

HURST GREEN NEWS

October 2025

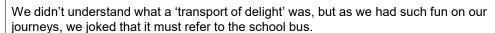
HURST GREEN 410

METROBUS

Transport of Delight!

My journey to school in the west London suburbs was by bus and this was always enjoyable and exciting, especially when new Routemaster vehicles came into service. On arrival at school, we had an Assembly each morning. We always sang a hymn and occasionally it was 'The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never...', based on Psalm 23.

Lyrics in the hymn go on to read: '...and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!'



I have remained an enthusiast for bus travel ever since, rekindled in recent years by having a concessionary bus pass. This, together with an excellent service provided by Metrobus on our local 410 bus, has provided convenient opportunities to get from Hurst Green to Redhill and all places in between, and beyond.

The route passes Limpsfield, enters Oxted, skirts Old Oxted and thence to Godstone. Passengers on the upper deck of the 410 can enjoy seeing over hedges into wonderful gardens, woodland and open countryside. The route continues on through Bletchingley and Nutfield then down into Redhill. Each of the places is a gem to behold. No wonder the locals describe the route as the 'String of Pearls'.

There is a friendly community of regular travellers and helpful drivers on board. As well as giving leisure travel, the bus also provides vital links for those going to school and college; to the Health Centre; to East Surrey Hospital (change at Redhill); and for commuters going to work. Those fortunate enough to have a smart phone, can use the app to check live running, so waiting at bus stops is reduced to a minimum. Using the bus avoids the cost and hassle of finding a parking space at the destination.

We are lucky in Hurst Green to have an accessible, regular, reliable and well-managed service. Taking the bus might not be suitable for all, but for many it is a Godsend. If you haven't been on the 410, come and give it a go - and enjoy for yourself this 'transport of delight'!

Bob Evans, Hurst Green resident and historian



Please join Tandridge Friends at St. John's Church, Hurst Green RH8 9EA on Saturday 11th October 7pm for 7.30pm We are delighted to welcome Croydon Male Voice Choir to St John's. Join us for a wonderful evening of powerful harmonies, moving melodies and much loved songs.

Tickets £18 incl. wine or soft drink and nibbles. Raffle with prizes.

www.stch.org.uk

Fostering Film Festival

This will take place in the York Rooms at St John's Church at 6pm on Monday 17 November. Join us for a relaxed and inspiring community screening as part of Surrey's Fostering Film Festival Tour.

FOSTERING

Just 45 minutes of powerful short films
Free popcorn for all guests

Ask questions and chat with our friendly team and foster carers.

Whether you're curious about fostering, want to support your community, or just love a good story, this event is for you.

No booking required: just come along and enjoy an evening of film, conversation, and connection.



Every Wednesday in term time.

Stay and play session for babies and toddlers

with crafts, snacks and songs.



www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

All Age Service for Harvest 5th October at 9.45am



Family friendly, involving the children with songs, bible story, activities and food afterwards

Donations of dried and tinned food will be given to the Caterham Foodbank

SJOHN'S 9EA HURST GREEN



Church service for little ones at St John's Church, Hurst Green

Every third Sunday of the month: next one 19th October

Bubble Church is perfect for young families.
Action packed with puppets, a bible story
and songs.

Come for coffee and food at 8.45am. Bubble Church starts at 9am.

Remembrance Sunday, 9 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.



The November issue of Hurst Green News will be published on 25 October 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

Vicar: Reverend Sue Bosley, 07553 305087

Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA

Assistant Priest: Reverend Mary Seller, 01883 715675

www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Pastor: Keith Dickson, 07392 796852

www.hurstgreenfellowship.org

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Volunteers are needed to help raise donations on the Poppy Table at Morrisons in Oxted. If you can help, even for a short amount of time please contact your local Poppy Appeal Organiser at oxted.rbl.membership@gmail.com

or on 07423 573899.



Come and join us for COFFEE and a CHAT



St John's Room, St John's Church **Fortnightly on Thursdays** 16th and 30th October 2025 10.30am-12 noon

(2nd October date has been cancelled)

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St Ambrose Church Warren Park, Warlingham

Church Administrator:

Parish Priest

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



Memory, Mystery, and Magic: Concert Announcement

Join us for our annual winter concert, Memory, Mystery, and Magic, a spellbinding evening of music that promises to be a

true cauldron of musical delights.

The performance will feature enchanting scores from the films Wicked, Harry Potter, Wonka, Out of Africa, and The Nightmare Before Christmas. The program also includes beautiful works by classical masters Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, and Sibelius.

Experience a magical night of melody and wonder! The concert takes place at 2.30pm on Sunday 2 November 2025 at Humphrey's Hall, Caterham School, CR36AY.

Tickets are £10 per person (under 18's free) and are available online on www.thefunorchestra.co.uk.

The Harvest Festival is a celebration of the harvest and food grown on the land in the United Kingdom. It is about giving thanks for a successful crop yield over the year as winter starts to approach. The festival is also about giving thanks for all the good and positive things in people's lives, such as family and friendships.



Harvest Festivals have traditionally been held in churches, schools and sometimes in pubs. People bring in produce from their garden, allotment or tinned and packaged food. Typically, surplus produce is given away to a local charity, hospital or children's home. St John's Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 5th October and donations will go to Caterham Food Bank.

Friends of River Eden

Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE) now have over 100 local members and a thriving calendar of events.



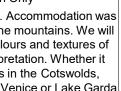
The Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE) Autumn Walk: "Get To Know Your River" will take place on the morning of Sunday October 19th. Contact hellofreesurrey@gmail.com for details and a copy of our Autumn newsletter including past and future activities through to the end of November and to receive news of a talk and tour with Southern Water to learn how our wastewater treatment works as soon as dates are confirmed.

Wednesday 29 October

October until 11am on 2 November.

At home everywhere and nowhere. Travelling with John Singer Sargent by Mary Alexander Held in The Centenary Theatre at Hazelwood School RH8 0QU

Annual General Meeting at 1.30 pm. Lecture starts at 2.15 pm, Afternoon Only



Sargent indulged his fascination for all things 'curious' - a favourite word. Accommodation was variable - ranging from the White House in Washington DC to a tent in the mountains. We will explore his ability to capture a sense of place - the atmosphere, light, colours and textures of a land or seascape - with an intimately personal and often unusual interpretation. Whether it be luscious pomegranates in a Spanish orchard, brilliant hues of poppies in the Cotswolds, silver light on glistening fish in Norway, jewel-like reflections on water in Venice or Lake Garda or the intense sunlight and heat of Morocco and the desert. And his most daring journey of all, in 1918 aged 62, as a war artist travelling to the war torn trenches in France.

All Souls' Day Service at St John's Church: Sunday 2 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 other loved ones you would like to be remembered. You can 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 from Sunday 19



Dates for your Diary October 2025

5 October: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.

6 October: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre. www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.

8 October: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. 2nd Wednesday of the month. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com or go to hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.

9 October: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. How well do you know

Christmas? Speaker: Peter Batty. Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093. 13/27 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.

21 October: 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, 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

To enquire about booking, contact the

Booking Administrator: aggieshall@gmail.com 07769 001796

or complete the form on the website: stagathashall.weebly.com/ contact.html

Surrey domestic abuse helpline 01483 776822



SANCTUARY 9am to 9pm, 7 days a week

Tandridge Club for Visually Impaired

Agatha's Hall.

takes place every 2nd

and 4th Mondays in the month at St

Really bad eyesight is not a requirement, any age-related dimming is fine. Please find below their programme for the rest of 2025:

13 Oct - "Reigate Parkinsons Choir"

27 Oct – Wobble Session

10 Nov - Wars & Remembrance Quiz

24 Nov - Yearly Routine Conclave

15 Dec - Christmas Fun & Music

If you would like more details, please contact diana.drysdale@godstone.net 01883 742 708.

Oxted School

Oxted School Tours of the school for September 2026 intake are now available and take place from 9.30am-10.30am on the following days:

Thursday 25 September Thursday 2 October

Thursday 9 October Thursday 16 October



Scan the QR code or follow the link to book your place.

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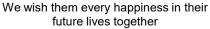
We're a small, friendly school where children are encouraged to explore, grow, and thrive - inside and outside the classroom.

Contact us at office@hurstgreenschool.org or visit www.hurstgreenschool.org.



PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings



20 September: Harry Dalton and Georgina Muscio

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends

5 September: Mary Saunders 2 October: Derek Say 10 October: Brian Brackpool

St John's Book of Remembrance

To have a name entered, Email: office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk **Independent Skills** is a free 8-week course run in local libraries, helping you stay independent with as much choice and control over your life as possible. Sessions include:

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- Help to stay independent when things change

To find out more and to sign up, please visit: www.surreycc.gov.uk/librariesindependentskills

Once a referral has been made, one of the team will be in touch to tell you about the next steps and invite you to a pre-course chat.



If you live in the RH8 area LINK can provide help with transport to medical appointments



Please contact LINK on

01883 713333

- if you need this help
- to volunteer as a driver
- to volunteer as a call handler

Neighbour/s of the month for October

goes to Cathy and Geoff Booth who have been HG

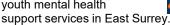
residents for a long time but are now about to move and embark on a new chapter in their lives.

Cathy has been a Churchwarden at St John's for a number of years, Health and Safety Officer and a member of the choir. Cathy has also been the Editor of the Hurst Green News and a member of the Hurst Green Singers. Geoff too has been involved in many church activities including playing saxophone in the worship band and has also been involved in the management of the Hurst Green

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.

vase

There is a range of new youth mental health



These community-based services are now available to support the mental health and wellbeing of young people aged 11-18 across East Surrey.

This covers Horley, Merstham, Redhill, Reigate, and Tandridge.

Through the Mental Health Investment Fund, these services offer something for everyone from 1:1 support and peer mentoring for young people with additional needs to sports and nature-based activities. Best of all, no professional referral is required.

These initiatives are funded by NHS Surrey Heartlands and delivered in partnership with Alliance for Better Care, Learning Space, YMCA East Surrey, and Voluntary Action East Surrey (VASE).

You can find more information and how to access services here: www.vase.org.uk/mentalhealth-investment-fund-information



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