



HURST GREEN NEWS

February 2026

Have you heard of Wintering?

Wintering traditionally describes the season between autumn and spring. It promotes the idea that winter is not the time for reinventing yourself, rather it is the time for conserving energy until the light comes back. It is a time to reflect, recharge, and to find beauty in stillness, somewhat similar to hibernation in nature. These are dark and cold times, for which you need resilience to get through until the season of spring returns. This can come if you withdraw from the world and focus on yourself and embrace calm. It is generally believed that when the new year arrives in January you must be active and change, plan and have bright ideas for the future. But actually, just getting through the colder months is enough for us.



As February begins to unfold bringing lighter days and blossom in the trees, we in Hurst Green this year will still have heavy hearts as we continue to mourn the loss of two young lives taken far too soon in that tragic accident just before Christmas. We are thinking especially of the families and friends affected and all those who are supporting them. Words are always inadequate in such circumstances, but we hope those nearest will know that the whole community is behind them and offers its sympathy, love and support, giving them comfort and peace.

May the light of the burgeoning spring season guide and heal them and all of us who have our own losses and troubles, big and small. Spring always shows us that after the coldest winters, warmth will return. It does not erase the pain of what we have lost, but its new life helps us to carry on with gentleness and hope.

Lucy Kay, Editor, Hurst Green News, Sue Bosely and Mary Seller, St John's Church

Frogs and toads on the move

The migration season for our local frogs and toads will soon be upon us. 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.

Please drive carefully in the hours after sunset during February and March on the stretches of road leading to the T-junction between Church Way and Oast Road. We have 'Beware of the Toad' signs installed at three different points which are all about 100 metres from the T-junction, 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, keeping casualties to a minimum. Volunteers for the Toad Patrol are always most welcome. Please contact me if you're interested. Many thanks, Adrian 07974 171977.



75th Anniversary Year for the Hurst Green Gardening Club

The club is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7.45pm at St Agatha's Hall. The club is always welcome to new members. Please see a full list of our programme of events for our special anniversary year here: www.hggardeningclub.blogspot.com

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St John's

Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA

Our mission is to encourage more adults in our community to be: **MORE ACTIVE MORE OFTEN**

FREE training sessions, stretching and health advice.

2pm Monday Session

2pm Friday Session

Join us at Mill Lane Recreation Ground, Hurst Green RH8 9DF

YoYo's Playgroup

Every Wednesday in term time

St John's Church, 9.15am-11.15am

Stay and play session for babies and toddlers with crafts, snacks and songs.

OLMS celebrates its 80th Anniversary Year

For our first concert of 2026 we will host

The Kleio String Quartet

The Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Oxted RH8 OQU on Saturday, 14 February 2026 at 19.30

Tickets are £30 (with free entry for those under 25). Either on the door or by way of our website at www.olms.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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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
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St John's Room, St John's Church
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10.30am-12 noon
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Open Meetings are at 2pm on the second Tuesday of each month and a coffee morning on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30am in Westerham Hall, Quebec Road, Westerham. Everyone is welcome for £2 to help cover the cost of hiring the Hall.

Our many Interest Groups, from Ancestry to Yoga, are flourishing and several new activities have been included. Frequent outings and theatre trips are organized by enthusiastic volunteers, so do come and join in. Full details can be found on our website – www.westerhamu3a.org

On February 12th Veronica King will tell us about her life as a Private Investigator.

Our subscription is still only £20 per annum or £35 for joint membership.



Places Available at Hurst Green Infant School and Nursery

Looking for a school place? We have places available across Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and would love to meet you.

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To get in touch please contact 01883 712 171 or email office@hurstlilt.co.uk.

Memory Café at Head2Head Sensory Barn

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Every Wednesday morning the Barn Hub Cafe turns into a 'Memory Cafe' providing 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 'magic table' interactive projector games or enjoy 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! You'll find a welcoming and warm atmosphere at the Memory Cafe where everyone is included. On Wednesday 4th February we will be hosting a Baking Morning. Contact: reception@h2hsensorytheatre.com.

Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE)

- volunteers needed in February, plus a celebration!



Could you help Hurst Green's swifts and bats? Phase 1 of this new project needs volunteers to deliver postcards offering free nest/roost boxes in priority areas such as Chestnut Copse, Pollards Oak Road and Pollards Oak Crescent. Get involved by emailing [HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com](mailto>HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com) with "FAO Lisa Graham" in the subject.

February also sees our celebratory event at The Diamond Pub on Tuesday 17th. Drop in for a chat from 7pm. All are welcome. RSVP to [HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com](mailto>HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com).



Dates for your Diary February 2026

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

2 February: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre. Term starts. www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.

9/23 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.

11 February: 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.

12 February: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Talk on how to make your garden more wildlife friendly. Speaker: John Lawrence. Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.

17 February: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm

19 February: David Gresham House Open Morning, 3rd Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm..

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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The neighbour of the month for February goes to Jacqueline Delouze.

Jacqueline is incredibly generous with her time, resources and skills for local causes. She is a regular face in Hurst Green that always shows up to get stuck in to help. She is a real asset to the area!

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