



HURST GREEN NEWS

July 2022



Not really a Jubilee

I recently watched the Jubilee with my grandson and niece. They were very interested by the spectacle of what they were watching although both were perplexed by the pomp and ceremony of what was going on.

Both were keen to ask what a Jubilee was and both were very dissatisfied with my rather short answer of, "a kind of party celebrating the Queen's reign". This led to a longer series of questions on why should we celebrate the Queen's reign? Why did the party cost more than twenty-eight million pounds to put on? Etc, etc. Young teenagers do ask very challenging and annoying questions at times. They also seem to never be particularly satisfied with any answers!!

However, their questions did remind me of a definition of what Jubilee meant; "a year of emancipation and restoration, kept every seven years and forty-nine years in ancient Jewish society."

I was reminded that as splendid and extravagant as the Queen's Jubilee celebrations were, they would have suffered in comparison to the Jubilee celebrations in ancient Jewish society. These celebrations had a real significance beyond just being a party. As in the year of Jubilee every seven years slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven, and the mercies of God would be particularly manifest. The Jubilee year celebrated every forty-nine years, that is seven times seven normal Jubilee years, had special significance when all land returned to the original owners. For the ancient Jews, Jubilee was all about freedom, restoration and receiving God's rich blessings.

When I shared this explanation of Jubilee with my grandson and niece, they both seemed to find it a more satisfying and understandable explanation than my previous feeble attempts to explain what Jubilee meant.

In 2000 the Jubilee campaign was started which aimed to wipe out the debt of "third world countries" held by "first world" countries. To date the debt of 36 nations to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank has been wiped out, with the proceeds going to fight poverty in these nations. Despite this important step, the global debt crisis continues to cripple poor countries. Countries in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean owe over \$6 trillion. The debt in the poorest countries that received debt relief is growing rapidly again due to the financial crises started in the "first world". As much I enjoyed the Queen's Jubilee I look forward to the year of Jubilee for these indebted countries when they will know freedom and restoration. Now that is a Jubilee I will really celebrate.

Keith Dickson, Pastor, Hurst Green Evangelical Church

Yo Yo's playgroup need volunteers



Yo Yo's baby and toddler group is a very popular and much appreciated group every Wednesday morning at St John's church during term time. To keep the group going beyond the summer we need four new volunteers.

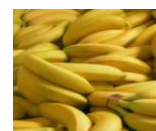
The commitment is 3 hours one Wednesday a month and you'd be in a team with 2 others. Even if you have your own small child it is possible to volunteer. If you would like to find out more or offer to help please contact Revd Anna on 01883 712674 or office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

Hurst Green Community Fridge



If you would like to drop by and collect some free fresh food, or have a coffee and natter or both, you are very welcome! Community Fridge is an initiative to stop good food from local suppliers going to waste or landfill. So let's come together to love our environment and connect with each other!

Come to St Aggie's Hall in Hurst Green, Wednesday 13th, 20th & 27th July, 11am-12.30pm.



HURST GREEN CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

At St John's Church there are services of Holy Communion on Sundays at 8.30am (said) at 9.45am (sung) and at 12 noon on the 4th Wednesday each month, followed by lunch. The 9.45am service is available via Live Stream
The church is open every day from 10am to 4pm. For updates and the latest information, please check websites below.

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East Surrey Walkers (ESW) News

www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk

ESW trust that those of you who have joined The Queen's Platinum Jubilee events have enjoyed the celebrations. The ESW summer walks programme will have been published by the time you read this.

The most famous part of the battle of Balaclava, the Charge of the Light Brigade, took place in October 1854. What is the local connection?

There is much debate on what happened. However, a combination of light dragoons and hussars were instructed by Lord Raglan to charge the Russians with a view to recapture artillery. It appears that the wrong emplacements were attacked in the charge. The unsupported Light Brigade came under heavy fire but never the less actually reached the Russian guns.

In danger of being cut off they were forced to retreat. More than 600 men took part in the charge - about 110 were killed, 57 taken prisoner and 465 returned to British lines, 134 of them wounded. However, fewer than half of the horses remained alive and unhurt. As a fighting force, the Light Brigade had effectively ceased to exist.

Major John Berryman took part in the charge; his horse was shot from under him though he was uninjured. While making his way to safety he came across Captain Webb who was injured. Webb instructed Berryman to get to safety and leave him. Berryman declined, remained with Webb and having been joined by another officer they evacuated Webb to safety. Throughout they were under heavy shot and artillery fire. Major Berryman was awarded the Victoria Cross for his valour. What of the local connection? Major Berryman died in June 1896 and is buried in St Agatha's Churchyard, Woldingham.

ESW walks are conducted at a comfortable walking pace and you will not be expected to "charge" (nor do we render any financial charge for our walks). You are invited to join members for a taster walk. Please check the programme for a walk that will suit you. ESW wish you happy walking. *Stephen Hanks*



Creative Community



CREATIVE
COMMUNITY

is a small arts and gardening initiative based in Hurst Green. As the 'community partner' for Hurst Green station we organise the exhibitions of artwork displayed there. Currently showing are some lovely paintings by Limpsfield Infant School which is very popular. In June we painted our platform planter and filled it with Platinum Jubilee inspired purple and silver flowers and plants which should bloom all summer.

Community Garden – Since we started this project next to Hurst Green Community Centre, the space has been transformed into a colourful and relaxing garden for everyone to enjoy. Take a stroll around it anytime you like, see what's in flower, sit awhile and listen to the insects buzzing.

A small number of volunteers currently work in the community garden and tend the station planter. We would love more people to join us and grow our friendly team. So do get in touch if you are interested in helping. By Facebook: @creativecommunityhurstgreen or email: creativecommunity@btinternet.com or if you happen to see us working in the Community Garden, do say hello. *Christine Harwood*



Thank you from Oxted and Limpsfield Rotary Club

Oxted and Limpsfield Rotary Club would like to express a huge thank you to all who have supported their fundraising activities including the Bingo night, which help to assist local and international needs. Rotarians give their time and talent at no charge so that whatever you donate goes directly to help others.

As an international organisation with clubs throughout the world we have been well-placed to support relief efforts in Ukraine and adjoining affected countries. Direct contact with local Rotarians means we are all well informed to respond to local requirements, in particular with medical equipment.

Like me, some of you may have memories of the trauma of conflict. Every act of kindness to strangers will have its own reward. *Brian Parrott*

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriage

We wish them every happiness in their lives together:

23 July Natalie Pope
and Paul Mutter

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends:

23 May Dave Morris

St John's Book of Remembrance

To have a name entered,
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Dates for your Diary 2022

1 July: Oxted Country Market, every Friday, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted, 9.30-11.30am, cakes & savouries, vegetables, eggs, crafts. To order in advance call 01883 623273
6 July: Yo Yo's playgroup, every Wednesday in term time, York Rooms, St John's, Church Way, Hurst Green, 9.15-11.30am
11 July: Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2.45- 4.15pm, York Rooms, St John's Church: Quiz Contact: Carol Leach 01883 382031
13 July: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall 8pm. Summer supper / social. Contact: Brian Parrott 01883 723916
14 July: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, from 7.45pm: The story behind the hats and bags of Madagascar. Speaker: Jane Muddle. More info from Jan Ward, 01883 712143



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Do you enjoy singing?

Hurst Green Singers is a friendly group of enthusiastic amateurs who enjoy making beautiful music together – and they are keen to welcome new members to the choir, particularly those who sing either tenor or bass.

Under the direction of Jamie Meaders, a talented musician, singer and conductor with an impressive CV, the choir performs a variety of major works by the great composers as well as an eclectic mix of choral pieces by a wide range of contemporary composers at two successful concerts a year, in May and December.

The choir meets every Tuesday evening to rehearse in St John's Church, Hurst Green at 8.00pm. There are no auditions, and no requirement to read music but there must be a willingness to learn, sing on pitch, blend with other voices and commit to regular rehearsals to maintain the high standard of the choir.

The new term starts on 6th September. If you like singing and are interested, please contact hurstgreensingers@gmail.com for further information.

Hurst Green Gardening Club

Thank you to those who supported the club's recent plant sale. Money raised will go towards fees for future speakers. The club's recent speaker, Michael Watcher, gave an expert lesson on dealing with the variability of our weather and how to propagate plants. We hope to see the results of this on the club's stall at the Hurst Green Fair in September.

The next speaker on 10 August, 8pm at Aggies, will be giving advice on new gardens so if you are moving house make sure you come along. If not, you can see Hurst Green Gardening Club at their Annual Show on 4 Sept at Aggies. More details to follow. *Brian Parrott*

New courts for Hurst Green Tennis Club

Hurst Green Tennis Club

Hurst Green Tennis Club prides itself on being a family friendly, community club providing affordable tennis to local residents. Visitors to Mill Lane Recreation Ground will have noticed extensive works being carried out to the club, and we are delighted to be creating a modern sports facility through the installation of new courts and secure perimeter fencing. It has been 23 years since the courts were resurfaced, with cracks and holes making them increasingly unplayable and slippery in wet weather. We are very grateful to Oxted Parish Council and Tandridge District Council for their generous donations of £20,000 each towards this modernisation project which will benefit the local community for years to come. We re-open in mid July, so if you are thinking of joining or starting coaching, get in touch at hurstgreentc@gmail.com or hurstgreentennisclub.co.uk

The club is proud of its growing youth coaching programme, whose success has been made possible through the dedication and hard work of our local coaches, and through funding received to support club activities. The generosity of the Titsey Rotary Club has enabled us to provide subsidised coaching for our junior membership, which has led to a huge increase of local children playing at the club.

Our sponsors Waitrose, The Community Foundation for Surrey and Made by Sport all emphasise that "Sport is the Solution" to building healthier minds and bodies, teaching teamwork and social skills, and improving social behaviour.

For a small club run entirely by volunteers, these awards have been critical to the club's success and much of this vision can only be accomplished by having safe facilities where players of all ages will feel comfortable and welcome. A further generous donation from Cllr Cameron McIntosh at Surrey County Council to update our electrical systems and floodlights will also improve club facilities and safety.

The club and our members recognise and give thanks to these organisations and individuals who have helped us in recent years, keeping our community active, happy and healthy.

Liza Moran, Club Secretary

The Oxted Team of Churches

are seeking an enthusiastic, compassionate, approachable, imaginative, suitably qualified and experienced person to be the Team's **part-time Youth Worker**. This is an exciting opportunity to work as part of the ministry team in the communities of Oxted, Hurst Green, Tandridge and Crowhurst in Surrey.



Together with the role holder, we want to develop our ministry and discipleship to the 'tweens and teens' and their families. This will include growing relationships and fellowship amongst tweens and teens, strengthening existing connections with local Junior and Secondary schools, supporting established youth work volunteers across the team and developing groups that already meet, seeking new ways to help young people grow spiritually and live out their Christian faith and empowering young people to serve and lead in their churches.

The appointment is for an initial period of 1 year. Hours are part-time constituting 15 hours per week. Salary is £10,000 per annum. Closing date for applications is 19th July 2022. Interviews will be soon after, dependent on availability. A job description and person specification are available by emailing: office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk or calling Revd Anna, Team Rector, on 01883 712674, who is also available for an informal conversation. More information about the Oxted Team and each of the four churches is available here: www.otoc.uk

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