



HURST GREEN NEWS

August 2015

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How does your garden grow?

'My parsnips have completely failed this year' exclaimed my friend a few days ago. 'All except one of my cucumber plants have been eaten' I replied, and so began the eternal conversation about what is or isn't working in the garden this year.

I love vegetable gardening and it is wonderful to have rediscovered this joy in the vicarage garden this year as my husband and I are trialling a 'no dig' method which so far is working well. As I look out of the window, the beans are grabbing the cane and reaching for heaven, the sunny yellow courgette flowers are brightening the garden on a dull day and we have a glut of lovely fresh lettuce.

Not only do other thoughts and distractions disappear into the shadows as one weeds and waters and tends to the needs of the garden, but somehow we become one with creation as we really get in amongst it all. We might consider how the word 'human' is related to the word 'humus' meaning 'of the earth'. We too are from the dust or the soil and our thoughts might turn to the story of creation in the Bible when God created Adam, the first human being in Christian thought, 'out of the earth'.

In the Bible we also read about a garden after Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Mary Magdalene has gone to anoint Jesus' body at rest in the tomb. But it is not there. The tomb is empty and through her tears she hears a voice saying gently 'Why are you crying? Whom are you seeking?' At first she thinks it must be the gardener speaking to her. Then as she turns she hears her name, 'Mary!' Immediately she recognises Jesus and runs into his arms. Later she runs to tell everyone about Jesus.

As we enjoy gardening, or the fruit and flowers of others' efforts this summer, we can see God our Creator at work all around. That same Creator is at work tending and caring for us too. Even when we feel attacked by pests or that there isn't much new growth, God the gardener is at work, protecting, nurturing, sustaining. Then, all in good time we too bear fruit that helps to nurture and bring joy to others. Enjoy the summer!

*With love and prayers, Revd Anna Eltringham,
Vicar of St John's Hurst Green and St George's Crowhurst*

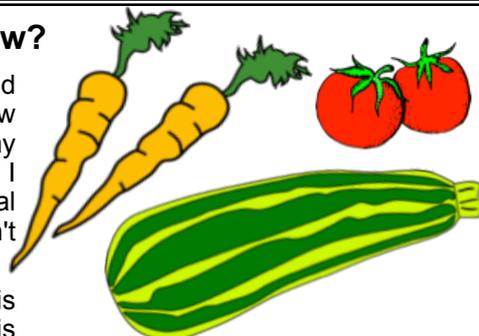
READ MY LIPS! : New Lip Reading Classes

Deafness can be an isolating disability. When it becomes too difficult to communicate, people may start to withdraw from family and social occasions. Even if they attend, taking part is challenging and stressful. They often feel frustrated and angry about their circumstances, lose confidence and have low self-esteem.

After suffering severe progressive hearing loss herself, Helen Akers had a cochlear implant 11 years ago, and is now able to lead a much more fulfilling life. She wanted to be able to share and improve the lives of other people coping with a hearing loss, so two years ago she qualified as a Lip reading Tutor.

Lip reading classes empower those with any degree of hearing loss to lead a more independent and fulfilled life. Most people join a class to enhance and improve interaction with friends, family, clients and colleagues.

At each lesson students will learn new skills to maintain and enhance their communications. A typical session will have individual, pair and group

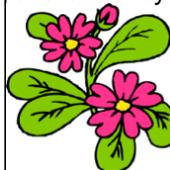


Creative Community

'Creative Community' has been busy lately. We invited the 'Men in Sheds' project based at the Douglas Brunton Centre in Caterham to make a large wooden planter for Hurst Green station. Mighty Oaks Youth Club and Hurst Green Gardening Club planted it up with colourful bedding plants. As you walk past the ticket office we hope it will brighten your day.

If you are interested in finding out more about the 'Men in Sheds' project, phone 01883 347230.

Currently showing inside the station ticket office is a display of photographs by talented young people who entered the 'Rotary Young Photographer of the Year' competition. Later in the year look out for a display from Limpsfield Infants School. Every four months or so, a new exhibition of artwork by local people will be shown.



In the autumn we will plant more bulbs and sow wild flower seeds at the station. Creative Community is all about bringing local groups and individuals together to do creative things in Hurst Green. Watch out for more stuff happening later in the year. Thanks to the Parish Council for supporting us.

Christine Harwood

Email: creativecommunityhg@gmail.com

activities that are relevant to everyday life, using a variety of teaching methods. These include structured exercises, quizzes and practical work. All material is written down to ensure everyone is included.

So why not come along to:

**St John's Church
Church Way, Hurst Green
Wednesday Afternoons, 2.30 - 4pm.
Teacher: Helen Akers.**

An 8-week complete beginner course from
23 September to 21 November
(no lesson 21 October.)

Classes are £5 per session,
payable termly or half termly in advance;
the first class is a free taster session.

For further information and booking forms
please contact the administrator:

Tracey Wade, Sensory Inclusion Adviser
Telephone: 01483 790327

Email: tracey.wade@cofeguildford.org.uk

HURST GREEN CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

ST JOHN'S, CHURCH WAY

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist
 Crèche and Children's groups - all ages
 Holy Communion, David Gresham House
12 noon
Other services: details in church porch
12 noon Weekday Eucharist
Wednesday Anna Eltringham, 712674, 14 Oast Road
Vicar: (day off - Friday)
Assistant Priest: Mary Seller - 715675, 11 Home Park
Southwark Monica Fenton - 715769
Pastoral Auxiliaries: Pearl Hobson - 712366

METHODIST CHURCH, HURSTLANDS

10.30am Morning Worship and Junior Church
6.30pm Evening Service - 1st Sunday of the month
Minister: Karen Bell - 371346 (day off - Friday)

EVANGELICAL CHURCH ON HURST GREEN

10.45am Family Worship
Pastors: Steven and Margaret Cox - 717510

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OXTED & WARLINGHAM

All Saints' Church, Chichele Road, Oxted - 627762
St Ambrose Church, Warren Park, Warlingham - 622142
5.30pm Saturday First Mass of Sunday, All Saints' Oxted
9am Sunday St Ambrose, Warlingham
11am Sunday All Saints' Oxted

OXTED UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Church of the Peace of God
21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted - 730406
 Service includes story-time for children,
 Junior Church, and communion monthly
10am Sunday David Skitt - 01342 837449
Minister:

Please telephone any of these numbers for details of weekday worship and activities, to discuss baptism, marriage, or the arranging of a funeral, or if you want help in times of joy or sorrow.

OUT & ABOUT

A Green and Pheasant Land

This is another delightful walk from the 'Tandridge District Walkabout' book.

It can be very muddy in winter so the summer holidays are probably a good time to visit these 4 miles of lovely walking. It is a bit further afield and involves a car drive to reach the starting point down the un-named side road that leads from Rabies Heath Road, signposted to Wychcroft and South Park. It is on the left coming from Hurst Green towards Bletchingley.

You park at the end of this road and walk along a private road (public footpath) through woodland and alongside fields until you come to a blue waymarker which guides you through Cucksey's Farm, over the Bletchingley railway tunnel, then down through Pound Hill Wood where you may startle some pheasants. Eventually the paths bring you to Outwood Lane, past the old Swan Sanctuary until after a quarter of a mile or so you once more embark on field paths, down a bank and across a stream and on to more tracks. Eventually you come to the South Park Farm complex, past South Park House and on to the lovely little St Mark's Chapel which is well worth visiting. It was demolished by a flying bomb in WWII but re-built afterwards. The car is not far away now as you continue back along the road.

Just like last month, the full details are too long to print here, so the full instructions which include how to find the starting point and a sketch map are available on the St John's website. Type <http://tinyurl.com/PheasantWalk> into your browser which should take you straight there, or if you are reading Hurst Green News online, you can just click on the link. There will also be a

few paper copies available in the porch at St. John's. All walks can be muddy once you are off the road so you need strong shoes or boots and a map can also be useful. However the instructions are usually very clear and each walk has a sketch map of the route.

East Surrey Museum, Caterham - Summer Activities

We are the local museum for East Surrey with much of interest including displays and archive collections on local history, geology and archaeology. We also have a very large collection of maps, postcards, photos, books and other material on the East Surrey area. During school holidays we run activities for children and their accompanying adults. These range from making Christmas cards, to plaster of Paris casts of fossils or using potters clay to make stone age pots and a host of other things!

We are open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10am to 5pm.

Contact the curator (Chris Taylor) at the Museum on Wednesdays or Thursdays at the times above on 01883 340275 or email on eastsurreymuseum@gmail.com to find out more about children's holiday activities in August.

The Museum is near the centre of Caterham and only 50 metres from the railway station and bus stops for the 400, 407, 409 & 509. Parking is in the town centre car parks.

We have a small shop, run by volunteers. We do talks for local schools and also for groups who come along to the museum to learn about local archaeology, geology and history. *Chris Taylor*

Come and join us for
COFFEE and a CHAT

Where? St John's Room
 St John's Church 
When? Fortnightly on Thursdays:
 13 and 27 August
 10.30am - 12 noon
Need a lift? Ring Barbara, 715636

LINK Appeal for Volunteers

Local community care scheme, LINK, is on the lookout for volunteer drivers to ferry people to Oxted Health Centre and local hospital appointments. Many people, with limited mobility, find it difficult to walk to their nearest bus stop and without LINK's help would need home visits from our hard-pressed local doctors, resulting in even longer waits for appointments at the Health Centre.

Volunteer drivers can choose to transport people locally to the Health Centre or dental appointments and go on a rota to be available for half a day a fortnight. Others go on a similar rota to East Surrey Hospital. The time donated by drivers is not therefore too onerous, and those unable to commit to a regular driving slot, can do drives occasionally on request. Drivers claim a mileage allowance to reimburse them for petrol costs.

Some people do not drive or are tied up at home during the day and LINK also needs volunteers to man their own home telephone, from 9am to 5pm, one weekday every 6 weeks, to book calls from people requesting LINK drives. Again, expenses may be claimed. For further information, contact

LINK 713333

The Churches of Hurst Green invite you to our

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For all ages

Sunday 13 September at 3.30pm

On the Green by Aggies Hall

or in the Hall if wet

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Dates for your Diary 2015

- 3 Aug Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, Fish & Chip lunch at White Hart Barn, Godstone. Contact: Carol Leach, 01883 382031 for more information
- 3 & 5 Aug...and every Monday and Wednesday, Harry's ACOL Rubber Bridge Club, Oxted Red Cross Centre, 1.15-4pm, 715900 or 713128
- 4 Aug Tandridge Access Group, Council Offices, Oxted, 2.30pm. Barbara Harling 723034
- 4 Aug Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-12.30pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207
- 11 Aug Carers' Group, Community Room, Eastlands Close, Oxted, 10.30-12, B Harling 723034
- 12 Aug Oxted & Limsfield Flower Society, Diamond Anniversary lunch for members
- 12 Aug Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 8pm, to be confirmed
- 12-15 Kenley Holiday Workshop - Calamity Jane, Barn Theatre, Oxted, 7.30pm
- 13 Aug Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Hall, 7.45pm: Summer Social
- 18 Aug Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-12.30pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207
- 2-5 Sep Scaena Theatre Company - One Man, Two Guvnors, 7.30pm, Barn Theatre, Oxted

Hurst Green News can also be read on www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

Keep burglars locked out during the summer



Inspector Dan Gutierrez, Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Inspector said: Burglars will look for easy targets, but it doesn't take a lot of effort to make your home less attractive to thieves when you are away. Simple steps, like keeping doors and windows locked and having a light on a timer switch, can go a long way to deterring burglars. This also applies to those staying at home. Thieves take only a few seconds to nip in through open and unlocked doors to steal valuables like phones, tablets and even car keys to steal cars parked on driveways.

People with UPVC doors are particularly vulnerable as they often shut the door and pull the handle up, believing the door is secure. However, thieves can use a simple lever through the letterbox to open the door from the inside, so we'd urge people to lock their doors with a key.

Other police top tips include:

Lock up properly before going to bed • Remember insurance companies often will not pay out if a burglary is a result of insecurity • If you are doing some DIY, don't leave ladders and tools out • Lock side or rear gates into your garden • Check the security of sheds, garages, boundary fences and walls to ensure they are in good order • If you are in the back garden, don't leave the front door or accessible windows open for visitors to let themselves in • Lock your bike up even if leaving it for only a couple of minutes • Shut car windows and sunroofs • If you are working in the front garden, don't leave expensive power tools lying around • Scrap metal also has a high value; barbecues left in the front garden may be taken • Mark garden tools and outside equipment with your house number and postcode and register free at www.immobilise.com.

If you see anyone or any vehicle acting suspiciously in your area, call 101 or in an emergency 999.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

We welcome into the family of God's Church:

- 5 July Euan Macintyre
19 July Jasmine Swanson

Marriage

We wish them every happiness in their future lives together:

- 3 July Darly Velasco and Robert O'Neill
18 July Rachel Cross and Callum Millerick

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends:

- 30 June Richard Akehurst
3 July Graham Scrase
6 July Gwladys Bushnell

St John's Book of Remembrance

To have a name entered, please phone Diana on 712845.



Cricket Match
(23rd annual fixture)
St John's, Hurst Green
v St Mary's, Oxted
Sunday, 6 September, 1.30pm
Master Park, Oxted
Come and cheer on the teams!

HURST GREEN BUSY BEES PRE-SCHOOL AND FOREST SCHOOL

For children aged 2 to 5 years at the Evangelical Church Hall, Hurst Green Road
8.15am to 1.15pm in term time
Extended sessions to 3pm on some days

PLAY MORNING

Friday 4 September 10am to 12 noon
Prospective parents are invited to join staff and committee at our pre-term coffee morning. Children are welcome to play with our equipment and in our garden. For more information, ring 01883 722796.

St Agatha's Hall
Booking Secretary
Marjorie Walker, 714492

Children's Church

For toddlers and children who have just started school



Usually on the 4th Monday in each month. There may be an informal meeting in August, but the next date in the diary is:

Monday, 28 September, 3.30pm
St John's Church

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Anyone looking after your children is welcome to bring them.

Further information - 715769

Hurst Green Gardening Club AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

Including fruit, vegetables, handicrafts, cookery and homemade teas!



Saturday 5 September
2-4pm
St Agatha's Hall

For further information or to enter any of the classes, please see our website: Hggardeningclub.blogspot.co.uk or phone show secretary: 715896

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

At this year's Hurst Green Village Fair on Saturday 19 September, with the theme of 'Our Animal Kingdom'. Entries, postcard size only, to HGVF Committee, 36 Barnfield Way, Hurst Green, RH8 9QF. Work must be original and not digitally altered. Free entry and prizes for 1st & 2nd winners.



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