

HURST GREEN NEWS

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Home is where the heart is

This is my last article for Hurst Green News! In August I'm leaving Hurst Green (which has been my home for seven years) to live in Essex. As I prepare to move, I've been thinking about what 'home' means.

The popular saying, 'home is where the heart is', suggests that home is the place where we find peace, love, rest and security. But where is this place? Is it our house or is it found somewhere else? I have moved many times in my life.

I was born in Tidworth, Wiltshire; I spent my early childhood in Portsmouth and moved to Guernsey with my family when I was fourteen. As an adult I have lived in Guernsey, Kent, Poland, London, Birmingham, Hurst Green and soon Romford will be added to that list! I'm rarely 'homesick'. Wherever I happen to be living at the time becomes my home.

Although I will miss Hurst Green and the friends I have made here, I know I'll be equally at home in Essex because home is more than a location or a house. Home is where you find peace, stillness and rest. Home is the place you can make new friends, enjoy the company of old friends and show love to the stranger. Home is the place where family gathers. Home is about occasionally pulling up the drawbridge and retreating from the world so that we can get some physical and spiritual rest.

In each of these examples 'home' isn't necessarily a physical building. Home can be a state of our mind and our heart. Jesus was a role model of this. Jesus also moved around a lot. He was born in Bethlehem, but whilst still young his family was forced to flee to Egypt for fear of their lives. Jesus then grew up in Nazareth. As an adult, Jesus moved to Capernaum. On beginning his ministry, Jesus left home and became a travelling preacher. He didn't have a 'home' but relied on other people for a place to stay.

Jesus once said, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Jesus knew that our homes here in this world are temporary and our true home is with God in heaven. No matter whether you have moved a lot or have lived in Hurst Green all your life, it is worth remembering that although we put down roots and nurture memories in a particular location, they are all still temporary. Our memories travel with us in our hearts, and family and friends are where home is located.

If we follow Jesus then we are always at home no matter where we go in the world. In Jesus we can find the peace, security and love that home brings. So as I prepare to say goodbye to you all in Hurst Green, I know that I will find a new home in Essex too because Jesus travels with me and home is where the heart is. God bless you all.

Revd Karen Bell, Hurst Green Methodist Church



CREATIVE COMMUNITY Garden Project Saturday 8 July and Saturday 22 July 2 - 4pm

Hurst Green Community Centre

If you fancy coming along to help us with gardening, it would be lovely to see you.

We are busy with a variety of tasks including watering and tending plants, weeding and digging.



Bring your own tools or borrow ours.

Tea and biscuits provided.

Hurst Green Tennis Club OPEN DAY Sunday 23 July 10am - 4pm



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www.hurstgreentennisclub.co.uk



Christian Aid 2017

We are delighted to report that £1,318 was raised this year - an increase of £440. The increase is explained by (a) three early morning collections at Hurst Green station £160 and (b) Big Brekkie at St John's church £149. Contributions were also made by Hurst Green Methodist Church where a service on the theme of Christian Aid was held.

We were stunned to receive so many 10p and 20p coins from the students going to school via Hurst Green station. As the saying goes - every little helps. It is a vital contribution to the important work that Christian Aid is involved in and we say Thank You. *Debbi and Phil Harris, Bob and Carol Evans*



Join us at our monthly Coffee Mornings at Windmill Manor Care Home First Friday of every month

10am - 12 noon - Everyone is welcome!



Come along to our friendly and informal group and enjoy a catch up amongst friends over a hot drink and a biscuit or two. Our dedicated team is always on hand to show you around our home and gardens, offering helpful advice if you ever need it.

For a tour of our home, or for more information about our coffee mornings, call us on: 01883 718120
Windmill Manor Care Home, 2 Fairviews,
Hurst Green, Oxted, RH8 9BD

The next issue of Hurst Green News will be published on 5 August 2017. Please send material for that issue, including items for the diary, no later than **FRIDAY, 21 JULY 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)

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.

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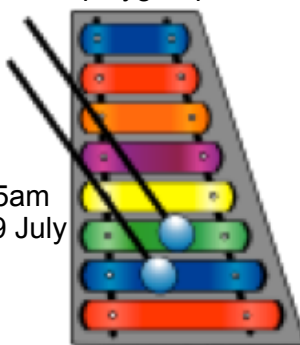
For parents and carers with babies through to pre-school children

Wednesdays in term time, 9.15 - 11.15am
 Last session before summer break, 19 July

York Rooms, St John's Church
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More information: 01883 712674; office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk



Animals being injured and killed in this area

Very sadly, a cat was violently killed in Oxted recently. There have been attacks and mutilations on cats, rabbits and foxes by a serial animal killer across the UK and in other local towns, including Edenbridge, Caterham, Reigate, Redhill, East Grinstead and Croydon.

South Norwood Animal Liberty and Rescue (SNARL) volunteers have leafleted Oxted and are currently doing the same in Hurst Green to raise awareness about the killings. SNARL is the lead organisation working with the police to investigate cases and identify the culprit. Their advice is to keep cats indoors as much as you can, and let them out only during the day when they can be supervised. Please keep your cats in at night. This is not easy, but will cut the risk to your cat dramatically.

What you can do to help

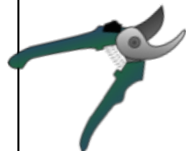
If you see anyone behaving oddly around animals, please call the police on 101, quoting Operation Takahe. Please text the police reference number to SNARL on 07957 830490 or 07961 030064. If you see anyone catching, hurting, kicking, standing on or otherwise causing harm to a cat, fox or bird, please call 999.

If you find a body which is mutilated or missing parts, please call SNARL immediately. Please stay with the body if you can and prevent any council/waste services from touching or removing it, and anyone from photographing it.

There is a £10,000 reward for information leading to the successful conviction of the offender. If you have any information about who might be committing these offences, please call the Operation Takahe team on 020 8649 0216, or SNARL on the numbers above.

Summer in the Garden

Most plants are in full flower in July and the vegetables and fruits well established for us to enjoy, so this is the time to relax, admire our gardens or perhaps visit the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show.



Here are a few jobs we could be doing. Prune wisteria removing the whippy side shoots from the main branches to about 20cms from their base. Cut back faded perennials to encourage further growth and a second flush of blooms in the autumn.

Plant autumn flowering bulbs. Cut back growth in hanging baskets and pots to revive the display. Feed baskets and containers and water well, even on overcast and drizzly days in summer.

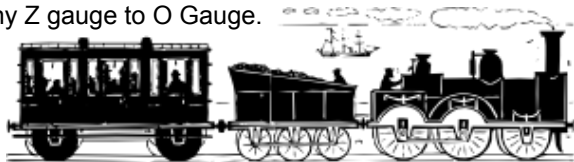
Outdoor chrysanthemums can be planted in pots for an instant effect, and the pots brought into a porch or unheated conservatory at the first sign of frost. They should then flower for a few more weeks. Before long our thoughts will turn to autumn. This can be a season of colour in the garden. Reds, oranges and strong yellows evoke a feeling of warmth and sunshine even as the days are getting shorter. This is something to look forward to.

If you are interested in gardening and want to join a friendly club, why not come and meet us at our Summer Social, St Agatha's Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 12 July - only £8 a head.

Sandy Berry, Hurst Green Gardening Club

Massive Model Railway Show steaming into town!

Make tracks to a model railway on Sunday 9 July, 10am - 4.30pm at Oxted School, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted. Around 20 model railway layouts and a number of trade stands will be on show in a variety of scales from tiny Z gauge to O Gauge.



The exhibition is being supported by clubs and modellers from around the South East, with layouts including:

- Midsummer End, 1940s steam railway with model aircraft flying above.
- Rusbury Basin, combining Model Railways and canals.
- Volks Railway, based on the railway on Brighton sea front.
- Circleton Village - this is a great opportunity to control a layout and support a charity at the same time.

Steve Hughes the exhibitor will be fundraising for the Air Ambulance and the group will be supporting him with the cause. Steve goes above and beyond with his charitable work and is a real inspiration to us all!

Free parking on site - small admission charge

Dates for your Diary 2017

- 1 July Titsey Place: House, Garden and Tearooms open from 1pm, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays (House not open Sundays)
- 3 July Mon & Wed: Harry's Bridge Club, Red Cross Hall, Oxted, 1.15-4pm, 715900 / 7144329
- 10 July Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45pm, Methodist Hall - Games Afternoon
- 12 July Oxted and Limsfield Floral Design Club, 1.30 for 2pm, St Peter's Hall, Limsfield - Sylvia Cheeseman, 'Kaleidoscope' Competition - Summer Colour
- 12 July Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 8pm: Summer Evening Supper/Social
- 13 July Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Hall, 7.45pm: Talk by Margaret Arnott - National Gardens Scheme Gardens
- 24 July Tandridge Club for Visually Impaired, 2.45pm, Methodist Hall - Handbell Concert with Angela Jones and Sandra Winter. Contact: Carol Leach, 01883 382031

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

East Surrey Walkers

July Walks - most start at 10am

Short walks

- Mon 3rd July Woldingham-Alice 01883 652258*
- Fri 7th Limsfield - Linda 01883 712184
- Mon 10th Oxted - Helen 01883 712303*
- Tues 11th Old Oxted - Anne 01883 715781
- Fri 14th Crockham Hill - Tony 01883 716980
- Tues 18th Limsfield Chart - Tony 716980
- Tues 18th Kenley - Malcolm 01883 3320270*
- Tues 25th Limsfield Chart - Tony 716980*
- Sun 30th Tatsfield - Sue 01883 743807, 1.30pm
*Fitness walk

5-7 mile stroller walks

- Sun 2nd Bletchingley - Jeff 01883 743269
- Wed 5th Limsfield - John 01883 713728
- Sat 8th Edenbridge - Jim 01732 866787
- Wed 12th Warlingham - Nigel 01883 623181
- Wed 19th Edenbridge - Jim 01732 866787
- Sat 22nd Woldingham - Alice 87905 416280
- Wed 26th Hartfield - Keith 01883 716637

8-12 mile longer walks

- Sun 9th Brighton - Judy 07801 755317
- Sat 15th Godden Green - Judy 07801 755317
- Sun 23rd Ashdown Forest - Tony 01883 716980
- Thurs 27th Eastbourne - Helen 01883 712303
- Sat 29th Teston, Kent - Arthur 01883 713207

www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk

The Community Coffee Shop

Aggies-on-the-Green will close after lunch on Wednesday 19 July and re-open at 10.30am on

Wednesday 6 September.

We wish all our clients a very happy summer!



As usual, teas will be provided at the Hurst Green Village Fair on Saturday 16 September.

Our next Messy Church is on Sunday 23 July at 4-6pm

(4th Sunday of every month)

Hurst Green Methodist Church

A free event for the whole family!
(Children to be accompanied by an adult.)



For more information, contact
Rolanda: 01342 892826

St Agatha's Hall
Booking Secretary
Marjorie Walker, 714492 or
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk/st-agathas-hall/make-an-enquiry

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

When? **Fortnightly on Thursdays**
6 and 20 July, 3 August
10.30am - 12 midday

Need a lift? **Ring Barbara, 715636**

Talk: The Epidemic of
Liver Disease in the UK
A Challenge for society and the NHS

Tuesday 11 July at 8pm
United Reformed Church
Bluehouse Lane, Oxted

Dr Matthew Cowan PhD FRCP, Consultant Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist, East Surrey Hospital, has a special interest in acid related disorders, functional gut disorders and inflammatory bowel disease, plus diseases affecting the liver.

Dr Jonathan Nolan BSc PhD MRCP, Consultant Gastroenterologist and Clinical Lead for Nutrition at Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, will talk about nutrition and IBS.

The talk, organised by OHC Patient Participation Group and sponsored by North Downs Hospital, Caterham, is open to all patients registered at Oxted Health Centre.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Edenbridge U3A If you are retired or nearly retired and are looking for sociable, interesting, fun activities, have you thought about joining the U3A? Your local branch, Edenbridge, has around 40 different groups covering a wide variety of subjects. A very warm welcome and new friends await you.

The Edenbridge branch is part of the worldwide U3A movement and annual membership is £20 per person or £35 per couple; the membership year starts in July. As well as being able to join any of the different groups, you can also attend monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of the month from 2-4pm at Crockham Hill Village Hall where there will be an interesting speaker or you can come along to one of the coffee mornings at the Old Eden on the second Thursday of each month from 10.30am.

For further information, please visit our website www.edenbridgeu3a.co.uk

PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all her relatives and friends:

21 June Iris McInnes

St John's Book of Remembrance

To have a name entered, please phone Diana on **712845**.

Oxted One World Group's Open Gardens Day



Oxted One World Group raised a magnificent £5,100 at its annual Open Gardens Day on Bank Holiday Monday organised by David Stafford.

Despite being overcast, the rain held off, allowing the 400 visitors to view the five open gardens in the dry. The gardens in Old Oxted, Oxted and Limsfield were at their best after the recent rain and the Group's Committee would like to thank the owners for their efforts. Homemade cakes sold at two of the gardens raised nearly £1,100, a plant sale raised £450 and a raffle £500. The money will support a range of small projects in developing countries, to be decided by the Group's Committee.

Oxted Boot Fair

Next Charity Boot Fair
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