

# Village Life

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**Harbertonford's newsletter**

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**W**elcome to the June edition of *Village Life (VL)*, in which we try 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](http://www.harbertonford.com)
- [www.harbertondevon.co.uk](http://www.harbertondevon.co.uk)

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

**Ray Shinner** died on 23<sup>rd</sup> May aged 75. Ray was born in the village and lived here for most of his life. We will print a full obituary for Ray next month.



## St Peter's Church

**Holy Communion – Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Jun. @ 9:30am**

Everyone very welcome. Refreshments afterwards. The church is open to all every day (9am-5pm). [3rivers.org.uk](http://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 Harper, Totnes

2. Barbara Martin, Bow Rd. 3. Tracey Dance, Bow Rd.

**O**ccasional strimming needed at the front of the church – can you help? If so, please contact Frances 732297.

**L**in Tozer, a very familiar face to our customers, has recently stepped down from working in our Community Shop & PO. Lin played a very important part in the business since THCL took over in 2023 and for two decades previously, having worked for several different owners. We are very grateful to Lin for her hard work, her commitment to the business and for serving the local community so consistently over such a long period. She will be greatly missed. We wish Lin, Arthur & the rest of her family all the very best for the years ahead. THCL Management Committee

**C**ome and slap some paint on the outside of the Village Hall on **Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> May &/or Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Jun.** Now we've got the inside looking pretty good, we need to clean down and repaint the outside walls. Weather permitting, we'll set to work at **09:30hrs on Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> May.** Please bring along any step-ladders, brushes, rollers etc. you may have. **Info:** Rob Summers

0781-617-0005 & [robert.summers13@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.summers13@btinternet.com)

**T**he Tamar Valley Choir will be singing at Moreleigh Village Hall on **Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> May (7:00 for-7:30pm).** In aid of Children's Hospice South West and H/ford, Halwell & Moreleigh churches. Light refreshments available.



**ROADWORKS** – the main road through the village (from the church to Nkuku) will be closed from **7am to noon on Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> Jun.**

**H**arbertonford Youth Project (Thurs., 6-7:30pm) – it's H/F's Youth Club. Usually every fortnight, at our Village Hall.

This month's dates: 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Jun.

Info: [deekelly.trave@gmail.com](mailto:deekelly.trave@gmail.com)

**T**he Open Mic night **IS BACK!** – Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Jun. (from 7:30pm) at the Village Hall. After a cracking night last time out, I am once again calling any musicians, singers, poets who fancy being part of this local event. First time performers & returning acts are very welcome. Come along to perform or support local live music and soak up the vibes. To guarantee a slot then please message Gavin: [middlewoodart@gmail.com](mailto:middlewoodart@gmail.com) Instagram@middlewoodart or just pitch up and see what's going on!

**H**arberton Parish Council's (PC) next ordinary meeting is at our Village Hall on **Tue. 10<sup>th</sup> Jun. (7:30pm).** Please note: venue & date **NOT CONFIRMED** when this newsletter went to print. [clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org)

**T**he Flower Arranging group usually meets fortnightly in the Village Hall. Our next three meetings (**Weds. @ 10am**) are on **11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Jun., 9<sup>th</sup> Jul.** That's it then until Sept. All are welcome to join, either making an arrangement or just watching. Tuition is available. And there's coffee!! **Info:** Pauline 01803-732393

**B**ingo Night at Moreleigh Village Hall - in aid of H/ford Primary School! It's on **Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> Jun.** Doors open at **6:30pm**, with eyes down at **7:30pm sharp.** Plenty of great prizes to be won, as well as a raffle. Sandwiches, cakes & drinks available throughout, so come hungry and bring your best bingo dabber!


**H**arberton Summer Fair – **Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Jun. (from noon)** - all proceeds to go to Harberton Parish Hall & Playing Field. **Info:** [jan.carne@btinternet.com](mailto:jan.carne@btinternet.com) or call 01803-863014.

## Village Brunch - Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Jun. (10:15am - noon)

The Brunch Crew will be in action again in the Village Hall ready to welcome villagers, their families and neighbours for a leisurely Summer Sunday Brunch. It's very social and informal so drop in for anything from a coffee to a full English breakfast.

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## Coffee morning - Tue. 17<sup>th</sup> Jun. (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).

**S**ustainable Harbourne Valley (SHV) - SHV hosts another of their popular talks for anyone interested in their local wildlife. We have an expert from the Barn Owl Trust explaining the causes behind the decline of this iconic farmland bird and the ways in which we can help reverse these impacts. It's on **Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Jun. (7:30pm)** in the Village Hall. Later this year we hope to hold a barn owl nesting box-making session.

**F**ledglings Stay & Play group (@ the village school) has a range of activities for babies & toddlers. **Tuesdays in term time (9:15-10:45am).** It's run by one of the school's trained nursery staff. Tea, coffee & cake available!

**U**p the Creek, Tuckenhay Regatta – **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Jun. (2pm)** The Maltster's Arms hosts the event and has food & drink for sale. Music throughout. No additional parking, so please park at home or a friend's locally and walk to the event. There will be races (and prizes!), including team & individual events, on paddle boards & canoes – equipment w/be provided. Sign up (using link below) for racing by **Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Jun.** <https://tinyurl.com/utc21jn>

**Harberton & H/ford History Society** – our next event is a guided walk in the Italian Garden @ Great Ambrook, Ipplepen on **Thu. 3rd Jul. (11am)**. Duration two hours; Cost: £10. Please register here: <https://h3s-history.org/great-ambrook-visit/> Places are limited and if oversubscribed we will try and arrange a further trip. Our next talk is then **Tue. 16th Sep.** - Bill Horner, the County Archaeologist, will be the speaker.

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

## Quiz

**Village Hall Quiz**

**Fri. 4th Jul (8pm)**

A fundraiser for the

**H/FORD ALLOTMENTS**

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](mailto:vct.wrns@yahoo.com)

## Quiz

**Harberton Open Gardens** – a number of residents have kindly offered to open their garden in aid of Harberton Church Community Fund on **Sat. & Sun. 5th & 6th Jul. (12-5pm)**. Light lunches & cream teas will be served in Harberton Parish Hall, where you can park & buy your entry to the gardens (£10pp), which includes a cream tea.

Info: Annie Williams 01803-862994/07879-037131 or email [annio\\_w@hotmail.com](mailto:annio_w@hotmail.com)

**H/ford Allotments Open Day – Sat. 12th Jul.** We're busy getting our plots ready for you to admire - more details in July's VL. Contact [has-sec@outlook.com](mailto:has-sec@outlook.com) for further info.

**The East Allington (EA) Big Fundraiser** - for Devon Air Ambulance plus seven village causes. It's at Venn Farm, EA on **Sat. 26th Jul. (6pm to midnight)**. There are 24 tables of ten available. Eat, drink & dance to live music from Matfin, after an Auction of Promises. More info: <https://tinyurl.com/EA26Jy>

**Save The Date!!** – the H/ford Show is on **Sat. 2nd Aug.** The schedules and entry forms are already in our village shop and also in Daynes Farm Shop.

**Community Shop Assistant vacancy** – our shop needs someone to serve customers & undertake other tasks (Wed. & Fri., 1-6pm) and, ideally, to have some flexibility to provide holiday & sickness cover at other times. £12.80/hr. Interested? If so, email [hcv.s.drive@gmail.com](mailto:hcv.s.drive@gmail.com) for the Job Description or call Steve Woollett (Chair) 07870-587713 for an informal discussion. **Application deadline: Fri. 13th Jun. (5pm).**

**Our shop & PO** – the shop still needs volunteers. It could be for as little as two hours/week. If you'd like a better idea of what's involved contact Belinda Burt, the Volunteer Coordinator, [belindaburt@outlook.com](mailto:belindaburt@outlook.com)

**The formation of the Neighbourhood Plan** has been ruminating for some time and it is very near to completion. Despite this we are a depleted voluntary group with many pulls on our time. We have only four members now, but no-one from H/ford. I am not necessarily asking parishioners to sign up as a member; if you can't commit to meetings every month, that's fine, but you may be the sort of person who has time to commit to research, or an administrative job, or even have specific skills, such as a background in civil engineering, that would be really beneficial to the completion of the Plan. Having said that, we would be very happy to welcome new members also. We are able to put together working groups that do not have to meet publicly, as the Steering Group does, and perhaps this would suit you better. If you are interested and feel you may be able to offer us a hand to get the Plan over the last few hurdles, please contact the Parish Clerk [clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org) We would be very grateful for your support and your investment in helping to shape our community.

Kind Regards, Jonathan Stirrup

Chair, Parish Neighbourhood Steering Group

For various reasons we have decided that the next **FORDFIESTA** will be in 2026.



We desperately need more people to help with the advance planning, so if you would like to get involved in this fabulous community event, we would love to hear from you (see our website).

We are specifically looking for help with social media, website and admin.

[www.hfordfiesta.co.uk](http://www.hfordfiesta.co.uk)

### 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 Summer Skittle tournament** will run (Fri. eves.) throughout June & July. If you'd like to enter a team, please contact John Blackler (732588).

**Citizens Advice South Hams** - water bills in the South West Water area increased on average by 28% (around £166pa) in April. If you're one of the many households who'll struggle to pay, there's a lot of useful information on our website. If you're on a low income, you may qualify for a reduced tariff under the SWW WaterCare scheme. You might also qualify for the company's WaterSure programme, where you can set a limit on the amount you have to pay each year if you meet certain conditions. The Consumer Council for Water also has a lot of practical advice on how to reduce your water consumption. To find out more, visit the News section on our website at [southhamscab.org.uk](http://southhamscab.org.uk)

**Youth cricket** - Harberton Cricket Club (HCC) has outdoor sessions for youngsters. They're for all abilities, from beginners upwards - All Stars (5yo-8yo) & Dynamos (8yo-11yo). It's weekly sessions, **every Friday (5:30pm)**. For more information, email [kidscricket@harbertoncc.com](mailto:kidscricket@harbertoncc.com)

**Senior cricket** – HCC's season (games on Wed. eve & Sun. 5pm) has started. New players always very welcome. Info: Jamie Fitzpatrick (07798-631876). [www.harbertoncc.com](http://www.harbertoncc.com)

**Harbertonford FC** – sadly the Fords' Sunday side lost two cup finals in the past month – both very close affairs. They won their division championship and lost just three games out of 33 in the season – a fantastic achievement. The Saturday side finished in a mid-table position and joint-managers, Alan & James, are to be congratulated for skilfully handling what at times were difficult circumstances. The squad did well and team spirit is really good. For results, fixtures & news: [www.bit.ly/hf-fc](http://www.bit.ly/hf-fc) Info: John Mills ([j.mills@nhs.net](mailto:j.mills@nhs.net)), Mike Bishop (07813-120390).

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

Robin Dart/Chris Hatch/Stuart Maller/Jordan Baggott/

Kieran Brown/Brenda Monaghan (May's draw not yet done).

### Year Planner 2025:

**12 Jul.**, Allotments Open Day

**15 Jun.**, Village brunch

**2 Aug.**, Village Show



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