

Diary of Events for 2020 - so far!

Antiques Road Show in the Church

Wednesday 22 April - look out for details on posters, emails and on our website.

Wedding Dress and Flower Festival 18 - 21 June

Our big event of 2020 is Harberton's **Wedding Dress and Flower Festival - The Way We Wed**

Following a very productive meeting in October last year we are planning on displaying as many Wedding Dresses - past and present - as possible. Over 15 people have expressed interest so far, including two families offering their three generations of dresses! We'd love to include your wedding dresses, whether your mother's, your daughter's or even your granddaughter's!

How you could help... Can anyone lend us a dressmaker's dummy for displaying them? We need LOTS.

A **Flower Festival** will be included to complement the dress festival. Ideas for this include swags on the end of each pew, window displays, large pedestals and decorating the porch. We would appreciate gardeners helping us by planting flowers for cutting in June, as well as providing lots of greenery. Ideas for June flowering flowers can be found on our website page shown below.

<https://harbertonccf.org.uk/event-details/future-events/16/0/0>

Opening night on Thursday 18 June will include a seasonal dish with salad, plus a pay bar (like we do for the Christmas Trees). Our popular Pop-Up-Café will run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday offering summer salads and English cream teas on pretty china. Lovely!

If anyone would like to join the planning group please do contact one of us. Many thanks.

Sue Mahon (01803 866554), Carole Oldfield (01803 864654) and Annie Williams (01803 862994)

Village Safari Supper - Saturday 19th September - details to follow

Enjoy a three-course meal in three different mystery venues around the village, revealed to you as the evening progresses, with everyone joining together for pudding, cheese etc. It's an evening of good food, good company and surprising encounters.

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

Winter 2019/20 Update from the Harberton Church Community Fund. Reg. Charity 1172549



HELPING OUR HERITAGE IN THE HISTORIC HEART OF HARBERTON

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

The Clock is Coming Back!

Between the Church Council (PCC) and HCCF we have now raised the funds needed to get our clock back and working even better than before!

The clock repair and electrification are covered by the remaining part of David White's very generous legacy. The total, potential additional costs amount to £11,450. Happily, a grant from the National Churches Trust (NCT) will cover 49% of these costs, with the remaining 51% coming from the funds you have donated to the Tick Tock Appeal. This means that every £1 raised by you brought in another £1 because NCT will only give money if half is already in the pot and there is good evidence of community support.

The following work is now able to be commissioned by the PCC: finish the repair of the clock; make it work by electrical means so that no-one has to creep up the alarmingly narrow steps to wind it manually; repair the roof beam and floor so that both the clock and anyone standing nearby is safe. This work is now scheduled to start as early as possible in 2020, and by November this year in order for the PCC to use the NCT grant. What a joy it will be to hear our clock chime again. Many thanks to everyone in the village and beyond who have helped make this possible.

There are also more tower works to be done. Again, we have fabulous community support and funds to support grant applications for this. Investigations into the best way to repair the main church ceiling should also start in early 2020.



3rd St Andrews Christmas Tree Festival

A huge **Thank You** to everyone in the village and beyond for helping in so many different ways to make the **3rd Christmas Tree Festival** such a great success!

The Event, which kicked off on Wednesday, 27 November with the Villagers' Opening Night packed with guests enjoying warming homemade chilli and wine, followed by the very busy 4-day Festival. Over the five days, an impressive **£3,377** was raised. Almost a perfect match for last year's take.

Special thanks to the Team who put up (and took down) the trees; the very many men and women

of the village for their delicious soups, yummy bread and amazing cakes; Carole for her cards, and Jonathan for his cards and calendars; Jackie for her chutneys and olive oil; all those who stood for hours serving tea, coffee and cakes; ESW Solutions for the spotlights; those who contributed to and

participated in the Silent Auction and the Tree of Surprises and, last but not least, a special thanks to all those societies, organisations, businesses and schools who sponsored a tree.

Our special thanks to everyone who spread the word, brought family and friends and came several times to enjoy the food, meet neighbours and make new friends. A heart-warming example of real community spirit!

A new village resident kindly sent us a wonderful letter following the opening night of this year's festival - we think it expresses brilliantly what so many feel and how we all work together to make these events great for the church and its whole community. Read the letter in full on the HCCF website: <https://harbertonccf.org.uk/news>



Carole's Cards, Coffee and Cakes - Congratulations!

Another hidden gem in the centre of Harberton was revealed when Carole Oldfield kindly opened up her home studio for the day to raise funds by selling her stunning handmade cards.

A steady flow of visitors were treated to tea/coffee and a choice of homemade cakes whilst browsing (and buying) a wide selection of Carole's work. Our huge thanks to Carole who raised over £500 for HCCF funds. Happily, she will be holding the event again later this year.

Calendars, Cards and Postcards - selling like hotcakes!

Jonathan Bean's photography and unique artistic talent has continued to be extremely popular with sales of his 2020 Harberton Calendar, postcards, and pen and ink cards of the village selling like hot cakes all year. These have raised already well over £900. What will his next project be? Thank you, Jonathan.

Carole and Jonathan's cards and postcards are still available in the Church. See website for other points of sale within the village or contact them direct.

Could you do something to raise funds too? A craft sale, a plant sale, a quiz...anything that would bring people together and make a bit of money, however little, is good for the church and good for the community too!

Total funds raised by HCCF to December 2019 - £74,244!

A massive thank you to EVERYONE.

Please do think about making a donation!

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