

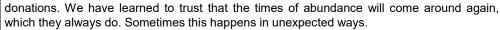
# HURST GREEN NEWS

**June 2025** 

#### Food for thought in Hurst Green

Over the nearly 3 years that the Hurst Green Community Fridge has been running, I have become much more aware of the seasonal nature of food waste (or surplus extra). Around the big holidays, supermarkets and individuals seem to over order. I quite understand the mentality, as someone who loves to host and to cook you always want too much rather than someone leaving wanting more. From the Community Fridge's perspective, blessed with the leftovers or extras which would otherwise go to waste.

Then there are other times of year which are less abundant. The period after new year's day, for example, is much more frugal, and we experience the same with a dip in



The Community Fridge is staffed by an enthusiastic and caring team of volunteers who come from a variety of faith backgrounds or of no faith. These volunteers give of themselves each week to make the Community Fridge a welcoming place for absolutely anyone who crosses our threshold - no questions asked. One of our volunteers had an idea for a free raffle for high value donated items, so that in times when we had less, the distribution of goods felt a little fairer. Other volunteers come from local schools and lend us fresh and youthful perspective on what people might need and how to make the most of what we have. A young woman recently contacted us about making meals for people as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award, as she is training at a culinary college and is fully certified to do so. It is incredible what people come up with when they are part of a community motivated to serve one another. And a wonderful reminder that community is made by all sorts of people who come together from all different walks of life.

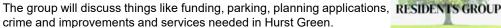
The natural world is, of course, seasonal. We are entering summer now; in June, we will experience the longest day and shortest night of the year. In the summer months the Community Fridge will, we hope, be the lucky recipients of surplus vegetables from the allotments. These will be the result of loving tender care of the gardeners, and their generosity in sharing with us - as well, of course, of the sunshine, the rainfall, and even the colder season when the seeds had a chance to germinate. In terms of church seasons, in June we come to the end of the Easter season when we celebrate Pentecost. This is when Jesus, after rising from the grave on Easter Sunday, and subsequently ascending into heaven, sent the Holy Spirit to be with his disciples. The Holy Spirit is what allowed the first disciples to go out and form early Christian communities (churches).

Following the celebration of Pentecost, the church enters a long period of what is known as "Ordinary Time". If you visit St John's or another Anglican church during this time, you will notice green altar cloths and the presiding priest wearing green, because this is the colour associated with Ordinary Time. For those of us who are Christians, "ordinary" time is anything but ordinary! It is a particular season in the rhythm of the church year, but rather extraordinary things can happen when you are part of a community! Those of us who are involved with the Community Fridge can certainly attest that there are lovely surprises and new ideas if you are just open to them, and that even an ordinary sit-down with friends for an hour at Aggie's on a Wednesday, putting the world to rights over a cuppa, can be pure joy. Do come along and join us one Wednesday. We are open 11.15-12.15 each week.

Che Ramsden, Chair of the Hurst Green Community Fridge

#### **Hurst Green Residents Group**

The next "Hurst Green Resident's Meeting" is on Friday 27th June at 7pm at the HG Community Centre, all are welcome. Contact Kelly on kellykent@hotmail.co.uk or 07732952227 for more information.







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.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 20th September, 12.30-4pm

#### Hurst Green Village Fair

The fair has been running for more than 40 years.

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











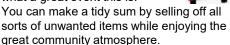


Sunday 1st June at 9.45am St John's Church



www.stiohnshurstareen.org.uk

It's back! OXTED BOOT FAIR at Master Park on Sunday 8 June. If you've been before, you'll know what a great event this is.



The Oxted Explorers will be running a refreshment tent - providing burgers and hotdogs with vegetarian options, as well as hot and cold drinks. We'll also have everyone's favourite - the ice-cream van.

Titsey Rotary Club is organising the event and will be using all the profits to support charities and good causes.

Last June the fair raised more than £4,000.



**New Church service** for little ones St John's Church Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Third Sunday of the month -Bubble Church 9am. Bubble Church is a puppet packed, Jesus centred, coffee-andfood-fuelled, 30 minute kids and family adventure. Come for coffee and food at 8.45am and then you will be guided to your bubble at 9am where you and your little ones will share in song, stories, puppets and prayer. Coffee served from 8.45am.



The July issue of Hurst Green News will be published on 28 June 2025.

## 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

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Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA

Assistant Priest: Mary Seller, 01883 715675

www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

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**Church Administrator:** 

Claire Harris, 01883 730 406 www.oxtedurc.org.uk



#### **Hurst Green Gardening Club**

Spring 2025 has been largely sunny & dry with gardens full of colour & looking lush despite the lack of rain.

In May we had Misako Kasahara from the Himalayan Gardens give a very interesting talk on "Unfurling the wonders of ferns".

17 May saw the return of our annual plant sale at St Agatha's Hall, bargains aplenty were had.

Do come along on 11 June to hear Guy Deakins talk on "How to commit the perfect murder" (a talk on plant food).

New members are always welcome. We meet at St Agatha's Hall,

Hurst Green on the 2nd Wednesday monthly at 19:45.

HGgardeningclub@gmail.com

details on our website

Friends of River Eden Would you like to help control the Himalayan Balsam that lines the banks of the River Eden? It is important that we do this effectively and with the permission of landowners, so Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE) are organising an event to learn how to identify, remove

and safely dispose of this very pretty but invasive, non-native species, thus clearing the way for a wider variety of native species to thrive. We are very grateful to Wayne Gillam and family for giving us permission to access the riverbanks at Stonehall Farm for a couple of hours on the morning of Sunday June 29th. Do join us! RSVP to:

HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com for more details.

#### Art In June

This year, St John's in Hurst Green have offered the church as a venue for Art in June. Seven artists will be exhibiting their artwork on the weekends of 13-15 June and 20 - 22 June.

On Fridays and Sundays the church will be open between 2pm and 6pm.

On Saturdays it will be open 10am - 6pm, when there will also be free workshops from 2pm to-4pm.

The artists exhibiting at St John's are: Alison Murden, Barbara Forrest, Claire Kerr, Deborah Berkeley, Helen Qureshi, Jillian Shillito, Samuel Strolz.

Robert Moroney and Simon Held will be exhibiting at Elitta Fell's studio Croft Road. Westerham. We look forward to seeing you.

# **ART IN JUNE**

OPEN STUDIOS 13-15 June 2025 20-22 June 2025









#### Oxted & Limpsfield **Choral Society Summer Concert** Saturday 7th June, 5pm

English Folk Songs & John Rutter's Requiem

with ensemble orchestra Soprano Solo: Lindsay Gowers United Reformed Church, Oxted Tickets £18 on the door or contact olcsinfo@aol.com

On 9th June 2025 the Tandridge Handicraft Society is hosting a talk entitled "A Journey Within". The talk will be presented by Olivia Fraser. Doors open 1:30, talk starts at 2pm. Visitors are welcome, £5 entry including tea and biscuits. The Society meet every Monday at the Woodhouse Centre, Hoskins Road car park, opposite Tandridge Leisure Centre, Oxted RH8 9HT (postcode for SatNav RH8 9JQ). Further

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



#### KEEP HURST GREEN CLEAN



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THANKS



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Rotary

**Dates for your Diary June 2025** 

1 June: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club. 2 June: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre.

www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.

9/23 June: 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.

**11 June:** Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com or go to hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.

12 June: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Great Mysteries & Conspiracy

Theories - Ghosts & Aliens Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.

13 June: Windmill Manor Care Home Celebratory Party to reveal new refurbishment, 2-4pm.

**17 June:** Meno meet up, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.

Every Thursday: Hurst Green Community Hub, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.

Every Friday: 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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## **Booking Administrator:** aggieshall@gmail.com 07769 001796

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It's a busy summer of live music at The Oxted Sessions, including two shows at Hurst Green Community Centre. Come along to see some of the UK's best independent artists playing on your doorstep!

Saturday 14 June - Danny & The Champions Of The World / Our Man In The Field at Hurst Green Community Centre.

Something of a dream line-up for UK Americana fans!

Our Man In The Field are well known to Oxted Sessions patrons. Alex Ellis ('one of the finest songwriters to emerge on the Americana scene for many a year' Americana UK) and a variable cast of collaborators have played several times at Oxted and have always delighted the crowd. This year they have played at The Royal Albert Hall and the iconic Kilkenny Roots festival in Ireland, alongside successful runs opening for Jackson Dean in the UK and Chuck Prophet across Europe.

Danny & The Champions Of The World are perhaps 'The Kings of UK Americana' (The Rocking Magpie) and are 3-time winners at the prestigious UK Americana Awards Their most recent album 'You Are Not A Stranger Here'; - released last October garnered fantastic reviews, which acknowledged a band performing at the peak of its powers.

Tickets £20 in advance from wegottickets.com/oxtedsessions

Saturday 19 July - Rob Green w/ Amber T opening at Hurst Green Community Centre.

Rob Green is an soul/pop artist from Nottingham who draws from the Soul, Blues, Rock and Gospel music he was raised on to inspire the music he makes. An irrepressible and captivating live performer Rob has opened Arena shows for internationally acclaimed soul and pop acts, such as Earth Wind & Fire, Daniel Bedingfield, Roachford and punk legend Tom Robinson.

Named a 2024 Ivor Novello In the Making Artist his upcoming album project with award-winning producer Cassell the Beatmaker (who produced Plan B's 'The Defamation of Strickland Banks') really unleashes his soulful vocals.

Opening the evening is Amber T. Amber is a UK-based Alt-Pop singer-songwriter known for her soulful, gritty indie-pop sound and powerful vocals. Discovered early, she began performing at open mics at just 8 years old, later teaching herself guitar and keyboards before releasing music at 15. With over 1 million Spotify streams and praise from Sir Elton John, Amber is already making waves in the industry.

Tickets £16, £10 for under 25s, in advance from wegottickets.com/oxtedsessions







#### Neighbour of the month for June goes to...

Patrick Devlin. Most of you will know Patrick from the Hurst Green Tennis Club. Patrick loves encouraging the children of Hurst Green to enjoy sport, specifically tennis. He's on a mission to give every child a chance at tennis. He runs free sessions for the Cubs and local schools on a regular basis. He also reads with children at Hurst Green Infant School and recently went on a school trip with them to Tower Bridge. All this since his diagnosis with terminal cancer, just showing you can enjoy life whatever your circumstances. Thankyou Patrick for everything you do!

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.

Limpsfield Community Orchard would like to introduce the newest member of the Orchard team....Juicv Wilson! Named after a much beloved teacher of Wassail Master James' children who retired after 30 years at the end of this term. The WIson Juicy is also a variety of apple, although not currently one that grows in the Orchard. Our beloved Deer-dre Appleton had completed a long shift at the orchard and it was time for her to retire. Our thanks to James Reeves, who took the time to construct Deer-dre's replacement.

# Piano Concert Fundraiser with Ralitsa Penkova Saturday 5th July, 7-9pm, St John's Church, Church Way, RH8 9EA

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