



HURST GREEN NEWS

February 2025

February – The Month of Waiting

February is the shortest month in the calendar year but for me, and many others, February feels like a very long month - a month of waiting.

February reminds us that times of stillness are important. February is the steppingstone between winter and spring and just as nature goes into hibernation and waits in slumber, we too can use this time to step back and consider the changes we would like to make and see in our lives. How often have you thought that time was going too fast and life needed to slow down? It is the gentle persuasion of February that asks us to go with the flow and allow life to unravel in its own time. We could use this month as inspiration to relax and enjoy the moment instead of rushing and marking everything as urgent.



In February it is also the beginning of the Lenten season which too carries with it the theme of waiting and perseverance. Lent begins each year on Ash Wednesday, 46 days (40 days plus Sundays) before Easter Sunday. This year, Lent will begin on Wednesday, March 5th and finishes on Holy Saturday, before Easter Sunday. The word "Lent" comes from the word "lecten" which means "spring" and refers to the lengthening of days.

Lent is an important part of the Christian calendar. It is a season of contemplation and preparation for Easter. During Lent people usually give something up like chocolate, alcohol or another habit as they follow the example of Jesus who fasted in the wilderness.

February allows us to reflect on our lives and say goodbye to any unwanted rituals or behaviours. You could call it an early spring clean as you get things in order, both internally and externally. It can also be considered as an opportunity to 'take up' something instead.

In February the amount of daylight hours increases and as the days begin to get longer and brighter, it can also represent the amount of light in our lives that is given to us through Jesus. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness and will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Let this month be fuelled with growth, calmness, and love. I hope that you emerge from these colder months rejuvenated and bursting with optimism.

Lucy Kay, Editor, Hurst Green News

Creative Community are very pleased to welcome Joan Tolman to the Hurst Green Station Gallery with her wonderful paintings. Joan lives locally (very close to the Station) and is a very talented artist who paints in watercolour and mixed media. She also makes mosaic panels and crochets throws. We were most impressed in her very professional approach to presenting her artwork and would recommend a visit to the Gallery to see her display.



St Agatha's Hall in Hurst Green is used by many members of the community. For example at the weekly Hub and Community Fridge, dance classes, fitness classes, hobby clubs such as the Gardening Club, Brownies and Guides and family celebrations. The St Agatha's Hall Committee were very grateful to Ian at Blaze Painters for the repainting of the kitchen at Aggies FOC. It looks really smart. Thank you Ian!

Frogs and toads on the move

It's the time of year when the thoughts of a young toad, or frog, turn to love. But the quest for love is fraught with danger, because of the traffic on our roads.

Frogs and toads instinctively head back each year to the pond where they were bred, making their way from whichever garden they call home. They will make their move when the weather conditions are favourable, usually from early February onwards. As they are cold-blooded, they won't venture out if the temperature (taking into account any windchill) is less than about 5 degrees C. A misty and murky, mild evening is ideal for them.

We have 'Beware of the Toad' signs installed at three different points which are all about 100 metres from the T-junction between Church Way and Oast Road, and they will be uncovered from the beginning of February. These are the stretches of road where you are likely to come across the amphibians as they slowly make their way, up until about the beginning of April. Please, if you can, slow down as you drive there if it's between dusk and about 10pm during the migrating season.

We have a Toad Patrol, of all ages, to help the frogs and toads on their journey, and if you do drive slowly this will be safer for us too.



Volunteers for the Toad Patrol are always most welcome. You just need a torch, a clean bucket and some (unpowdered) plastic or rubber gloves. Please contact me if you're interested. Many thanks, Adrian 07974 171977.

World Day of Prayer 2025

On **Friday 7 March** this year's World Day of Prayer will be held with services at 10am at St John's and 7.30pm at St Mary's Oxted.



World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year's service comes from the women in the Cook Islands and the theme: is 'I Made You Wonderful,' based on Psalm 139:1-18.

10am at St John's Church, Hurst Green
7.30pm at St Mary's, Oxted
All are welcome. We hope to see you there.



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
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Claire Harris, 01883 730
www.oxtedurc.org.uk



Playground refurbishment contracts awarded

The Council has awarded contracts to Kompan and Eibe to refurbish six playgrounds across the district including one for Mill Lane in Hurst Green. This exciting project aims to improve these key play areas making them more accessible, weather resistant and fun for all ages and abilities.

Councillor Deb Shiner, Chair of Community Services, said: "We look forward to working with KOMPAN and Eibe on the refurbishment of these playgrounds, to make them even more enjoyable for families, children and visitors to our area."

On 17th February 2025 the **Tandridge Handicraft Society** is hosting a talk about Printmaking, Embroidery & Mixed Media entitled "Impressions of Nature". Working to the seasonal rhythms of nature artist Jade Taylor skillfully weaves narrative into her work. Her mixed Media approach combining printmaking and painting will be explained during the talk and also her passion and knowledge of our native wildlife and flora and how this underpins the work she creates.

Doors open 1:30, talk starts at 2pm.

Visitors welcome, £5 entry incl. tea and biscuits.

The Society meet every Monday at the Woodhouse Centre, Hoskins Road, RH8 9HT.

Visit www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk or contact Jenny Beal on 01883 620730.

Whats on at the Arts Society Limpsfield

Lectures are at the Church Hall Limpsfield RH8 0UD, arrive at 2pm for 2.15pm. Guest entrance £10, part year membership available.



Wednesday 26th February The History of Art in Wallpaper by Jo Banham

Starting in the 16th century see the beautiful patterns and how they were used in stately or humble homes. More info at: www.theartsocietylimpsfield.org.uk.

The **Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society** is thrilled to be hosting: Michael Mofidian, Bass Baritone and Julius Drake, Piano

Saturday 22 February 2025 at 19.30

The Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Oxted RH8 0QU
Tickets are £30 (with free entry for those under 25).



Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society

Either on the door or via our website at www.olms.org.uk.

The Oxted Sessions Winter Warmer

Chase those winter blues away with a full afternoon of live music on **Sunday 9 February at The Oxted Sessions Winter Warmer**. Five fantastic acts will be descending on Hurst Green Community Centre, from both near (Oxted) and far (Australia and Northwest America!), serving up Country, Blues, Rock, Roll and Soul. There will be a bar and food from Pizza Federicci.

Advance tickets are just £12.50 (or £1 for under-18s) and are available from wegottickets.com/oxtedsessions.

The line-up is:

Buckle & Boots - Oxted's very own country-pop stars. You may have seen them at The Ginistry, The Oxted Festival, or just heard their great tunes.

Henry Wagons - Australian Indie-Country pioneer returns to the UK, with a new Morricone-inspired album under his arm and a hunger to share songs and stories from the road. Wagons is a songwriter and entertainer, who stomps and shimmies across the stage like no other.

Jenny Don't and The Spurs - They are doing more than most to drag country music away from the overblown arena acts and take it back to the dive bars where it belongs. Hailing from Portland, Oregon, Jenny Don't and the Spurs have spent over a decade building a reputation as hardworking and musically-driven stalwarts of the Country Western scene. Bring your cowboy hats / boots / accessories!

Rosco Shakes - a sizzling hot blues and rock & roll band. The band has a unique set up, led on all fronts by a piano dynamo, an exciting guitar showman (the fantastic Andy Twyman!), an unwavering bassist, and a raucous singer-drummer.

Simeon Hammond Dallas - Armed with "a match for the best voices on the UK scene" (Country Way Of Life), and a blazing lead guitar, Simeon Hammond Dallas continues to prove "she is the whole package" (Neil McCormick, The Telegraph). Her music traverses Blues, Country and Soul music, but is unmistakably hers. She brings her full backing band along for what promises to be a set that will blow you away!



Thank you from St John's Church

We would like to say thank you to everyone who supported our chosen charities last year. At the Remembrance service £103 was collected for the Royal British Legion and at the Christmas services, your donations raised £170 for the Children's Society, £420 for The Passage (for the homeless) and £527 for Welcare (for families).

All-Age family friendly service
St John's Church,
9.45am



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SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

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BUCKLE & BOOTS HENRY WAGONS
ROSCO SHAKES JENNY DON'T & THE SPURS
SIMEON HAMMOND DALLAS




THE
OXTED
SESSIONS

Dates for your Diary February 2025

2 February: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
3 February: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Spring Term begins. Woodhouse Centre. www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.
10/24 February: 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.
12 February: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com.
13 February: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. The Making of the Wizard of Oz. Speaker: David Allen. Call: Jan Ward, 01883 712143..
18 February: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.
Every Wednesday in termtime: YoYo's playgroup, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.
Every Wednesday: Community Fridge, every Wednesday, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.
Every Thursday: Hurst Green Community Hub, every Thursday, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.
Every Friday: Every Friday morning: OXTED COUNTRY MARKET – 10am to 12 noon at the Woodhouse Centre - for artisan crafts, produce and a hot drink.

St Agatha's Hall

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The London Welsh Male Voice Choir

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Saturday 1st March 2025 at 6.30pm
St Mary's Church, Oxted
Tickets from £15 on Eventbrite



The Head2Head Memory Café

Our Memory Cafe happens on the first Wednesday of every month. A new safe and social place for people with memory loss and their carers to come and relax together, socialise and participate in a range of fun activities.



Unwind with a cup of tea, learn something new, try out our new interactive projector games or enjoy some live entertainment. There's a varied programme of activities and something different each session, but if you just want to relax, unwind and chat with others that is fine too! Whichever suits you best, you'll find a welcoming and warm atmosphere at the Head2Head Memory Cafe where everyone is included.

Refreshments available. £3.00 per person.
 Call us on 01883 725264 or 01372 278021 to find out more.
www.h2hsensorytheatre.com



Limpsfield Chart Cricket Club

Calling all Ladies. Want to find something a little different to do with friends? Not your average fitness class with a friendly bunch of ladies. A new fun softball cricket team is starting up!! Think hit and run beach cricket no requirement for any previous cricketing skills just keen attitude and big smiles needed. Please scan the QR code for more information.
Tuesday evening Hazelwood School 6-7pm.

St John's Church Quiz Night

To book your team (up to 8 players) or if you would like come and join a team please contact Sue Fox on 07968 128105 or email foxsue580@gmail.com. £15 per head payable on the night - includes jacket potato supper. Bring your own drinks
 There will be a raffle so bring your cash!



St John's Church
SATURDAY 22 FEB
 Church Way
 Hurst Green
START: 6.30PM

PARKPLAY - 9.30AM AT HOLLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

Bored on a Saturday morning just scrolling through your phone? Need some exercise and want to do it with family? Everyone is welcome to join for 2 hours at PARKPLAY hosted at your local Holland Junior School's incredible open and safe space. ParkPlay has been tried and tested across the UK. Families of all shapes, sizes and ages are all very welcome.

Fun and games for **FREE** at Holland Junior School every Saturday at 9.30am!! Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult. (Sorry no dogs unless assistance dogs of course.) Any questions please contact one of our newest ParkPlay Leaders Carmen on 07815 074236 or go to www.park-play.com.
 See you there!



Hurst Green Beavers Open Evening

Girls and boys – come along to our Open Evening and try out some activities at our Beaver taster session.
Tuesday 4 February, 5.30-7pm
Hurst Green Scout Hall, Mill Lane, RH8 9DF
 Contact oxtedscoutsenquiry@gmail.com
 Call / WhatsApp: 07799 062103



Oxted & Hurst Green Scouts

Looking for a job?

Come to the Tandridge Job Fair
 Thursday 13 February
 10.30am - 2pm
 Council Offices Oxted RH8 0BT
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Hurst Green Tennis Club


Hurst Green Tennis Club

Looking for a new activity to start this year? Tennis Xpress is an LTA course for adult beginners, improvers & returners to tennis. Run over 6 weeks the course will have you ready to serve, rally & score - setting you up with the skills to play tennis regularly through the year.
 Our next course will be on a Tuesday and or Wednesday afternoon at 2pm for just £39 for the 6 weeks.
 If you'd like to join or would like more information please message us here, email hurstgreentc@gmail.com or text or phone Patrick on 07791 841270
 We can assure you this will be a lot of fun!

Neighbour/s of the month

for February goes to the residents of Hazelwood Heights who became carol singers over the Christmas period and knocked on the doors of surrounding roads singing popular Christmas carols. A special thanks goes to Ed Wright who was the inspiration and organiser of this great idea. Thank you all for giving up your time to spread joy this Christmas.

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



PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church

4 January: Eve Alexandra Smith
 Joseph Smith
 Harry Smith

Funerals

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7 February: Jenifer Ruxton

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