



HURST GREEN NEWS

March 2014

www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

Extra page this month

Published on 1 March

It never rains, but it pours!

The old saying goes that, 'it never rains, but it pours!' That certainly seems to have been this winter's motto, doesn't it? As we have watched and listened to the news and weather forecasts, our hearts go out to the victims of flooding far and wide; from the Somerset levels

to those living near the Thames in Surrey, we have seen some of the worst flooding this country has seen in hundreds of years.

We think of farmers who have lost income and livelihood, people made homeless and people who have lost treasured possessions in the recent flooding. At the time of writing, the rain is lashing at my windows, the wind is howling around my house, the Thames has burst its banks, train lines in Surrey are flooded and still there seems no end to this mad weather for at least the next couple of weeks!

If I had a pound for every time someone has said, 'I'm thinking of building an ark', in the last few weeks, I'd be much richer than I am now! Of course, God gave Noah a bit of warning before flooding the earth. Enough time to get two of all the living creatures on the planet to a place of safety, much as the emergency services have been endeavouring to do with those most seriously affected by the current flooding.

Eventually, God did send a flood but it's the end of the story which gives us hope. When the flood waters finally subsided and the land could be seen again, God made a promise to Noah. God said that He would never send a flood on that scale again. The sign of the promise would be a rainbow in the sky. Genesis 9:12-17. God always offers us hope in the midst of the circumstances of our lives. He brings hope to people in despair, hope in pain, hope in crisis and hope in grief. This hope is not just found in a rainbow but in Jesus Christ.

'This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.' John 3:16. The rain *will* one day stop and the sun will come out. Jesus offers us long-term hope that our lives can be transformed, we can begin again and so can this beautiful (if rather damp and soggy) world.

God bless, Revd Karen Bell, Hurst Green Methodist Church



1st HURST GREEN SCOUTS - New Leaders Needed!

It is great to see our new Headquarters building, opened 18 months ago, being put to excellent use. 1st Hurst Green Scout Group are based in Mill Lane, Hurst Green and have around 60 young people in our three sections. We are now very fortunate to have a modern, well-equipped building for our meetings and training activities. I know that many people from within Hurst Green were able to support our fundraising activities and we are very grateful.

Recent Group activities included a Winter Camp when over 40 Scouts, Beavers and Cubs went away for the weekend to the Ashdown Forest and participated in a range of outdoor activities. Volunteering was given a higher profile in the UK with the coverage of the Olympics. Scouting has been able to benefit from this energy and perhaps a different view of what volunteering looks like. 1st Hurst Green Scout Group is now urgently on the lookout for new helpers and leaders. We welcome anyone who has an interest in working with us to support our varied Scouting activities and giving the young people of Hurst Green new opportunities. We offer structured activity programmes and training for leaders, but also flexible opportunities to get involved. Becoming a leader can work on a flexible or part-time basis. Perhaps you have a hobby or skill that would be of interest to the young people in the Group? Or you just want to be a volunteer and enjoy new opportunities?

The mission and values of Scouting are still as relevant today as they were when Scouting was founded over 100 years ago. Scouting is perfectly placed to make a big difference to Society - giving the young people in Hurst Green a chance to learn new skills and opportunities, whilst having fun.

If you can give us some of your time, we would really like to hear from you.

Please contact me at:

Chairman@1sthurstgreenscouts.co.uk
*Nick Carter-Pegg, Chairman,
1st Hurst Green Scout Group*

St John's, Hurst Green Mothering Sunday 30 March at 10am



All are welcome to a family friendly service with posies - Simnel Cake and sherry to share afterwards.

What is Simnel Cake?

See extra page for more information and recipe!

READING TOGETHER.....READING ALOUD Come and join in this new FREE activity

If you know anyone who loves reading and who may be experiencing memory problems a new FREE reading group could help with greater concentration, improved mood and increased social interaction. These weekly sessions are open to anyone to come along by themselves, with a friend/carer or with a small group:

**Reference / Reading Room, Oxted Library
Every Wednesday from: 11am - 12 noon**

Reading Together is a project to allow people experiencing memory problems to continue to enjoy books by reading together and by being read to. Tandridge Voluntary Service Council is running the weekly group, led by volunteers who will choose poems, short stories or items of current interest to read aloud. Participants are also encouraged to bring or suggest material they would like to hear or talk about.

**Further information: Rosamund Quade,
Development Officer, TVSC, 722593
email: development@tvsc.org.uk.**



HURST GREEN CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

ST JOHN'S, CHURCH WAY

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
 Crèche and Children's groups - all ages
12 noon Holy Communion, David Gresham House
Other services: details in church porch
Wednesday 12 noon Weekday Eucharist
Priest-in-Charge Anna Eltringham, 712674, 14 Oast Road (Day off - Friday)
Assistant Priest: Mary Seller - 715675, 11 Home Park
Assistant Curate: Wendy Harvey - 01959 562340
Southwark Monica Fenton - 715769
Pastoral Auxiliaries: Pearl Hobson - 712366

METHODIST CHURCH, HURSTLANDS

10.30am Morning Worship and Junior Church
6.30pm Evening Service
Minister: Karen Bell - 371346 (Day off - Friday)

Please telephone any of these numbers for details of weekday worship and activities, to discuss baptism, marriage, or the arranging of a funeral, or if you want help in times of joy or sorrow.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH ON HURST GREEN

10.45am Family Worship
Pastors: Steven and Margaret Cox - 717510

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OXTED & WARLINGHAM

All Saints' Church, Chichele Road, Oxted - 627762
St Ambrose Church, Warren Park, Warlingham - 622142
5.30pm Saturday First Mass of Sunday, All Saints' Oxted
9am Sunday St Ambrose, Warlingham
11am Sunday All Saints' Oxted
Parish Priest: Fr John Olliver - 713776

OXTED UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Church of the Peace of God
21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted - 730406
10am Sunday Service includes story-time for children, Junior Church, and communion monthly
Minister: David Skitt - 01342 837449

St Agatha's Hall Booking Secretary: M Walker, 714492

Children's Church

For toddlers and children who have just started school



Monday, 24 March, 3.30pm at St John's Church

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Anyone looking after your children is welcome to bring them.

Further information - 715769

Children's Church is really good because we have an activity and we also have a story...

That's the verdict of my 7-year-old daughter. Children's Church is a gathering of parents, grandparents, carers and children, from birth upwards, after school, traditionally on the fourth Monday of every month, in the York Rooms at St John's. Whilst there is a structure to the meetings, playing to start with, then into the Church to sit at the foot of the altar for a story, songs and prayer and finally a craft activity, Children's Church is fantastically informal, allowing the children to move from different activities and the adults to join in with the cutting and sticking!

For anyone interested in Church, or curious about the teachings of God but unable to attend on a Sunday, or whose children would prefer not to attend Sunday School but still have questions about the Christian Faith, it is the perfect place to come. The relaxed atmosphere puts everyone at ease and Anna, Wendy and Monica are at hand to answer questions from even the most enquiring of minds. They even make the adults a welcome cup of tea and there is fruit for the children to share. There are no expectations for people to attend every month but to join in as they feel comfortable doing so. Please do come and see what it's all about, the dates are always in the Hurst Green News, from 3:30pm for about an hour or so, all are welcome. *Annie Roberts*

The Oxted Reel Club: Scottish Country Dancing for fun, fitness and friendship

Have you ever thought that you might like to learn something different which stimulates the mind and keeps you fit? Scottish Country Dancing provides exercise while meeting new people and enjoying great music. Scots have enjoyed their national dance and music for many generations and have taken their traditions with them all over the world, to Africa, North and South America, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, and even to Limpsfield. You certainly don't need to be Scottish to take part in this sociable activity, with stirring music to accompany the dances.

Scottish Country Dancing is not to be confused with highland dancing which is danced individually and is much more energetic! It is performed in sets of 6-10 dancers and as it is common practice to dance with different partners during an

evening, it is very sociable. This also means that you don't need to bring a partner, you can come alone, and the more experienced dancers will make sure that you are helped until you find your feet. Kilts are definitely not a requirement and you don't need any special shoes to begin with, just wear something comfortable and trainers or soft shoes.

The Oxted Reel Club meets from 8 - 10pm on Mondays from September to May at St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield. You are sure to receive a friendly welcome and the more experienced dancers will happily help you through the dances. Dances vary considerably in complexity, making it easy for beginners to take their first steps, but there are more challenging dances to interest more experienced dancers. If you are interested, just come along, or contact Pat Davoll on 01732 866557 (email patdavoll2@gmail.com).

Why not give it a try; your first night is free!



Citizens Advice
 the charity for your community

Help with debt from your local Citizens Advice Bureau

If you're in debt, you need to take action quickly to stop the situation getting any worse. Your local Citizens Advice Bureau can give you advice and help with debt problems.

People can find themselves struggling with debt for lots of reasons. It isn't something to be ashamed of but it is something that needs to be dealt with. No two people's situations are the same. Your local CAB will assign you a trained debt adviser who will take a systematic approach to helping you deal with your debt problems. There are normally a number of different ways of handling debt problems and CAB can look at your individual situation and help you decide what is best for you. CAB can then provide you with any practical help that you may need, as well as giving advice and support.

If you need help with debt and live in Oxted or any other area where you pay your Council Tax to Tandridge District Council, you should contact Oxted CAB by phoning 01883 715525 or leave a message for us on 01883 730259 and we will get back to you to arrange an appointment.

You can also look at our website www.adviceguide.org.uk which will give you the information about the options available to you, plus help to deal with your debt problems and get your finances back into shape.

More Dates for your Diary 2014

- 3 & 5 ...and every Monday and Wednesday, Harry's ACOL Rubber Bridge Club, Oxted Red Cross Centre, 1.15-4pm, 715900 or 713128
- 4 Mar Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-12.30pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207
- 6 Mar ...and every Thursday, Oxted Country Market, 10-11.30am, Oxted Red Cross Centre
- 11 Mar Carers' Group, Community Room, Eastlands Close, Oxted, 10.30-12, B Harling 723034
- 11 Mar Oxted Parish Council, Oxted Community Hall, Church Lane, 7.35pm Clerk: 07510 226989
- 12 Mar Oxted & Limpsfield Flower Society, 2pm, St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield
Demonstrator - Angie Hyde, 'Over The Rainbow'; competition - Colour Matters
- 12 Mar Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 8pm:
The Gardens at High Beeches, Russell Yates
- 13 Mar Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Church Hall, 7.45pm - Members' Social
- 14 - 15 Young Oxted Players - Carrie's War by Emma Lewis, 2.30 (Sat) & 7.45 Barn Theatre
- 18 Mar Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-12.30pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207
- 26 Mar Limpsfield Decorative & Fine Arts Society, St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield 2.30 and 8pm:
Masonic Symbolism: The 25 most common symbols in Freemasonry
Lecturer: Pauline Chakmakjian. Visitors, contact Mrs Buchan, 722294.
- 29 Mar Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society concert, 8pm, Hazelwood School - London Bridge Ensemble Piano Trio. Tickets, £15, on the door or from Mrs Pat Cruddas, 714630
- 1 Apr Tandridge Access Group, Oxted Council Offices, 2.30 - 4pm, Barbara Harling, 723034

Hurst Green News can also be read on www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

Holland Sports Athletics Club



Nigel Bongers writes:

The club began 32 years ago at the Mill Lane playing field where I have coached athletics for the last 28 years. When I began it was a very small club with no track. Membership gradually increased; 25 years ago we raised enough money, with support from Tandridge District Council, to build the current redgar track. In the mid 1990s membership declined dramatically combined with most of the coaching staff retiring or moving away. I was left coaching a handful of athletes but after a while more children joined; some parents qualified as coaches and now we have nearly 200 members.

I coach 4 times a week, mainly junior athletes, on Tuesday & Thursday nights. Wednesday night 7 - 8pm is for Seniors of all abilities for middle distance training. On Fridays we go to Sutton Arena for indoor high jumping. We are in several leagues in the summer, catering for all age groups from Under 11 through to Seniors & Vets. In the winter, besides Cross Country Leagues and Open Meetings, we compete in indoor Sportshall competitions.

We need more volunteers to help run the club and also to train as coaches - it does not have to be a huge commitment. We also desperately need more funds. The running track needs refurbishing which will cost £51,000, towards which we currently have £14,000; we also need a high jump area and a throwing net.

I am as enthusiastic as ever about the Club and have gained great satisfaction from helping young people to develop. I coach, compete and officiate at many meetings and recently was very honoured to receive the BBC South East Unsung Hero Trophy.

Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired

The Club meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Methodist Church Hall, Hurst Green from 2.45 - 4.15pm. On a typical afternoon on 10 February, Sylvia Pocock from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution came to give members an informative and entertaining talk on their work. After her talk Sylvia then joined members for tea and cake and answered questions.

Our programme for the next six months will include a talk on Help from SAVI, a Tea Outing to Haskins Garden Centre in May and a Garden Party in June. If you or someone you know would like to give this a try please contact Carol Leach on 01883 382031. Transport is not a problem as there are a team of volunteers who provide transport throughout the Tandridge area. If you feel that you could help with the transport on a casual basis please also contact the above number.

Moor House School

www.moorhouseschool.co.uk

Leading special school for children with severe speech and language difficulties

Parents' Open Morning

Thursday 6 March

9.30am - 12.30pm

Information on SEN legislation
Come and see what
we can offer your child.

To reserve your place: 712271 or
info@moorhouseschool.co.uk



The Sinfonietta

www.thesinfonietta.org

'Harping in Spring'

Saturday 15 March, 7.30pm

United Reformed Church, Oxted

Alwyn - Lyra Angelica

Debussy - Danse Sacrée et Profane

Van Wassenaer - Concerto Grosso No 4

Sibelius - Impromptu

Fuchs - Serenade No 3, opus 21

Soloist Louise Martin

Co-Principal Harp of the BBC Symphony Orchestra

Tickets £24 (concessions £19) 712264,

020 7381 0441 or on the door

THE WOODHOUSE CENTRE, Hoskins Road, Oxted

opposite Tandridge Leisure Pool

Spring Sale, Thursday, 27 March, 10am - 12 noon

~ cakes ~ collectables ~ jewellery ~ gifts ~ raffle ~ cards ~

~ books ~ fancy goods ~ tea and coffee ~

We are well known for skilled work in the caning of chairs, upholstery and seagrassing and also carry out a variety of repairs - we are handy with a needle and thread. The Centre is open **Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 12.30pm** with breaks for Easter, summer and Christmas. Visitors are welcome to view the large selection of handmade goods for sale: baby clothes, aprons, oven gloves, cushions, bags, scarves etc. We are always looking for new members, young and old. Come and see what we have to offer! For help with transport call our Manager, Mrs Dee Graham: 715189.

PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all her relatives and friends:
24 January Patricia Matthews

St John's Book of Remembrance

To have a name entered, phone **712845**.

St John's, Hurst Green

ASH WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH



**Services at 12 noon and 8pm
All welcome!**

DON'T FORGET....

**Clocks go forward
one hour at 1am on
Sunday morning
30 March.**



APARTMENT - SLEEPS 2/3

Stunning views, near St John's church & station.
Self contained, fully equipped, private balcony.
Weekend/mid week/weekly let. Ideal for visiting
☎ 712782 friends and family 07831 865530

BEAUTY BOX - SALON AND STUDIO

Extensive range of Hair & Beauty treatments
Piercings and Complementary Therapies
☎ Affordable professional treatments 714030

BMC HOMES LTD

Specialises in full bathroom renovations
Local experienced and recommended company
☎ 716331

BOILER REPAIRS AND SERVICING

All gas appliances repaired, serviced & installed
Power flushing. Westerham Plumbing & Heating
Richard Day - Gas Safety Register 151580
☎ Mobile: 07710 933153 712588

CAMERON BUILDING AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES LTD

All aspects of general building undertaken
www.cameronservices.co.uk
☎ Mobile 07855 894426 715856

www.CASTLE CONSTRUCTION.co.uk

Building & Roofing Contractors (Est. 1978)
Extensions/Renovations/Property maintenance
☎ Mobile: 07886 033791 716384

CHIROPODIST

Health Professions Council Registered
☎ Julie Reynolds MSSCh MBChA 07766 141179

CJU ACCOUNTS

Bookkeeping service -VAT
Payroll, General Bookkeeping
☎ Chris Unwin 715596

CLEANING AND IRON MAIDENS

Small, local, family run company
Call for a quote that will not disappoint!
☎ Lucy: 07539 829190

CLEARANCE & REMOVALS

Garden, Garage & House Clearance
Collections/Deliveries/Complete Removals
☎ Paul 07850 970278 Office 713807

CRABWOOD

Flats for independent senior citizens: affordable
rents, bedroom, living room, kitchen, bathroom.
Central Oxted, gardens, resident manager.
☎ manager@crabwood.co.uk 07963 669452

DAY'S GARAGE

Car sales, MOT, Service & repairs, Bodywork
17 Hurst Green Road, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9BS
☎ 01732 866544

DEWDNEY LANDSCAPING

All landscaping/garden maintenance
Email: info@dewdneylandscaping.co.uk
www.dewdneylandscaping.co.uk
☎ Contact Robert Dewdney 370430

DIAL-A-TUTOR

Private tuition by qualified CRB checked
teachers. All ages, subjects, levels
☎ www.dialatutor.co.uk 712148

FAIRALLS

For all building materials
☎ www.fairalls.co.uk 742256

GardenING Services

Regular maintenance to one-off clearance work.
Veg plots/ponds/rockeries a speciality.
Friendly, reliable and tidy. References available.
☎ Simon M:07936 285032 H:01342 325176

**GREENWELLS TREE SURGEONS/
GARDEN CARE:** Tree Work (NPTC qualified)
& Garden Maintenance: Hedges/Grass/Planting/
☎ Tidy-Ups Jim: 07876 616006 /01883 343444

GUITAR TUITION

No grades, no boring scales: play the songs
☎ you like in a short space of time. 723311

H₂O PLUMBING SERVICES

General plumbing, bathroom installations,
alterations, no job too small. Free quotes.
City & Guilds trained MI/RP
☎ Richard - Mobile 07876 450420 712523

**STEVEN HAWKINS
PLUMBING & HEATING LTD**
Heating & plumbing services, bathroom
installation, tiling, boiler changes, cylinder
replacements. City & Guilds Gas Safe registered
☎ Tel 01732 863183 Mob 07980 607491

HURST GREEN BUSY BEES

A Pre-School for children aged 2 to 5 years
Early Learning in a homely atmosphere
☎ Supervisors Marian & Nina 722796

I.T. AIDE

Computer services. Hardware & Software
Installation & troubleshooting. Virus removal.
Wired/wireless networking. Tuition.
☎ Mobile 07799 164993 714369

JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF

National estate agents with local knowledge
☎ www.jackson-stops.co.uk 712375

JEM HOME SERVICES

General House & Garden Maintenance
Painting, Tiling, Carpentry, General DIY
Pruning, Weeding, Hedge/Tree/Grass Cutting
☎ Call Jon - Mobile 07906 029813 712905

ALEX JONES FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Renowned Caring Service
Private Chapels of Rest
Day & Night Attention. Monumental Masonry
A totally independent Family Concern
☎ Oxted 730383 or Lingfield 01342 832534

KAVBRO BUILD LTD

Unit 100, Lambs Business Park
Tilburstow Hill, South Godstone, RH9 8LJ
☎ All Building Work Undertaken 722100

KINGSMEAD PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC

www.kingsmeadphysio.co.uk
224 Pollards Oak Road
☎ Mrs Moses and Mrs Cave 712987

KNIGHTS GARDEN CENTRES

Plant and Life Nags Hall
☎ www.knightsgardencentres.com 742275

LITTLE OAKS UNDER 5s

Pre-school for 2 - 5yrs (9.15 - 12.15)
Professional staff in a friendly environment
www.littleoaksunderfives.org.uk
☎ Call Manager Kim Tamplin 716145

PETER MAYNARD

LOGS any size delivered. Hedges cut,
Tree work, grass cut or strimmed.
☎ 717563

MGBuild

www.mgbuild.net
Extensions, Lofts, Repairs, Kitchens, Tiling,
Windows, Bathrooms, Roofs, Drives, Decking...
☎ 07553 264254 01732 865066

**TO ADVERTISE, please ring 717473
or e-mail: rascals@rogerlugg.co.uk**

MR COMPUTING LTD

Local mobile computer repair and maintenance.
No fix, No fee & No Call-out charge.
Virus; Internet; networks & new Dell pcs.
☎ Call Mark or Sue 730345

NICHOLLS BUILDERS LTD

Building & Roofing Contractors. General
Building - Alterations - Home Extensions - Roof
Repairs - New Roofs. Over 25 years experience
☎ Mobile 07850 850175 717062

PAINTER & DECORATOR

M. J. White-Howles. Over 25 years experience
☎ Mobile 07771 632203 713251

PAINTER & DECORATOR

Caroline Mee
NVQ Qualified, Fully Insured
High Quality Finish
☎ Mobile 07887 514915 717278

PAYNE & CO

Independent estate agents - 11 Station Rd West
☎ 712261

PIANO, HARP & THEORY TEACHER

☎ Olivia Jageurs, MusB(Hons) MMus 714461

PIANOS TUNED & REPAIRED

☎ Peter Franklin 716752

PILATES

St Andrew's Hall, Limpsfield Chart
☎ Sally Gardner mobile 07973 942646 723345

PLUMBING AND HEATING

Stott's Plumbing and Heating. From tap washers
to full installations. Gas safe registered.
☎ Tim Stott Mobile 07748 614254 714707

RETIREMENT FLATS WITH SERVICES

Sycamore Court, Hoskins Road, Oxted RH8 9JQ
24 hour staff, alarm call, domestic assistance,
laundry and lunches if required
☎ www.sycamorecourt.co.uk 723500

RH HEATING AND PLUMBING

Highly recommended local family business
offering installation, servicing and repairs
☎ 712714 or 07580 712714

SBS HEATING SERVICES

Boiler Servicing/Installation/Repair
Gas Safety Registration No 199283
☎ Mobile 07801 427641 712268

SOLICITORS: HARROPS & HEPBURN

Property, Family, Litigation, Wills, Probate,
Powers of Attorney, Employment
www.harrops-hepburn.co.uk
☎ 12 Station Road West, Oxted 723712

STONEMANS FUNERAL SERVICE

Family owned & run; private chapel;
☎ prepaid funeral plans; home visits 740123

TOTAL DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS

Drains • Treatment Plants • Septic Tanks
Trusted local family business. Free advice.
No call-out charge. 24/7 Service
☎ 01883 714779 or 07899 006646

W. A. TRUELOVE & SON LTD

Funeral Directors & Monumental Craftsmen
49 Station Road East, Oxted, RH8 0AX
An Independent Family Firm since 1885
☎ www.watlld.co.uk 732000

WOODSTONE LANDSCAPING

Landscaping Design,
Construction & Maintenance
☎ Mobile 07879 028 988 or 722589
www.woodstonelandscaping.co.uk