



Andrew Frankland (Cricket Club) presents the cheque to Alex Williams (HCCF)



Who's watching who? A picture from Chris's Marsham's talk

So, what's in store for the rest of 2018? Dates for your diary!

Saturday 19 May

Craft Fair, in the Parish Hall (proceeds shared with Parish Hall)

Friday 25 May

Bach cello concert in St Andrew's (Suites No 1 in G major, No 5 in C minor and No 3 in C major)

Saturday 16 June

Strawberry Fair in St Andrew's and our village square

Saturday and Sunday 14 and 15 July

Secret Gardens, with Pimms and teas in the church

Sunday 12 August

Dog Show on our playing field

Thursday 11 October

Secret India, illustrated talk by Chris Marsham in St Andrew's



XX November Michaelmas Fair in the Parish Hall

Sunday 25 November

Sheep trail to launch the Christmas Tree Festival

Wednesday 28 November to Sunday 2 December

Christmas Tree festival in the church

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.

Brrrr...we're all hoping that our lovely church can start to emerge from the chill. And your interest and involvement is the warmth we need!

The newsletter, but not the work – or fun – has been in hibernation over the winter, not least because our talented designer has been away on his travels. Now he's back and normal service can resume.

Which means that there is quite a lot to catch up on. Mostly about the great fundraising events over the last two months and the fabulous events we are planning for this summer and autumn.



Both of this winter's events were planned by people in the village, but who are not officially on our Community Fundraising Group. Which is totally brilliant because, that way, together we can do so much more, and have so many more skills 'on the job'.

Huge thanks to Geoff Cox and to the Harberton Cricket Club for their lead in organising fundraising events – we hope others will be inspired to offer to organise an event themselves. Just get in touch for a chat – you'll get an enthusiastic welcome!

We hope you find this update useful and interesting (tell us what you think!) and please consider if you could make a direct contribution to securing our wonderful church tower. Thank you!

One step at a time... progress with the church restoration

As you might expect, work has slowed up over the winter. We have nearly all the tenders in for the tower works - the roof, bell and clock room floors and ceilings, and bell repairs. Meanwhile, the PCC (Parochial Church Council) – drawn from members of our church community plus our Priest in Charge – are deciding on the priorities for the works. We will keep you updated on all this. We can report that the jackdaws are gone for good (!), and key broken slates are now replaced. We have also received a generous local donation to allow our very special, but currently unusable, Willis organ to be assessed for a full repair. We plan to get two quotes for this to allow the PCC to understand the practicality and cost of doing the work. Of course, even if feasible, this work is not as urgent as securing the repairs to the church's external fabric. But, what an aspiration it might be – to have our unique organ working again.



Cricket Club Quiz and Auction

We are lucky to have a cricket club in our village – even more lucky that it's full of generous people – who offered to raise money for the church restoration. At least 120 people crushed into the Church House Inn on 21 January. Some of them were very knowledgeable, while others of us struggled with the questions. But that didn't matter because it was great fun. The quiz was followed by an auction of goods and promises – every 'lot' went for more than its reserve price and at least two 'repeats' were negotiated off the floor. In total an amazing £1,450 was given to the restoration fund. You can find a longer account of this very entertaining evening on the cricket club's site: harbertoncc.com/news

In Search of Emperors

Over 60 people braved the cold weather when Chris Marsham gave an illustrated talk in the church on 22 February – it gave us a unique and visually-stunning insight into the life and home territory of the Emperor Penguins. Chris is a well-travelled professional photographer who knows how to capture an experience for others to enjoy and marvel at. His video/photographic film included superb footage on land from when the Russian ice-breaker became grounded in pack ice. Chris explained that the penguins' fragile environment is under threat as never before, but it was difficult not to be captivated by the beauty and solitude of it all, and the cold of the landscape was palpable.

The evening started with wine and delicious 'posh' sarnies, with more at the interval. A raffle of Chris's prints, alongside generous gifts from local companies, contributed to a total of £681 raised for the restoration fund. Huge thanks to Geoff Cox for the idea and all his work in putting it on, and to the many others who helped this be a great evening. And see the Harberton website for Geoff's fuller description of this lovely event.

Chris has agreed to return on 11 October to present his film and photos of 'Secret India'.

Would you (or your organisation) like to organise an event? Or maybe band together with someone else? We will help you if needed, too!

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

