

Village Life

Harbertonford's newsletter

**This month's edition
remembers
Barbara Martin**

Issue 307, September 2026

Welcome to the September 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 – villager Barbara Martin died a year ago and, also, last month would have been her birthday. So, this month's newsletter is sponsored by Barbara's husband, Fred, in her memory. Fred's generous sponsorship has enabled us to print & distribute 400 free copies of the newsletter.



St Peter's Church

Holy Communion – Sun. 20th Sep. @ 9:30am

Everyone very welcome. Refreshments afterwards. The church is open to all every day (9am-5pm). 3rivers.org.uk

Reversing the parish, David has taken a new calling in North Devon. He will take his last service on **Sun. 20th Sep.** and all are welcome to join us to wish him and his family well on his next step in the mission. The PCC would like to ask for your support for the next 12 months whilst waiting for a new rector to be appointed. Services are held at St Peter's every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30am. You are always welcome to join us.

Harvest Praise @ All Saints, Moreleigh – everyone is most welcome to join us and celebrate the harvest. It's on: **Sun. 20th Sep @ 3:30pm**, followed by refreshments.



Macmillan Coffee Morning: Wed. 16th Sep.

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. Coffee, cakes, raffle, flowers, a sales table and books. Please come along & support this worthwhile event and hopefully raise as much money as last year. All help/donations welcomed. The church lottery will be drawn during the coffee morning. See posters for more details

Many thanks, Pauline 01803-732393, Frances (732297).

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. Sheila Janes, Totnes

2. Rose Palmer, Poulston 3. Anthony Luscombe, Englebrine



Recycling and waste collection

Collection dates for the August Bank Holiday (as per the SHDC website):

For the week **Mon. 31st Aug to Fri 4th Sep.** collections will be **one day late** i.e. on **Tue. 1st Sep. to Sat. 5th Sep.**

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

The Flower Club returns!! This month we meet on **Wed. 2nd, 16th** (part of the Macmillan fundraiser) & **30th Sep.**

We start at **@10am** in the Village Hall. All are welcome to join, either making an arrangement or just watching. Tuition is available. And there's coffee!! **Info:** Pauline 01803-732393

Harberton Parish Council's (PC) next ordinary meeting is at Harberton Parish Hall on **Tue. 8th Sep. (7:30pm)**.

Harberton Parish Clerk: 0845-557-8469

<http://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org>

Women's singing group (weekly) – it's back!!!

Re-starting **Mon. 14th Sep. (7:30pm)** @ the H/ford FC clubhouse.

All are very welcome. No singing experience necessary.

Info: Gavin Middlewood (middlewoodart@gmail.com)

Harbertonford Youth Project (Thurs., 6-7:30pm) – our Youth Club. Usually every fortnight, at the Village Hall. Sessions restart from **17th Sep.** **Info:** deekelly.trave@gmail.com



Come All Ye - Young & Old (and everywhere in between) to the next **Open Mic** on **Fri. 18th Sep.** in the Village Hall. We are super excited to see if we have any new faces (perhaps emboldened from Big Wide Open Mic) to join our regular performers.

Book a slot via Gavin: middlewoodart@gmail.com

.....or just pitch up.

Cheers, Gavin & Guy

Quiz

Village Hall Quiz

Fri. 25th Sep. (8pm)

Quiz

A FUNDRAISER FOR H/FORD FC

The football club has borne some **large, unexpected expenses** of late and your help would be very much appreciated!!

A friendly, fun quiz. Absolutely **NO FOOTBALL** questions!!

£2pp. Max. 6/team. No team? No problem - we'll sort it out!!

Bar open. **Vicki Taylor:** vct.wrns@yahoo.com

Primary School Fundraising Night - tickets available for our adults-only fundraising event on **Sat. 26th Sep!** Join us at Harberton Parish Hall for an evening of live 80s music from The Riviera Dogs, dancing, fun & community spirit. Free welcome drink inc. Bar available. All proceeds will help improve the outdoor area and equipment at our school. Tickets are limited, so book soon! Tickets: <https://gvwhl.com/2YVPY> Bring friends, family & dancing shoes; help us make a real difference for our children.

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!

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).



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

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.

All very welcome.

Info: <https://h3s-history.org>



Despite good sales figures, running costs are high, **so we still need more volunteers** to help ensure that the enterprise

is financially sound. If you'd like to help out, that would be fantastic. Speak to shop manager, Fiona, about it.

HOT PASTIES ON SALE HERE SOON!!

REFILLS!! Don't forget that we can refill your own bottles with our

Bio D liquids: ●Laundry - Unscented or Lavender

●Washing Up - Pink Grapefruit

All are priced in 500ml/1litre/1.5 litre sizes. Just ask in the shop.



Lloyds Bank is re-introducing its cheque deposit services at the PO (from 1st Sep.)

Reminder: in a normal week PO hours are:

Mon. - Fri. 8am-6pm & Sat. 8am-3:30pm

Come and join us for our Apple Pressing Day at Fruit Corner, H/ford Playpark, (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!

Village Brunch - on **Sun. 18th Oct.** we are again hosting the Village Brunch in the Village Hall! Everyone very welcome indeed!! Time: **10:15 to noon**. Donations to cover costs.

Village Allotments - a thank you from Hussy & Chester, our resident feral cats: "We're still here, enjoying life. Thanks all who bring us dinner every evening, we really appreciate it."

Please maintain the donations of food either by dropping to Bow Cottage, Bow Rd. or, on Thursday pm's, you'll find me behind the PO/Shop counter. Many thanks, She, HAS-Sec.

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.

Village Flower & Produce Show 2026 - Helen & Marian would like to thank all who took part in this year's show:

- The judges, who gave so much time & thought to the exhibits.
- The writers, who filled out the prize certificates
- The scorer, who spent a whole day adding up and whose expertise delivered the trophies in the correct categories.
- The kitchen team - fantastic cream teas!
- The cake bakers who supplied delicious tea-time treats and
- All of the helpers inside and outside.

We raised over £350 for the village hall, so thanks to you all!

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



Village bus service - Stagecoach is making timetable changes from **30th Aug**, but we understand that Bus 7 which serves the village, is not affected. However, there are

minor alterations to the Bus 80 (Paignton-Plymouth) service to improve reliability & punctuality. For info, use this link:

Service 80 - Plymouth - Paignton via Totnes

Dear All, does anyone know of a 1-2 bed property to rent within the H/ford area (£800 max/month)? I used to live in Harberton and volunteer at the H/ford PO. It was the happiest time and I met so many lovely people. I'm now missing my friends and want to move back home. 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. Thank you in advance and hope to hear from you soon. Warm regards, Danielle.

Mob: 07443-777381

Email: 17young84@gmail.com

Citizens Advice (CA) South Hams - Can you help us? We're asking people to complete a short anonymous survey about understanding your energy bills, which you can find on our website at southhamscab.org.uk You could win a package of winter warmer goodies worth £80 and the information you provide will help us improve billing for everyone.

Harbertonford FC - the Sunday side are in the Premier Division of the Plymouth & West Devon Football League and start their 2026/27 at home on **Sun. 30th Aug (11am)**. 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 draw not yet made.

Year planner 2026

18 Oct., Village brunch

2 Oct., Apple Pressing Day



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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.

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