



HURST GREEN NEWS

November 2022

Community is King!

You may have heard snippets about the Hurst Green Community Fridge since we have been advertising it for a while in the Hurst Green News and on our social media pages, but you may still be wondering what it is all about, so I thought I'd take this opportunity to share with you in a little more detail what our Community Fridge entails because it is open to everyone. But first some food for thought on Community:

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." Coretta Scott King

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." Helen Keller

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." 1 Peter 4:8-9

The Spirit of Community is well and truly alive in Hurst Green and thankfully I've not heard any grumbling. Since our launch in July when the Hurst Green Community Fridge was officially opened by Mayor Jackie Wren and Councillor Cameron Mackintosh people have been so generous and we are continuing to grow and evolve.

The premise of the Community Fridge is that anyone in the community who has surplus fruit and vegetables to their needs; be it from their allotment, garden, farm or orchard, or more groceries in their cupboard than they will use, can bring them to the village hall at Aggies on the Green on Wednesdays at 10.45am to share with everyone for free, once a week. So far we have been generously gifted various shapes, colours and sizes of produce including giant marrows, courgettes, squash, cucumbers, green beans, tomatoes, eggs, blackberries and plenty of apples all grown by the 'green fingered' people of Hurst Green and beyond. The great thing is that very few 'food miles' are involved and everything is fresh.

The supermarkets and local businesses have also been generous too in giving us food that they would otherwise have thrown away and ended up in landfill even though it is still good to eat. Donations have come from many sources including Morrison's, One Stop, Track One, and Market Friday. Our small team of enthusiastic, kind and wise volunteers collect food donations from these and other sources and bring them to Aggies together with the aforementioned home grown produce. We then open our doors to everyone and offer everything that we have collected to the community for free, along with a cup of tea, biscuits and a friendly chat. In doing this our aims are many and in no particular order including; to bring the community together thus combatting loneliness, especially post COVID isolation, to prevent food waste and help the environment by preventing surplus food going into landfill, to be generous and share what we have, and to feed those in need in our community who may be having challenges. Anyone can come, nothing is means tested and there are no forms to complete. We are all in this together as one Community. So please do drop by and say hello! We are open to everyone from 11.15am to 12.30am (food drop offs from 10.45am).

Reverend Lotwina Farodoye, Curate Oxted Team Ministry



St John's Church will be hosting an
**Autumn Fair on
Saturday 19th November
from 10:00am - 4:00pm**

We will have stalls selling handmade craft, cards, pictures, jewelry, photographs, cakes, pottery, books and much more. Plus, there will be a raffle, face painting, creative workshops and homemade tea and cakes. It will be a great event and a chance to get well ahead with your Christmas shopping!

We're holding this event to raise funds to support several local projects such as community activities and environmental initiatives, so tell all your friends to come and support our Autumn extravaganza!

Admission fee for adults 50p, no charge for children. We very much hope to see you there.

Café Church at St John's



3rd Sunday of the month
20th November 2022, 11am

Join us for a Community Brunch followed by a relaxed, informal service for all ages, where children and adults can flow freely around the Church, enjoy crafts, learn more about faith and chat with friends over coffee.



**Limpsfield Infant School
Christmas Fair
Saturday 26th November
11am-2pm**

Westerham Road, Oxted RH8 0EA
Crafts, cakes, games and more..



HOLLANDSPORTS

**Firework Display
Saturday 5th November
6-9.30pm**

Bar and BBQ plus
live music from Jamie and the Jets.

Free entry, donations welcome.

Please note there is no parking on site.
Please walk or use public transport.
For more information, please go to:
www.facebook.com/HollandSports

HURST GREEN 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 noon 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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14 Oast Road (day off - Monday)
Assistant Priest: Mary Seller, 01883 715675, 11 Home Park
Curate: Lotwina Farodoye, 07553 305087
Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary:
Monica Fenton, 01883 715769
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Pastor: Keith Dickson, 01883 712017,
Pastor@hgec.org.uk / www.hgec.org.uk

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Church Administrator:

Claire Harris, 01883 730406
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Local resident wins award

Hurst Green's Penny Kirk has been honoured at a recent BBC awards ceremony for the great work she does in the community. The Make a Difference Awards celebrate contributions made by volunteers and community champions across Sussex and Surrey and Penny has been recognised for running two children's playgroups in Oxted, and regularly collecting and delivering donations for local charities. She also coordinated an enormous drive for vital clothing, food, and medical supplies following Russia's invasion of Ukraine earlier this year.



We would like to say a huge congratulations to Penny and thank her for everything that she does.

Tandridge Handicraft Society

On 14th November 2022, at 2pm, the Tandridge Handicraft Society is hosting a talk with examples on machine embroidery. "Photographic Inspiration" will be presented by Diana McKinnon, member of the Society of Designer Craftsmen. Entry is £5 including tea and biscuits. The Society meet every Monday at the Woodhouse Centre, Hoskins Road car park, opposite Tandridge Leisure Centre, Oxted RH8 9HT. Further details on our website www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk or call Jenny, 01883 620730.

NEW Friday Night Project at Tandridge Leisure Centre for 11- 16-year-olds

Sessions include an hours' swim and inflatable session, a choice of dance, fitness, circuits, boxfit, team games, dodgeball, gym sessions and much more. Run in partnership with One Time Youth Agency, offering a safe space to have fun, and get active with friends.



The session runs from 7-9pm and costs £4. To book, call 01883 716717, option.1 or come along and pay on the day. Parent consent form required. Live in Hurst Green and transport to Oxted is difficult? Please email hctandridge@freedom-leisure.co.uk as they are investigating transport options.

Hurst Green Gardening Club



Hurst Green Gardening Club

It may be a month since I last sat down to pen a few words about the Club, but what a month it has been. A very successful Hurst Green Fair, good weather, good company and just enough plants to make a show to raise some funds to pay for speakers next year. Our last speaker for this year explained just how much we depend on plants for our food and medicines and not to forget the joy that being in your own garden or the many gardens we are fortunate to be so near to.

The weather may be getting cooler with less daylight but there is much to be done. Plants want to grow in their own way and in their own time but we can help them by pruning and dividing and, in my own garden sweeping (actually shoveling) up acorns. Does this mean we will have a hard winter and it's time to get out warmer clothes? Either way enjoy your garden and look forward to a full programme of speakers being prepared by the Club for next year.

Brian Parrott

Volunteers needed!

Do you have a few hours a week to support vulnerable families with young children in your local area? We would particularly welcome volunteers from local BAME communities.



Many parents need help, friendship, advice or support during those early years when children are young. Full training provided.

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PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church



9 October: Elspeth Pia Akram
Isla Ophelia Akram

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends

21 September: Vic Farmer
1 October: Kathleen Land (interment of ashes)
12 October: Mark Graveney
24 October: Judy Cox

St John's Book of Remembrance

To have a name entered,
emailoffice@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

Holland Sports Athletics Club

On the 15th October, in Match 1 of the 2022/23 Surrey League, Holland Sports Athletics Club saw real progress and success for their runners. It was pleasing to see increasing numbers both competing and showing an "all in" approach to their racing.



Holland Sports Athletics Club
www.hollandsportsac.org.uk

The U15/U17 Boys competition at Effingham Common proved the most competitive race of the day featuring national cross-country champions, a string of top surrey athletes and there was just 36 points separating the top 4 clubs with Holland Sports AC in the mix. The team looked like a team on the rise and full of pride and team spirit.

The U13 Girls Team (even without being full strength) secured an impressive 6th team position out of 16 teams with the knowledge that this motivated team have more to come. Our significant 6th team place (with our bottom of age group team) suggested real progress is only a matter of time. It was good to see the aspirations of our younger athletes seeking to match the Division 3 Match winning team performance (182 points) of the Senior athletes finishing ahead of 2nd placed Kingston & Poly and 9 other teams. For more information, please go to: www.hollandsportsac.org.uk. *Jeff Manson, Lead Coach, Holland Sports AC*

Dates for your Diary 2022

2 November: Yo Yo's playgroup, every Wednesday in term time, York Rooms, St John's, Church Way, Hurst Green, 9.15-11.15am

4 November: Oxted Country Market, every Friday, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted, 9.30-11.30am, cakes & savouries, vegetables, eggs, crafts. To order in advance call 01883 623273

9 November: Rhyme Time, every 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11am, Windmill Manor Care Home, 2 Fairviews, Hurst Green RH8 9BD

9 November: Hurst Green Gardening Club, AGM, St Agatha's Hall 8pm. Contact: Brian Parrott, 01883 723916

10 November: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Annual meeting. Jan Ward, 01883 712143

14 November: Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2.45- 4.15pm, York Rooms, St John's Church: Contact: Carol Leach 01883 382031

St Agatha's Hall

To enquire about booking, contact the

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East Surrey Walkers www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk

ESW will be pleased to welcome you on any of our planned walks. Our current programme is published via our website and additional walks are routinely added so please do visit the site to ensure you don't miss out.

On a recent walk in Limsfield I noticed a small plaque on the front of a house. The inscription indicated that Sergey Stepnyak-Kravchinsky had lived in the premises for a short while prior to his death in London in 1895. I confess that the name meant nothing to me. However, research revealed a story of revolution though I have been unable to discover what brought him to Limsfield. Sergey Stepnyak-Kravchinsky was born on July 1, 1851 in what is now Ukraine. At the time the area was part of The Russian Empire. He was the son of an army doctor and a noblewoman. Although of a privileged family his boyhood was spent in the country mixing with peasants amongst whom he developed a sense of democracy and sympathy for the restricted life they led. Upon leaving school he followed a typical route, attended a military academy and joined the Russian Army. Sergey began to form revolutionary learnings and in 1871 resigned his commission. Together with other men of high birth and education he joined a revolutionary group (The Circle of Tchaikovsky). The group began to secretly sow seeds of democracy amongst the peasants. His revolutionary work was soon discovered and in 1874 he was arrested and imprisoned. The brutality towards prisoners and the measures which the Government of Tsar, Alexander II, adopted towards repressing the peasants revolutionary movements hardened Sergey's views. He escaped prison and fled to the Balkans where he joined the rising against the Turks in Bosnia and later a small rebellion in Italy. He honed his experience as a guerrilla and wrote a manual on such warfare.

In 1878 he returned to Russia and convinced the Tsar to introduce democratic reforms for those who participated in individual acts of political terrorism. On 4th August he stabbed to death, Nikolai Mezentsov, the Chief of the secret police known as the Gendarme Corps. Surprisingly, he remained in Russia for a couple of years before fleeing to Switzerland and then London. In London he formed various revolutionary based societies. He published numerous books on conditions and life in Russia and lectured widely in Great Britain and the USA.

Having spent so much time in guerrilla warfare and as an enemy of the Russian state it's ironic that he met his death in 1895 having been run over by a train in Chiswick. He was apparently absorbed in a book whilst walking and crossed the uncontrolled railway line without noticing the train approaching.

It is reported that at Waterloo station, thousands of working men assembled with banners representing societies and Labour Unions. Speeches were held by English, Russian, Italian, German and Armenian friends and Sergey's participation as a revolutionary trying to change the repressive system of Russian Politics was widely celebrated.

ESW wish you happy walking. *Stephen Hank*

North Downs Community Orchestra **NDCO** Christmas Concert

Rehearsals are well under way for the NDCO 'Christmas is in the Air' concert. Please come along to support us or arrange to visit a rehearsal with your instrument. As a community orchestra, we are a bit different from more normal symphony orchestras:

- We welcome all adult players of orchestral instruments. No audition and no grades required but you will need to be able to read enough music to play your parts.
- Our repertoire is always a complete mix of genres. This term we have some Handel, Tchaikovsky and Bach but also Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride and a Forrest Gump suite. All of the pieces are relatively short and most of them are quite lively!
- We always have audience participation in our concerts, this time there will be an audience Christmas Sing-a-long.
- Our members are adults but we particularly encourage families with children to attend our concerts. Under 18s are always free.

We always welcome anyone with any orchestral instrument wishing to be involved; currently we are especially keen to find some more brass players.

Our Christmas is in the Air concert is Sunday, 27th November, 5:30pm at the Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Oxted RH8 0QU.

Audience tickets will be available in November online, from members of the orchestra and on the door (unless sold out). Under 18s need tickets but are free.

Please visit for more information: www.thefunorchestra.co.uk

Hurst Green Infant School

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If you love singing, you are warmly invited to join the choir of **HURST GREEN SINGERS** for a 'Come and Sing' performance of choruses from Handel's Messiah on Saturday 12th November at St John's Church, Hurst Green, RH8 9EA.



All singers who read music are welcome. Under the expert guidance of the choir's Music Director, James M Meaders, you will be given invaluable insights and tips on how best to sing this well-loved piece to achieve an accomplished performance.

The rehearsal will start promptly at 2.00pm with refreshments provided for singers before the performance commences at 5.30pm. To book your place in the choir, please email hurstgreensingers@gmail.com.

Alternatively, you are welcome to attend the evening performance; tickets cost £5 and will be available on the door.

Rhyme Time Come along and enjoy
Wednesday 9th November 45 minutes of singing and
11am-11.45am fun for toddlers and
Every 2nd Wednesday parents/carers.



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