

The fun goes on! More events to enjoy:

Harberton Secret Gardens & May Fair - Saturday 25, Sunday 26 May

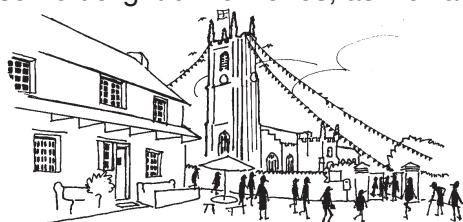
This year the popular **Harberton Secret Gardens** 2-day event will be combined with a 1-day **May Fair**, instead of the usual Strawberry Fair previously held later in the summer.

At the May Fair (Saturday only - 12 to 5pm): Barbecue, raffle, tombola, coconut shy, cakes, books, ladies accessories and bric-a-brac stalls.

Cream teas in the Church from 2pm Saturday and Sunday.

Proceeds from the May Fair will go to the general Church funds.

The **Secret Gardens** (Sat & Sun – 12 to 5pm): £7 per head gives you access to 10+ gardens, including some favourites from past years and some delightful new ones, as well as a yummy cream tea.



Proceeds from Secret Gardens will go to the Harberton Church Community Fund (HCCF) for church building restoration.

2020 Harberton Calendar

Talented photographer, Jonathan Bean (he's such a multi-talented chap!) is compiling a 2020 Harberton village calendar. Ideal as a present for friends, family or yourself, reminding us of the many beautiful vistas around the Church and our village. Further details to follow soon.



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

Spring 2019 update from the Harberton Church Community Fund.
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HELPING OUR HERITAGE IN THE HISTORIC HEART OF HARBERTON

**St Andrew's Church is a wonderful treasure that needs our help!
And it's getting it - with support from us all.**

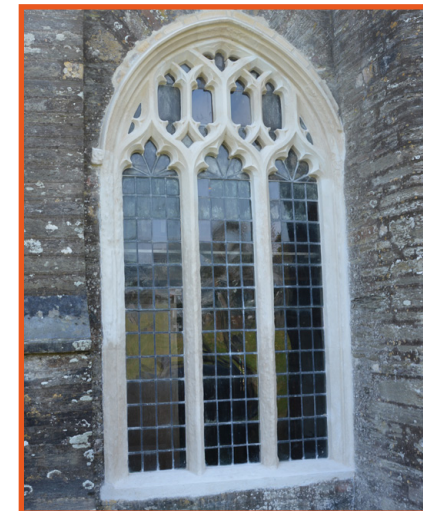
Here's an update on what's been going on and what's coming up



The Tick Tock Appeal contributes towards stunning window transformation works!



Before and after restoration work on the north east window. Do come and look for yourself at the restoration of the other windows.



Huge congratulations to the Church Council for organising the stunning repairs now completed on a number of the windows, skilfully carried out by John Mayne. The Tick Tock Appeal, to which so many of you donated, has contributed £4,000 towards this, to support a grant to the Church Council of £2,500 from the National Churches Trust. It's a real joy to start to see the fruits of many months of fundraising.

Tower works ...the next steps

As we wrote in the last update, HCCF has offered to use Tick Tock funds to pay for half the remaining works in the tower - this includes roof, walls and bells. The Church Council is working hard to get the clock back in during this year, with the other works being scheduled for 2020. This timeline will allow for grant funding to be secured to cover the other 50% of the costs (meaning that every £1 of yours in the Tick Tock fund will actually become worth £2), whilst also taking account of winter weather and availability of the various contractors. A Grants Group has been set up by the Church Council to research and prepare funding applications. We will support this in every way we can. We wish them the best of luck and will keep everyone updated on their progress.

HCCF website - Gallery and 'Did You Know?'

Plans to update and add new areas on the web site are in full swing. Look out for the fascinating Gallery to be added over the next few months, as well as regular updates on fundraising progress, events, and lots of fascinating "did you know?" facts about St Andrew's.

Find out more about our lovely church at: www.harbertonccf.org.uk

Did you know... St Andrew's Church has three spiral stairs?



You may have known there was one or even two, but three?! One leads to the roof of the tower past the clock room and belfry; another leads from behind the organ, giving access onto the north roof; and a third one leads up onto the porch roof and south roof, passing the parvise (a small room above the porch). Our trusty maintenance team use these stairs for access to clean out the gutters, gulleys and spouts.

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

The second popular **Christmas Tree Festival** in November raised £3,455 - an impressive increase on our first year.

Also in November, the **Belshazzar's Feast concert** raised £1,131.

Carole Oldfield's lovely **Christmas cards** put £500 in the funding pot.

Rory Valentine's fascinating talk in February, '**Raphael and the Eternal Feminine**', raised £522.

Harberton Folk generously donated £250 after the **Ali McBain and Phil Cunningham concert** in March.

...and Liz Fearn raises funds simply by being herself!!

Harberton resident, Liz Fearn, has raised an amazing £1,047 (including Gift Aid) as a result of her ingenious sponsorship letter to her family and friends, here in the UK and further afield. What an inspiration. She didn't do new things, she was simply being herself, by telling them about the many things she already does to support individuals and communities - and the response was so supportive.

Liz has done the hard work compiling the sponsorship letter which she is more than happy for others to use as a template... Copies are available in the Church or email: harbertonccf@gmail.co.uk

'The Friendly Continent' talk in April raised £620.

Jonathan Bean has travelled through 23 African countries since 1986 on his trusty motorbikes. Donned in his own colourful African attire, Jonathan brought his passion and respect for these countries and their people through his charming anecdotes and stunning rolling presentation of his photographs. Our thanks to Guy Metcalfe for the PA system, the Church House Inn for an African supper beforehand and the HCCF team for delicious nibbles.

So, since the last update, these events, with all the hard work of so many of you, have added a terrific £7,500 to the coffers, and much fun, knowledge and good companionship to many of us in the village and beyond.

Please do think about making a donation!

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