



HURST GREEN NEWS

August 2024

Home is where your heart is

Cliff Richard famously sang "We're all goin' on a summer holiday" as part of his spontaneous gig when rain stopped play at Wimbledon in 1996. I am sure that now summer is here your thoughts are turning to your own summer holidays. It is that much anticipated time of year when we head off to the destination of our choice. We leave behind the demands and pressures of our daily lives to experience a bit of rest and relaxation with our loved ones.



To quote dear Cliffy:

"We're all goin' on a summer holiday
No more workin' for a week or two
Fun and laughter on our summer holiday
No more worries for me or you
For a week or two."

We all, I imagine, approach our summer holidays with expectations of good food, good weather, good times, and good memories. If you're anything like me, you probably spend a great deal of time daydreaming about the hoped-for joys of your summer holiday. Indeed, this hope sustains us during the daily grind of the highs and lows of our mundane lives during the rest of the year. In some ways, perhaps this anticipation of all the joys of our summer holiday is the best part of the holiday. Let's be honest, our lofty expectations of our summer holidays are not always met. To be frank, when it comes to the actual holiday, it can be somewhat of a letdown. There is often as much frustration, disappointment, and irritation felt on our summer holidays as joy, contentment, and peace. To quote Cliffy again, many of us go on a summer holiday "to make our dreams come true" and to our dismay find our dreams do not, in fact, come true. I wonder how many times halfway through the much-anticipated summer holiday you suddenly think to yourself, "I can't wait to get home."

An antidote to the dismay of failed expectations we experience regarding our summer holidays is found in this quote from Charles Dickens: "Every traveller has a home of their own and they learn to appreciate it the more from their wandering." Rather than thinking of our summer holiday as an escape from our daily life, let us rather take the opportunity to appreciate our home, our daily life. Remember, as you complain about whatever you will complain about on your summer holiday this year, that you have a home to return to. A home where, despite your earnest desire to leave behind, you will return to and breathe a sigh of relief and say to yourself, "It is good to be home!"

Perhaps the best way to truly appreciate your summer holiday is to appreciate that you have a home to return to. This is the ancient wisdom of pilgrims in a strange land. This is the hope of Hebrews 11: 8 - 10, the hope of all those who love God, that one day we will go home.

Keith Dickson, Pastor, Hurst Green Evangelical Church

SAVE THE DATE – 16 NOVEMBER St John's Church – Autumn Fair

We appreciate that summer has only just begun and yet our thoughts are already turning to autumn as we start the initial planning for our Autumn Fair!

This year it will take place on **Saturday 16 November from 11am-3pm.**

If you're a local craftsperson and would like a table to sell your products, please let us know. Last year we had a great variety of stalls selling lovely things such as pottery, jewellery, fabric art, toys for children, cards, decoupage, and knitted items all of which made great Christmas presents.

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SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday 21 September, 1-4pm
Hurst Green Village Fair**

The fair has been running for more than 40 years and has previously included stalls, performances, a bouncy castle, and a pet show. We have new joiners to the planning team (always space for more if you are interested!) who are already getting plans in place for September.

If you are a local food maker, craft creator, business or charity we would love to have your stall there. Please email hgvfair@hotmail.co.uk



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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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Hurst Green Cubs & Scouts

Scouting offers fun challenges and everyday adventure to 400,000 boys and girls in the UK.

1st Oxted Scouts are running a thriving Hurst Green group for Scouts (Tuesday evenings, 19:30 -21:00 aged 10-14) and Cubs (Wednesday evenings 18:30-20:00, aged 8-10) from our Scout Hut at Holland Sports Ground, Mill Lane, Hurst Green.

We have availability for new joiners to our Cubs section from September 2024. Parents who would like to add their children for entry into Cubs in September should contact us at: scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com.

We would love to make the same provision for younger children in Hurst Green by re-establishing our Beaver Colony. Beaver Scouts are young people aged between 6 and 8 years old. Can you help out? If you are a parent or any other local adult with some time to give, please do ask about helping us out. There's no better time to get involved. Volunteering with us is easy, fun and flexible – how much time you give is completely up to you. Since lockdown eased, we have been unable to re-start our Beaver Colony due to a lack of leaders. We are now actively looking to re-establish our Beaver Colony for local 6-8 year olds and would be interested to hear from you if you can help at scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com

Finally, the Scout Hut on Mill Lane is available at reasonable rates for hire for regular club and community activities – enquirers should drop us an email at scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com.



Agatha's Hall gets a makeover

In the 1880's, the railway tunnel from Oxted to Hurst Green was dug, and a hut made of railway sleepers was erected for the use of the navvies. It was sited near where St Agatha's Hall stands today, and the few residents of Hurst Green and the neighbouring hamlet of Holland, as well as the workmen, used it for social events and for church services. When the tunnel and railway works were completed the navvies moved away.

A local church family named Hussey paid for a larger and more permanent hall to be built, the one we know today. It stood on common land and was opened in 1895. Like its predecessor, it served the Hurst Green community as both church and hall. It was dedicated to St Agatha, a Sicilian saint. The reason for this unusual dedication is not known but it is suggested that it was because most of the navvies employed on the railway works were Italian. Alternatively, it is said the building was dedicated to St Agatha in memory of the Hussey's daughter who died very young.

Early photographs show that St Agatha's Hall was once enclosed within a fence, and cows grazed around it on the Green. St Agatha's continued as the church of Hurst Green until 1913, when St John's was built and consecrated. Thereafter it has served as a social centre for meetings and events.

After the disastrous fire in St John's in 1988, St Agatha's resumed its function as a church. For two years until St John's was restored, all Anglican Sunday services in Hurst Green took place there.

Over the next few weeks, St Agatha's Hall is being given a facelift with external repainting by Blaze decorators. We are looking forward to seeing our Hall looking smart again.

Classes and other activities which take place in the Hall will continue but during the week parking outside may be slightly more limited.



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Holy Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church

28 July: Isla-Rose Jean Paskell
25 August: Nevaeh Ivy Jo McClean Jones

Weddings

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1 August: Katie Lock and Mike Bailey
24 August: Kelly Charman and Danny Floyd

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Dates for your Diary August 2024

2 August: Oxted Country Market, Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30am, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted.
4 August: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
7 August: Community Fridge, every Wednesday, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.
8 August: Hurst Green Community Hub, every Thursday, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.
12/26 August: 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.
14 August: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm for 8pm start. Speaker TBC. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com.
TBC: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Summer Social. Call: Jan Ward, 01883 712143.
20 August: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.
2 September: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Autumn Term begins. Woodhouse Centre, 2pm.
4 September: YoYo's playgroup, Wednesdays in term time, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.

St Agatha's Hall

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SAVE THE DATE! SAT 17 AUGUST 2024

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ST AGATHA'S HALL
HURST GREEN**



From: 2PM to 4.30PM

POLLARDS OAK WI are holding a raffle and tea party to raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer Now. You are invited to come along and have tea and cake with Pollards Oak WI and support the Breast Cancer Raffle.

There are numerous brilliant prizes, many supplied by local businesses in Hurst Green, Oxted and nearby areas.

Top prizes include:

Tickets for the Edenbridge & Oxted Show, free entry to Hever Castle.

There will also be some easy fun games to take part in like guess the number of sweets. Come and join us for a cuppa, cake and chat and enter the raffle to win fantastic prizes.

N.B. Cash only on the day

Sponsors include:

The E&O Show, Willow Hairdressers, Everyman Cinema, Gurkha Kitchen, Hammonds Wine Bar, Kinjo, Pan y Vino, Robertsons Tea Room, Secret Cellar, Cook, Knights Garden Centre, Eden Bakes, Halo Hair Design, Tudor Rose Tearoom, Next and Sally Oasis Paintings.

Neighbour of the month for August goes to Sue Batley.

Before Sue retired, she was a teacher at a number of local schools including Limpsfield Infant School and Hazelwood. Sue currently gives up her time to volunteer at YoYo's playgroup and for the charity Link as well as for other local charities. Thank you Sue for all you do!

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.



Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is asking residents for their feedback on their proposed changes which will form part of the Community Risk Management Plan 2025/30.

The plan sets out changes that SFRS would like to make to keep people safe and ensure an efficient and effective service for communities. Three draft proposals, outlining seven changes, have been drafted and it's time for those who live in, work in, travel through or visit Surrey to have their say.

The proposals have been created using feedback from staff and residents, as well as historical and forecasted emergency data and risk information.

The seven changes aim to prevent emergencies, align to current and emerging risks and ensure we can respond if needed, with the right kit and knowledge.

More information on the proposals can be found by visiting www.surreysays.co.uk/sfrs/crmp and closing date is 6 September.

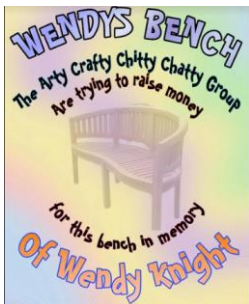


YoYo's Playgroup, St John's Church, 9.15am-11.15am Wednesdays in term time – next one 4th September

A friendly group for babies and toddlers for a stay and play session with crafts, snacks and songs. YOYO's needs some more helpers. If you can volunteer once a month to set up, tidy away and chat to parents and carers please contact lizsone10@gmail.com.

Wendy's Bench Wendy was born in Hurst Green on 9th Jan 1968. Wendy met the love of her life Beano and they married in 2012. Wendy was always into her arts and crafts as well as writing beautiful poems. Together they helped out at Art Matters in Redhill who help support people with mental health issues. Two years ago Wendy and sister Paula started the **HURST GREEN ARTY CRAFTY CHITTY CHATTY GROUP** which runs every Tuesday, 9:30am - 2:30pm, in the day room of the flats at the top of Coldshott. Paula and Wendy wanted to help get the community back together after Covid and give people who felt vulnerable somewhere safe and friendly to come and meet people as well as receive help and advice from Cerys Williams, the local area coordinator for Hurst Green.

Wendy sadly passed away on 28th May 2024 and now Paula, Marc, and Wendy's family and friends are trying to raise money to buy a bench to put outside where the Arty Crafty Group meet in memory of Wendy. If you were luckily enough to have known Wendy you would know that she was always so happy, chatty, friendly and caring as well as one of the most genuine people you could ever have the pleasure to meet. One Stop in Hurst Green have hand decorated pebbles in Wendy's memory and are asking for a donation towards the bench. Alternatively, if you would like to donate or find out more please email Paula at p.adby@hotmail.com.



Consultation meeting - Upgrading Holland Sports Athletics Club Track to create a community Sports Hub Tuesday 6th August 6.30 – 8.30pm, Holland Sports Association, The Pavilion, Mill Lane, Oxted, RH8 9DG



Holland Sports Athletics Club invites you to attend a Consultation meeting about the upgrades proposed for the Mill Lane athletics track and its part in creating a sport and community hub investing in the future of both our athletes and wider community. The evening will start with a presentation on what they are seeking to achieve before receiving any feedback, and if necessary, re-start the decision-making process.

For more information about HSAC ideas into investing in the future of our athletes and the community please visit their website at: <https://hollandsportsac.org.uk/trackbuild>.

HSAC hopes you can come in person to hear the proposals and speak about the Track Build plans but if you are unable to attend please email the lead on the track build jeff.manson@hollandsportsac.org.uk and share your views. All emails will be responded to directly and all views will all be taken into account. .

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