SEASON OF MISTS

It’s that sentimental time of year again. With the end of the summer holidays and a new term underway we reminisce (perhaps) about our own school days, enjoy the last few blackberries and with the heating on and cuppa made (or wine open) sit down to watch Downton Abbey one final time!

There’s a lot of remembering and looking back at this time of year. It's Harvest time where we give thanks for what the "sunshine and soft refreshing rain" of the summer has borne us in fruit and vegetables. It's All Saints and All Souls (the Christian side of Halloween) where we give thanks for the lives of those who have died whom we miss deeply but who we still remember. Soon it will be Remembrance Sunday where so many of us gather in church to look back reluctantly but importantly on the destruction of war and the sacrifice of so many lives.

This time of year we remember both the good and the ill. When we look back we must look forward too. Learn from the past. Take what is good. But make amends for those things that are not so good and resolve to do better.

Mums and Dads do this so easily with their children (most of the time). If their child bites or scratches or strikes another at a toddler group a parent will often leap into action and urge their child to say sorry. But amongst ourselves, as adults, we are not quite so eager. We can hold onto family or friendship feuds and fall-outs for years, even to the grave. Saying sorry and moving on is so important. And that’s why we say a confession at the start of every church service on a Sunday. Not just because we are saying sorry to God but because we know as human beings it is important to acknowledge that we make mistakes, need to say sorry to each other and need one another and God to move forwards.

Here is one of my favourite prayers of confession that we use in church. Perhaps as the leaves turn golden and fall to the ground there might be things from the past we need to turn from and let go and with God’s forgiveness and strength move on.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Love and Prayers, Revd Anna Eltringham, Vicar of St John’s Hurst Green and St George’s Crowhurst

CHILDREN IN NEED OCTOBER FAIR (entry 25p) Saturday 17 October, 10am - 4pm in St Agatha’s Hall

The event will be supported by our distinguished guests Mrs Kennedy, High Sheriff of Surrey, and Tandridge District Council leader Rose Thorn, attended by Sonia Hunt, the Town Crier. Leading the fun will Paul Manners (Britain’s Got Talent), a balloon modeller, a face painter and Minions Dave and Stuart.

There will be refreshments, games for children and a raffle as well as a competition for Minions fans. There will also be a wide range of stalls inside the hall and possibly a Silent Auction. Much more on the Green: a Car Boot Sale, mini fun fair rides and a Falconry Display. Ridge Radio’s Mel Johnson has accepted the challenge to sit in a bath full of beans while the presenters sing for Pudsey!

Thank you to everyone who supported BBC Children in Need 2014 which raised a fantastic £800; the grand total from 2002 is £7,000.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please check the website pudseystfest.weebly.com, or contact us at pudsesfunday@talktalk.net, or telephone 01883 818469/715814.

ALL SOULS’ DAY SERVICE at St John’s Church on Sunday, 1 November, 3.30pm

We will remember by name all those from this parish who are known to us who have died during the last two years, and any other loved ones you would like to be remembered.

Please write their names on the list which will be on the table at the back of church until 11.45am on Sunday 1 November.

Remembrance Sunday 8 November at St John’s

8am: Holy Eucharist
10am: Service of Remembrance and Reconciliation (not a communion service) for all churches in Hurst Green and uniformed organisations
11am: Act of Remembrance in the churchyard

Everyone is welcome

The next issue of Hurst Green News will be published on 7 November 2015. Please send material for that issue, including items for the diary, no later than FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2015 to The Compiler, 3 Parklands, Oxted, RH8 9DP; e-mail: hgncompiler@gmail.com. The Compiler reserves the right to edit copy. The Hurst Green News is published by St John’s Parochial Church Council (Registered Charity 1133107) as a church and community newsletter.

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Marvellous Messy Play!

On four mornings during August, Hurst Green Children’s Centre opened its doors to a session of messy play for toddlers and young children. There was the usual paint, glue, play dough, sand and water to ‘get messy’ with. Added to this were the more unusual cornflour, blue gunge, cloud dough, shaving cream and coloured spaghetti to have fun with. We were blessed with fine if not sunny weather and able to spread off the veranda on to the grass. The children had an amazing time investigating the feel of all these materials. Each session ended with the excitement of playing with the colourful parachute. The session proved so popular we had to turn some away on the last occasion. Parents said: ‘My little boy loves it all’, ‘She loved everything about it’, ‘She enjoyed exploring different things’ and ‘Still great, still fun. Keep it up. My children love it.’ The regular ‘Stay and Play’ sessions are now taking place on Tuesday mornings.

For more information please call us on 723496 or visit our website: www.hurstgreenchildrenscentre.co.uk.

RICHARD DURRANT

known widely as the Guitar Whisperer

will perform a

CANDLELIT CONCERT

at St John’s Church, Hurst Green

on Friday 27 November at 7.30pm

Richard is a world class virtuoso with an imaginative flair for presentation and a warm, easy rapport. One man and a guitar wander through the English Renaissance, discovering Bach on the ukulele, meeting the Sugar Plum Fairy and Claude Debussy just as Silent Night drifts across the Mississippi Delta. This is a Candlelit Christmas Guitar Recital by the UK’s most imaginative concert guitarist. An evening performed on beautiful acoustic instruments.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.wegotickets.com or by phone 712893.

THE VILLAGE FAIR

Here we are in the sunshine, neighbours chatting, stalls everywhere, a happy buzz, ice creams, entertainers and a pet show; surely they must be going to film a new Midsomer Murder in Hurst Green? But no, this is Hurst Green’s own real Village Fair. Year after year the Village Fair Committee masterminds this wonderful event which brings together people with such a wide range of interests, here to enjoy themselves and raise some money for good causes into the bargain.

The old staples set the scene for the Village Fair we have come to love. There are delicious teas in Aggie’s (marvellous value), the Silver Band, the inChoir and the pet show so bravely judged by Revd Anna. It brought to mind the year I was a judge at the Heinz Baby Show back in the 1960s and wondered at one time if I should flee for my life from the disappointed mothers.

There are so many groups to motivate us like the gardeners, the photographers and the vintage car and motorbike owners who are inspirational with their skills and sheer enthusiasm. There are the charity fundraisers who devise endless entertainments to part us from our cash, and sell us their goods. There are those who just want us to know that they are here with us in our community. We have already heard that the One World Group raised £1,168 with their bottle stall, and they are one of many.

Like most visitors I went home feeling just happy. Warm sun, gentle entertainment, friends to meet and boundless enthusiasm on every side - what’s not to like? We all owe a very big thank you to everybody who worked so hard to make it happen. 

Kath McCarthy

St Peter’s C of E Infant School

Tandridge Lane, Tandridge, Oxted, RH8 9NN

OPEN MORNINGS for September 2016 Entry

For prospective parents

Wednesdays 21 October and 11 November, 9.15-10.45am

Come and find out more about our beautiful school.

Headteacher’s Presentation in School Hall at 9.30am followed by a tour of the school to see the children at work and play.

An opportunity to meet staff, governors, parents and ask questions. Please contact the School Office for more information or if you would like to attend: 712439 or info@stpeters-oxted.surrey.sch.uk

Moor House School & College

Mill Lane, Hurst Green

Open Morning for Prospective Parents Seeking Placement

Come to Moor House School & College and see what we can offer your child

Thursday 8 October 2015 at 9.45am

Contact: 712271 or admissions@moorhouseschool.co.uk
**St Agatha’s Hall**

**Booking Secretary**

Marjorie Walker, 714492

**Children’s Church**

For toddlers and children who have just started school

Monday, 26 October, 3.30pm

**St John’s Church**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Anyone looking after your children is welcome to bring them.

Further information - 715769

**Christmas Fair in aid of Cancer Research UK**

Wednesday 4 November

10am - 3pm

**The Grasshopper Inn Westerham**

£3 on the door

A variety of stalls and dedicated food and drink hall selling locally sourced produce - something for here all your family and friends.

Free parking, beverages and lunches available all day.

**Preview evening on Tuesday 3 November, 6.30 - 8.30pm, entry by ticket only (£15) to include bubbly and canapés, contact: debbieinnes@hotmail.com.**

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**Dates for your Diary 2015**

5 & 7 Oct...and every Monday and Wednesday, Harry’s ACOL Rubber Bridge Club, Oxted Red Cross Centre, 1.15-4pm, 715900 or 713128

6 Oct Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-12.30pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207

6 Oct Tandridge Access Group, Council Offices, Oxted, 2.30pm, Barbara Harling, 723034

8 Oct Pollards Oak W1, Methodist Hall, 7.45pm: Smuggling Drugs - D A Fulford JP

12 Oct Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45-4.15pm - Bring and Buy Sale

Contact: Carol Leach, 01883 382031

13 Oct Carers’ Group, Community Room, Eastlands Close, Oxted, 10.30-12, B Harling 723034

14 Oct Oxted and Limpsfield Flower Society, 2pm, St Peter’s Hall, Limpsfield. Nick Grounds presents ‘Junk and Disorderly’; Competition ‘Recycle your shed’ - OPEN MEETING

14 Oct Hurst Green Gardening Club, 8pm St Agatha’s Hall

14 Oct East Surrey RSPB, White Hart Barn, Godstone, 8pm: John Buckingham - ‘How Birds Work’ - simple, entertaining look at birds’ anatomy. Admission £3 adults, £1 fledglings

14-17 Oct Oxted Players - Lord Arthur Savile’s Crime, 7.30pm Barn Theatre, Oxted

15 Oct Tandridge Photographic Society, White Hart Barn, Godstone, 8pm: Talk by Nik Szymanek ‘Intro to Astronomical Image Processing’ www.ccdland.net


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Details of all concerts and how to buy tickets at www.oxtedandlimpsfieldmusicsociety.org.uk

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**THE WOODHOUSE CENTRE**

Registered Charity No. 262608

**AUTUMN FAIR**

Opposite Tandridge Leisure Pool

Thursday, 12 November

10am - 12 noon at the Centre

Cakes~Collectables~Jewellery~Gifts~Raffle~Books~Fancy Goods

Tea & Coffee

Well known by many customers for skilled work in the caning of chairs, upholstery and seagrassing, we also carry out a variety of repairs and are very handy with a needle and thread.

The Centre is open Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm

(breaks for Easter, Summer & Christmas)

We are delighted to receive visitors and are always looking for new members, young and old alike. Come and see what we have to offer.

If transport is a problem call our

Manager Mrs Dee Graham: 715189 and we will try to help.

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**PARISH REGISTERS**

**Holy Baptism**

We welcome into the family of God’s Church:

6 September Thomas England

20 September Tillie-Rose Sene

27 September Amelia Rose Harris

27 September Willow Taylor Hancock

27 September Cassia Taylor Hancock

**Funerals**

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends:

10 June Jude Richardson (RIP 4 June)

16 September Gillian Piggott

**St John’s Book of Remembrance**

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

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**Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society**

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**VINTAGE & VILLAGE LIFE FAYRE**

Saturday 24 October, 10am - 2pm

St Agatha’s Hall, Hurst Green

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Light refreshments available as well as home made cakes


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**RNLI Autumn Fair, Oxted Oxted Community Hall, Saturday 31 October, 10am - 12.30pm**

Children’s books, jewellery, handcrafted soaps, candles, potted garden planters, RNLI Christmas cards, scarves, handbags, homemade cakes and other local crafts.

Entrance £1, Children Free.

Includes tea / coffee & biscuits

Everyone very welcome

(All proceeds to the Oxted & Westerham branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution)

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Tandridge Handicraft Society

Monday 19 October, 2pm

The Woodhouse Centre

Hoskins Road car park, Oxted

**Inspiration from New Zealand** - talk by Catherine Lawes

Visitors welcome, £5 entry, tea and biscuits. More info: tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk or Jenny Beal: 01883 620730