



HURST GREEN NEWS

September 2026

A Season of New Beginnings

September often feels like a turning point. The long, relaxed days of summer begin to give way to cooler mornings, earlier evenings and the familiar rhythm of autumn. Children return to school, holidays come to an end, and many of us find ourselves settling back into our usual routines.

Yet September can also be a wonderful opportunity for a fresh start. It is a chance to look ahead, reconnect with friends and neighbours, and consider how we can contribute to the life of our community.

After the busyness of summer, we may notice people around us who could use a little encouragement. A friendly conversation, an invitation for a cup of tea, or simply taking the time to ask how someone is doing can help us feel connected.

The Bible offers these encouraging words: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1.

As we enter this new season, let us embrace the opportunities September brings. Perhaps there is something new we can try, someone we can get to know, or a way we can lend a hand. Community grows when we make time for one another.

September reminds us that every season has something to offer. As summer fades and autumn begins, may we look forward with hope, gratitude and a willingness to share the journey with those around us. *Lucy Kay, Editor, Hurst Green News*



SAT 19TH SEPTEMBER
12.30 - 4PM

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**Annual Village
Flower Show**
Sunday 6 September 2026
2-4pm at St Agatha's Hall
Free entry

Owing to this summer's weather, Hurst Green Gardening Club debated cancelling their annual flower and produce show. But we know it's a popular event – afternoon tea is always well appreciated, after all – and so it will be going ahead.

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For further information or to enter visit
www.hggardeningclub.blogspot.com

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BELL RINGING 11AM, 2PM, 3PM
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Local schools open day dates

Hurst Green Infant School: Wednesday 14 October 2026 - 9.30am and 10.30am,
Friday 13 November 2026 - 9.30am and 10.30am, Thursday 3 December 2026 - 9.30am
and 10.30am and Friday 8 January 2027 - 9.30am.

Limpsfield C of E Infant School: Wednesday 14 October 2026 - 9.30am and 10.30am,
Friday 13 November 2026 - 9.30am and 10.30am, Thursday 3 December 2026 - 9.30am
and 10.30am and Friday 8 January 2027 - 9.30am.

St Peter's C of E Infant School: Wednesday 23 September 2026 - 9.15am,
Tuesday 6 October 2026 - 5pm, Wednesday 7 October 2026 - 9.15am,
Wednesday 18 November 2026 - 9.15am, Wednesday 2 December 2026 - 9.15am.

St Mary's C of E school: Please email the school for dates.

Moor House School: Thursday 15 October 2026, Thursday 19 November 2026,
Thursday 14 January 2027.

Please contact the schools to book your place.



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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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Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA
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Remembering Hurst Green tennis coach Patrick Devlin

Hurst Green Tennis Club in Mill Lane Park is holding their annual Finals Day on Sunday 6th September starting at 1.30pm. This year our members will be playing Ladies' Singles, Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles for the inaugural Devlin trophies, in memory of our club legend Patrick Devlin.

Non-members, or lapsed members are welcome so please drop by, say hello and watch some hopefully excellent* amateur level tennis. You never know you might be tempted to join, and compete for next year's trophy.

The North Downs Archery Club is running a beginners course over three consecutive Sunday mornings in September. The sessions run from 9:30am to 12.30pm (our usual club meeting time) and are held in the field adjoining Matchpoint Lifeline Fitness Centre in Hurst Green.

The cost of the course is £65. To find out more go to secretary@northdownsarcheryclub.org.uk.



YoYo's Playgroup – restarts 9th September
Every Wednesday in term time
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UPCOMING LECTURES at St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield

Wednesday 30th September - The Light of Life: The Skagen Painters

Welcome drinks 1.45pm - Lecture 2.30pm

Join art historian Caroline Levisse as she explores the remarkable story of these pioneering artists, the friendships that inspired them and the breathtaking paintings filled with warmth, atmosphere and the unique light that made Skagen famous and which enchant visitors today. Whether you've visited Denmark or simply love exquisite art, this lecture offers a vivid exploration of one of Europe's most beautiful artistic landscapes.

Wednesday 28th October 2.30pm - Azulejos: Portuguese Tiles

Have you wandered through the colourful streets of Lisbon, admired the grand railway station at Porto, or explored the fairy-tale palaces of Sintra? Then you will almost certainly have been captivated by Portugal's beautiful azulejos. Come and take a journey through Portugal's colourful tiled heritage with expert speaker Imogen Corrigan.

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Please welcome Ben Smith, the new Ranger for the National Trust's Surrey Hills East team,

covering Limpsfield Common and other local areas. Ben spent ten years preparing for a career change from the corporate world into conservation, balancing a full-time job with regular volunteering. Ben brings a genuine passion for the natural world and is keen to share that enthusiasm with others. He has given talks on wildlife gardening, solitary bees and amphibians, and has been involved in helping improve biodiversity in his local area. Ben has spent time getting to know the Surrey Hills so that he will be fully operational in his new role this September.



You can find out more about Limpsfield Common by attending The Friends of Limpsfield Common Annual Public Meeting on 12 September at 11.30am at St Andrew's Hall.

Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE)

Join Peter Brook, our water quality testing lead, in exploring the River Eden around Edenbridge: Saturday 26th September. Head to our What's On page for details and to register your interest at www.RiverEdenSoutheast.org.

Thank you to the many volunteers who have recently installed an Asian Hornet trap. This invasive, non-native species is a serious threat to our local nature. Monitoring their spread is vital, especially since a nest was recently found in Bletchingly. It is easy to set up a simple trap in your garden and report any sightings. Email hellofreesurrey@gmail.com with "FAO Keith Masters" in the subject to receive details on how to set up your own trap and be part of our project.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at FREE events!



Dates for your Diary September 2026

6 September: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
9 September: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. 2nd Wednesday of the month. at St. Agatha's Hall. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com or go to hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.
10 September: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. The art of decoupage. Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.
15 September: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.
15/29 September: 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.
17 September: 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 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.



Help required - Courtyard Planters, Pollards Oak Road

Like many gardens, the planters in the Courtyard area next to the Pollard Oak shops are suffering from the extreme heat and drought. Plants were chosen to be tolerant to most weather conditions and since planting, they have coped with periods of heavy rain as well as the current drought and heat.

A dedicated team of volunteers have been watering whenever possible, particularly the wooden planters. But it is possible that we will lose some of the plants this year.

We have put some water retention gel in the units and have ordered some more wood bark to act as a mulch and keep the soil moist.

We are very grateful to Hurst Green Community Centre and David Gresham House for allowing us to use their water, but this has to be brought to the Courtyard in watering cans or using the Bowser (supplied by Rotary). We desperately need more help to do the watering and would also like more volunteers to help with the ongoing gardening maintenance.

If anyone would like to help please contact Barbara Forrest at: barbara@creativecommunityhg.org.uk.

Surrey resident Ethel Caterham celebrated her 117 birthday in August.

Ethel is officially the world's oldest person and has lived here in Surrey for more than half a century.

Ethel is the only person in the world to have lived in the first decade of the 1900's and has witnessed an amazing transformation in the world around her since then.



Oxtd-based Head2Head Memory Café at The Park Hub, Master Park, Oxtd every Monday from 2-4pm

The café will provide a relaxed, supportive environment where attendees can socialise, share experiences and take part in gentle weekly activities.

The café builds on the success of Head2Head's first memory café project at Crowhurst Lane End. That café now runs every Wednesday from 10.30am-12.30pm at Head2Head's Barn Hub and has become a popular and valued meeting place for local residents. Located just a six-minute drive from Oxtd, its popularity highlighted the growing need for additional safe, supportive community spaces inspiring the launch of this second Oxtd venue at Master Park.



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We are looking for individuals who will be able to help and support us to fulfil our mission. You don't have to be ex-Service, just have a passion and interest in being part of a team.

Email: oxtd.events@rbldcommunity
Call: 07423 573899

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