



HURST GREEN NEWS

May 2024

Hurst Green is a community of growth!

We are currently enjoying early flowering trees and plants - and in my garden thriving weeds! Because Easter was early and holiday time drew into April we travelled to the South Coast, where we could watch the waters of high tides battling against the wild winds. It was thoroughly exhilarating. One night the battle raged with 45+ miles an hour blasts completely changing the shingle landscape and crashing waves of spray right across the road. The following morning was still blustery. Walking to the shops I had to escape to the lower park area to save being blown over!



There is something majestic and thrilling, even if terrifying, to see the power of the wind and waves. Nature is raw and wild, never to be taken for granted. It reminds me that the church's year goes through a waiting time after the joy of Easter, when Jesus stayed on Earth meeting with his followers and reassuring them that he was not a ghost, but

a real live person, now resurrected having broken through death. He told them to wait in Jerusalem. God the Father would then send a helper, His Holy Spirit to empower and renew them. To be honest they were still a bit doubting, waiting behind closed doors, wondering what would happen next...

The church celebrates Pentecost Sunday on 19 May. This is the birthday of the church, when those doubting, scared disciples were given the power, strength and faith of God's Holy Spirit within them. The thrill, wildness and excitement of this was enough to change them for ever. At the beginning of all Creation the Bible tells us that God's Spirit, His creative life force, like a wind was sweeping over the face of waters. Then God spoke and Creation began.

Sometimes our lives are chaotic like the crazy waves of a wind-blown sea. Maybe this May we can see God at work in and around us as we look at Creation. May we find times when we can recognise the risen Christ's presence in everybody and everything.

Wendy Hewitt, Lay Reader, St John's Church, Hurst Green

An early end to the frog and toad migration

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with the Toad Patrol at the junction of Church Way and Oast Road, and to those drivers who slowed down for us. The number of rescues was markedly down on previous years: 47 this year, compared with 164 last year and 104 in 2022. It's likely that the very mild and very rainy February accounts for this, with many of our customers having made their move 2-3 weeks early and, to a considerable extent, when no humans were about. It was an unusual season, but fortunately one with very few known casualties. Thanks again.

Adrian Hardingham, Toad Patrol



Let's make Hurst Green a better home for nature – join in No Mow May!

We can make a huge difference by leaving an area of our gardens to go wild. If that thought fills you with horror, how about leaving a small patch of grass uncut for just one month? You may have seen how Surrey County Council is helping by avoiding mowing nominated grass verges. Reducing the number of grass cuts each year allows native plant species to thrive, and in some areas additional steps can be taken to prepare the ground, sow native wildflower seeds and more proactively encourage their growth.



You can nominate a grass verge near you by going to www.surreycc.gov.uk and searching for the Blue campaign. If you would like an attractive Blue Heart to mark the verge, Men In Sheds at the Woodhouse Centre, Oxted can make them from reclaimed wood.

Hurst Green Gardening Club Plant Sale Saturday 18th May 2024

St Agatha's Hall, Hurst Green

Buy plants at low prices and all profits go towards paying for speakers at our monthly meetings.

You can see the full programme here: hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.



Get ready for Election Day

On Thursday 2 May, local elections are taking place, to elect:

- 43 district councillors - green ballot paper.
- Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner - lilac ballot paper.

Don't forget your photo ID

If you want to vote in a polling station, you'll need to bring photo ID, such as your photo driving licence or passport, otherwise you won't be able to vote. This is a relatively new requirement.

For more information, please go to: www.tandridge.gov.uk/Your-council/Voting-and-elections/Elections-2-May-2024.



**St John's Church
CAFÉ CHURCH**



Sunday 19 May 2024

Crafts – Coffee – Church band



YoYo's Playgroup

Every Wednesday in term time

9.15-11.15am

St John's Church, Church Way

A friendly group for babies and toddlers.



Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2024



Christian Aid Week is celebrated in May every year and in 2024, it will take place from 12th to 18th May.

This year the money raised in Christian Aid Week will help more families build reliable and diverse incomes that bring them food security, better health, safer homes, increased resilience and hope.

On Sunday 19th May, before Café Church at St John's, there will be a Community Brunch with a collection for Christian Aid. You can also donate and find out more at the Christian Aid website: www.christianaid.org.uk



Need help with your phone, tablet, laptop or PC or want to improve your digital skills?

You can book free sessions on Thursday mornings at Oxted Library. Pop in to book at the Library help desk.

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HURST GREEN & OXTED 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 12.30pm 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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Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA

Assistant Priest: Mary Seller, 01883 715675

Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary:
Monica Fenton, 01883 715769

Reader: Wendy Hewitt, 07789 680653
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

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Pastor: Keith Dickson, 01883 712 017
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NDCO

For One Night Only

Sunday 26 May, 5.30pm

Millenium Theatre, Woldingham School, CR3 7LR

The North Downs Community Orchestra invites you ...
... to a fabulous night of the music you love, in the superb 630 seat Millennium Theatre at Woldingham School at 5.30pm on Sunday 26 May.

The orchestra's 80 players are looking forward to performing musical delights from James Bond and Pirates of the Caribbean, the musical My Fair Lady, plus Pinball Wizard, Smooth and great pieces by Tchaikowsky, Stravinsky and Vaughan Williams.

This will be Musical Director Sara Young's final concert with the NDCO having built the orchestra and more than doubled its number of regular members over the last five years. Sara says, 'Our loyal audience ensured our last concert sold out with a waiting list – amazing! That's why we're going to Woldingham School's 630-seater auditorium, a treat in itself! So too will be this fabulous night of engaging music which we hope to present to you. This final programme has been deliberately crafted to appeal to all ages but is also a really great way to introduce children to orchestral music, with pieces they know supported by free child entry and the friendly start time of 5.30pm.'

Tickets are just £10, free for under 18s at:
<https://www.thefunorchestra.co.uk/concerts>

NDCO Chair, Pam Deverill says, 'We've come a long way with Sara in the last five years. We call ourselves 'the fun orchestra' and we've had lots of fun under Sara's direction. We play better than ever and love the way our audiences enjoy our concerts as much as we do. We hope to see you there on a fine sunny evening in May.'

Health & Activity Tracker Loans

You can borrow a health & activity tracker (smartwatch) FREE of charge from Oxted Library.

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ACTIVE SURREY UNIVERSITY OF SURREY SURREY

Open Mix-in at Hurst Green Tennis Club
Sunday 5 May, 10am -12pm
Come down and try tennis with some of our members.

Mill Lane, Hurst Green

Come and join us for COFFEE and a CHAT
St John's Room,
St John's Church

Fortnightly on Thursdays
2nd, 16th and 30th May 2024
10.30am-12 noon

Need a lift?
Ring Barbara on 01883 715636

Do you like doing arts and crafts? Would you like to make new friends or share your skills with other people? Then come and join us at the **Hurst Green Arty Crafty Club** in Holland Road for crafts, tea and coffee, biscuits and a chat. Every Tuesday from 9.30-2.30pm at the lounge in Holland Road. You can just turn up, bring a friend if you like. You can stay as long as you want to, you will get a warm welcome.

To find us, head for Coldshott take the first road off it, to the left, towards the newer flats. The room we meet in is what was the day room, the first building on your left. Or find the Hurst Green Arty Crafty Club on Facebook and say hi. We can help you to find the room if you are not sure where it is. See you there!

Limpsfield Infant School Summer Fair
Saturday 29 June 2024, 12-4pm

Barbecue, sweet tombola, Summer crafts, games, dance show, Spin to win, pre-loved toy stall and much, much more!

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- 1 May:** Yo Yo's playgroup, Wednesdays in term time, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.
1 May: Community Fridge, every Wednesday, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.
2 May: Hurst Green Community Hub, every Thursday, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.
Need a lift? Call Cerys Williams, 07855 987077.
3 May: Oxted Country Market, Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30am, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted
8 May: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm for 8pm start. An introduction to Microgreens. Speaker: Al Shervington. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com.
9 May: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Discussion on AGM Resolution and a talk by the Air Ambulance Organisation. Call: Jan Ward, 01883 712143.
13 May (no meeting on 27 May): Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.30-4.30pm, 2nd And 4th Mondays of the month, St Agatha's Hall. Call for info and transport: Chair, Diana Drysdale, 01883 742708.
21 May: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.

St Agatha's Hall

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12-3pm

ALL WELCOME

Neighbour of the month for May goes to Adrian Hardingham for all his work he does for Toad Patrol each year. Not only does Adrian go out and help the toads cross the road, he also coordinates all the volunteers, monitors weather conditions, collects the stats and educates local families on how to help. A massive thanks to Adrian and all the volunteers who help with Toad Patrol.



If you would like to nominate someone for being a great neighbour/friend or have witnessed an act of kindness, please email us at: hgncompiler@gmail.com.

Two local artists in Hurst Green are participating again this year exhibiting pottery, printmaking and textile art. They will be open on the 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th & 16th June from 10.30am to 5pm at 41 Chestnut Copse, RH8 0JJ.

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EXCITING SUMMER CONCERT WITH TRADITIONAL AND MODERN CHORAL WORKS



Members of Hurst Green Singers are in their final rehearsals preparing for the choir's exciting forthcoming concert in May to ensure another polished performance.

Curated by the Music Director, James Meaders, the varied programme comprises both traditional and contemporary works, written 245 years apart. Lovers of Mozart's music will welcome the opportunity to hear 'Missa Brevis in F Major' (nicknamed the 'Little Credo Mass') one of his lesser known works which many regard as the pinnacle of his early masses. Written at Salzburg Cathedral in 1774, Mozart intended the mass to be used for Sundays and smaller church holiday services.

By contrast, Missa Deus Nobiscum is by Philip W J Stopford, a modern British composer, and first performed in Belfast in 2019. It is a beautiful, melodic choral work and the Kyrie has a noticeably Celtic flavour.

The solo voice parts in the works will be performed by highly accomplished singers from the Royal Academy of Music: Daisy Livesey (Soprano); Ruby Bak (Mezzo-Soprano); Robert Folkes (Tenor) and Oliver Heuzenroeder (Bass), and there will be an orchestral accompaniment.

The Summer Concert will take place in the **Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Oxted on Sunday 12 May at 7pm**. Tickets are priced at £15 (under 18s are free) and can be ordered from: hurstgreensingers@gmail.com.

Refreshments are available to purchase after the concert. It promises to be a wonderful evening of memorable music – so book your tickets without delay.

Holland Sports Juniors will be holding trials for next seasons **U9's at Holland Sports**.

11am to 1pm, Saturday 11th May 2024, Holland Sports, Mill Lane

All positions wanted as well as a manager and assistant. Come along - we look forward to welcoming you to the club! Contact: Harry 07472453571 / Shane 07921522565



Hurst Green Community Centre are seeking a **VOLUNTEER Admin Assistant**. The Centre is a charity which provides services to local people and they need someone who can help answer emails and calls 3 days a week, has their own computer and mobile phone and can assist with admin duties.

If you are interested, please contact Centre Manager Kelly Kent on Kelly@hgcc-surrey.org.uk or 07504 104084.



Oxted Library
Friday 10 May 2024
1.30-3pm

Death Café is free and open to all to speak freely without judgement. There is no set agenda, just a facilitated discussion encouraging thoughtful conversations around death, dying and bereavement.

Saturday

11 May, 7.30pm



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Hurst Green Fibro Warriors - Do you have Fibromyalgia or another chronic pain condition? Come and join us for a cuppa, a friendly chat and share other people who know how you feel. We occasionally have guest speakers who can offer useful and professional advice. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Holland Road Lounge from 1-3pm. In May it is the 1st and the 15th. Just turn up, no need to book. It's easy to find us; take the first left off Coldshott and then its the first building on the left. Park at the top of Coldshott.



You can join Fybro Warriors Hurst Green and Oxted on Facebook.

One World Open Gardens – Monday May 27 2024, 2pm – 6pm.

Five gardens in the local area will be open for people to look round. There will be a plant stall at one of the gardens and teas and scrumptious cakes will be available at two of the gardens along with a raffle. Tickets giving admission to all the gardens and including a map of their locations are priced at £10.00 each. You can buy tickets at or by contacting event organiser Paul Belok, on 07507 285292 or paul.belok@gmail.com or from several local shops or on the day.

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