



HURST GREEN NEWS

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This is a story about four people named

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



That is a well known story that can still bring a smile because we can all recognise some truth in it. Within our community there are many important jobs to be done, many of which are unseen, but you may have noticed some changes going on. As you walk to the station the grass bank has bulbs which will be appearing soon; down by the station there is a planter to cheer the place up; within the station there are new displays and the area around the community centre is being transformed.



Many 'Somebodies' have been involved and beds have been dug, bulbs have been planted, bird boxes have been placed, bug hotels built and a mosaic has been created which will be unveiled in the Spring. All of these 'Somebodies' answered adverts, came to open afternoons or heard or saw what was going on. 'Anybody' could do something and 'Nobody' was turned away. 'Everybody' was welcome and those 'Somebodies' have made a difference. Working together, Creative Community has joined small contributions together to make a big difference.

There are many other important jobs to be done in our community and most of them are jobs that anybody could do. We all have some skills and we could all make the time if we wanted to and each of these important jobs makes a difference. There are people that need to be visited, gardens that need to be tended, clubs and activities that need volunteers to help run them and many other things that make our community function as a community. If you want ideas or pointing in the right direction TVSC has a hot opportunities link on its page at www.surreycommunity.info/tvsc/volunteer-centres/oxted-volunteer-centre/

Together we can change that story:

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Somebody did it. Everybody was pleased about that because it was Anybody's job and Somebody had done it.

Steven Cox, Pastor, Hurst Green Evangelical Church

Women's World Day of Prayer

On Friday 3 March at 10am in St John's Church, Hurst Green, the Women's World Day of Prayer for 2017 will be celebrated. This year's interdenominational service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines, a group of islands in the Western Pacific with a population of over 100 million people. Because of Spanish colonisation, Christianity is the main religion with over 80% being Roman Catholic, yet church and state are separate. The Philippines is one of the fastest growing Asian countries economically, based on agriculture, services and manufacturing.



On 3 March at sunrise a great wave of prayer will begin in Samoa in the Pacific and spread around the world, through 170 countries and islands, until sunset over American Samoa. During this time an estimated 3 million people will have taken part; in the British Isles some 6,000 services will be held.

All are welcome to attend this service - young and older, men, women and children. Do come! Refreshments afterwards. The same service will be held at 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church in Oxted. Again, all are welcome!

COFFEE and a CHAT

The coffee mornings which take place fortnightly on Thursdays will be held in St John's Room once more.

Originally constructed in the 1960s, St John's Room has been given a facelift and and we hope it now provides a more welcoming and useable space which will be available for use by local groups.



Everyone is welcome to come along for a cup of coffee, a chance to meet others from the community and have a chat from 10.30am - 12 noon on Thursday 9 and 23 February.

If you need a lift,
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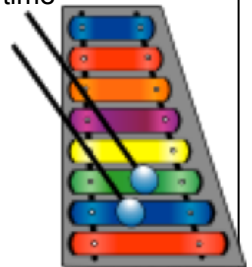
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Haycutter Pub

You've probably seen the announcement already, but we're delighted to let you know that Tandridge District Council's Planning Department has approved the application to improve the Haycutter pub.

The clear support of the vast majority of local residents who commented helped demonstrate the value placed on the pub by the local community.

The next issue of Hurst Green News will be published on 4 March 2017. Please send material for that issue, including items for the diary, no later than **FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2017** to The Compiler, 26 Orchard Way, Oxted, RH8 9DJ; e-mail: 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
11.30am, 3rd Sunday Café Service, refreshments from 11am
12 noon Holy Communion, David Gresham House
Other services: details in church porch
12 noon Weekday Eucharist
Wednesday
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

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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.

Doctor At Sea

At their January lunch meeting, members of Oxted & District Probus Club heard Dr Bob Cruthers give an amusing and informative talk entitled Doctor at Sea. Having been a medical practitioner in South Croydon, in 1978 Bob joined the Royal Fleet Auxiliary as a doctor. RFA vessels supply Royal Navy ships with provisions, weapons support and oil refuelling anywhere in the world. If a nearby Royal Navy ship needed a doctor, he would often be transported across by a bosun's chair. His steward was a 6ft 3in ex Irish Guard with a distinctive moustache, who spent his evenings entertaining the crew, singing and dancing, dressed in a striking lurex dress! So not surprising that Bob had a few Irish stories.

Oxted & District Probus Club meets on the third Wednesday of most months at St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield, RH8 0DG. The club provides an opportunity for retired business and professional men to meet together over lunch. We meet for pre-lunch drinks and chat, then have a 2 course lunch followed by a speaker.

If you are interested in joining, please contact the Club Secretary, Bob Paterson, rpatersonr@aol.com, tel 01883 713597.

Tandridge Handicraft Society

The Society meets every Monday at the Woodhouse Centre, Hoskins Road car park, opposite Tandridge Leisure Centre, Oxted RH8 9HT. On 27 February at 2pm the Society is hosting a talk with examples entitled 'Introduction to Glass' given by Tayder Page. Visitors are welcome, £5 entry including tea and biscuits.

A workshop led by Mary Gamester and entitled 'Printing for Quilting' will be held on Saturday 4 March, from 10am to 4pm. Places should be booked in advance through Jean Martin 01883 723543. Cost: £35 members, £40 non-members. A list of what to bring will be supplied on booking. Please bring lunch, tea will be provided.

Come and join us, we are always keen to welcome new members with similar interests. Further details on our website www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk or contact Jenny Beal on 01883 620730.

Valentine's Day

Candlelit dinners, cards, red hearts, flowers and romance - all the things we traditionally associate with Valentine's Day, but how did this come about?



St Valentine was a priest at a time when the Roman Emperor Claudius II was persecuting Christians. The Emperor had issued an edict which prohibited the marriage of young people because, it was believed, unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers who might be afraid of what might happen to them or their wives or families if they died. But Valentine encouraged the young people to marry and did this secretly within the Christian church. He was eventually caught, imprisoned and finally put to death. He has since become known as the patron saint of lovers.

The romantic nature of Valentine's Day may have been started by the medieval English poet, Geoffrey Chaucer. In a poem, which he wrote in 1375, 'Parliament of Fowles', he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St Valentine's feast day. The poem refers to 14 February as the day birds (and humans) come together to find a mate. When Chaucer wrote, 'For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day / Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate,' he may have invented the holiday we know today.

Inner Wheel of Oxted & Limpsfield Coffee Morning

Saturday 4 March, 10.30am - 12.30pm
 White Hart Barn, Godstone
 Sale of cakes and plants and a raffle - in aid of Mercy Ships

Dementia Friendly Reading Group

Come along and join in this FREE activity in the Social Centre, Bluehouse Lane Oxted RH8 0AD (junction of Station Road East and Bluehouse Lane). Reading Together and Reading Aloud is a project run by Tandridge Voluntary Service Council (TVSC) and is a great way to meet other people.

It may also help you if you are experiencing problems with memory or concentration. If you love reading and would like to share this experience with others, come along and drop in to the Social Centre on Thursday afternoons.

The sessions are held fortnightly on Thursdays from 2.30 until 3.30pm and the next dates are 16 February; 2, 16 and 30 March; 13 and 27 April.

Volunteers lead the sessions, carefully choosing short stories, poems or items of current interest to read aloud and chat about. You are also welcome to bring or suggest material you would like to hear or talk about and you might even like to read aloud to the group yourself. A similar activity is also successfully running at The Douglas Brunton Centre in Caterham.

It may be possible to arrange transport if needed. For more information contact: 01883 722593 or manager@tvsc.org.uk



Dates for your Diary 2017

- 6 Feb Mon & Wed: Harry's Bridge Club, Red Cross Hall, Oxted, 1.15-4pm, 715900 / 7144329
 8 Feb Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 8pm- Talk: Arts and Crafts Gardens, Steve Harmer
 9 Feb Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Hall, 7.45pm: Gentle Yoga - Penny Roberts
 13 Feb Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45pm - Jon Fox (baritone) entertains
 Contact: Carol Leach, 01883 382031
 27 Feb Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45pm - Visit from Manicurist (£8 a treatment)

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



EAST SURREY WALKERS

It's the time of year to get out and enjoy some fresh air. Say goodbye to the sofa and join a FREE East Surrey Walkers' walk. For a 3 monthly programme of walks and full details on joining East Surrey Walkers, go to www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk. Most of the following walks planned for February start at 10am.

Short walks

- Mon 13th, Oxted - Helen/Tony 712303*
 Tues 21st, Lingfield - Graham 01342 833453
 Tues 28th, Limpsfield Chart - Tony/Helen 716980*
 (*fitness walks)

5-7 mile stroller walks

- Sun 5th, Blindley Heath - Alice 017905 416280
 Wed 8th, Outwood - Jeff 01883 743269
 Sat 11th, Toys Hill - Phil 730364
 Wed 15th, Selsdon - Liz 0208 651 5661
 Sun 19th, Godstone - Allan 01883 346188
 Wed 22nd, Chaldon - Judi 01883 341063
 Sat 25th, South Nutfield - Robert 01737 778337

8-12 mile longer walks

- Sun 12th, Mayfield E Sussex - Lorna 712312
 Fri 17th, Victoria, London - Mike 07961 990914
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 13 January Elizabeth Woodward
 16 January Margaret Pugh
 20 January Fay Butcher
 3 February Tony Pinner

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A walk to the end of the world (Alice's Camino)

Alice Byrne, member of East Surrey Walkers, recently walked the whole of the Camino de Santiago - 560 miles from St Jean Pied de Port on the French side of the Pyrenees to Finisterre on the west coast of Spain. Many people walk shorter sections having their luggage transferred and staying at hotels, but Alice did it the pilgrim's way, carrying her rucksack and staying in Albergues, the pilgrim's hostels.

After months spent planning the trip, looking at maps, choosing and weighing clothing, she decided to walk in the heat of the summer to avoid excess clothing weight. The first week was spent settling into a routine. Arriving at the day's destination she booked into an Albergue and had her Pilgrim's Passport stamped as proof of walking. The typical Albergue had mixed dormitory accommodation with a bed allocated on arrival to make, before having a shower, washing your clothes and finding somewhere to eat. Alice often started walking in the dark at 5.30am to avoid the intense August heat, in the high 30s.

Two particular pleasures were seeing the country on foot and meeting other travellers. The first part of the trip was the most challenging, crossing the Pyrenees. Then followed the famous Rioja region and wonderful towns like Pamplona, Burgos and Leon. Also challenging was the Meseta, an extensive vista of wheat fields with straight roads seemingly without end.

The Camino is a very intense experience and those with whom you share the experience become special to you: the man from Sweden who started his Camino in Sweden and had been on the road for 5½ months; the writer from Poland; the Lutheran pastor from Canada; the group of Irish pilgrims who could party any time of day. People walk the Camino for a variety of reasons, very uplifting or depressing: broken marriages, problems at work, spiritual renewal. A few do it without money to see how generous people can be. Groups would form in the Albergues in the evening and it could be very entertaining with music and singing. Lights out at 10.30pm usually meant that it didn't get too out of hand.

The Meseta was the hottest and most mind-searching part of the journey. The addiction to keep walking is so great that no matter what complaints you have, you soldier on. Alice arrived in Santiago with blisters and other minor complaints, and joined the Pilgrim's Mass in the Cathedral, an amazing spectacle. After that it was three days to reach the coast, Finisterre, what used to be called 'the end of the world'. Alice's journey was an epic - a physical challenge and emotional pilgrimage.

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