



HURST GREEN NEWS

April 2026

Love is the answer

I find the arrival of spring so uplifting. There is a splash of colour as the spring flowers appear, the trees are in bud, there is warmth in the sunshine and the days are longer.

What a contrast this is to the darkness of human suffering and conflict in the Middle East that we have seen on the news recently.

Closer to home, I know that for many households, life is a constant financial and personal struggle. What warms my heart is seeing the love, kindness and support for one another in Hurst Green in everyday ways and by coming together as friends and neighbours to support families who are grieving or in despair. Love makes a real difference.



At church, April begins with Holy Week when we remember the passion of Christ. Passion in this sense means to suffer or to undergo. On Good Friday we stand at a large wooden cross, which reminds us of the suffering of Christ at his crucifixion. As awful as this is, it brings us closer to God who is not apart from human suffering but chooses to be present within it.

Why would God choose to do that? Love is the answer.

On Easter morning, I will be celebrating the new life of Christ in his resurrection from the tomb and sharing a message of hope and joy. God's love for us is at the centre of the story and has the power to transform lives for good. This gives me hope for the world.

Happy Easter Hurst Green.

Sue Bosley, Vicar, St John's Church, Hurst Green

Oxted and Hurst Green Beavers, Cubs and Scouts go camping for St George's Day

St George's Day is celebrated every year across England on 23rd April. St George is the patron saint of England, but he also holds this position for Aragon, Catalonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Palestine, Portugal, Germany, Greece, Moscow, Istanbul, Genoa and Venice (second to Saint Mark).

Legend has it that St George slew an evil dragon that was plaguing a local town and saved a princess. It is traditionally a Christian celebration as the story goes that St George offered to kill the dragon only if the town converted to Christianity.

To mark St George's Day Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from Oxted and Hurst Green will travel to Bentley Copse Activity Centre in Guildford for a weekend of activities and celebrations.

To find out more about joining your local Beaver/Cub/Scout group please contact phil.hosp@1stoxtedscouts.com.



Oxted Country Market celebrates 50 years with a special market on 17th April

Oxted Country Market opened in December 1975. It traded as one of many Women Institute Country Markets. The first WI Country Market was set up in Lewes in East Sussex on 14th December 1919 as the result of a collaborative effort by a number of WIs encouraging their WI members & non-members (gardeners and smallholders) to make the most of their land and sell surplus produce. Many more WI Country Markets were subsequently set up. Injured war veterans got involved in these markets selling crafts and produce when they had no other work. However, in 1995 The National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) was advised that its charitable status was incompatible with WI Country Markets, an organisation that existed for its shareholders to make small profits. So on legal advice, the NFWI and WI Country Markets separated, with the NFWI agreeing that Country Markets could continue to use the WI name.

Oxted Country Market reached 50 years of trading in December 2025. They will be celebrating this achievement with a special market on 17th April 2026 to thank all their customers and supporters for their loyalty.

You can shop at the Oxted Country Market at The Woodhouse Centre every Friday between 10am – 12 noon.



St John's Church, Hurst Green

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 8.30AM & 9.45AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 7.30PM

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 9.30AM

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Church Way,
Hurst Green RH8 9EA

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.

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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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LITTLE FISHES
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TUESDAYS 9:30-11:15
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Surrey County Council Local Area Coordinator for Hurst Green

Hurst Green welcomes Stephen Silverson as our new Surrey County Council Local Area Coordinator - successor to Cerys Williams.

In March, Stephen met various local volunteers, was taken on an afternoon tour of the length and breadth of Hurst Green, and visited the Hub that meets in St Agatha's Hall on a Thursday lunchtime. He then had to complete further training and meetings before being present in the area every day.

Steve looks forward to meeting very soon, more individuals and community groups, and being able to offer help and advice to families, groups or anyone if the need arises. He can be contacted on 07929 670 986 or by email: stephen.silverson@surreycc.gov.uk.

Hurst Green Gardening Club

Popular Gardener's World presenter, Nick Bailey, is coming to Hurst Green Gardening Club in April to give a talk entitled '365 Days of Colour' as part of the gardening club's 75th anniversary celebrations. Unsurprisingly, the event is already **sold out!** Normal service for the club resumes in May. The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm at St Agatha's Hall. Details of the rest of this year's meetings can be found on their website: hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.



Oxted Band
100 YEARS OF BANDING
Spring Concert
Saturday, April 18th 7pm
St John's Church, Hurst Green, RH8 9EA
Tickets £10 (Children under 10 free)
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Limpsfield Arts Society

The Society began as Limpsfield Decorative and Fine Arts Society over 40 years ago. 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: The Stirling Prize: British Architecture's Oscars by Brian Stator
Wednesday 29 April 2026
Limpsfield Church Hall RH8 0DG 7.30pm
Guests £10 at the door



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Spring dates for your diary: "Get to know your River" guided walk (16th May) and "Invasive Non-Native Species - what they are and what we can do about them" (date to be confirmed). See www.RiverEdenSoutheast.org "What's On" section.

Keep up to date with our projects, including the latest on River Eden water quality - sign up for our newsletter via www.RiverEdenSoutheast.org or email HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com. Our bumper edition this quarter also covers what we learned from our tour of Southern Water's Warren Lane Wastewater treatment works and from our meeting with SES Water. It also celebrates what we've achieved in just two and a half years.

We're expanding our offer of FREE swift and bat boxes to residents of Wolfs Wood. There's also still time for residents of Pollards Oak Road, Pollards Oak Crescent, and Chestnut Copse to apply. If you are not in these areas but know that bats and swifts roost nearby to you, then let us know as you may also be eligible. We can assist with installation if needed. Email: HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com, subject "FAO Lisa Graham".



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
2nd, 16th and 30th April 2026
10.30am-12 noon
Need a lift? Ring Barbara on 01883 715636

On 27th April 2026 the **Tandridge Handicraft Society** is hosting a talk presented by Janet Clare entitled "She Believed She Could and So She Did". Janet will explain her motto and give an insight into her design training and her adventures presenting on live TV. Doors open 1:30, talk starts at 2pm. Visitors are welcome, £7 entry including tea and biscuits. The talk will take place at The Woodhouse Centre, Oxted RH8 9HT.



Dates for your Diary April 2026

5 April: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
6 April: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre.
www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.
8 April: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. 2nd Wednesday of the month. 365 Days of Colour talk by Nick Bailey. **ADVANCED TICKET ONLY EVENT.** Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com or go to hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.
13/27 April: 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.
9 April: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Cocktail/mocktail night. Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.
16 April: David Gresham House Open Morning, 3rd Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm.
21 April: 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 Tuesday in termtime: Little Fishes playgroup, Hurst Green Evangelical Church, 9.30-11.15am.
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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Remembering Patrick Devlin

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Hurst Green Tennis Club Chairman and Coach, Patrick Devlin, has passed away.

Patrick was at the heart of Hurst Green tennis for many years. His dedication, leadership, and passion helped grow the community club into the welcoming and vibrant place we know today.

Patrick had a particular passion for encouraging local children to play tennis. Using Titsey Rotary Club funding, Patrick supported local children to get involved with sports, and together with his wife Debbie, built the junior coaching programme to more than 70 children playing today. Patrick worked closely with local schools to deliver coaching, organised summer camps and initiatives that offered free tennis to beginners, helping many young people take their first steps in the sport.

He will be greatly missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing and working with him.



SAVE THE DATE - 23rd May
 A Gospel choir are coming to St John's Church on 23rd May.
 Doors open at 6:45pm concert starts at 7pm.
Gospel Rising is a growing beacon of joy, unity, love, hope and peace.
 This powerful group bring joy wherever they sing!
 "Touching Lives, One Song at a Time," reflects their commitment to creating unforgettable moments through music.
 Not to be missed! More details in May.

Neighbour of the month for April
 The neighbour of the month for April goes to Jan Ward.
 Jan gives up a lot of her time volunteering for two local playgroups, runs the Pollards Oak WI and is Secretary for the Oxted Country Market. Thanks Jan for sharing your time with us and for all the wonderful crafts you create at YoYo's playgroup and for organising great speakers and events for the WI.
 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.



90th birthday celebrations for local care home resident

Joyce Hallewell a resident at Windmill Manor Barchester Care Home was born and has lived in Hurst Green for most of her life. Celebrations have been in full swing at Windmill Manor Care Home as Joyce recently celebrated her 90th birthday in style.

Joyce was joined by staff, relatives, friends and other residents to celebrate her special birthday.

Joyce was brought up in Coldshott, Hurst Green, Oxted and lived there until she was stationed in Malaysia with her husband who was serving in the Royal Airforce. Three of Joyce's children were born overseas and the fourth was born on their return to Hurst Green. Being a local lady, when it was time for Joyce to move into a Care Home, what better home than Windmill Manor which was built where the old factory used to be, a place where Joyce had also worked in her younger days.

The birthday girl, said "I can't believe you have all gone to so much effort, just for me, thank you all for sharing this day with me".

Joyce was thrilled about five generations of her family being able to spend this special birthday with her. Windmill Manor staff had organised a performance by Joyce's favourite entertainer, Barry Stevens and decorated the Coffee Bar with banners and balloons ready for her party.

Hurst Green Ladies Walking Group

If you would like to join some friendly local ladies on regular walks please join their group on Facebook where you can find out about upcoming walks around Hurst Green and beyond.

PARISH REGISTERS Funerals

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13 April: Gerald Carpenter

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