Village Life

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Harbertonford's newsletter — *Issue 309, November 2026*

Welcome to the November 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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Bill Scott died peacefully at his home near Murtwell on 26th September after a long illness. He was 73. Originally a farm manager & sheep farmer, Bill was probably better known to many locals through his car mechanics business. A great cricket lover, Bill established Diptford CC and latterly became a vital part of Harberton CC, both on and off the pitch. Bill was modest, multi-talented and great fun. His passing, whilst a blessed release for him, is incredibly sad for so many people, far & wide. Our thoughts are with Tom, Rosie, Alice, Elliot and family.
Bill's funeral is on **Fri. 30th Oct. (2pm)** at Diptford Village Hall.

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



St Peter's Church
Holy Communion – Sun. 15th Nov. @ 9:30am
Service w/be taken by the Archdeacon of Totnes. Everyone welcome. Refreshments. The church is open 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).
October winners: 1. Ann Bowhay, Bow Rd.
2. Nigel Holmes, Old Rd 3. Sue Miller, Curtisknowle

Watch out for further details of our special Christmas event: "Stir up Christmas Fun" on **Sat. 5th Dec.** @ the Village Hall.

St Peter's Church has been gifted an electric organ to be used at the church. However, we don't have anyone who can play! Is there someone in the village or surroundings who would like to volunteer to play on a few occasions during the year. Please let Frances know (732297) if you are interested.



Village Hall - Sat. 31st Oct.
Doors: **6pm**, Bar: **until 11pm**
DJ: from **approx. 8pm**
Everyone welcome. Free Entry
A Village Hall & PTFA event

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

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



Table tennis (TT) club
Exploratory meeting
Is there sufficient demand to start a TT club in H/ford?



The Village Hall committee wants to find out whether there are enough people interested (all ages) to establish a regular TT evening at the hall. We start with an exploratory discussion at the hall on **Thu. 5th Nov. (7pm)**. Everyone is very welcome.



Jazz Evening with
The Totnes Jazz Workshop
Fri. 6th Nov. (8-10pm)
Village Hall. Entry: £5 donation



Film Screening: People's Emergency Briefing for Harberton parish. At our Village Hall on **Tue. 10th Nov.@ 7pm (bar from 6:30pm)**. Book free tickets here:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sustainableharbournevalley
What's happening with climate & nature, and what does it mean for everyday life in the UK? Join us for a screening of the *People's Emergency Briefing* – a 50-minute film featuring nine leading UK scientists & experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for: •Extreme weather •Food security •Cost of living •Health. After the film there's an open discussion about the impact for our community and what we can do. It's free, but, to aid planning, please book in advance. If you then can't attend, let us know so that we can re-allocate your ticket. All are welcome.
More info: www.nebriefing.org *Sustainable Harbourne Valley*

Harberton Parish Council's (PC) next ordinary meeting is at Harberton Parish Hall on **Tue. 10th Nov. (7:30pm)**.
Harberton Parish Clerk: 0845-557-8469
http://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org

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

Harbertonford COMMUNITY Post Office & Store

You can now enjoy a delicious hot drink in our lovely social space! Choose from a tempting selection of freshly-made coffees, a variety of teas & hot chocolate. And there's nothing better with a cuppa than a tasty cake or biscuit. A morning coffee? A mid-afternoon treat? Or simply a chance to sit down, relax & have a chat? Come along, enjoy a warm welcome and help make our social space a real community hub!

● Shop volunteers: most weeks we have fourteen volunteer shifts to fill, but at present we only have ten regular volunteers, so it's a heavy burden for them to bear. Can you help?? Angela Grütters is now the Rota Organiser – leave her your name & number in the shop. Shifts are usually for a couple of hours and flexibility is key. Training is given and you will be much appreciated as a part of our friendly team. Give it a try! Support your community shop!!

● Many thanks to Helen Phillips for hosting last month's garden tea party. It was a lovely, busy afternoon, enjoyed by volunteers, staff and committee members

The Flower Club – this month (Village Hall as ever) we meet on **Wed. 11th & 25th at 10 30am**. Anyone is welcome to join this friendly bunch and have a coffee while watching the flower arranging. Info: Pauline 01803-732393

Quiz **Village Hall Quiz** **Quiz**
Fri. 13th Nov. (8pm)
A fundraiser for the **Cystic Fibrosis Trust**
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
!!LET'S RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS FANTASTIC CHARITY!!



Coffee morning - Tue. 17th Nov. (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.

Harberton & H/ford History Society – we hope you can join us for our next **online** talk: Clive Charlton (ex-Plymouth Univ.) - "Ten Amazing Days in 1815 - when Napoleon, following defeat at Waterloo, was a prisoner aboard HMS Bellerophon in Plymouth Sound". It's **ONLINE** on **Tue. 17th Nov. (7:30 pm)**.
All welcome. Members: Free, Non-members: £4. Please see our website to register for the talk: https://h3s-history.org
The website also has details of our village booklet which you can purchase on the community shop or online, plus much more information, recordings and photos of H/ford & Harberton.



So good to be back with **Open Mic**. October's saw much singing & dancing and we go again on **Fri. 20th Nov. (7:45pm)**. Bring your guitar, bring a friend, bring your comb & paper...This OM is in support of The Jamming Station so there will be plenty of varied entertainment as we all spread our love for music. If you want to guarantee a spot contact Gavin: middlewoodart@gmail.com or just pitch up.

Ponds for Wildlife - Village Hall, **Wed. 25th Nov. (7:30pm):** Water for wildlife, in gardens and the wider countryside is vital. Creating a pond, large or small, is one of the best things we can do. Our two experienced speakers will be sharing their knowledge of the benefits to wildlife, showing how we might take action in our own gardens. Doors open at 7pm.
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Important Notice from HAS Committee
The allotment site on Hernaford Lane is not a place to exercise dogs. Recently we have found several piles of dog mess on the paths up from the gate. Clearly someone is taking a dog there for that purpose, or walking it off the lead and allowing it to get under the gate. This is totally unacceptable in a place where food is grown and children play. Many thanks, She (HAS-Sec)

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)
Is the hall free for a specific date? Use the online bookings diary (*Upcoming Events*) at www.harbertonfordvillagehall.co.uk

Citizens Advice South Hams still needs your help with its Energy Bills Survey. This will help us to find out people's understanding of their energy bills. We'll use the results to persuade energy companies to improve the way they present info. to avoid people being overcharged. For the survey go to citizensadvicesouthhams.org.uk – it's at the top of the homepage. Also there's a chance of winning an £80 winter warming kit.

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.

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

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

Harberton Cricket Club acknowledges its debt to Bill Scott, who died recently. Record HCC run-scorer, wicketkeeper, keen HCC & Diptford tourist, Bill was tough & competitive on the field, kind & generous off it, always making time for others. He was the groundsman for many years and maintained the club's machinery. The club's lovely ground at Stonehills is testament to his skills, foresight & commitment. What was a farmer's field in 2001 is now a much-admired, delightful cricket hub.
RIP, Bill, thank you for everything.

Harbertonford FC (HFC) – the Sunday side's record to date is : P5, W3, L2. They now lie fifth in the Premier Division. Results, fixtures & news: www.bit.ly/hf-fc
Info: John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net), Mike Bishop (07813-120390).



Air Ambulance (AA) - the football club w/like to thank the children who use the pitch for ensuring that loose equipment (esp. mini goals) is kept to the edge. There was a fatal accident near H/ford last month and the AA had to land at HFC. It did so successfully, due in no small measure, to the children's efforts.

Football club lottery: £160 prize money/month. Cost: £5/mth. September winners (£80/£40/£10/£10/£10/£10): Robbie Terry/ Chris Hatch/Brenda Monaghan/Phil Osgathorpe/ Dave Hatch/Matt Stacey October draw not yet made.

Year planner 2026/27 **5 Dec.,** Stir up Christmas Fun

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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.