



HURST GREEN NEWS

March 2026

Neighbourliness

Neighbourliness is something that makes a community thrive. If we live surrounded by neighbours who are friendly, helpful and kind, we feel secure, and a harmonious sense of community is fostered.



Some people may remember a lovely resident of Hurst Green in the 1970's called Aubrey, who had a heart of gold. He knew the locality well, and regularly took groups around the countryside on long walks sharing his love of the area and of nature. He was a rather eccentric gentleman and did not drive. If he wanted to share some of his garden produce, or do a good deed for others, he filled up his wheelbarrow and trundled it around the village, distance no object. He was an exemplary neighbour to many people, and when he died, the community planted a tree in his memory on the Green fairly near St Agatha's Hall and placed a plaque beside it.

Fairly recently, a new family moved into Hurst Green. They noticed that Aubrey's tree was damaged, and that the post bearing the plaque had fallen down. Of their own accord, they repaired the post and remounted the brass plaque, and they undertook to nurse the tree back to health. Now, the apparently 'dead' tree stump is sprouting many long, new shoots; however, full recovery will take some time.

Good neighbourliness abounds in Hurst Green, it always has, both before and after Aubrey, and this act of kindness from a family who have recently joined our community shows that it will continue. Loving one's neighbour by thought and action is a wonderful asset, and makes Hurst Green the delightful place we love to live in.

Mary Seller, Assistant Priest, St John's Church, Hurst Green

Editor's note: If anyone has any interesting information about residents that used to live in Hurst Green please let us know so that we can share and celebrate their story.

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Church Way,
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REPAIR SHED & CAFE

Sunday 29th March
Hurst Green Community Centre
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Open: 12pm to 3pm (last repair 2.30pm)

The Repair Shed & Café: Spring Clean Easter Edition - Refresh, Renew, and Repair!

Join us for our Spring Clean Repair Event – an afternoon dedicated to clearing the clutter by fixing what you love. Let's breathe new life into your household items and celebrate our community spirit!

Spring Repair Stations Include:

- ✓ Free PAT testing for every electrical item where needed.
- ⚡ Small Appliance Spruce-Up – Get those gadgets working again, lamps, clocks, hoovers - check your cupboards, lofts and sheds before you throw them away - give them another day!
- 👔 Wardrobe Refresh – Mend your favorite spring outfits.
- 🛠️ Garden Tool Sharpening – Get ready for planting season!
- 🚗 Toy & Hobby Restoration – Give well-loved items a new start.
- 🚲 Leisure & Bike Tune-Ups – Prep for outdoor adventures.
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What we can't repair: High-risk electronics such as microwaves and items with cracked screens, fuel-powered items, petrol lawnmowers, chainsaws, or anything involving gas, safety gear including car seats, bike helmets, and life jackets, heavy appliances including washing machines, dishwashers, and large fridges, specialised Tech such as modern smartphones or tablets (often glued shut/require pro tools), items under warranty, high-value Jewellery, expensive or sentimental heirloom pieces, major alterations, tailoring or resizing clothing (simple repairs are usually fine).

World Day of Prayer, Friday 6 March

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.

The service has been prepared by the women of Nigeria and will be celebrated in different time zones and languages around the globe. The theme is marginalisation.

Please come and join this global wave of prayer at a time that is convenient to you. Refreshments afterwards.

This year's services are:
10am: Hurst Green Evangelical Church
7.30pm: St Peter's Church, Limpsfield
All are welcome.
We hope to see you there.

St John's Church, MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE
15th March at 10am

During the service flowers will be provided for children to give to their mothers, or those who have played a mother's role in their life.

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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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Assistant Priest: Reverend Mary Seller, 01883 715675
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OXTED COUNTRY MARKET is a weekly community market held in the Woodhouse Centre, opposite the leisure centre in Oxted and we were delighted to celebrate 50 years of trading in December. Quite an achievement. We are holding a special market on Friday 17th April to celebrate our 50th anniversary, with local MP, Claire Coutinho and Tandridge District Councillors Mike Crane and Debbie Shiner. Many local artisan crafters support the market and display their work with a wide variety of handmade crafts, from hand-turned wooden items, to jewellery, knitted & crocheted toys, household items and accessories, creative embroidered fabric items, quilled artwork and decorations, plus cards and seasonal flower arrangements. The market offers the chance for local artisans to showcase their talents.

On the home baked food counter, there is a wide range of homemade cakes and other sweet delights, plus savoury foods, preserves and local honey. We also sell local eggs and when available, seasonal home-grown fruit & vegetables and plants.

The market also offers a food ordering service for main meals, desserts, cakes, scones, savouries and freshly made sandwiches. The menu is available on request. Orders are collected each Friday at the market. Customised orders for special occasions or event catering is available.

There is also a cafe area serving hot drinks and cakes for a quiet moment.

The market is open from 10 - 12am on a Friday morning. Please come in and see us sometime.

Jan Ward, Secretary
Oxted Country Market



International Women's Day

International Women's Day in 2026 will be celebrated on March 8. This day is dedicated to recognising the achievements of women and promoting gender equality worldwide.

In celebration, Windmill Manor Care Home invites all local business women to a complementary breakfast networking event on 11 March, 8 - 9.30am. Please RSVP to Annaliese.sissons@barchester.com.

Limpsfield Arts Society

The Society began as Limpsfield Decorative and Fine Arts Society over 40 years ago. They have adapted to many challenges over that time, particularly during Covid. With a wide range of interests: Famous artists and lesser - known ones, re-discovered artists but also design, films, dance and music. Top-quality speakers bring their subject to life in a fun and inspiring way - an enjoyable and memorable event to make you forget your cares! New members and guests are very welcome.

Next event:

How Russia sold off much of its cultural heritage following the revolution. Speaker: Tom Flynn on **Wednesday 25 March** at Limpsfield Church Hall RH8 0DG. Lecture starts at 2.15pm and is REPEATED at 7.30pm. Guests £10 on the door with refreshments beforehand.



David Gresham House celebrates 40 years

David Gresham House recently celebrated its 40th anniversary with a party for residents, family members and friends. It was founded by the late David Gresham to provide a residential home for those in their later years who were unable to look after themselves.

The current residents are a happy, friendly community where companionship abounds, who are cared for by a first-class group of professional staff, supported by volunteers who pop in daily to talk to the residents and serve them coffee and tea. Sadly, David Gresham died some years ago, but his widow, Mrs Millie Gresham, an ardent supporter from the beginning, was at the party to make a speech and cut the wonderful celebratory cake.

Throughout this year, on the last Thursday of each month, anyone from Hurst Green is invited to pop into David Gresham House from 10am - 12 noon for tea or coffee, and to meet the residents and staff.



Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE)

- get your bat/swift box, and thank you!

Thank you to the wonderful people of Hurst Green who have been delivering postcards and signing up for bat and swift boxes. If you have had a postcard offering free nest/roost boxes, secure yours by emailing HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com, subject "FAO Lisa Graham". We can help with installation if needed.

Thank you also to Fred Hookins at Southern Water's Oxted Wastewater Treatment Works for a fascinating tour of the wastewater treatment process, the challenges posed by modern living and climate, and the habitats he has created for nature. A nature champion!

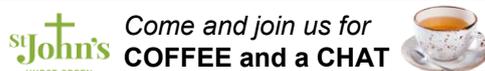
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Oxted Art Group

We meet every Monday evening at 7.30pm at St John's, Hurst Green, for drawing, painting and pastels. Come along and enjoy yourself.

St John's Room, St John's Church
Fortnightly on Thursdays
5th and 19th March 2026
10.30am-12 noon
Need a lift? Ring Barbara on 01883 715636



Thanks to Countryside Management

When I was walking across the green recently I noticed a team of people clearing the undergrowth from around the pond at the end of Meldrum Close. They had a van marked 'Countryside Management' and were working hard to clear rubbish out of the pond as well as cutting back vegetation. I spoke to one of them and apart from one person in charge they were all volunteers. I don't think they were local people so thank you to those who were being neighbourly without being our neighbours. *Sue Batley, Hurst Green Resident*

Dates for your Diary March 2026

- 1 March:** Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
- 2 March:** Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre. Term starts. www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.
- 9/23 March:** 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 March:** 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 March:** 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 March:** Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm
- 19 March:** 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.




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Village Halls Week: 16 – 22 March

Village Halls Week returns in 2026 to highlight the importance of village halls to the health and wellbeing of communities across England, Wales and Scotland. In 2026 the focus of the week is on how village halls connect communities to health and wellbeing.

We are very lucky in Hurst Green to have St Agatha's Hall which is home to dance classes, yoga, the Hurst Green Gardening Club, the Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, the Community Fridge on a Wednesday and the Community Hub on a Thursday plus many other ad hoc events. All of these clubs and activities contribute to the health and wellbeing of the local community and it is right on our doorstep. Please take a moment this month to appreciate and thank all of the volunteers and staff at Aggies who help to keep the hall maintained and ensure that all the activities that take place there continue to thrive.

St Agatha's Hall was originally a hut constructed by the navvies who were working on building a railway tunnel from Oxted to Hurst Green. A more permanent hall was built in 1895 by a local church family where it served as both a church and hall until 1913 when St John's Church was built and consecrated. Thereafter it has served as a social centre for meetings and events.

Councillor update – Cllr Kelly Kent

I live and breathe Hurst Green (HG), and I would like to keep residents updated about what is going on as things develop. My passion is to create an area where everyone can feel safe and where they can be proud to call HG their home and/or place of work. Due to this, I have focused my time on achieving this goal from as many angles as possible and have a good sense of what is going on. I do not lead every area and there are many people involved. A huge 'Thank you' goes to each one (you know who you are):



- The "Free Xmas Day Meal" and "Repair Cafe" were huge successes, and we are all looking forward to keeping these going.
- The Warren Lane housing development was rejected, but this may come up for appeal in the future.
- With Tandridge District Council moving into East Surrey Council, Oxted Parish Council are looking at retaining important assets for local control for long term protection. This should be finalised by the move in 2027.
- Grit bins are being discussed for high-risk areas around HG.
- Local services and businesses are looking to work closely together to have a coordinated approach to covering as many service/needs gaps as possible.
- The Hurst Green Community Centre is deep into plans to renovate and extend the building. This will aim to provide many new services, from a community cafe and support groups to community events and NHS outreach services. We hope to complete this work in 2027. Public notices will be announced in the coming months with more information on this.
- Discussions are happening about creating a comprehensive "What's going on locally" information sheet.
- We are waiting for the council to submit plans for the Methodist Church plot. It will be important that it fits the local area, but we are excited to provide necessary housing on this site.
- For those that can't access online banking services, the new banking hub in Oxted will be transformative. This is mainly thanks to Cllr Cameron McIntosh.
- Dungeons and Dragons was very successful and we are looking into extending and running this long term.
- Parking, yellow lines, potholes, crime and flooding and always being considered.
- We are careful that any plans for large housing applications in Hurst Green are in an appropriate location and in scale with the area.

Please do come to the resident's group meetings to let me know your views and I will put updates out when I have information to share. *Cllr Kelly Kent*



PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church

22 March: Sylvie Libby Joyce Gargate

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends

17 February: Sylvia Russell

2 March: Gillian Botley

17 March: Beryl Perry

27 March: Avril ('Pat') Browne

St John's Book of Remembrance

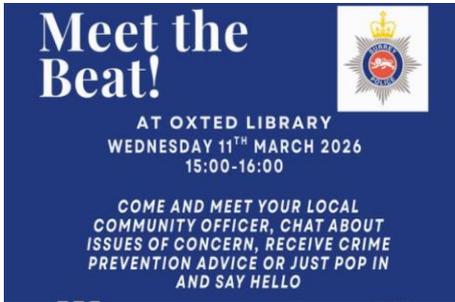
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YoYo's Playgroup

**Every Wednesday in term time
St John's Church, 9.15am-11.15am**

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Neighbour of the month for March

The neighbour of the month for March goes to Clara Smith – or Mrs Smith as most of us know her.

Clara is not only a Hurst Green resident, but she is the Nursery teacher at Hurst Green Infant School and Nursery. Clara has worked at the school for around 5 years with a particular interest in Science. I'm sure there are many HG parents that would like to thank Clara for giving their children a great start to school life.

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.



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