

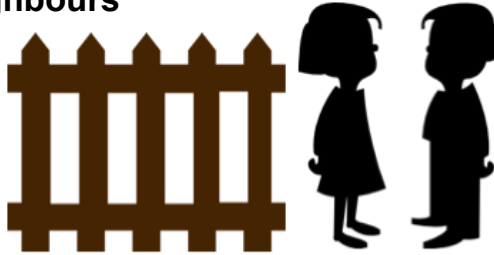
HURST GREEN NEWS

June 2017

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'Good fences make good neighbours'

'Cities need hedges rather than trees', so read a headline on BBC News this morning. Having just enjoyed the church's festival of Rogation, my mind immediately turned to boundaries. 'Are we going to carve up cities into small holdings', I wondered? The comment in fact referred to air pollution. Hedges seem to be more effective in cities at absorbing harmful toxins than tall trees because they are at the same level as exhaust pipes. Interestingly this aspect does also link with Rogation and I'll explain why.



Rogation is usually celebrated in the days leading up to Ascension which this year took place on the 25th May. Ascension is the day we remember Jesus' return to heaven after the resurrection and promise of continued life with us through his Spirit. Rogation is seen as a time of repentance and preparation for that day. It is an ancient tradition dating back to the 7th Century, before maps and sat navs, where communities would mark and remember their parish boundaries. 'Beating the bounds' was led by a procession from the church of parishioners, priest, churchwarden, and choir. Boundaries were remembered by pushing sticks into the ground or even bouncing choir boys on boundary stones! But however it was done the important point was that local people re-asserted 'their patch' alongside everyone else also doing the same.

Westerham celebrates Rogation each year with a parish walk and community event on the green and St George's Crowhurst hosted those of us from neighbouring churches on a farm, for a Rogation service and barbecue. The essence of Rogation celebrations is as it always was. Reconnecting with the land; reminding ourselves it is in our care and that we can easily forget that; praying and caring charitably for the people on our patch and recognising that boundaries make it clear who *our neighbours* are for whom we have a responsibility too. As Robert Frost wrote, 'good fences make good neighbours'.

Rogation comes from the Latin, 'Rogare', 'to ask'. Those within the Christian tradition also remember that we undertake our stewardship and care of the earth and its people within the realm of God's care for us. So we ask God for help. We pray for farmers and the fruit of their labours, for our own community and our neighbours.

One final thought. There is a General Election on the 8th June. With Brexit in our minds, the themes of Rogation are as pertinent as ever. Let us hold them at the fore as we make sure we vote and take our responsibility for the earth and all its people seriously, not just in our own lives and community, but through those we elect to care for our country and its relationship with our neighbours throughout the world.

Revd Anna Eltringham, Vicar of St John's Hurst Green and St George's Crowhurst

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Hurst Green Village Fair

Planning is now well underway for the village fair which takes place on the green on Saturday 16 September.

Letters have gone out to previous stallholders but there are still some spaces available. If you are a local charity or community organisation and would like a pitch, please contact hgvfair@hotmail.co.uk

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Oxted Charity Boot Fair

Sunday 4 June, from 10.30am, Master Park, Oxted

Organised by Titsey Rotary Club, the Boot Fair raises money for charities, mostly local ones, including Master Park itself. Master Park is NOT council-owned and its trustees need to raise over £20,000 each year for maintenance, planting, bin-emptying etc.

For the last six years, the Oxted Boot Fair has been a major contributor to the Park's funds. It is hoped to raise up to £4,000 this year. Pop along to Master Park on 4 June and browse the pitches - there'll be lots of great bargains to be had. Entrance is free for buyers.

The next issue of Hurst Green News will be published on 1 July 2017. Please send material for that issue, including items for the diary, no later than **FRIDAY, 16 JUNE 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
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, Café Church 1st Sunday
4pm Messy Church - 4th Sunday of the month
Minister: Karen Bell - 371346 (day off - Friday)

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10.45am Family Worship
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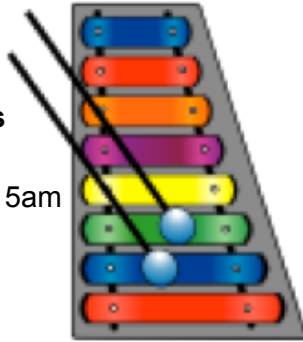
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Criss Cross welcomes all children, between 4 and 11, to join in a range of craft, games, sport and fun. Criss Cross is a free club, supported by a group of local churches. Running from Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th July at Oxted School, children will have the opportunity to take part in fantastic activities, learn new skills and make new friends.

Further information / booking forms: King's Church, Oxted
 01883 734805 or office@kingschurchoxted.com

We look forward to seeing you there.

The North Downs Community Orchestra

We're a fun, friendly, amateur Orchestra, open to musicians who play an orchestral instrument. In our ranks are learners, maestros and the rather rusty who improve, share and resurrect their musical knowledge together. We're keen to involve more people in making music locally.



We are particularly looking for more string and brass players to help our one year-old orchestra continue to gather momentum under the effective and supportive guidance of our professional Musical Director, Shona Fenion. We are quite unusual in that we don't audition and have a range of parts to suit most playing standards. With the enthusiasm and dedication of our members we continue to go from strength to strength. If you'd like to join or support us, please contact us via our website or email: ndcorchestra@gmail.com.

On Wednesday 21 June ('Make Music Day' - see following page for more information) the North Downs Community Orchestra will join the Caterham Festival to take part in the following two events:

Shopping Centre Orchestra

Church Walk, Caterham, CR3 6RT between 1.30pm and 3pm - free event. Perhaps you have always wanted to try an orchestral instrument. Here's your chance! With music professionals and orchestra members on hand to demonstrate and help, stop by to try your hand, or simply enjoy the ambience.

NDCO's first concert in Caterham

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East Surrey Walkers June Walks (most start at 10am)



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 Wed 21st Goathurst Common - Bob 0208 852 3821
 Sun 25th Bookham - Gordon 01732 454708
 Wed 28th Epsom - Dan/Denise 01883 346714

8-12 mile longer walks

Sun 4th Alfriston - Angie/Doug 01883 715361
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 Tues 13th Otwood - Kevin 01737 822995
 Sun 18th Limpsfield - Barbara 01883 626793
 Sat 24th Lamberhurst - Mike/Allan 01883 715475
 Full details at www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk

Dates for your Diary 2017

- 3 Jun Titsey Place: House, Garden and Tearooms open from 1pm, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays (House not open Sundays)
- 5 Jun Mon & Wed: Harry's Bridge Club, Red Cross Hall, Oxted, 1.15-4pm, 715900 / 7144329
- 8 Jun Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Hall, 7.45pm: Imogen Middleton - Surrey in the Great War
- 12 Jun Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, Garden Party at 'Risca'
- 14 Jun Oxted and Limsfield Floral Design Club, 1.30 for 2pm, St Peter's Hall, Limsfield - Open Meeting, Lucinda Knapman, 'Fabulous Flowers' Competition - Design with your favourite flower
- 14 Jun Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 8pm: Summer Evening Flower Show with Pimms!
- 26 Jun Tandridge Club for Visually Impaired, 2.45pm, Methodist Hall
Quiz - 'Down Memory Lane' Quiz. Contact: Carol Leach, 01883 382031

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



Running for Orpheus

On 9 April Daisy Hopson ran the Brighton 10k to raise vital funds for the Orpheus Centre in memory of her brother, Mike.

Running 10k was an ambitious task for Daisy as she could only just about jog a quarter of the distance a few weeks prior, but the fond memories of her brother encouraged her to persevere. Mike Hopson, once a student at the centre, would often say 'I don't want to walk and talk; I want to sing and dance!' summing up exactly what it means to be an Orpheus student. Mike was a true performer and loved taking part in Orpheus productions. He had a wicked sense of humour, a contagious laugh and was always kind to others. After graduating, Mike continued to visit the Orpheus Centre for short courses in the arts. Sadly, in 2007, he passed away from a sudden illness.

Inspired by her brother's life, Daisy now works at the Disabilities Trust in Sussex. Daisy's brother and his love for the Orpheus Centre motivated her to take on the challenge of running the 10k. After overcoming the hurdles of an injury, and simply 'not being a runner', she completed the 10k in 1.03! Surpassing her original target of £250, Daisy raised over £1,000 to help more young disabled adults learn and perform at the Orpheus Centre and to go on to live independent lives.

Orpheus is an independent specialist college that increases the confidence and skills of young disabled adults through the performing arts. We believe every young disabled person should have the same opportunities as their non-disabled peers. We offer a holistic learning programme, a supported housing scheme and a domiciliary support service.

The Orpheus Centre, North Park Lane, Godstone, 01883 744664 www.orpheus.org.uk

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