



# HURST GREEN NEWS

## July 2024

### Summer in Hurst Green

I was surprised to learn recently that the Met Office confirmed that this spring was the warmest on record. It turns out that, despite being "wet and dull", the actual temperature was warm. In almost every passing conversation this spring, I complained about the rain. Was it really so warm? Had I failed to notice? Looking back on it, even on sunny days I did have one eye on the week ahead's rainy forecast.



So, with the summer now upon us and the stretch of school summer holidays in sight, will we be able to relax and enjoy ourselves? For students, parents, grandparents and teachers, summer also means the end of the school year and a change to our daily routines. Some of us might feel sad about saying goodbye to classmates, colleagues, or friends. You might feel anxious about what the next year will bring, or how you will fill your time during the long summer holidays. Indeed, though I'm not one for fortune telling, it seems like all of us will be facing a change in government this summer, and we don't yet know how that will feel or pan out over the coming years.

Change can lead to uncertainty and anxiety. Even when we feel positive about it, we are on high alert for any differences to our lives. It reminds me of how I kept checking my weather app every few hours on those sunny spring days.

I know that one of the best antidotes to anxiety is company. A wise Hurst Green resident told me that when we are feeling at our most insular and worried and concerned about ourselves, it's looking outwards which helps us to start to feel better. I'd like to invite everyone to join us at the Hurst Green Community Fridge every Wednesday at Aggie's, for an hour from 11.15am. Whether or not you'd like free groceries (which are on offer to everyone), you are very welcome to visit and sit in our café area with a drink and biscuits. You could even volunteer with us - just arrive at 10.45 to help us set up!

This July marks the Community Fridge's 2nd birthday. It's hard to believe we've been around for only 2 years - it feels like we are such a part of the community that it must have been longer. Almost every week we welcome new faces, and we'd love to see yours. Bring your children, grandchildren, family, friends - it could be a great addition to your summer routine. Meeting new people, saving money, relaxing with friends... all of these things bring a little sunshine.

*Ché Ramsden, Hurst Green Community Fridge Lead*

### SAVE THE DATE – 16 NOVEMBER

#### St John's Church – Autumn Fair

We appreciate that summer has only just begun and yet our thoughts are already turning to autumn as we start the initial planning for our Autumn Fair!

This year it will take place on

**Saturday 16 November from 11am-3pm.**

If you're a local craftsperson and would like a table to sell your products, please let us know. Last year we had a great variety of stalls selling lovely things such as pottery, jewellery, fabric art, toys for children, cards, decoupage, and knitted items all of which made great Christmas presents.

If you're interested, please email [office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk](mailto:office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk).



### Hurst Green Infant School

Nursery Open Afternoon:

Wednesday 3 July from 2.15pm-3.00pm

Come and have a look at our Nursery classroom and outside spaces and have a chat with our Nursery Teacher. Please contact the school office to book your place - [office@hurstgreenschool.org](mailto:office@hurstgreenschool.org) or 01883 712171.



### SAVE THE DATE

#### Saturday 21 September, 1-4pm Hurst Green Village Fair

The fair has been running for more than 40 years and has previously included stalls, performances, a bouncy castle, and a pet show. We have new joiners to the planning team (always space for more if you are interested!) who are already getting plans in place for September.



If you are a local food maker, craft creator, business or charity we would love to have your stall there. Please email [hgvfair@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hgvfair@hotmail.co.uk)

### Tandridge Photographic Society Diamond Anniversary Exhibition

To celebrate its Diamond Anniversary Tandridge Photographic Society is holding a free exhibition of printed and digital images on **Saturday 20 July 10am – 4pm at Oxted Community Hall.**



Photography, literally "shaping light" is the art of freezing time that transcends mere images - it captures emotions, stories, and truths. Through the lens, photographers paint with light, composing narratives that can inspire, provoke reflection, or maybe amuse. Over 60 years the technology of photography has developed dramatically from film to digital, from the darkroom process to computer editing. Yet the art of photography has remained constant – to tell a story, generate an emotion, ask a question or capture light and colour in a way that draws the viewer in.

Tandridge Photographic Society (TPS) has been helping its members create images with impact for 60 years. Formed in 1963 in Caterham as Caterham Community Camera Club, it became Tandridge Photographic Society in 1999. After about 50 years in Caterham, the meetings moved to Godstone & more recently to Oxted, with c.70 members. The aim is to help all members enjoy and improve their photographic skills – whether beginner, enthusiast or expert.

The exhibition will showcase the recent work of its members across all genres – wildlife or portrait, landscape or street, abstract or still life there is something for everyone. You can also see some of its members' images and find out more at [www.tandridgeps.org.uk](http://www.tandridgeps.org.uk) or by contacting [chair@tpps.org.uk](mailto:chair@tpps.org.uk).

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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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**Assistant Priest:** Mary Seller, 01883 715675

**Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary:**  
Monica Fenton, 01883 715769

**Reader:** Wendy Hewitt, 07789 680653  
[www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk](http://www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk)

## HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

**Pastor:** Keith Dickson, 01883 712 017  
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**Contact:** King's Centre, 33 Amy Road, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0PW  
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## Hurst Green Cubs & Scouts

Scouting offers fun challenges and everyday adventure to 400,000 boys and girls in the UK. 1st Oxted Scouts are running a thriving Hurst Green group for Scouts (Tuesday evenings, 19:30 -21:00 aged 10-14) and Cubs (Wednesday evenings 18:30-20:00, aged 8-10) from our Scout Hut at Holland Sports Ground, Mill Lane, Hurst Green.

We have availability for new joiners to our Cubs section from September 2024. Parents who would like to add their children for entry into Cubs in September should contact us at: [scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com](mailto:scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com).

We would love to make the same provision for younger children in Hurst Green by re-establishing our Beaver Colony. Beaver Scouts are young people aged between 6 and 8 years old, and The Beaver Colony is the first and youngest section of the Scout Group.

Can you help out? If you are a parent or any other local adult with some time to give, please do ask about helping us out.

There's no better time to get involved. Volunteering with us is easy, fun and flexible – how much time you give is completely up to you. Since lockdown eased, we have been unable to re-start our Beaver Colony due to a lack of leaders. We are now actively looking to re-establish our Beaver Colony for local 6-8 year olds and would be interested to hear from you if you can help at [scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com](mailto:scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com)

- Volunteers are fully supported by a well-established Leadership team
- Improve your CV and put your skills to good use
- Try new things and gain qualifications
- Become an active member of your community
- See your son or daughter in a different environment

Finally, the Scout Hut on Mill Lane is available at reasonable rates for hire for regular club and community activities – enquirers should drop us an email at [scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com](mailto:scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com).



## How Friends of River Eden Ecosystem (FREE) is fighting for native riverside plants

If you are a regular walker alongside the River Eden, you will most likely have spotted Himalayan Balsam growing along its banks. 'What a beautiful plant' you might think, but don't be fooled! This tall plant with its pretty pink flowers, is a highly invasive species, that reduces the diversity of native plants and insect species and degrades natural habitat by eroding riverside banks.

With one in 6 native species at risk of being lost in the UK, it may not surprise you that the River Eden is classified as 'ecologically poor'. The Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE) is a local group of volunteers who are taking action to bring wildlife back to our river. Our main focus this year is to identify and remove Himalayan Balsam along the riverbanks in Hurst Green and Oxted. If you would like to find out further information about how to correctly remove and dispose of Himalayan balsam (for example it should never be removed once it starts to seed), or to find out more about our work please contact Sarah or Jacqueline at: [hellofreesurrey@gmail.com](mailto:hellofreesurrey@gmail.com).

For more information on the state of nature in the UK please see <https://stateofnature.org.uk/>. To find out more about invasive non-native species and to record sightings please see <https://innsmapper.org/home>.  
Sarah Whenham, FREE



## PARIS OLYMPICS QUIZ NIGHT SAT 3RD AUG

Hurst Green Community Centre, 7pm  
Join this fundraising event in aid of the hall  
Entry: £12 per person / £60 per table of 6  
Bookings: [events@hgcc-surrey.co.uk](mailto:events@hgcc-surrey.co.uk)  
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## PARISH REGISTERS

### Holy Baptisms

*We welcome into the family of God's Church*

**9 June:** Rosie Sarah Dalton and Gracie Jessica Dalton

**30 June:** Isabella Evelyn Carol Webb and Isaiah Caleb Webb

### St John's Book of Remembrance

To have a name entered,  
Email: [office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk](mailto:office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk)

## YoYo's Playgroup, St John's Church

Every Wednesday in term time, 9.15-11.15am

A friendly group for babies and toddlers.

We need more volunteers from September.

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## Dates for your Diary July 2024

- 3 July:** Yo Yo's playgroup, Wednesdays in term time, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.  
**3 July:** Community Fridge, every Wednesday, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.  
**4 July:** Hurst Green Community Hub, every Thursday, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.  
**5 July:** Oxted Country Market, Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30am, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted.  
**7 July:** Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.  
**8/22 July:** Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.30-4.30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month, St Agatha's Hall. Call for info and transport: Chair, Diana Drysdale, 01883 742708.  
**10 July:** Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm for 8pm start. Summer Social. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com.  
**11 July:** Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. The benefits of honey and beeswax, Michelle Ernoult. Call: Jan Ward, 01883 712143.  
**16 July:** Meno meet up, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.  
**29 July:** Tandridge Handicraft Society. End of Term & Display of Work. Woodhouse Centre, 2pm.

## St Agatha's Hall

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## The Courtyard Project, Pollards Oak Road

After considerable discussions, the installation of planter benches on the tarmac area outside the shops in Pollards Oak Road should soon be going ahead. The new design consists of four large planter benches as below, arranged to allow social interaction (one of which will be designated as a "chatty bench").

Phase 1 will be to install two of these and once these are in place, planting can begin. At that point, we will be asking for volunteers to help out, in particular with watering and maintaining the plants. It is hoped that this will transform a rather dilapidated area of tarmac into somewhere that people can stop, enjoy and have a chat in a greatly improved environment. We hope everyone likes it. The existing brick planters need completely rebuilding and replanting, and discussions about these are ongoing.

If anyone is able to volunteer to help, you can contact the Hurst Green Community Gardening team any Tuesday morning at the Community Garden or at HGCommunityGardening@gmail.com or ba.forrest@ntlworld.com.



**Neighbour/s of the month** for July goes to our lovely local refuse collectors. They have been nominated by Brenda who lives on Boulthurst Way. Brenda says they are always so cheerful whatever the weather and are so helpful. I am probably the oldest resident in Boulthurst Way, and they always return my bin down my long drive, without ever being asked and I'm very grateful.

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.



## Oxted Parish Council

There are 10,500 residents in the Oxted Parish. Our aim is to increase our links with the community and to keep our parishioners fully informed of our work. Improving communication and involving residents in local issues enables the Council to work more closely with the residents of Oxted and Hurst Green.

Please find below dates for Parish Council meetings which are all held at Oxted Community Hall.

The following are the dates of the Oxted Parish Council meetings up until the end of 2024. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings however they should notify the Clerk in advance: clerk@oxted-pc.org.uk

### July

- Tue 09 July 2024 Planning 5.30pm
- Tue 09 July 2024 Council 6.30pm
- Tue 23 July 2024 Burial Ground 6.00pm
- Tue 30 July 2024 Planning 5.30pm

### August

- Tue 20 August 2024 Planning 5.30pm

### September

- Tue 10 September 2024 Planning 5.30pm
- Tue 10 September 2024 Council 6.30pm
- Tue 24 September 2024 Burial Ground 6.00pm

### October

- Tue 01 October 2024 Planning 5.30pm
- Tue 08 October 2024 Council 6.30pm
- Tue 22 October 2024 Planning 5.30pm

### November

- Tue 12 November 2024 Planning 5.30pm
- Tue 12 November 2024 Council 6.30pm
- Tue 26 November 2024 Burial Ground 6.00pm

### December

- Tue 03 December 2024 Planning 5.30pm



**SAVE THE DATE! SAT 17 AUGUST 2024**  
**BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

and

**TEA & CAKE WITH POLLARDS OAK WI**  
**ST. AGATHA'S HALL**  
**HURST GREEN**

From: 14.00 to 16.30pm

We are supporting Breast Cancer Research and holding a fundraising raffle. Lots of Raffle prizes. Come and join us and have a cuppa and a piece of cake.



## Upgrading Holland Sports Athletics Club Track to create a community Sports Hub

This summer Holland Sports Athletics Club are starting a project to upgrade the athletics track at Holland Sports Athletics Club in Mill Lane. Our most urgent aim is to raise £115,000.00 to surround our track with floodlights which will allow our athletes to train throughout the year.

After floodlighting, we seek to replace the old cinder surface with a rubber track, which will be used for throwing, jumping and running activities. This will enable both athletics club members, our local community and more individuals to come to our floodlit track as it becomes a community magnet and a sports hub for a wide range of sporting opportunities. This will include facilities for local schools and plans to launch an annual community fun run as well as supporting new sports like triathlon. Our passion is to use sports to transform the involvement of our neighbourhood in athletics, new sports, school sports and community events, changing lives through the opportunities this will create. To find out more information about this important development for Holland Sports Athletics Club, please go to our Track Build page on our website at [hollandsportsac.org.uk/trackbuild](http://hollandsportsac.org.uk/trackbuild).

To help contribute to the financing of our community project please visit our Just Giving Page.  
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/HOLLANDSPORTSAC>

If your employer funds community projects like ours we would value your support in initiating contact with Holland Sports AC over our Track Build / Community sports Hub. Our treasurer (Rob Hall) will happily discuss such matters and can be contacted via email ([rob.hall@hollandsportsac.org.uk](mailto:rob.hall@hollandsportsac.org.uk)). We are convinced that an upgraded track will become a community sports hub and will make a huge impact on our current athletes, parents, Athletics club, community and well-being in our local area.



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