



HURST GREEN NEWS

April 2025

Celebrate Easter in Hurst Green

I always look forward to reading the Hurst Green News each month. It's full of good news; with invitations to join activities or groups sharing interests, or to have a cup of tea and chat as well as a celebration of the neighbour of the month.

Good news is a welcome contrast to reports in newspapers and the media about the pain, conflict and suffering in the world. On Good Friday, Christians will gather to remember the suffering and death of God's son, Jesus Christ, on the cross. He experienced rejection and scorn from the society that he lived in. Yet there is good news to share too, because God overcame the darkness of the tomb where Jesus' body lay and rose Jesus to new life.

On Easter day, churches around the world will be celebrating that Jesus is alive because the love of God has prevailed. Most importantly of all, it will be a time to share the joy of the good news that God is with us today and wants us all to experience his life-giving presence.

Why not find out more? Everyone is welcome to come along to St John's Church in Hurst Green or to Hurst Green Evangelical Church.

Rev'd Sue Bosley, St John's Church, Hurst Green



New Church service for little ones

Bubble Church starts on 27th April at St John's Church at 9am. Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers and young families.

It's a puppet packed, Jesus centred, 30 minute kids and family adventure. Coffee and food will be served from 8.45am.

Come along or find out more by scanning the QR code.

St John's Church, Hurst Green
27th April at 9am

You can find out more on Bubble Church at www.bubblechurch.org and also keep an eye on the St John's website for specific details related to our Bubble Church.



Celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day

Tandridge District Council are encouraging residents to take part in the 80th anniversary VE day events on 8 May.

You can find key information and resources, including ways to get involved in the commemorations here: www.ve-vjday80.gov.uk.



Hurst Green resident and author, Graham Pidgeon has recently had his debut novel published. The Haunting of Hern Hall is a dark historical mystery about a family haunted by tragedy and bound by secrets. The book is set on Ashdown Forest after World War One, is full of historical details and is receiving great reviews on Amazon. Graham lives in Home Park with his wife and three children and often spends his weekends exploring churches and castles. If you would like to support a local author you can buy the book in paperback, on Kindle Unlimited and Audible. You can also find him on the following social media platforms:

Twitter/X - @GrahamPidgeon1

Instagram - @grpidgeon

Blue Sky @grpidgeon.bs.ky.social



Holy WEEK

at St John's, Hurst Green

Sunday 13th April, Palm Sunday
Services at 8.30am and 9.45am

Thursday 17th April, Maundy Thursday
Service at 7.30pm

Friday 18th April, Good Friday
Service at 9.30am
Walk of Witness at 12 noon at Oxted Library

Sunday 20th April, Easter Sunday
Sunrise service at 6am outside St Agatha's Hall
Services of celebration at 8.30am and 9.45am
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

Class 3M adopt an orangutan

Class 3M at St Mary's School, Oxted have raised £168 to sponsor an endangered orangutan. The whole class carried out extra jobs at home to raise money and awareness.

The project was inspired by Piper Fontaine when she read that orangutans are critically endangered. Their numbers have declined by 50% in the last 60 years.

There are three species of orangutan – the Sumatran, Tapanuli and Bornean. Orangutans used to roam as far north as southern China, and as far south as the Indonesian island of Java. Today they're only found on two islands – Sumatra and Borneo.

Adopting an orangutan will help protect orangutan habitats and help fund other vital work around the world. Well done 3M!



Lent Mid Week Services at St John's

Lent lunches started on Ash Wednesday, with a service of Holy Communion at 12 noon followed by a simple lunch of bread and homemade soup. This will continue every Wednesday throughout Lent (ending on 16 April).

We hope to see you there.



YoYo's Playgroup, St John's Church, 9.15am-11.15am
Every Wednesday in term time.

A friendly group for babies and toddlers for a stay and play session 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.

ST JOHN'S, HURST GREEN

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Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA
Assistant Priest: Mary Seller, 01883 715675
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Hurst Green Repair and Recycle Shed Survey

A community led project wants to set up a repair shed, upcycling and restoration hub in Hurst Green. The shed will repair basic household and leisure items such as, bikes, toys, pottery, clothing etc and sharpen garden tools. Then it will progress to recycling (upcycling) items that would otherwise be destroyed. Recycling items such as surplus wood into bird boxes or flower planters; old cloth into cushions; old furniture into something else. It will be similar to the television programmes 'The Repair Shop', 'Find it, fix it, flog it' and the Woodhouse Centre in Oxted.

The aim is to:

- Use the talents of the people in the local area and teach, repair, crafting and upcycling
- Be more sociable, reducing social isolation and mental health issues
- Reduce waste to landfill
- Just be creative!

If you can, please fill out the Hurst Green Repair and Recycle Shed Survey by scanning the QR Code above. We need your views on starting a basic repair shed, upcycling and restoration hub in Hurst Green. Please note: Your data will only be used in connection with the repair shed activities.



Hurst Green Singers Summer Concert

Saturday 10th May at 7pm, at Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Wolf's Hill, Oxted RH8 0QU.

We have an exciting programme planned, with choruses from Haydn's The Creation, to mark the 225th Anniversary of its first UK performance, and The Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein which was first performed 60 years ago. Both pieces are seen as among the greatest by their respective composers and we look forward to a rousing concert to celebrate the beginning of Summer!

Tickets available from the Hurst Green Singers website: www.hurstgreensingers.co.uk or via the QR code opposite.



Wassail 2025

It was fantastic to see so many members of our local community gather at the British Legion on 19 January to attend the Limpsfield Community Orchard's annual Wassail. Wassail masters, James Reeves and Stephen Rapoport, kicked off the event by taking us on a journey through time, exploring the origins and evolution of the word "wassail". It is believed to have started with the Vikings, the Old Norse "vess heill" meaning "be in good health". It later evolved to mean the drink itself - a warm, spiced alcoholic drink - used in Twelfth night and Christmas Eve celebrations.

Fast forward to 2025 and we're gathered in the British Legion, sporting all sorts of bright and colourful torches, and noise makers. The rhythmic beats of the North Downs Drummers led attendees through the woodland to the Orchard, the path itself adorned with multicoloured glow sticks to mark the way. It's not long before the bonfire gets going and the carefully crafted woodpile is emitting the warmth and light. Our wassail masters continue with proceedings and we join in song around the decorated King Tree with our cups of mulled cider and apple juice.

The sounds and sights of the wassail resemble an alarm clock of sorts, as we step into another year, emerging from the depths of winter just a few weeks after the winter solstice.

This event is put on for the community by the community and it's thanks to many individuals and groups that we're able to put on this free event. A big thank you goes out to our wonderful volunteers who work all year round to maintain the Orchard, wassail masters James Reeves and Stephen Rapoport, bonfire expert Ian Green, first aider Gary Rapson, photographer Bob Matthews and marshals from Titsey Rotary Club.

If you would like to get involved, please visit the LCO blog for details: <https://orchardlimpsfield.blogspot.com>.



Oxted Band Spring Concert

Come along and listen to an evening of music from your local brass band.
Refreshments provided in the interval.

7pm, 5th April 2025
St John's Church, Hurst Green RH8 9EA

Tickets £10 (children under 10 free) available on the door

For more details please contact
secretary@oxtedband.co.uk

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Dates for your Diary April 2025

6 April: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.

7 April: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre.
www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.

14/28 April: 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.

9 April: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. 2nd Wednesday of the month. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com or go to hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.

10 April: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Making the Most of Your Garden - Roses & Patio Plants Speaker: Peter Hulatt. Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.

15 April: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.

Every Wednesday in termtime: YoYo's playgroup, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.

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 Friday: OXTED COUNTRY MARKET – 10am to 12 noon at the Woodhouse Centre - for artisan crafts, produce and a hot drink.



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Contact Paul Belok, on 07507 285292 / paul.belok@gmail.com or from several local shops on the day. Find out more here: www.oneworldgroupoxted.org.uk



SAVE THE DATE! On Wednesday 21 May Ian Christie is coming to give a talk / presentation at St John's Church, Hurst Green. Ian is based at the University of Surrey, and is the Associate Professor in social science and the ethics of sustainable development. You are invited to come and hear what he has to say, and ask him some questions.

Look out for further information in the May Hurst Green News!



Hurst green pickleball is expanding Due to popular demand we are starting another night of pickleball at Hazelwood School from Tuesday 15th April 2025 from 6pm to 8pm. All levels are welcome and teaching/coaching is offered for beginners. If you would like to come along and see what pickleball is all about, please email Amanda at hurstgreenpb@gmail.com.



FREE Talk by SES Water Want to find out how our water supply works? Hosted by Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem, SES Water will be giving a talk and answering questions.

St John's York Rooms on Monday 7th April at 19:30pm.

Places are limited, so please RSVP to Jacqueline at HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com.



Time to celebrate at the Diamond Inn

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Neighbour of the month The HGN received a lovely email from Carey Dodd to say: I wanted to pass on our thanks to the lady who stopped her car and helped my husband get me up after I slipped and fell on the ice at the bottom of Hurst Green on Thursday 9th January. In the shock of the moment, we never asked her name and didn't know how to thank her properly. I knew instantly that I'd broken my wrist and needed more help, so asked her to drop us at the station to get some first aid. We were very grateful for the help and kindness of the station and café staff. We're so lucky to have them.

If you would like to nominate someone or being a great neighbour/friend or have witnessed an act of kindness please email us at: hgncompiler@gmail.com.



Boulthurst Way playground update

I am pleased to announce that work on Boulthurst Way playground will commence on April 1st and should be completed by 14th April. There will be a new DDA compliant roundabout and swing.

After speaking to some local children they asked if they could have a trampoline and the good news is one is being installed! The old cradle swing that was vandalised is being replaced. Also a new path will be laid from the road to the playground with a new path to the front of the play area with self closing double gates. 'Wet pour' will be installed around all of the equipment which is a soft cushioned material to protect children from any 'spills' and work will be carried out to drain the water away from the playground. All of this equipment will be delivered on site by the roadside from 31st March with protective fencing to deter thefts.

Noise will be kept to a minimum but apologies in advance to local residents whilst this work is carried out. It should take no more than 2 weeks. Work hours will be 8am - 4pm.

Update from Cllr Alan Feesey, Oxted Parish Council



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