



News Extra

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Further News from the Reformed 1st Hurst Green Guides



Surrey East

Girls from the age of 10 - 14 years old are invited to join this new group, who meet in Aggies Hall, on Thursday evenings from 7.15 - 8.45pm.

There are already two successful Brownie units in Hurst Green and it is great that girls have a local

Guide group to move onto once they have finished Brownies. We welcome all girls so even if your daughter has not been a Brownie, encourage them to come along and make new friends!

WHAT WE DO!

The new Guides have been able to interact fully with both other Guide groups locally, providing a full range of indoor and outdoor activities for these Guides, so that they can grow and develop as young people. There is a wealth of activities that Girlguiding UK can offer; from craft to canoeing, acting to abseiling and singing to survival skills. We know there are already lots of girls interested in this exciting opportunity so this is where we aim to make it a reality...

HERE'S WHAT THE GUIDES SAY

'Guides is great as there is a lot of fun and games yet time to learn new skills!'... 'I enjoy my Guide group because we are able to play fun games and do lots of craft things, and I have already gained two badges and I will soon have another on hobbies.'... 'I like Guides because we do lots of things to get our badges. I liked going to Switzerland it was my first time on a plane. I like it when we have parties and play games.' ...'At Guides I really enjoy working towards badges. You feel a massive amount of pride when you receive your badge in front of everyone.'... 'I have really enjoyed making new friends and working towards my badges.'

So, if you are interested in your girl joining this new group, or you are interested in volunteering yourself, please use the website below to register your interest:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved. Sue Knight, 1st Hurst Green Guides

SIMNEL CAKE is traditionally served on Mothering Sunday. Mothering Sunday, sometimes known as 'Refreshment Sunday', allows a rest during the discipline of Lent for a little treat! It is a fruit cake with a marzipan topping and eleven marzipan balls around the top representing the eleven faithful disciples of Jesus, except his betrayer, Judas. It is a delicious cake which can be eaten straight away or made a couple of weeks in advance and fed with brandy!

For the cake

100g/4oz glacé cherries
225g/8oz butter, softened
225g/8oz light muscovado sugar
4 large eggs
225g/8oz self-raising flour
225g/8oz sultanas

100g/4oz currants
50g/2oz chopped candied peel
2 lemons, grated zest only
2 tsp ground mixed spice

For the filling and topping

450g/1lb marzipan
1-2 tbs apricot jam, warmed



Instructions

- Preheat oven to 150C/280F/Gas 2. Grease and line a 20cm/ 8in cake tin.
- Cut cherries into quarters, sieve and rinse. Drain well and dry on kitchen paper.
- Put in a bowl with butter, sugar, eggs, SR flour, sultanas, currants, candied peel, lemon zest and mixed spice and beat well until thoroughly mixed. Pour half the mixture into the prepared tin.
- Take a third of the marzipan, roll out to a circle the size of the tin and place on top of the cake mixture. Spoon remaining cake mixture on top and level the surface.
- Bake in pre-heated oven for about 2½ hours, or until well risen, evenly brown and firm. Cover with foil after one hour if top is browning too quickly. Cool in tin for 10 minutes. Turn out, peel off the parchment and finish cooling on a wire rack.
- Brush the top with a little warmed apricot jam and roll out half the remaining marzipan to fit the top. Press firmly on the top, crimp the edges to decorate. Mark a criss-cross pattern on the marzipan with a sharp knife. Form the remaining marzipan into 11 balls.
- Brush the marzipan with beaten egg and arrange the marzipan balls around the edge of the cake. Brush the tops of the balls with beaten egg and carefully place the cake under a hot grill until the top is lightly toasted.

The Big Brownie Birthday Challenge 2014

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Brownies and Girl Guiding Association our 1st Hurst Green Brownies have undertaken the challenge of writing a letter linked to the theme of the events of the last 100 years. It relates to a challenge set in 1939 when lots of children were evacuated and had to write letters home. Our Brownies have written letters to several local news publications.

They also commemorated the rally in 1937 when 100 Brownies dressed as a dragon took part in a rally at Wembley Stadium to commemorate George VI's coronation. He had to overcome his stammer to speak in public; the Brownies will prepare a one minute talk to their Six.



In addition to this challenge the Brownie unit needs two adult volunteers from September 2014 to take over and run the unit, or sadly it will have to close. If you are interested in helping, contact me at 43 Oast Road, Hurst Green, RH8 9DU or on email at sarah@qsak.com.

Sarah Cusack, currently Unit Leader and Brown Owl

OXTED ART GROUP

We meet at Hurst Green Methodist Church Hall every Monday at 7.30pm.

On the 31 March we will have a workshop with local Artist Adie Parker, who will show us how to paint a watercolour landscape in a loose style with big brushes.

Bring your paints and come along and join us for the evening - suitable for beginners and all abilities.

Visitors are very welcome to attend at a small fee of £4 per evening.

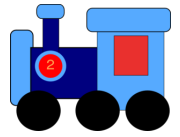


For more details: Pauline 714724
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Hurst Green Children's Centre

One of my favourite mornings of the week is Tuesday, when I help at the 'Stay and Play' session at the Children's Centre in Hurst Green where I have been volunteering for over two years. It is based in a beautiful purpose-built unit next to Hurst Green School.



The centre is part of the 'Sure Start' scheme that aims to improve the quality of early life experience for all children. The centre works in two main ways. It provides advice and help on a one-to-one basis to any parent with a baby or young child who needs it. It also provides a range of sessions, such as the 'Stay and Play' I support on a Tuesday.

Stay and Play is open to any parent with a baby or preschool child and offers a wide range of play opportunities such as paint, play dough, construction toys, trains, cars, dolls, puppets, puzzles etc. The room opens up to a veranda which allows children to play on small bikes, scooters and with sand and water in a very secure setting. We also have a soft area with stimulating toys laid out for babies. While Mums play with their children they can socialise with each other. During the session we offer a healthy snack and we finish with music and rhymes. Once a month on a Saturday morning we have a similar session specifically for Dads.

Other sessions include a baby weigh clinic, breast feeding support, Bumps and Babes, Football Fun, a buggy walk and more. To find out the full program go to the website, phone or better still drop in. I am constantly struck by the wonderful array of equipment and toys we have and even more by the friendly, professional and caring staff who work here. *Sue Batley*



Holland Junior School presents **THE EASTER EGG STRAVAGANZA** Saturday 22 March from 1pm



Come along for a "Cracking time" at the school's biggest annual fundraiser.

This year's event will be taking place at the school, filling classrooms, the School Hall & Playground with fun things for all ages.

Plenty of Games - Arts and Crafts - Tea & Cakes - Hotdogs - Tombolas - Grand Raffle & Silent Auction and lots of Easter Fun

If you are a local business or organisation who wishes to donate a prize to our very popular Raffle and Silent Auction or if you require further details about the event, please contact

Ann-Marie Saumarez 01883 715035 or email ammy.saumarez@googlemail.com.

Jo Jingles Preschool Music and Movement Classes

We are Nick and Carol Bell and have lived locally in Hurst Green for over 20 years and have run Jo Jingles classes in the area for over 16 years. We run classes for babies and children accompanied by their carer (parent, childminder or grandparent) from as young as 3 months up to 5 years.

Our classes are fun, exciting, stimulating and also educational. We play a variety of different percussion instruments and move about with dancing, circle or action songs. We use lots of props, cuddly toys and visuals to reinforce themes, help with understanding and make learning fun. Babies and older children look forward every week to seeing our 'Happy Fellow' (our Jo doll) who has lots of cuddles and waves and is an integral part of our classes.

The classes are 45 minutes long and run during term time. Our programmes are both structured and imaginative (we might zoom to the moon, trek in the jungle, fly like a butterfly or play Peekaboo with scarves or the parachute). They are carefully planned to hold attention and interest and often follow a theme that links each programme together.



The nearest classes are in Godstone (Tuesdays) and Limpsfield Chart (Fridays). A timetable of all our classes for this term can be found on our website www.jojingles.com/esurrey-egrinstead along with more information about Jo Jingles.

Our Jingle Baby classes (3 - 9 months) are currently HALF price and will remain so up until the summer break. Our other age groups are 9 months to 2 years, 2-3 years and 3-5 years. If you would like a free taster session, please contact Carol or Nick on **01883 712881 / 724800** or email us at nickjojo80@hotmail.com. *Nick and Carol Bell*

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