Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the October 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.harbertonfordvillagehall.co.uk
www.harbertondevon.co.uk/villagelife.htm

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



St Peter's Church
Service – Sun. 18th Oct. @ 9:30am
We will have readings, prayers & singing. Hopefully this will be a family-type service, open to all. Please come and join us and maybe take part. Refreshments afterwards. The church is open to everyone, 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).
September winners: 1. Ros Ward, Woodland Rd.
2. Geoff Fisher, Old Rd 3. Jo Williams, n/k



Harvest Lunch
@ St Leonard's Church, Halwell
Sun. 4th Oct. (12:30pm)
Booking essential –
ring Rose Palmer (07976-869506)

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

The Flower Club – this month (Village Hall as ever) we meet on **Wed. 14th & 28th Oct. at 10 30am**. All are welcome to come and watch with a coffee and biscuit in hand!!
Info: Pauline 01803-732393

Macmillan Coffee Morning – we had a tremendous response for this year's Macmillan meeting. Many thanks to all who supported this – we raised £475, which was fantastic. Pauline

Village Hall AGM – Mon. 28th Sep. (7:30pm)
All villagers are very welcome. What's on:
- Reports on 2025-26 activities & developments;
- Financial report 2025-26;
- Election of committee for 2026-27;
- Questions re the Hall, future plans, events, etc;
- Committee membership (phone Rob Summers: 07816-170005 or email robert.summers13@btinternet.com for info. on committee membership).

COME ALONG TO THE HALL AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

Enthusiastic helper wanted for local garden. Approx. 2-3 hours every fortnight. For details call John: 07710-276904, or email Katie: KatieMarieMusician@gmail.com

Defibrillator: free training/demonstration - a defibrillator has been fitted to the outside of the village hall, paid for, jointly, from hall and football club funds. The hall and the field are used by many people and this defibrillator is seen as an important investment. The South Western Ambulance Service will visit the hall on **Tue. 29th Sep. (7pm)** to demonstrate its use. No charge for this and we hope it will be supported. You may help change someone's life. To book a space: contact Jean (01803-732588)

Harberton & H/ford History Society – our next event is a talk by retired archaeologist Pru Manning: "The Devon Historic Graffiti Survey, and what we found at Harberton." It's @ St Andrews Church Harberton on **Tue. 29th Sep. (7:30pm)**.
Light refreshments. Members: Free, Non-members £4. We look forward to welcoming you Info: https://h3s-history.org

Come and join us for our Apple Pressing Day at Fruit Corner, H/ford Play Park, (off Riverdale, Marl Pk.). It's on **Fri. 2nd Oct. (3-5pm):**
- Plenty of apple juices to sample or take away so start saving containers and screw top bottles
- Please bring any surplus apples you would like to press
- Delicious fruity cakes available

A Sustainable Harbourne Valley (SHV) event. All welcome!



The Harberton Village Pantomime 2027
Sun. 4th Oct (2-5pm): Script read thru & selection. Character introductions.



Sun. 18th Oct (2-5pm): Auditions. At Harberton Parish Hall

Village Play Park, Riverdale – NO DOGS ALLOWED!!
Please note: dog walking in the Play Park is **NOT** permitted. Apologies, but this confusion has arisen due to a lack of signage, which we hope to remedy soon. Also, the yellow entrance gate is damaged and dangerous. It has, therefore, been removed for a few days for repairs. The Play Park is a really important part of H/ford. Many villagers have put a lot of time and effort into it, but we've done it in a rather ad-hoc manner. For the park to be fit for purpose it really needs a committed, formal group/committee to look after it. If you'd like to be part of that committee, please contact me. Many thanks, Peter Beamish (07984-677157)

Harbertonford Youth Project (Thurs., 6-7:30pm) – our Youth Club. Usually every fortnight, at the Village Hall. Sessions to end of year: • **Oct. 8th & 22nd** • **Nov. 12th & 26th** • **Dec 10th**
Info: deekelly.traye@gmail.com

Harberton Parish Council's (PC) next ordinary meeting is at our Village Hall on **Tue. 13th Oct. (7:30pm)**.
Harberton Parish Clerk: 0845-557-8469
http://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org

Pumpkin Festival @ Daynes Farm!!
Homegrown Pumpkins, Family Fun, Games, BBQ, Cakes and more…….. £4pp
Sat & Sun 17/18th and & Sat & Sun 24/25th Oct. (10am-4pm)
Tel: 07960-966413. Info also on *Facebook* &/or *Instagram*

Pilates (Thursdays, 18:30-19:30) - @ Harberton Parish Hall
Small, friendly classes, suitable for all levels inc. beginners.
To book: www.tarupilates.com/book
Info: Clare: tarupilates@gmail.com or WhatsApp: 07546-684420



Open Mic is back with a bang on **Fri. 16th Oct. @ 7:30pm**. We are looking forward to welcoming the weird and the wonderful; solos, duos and trios; spoken word and strummed instrument....basically everything and everyone. To book a slot email middlewoodart@gmail.com or just rock up. Cheers, Gavin & Guy.

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).

Village Hall Bookings - If you'd like to book our Village Hall for a function please:
email info@harbertonfordvillagehall.co.uk **or**
phone (a) Karen Bennett (07730-591934 - leave an Ansaphone message) **or** (b) Vicki Taylor (07855-422359)
Please note: (i) both Karen & Vicki work full-time so may not be able to respond straight away to enquiries and
(ii) to see if the hall is free for a specific date you can view the online bookings diary (*Upcoming Events*) at www.harbertonfordvillagehall.co.uk

Harberton Table Top Sale - in aid of St Andrew's Church. It's at Harberton Parish Hall on **Sat. 17th Oct. (11am to 4pm)** Come along - find a bargain! Entrance free. Tables are £10 each. Book with: Annie (07879-037131) or Sue (07811-347648).

- Light lunches
- Coffee, tea & cakes





Coffee morning - Tue. 20th Oct. (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.



REMINDER!! The clocks go back one hour at **2am** on **Sun. 25th Oct.**





The Primary School is proudly sharing its school garden produce with the village shop. Please do look out for it when you are in there so you can, for a small donation to the garden project, take some fresh, organic produce grown by our local young people. Jack Pemberton, Head

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.

Harbertonford COMMUNITY Post Office & Store

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 the *Great British Bake Off* make good use of our shop!!
HOT PASTIES & PIES ON SALE IN THE SHOP NOW!!
Also, don't forget that we offer a **DRY CLEANING & LAUNDRY SERVICE**. We're agents for Tor Laundry Ltd. (TL): https://torlaundry.co.uk The TL van collects from the shop on Weds. & Sats. and returns items the following Sat. or Wed. respectively. It's a simple, popular, long-established arrangement. Check it out!! And it's not only clothing!!!... Price lists are available in the shop.

POST OFFICE

Last month **Lloyds Bank** re-introduced its cheque deposit services at the PO
Reminder: in a normal week PO hours are:
Mon. - Fri. 8am-6pm & **Sat. 8am-3:30pm**
Shop volunteers: if you have any hours to spare, we would love to hear from you. Shifts are usually for a couple of hours and flexibility is our watchword. Training is given and you will be much appreciated as a part of our friendly team. Give it a try! Thank you! **!!!!! Support your community shop/PO !!!!!**

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

Dear All, does anyone know of a 1-2 bed property to rent within the H/ford area (£800 max/month)? I am a clean, tidy & quiet tenant, a F/T professional with no children or pets. I can provide references upon request. Looking to move ASAP. Danielle: 07443-777381 Email: 17young84@gmail.com

Harbertonford FC – the Sunday side have had a good start to the season and lie fourth in the PWDFL Premier Division. Results, fixtures & news: www.bit.ly/hf-fc
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.
August winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10):
Linda Allen/Kieran Brown/Pauline Overton//Chris Hatch/ Robin Dart/Carl Southcott
September draw not yet made.

Year planner 2026	**2 Oct.,** Apple Pressing Day
16 Oct., Open Mic	**18 Oct.,** Village brunch

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

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