

Village Life

Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the October edition of *Village Life*, in which we hope to keep you informed of local news & events. It's 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.

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- www.harbertonford.com
- www.harbertondevon.co.uk

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

Chris Coates passed away peacefully, aged 83, on 22nd August. Chris moved to H/ford in 1976 and was a Maths teacher for many years at KEVICC. He will be very fondly remembered by all who knew him. He was buried in our churchyard on 12th Sep. and a memorial service to give thanks for the joy his teaching career gave him and to celebrate his life was held at St Mary's in Totnes on 18th Sep. Donations, if desired, for the Salvation Army.



St Peter's Church service:

Sun. 22nd Oct. (3:30pm) – followed by refreshments. All very welcome.

The church is open to all every day between 10:30am & 4pm. 3rivers.org.uk

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

1. David Bowden, Rattery, £30
2. Rosemarie Hannaford, Moreleigh, £20
3. Angie Bradley, Packs Close, £10

Thanks to everyone who belongs to the lottery. You can join at any time, £12 for the year. It really does help to keep the church going. Phone Frances (732297).

We celebrated our Harvest last month with a lovely crowd, plus tea in the church, which was decorated beautifully. Thanks to all who helped and contributed in any way. Our collection was sent to the Farm Crisis Network to further their good work.

Churchyard - if there is anyone who would like to help with a 'clear-up' session (two hours) in early October, please contact Frances to set up day & time. Many thanks to all helpers over the summer months – it's very much appreciated.

Harbertonford Youth Project (Thursdays, 6-7:30pm) – it's H/F's Youth Club. Mostly every fortnight. Final 2024 dates:

- 3rd & 17th Oct.
- 14th & 28th Nov.
- 12th Dec.

Contact: Laura: lshamlyn.traye@gmail.com



92 bus – timetable (t/t) changes (minor)

- Most 92's now leave H/ford for Totnes at **53 mins. past**, i.e. **two mins. earlier** than before.

• There is now an 08:53 to Totnes **on Saturdays (only)**.

• The 21:30 to Totnes & 20:10 from Totnes now withdrawn.

A full version of the new t/t is available in the shop (white card).

Village Hall - the hall remains closed until **Fri. 4th Oct.** The ceiling is being lowered & insulated, to improve both heating efficiency & the look of the hall.

Harberton Parish Council's (PC) next ordinary meeting is at our Village Hall on **Tue. 8th Oct. (7:30pm)**.

clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org

All H/ford villagers are cordially invited to the Village Hall committee AGM in the hall on **Wed. 9th Oct. (7:30pm)**. This is a chance to see the recent refurbishments to the hall, to hear reports on the last twelve months' activities and to have your say on plans for the next year. The committee will be elected for the next year and anyone who would like to chat about joining the ten meetings a year can contact Rob Summers on 0781-617-0005 or at robert.summers13@btinternet.com

?	Village Hall Quiz – Fri. 11th Oct. (8pm)	?
?	It's back from its summer hols!!	?
?	A fundraiser for the Village Hall. £2pp., max. 6/team.	?
?	No team? Ok, we'll sort it out on the evening.	?
?	Very friendly & good fun. Bar open.	?
?	Vicki Taylor: vct.wrns@yahoo.com .	?

Artisan Pizzeria (AP) sells fresh pizzas in H/ford one evening/week – normally Thu. or Sat. AP's pizza van parks on the petrol station forecourt. To pre order: 07547-400834. Date of next visit?? – go to www.artisanpizzeria.co.uk and/or Facebook

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Coffee morning - Tue. 15th Oct. (10:30am)
This summer we have been meeting at the church, enjoying the good weather. If the weather is good we shall meet at the church – otherwise we will be back in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you. Frances (732297).

Sustainable Harbourne Valley (SHV) – we have three events over the next few weeks:

• **SHV talk - Tue. 15th Oct. (6:30pm)** at the Village Hall. This will consider Devon bat species and tips on what we can do to provide for their needs. Led by Tom Whitlock, Principal Ecologist at DCC. Weather permitting, we may be able to go outside and listen to our local bats! All are welcome. It's free, but as ever, donations welcome to support events.

• **Apple Day, Sun. 20th Oct.** @ the Fruit Corner in H/ford playpark. It's a wonderful community space for people to enjoy as well as providing free local food for people. The trees have started to produce some fruit – so keep an eye out for apples, pears & plums and do help yourselves! From 10:00-12:30 it's apple pressing and fruit-based refreshments. If you have apples you wish to press, bring them along, together with sterile containers for the juice. Get in touch if you need help with picking or would like to donate fruit, but can't attend. If anyone has a favourite fruit-based recipe and would like to bring something tasty along to share - fantastic! If you are unable to attend the celebration but would love to be involved with future activities and maintenance of the Fruit Corner, then please get in touch.

• **Bulb planting event – Sat. 2nd Nov.** We plan to 'connect' the parish with the planting of open spaces with pollinator-friendly crocuses to brighten the late winter days! We welcome as many helpers as possible to plant the bulbs. Further info. available on posters soon so keep an eye out and come and get involved!

SHV contact: Sue Ward (07719-995526)

Village Hall Bar – a Reminder

The Village Hall 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).

Flower arranging – the club starts again this month in our NEW LOOK Village Hall!! Why not come along & join us? If you're not sure just come over and watch, have a coffee and a natter. We start on **Wed. 16th Oct. (10am)** and normally meet fortnightly. No experience needed, only enthusiasm. Tuition is available if needed. For more info. ring Pauline (732393)

Village School – I am Jack Pemberton, the new headteacher at the school. It's a real privilege to be leading this school within this small, but vibrant village. I'm looking forward to getting to know more of the wider community in the coming months. The children have started back with a bang after their well-earned summer holiday break: we finished 2nd out of 22 teams in a recent cross-country event! Our new school mural, painted by local artists Gavin Middlewood & Aziz Kahn, made the front page of the Totnes Times and has really brought a flash of colour to our new playground. We have a Halloween disco on **Thu. 24th Oct.**, thanks to our PTFA, where parents are invited to enjoy some Halloween Punch whilst the children enjoy the music. We then have the Harvest Assembly at the church on **Fri. 25th Oct.** I warmly encourage you to visit our school and see what we do in our community. Feel free to contact the school to arrange a visit.



Village Brunch - on **Sun. 27th Oct.** we are again hosting the famous, the delicious, unrivalled, unbeatable, brunch in the Village Hall! Everyone very welcome indeed!!

Time: 10:15 to noon (if there's anything

left). Donations to cover costs. Many thanks, HSSG

An evening with comedian **Rob Barrett** (+ chili supper). At Harberton Parish Hall on **Sat. 9th Nov.** Tickets £15: Martin (866749), Jay (863343) or (e) harbertonparishhall@outlook.com

Harberton & H/ford History Society – thanks to all who attended Rosemary Grigg's fascinating talk on Catherine Champenowne. Hugely enjoyable and good to see everyone again. On **Tue. 26th Nov. (7:30pm)** we welcome Ron Howell to our next online talk: "3000 Years of History From Under The Sea". In 1995 a team of amateur divers moved their operation to the waters off Salcombe. For the next 27 years' work has continued on what the British Museum has described as the most important maritime discovery of the Bronze Age period in the world. Members free, non-members £3. All welcome. Please register on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/H3Snov24>

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Citizens Advice South Hams has a research project with Plymouth University into Hidden Homelessness in the area and are seeking people who might discuss their situation. They would particularly like to talk to anyone who is, or has in the recent past, been sofa surfing, staying with parents/relatives where this is now unsuitable, people whose relationships have broken down, but can't afford to move out and anyone living in overcrowded accommodation. All names will be kept confidential. Those volunteering to take part will have a short (30 mins.) chat with a researcher. We would also be happy to hear from relatives & friends of people who are, or have been, Hidden Homeless. Contact wailim.wong@southhamscab.org.uk for more details.

Just For The Halibut fish & chip van - Mondays 5-6pm in Bow Rd. and 6:20-7:30pm at the church. All freshly cooked to order. Gluten-free, vegetarian & vegan options available.



We're not just about milk, bread and papers!!

The shop's baking section has a really wide range of

flours, raising agents, sugars etc., so if you're in training for next year's *Great British Bake Off* make good use of our shop!! Also, this month we're stocking seasonal items – for Halloween and diaries/calendars for 2025. We are doing well, increasing turnover and footfall, making improvements. BUT, we need more volunteers to help out in the shop. If you have any hours to spare, we would dearly like to hear from you. Shifts are usually for a couple of hours only and flexibility is our watchword. Training is given and you will be much appreciated as a part of our friendly team. Why not give it a try? Thank you!

Belinda Burt: (07501-900027)

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Harbertonford Allotment Society – for info. & to join the waiting list for an allotment plot, email: has-sec@outlook.com



Village Christmas tree

Our tree always looks great and is a super advert for the village. It's now only about 12 weeks to Christmas(!) and help is needed for setting up this year's tree. If you can help in any

way – funding, sourcing, installation, decoration – please contact Frances on 732297

THANK YOU

FORD FIESTA 24

A big thank you to everyone who helped make FordFiesta a big success.

All those who helped and those who braved the weather and came along.

A great day was had by all

Harbertonford FC – The Saturday side has started well (all away games so far - P3, W2). The Sunday side also in good form (P5, W4). 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. Sep. winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10) listed next month:

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:

9 Oct., V Hall AGM

27 Oct., Village Brunch

11 Oct., VH Quiz

2 Aug., Village Show



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