



HURST GREEN NEWS

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words Words WORDS!

I wonder if you quote Shakespeare regularly? Dead as a doornail;

Eaten out of house and home; Good Riddance; Heart of gold; In a pickle; Knock Knock who's there? Not slept a wink; Set my tooth on edge. If you have said any of these you have done just that!!

I came across this quote from Proverbs 18:21, 'Death and life are in the power of the tongue.'

James in his letter uses illustrations of the tongue's power. Large ships can be driven by strong winds but they can be steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. A great forest is set on fire by a small spark. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body yet it can corrupt the whole path of a man's life and be full of deadly poison.

In Shakespeare's Hamlet the ghost of his murdered father confirms Hamlet's realisation that his death was suspicious. The ghost's words turn Hamlet's tongue into a poisonous weapon resulting in many deaths. It is only when Hamlet is dying that he saves Horatio's life so he may tell Hamlet's story and salvage his reputation.

"With the tongue we can praise our Lord and with it curse men" James 3: 9. On our bookshelves we have a book "Blessings or curses: Your Choice" which tells us in all we say we have the choice to either build people up and encourage them or to belittle them and put them down. I have met so many people who claim they can't sing at all because someone told them at school just to mouth the words; people who were told they were stupid when they were young and have believed they are fit for nothing well into adulthood. Careless comments made which have a long lasting effect.

Medical research has shown positive optimistic words can literally change your brain, changing the perception of yourself and the way you perceive reality. In Ephesians 4: 29 it says "Do not use harmful words but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."

Words used well can heal hurts, unravel misunderstandings, express love and affection, show respect, offer forgiveness, bring joy and laughter, give comfort. Paul in his letters encourages us to let our word always be gracious, seasoned with salt and to speak only such as is good for building up. Every day we are shaping reality for someone by the words that we use with them. The choice is ours, how will our words impact others?

Margaret Cox, Pastor, Hurst Green Evangelical Church



OXTED PHANTOMS

Oxted Phantoms has been set up with help from both Oxted and Titsey Rotary Foundation to help people get involved with outdoor activities and working with the community. We have two groups run in conjunction with one another: an Interact youth group for 14 to 18 year olds and a Rotoract group for anyone aged over 18.

Since setting up the groups in the summer last year we have already done so much, from running stalls at the Hurst Green Village Fete, to hosting an international evening with a hog roast for a German scout group and going on our first Christmas camp in a log cabin.

We have got plenty planned for the summer including: running food stalls at the Donkey Derby and Boot Fair (11 and 12 June), a week long summer camp in Dorset and a trip to Croatia in September and much more!

We meet regularly, normally on a Monday and are always looking for new members or volunteers of any age to help us out with events. To get involved or find out more, search for Oxted Phantoms on Facebook; alternatively you can call **07965 582412** to speak to **Henry** about becoming a part of a fantastic new group.

A free party for everyone to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday

Grand Opening on the Green by St Agatha's Hall at 1pm
Bring a picnic to share with family and friends.



Party on the Green

Putting Hurst Green On The Map



Children's activity area with various crafts, face painting etc.

A Tea Dance will be held during the afternoon. Raffle with great prizes.

This extravaganza will close with

'Last Night of the Proms' courtesy of The Oxted Band.

The date for your diaries is Sunday 12 June 1 - 4pm

(If it rains it will relocate to St John's Church)

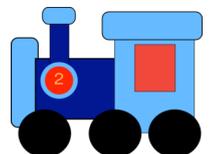
Birthday cake that local children are encouraged to bake and bring along; any adults who wish to bake a cake are most welcome to take part. Tea & coffee also available. The main stage will showcase local jazz, rock and folk groups, choirs, dance displays & more.

OXTED MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION Saturday 18 June 10am - 4.30pm at Oxted Community Hall

Make tracks for the town's model railway show! More than 10 model railway layouts will be on show in a variety of scales from tiny Z gauge to O Gauge, along with a number of trade stands.

The exhibition is supported by clubs and modellers from around Kent, Surrey, London, West and East Sussex and Hampshire and many of the layouts are new to the exhibition circuit.

Admission is £5 for adults,
£2 for children
and £12 for families (2+2).
For more information
phone 07595 255150



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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
11.30am, 3rd Sunday Café Service, refreshments from 11am
12 noon Holy Communion, David Gresham House
Other services: details in church porch
Wednesday **12 noon** Weekday Eucharist
Vicar: Anna Eltringham, 712674, 14 Oast Road (day off - Friday)
Assistant Priest: Mary Seller - 715675, 11 Home Park
Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary: Monica Fenton - 715769

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
5.30pm Saturday First Mass of Sunday, All Saints' Oxted
9am Sunday St Ambrose, Warlingham
11am Sunday All Saints' Oxted
Parish Priest Fr Simon Hall - 713776

OXTED UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Church of the Peace of God
 21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted - 730406
 oxtedurc@gmail.com
10am Sunday Service includes story-time for children, Junior Church, and communion monthly

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.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN OXTED AND DISTRICT 30th Anniversary Celebrations on 3rd July

CTOD is an organisation of local churches which encourages its congregations to come together for activities which can be done better collectively.

For example, we arrange Lent Groups, have our Good Friday Walk of Witness and sing Christmas carols in Station Road East. A new venture this year is our Christian Community Choir, held at the Methodist Church, which will sing at the 3rd July service. We advertise churches' activities throughout the area, giving opportunities for us to learn about each others' traditions and to promote Christian unity.

An important aspect of our work is to raise funds for charities. In alternate years we support a foreign or a British charity; this year it is for Iraqi Christians in Need. We have a Housing and Homelessness Action Group which raises money at the Spring Fayre to support good causes like Leatherhead Start.

Everyone is invited to St John's Church at 3pm on Sunday 3rd July for a service to mark the re-signing of our Covenant of Unity. All twelve local churches will be represented. We look forward to welcoming you.

Katherine Saunders, Chair, CTOD

LITTER IN HURST GREEN

Last month we printed a short article about a problem with dog mess in Hurst Green. This has provoked a lot of comment including this letter:

In response to the letter in the last issue of Hurst Green News regarding the problem of dog poo, I agree wholeheartedly about the disgusting habit of picking it up then leaving it in a bag. Whoever do these people think is going to pick it up for them? There really is no excuse as there are many bins provided for this purpose. We have had dogs for many years and still do, but this makes it bad for all dog owners and the dogs themselves get blamed.

Could I also plead with the thoughtless folk who drop their litter on footpaths, hedges, over fences by the railway line and from cars. My husband has recently picked up two sacks full of rubbish from the roadside in Pollards Wood Road between Boulthurst Way and Limpsfield Common. Most of this was thrown from passing cars and was in the form of drinks cans, take-away packaging, cardboard coffee cups, glass bottles and even a wine glass which fortunately was unbroken. The amount of broken glass on all our footpaths is unbelievable and one of the worst places is on the footbridge over the railway. Many children use this on their way to and from school and if they fell they could be badly cut. I therefore appeal to everybody to think before they throw something away.

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful area and it is sad that a few people spoil it.

Brenda and Ken Ralph, Boulthurst Way

Being in the Garden - Brian Parrott, Hurst Green Gardening Club

To those who are fond of gardening, nothing affords so happy, or so constant exercise. We do not mean that they should dig, or weed the ground, but that employment, which will give exercise without labour, and which no hand will so well perform as that of the Master: the trimming of shrubs and flowering plants; the management of espaliers; the removal of seedling flowers; the thinning of fruit upon the trees; and the following and overlooking of several other works. Here will at least be more and more brisk walking than otherwise; and in many things the little use of the hands will compleat that exercise, continuing it perfectly through the body.

The only danger of this healthy and happy course, is that it is too tempting. Let him who falls into it take an invariable resolution, never to let his fondness for the garden carry him out too early, or keep him out too late.

Extract from 'The Old Man's Guide to Health and Longer Life', 1750



HURST GREEN TENNIS CLUB - OPEN DAY

Your local club invites YOU!

Sunday 24 July, 10am - 4pm

Coaching available in the morning followed by free play
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We are a longstanding family tennis club always keen to welcome players of all standards and abilities. We have two hard courts with floodlights and a clubhouse. Please come and join us for tennis, tea and cake!

Enquiries: hurstgreentc@gmail.com

Come and join us at our 1960s disco night!

The Methodist Church, Hurst Green on Saturday 9 July
Doors open 6.30pm, disco starts at 7pm

A great evening for everyone who loves the '60s music with '60s style fun for all the family. Mel Johnson from Ridge Radio will be on the Disco spinning the music. Also on the night - a 60s style buffet, a quiz and a Facepainter available for adults and children.

Adults - £10, Children - £7.50, family of 4 (2 adults 2 children) - £30

Buy your tickets at the Methodist Church at the following times:
 Monday evenings 6pm-7:30; Tuesday mornings 10am-11.30pm
 and Saturday evenings 5:30pm-6:30pm

Why not come in fancy dress to brighten up the party?

Dates for your Diary 2016

- 6 June... Mon & Wed: Harry's Bridge Club, Red Cross Hall, Oxted, 1.15-4pm, 715900/7144329
 8 June Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 8pm: Summer Evening Flower Show
 8 June Oxted and Limpsfield Flower Society, 2pm St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield, OPEN MEETING. Jacqui Arnold - Colour Matters; competition - Monochromatic Experience
 9 June Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Hall, 7.45pm: Canine Partner Assistance Dogs, E Reynolds
 12 June Party on the Green, by St Agatha's Hall, 1 - 4pm. See front page for details.
 13 June Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45-4.15pm, Methodist Church Hall: Club Afternoon. Contact: Carol Leach, 01883 382031
 27 June Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, Garden Party at 'Risca'
 2 July Hurst Green Country Music Club Dance, 8-11.15pm Hurst Green Community Centre first Saturday of every month. New members welcome: phone 714916

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

Hello stranger; see you again friend



This isn't the start of a joke about the Englishman, Irishman and Scotsman, it's actually about three members of East Surrey Walkers who

not only have a love of the great outdoors but through walking have got to know each other and developed new interests.

The retired Banker, following a degree course in Landscape Studies, is interested in geology, flora and fauna. Our Engineer pursues hobbies of history and archaeology, trying to fathom out and understand how past generations have shaped the land around us. On the other hand, our Teacher uses his computer skills and the latest technology in planning and developing walks.

In our everyday lives we very rarely stop to get to know strangers well. But when you are out walking you have a chance to talk and get to know such people on a one-to-one basis, often with surprising results. Whatever your interests: photography, bird watching, wild mammals or just walking - you may well find a soul mate or two (or maybe even a closer soul mate) among the East Surrey Walkers' 350 members.

East Surrey Walkers now have over 50 walks a Quarter to suit all abilities, from ambling to striding out and challenging. They are there, nearby and free, to help you enjoy the great outdoors whilst making new friends with interests other than walking. 'Hello stranger; see you again friend' - two great experiences out of one!

For full details of their walks programme go to www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk

ST STEPHEN'S SCHOOL NURSERY St Stephen's C of E School Hunters Chase, South Godstone, RH9 8HR

OPEN DAY - THURSDAY 16 JUNE

Our Nursery has vacancies for children aged 2, 3 and 4 years old from September 2016. Talks will be at 10am and 2pm and you are welcome to come and have a look around. For further information telephone the school on **01342 892219**

Come and join us for

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



When? **Fortnightly on Thursdays
16 and 30 June
10.30am - 12 noon**

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National Care Home Open Day Friday 17 June 2016

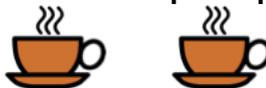
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Invite you to join them for
Morning Coffee 10.30am - 12.30pm

or

Afternoon Tea 3pm - 5pm



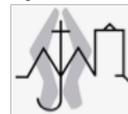
EVERYONE WELCOME

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Pam Packham, House Manager, 715948

St Agatha's Hall Booking Secretary Marjorie Walker, 714492

Children's Church

For toddlers and children who have just started school



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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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

COFFEE MORNING

to raise awareness of the Alzheimer's Society

**Friday 1 July, 10am - 12 noon
Hurst Green Methodist Church**

Coffee mornings will be held on the first Friday of the month throughout 2016.

To donate cakes or biscuits, or for more information, contact Matthew Leadbeater: 715814 or matty158@sky.com
coffeemorning3.wix.com/coffeemorning

Oxted & Limpsfield Choral Society

Summer Concert BRAHMS: REQUIEM

Soprano - Lindsay Gowers
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