HURST GREEN NEWS

November 2026

Honouring the fallen and keeping their stories alive



As November arrives and the poppies appear on coats, shop windows and lapels, our thoughts turn to those who gave their lives in the service of their country. At 11am on 11 November, the nation observes two minutes' silence marking the anniversary of the Armistice that brought the fighting of the First World War to an end on 11 November 1918. Remembrance Sunday is always held on the Sunday closest to that date. This year services will take place on Sunday 8th November at St John's Church, Hurst Green from 10.15am and at St Mary's Church, Oxted from 9.50am.

A memorial at the heart of Hurst Green

For residents of Hurst Green, the village war memorial is a poignant reminder of the human cost of conflict. Situated at the junction of Tanhouse Road and Woodhurst Lane, the memorial provides a place to stop and reflect on the sacrifices made by local people. Its inscriptions commemorate 77 people who died in the First World War, 17 in the Second World War and nine civilian casualties of the Second World War..

Passing remembrance to the next generation

As the years pass, fewer people remain who can tell us first-hand what life was like during the world wars. That makes it all the more important to encourage younger residents to learn about the people commemorated in their own neighbourhood. Perhaps you have a family connection to someone who served, or a relative who lived through wartime in Hurst Green, or have photographs and stories passed down through generations. Please continue to tell their tales of bravery to ensure they don't get lost in the past.

As Hurst Green pauses to remember, let us honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice and acknowledge all who have served. November also reminds us that remembrance is not only about the past. It is about recognising the cost of conflict today, supporting veterans and their families, and helping younger generations understand why peace, freedom and community matter so much.

We will remember them.

Lucy Kay, Editor, Hurst Green News







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Sunday 15th November 2026
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LIVE STEAM LOCO'S STEAM TRAIN EXHIBITION



ST JOHN'S CHURCH, CHURCH WAY, HURST GREEN

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28TH 2026
10.30am --- 4.30pm

ENTRY: £5.00 per adult.
Children under 10 go free

ALL ENTRY FEES WILL GO TO THE CHURCH ORGAN FUND.

Refreshments will be available.

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Remembrance Sunday, St John's Church - 8th November

8.30am: Holy Eucharist
10.15am: Service of Remembrance and Reconciliation (not a communion service)
11am: Act of Remembrance in the churchyard

Everyone is welcome.

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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£1.6m project begins to extend and refurbish Hurst Green Community Centre

New spaces and facilities are being created at Hurst Green Community Centre as part of a £1.6m renovation known as The Acorn Project. The name was chosen to reflect the centre's ambition for growth as well as its location at Oak Close behind Pollards Oak shops near Hurst Green train station. Construction work is currently underway and is expected to take roughly nine months with completion due by next summer. The site's footprint is being extended, including a brand-new multipurpose hall which joins the existing main hall.

The project is also delivering a new properly-equipped commercial kitchen, a therapy room for health-based services and an additional meeting room or office space. Whereas a pre-school previously had exclusive day use of the centre during term-time, the renovations are designed to make the new spaces available to hire throughout the day. What's more, refurbishments to the main hall include upgrading the heating and lighting to modern systems, helping to improve energy efficiency.

Parking will be repositioned to the front of the building, allowing the community garden to be expanded and flow up to the new extension. Further accessible paths, a patio and enhanced security will enable use of the garden for a range of community activities, including children's groups, social gatherings and events.

Specialist contractor Management and Construction Services Ltd is handling construction with the building remaining open to selected hirers during the build. Updates on access, services and activities will be shared regularly with centre users and on the Hurst Green Community Centre website (www.hgcc-surrey-org.uk).

The Acorn Project is the result of a six-year undertaking by trustees of the charity that runs the centre, along with a host of other volunteers and staff who have collectively helped to secure funding totalling £1.6m from a variety of sources – principally Surrey County Council's Your Fund Surrey scheme, Tandridge District Council and Oxted Parish Council's Community Infrastructure Levy.

Local residents and centre users helped shape the plans with the aim of providing a modern, inclusive and flexible space for community members to meet, learn, take part in activities and access essential support year-round.

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Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE)

Our Autumn Walk this year will take place on Sunday 8th November 9:30am at 1, Woodhurst Lane for a 10am start. Approximately 5km linear walk finishing at The Diamond Inn. Level but uneven, and potentially muddy ground. Head to our What's On page for details and to register your interest at www.riveredensoutheast.org/events

New funding! Thanks to Surrey County Council we are now able to start a Riverfly project. The project will monitor the invertebrates living in our River Eden. These invertebrates are vital to the entire ecosystem's food chain. Knowing more about them enables us to further focus our efforts on how we can best help the wildlife on our doorstep and beyond. The project is at the planning stage, so sign up to our newsletter for future updates on how you can become involved: https://www.riveredensoutheast.org/contact.

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

Regular Dates for your Diary November 2026

1 November: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
9/23 November: 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 November: 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.
12 November: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Annual Meeting. Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.
19 November: 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 Thursday: The Diamond Inn, Diamond Member's Day, 50% off main meals - lunch & evening.
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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Mozart: Requiem

Saturday 7th November 2026
Registration 1pm
Rehearsal 1.30-4.30
(Tea break with cake at 3pm)
Informal performance 4.45

St John's Church
Hurst Green RH8 9EA

Conductor: James M Meaders
Accompanist: Richard Hammond-Hall

Participants £20
Audience £5
from www.hurstgreensingers.co.uk



Local resident launches new children's book

Louise Ponton is the author of *Sparkles the Magic Star* which is a story for young children focusing on positivity, kindness and dreams coming true.
Louise will be at St John's Autumn Fair on 31st October and will be reading her book at Oxted Library on 28th November at 11am. You can buy her book from various outlets including Amazon, Waterstones and Blackwells.

Hurst Green Evangelical Church
Make your own Christmas pudding evening



Join us for a fun, festive evening making Christmas puddings!



Saturday 28 November, 7pm-9.30pm
Tickets £15 (includes ingredients, bowl & refreshments) with a short Christmas themed talk.
For further information and to buy tickets email hgecpastor@outlook.com / 07392 796852

Titsey Rotary Club
Reduce, Reuse, Repair

Join Titsey Rotary Club's "Reduce, Reuse, Repair" for a lively and inspiring community event with a Christmassy theme.

The Woodhouse Centre, Oxted on Sunday. 22 November, 2:00–4:00pm.
This special event will bring together some fantastic local charities and organisations that repair, reuse and redistribute items by giving them a new purpose instead of them being thrown away.

Find new homes for your unwanted items through organisations including: Sal's Shoes, The Hygiene Bank, The Woodhouse Centre, St. John's Community Fridge, The Bike Hub, Bags of Hope Projects and more.
Learn how to repair and reuse your belongings with help from Hurst Green Repair Shop & Café, Men in Sheds, the Woodhouse Centre and others.

Whether you want to buy a gift in a responsible way, learn new skills or simply be inspired, there's something for everyone.

All Souls' Day Service at St John's Church:
Sunday 1 November, 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 at the back of the church from Sunday 18 October until 11am on 1 November.



You are invited to stay for a cup of tea in the St John's Room after the service.



Limpsfield C.E. Infant School

Limpsfield C of E Infant School Christmas Fair

Saturday 28 November, 11am-2pm
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12th and 26th November
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St John's Hurst Green

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church

18 October: Lily Mary Loraine Tyler
24 October: Esmee Verdi
1 November: Jessica Alice Lily-Ann Bazell
15 November: Paige Leek
22 November:
Mabel Sylvia Jacqueline Chilcott
Frederick James Peter Chilcott

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends

9 October: Robert Shannon
22 October: John Lea

St John's Book of Remembrance

To enter a name email:
office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

Neighbour/s of the month

This month we would like to say a big thank you to the team of volunteers who throughout the summer gave up their time and energy to water and maintain the planters by the Pollard Oak shops. Without their support the plants would have died - thank you to everyone who has helped,

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.



Saturday 7th November, 6.30pm-9pm
Holland Sports Firework Display
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