

The fun goes on! More events to enjoy:

Carole's Cards, Coffee and Cake

Saturday 5th October 10.30 to 4.30 at Carole's Studio. Did you know Carole Oldfield has a hidden art studio in Harberton? Come and join her for a treat of real coffee and homemade cake whilst viewing (and buying) from her range of unique hand-printed cards. £7 - to include coffee, cake and choice of one card. Follow the signs to her studio in the cul-de-sac above the Churchyard by Chancery Cottage.



Wedding Dress Festival 2020 - want to participate or help?

INITIAL MEETING Wednesday 9th October 2019, Harberton Village Hall, 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Everyone loves a wedding and there are so many things to think about and plan in advance. Join our initial meeting for an hour to find out what is planned, how you can help or participate in some way. Maybe you have some ideas for exhibitors. Do you have specialist expertise or contacts? The Festival will run from 18th to 21st June 2020.

Christmas Tree Festival 27th November—1st December

Over 35 Christmas trees will be adorned with sparkling lights and handmade decorations for all the family, friends and visitors to marvel at in our magnificent church. Be inspired by the inventiveness, fun and sheer talent of everyone - young and old. If you are a society, club, individual, etc within the Three Rivers Mission and would like to "buy a tree to decorate", do get in touch with Sue Mahon or Annie Williams. Contributions to our Tree of Surprises / Promises are also very warmly welcomed.

You can find out about events past and future, about the fundraising, about the history of the church, and much more on our website at www.harbertonccf.org.uk - we know how important good communication is so please tell us about any improvements we can make.

For suggestions, ideas, information and offers of help more generally, please contact Celia at harbertonccf@gmail.com

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HELPING OUR HERITAGE IN THE HISTORIC HEART OF HARBERTON

Here's an update on what's been going on and what's coming up

2020 Calendar launch at Village Lunch

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the first Village Lunch on Saturday 24th August where guests were invited to eat and chat al-fresco whilst enjoying stunning views over the fields from the churchyard. Sixty-five villagers, visitors, relations and friends turned up with plates of delicious food and drinks to share. Look out for details of another village get-together next year.



The HCCF also took the opportunity to launch the Harberton 2020 calendar together with a selection of postcards—designed by Jonathan Bean depicting beautiful views around Harberton. Over 50 calendars and numerous postcards were sold on the day. The calendar (£7.50) or postcards (70p) are available in the Church or by contacting Pat Mills, Sue Mahon or Annie Williams. Great presents!

Powering on with the Tower Works ... and more

The Church Council is, this month, putting in two funding applications, supported by your valuable donations to the HCCF pot, to allow the clock chamber floor to be repaired this year—and then have our beloved clock reinstalled in time for Christmas. David White's legacy has not only enabled the clock to be fully repaired and upgraded to electric working but also means that none of our wonderful community volunteers will be in danger of a nasty accident climbing the steep steps.

After this, funding applications will be made for the rest of the agreed tower works (more permanent repairs to the roof, walls and bells, as well as for materials) to support better access for everyone to the wonderful history and treasures of the church. We hope these will be successful and enable those works to be done in 2020.

At the same time, the Church Council has very sensibly decided to have a really thorough inspection of our rather fragile main church ceiling to establish the work that needs to be done, obtain quotes and start to raise the funds. This is likely to be very costly and any funds from the Tick Tock appeal that are left over, once the tower works are done, will then be put towards the main ceiling repair. HCCF will also make a contribution from its unrestricted fund towards the cost of this ceiling inspection. The HCCF will also be contributing towards the on-going maintenance of repairs it has helped to fund so far - the wonderful window repairs and the emergency tower repairs.

So, lots has been done, plenty going on and loads more to do! All thanks to and with the ace support of our lovely community, near and far. Thank you!

If anyone in the community has any questions about the various projects, suggestions for future fund raisers or if they want to help out, please do contact us via the website or by email to harbertonccf@gmail.com



Since our last update we've enjoyed several fantastic events in our brilliant community!

The Harberton Secret Gardens & May Fair was held over a weekend, instead of the usual Strawberry Fair. The 2-day Secret Gardens, plant sale and cream teas, as well as Saturday's May Fair (BBQ, raffle, cakes, books, bric-a-brac, etc) raised a total of £2499! £1659 was allocated for building repairs and £840 for general church running costs. A hugely successful combined Church Council and HCCF event.

Jonathan Bean's unique black-and-white cards depicting Harberton vistas continue to attract huge interest and his latest sales have reached well over £100. His **2020 Harberton Calendar and postcards**, launched at the Village Lunch, have already brought in an additional £500+. Amazing. So please don't forget to buy yours - they make great presents, too, and come with a useful envelope.

Following on from the inspirational sponsorship drive by Liz Fearn, who raised well over £1,000 by simply doing what she does on a daily basis, another local resident, **Celia Atherton**, took up **her own personal challenge** and surprised even herself by raising over £650! Let's all have a go ... even if it is on a much more modest scale.

Pop into the Church to grab a copy of Liz's **sponsorship template letter** or email harbertonccf@gmail.co.uk for a copy.

St Andrew's Visitors' Book ... what did they say?

Since the last Update, visitors have come from far and wide (Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Japan, USA, Netherlands, France and all corners of the UK) - some for the first time, some returning. Here's a taste of what they wrote:

"So peaceful - Thank you for keeping it so beautiful". *"Fantastic tower and clock".* *"Fantastic stained glass windows".* *"We got married here 12 years ago - It is lovely to be back again".* *"What a pity the clock doesn't work".* *"Great to see local people so energetic in appreciating and conserving this fantastic building".* *"Back with our 8-month bump! after getting married in this wonderful church in May".*



Please do think about making a donation!

You can do that on the website: www.harbertonccf.org.uk