/wk. DM me if that's of interest.
- Adult cricket (friendlies): full schedule - matches most Weds. & Suns. Also, Sept. tour (Cotswolds). Contact me for more info: Jamie Fitzpatrick (07798-631876) or jamie_fit@hotmail.com
www.harbertoncc.com

Harbertonford FC – the Sunday side are in the Devon County Sunday Senior Cup final (Newton Abbot, **Sun. May 31st**).

The Sat. side's record for the season was W9/D2/L9. They finished 6th in Div.2. For results, fixtures & news: www.bit.ly/hf-cc
Info: John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net), Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

The football field is a Community Landing Site for the Devon Air Ambulance. Please store loose equipment (inc. practice goals) to the sides of the field after use. Many thanks.

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

Callum Payne/Nigel Holmes/John Mills/Brenda Monaghan/
Nigel Holmes/David Hart (May's draw not yet done)

Year planner 2026

18 Jul., Big Wide-Open Mic

11 Jul., Allotments Open Day

1 Aug., Village Show



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