



HURST GREEN NEWS

November 2024

MEMORIES

When I was a small child, there was a song on the radio by Frank Ifield, called 'I remember you-ooooo / You're the one who made my dreams come true / A few wishes ago...'

As I grow older, I seem to recall many things from my childhood, which pop into my head unbidden; the green bodge that would sit on the wheel of the sewing machine as my mother made clothes for my dolls out of fabric scraps; family holidays in a caravan at Sandy Bay in Devon, all squashed into my brother's Austin A35, including the dog!; playing ball with my sister in the road {not many cars then...}. Yet I cannot remember someone's name five minutes after we have met!

Musicians find memorising their pieces very helpful in producing a spontaneous and expressive performance, although many, including me, prefer to play from a score to save embarrassing memory slips. Often our memory is prompted by a piece of music, reminding us of a person or place we have loved in the past, the moment stored in our memory bank, and the music prompting a fleeting snapshot of a special occasion. Aromas can have the same effect, taking us back to a school canteen, a walk in the park, our mother's scent.

Many memories are celebrated with the planting of a shrub or tree, and no matter how that plant grows, we cherish it because of the person it calls to mind. I have far too many Japanese anemones in my garden, but I am loath to pull them up because they came from a cutting from my mum's garden after she died, and to discard them would be like discarding a bit of her.

The gradual decline or sudden loss of memory is devastating to those who witness it in their family members. Charles Dickens wrote, 'I verily believe that her not remembering and not minding in the least, made me cry again, inwardly – and that is the sharpest crying of all.' He also wrote in David Copperfield, 'It's in vain...to recall the past, unless it works some influence upon the present.', which is why, at this time of the year our thoughts turn to the act of Remembrance. At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we stop and remember all those who gave their lives to save their fellow countrymen from oppression, the red poppies we wear signifying their blood shed on the battlefields. We mark this in the hope that the memory of those awful days will be so etched upon our collective lives that nothing like it will ever happen again.

In the Bible, we read that Jesus broke bread and drank wine with his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' {Luke 22.19} We use these words in the Eucharistic prayer when we take communion, to remember that Christ died on the cross to give us eternal life. Many will have come to St Johns church for the All-Souls service to think about family and friends. May your memories be happy and bring you joy and peace as you remember those you love but see no more. *Hilary Dilnot, Musical Director, St John's Church*



Saturday 16th November
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All Souls' Day Service at St John's Church on Sunday 3 November at 3.30pm

We will remember by name all those from this parish known to us who have died during the last two years, and any other loved ones you would like to be remembered. You will be able to light a candle if you wish and place it in front of the altar. Names can be added to the list which will be on the table at the back of the church until 11am on 3 November. The service will be followed by tea and biscuits in St John's Room.



Remembrance Sunday, 10 November at St John's Church

8.30am: Holy Eucharist
10am: Service of Remembrance and Reconciliation (not a communion service)
11am: Act of Remembrance in the churchyard
Everyone is welcome.



DON'T BE ALONE ON THE BIG DAY. JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD AND FESTIVITIES!

Deb Shiner has put together a wonderful event at the Community Centre, back for the second year by popular demand. If you are alone and don't have plans for Christmas Day, join us for a free lunch and fun. Contact Kelly on kelly@hgcc-surrey.org.uk for more information.

Saturday 2nd November
6pm-10pm

Holland Sports Firework Display
Mill Lane

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Please use public transport as no parking will be available on site.



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.

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

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Simon Quincey, 01883 734 805,
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You are invited to a presentation of
KNIFE CRIME

Carmen Lambert Singer with her 20 years of service will be discussing how you can spot the early signs of involvement before it's too late.

Wednesday 20th November from 7.30pm
at Hurst Green Community Centre, Oak Close

To book your free seat, text or call 07815 074236.

Only 25 seats now available.
All attendees must be over 18.
Light refreshments available.

A raffle with a chance to win £250 will also be taking place shortly afterwards.
Cash only - £1 per ticket.

This event is sponsored by your local Labour Party.

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If you visit Morrisons in Oxted in the run-up to Remembrance Sunday, you will see a post-box topper made by the members of Tandridge Handicraft Society.

The topper is decorated with boots, a helmet and 62 poppies (one for each member of the Society).

Tandridge Handicraft Society has also made over 300 poppy brooches which can be purchased from the Royal British Legion stand within Morrisons.

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27 October
Caleb Jesse Thomas-Morris
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Alexis Thomas-Morris

Funerals

*Our sympathy goes to all their
relatives and friends*

10 October Carol May
18 October Joan Brackpool

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Tuesday 26th November
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Join us at Oxted Library
when Ben Aaronovitch will
be discussing his latest
Rivers of London book with
author Mark Stay

Dates for your Diary November 2024

- 1 November:** Oxted Country Market, Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30am, Woodhouse Centre.
3 November: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club
4 November: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Christmas crafts. www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.
6 November: YoYo's playgroup, Wednesdays in term time, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.
6 November: Community Fridge, every Wednesday, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.
7 November: Hurst Green Community Hub, every Thursday, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.
11/25 November: 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.
13 November: Hurst Green Gardening Club, Christmas social, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com.
14 November: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Annual meeting. Call: Jan Ward, 01883 712143.
19 November: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.

St Agatha's Hall

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 Music Society

The Society is very excited to be hosting:

Alim Beisembayev, Piano. Alim was a winner of the prestigious Leeds Piano Competition in September 2021. His Proms debut with Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto was described as a performance of "the kind I thought we could only hear in our dreams." Tickets on the door or at www.olms.org.uk.

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.



ParkPlay

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.

Boulthurst Way playground

Oxted Parish Council voted unanimously for the upgrade of Boulthurst Way playground. The cost will be shared with equipment installer TDC. Before work starts TDC will rectify any drainage issues.

Oxted Parish Council will be arranging for a DDA compliant roundabout so that less abled children can enjoy using it as well as a DDA compliant jumper square (ground level trampoline) which many children have requested over the last few months. A DDA compliant swing with a harness and 3 learning boards that children can enjoy using ranging from one that plays different musical notes to maze style puzzles will also be installed. Over the Winter months the ground often gets muddy and soggy so specialised rubber flooring will also be used around this equipment to stop this and soften falls. There are currently picnic benches inside of the play area but these will be moved to outside the playground to give more space.

Oxted Parish Council anticipate the playground will be fully functional by next Spring for you all to enjoy! Please see the picture below which gives an idea as to where this new equipment will be situated.



Neighbour of the month for November goes to Mike & Debbie Collins. They have been nominated by their neighbour Audrey Sturgeon. Audrey said: 'They are very caring and helpful on a daily basis. In addition to this they have now taken to providing me with a weekly Sunday Roast meal which is a very kind thought and action as cooking such a big meal for one is not much fun.'

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.



Buy your Christmas trees from local schools to help them raise money. For more information, please contact the schools parent associations.

Hurst Green School (Deadline 15/11):
HGSA@hurstgreenschool.org

Holland Junior School (Deadline 19/11):
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Hurst Green Infant School Come along to one of our OPEN MORNINGS!



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

The Arts Society Limpsfield Behind the Scenes at the National Gallery – Sian Walters



Wednesday 27 November 2024 AFTERNOON LECTURE ONLY Lecture starts at 2.15 pm at Limpsfield Church Hall

Join us for a hot mince pie and a glass of wine, BEFORE the lecture. In 2024 the National Gallery celebrates its 200th birthday. In the run up to this special anniversary, explore some of the nation's best-loved paintings in a new light, revealing details which cannot be seen with the naked eye and discussing what goes on behind the scenes in the conservation, framing and scientific departments. Few of the gallery's works retain their original frames but an expert team will often source and adapt examples which complement the paintings historically, or indeed hand-carve new ones from scratch.

Henry VII's State Bed by Jonathan Foyle

Wednesday 29 January 2025 AFTERNOON LECTURE ONLY, Limpsfield Church Hall RH8 0DG

Lecture starts at 2.15pm, refreshments BEFORE the lecture

In 2010, the elaborately carved, incomplete oak bed frame was removed from the honeymoon suite of a hotel in Chester, to be auctioned as a Victorian relic. The speaker has spent six years studying and attributing it, now featured in press around the world. Featuring five royal arms, six single roses, and deeply esoteric symbols of fertility, it turns out to be covered in medieval paintwork, and its proportions respect the mural of the lost Painted Chamber of royal Westminster Palace abandoned in 1512. Scientific analyses, documentation and art history agree to demonstrate it is an astonishing national treasure: the marriage bed of Henry VII and Elizabeth of York, made by 18 January 1486.

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