



HURST GREEN NEWS

October 2024

Green Hurst Green

You will all be excited to hear that HURST GREEN is aiming to become even more GREEN! St John's will be hosting a talk on THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER at 7.45pm – please put this important date in your diaries! The Environment Agency has designated the River Eden Ecosystem as poor. Come and listen to how local volunteers are trying to improve the quality of our local river and the surrounding riverbanks, with particular reference to what is happening in Hurst Green.

We greatly appreciate our green areas, but sadly our local river Eden is no longer like in the Garden of Eden flowing through the Meridian line at Oxted down towards Edenbridge. Have you heard of 'Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem' (FREE)? This amazing group are determined to improve the water quality – it's being ruined by agricultural pesticide, herbicide and fertilizer run off. Fish are few because of the weirs, tunnels etc.

AND – the banks and river are clogged by Himalayan Balsam. 'What?' I hear you ask. 40+ Volunteers are guiding people who care, along the river in our town to pick up litter and 'BALSAM BASH'. This very pretty but non-native plant has seed heads that on the slightest touch POP and spray their invasive seeds all around: If you want to know more about caring for our river, please come to our talk or contact Jacqueline or Sarah at [HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com](mailto>HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com).

Recently a Kingfisher was spotted near Moor House School. Would you like to see more of them? The popping seed heads remind me of how easy it is to sow good things, but have them fall on the path, get eaten, get overrun by weeds... Jesus told a story about this (Matthew's Gospel chapter 13). BUT take heart, one little seed in good soil can produce a crop 100 60 or 30-fold what was sown. Let's get behind this good work. We look forward to seeing you on 24 October at 7.45pm.

The theme of the Hurst Green Fair was also green and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizing team for putting on such a great event. We already can't wait for next year's fair!

Wendy Hewitt, St John's Hurst Green Eco Group



SAVE THE DATE – 16 NOVEMBER

St John's Church – Autumn Fair

This year it will take place on **Saturday 16 November** from 11am-3pm.

There will be lots of stalls selling lovely things such as cards, pottery, bags, Christmas decorations, toys, silk paintings, jewellery, wooden bowls, candles, decorated glass jars, knitted items and advent calendars. There will be a face painter for the children and craft activities for everyone. Plus delicious tea and cakes.

Admission £1 (free to under 18s).

We hope to see you there.

The money raised will contribute to supporting several local projects.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
A FAMILY FRIENDLY CHURCH SERVICE

**HARVEST FESTIVAL
WITH PIZZA MAKING***

SUNDAY | 6th October | 9.45am
St John's Church, Hurst Green

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*Let us know if your child has food allergies
revdsue@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

St John's
HURST GREEN

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Volunteers are needed to help raise donations in and around Oxted, between Thursday 24th October and Saturday 9th November. Do as much or as little as you can – please. Contact our Poppy Appeal Organiser at: oxted.events@rbl.community or on 07423 573899.

The RBL Oxted also have two events to help raise money this year:

26 October: 'Elite Elton John' in concert at Caterham School at 8pm.

2 November: Dixie N (drag artist) in the RBL Club in Oxted at 8pm.

For details, search at www.eventbrite.co.uk or contact: oxted.events@rbl.community or on 07423 573899.

The women's section are also hosting a Quiz Night on Wednesday 30th October, 7pm at Oxted Royal British Legion Club.

The entry cost is £3 a head, with teams of up to 6 people. Free nibbles included and cash prizes for the best teams (the more people who come, the better the prize!) Event limited to 10 teams, so please email oxtedws.chairman@rbl.community to reserve your table.



YoYo's Playgroup, St John's Church, 9.15am-11.15am
Every Wednesday in term time.

A friendly group for babies and toddlers for a stay and play session with crafts, snacks and songs.

The November issue of Hurst Green News will be published on 26 October 2024.

Please send material for that issue by FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2024 to The Editor: hgncompiler@gmail.com. The Editor reserves the right to edit copy.

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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.

ST JOHN'S, HURST GREEN

Vicar: Reverend Sue Bosley, 07553 305087
Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA
Assistant Priest: Mary Seller, 01883 715675
Reader: Wendy Hewitt, 07789 680653
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OXTED & WARLINGHAM

All Saints' Church Chichele Road, Oxted, 01883 627 762
St Ambrose Church Warren Park, Warlingham
Parish Priest Fr Stephen, 01883 713776
www.oxtedandwarlinghamparish.org

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www.hurstgreen-fellowship.org

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Holland Sports Athletics Club investing in the future of athletes and the local community

Holland Sports Athletics Club continue to make plans for their two-year project to improve facilities and encourage sport, participation and involvement in the Oxted area. Upgrading the facilities at Mill Lane athletics track will start with floodlights (to illuminate the track and part of the popular trim trail) and will then (subject to fundraising) focus on installing a new track surface along with synthetic throwing & jumping areas (attracting users, coaches, competitions & officials). The revenue raised from events at the track will be reinvested in the maintenance of our facilities.

The public are invited to attend our second consultation meeting on **Tuesday 8th October, 6.30 – 8.30pm** at Holland Sports Association, The Pavilion, Mill Lane. The evening will start with an update on what the project seeks to achieve before seeking any feedback. Information about the potential benefits to athletes and the community can be found on the following website: www.hollandsportsac.org.uk/trackbuild.

There is also a Just Giving page with information on this exciting community project. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/HOLLANDSPORTSAC>.



The Friendship Project On Thursday 8th August, two minibuses full of 30 Hurst Green residents of all ages went to Eastbourne for the day. It was a great opportunity to spend time with old and new friends and to sample all the usual seaside activities of walking along the seafront, pier and promenade, playing in the arcades and dodging the very persistent seagulls. Some people also got to eat some delicious fish and chips and ice cream, which always taste much better in the sea air. The weather was kind, sunny and breezy and the rain held off until it was time to go home again.

This trip was kindly supported by The Friendship Project, set up by Claire Coutinho MP to tackle loneliness in East Surrey Communities. Many thanks also go to the East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership, who provided the buses along with two lovely drivers, Penny and Kevin.

If you are experiencing loneliness and would like to be more connected with your community you can call me, Cerys, Hurst Green Local Area Coordinator on 08755 987077



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Tandridge Family Centre - Connect Café
Fridays 10.30am-12pm
Coffee morning for SEN parents and carers
Come along and share your experiences and struggles, ideas and tips in a supportive environment.



PARISH REGISTERS
Holy Baptisms
We welcome into the family of God's Church
22 September: Esme Lily Smith
St John's Book of Remembrance
To have a name entered,
Email: office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

St John's Come and join us for **COFFEE and a CHAT**
St John's Room, St John's Church
Fortnightly on
Thursdays 3rd, 17th & 31st
October 2024,
10.30am-12 noon
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Medical Pioneers
Wednesday 2nd October
2.30pm-3.30pm
Oxted Library
A talk on Dr James Lind, Dr John Snow & Sir John Tomes with local legend Bob Evans.
£2 including refreshments.
Book at oxted.library@surreycc.gov.uk

Dates for your Diary October 2024

- 2 October:** YoYo's playgroup, Wednesdays in term time, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.
2 October: Community Fridge, every Wednesday, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.
3 October: Hurst Green Community Hub, every Thursday, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.
4 October: Oxted Country Market, Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30am, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted.
6 October: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
9 October: Hurst Green Gardening Club, Spices – Super Spicy Stories. Speaker: Jacqueline Aviolet. St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com.
10 October: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Life as a Cruise Director. Speaker: Gary Miles. Call: Jan Ward, 01883 712143.
10 October: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Outing to Knitting & Stitching Show. www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.
14/28 October: Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.30-4.30pm, 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, St Agatha's Hall. Call for info and transport: Chair, Diana Drysdale, 01883 742708.
15 October: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.

St Agatha's Hall

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or complete the form on the website:
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Oxted Band's Autumn Concert

Sunday 12th October, 7pm
St John's Church, Hurst Green, RH8 9EA

Tickets £10 each (children under 10 free)
Available on the door

For more details contact:
secretary@oxtedband.co.uk



Neighbour of the month for October goes to Amanda Starr.

Amanda is one of those people who quietly gets on with things and does so much for our community. She leads the committee which plan and organise the village fair; this is something they work on all year round, not just the day of the fair! She is full of new ideas and has so much energy and enthusiasm.

Last year Amanda established the Hurst Green Pickleball club which meets in the community centre and those that play have a great time. The club has been so successful there is now a waiting list for people who wish to join. Recently, Amanda helped someone who had a bad fall and dealt with the situation so calmly, staying with them for several hours reassuring them until it was safe to move them. Amanda, thank you for all that you do.

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.



ParkPlay comes to Hurst Green

In partnership with Active Surrey and Surrey County Council we are establishing a brand new ParkPlay community project at Holland Junior School.



What is ParkPlay? Well, ParkPlay is 2 hours of free fun and games in the park every weekend for people of all ages. There are ParkPlays all over the country, and we are about to open one in Hurst Green. Hurst Green ParkPlay will happen on Saturday mornings at Holland Junior School and it's run by our brilliant team of PlayLeaders.

We are looking for other brilliant local people to join that team. All training, resources, equipment and support will be provided, all you need to do is make sure everyone is having a safe and brilliant time each week. Find out more at www.park-play.com.

Saturday 19th October 2024 at 19.30

The Bawtree Hall Hazelwood School
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MODERN SLAVERY: RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

What is it? Where is it?,
What can I do? Why should I care?

Reigate Methodist Church
Saturday 19th October 2024

10.00am – 3.00pm

We have invited some experts in the field of Modern Slavery to come to Reigate so that we can learn about these issues and find answers to the questions.

You could also visit Marketplace stalls and spend time in quiet prayer for victims and those supporting them.



Technology help at the Community Hub – 3 October

If you'd like some advice on making the best use of a smart phone, have screen worries or want to know more about using Apps for essential services, come to the Thursday Community Hub session on 3rd October from 12.30pm to 3.30pm at St Agatha's Hall and see what training and assistance may be available to you in the near future from a representative from TechAngels.



TechAngels
www.tech-angels.co.uk

Hurst Green Infant School

Come along to one of our OPEN MORNINGS!

Wednesday 16 October 2024: 9.30am, 10.30am or 11.30am
 Wednesday 13 November 2024: 9.30am, 10.30am or 11.30am
 Wednesday 4 December 2024: 9.30am or 10.30am
 Wednesday 8 January 2025: 9.30am
 Contact 01883 712171 or office@hurstgreenschool.org to book a place.



The Arts Society Limpsfield

Bandstands are a distinctive feature of public parks and seaside promenades all over Britain. Why did they appear in our earliest park, when were they erected, and who made them? This lecture tells how the bandstand evolved from the buildings and 'orchestras' of the early Pleasure Gardens of the eighteenth century, how they appeared in nearly every public park and seaside promenade of the time, how its design was influenced by the great landscape designers, and importantly how a very small number of Scottish foundries cornered the market across the world, from Bradford to Brazil and Aberdeen to Australia. We have lectures in November and January up to June. www.theartsocietylimpsfield.org.uk

Bandstands: Their History, Decline and Revival

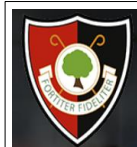
Paul Rabbitts

Wednesday 30 October 2024
2.15pm

Limpsfield Church Hall RH8 ODG
Guests £10



The Arts
 Society
 Limpsfield



Oxted School Open Evenings

Main school: Thursday 3 October (6pm)
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