

Village Life

Harbertonford's newsletter

This month's edition
remembers
Barbara Martin

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Welcome to the September 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.

A downloadable version (PDF file) of *Village Life* is available on these two village websites:

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

Sponsorship – this month's sponsorship is courtesy of Barbara Martin's family. Barbara, who lived in Bow Road, died in July aged 81. Barbara's family's generosity has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



St Peter's Church

Holy Communion – Sun. 21st Sep. @ 9:30am

Everyone very welcome. Refreshments afterwards. 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).

August winners: 1. Val Steer, Totnes

2. Jane Rainbird, Plympton 3. Sheila Janes, Totnes

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Fri. 26th Sep. (10:30am)
In the Village Hall, from 10:30am. Jointly run by the Flower Club and St Peter's Church. We hope you will support this very deserving cause. There will be a raffle (prizes gladly accepted on the day or left in the church). Cakes & other stalls. Look forward to seeing you. More info - see posters soon.

Harvest lunch – in the Village Hall @ 12:30 on Sun. 19th Oct. Tickets £10 to be booked with Frances (732297) or Chris (07941-567614). More info. next month.

More info/offers of help (e.g. strimming?!) for the church – please contact Frances (732297).

Village Hall events - Swampdogs - a lively blues/rock band, (ZZ Top, The Doors, AC/DC etc.) Male & female vocals. Free admission & donations accepted. It's on **Fri. 5th Sep. (8:15pm)**

Open Mic - play/sing/recite/listen. It's on **Fri. 12th Sep.**

Village Hall exterior painting weekend (13th/14th Sep.) announced last month, has been postponed again.

robert.summers13@btinternet.com or 0781-617-0005

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

clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org

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 Flower Arranging group is back!! – this month's dates are **Wed. 10th & 24th (10am)**. All are welcome to join, either making an arrangement or just watching. Tuition is available. And there's coffee!! Info: Pauline 01803-732393

The H/ford Allotment Society – for information on an allotment plot in the village email: has-sec@outlook.com

Open Mic returns!!

Fri. 12th Sep. (from 7:30pm) at the Village Hall.

"The best Open Mic I've been to in a while - so much variety!"

"The energy is brilliant- everyone wants everyone to succeed!"

Not my words! See you there! First timers and returners very much welcome. Email me: middlewoodart@gmail.com to guarantee a slot or just pitch up. Cheers, Gavin

Harberton & H/ford History Society – our next talk is on **Tue. 16th Sep. (7:30pm)** @ Harberton Parish Hall. It's Bill Horner

(County Archaeologist): "Down to Earth in South Devon; Archaeological Aerial Survey & Excavation". Followed by refreshments. All welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. Members: free, Non-members: £3

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

Village Hall AGM - Wed. 17th Sep. @ 7:30pm

- Reports - last year's activities
- Financial report
- Election of committee 2025-26
- Discussion on future plans

If you're interested in joining the committee contact Rob

Summers to find out more: 0781-617-0005 or

robert.summers13@btinternet.com

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

2025/26 dates

Info: deekelly.trave@gmail.com

Sep. 18 th	Oct. 2 nd & 16 th	Nov. 13 th & 27 th
Dec. 11 th	Jan. 8 th & 22 nd	Feb. 5 th & 19 th
Mar. 5 th & 19 th	Apr. 2 nd , 16 th & 30 th	May 14 th & 28 th
Jun. 11 th & 25 th	Jul. 9 th	

Quiz

Village Hall Quiz
Fri. 10th Oct. (8pm)

Quiz

A fundraiser for **ST PETER'S CHURCH**

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

Harbertonford Primary PTFA's 100 Club Lottery is now live with huge prizes to be won! Anyone >18 can join by buying a PTFA 100 Lottery Ball for just £3/month. Draws take place at the end of every school term. Prize pot = 40% of all sales (lots of members = bigger prizes!) The other 60% will fund equipment, resources & amazing opportunities for the pupils. Sign up by **Tue. 30th Sep.** to enter December's Winter Term draw. Link here to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/HFORDPTFA> or

scan this QR code:



H/ford School PTFA - Harberton Family 'Ceilidh' Barn Dance

Sat. 11th Oct. @ Harberton Parish Hall

Doors open @ 6pm, music & dancing from 6:30pm.

With music from the Mooncoin Barn Dance Band, one of the foremost Ceilidh bands in the South West, this will be a very special event. There will be a bar and food for sale.

All funds raised go to the PTFA to support our Primary School.

Come along for fun for all the family!

Tickets available here: www.trybooking.com/uk/FCDP

Women's fitness sessions – there's plenty of interest in the village for a fitness group, probably early mornings. Is

anyone able to coach & lead a small group with a wide range of ages & fitness levels? Email Janie.moor@outlook.com

Sustainable Harbourne Valley (SHV) - we hope to encourage juvenile barn owls to remain locally via the provision of more nest boxes. On the **morning of Sat. 11th Oct.** the Barn Owl Trust has a nest box-making session in our Village Hall. Suitable for all ages (>7yo) so email gentryward5@gmail.com to book a place (children to be accompanied by an adult.) Boxes made on the morning will be installed locally so we are also looking for suitable barns/outbuildings. See here for more details on suitable sites. <https://www.barnowltrust.org.uk/barn-owl-nestbox/barn-owl-nestboxes/> No charge for either the workshop or the nest boxes.

This year's Apple Day event is on **Fri. 10th Oct. (from 3pm)** in Fruit Corner, H/ford Play Park (nr school). We have hired a large press from *Orchard Link* for pressing & tasting. If you have surplus apples, please bring them, along with suitable containers to take away your pressed juice! In preparation for this event you have the chance to get involved in a community work day in Fruit Corner on **Sat. 6th Sep. (10am-4pm)**. Join us to help with some of the tasks – scything, pruning, raking, seed sowing! It's a great opportunity for likeminded individuals to get together and spend some time in our diversity-rich and productive corner for nature. Please bring tools if you have them. Tasty refreshments will be provided or you may wish to bring a picnic and join us for lunch!

SHV has been awarded £1,373 from the National Lottery Community Fund. This allows us to build upon many of the nature activities that have taken place over the past few months. hello@sustainableharbournevalley.org.uk

Calling All Local Makers! We want to hear from you to take part in the Craft Fair we're planning for **Sat. 1st Nov.** in the Village Hall - the more village crafters/makers involved the better! If you're interested (we'd love to know what you make) or have any questions call either Vicki (07855-422359) or Fiona (07789-376602) or email us via harbertonfordvillagehall@gmail.com We look forward to hearing from you!

Community Speedwatch - we had a session on Fri. 8th Aug. and reported one vehicle speeding through the village. The traffic was very heavy and self-regulating to a degree.

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

Citizens Advice South Hams have launched a new project to help people cope with their energy bills. Called Energy RESET, fully qualified energy advisers will help the most vulnerable households by checking if they're paying too much for their gas & electricity, help people understand their bills, find ways of saving energy around the home and make sure they have all the available support they need. Contact the team on 0800-995-6890 or via the website at resetenergyadvice.org.uk

Village Show 2025 - Marian & Helen thank everyone who made the Village Show such an enjoyable success. To all entrants (the judges said it was all of a very high standard this year) and to all those who helped set up or ran the café, many thanks. Also all those who were so generous in their donations which contribute to the running of our Village Hall. If anyone would like to comment on this year's show or has suggestions on next year's (1/8/26) please contact helenrphillips@icloud.com



grateful if you could complete a short survey about your experiences in the shop/PO as this will enable us to make some changes to the goods sold, improve the layout etc.

Please complete our survey!!

We are trying to ensure that the shop/PO best serves the local community. We would be very



To access the survey, you can do so online using this QR code or via <https://survey.mars.com/q/yDmV4P4yu>. Alternatively, paper copies will be available in the shop and at other village events. Responses by **Tue. 30th Sep.**, please. Thank you.

Community Shop sales update!! Our second year of trading finished in July and sales have continued to grow. Total shop sales in Y1 were £300,000 and they increased by 23% to £370,000 in Y2. In addition, annual income from our PO increased from £15,000 to £17,500 (i.e. by 17%). These are fantastic results!! Many thanks are due to the staff, volunteers, committee and, of course, all of our customers!!



BTB needs more volunteer drivers for its 16-seat minibuses. It's a highly respected charity and BTB volunteering is a great way to help your community. We do require a 'D1' category on your driving licence, (automatic if you passed your test pre-1997). If you're >70 and didn't renew your D1 licence, we can help you reinstate your qualification. Contact us for an informal chat.

Many thanks, Steve Grove (07780-553942)
totnescommunitytransport@gmail.com

Harbertonford FC – very good news! HFC has a Saturday side for the 25/26 season. Their first home league match is on **Sat. 6th Sep. (2:30pm)**. The Sunday side's season in the Premier Division of the Plymouth & West Devon Football League has already started. 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. July winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):

Jake Harmieson/Siobhan Edwards/Nigel Holmes/Gina Bovey
David Hammond/Stuart Maller (Aug's draw not yet done).

Harberton Cricket Club (HCC) now has a monthly lottery - monies raised go towards developing our youth cricket and maintaining the space for cricketers & villagers alike. August's winners: Ollie Tregelles (£107) & Gemma Harris (£46). If you'd like to join, go to: <https://draw.ourclublotto.co.uk/harbertoncc> Info: Jamie Fitzpatrick (07798-631876). www.harbertoncc.com

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 2025/26:
17 Oct., Open Mic
1 Aug., Village Show 2026

10 Oct., Village Hall Quiz
19 Oct., Harvest lunch



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