

Village Life

This month's edition
is in memory of
Jonathan Hepworth

Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the November 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.

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 friends of Jonathan Hepworth for sponsoring this month's edition. Their generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.

Jonathan Hepworth, long-time resident of the village at Rose Cottage, Old Road, passed away peacefully at Rowcroft Hospice on 30th September. He was 70 years old. His commemoration was held in Street, Somerset with his family & friends on 19th October. He was a true gentle man and is sorely missed by all who knew him. RIP, Jonathan, my friend.

Aziz Khan



St Peter's Church services:

Sun. 10th Nov. (10:45) Service of Remembrance.

All welcome, coffee to follow.

Sun. 17th Nov. (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. October winners:

1. Muriel Wakeham, Stoke Fleming, £30
2. L Wills, Old Rd., £20
3. Alf Geest, Bow Rd., £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).



Jazz Evening

with the Totnes Jazz Workshop
Village Hall, **Fri. 8th Nov. (7:30pm)**

£5 on the door. Bar open

Support local music!! Support our Village Hall!!!



There is to be a small bulb planting on both the village green and in St Peter's church grounds on **Sat. 9th Nov. (pm)**.

Sustainable Harbourne Valley (SHV) have ordered a number of organic crocus bulbs for community planting, to bring us some cheer and sunshine next February. Starting at 2pm on the green outside the shop/PO, we will then move onto the church at about 2:30-3pm. It shouldn't take very long especially if we have lots of helpers. If you have a garden spade please bring it, but we will have several there already. Everyone is welcome. We hope to have tea and cake afterwards at the church - so do come along! SHV contact: Sue Ward (07719-995526)

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 Parish Council's (PC) next ordinary meeting is at Harberton Parish Hall on **Tue. 12th Nov. (7:30pm)**.
clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org

Neighbourhood Plan Housing Consultation - thanks to all who contributed views on potential sites for housing in the Harberton Parish Neighbourhood Plan. A summary of the consultation meetings and the questionnaire results can be found at <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/hnp-consultation/>.

Providing youth services in the parish - the PC is due to set its 25/26 budget and will need to decide whether to raise the precept (the PC's portion of Council Tax) to contribute more money to the youth club run by TRAYE, which would otherwise be at risk of closing. The PC wants to hear from you before making its decision. For info. about TRAYE, how much funding the PC has been asked to provide and what that means for the PC's budget, go to: <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/youth-services-consultation/>

Emergency Directory (ED) - the PC is planning to produce this ED for the community, to signpost individuals to various helpful sources and info. so that we can all be as prepared as possible in emergency situations. After recent events, including the flash flooding, we would like to know what five pieces of information would you like to have known or would like to share with your neighbours to be as prepared as possible. The more we can all share our local knowledge the more prepared we can all be. You can share your info. directly with the Parish Clerk clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org or via an online form available on the PC's online flood notice board <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/2023-flooding/> where the Clerk has compiled info. to help people understand the risks of flooding, and prepare for a flood event.

Harberton & H/ford History Society – we hope that you can join us for Ron Howell's online (Zoom) talk: '3000 Years of History From Under The Sea'. The remarkable Bronze Age & Islamic gold discoveries from the shipwrecks off Salcombe. Date: Tue. 12th Nov. (7:30pm). All welcome. Members free. Non-members £3. Please register for the talk on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/H3Snov24>

Further details: Harbertonandharbertonfordhistorysociety.org

Many thanks Jill.Powell-Redlion@outlook.com

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. Dates (**Weds @ 10am**) and themes for rest of 2024:

- **13th Nov.** "Circles"
- **27th Nov.** "Look to the Sky"
- **11th Dec.** "The Christmas Table"

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

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).

Community Speedwatch – we haven't been able to get a group together, so no update this month.

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

Flooding meeting – DCC staff are arranging a meeting about flooding & flood resilience in Harberton & H/ford. Details are being finalised, but it will take place in Harberton Parish Hall on **Thu. 14th Nov. (likely 6-8pm)**. Information about preparing for flooding will be shared, as well as an update about the current funding situation. Also a showing of the film “High Water, Common Ground” with a discussion around Natural Flood Management, and how residents may independently shape local works if this is possible or wanted by the community. Please contact the PC Clerk if you want to be told directly what time the meeting will take place: clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org

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

- 14th & 28th Nov.
- 12th Dec.

Check venue with Laura at: lshamlyn.traye@gmail.com



Soup & pudding lunch - Tue. 19th Nov. (12-2pm)

In place of our usual coffee morning you are invited to to a soup and pudding lunch in the Village Hall. Cost: £8. There will also be a raffle. We hope that you will come to enjoy good company and good food.

Frances (732297)



Village Christmas tree - our tree always looks great and is a super advert for the village. It’s now only eight 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.

October’s Village Hall AGM – two key issues :

● The committee & officers remain unchanged. Hence:

Chair: John Blackler Vice-Chair: Vicki Taylor

Treasurer: Jean Blackler Secretary: Rob Summers

● The funding for the hall’s new insulated ceiling has been secured from the National Lottery Community Fund. There are now plans to install a hearing loop to enhance the accessibility of all events to villagers.

Call to all villagers to DECORATE OUR VILLAGE HALL on the weekend of **Sat. 30th Nov. & Sun. 1st Dec.** Following the installation of the new ceiling, there is a need to fill, prepare and then paint the walls of the hall. If you can spare any time over the weekend of the 30th/1st please contact Rob Summers either at robert.summers13@btinternet.com or on 0781-617-0005.

Fun, tea and satisfaction guaranteed!



Village Hall Quiz – Fri. 13th Dec. (8pm)

A fundraiser for the village Christmas tree £2pp. Very friendly & good fun.

Max. 6/team. No team? We’ll sort that out on the evening.

We had eleven teams at the October quiz!!!. Bar open.

Vicki Taylor: vct.wrns@yahoo.com



Village School – we’ve been really busy at school this half term. We have had a huge clear out of some old resources and started to brighten up the environment inside, too. Local artist Els Morris has done some fantastic work and helped us to promote our vision and values in a colourful, vibrant way around our school hall. Thanks to the support of the school’s PTFA, who provide funding towards the transport costs, we are able to provide swimming lessons to all of our Y3 & Y4 pupils and additional ‘catch up’ swimming lessons to older pupils. We are always looking for people who can spare an hour/week to help the young people of our village practice their reading. I once again invite anyone who is able to support in any way to contact us; we’d love to hear from you. Jack Pemberton, Headteacher

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

This autumn Citizens Advice celebrated 85 years of service to the community, offering free, independent & confidential help with a wide range of issues. In the South Hams, we saw 6,000 people last year alone and helped them gain £1.8m in income. The main issues were debt, help with benefits claims, energy costs, housing, relationship breakdowns, consumer problems and emergency support, such as foodbank vouchers. In addition to our main office at Follaton House in Totnes, we run outreaches across the district while our research and campaigns team identify injustices and lobby for change, locally & nationally. But none of this could happen without our incredible volunteers. If you’d like to find out more about joining our team please visit our website: <https://southhamscab.org.uk/get-involved/>



Our Christmas stock will be in the shop from this month.

We hope that you like what’s on offer!

Our PO (Mon-Sat.) is constantly busy. It’s a vital part of the community and a really important source of income. Last year, as expected, the Christmas period was easily the busiest for the PO and we’re hoping for the same again in 2024. Shop takings of late have been very encouraging and average sales/week are much above those of a year ago. We’ve taken on a couple more volunteers in the past few weeks, which is fantastic, but we always need more. If you have any hours to spare, we would love 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)

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

TURKEYS, GEESE, DUCKS & Veg Boxes for Christmas

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

Harbertonford FC – mixed results for the Saturday side to date: P7 W3 D1 L3. The Sunday side’s good form continues: (P7 W6 L1). 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):

Jack Hopkins/Nigel Holmes/Tyler Stavrou/Henry Murch/
Nick Andrews/Tom Price

Oct. winners: Luke Bates/Siobhan Edwards/Matt Ghillyer/
Helen Forward/Nigel Holmes/James Bailey

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:

30 Nov./1 Dec., VH painting

13 Dec., Village Hall quiz

15 Dec., Church carol service

17 Dec., Coffee morning

19 Dec., School carol service

2 Aug., Village Show



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