

Village Life

This month's edition is
sponsored in memory of
Marcia Ball

Harbertonford's newsletter

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Welcome to the November edition of *Village Life*, in which we hope to keep you informed of local news and events. This monthly newsletter is produced by HSSG (H/ford Sports & Social Group) and is delivered to your door by volunteers.

HSSG – *Village Life* provides news and information to every household in the village, so please try and get in touch if you have any information or events that you would like included. Also don't forget our website and our Facebook page – the more they're used then the more useful they will become!

Sponsorship – this edition of *Village Life* is sponsored by Jack Ball and his family in memory of Marcia.

Marcia Mary Ball – on 1st October we said a fond farewell to Marcia, St Peter's was full of family and friends (some from a long way back). Marcia was born on 16th August 1932 and her family came to H/ford when she was six years old. Her dad was a postman - I remember him coming to us, putting the post in the kitchen window with a few cheery words. Marcia attended the primary school and later Redworth in Totnes where she was to work in the kitchen after leaving school. She did this until her marriage to Jack at St Peter's, (63 years ago). During their married life they lived at Curtisknowle and Wyses Englebourne before moving to Bridge House in the village and then to Marl Park about 15 years ago. Marcia and Jack had two children Maggie & John, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren of whom she was rightfully extremely proud. She worked at the Hungry Horse and the Post Office and, being a popular person in the village, she was always willing to help neighbours with anything she could (from collecting prescriptions to making phone calls). For more than 20 years she was churchwarden at St Peter's and did everything from cleaning the brass to setting up for services. We always enjoyed meeting on Sunday mornings sharing laughter and sometimes tears. Some of her happiest times were spent in church arranging flowers with her friends for weddings, Easter or Christmas, usually on Saturday mornings. She also loved her garden and grew lovely roses. She was first to support events in the village and most of all playing bingo in the village hall and at Moreleigh. We are missing you very much and send our love and prayers to Jack, Maggie, John and families. Marcia was a true Harbertonford person, may she rest in peace. Just a few memories from Rev John Ough...floods, graveyards, countless PCC meetings, Miss Wyatt, laughter, raffles and white elephant stalls!

Frances

Mike Evans died peacefully in France on 5th October after a considerable period of ill health. Mike and his wife, Carole, ran our village shop for 13 years, before retiring in 2007 and then moving abroad. Mike and Carole made a lot of friends in the village and Mike's passing will be a shock and a sadness to many people. We send our condolences to Carole and family.

Church car park – at Marcia's funeral there were five cars parked close to the church gates, despite a notice asking that the area was left clear. This caused unnecessary difficulty for the driver of the hearse. Whilst the PCC is happy for this car park to be used "out of hours" we would ask car owners to respect and abide by church notices..



St Peter's Church – November services

Sun. 4th Service of the Word, 11am

Sun. 11th Act of Remembrance, 10:50am

Sun. 25th Holy Communion, 11am

Church website

Our local churches have a website:

www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk

P.C.C. lottery – why not join the church lottery and help raise funds for St Peter's Church? It's only £1/month and there's a monthly draw. Info: Hazel Willis (732672/732244).

October's winners:

1st Carolyn Norris, Youldens Close, £25

2nd Ann Inder, Mill Meadow, £10

3rd Sue Lethbridge Brook Villas, £7

Soup and Pud lunch - instead of our monthly coffee morning we are holding a Soup and Pud lunch on **Tue. 20th Nov.** (**Village Hall - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**). Please join us. All welcome. Info: Frances on 732297. For more church news and views see the *Parish News* magazine.

The village food bank (St Peter's Church) – please leave any donations in the kitchen area of the church (non-perishables only, please). All donations are very much appreciated.

Village brunch - a big thank you to the "kitchen crew" who served over 60 brunches in the village hall last month. Our thanks also to those people who stayed on to help clear up. It was really nice to see the hall full of people chatting, laughing and eating together. HSSG was heartened by such a successful and well supported event. The next one will be early in the new year - see *Village Life* for details and if anyone else would like to help in any way please contact Sue on 732462.

Stanborough Christmas Poultry, Halwell – oven-ready turkeys, geese, ducks and chicken for Christmas.

tel: 01548-821306 or email: stanboroughfarm@hotmail.com

The school car park will be closed from **Fri. 2nd Nov. (5pm)** to **Mon. 5th Nov. (8:30am)**.

Stitch Fest - we're very excited to be bringing you Devon's best yarn festival for the third year running! As last year it is being held in Totnes, at the Civic Hall and the Grove School. It's from **Sat. 3rd Nov. (10am)** to **on Sun. 4th Nov. (4pm)**. Admission and workshop tickets are now on sale at www.stitchfest.co.uk/tickets Advance booking is recommended.

Info: phone 731077 or email helo@stitchfest.co.uk

Sparklers and Sausages – there's a bonfire party at the village school on **Mon. 5th Nov. (5:00 to 6:30pm)**. U16's must be accompanied by an adult. £3 for children (this inc. sparklers and a hot dog). £1 for adults.

Parish Council (PC) – the PC's next meeting is at Harberton Parish Hall on **Tue. 13th Nov. (7:30pm)**.

Flower arranging – two meetings (**10am** at the Village Hall) this month: **Wed. 14th & 28th Nov.** There's no set charge and apart from the flowers, equipment is available as is some tuition, if needed. It's a relaxed, fun morning with a coffee. New members very welcome. Info: Pauline Hancock (732393).



Mobile library stops at the church from **3:05 to 3:40pm** & in Bow Road from **3:55 to 4:15pm**. Its next two H/ford visits are

Thu. 15th Nov. & Thu. 13th Dec. Info: phone 08451-551001.

Argentine Tango at H/ford Village Hall



Sat. 17th Nov. (11:00am – 12:30pm)

The workshop is suitable for beginners and those more experienced and costs £6. It will be led by Ute Scholl and Anna Leatherdale, teachers and performers of Argentine Tango for over 15 years.

Info/bookings: David (07732-687511) or Clare (07790-742418)

Harberton & H/ford History Society

– this month we welcome Dr Todd Gray to St Peter's church on **Tue. 20th Nov. (7.30 pm)**. His talk is titled "The Cathedral Yard Fire and Exeter's Ancient Buildings."

Contacts: Stanley Oldfield (864654), Geoff Broom (731097).

<http://www.harbertonandharbertonfordhistorysociety.org>

Women's evening - I thought it would be nice to have a space where women can get together, chat and just be social. Bring yourself, a drink, some music of your choice or feel free to make tea at mine. My idea of a monthly meeting is a work in progress. Let's see how it goes. We would meet on the third Friday of each month. So the date of the first get-together is **Fri. 23rd Nov. (7-10pm)** at 10, Riverdale. Hope to see you then. Many thanks, Saz Skinner.

MALTSTERS ARMS

As you are probably aware, the Maltsters has, sadly, closed. John Webber struggled to make a living

from it for many reasons. I reckon that it could be made into a viable community pub with some investment, planning and community support. I have put together a basic website that tries to look at the options: <http://maltsters-arms.org.uk>. If anybody is interested in helping me explore the possibilities of how it might be brought back, please get in touch!

John McKay. E: john@liburne.com T: 01803-732117

The Village Hall bar will be open **every Friday evening in November**. Do come and join us. Phone John (732588) with your views/ideas for the future of this facility.

Bob The Bus Travel Club offers day trips to places of interest in the South West. It currently has spare seats for:

Fri. 23rd Nov. – Otter Nurseries (£18)

Fri. 14th & Sat. 15th Dec. - Coleton (Fishacre) Aglow (£18)

It's a members only club (£5/year) and these trips are almost sold out, so book ASAP!! For more info phone 07800-745332.



You will be very welcome at Harberton's Christmas Tree Festival Wed. 28th Nov. to Sun. 2nd Dec.



Lots of decorated trees in the church, plus:

- **Sheep Trail** – bring your children to find the sheep around the village – fill in the form in the church and maybe win!
- **Storytelling under the Christmas Trees** – Sat. @ 2:30pm, followed by an activity for over 3's
- **Homemade soup and bread lunch** in the church on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- **Homemade cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee** in the church on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons
- **Sheep Trail results and carol singing with mulled wine** – Sun. afternoon – for us all to come together for a glorious celebration of the joy of community and sharing.



Belshazzar's Feast concert – Harberton Parish Hall, **Sat. 1st Dec. (8pm)**. Mixing traditional folk music, seasonal material, classical, pop and music hall. Plus audience participation and lashings of wry humour! Tickets £15 from John & Jan Culf (863468, tickets@harbertonfolk.co.uk). Proceeds are kindly being donated to the Tick Tock Appeal.

CRAFT FAIR - SUN. 2nd DEC. (10:30pm – 4:30pm)

Once again the village hall will be full of local handmade gifts and treasures at 2018's Village Craft Fair. This year's café, serving light lunches and, of course, teas, coffees and cakes, is being run by the PTFA to raise funds for the school; so you can indulge knowing that you are helping to support local children. Entry to the fair is free and there will be a craft table and face painting. Everyone is welcome, so why not pop along?

Info: Sue (732462) or Linda (732306)

Late night Christmas shopping in Totnes - *Bob the Bus* will be running a Park and Ride service from Follaton House into the town centre on Tue. 4th, 11th & 18th Dec. (5-10pm).

A couple of December dates for your diary – the village hall has bookings for these two social events next month:

Fri. 7th Dec. - Dance to the Old Dogs

Thu. 13th Dec. - Totnes Town Band Christmas Concert



H/ford Football Club. As per the SDL website HFC has two home fixtures this month:

Sat. 10th – Ashburton, **Sat 24th** – Abbotskerswell

Key HFC contacts: Ross Hammond (732825),

Steve Jane (732479) or John Mills (j.mills@nhs.net).

HFC Lottery – the football club has a monthly lottery to help strengthen its finances. It costs £5/month and half of all money raised will be paid out in prizes. Info: Ross (732825).



H/ford Allotment Society (HAS)

Well worked plot immediately available end of November. Email She Coombes to arrange a viewing - has-sec@outlook.com

The Youth Club is on THURSDAY nights (6-8pm).

The club welcomes all children aged 5-16.

Info: Catherine Wintle (732238).

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2 Dec., Craft Fair

7 Dec., Village Hall dance

13 Dec., Christmas Concert

What's On – a trimmed-down list of interest groups and regular village events, with contact details:

- ❖ **Parish Council:** www.harbertonparishcouncil.org or via Parish Clerk on 0845-557-8469 or clerk@harbertonparishcouncil.org
- ❖ **Police:** PCSO Russ Broadhurst 30534. Tel 07703-886012 or russell.broadhurst2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
- ❖ **Skittles:** V. Hall, Suns., 7-9pm. Cost £1. Gwen Janes (732447).
- ❖ **Village Hall bookings:** Jean Blackler (732588)

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Next issue – contributions to Graham Clayton (732603 or graham.clayton@plymouth.ac.uk). The copy deadline for the December newsletter is 20th November.