



HELPING OUR HERITAGE IN THE HISTORIC HEART OF HARBERTON

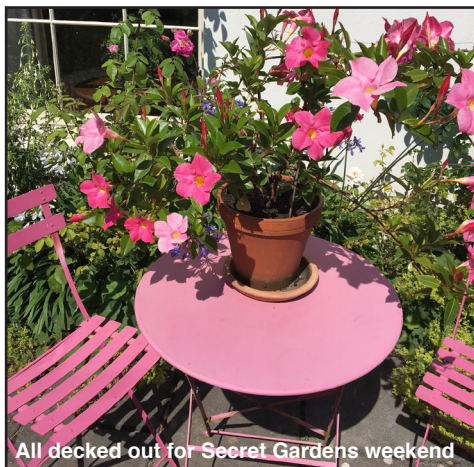
**St Andrew's Church is a wonderful treasure that needs our help! And it's beginning to get it – from us all.
Thank you.**

This is the third update on what's happening and how you could benefit from this fine building at the heart of our village.



Read on about the wonderful summer events; the mysterious case of the missing keys and joists; the new boiler installation; and other repair works in the pipeline. **Plus**

– how you can be involved – with ideas, practical and financial help. All are needed, and all are welcome.



All decked out for Secret Gardens weekend

What have we been doing since our last update in June – apart from having fun (see the back page)?

Repairs – Vital electrical repairs have been done, and we've installed additional electrics to enable the church to host concerts and festivals.

We've got permission from the Diocese to install our new boiler and these works will be completed by the end of September – warmth is on its way...

We were shocked to discover, after the clock had gone away for repair, how unsafe was the upper floor on which it lives – there is a missing joist and much rotten wood, and some huge gaps. These will be repaired soon, and the clock reinstalled after that.

With the help of a determined locksmith we have managed to pick the lock of the vestry door, said not to have been opened in 60 years – yet it is a vital part of the fire escape plan!

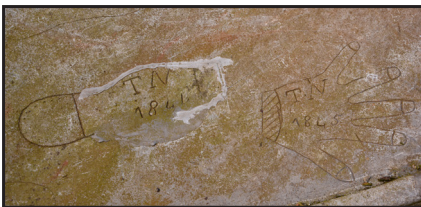


We are working to secure the bell-fry louvres from the roosting jackdaws, now the families have flown.

The Church Uses Questionnaire – many of you have very kindly completed this short questionnaire already. We really want to hear what you think of our church's future and, if the environment were better, what activities you would take part in there. If you haven't yet completed one you can find the questionnaire under 'Latest' on our village website: www.harbertondevon.co.uk, or in the church itself. Thank you!

We greatly appreciate the help of: John Culf in getting our bi-monthly updates out on the village email; Steve Pratt for getting a shortened version into the Parish News; Bob Turner for assembling a delivery team to make sure that everyone in our village and surrounding hamlets gets their own paper copy of this update. Thanks!

Planning the church works – We work very closely with our architect, John Scott. John did the Quinquennial Report which is the guide for the repair work we need to do. Coming up are: the west window, the tower, and further roof investigations. He's also a member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee who have to approve most of what we do. With John's help we are seeking tenders from specialist church restorers for the works to be done over the next few months.



Sadly, not many people get to see the magnificent views from the tower, or many of the more intriguing parts of the historic building. The lead on the tower roof is old and brittle and the foot and hand graffiti of long-gone Harbertonians hasn't really helped keep the timbers waterproof - but the dates prove that the lead has been up there for at least 175 years. It hasn't done badly!

The picture on the left shows the fine ancient timbers of the underside of the tower roof.

The difference you make – making the church a place for all can only happen if that ambition has your support. Our lovely summer has been made more glorious by the enthusiasm shown by so many in the parish, and beyond, for this project – by coming to events, by spending money, by asking great questions, and by offering to help with other events and tasks. The funds raised are just brilliant, but equally important is the wonderful experience of so many of us coming out to play, to chat, and to enjoy and support our community.

Since the last update we have loved seeing hundreds of happy people taking part in:

The 1st Rounders Day and Children's Races on 1 July – so many determined teams, so much cake, burgers, bar, tea and chat. After costs, this raised £668.

The 1st Harberton Secret Gardens Day on 22 July – many of our marvellous gardeners worked hard to enable hundreds of people to have a lovely afternoon visiting their gardens – followed by a delicious cream tea with Pimm's in the church. After costs, this raised £1,124.

Every penny of this money will be kept in the Harberton Church Community Fund charity account and spent only on works to our church.

If you want to find out more about the charity, then contact Alicia at stoliday@btinternet.com

We hope that our next fundraisers will also be firsts:

Show Of Hands concert on Saturday 30 September

– see www.harbertondevon.co.uk under 'latest' for details.

Christmas Tree Festival from November 30th to December 3rd – more info in a future update.



Your suggestions for future concert bands, choirs and any other ideas are very welcome!

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

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