



# HURST GREEN NEWS

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## SCHOOL'S OUT!

The school bell rings, it's the end of term; there's six long weeks of holiday to look forward to - yippee! Excited children stream out of the school gates, relieved that school is done for another term and happily looking forward to holiday fun! What images do the month of July conjure up for you? For me it means the end of term, long hot (*hopefully*) summer days, barbecues, relaxation, freedom, seeing friends and family and of course the summer holidays!



The old English for holiday is Holy day. The word 'holy' means set apart. So a holiday is a period of time, set apart from our normal routine and activity. Holidays are an important opportunity for us to relax from school or work and take stock of our lives. Our New Year resolutions are a dim and distant memory but in the middle of the year, our summer holidays are great time to reflect on where we've been so far this year, how we are now and what the future holds for the next few months.

So what does God think of holidays? God is holy (set apart) and he wants us to be holy as well, in other words, he wants us to be different from other people - God wants us to be set apart too (Leviticus 11:45). So, yes, God approves of holidays! After God had created the world he took a holiday and named the seventh day of the week a holy-day (Genesis 2:2-3). A time to rest, a time set apart, a time to take stock of our lives. God knows that it's important to us as humans to have time to enjoy life, kick back and relax!

Rest and relaxation are important for our bodies, minds and souls. Jesus once said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.' Having a holiday gives us an opportunity to put down those heavy burdens of work for a while and concentrate on our relationships, our friendships and appreciating the beautiful and amazing world.

Enjoy your summer holidays, switch off your phone, find time to rest your body, mind and soul and set yourself apart from the stress of life for a while. You can do all this in the knowledge that the creator of the universe thinks it's a great idea! Happy holy-days *Revd Karen Bell, Hurst Green Methodist Church*

## RISE Theatre presents 'Soldier to Saint'

Friday 17 July, 7.30pm

Hosted by St John's Church, Hurst Green

RISE Theatre is a professional theatre company who perform all round the UK.

We are delighted that they will be performing their original one-act play 'Soldier to Saint', followed by music with singer-songwriter, Charley Pinfold, on 17 July at St John's Church. Based on the story of Saint Alban, the play is set in a future where religious expression has been made illegal and John Alban, an ordinary soldier, strikes an unlikely friendship with a fugitive priest. It's a powerful and brilliant play, provoking much thought and discussion!



Tickets: £10 Adults / £6 Under 18s  
(suitable for ages 12+), including

a complimentary glass of wine  
or soft drink. Contact Sarah at

[eventsstjohnshurstgreen@gmail.com](mailto:eventsstjohnshurstgreen@gmail.com)

or buy tickets online at

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre)

## Come and join us for COFFEE and a CHAT

Where? St John's Room  
St John's Church

When? Fortnightly on  
Thursdays: 16 and 30 July  
10.30am - 12 noon

Need a lift? Ring Barbara, 715636



## Dementia Friendly Coffee Morning

Friday 24 July at the Methodist Church, Hurst Green  
10am -12noon

Do you, or someone you know, care for a person suffering from dementia? Do you feel alone and isolated with no one to talk to? Is this the hardest subject to talk about? Come and chat to us. We started a coffee morning in May for people with dementia and their carers. It will run every month for everyone who would like to come and share experiences, or access information about dementia.

The coffee morning will include a raffle, quiz, stalls, refreshments, and Sue Cope on the piano. There will be reminiscence therapy, where everyday things are the focus: hats and scarves, sweets and pictures, or bring your own favourite things along to share. We will also help you to make a memory book. Our aim is for Hurst Green to become a dementia friendly community. We would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who has supported the coffee mornings; we have also so far raised £86.20p for the Alzheimer's Society.

We need more help to run the coffee mornings. If you would like to help, or you could make and bring cakes, please contact Matt on 01883 818469 or 715814. We also need someone to help with publicity, who could make posters or leaflets for us and also to deliver some in the area. Transport can be a problem; can you offer someone a lift? Every little help can make a big difference, so please do contact Matt if you can support the coffee mornings in any way. *Matthew Leadbeater*

## Aggies-on-the-Green

The community coffee shop will close on Wednesday 15 July for the summer holiday and re-open on Wednesday 9 September from 10.30am to 2.30pm, for coffee and light lunches. Do drop in!

The next issue of Hurst Green News will be published on 1 August 2015. Please send material for that issue, including items for the diary, no later than **FRIDAY, 17 JULY 2015** to The Compiler, 3 Parklands, Oxted, RH8 9DP; e-mail: [hgncompiler@gmail.com](mailto:hgncompiler@gmail.com). The Compiler reserves the right to edit copy. The Hurst Green News is published by St John's Parochial Church Council (Registered Charity 1133107) as a church and community newsletter.

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# HURST GREEN CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

## ST JOHN'S, CHURCH WAY

**8am** Holy Communion  
**9.30am** Parish Eucharist  
 Crèche and Children's groups - all ages  
 Holy Communion, David Gresham House  
**12 noon**  
**Other services:** details in church porch  
**12 noon** Weekday Eucharist  
**Wednesday** Anna Eltringham, 712674, 14 Oast Road  
**Vicar:** (day off - Friday)  
**Assistant Priest:** Mary Seller - 715675, 11 Home Park  
**Southwark** Monica Fenton - 715769  
**Pastoral Auxiliaries:** Pearl Hobson - 712366

## METHODIST CHURCH, HURSTLANDS

**10.30am** Morning Worship and Junior Church  
**6.30pm** Evening Service - 1st Sunday of the month  
**Minister:** Karen Bell - 371346 (day off - Friday)

## 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

## OXTED UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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

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.

## OUT & ABOUT

Summer is a good time for even confirmed couch potatoes to get out for a walk; we are very fortunate in having so many lovely places right on our doorstep. In 2011 Peter Langham and Phil Harris updated Aubrey Rowe's excellent book "Tandridge District Walkabout". The book gives detailed instructions for 11 local (or fairly local) walks of varying lengths. Unfortunately it is out of print, so to make these excellent local routes more widely known Hurst Green News will from time to time give an outline of one of the walks. The full details are too long to print here so the instructions are available on the St John's website. Type <http://tinyurl.com/farmgalewalk> into your browser and this should take you straight there, or if you are reading Hurst Green News online, you can just click on the link. There will also be a few paper copies available in the porch at St John's. All walks can be muddy once you are off the road so you need strong shoes or boots and a map can also be useful. However the instructions are usually very clear and each walk has a sketch map of the route.

The "Farms and Nightingales" walk takes its name from the Harrison sisters who lived at Foyle Farm. In the 1930s the BBC broadcast their cello music accompanied by the nightingales in the surrounding woods. The walk begins at the car park near the St Silvan's Church site at Staffhurst Wood, which is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It takes you back either along the road or through the woods to Merle Common and then down a sign posted footpath on the left, over the railway level crossing and on through the centre of Foyle Farm. The route then goes across country, over the River Eden to Crowhurst Church with its famous old yew tree. You go past Mansion House Farm, Homefield Farm, back over the River Eden again to Bombers Farm, then along Dwelly Lane, over the railway again and along track and road to Black Robins Farm. The route then takes you back into Staffhurst Wood, navigating carefully through its many paths until you come back out onto the road near the car park. Total length is about 5½ miles.

### PlayBowls4Fun: [www.bletchingleybowls.co.uk](http://www.bletchingleybowls.co.uk)



Bletchingley Bowls Club is holding another series of 'PlayBowls4Fun' evenings on Fridays 10, 17, 24 and 31 July from 7pm to 9pm for anyone who would like to find out about the game of bowls, give it a try and view the Club's facilities. All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes - all other equipment will be provided. The Club is based at Grange Meadow, Bletchingley, on the A25 opposite The Bletchingley Arms.

For further information please contact Mike Stone on 714414 / 07711 049432.



### CHRISTIAN AID 2015

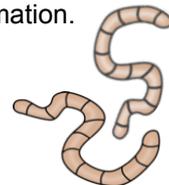
We are delighted to be able to tell you that the red envelope and the Nepal specific collections on behalf of Christian Aid raised £2,000 with an additional £297.50 as a result of gift aid. Although less than last year, we are pleased to say that more donations (especially the smaller ones) are being gift aided. We were fortunate this year to have gorgeous weather during Christian Aid week. We have been attired in a variety of T-shirts, shorts, sandals, hats, gloves, boots and winter coats during this week in

## The Answer Lies in the soil

Those older gardeners among us will remember the catch phrase from 'Beyond our Ken' where gardener Arthur Fallowfield's reply to any gardening question was 'the answer lies in the soil'. This year is the 'International Year of Soils'. Have a look at the website. It is very interesting. The year has come about because there is increasing concern that agricultural practices around the world are causing erosion and soil is being lost which cannot be replaced and this is a threat to food security. Archers' fans will have been following the story of Adam's concern about the field which was eroded during the flood, and his arguments with Brian on the way forward to improve the quality of the soil there, to guard against floods in the future. Nearer to home, Darwin's final book in his life came about through his fascination with earth worms and their role in earth formation.



2015  
International  
Year of Soils



Why is soil on my mind? Our garden in Hurst Green is the tenth one I have cultivated. We're in our third year here. After the deep loam of the Vale of Belvoir in North Leicestershire I have had to meet the challenge of gardening on Surrey clay! Humus, horticultural grit and hard work are the answer and after a few years the number of worms increase, the soil becomes more workable and the bits of plants carried from garden to garden with memories of their donors, nurseries, and garden gate sales, don't have to struggle in clay that takes so long to warm up in the spring. And it is very fertile. Janet Bradshaw, Hurst Green Gardening Club

previous years. We are very grateful to all from the Methodist Church and St John's who helped, and to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

Bob & Carole Evans, Debbi & Phil Harris

## Dates for your Diary 2015

- 4 July Hurst Green Country Music Club Dance, 8-11.15pm Hurst Green Community Centre first Saturday of every month. New members welcome: phone 714916
- 6 July ...and every Monday and Wednesday, Harry's ACOL Rubber Bridge Club, Oxted Red Cross Centre, 1.15-4pm, 715900 or 713128
- 7 July Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-12.30pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207
- 8 July Oxted & Limpsfield Flower Society, 2-4pm St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield: demonstration by Debbie Dann 'Poetically Floral'; Competition - 'Take Red'
- 8 July East Surrey RSPB, White Hart Barn, Godstone, 8pm: 'Dennis Newland: 'A Passion for Butterflies', a personal view of a lifelong interest Admission £3 adults, £1 fledglings
- 8 July Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 8pm: Summer Supper/Social
- 9 July Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Hall, 7.45pm: Queen Victoria's daughters, Colin Parrish
- 11 July HG Gardening Club, 'The Grow with us Club' Summer Show, Oxted Community Hall
- 13 July Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45-4.15pm - Hospices of Hope talk by Carol Ford. Contact: Carol Leach, 01883 382031
- 14 July Carers' Group, Community Room, Eastlands Close, Oxted, 10.30-12, B Harling 723034
- 14 July Oxted Parish Council, Oxted Community Hall, 7.35pm. Clerk: 07510 226989
- 21 July Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-12.30pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207
- 22-25 Oxted Junior Operatic Society - Dazzle, Barn Theatre, Oxted, 7.30pm (+ 2.30pm Sat)
- 27 July Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45-4.15pm: Games Afternoon

Hurst Green News can also be read on [www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk](http://www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk)

### East Surrey Walkers - Walks in July

Our volunteer leaders plan over 50 walks a quarter, ranging from 3 to 12 miles. There is something for everyone, and all walks are free. New walkers are welcome; just ring the contact number for each walk. Most walks start at 10am. For the full programme see: [www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk](http://www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk).

#### 3 mile ambles

Tuesday 14 July: Old Oxted, Anne 715781  
Thursday 30 July: Godstone, Tricia 713927

#### 5-6 miles

Wednesday 8 July: Tatsfield, Keith 716637  
Sunday 12 July: Coulsdon - Tricia 713927  
Saturday 18 July: Sundridge, Anne 715781  
Wednesday 29 July: Limpsfield, Helen or Amanda 712303

#### All day walks, 10-12 miles

Sunday 5 July: Cuckmere Valley, Philip or Helen 713160  
Saturday 11 July: Seaford, Sue 743807  
Sunday 19 July: Tonbridge, Adam 01342 832911  
Keith Chesson

### HURST GREEN VILLAGE FAIR SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2015

The theme for this year's Village Fair is 'Our Animal Kingdom' and, as in previous years, there will be a parade for children and adults coming in fancy dress. Information letters with an application form have recently been sent out to last year's stallholders, but applications from new stallholders are always welcome.

The Fair Programme is distributed to approximately 2,500 local houses and if you are a business or charity and would like to advertise, the cost is £17 for a quarter page, £30 for a half page or £47 for a full page.

For further details, or to help on the day, please contact **Mandy Richmond: 713521** or [hgvfair@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hgvfair@hotmail.co.uk).

### Westerham's 'Talk of the Town' - theatrical performances, music, family entertainment: 4-6 September 2015 - free

An ambitious project is underway in Westerham. The historic town will be celebrating the *Hidden Histories of Westerham & Crockham Hill* with a weekend packed full of entertainment, much of it free. Anticipated to be the 'Talk of



the Town', the weekend will deliver a rich assortment of music, a chance to meet and talk with costumed characters to learn about what it was like to live in Westerham in times past, quiz questions, family entertainment and much more.

The event aims to raise funds to make some of the town's statues and buildings 'talk' using smart phone technology. The organisers are appealing for 'cast members' for the event. Andy Pandy, whose creators lived in the town; Jo Jenner, Sir Winston Churchill's chauffeur and the Mad Hatter from Alice-in-Wonderland are just some of the colourful characters with Westerham connections, whose roles are still available. Participants will dress up to portray a variety of characters, real and imaginary, from Westerham's past, and take part in the Sunday procession. Costumes and background information will be supplied, and if dressing up doesn't appeal, supporting helpers are also needed. While this is a community event, visitors are expected from far and wide. There will also be a vintage fairground and food tents. The finale will be a Cabaret with Sir Richard Stilgoe's Orpheus Choir.

More information and tickets are available at:

[www.visitwesterham.org.uk/whats-on/talk-of-the-town](http://www.visitwesterham.org.uk/whats-on/talk-of-the-town). If you are interested in taking part, contact [bill@bcassociates.org](mailto:bill@bcassociates.org) or [viviensheff@outlook.com](mailto:viviensheff@outlook.com).

**St Agatha's Hall  
Booking Secretary  
Marjorie Walker, 714492**

### Children's Church

For toddlers and children  
who have just started school



**Monday, 27 July, 3.30pm  
St John's Church**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Anyone looking after your children is welcome to bring them.  
Further information - 715769

### A TASTE OF SUMMER Gooseberry Pudding

This is Janet Hutchings' recipe which also works with rhubarb instead of gooseberries. Cut 12oz (300g) into 2cm lengths.

#### Ingredients:

7oz (200g) butter  
3oz (80g) soft brown sugar  
1oz (25-30g) chopped nuts  
12oz (350g) gooseberries  
4oz (110g) self raising flour  
¼ teaspoon salt  
4oz (110g) caster sugar  
2 eggs, beaten

#### Method:

Pre-heat oven to 180°C/mark 4. Melt 3oz (80g) of the butter in a saucepan, add the soft brown sugar, stir well and add the nuts. Butter a deep ovenproof dish and pour in the mixture. Place the gooseberries on top. Cream the remaining butter with the caster sugar, beat in the eggs and stir in the sieved flour and salt. Spread over the fruit and bake for 35 minutes. When cooked, turn out onto a dish with the gooseberries uppermost.

*This recipe comes from 'Manna From Heaven', the St John's Church Cook Book. There are just two copies still available, price £6. Contact 717473 or [rascals@rogerlugg.co.uk](mailto:rascals@rogerlugg.co.uk).*

### READ MY LIPS!

#### New Lip Reading Classes

This 8-week course for complete beginners will be held at St John's Church, Hurst Green on Wednesday afternoons beginning on 23 September.

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More information and details of how to book will be in the August edition of Hurst Green News.

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