

HURST GREEN NEWS

August 2025

Don't Grieve Alone in Hurst Green

Grief is a topic that people often struggle to talk about. It is one of the hardest things we will ever have to go through, and everyone will have to experience it at some point in their lives. Everyone grieves in different ways, and in a way that is most suitable to them but having recently lost my father I wanted to highlight that in Hurst Green there are lots of people to talk to both professionally, and informally. I have found much comfort from talking to my friends, neighbours, local groups and via St John's Church.

If you are struggling, never be afraid to seek help. In Hurst Green we are lucky to have the Community Fridge on a Wednesday and the Community Hub on Thursdays where local residents can drop in and find friendly faces if they want to chat. There are also more professional groups available to attend such as the Oxted Churches Together Bereavement Group who meet on alternate Thursdays between 1-3pm. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, whether recently or longer ago, is welcome to drop in for a cup of tea and a chat with others in similar situations. Trained volunteers are on hand to give emotional and bereavement support. To find out more please visit: www.oxtedurc.org.uk/bereavementdrop-ingroup. There is also information available online via Cruse Bereavement Support at www.cruse.org.uk and for younger people via

www.childbereavementuk.org.

When someone dies there is often a mountain of admin to undertake which can be overwhelming in itself. You can find more information on the Government website on what you need to do when someone passes and you can also visit your local Citizens Advice Bureau. The CAB in Oxted is based in Oxted Library. You can find contact details here: www.catd.org.uk.



Sometimes people dealing with grief may need more support and should speak to their GP.

Grief is not limited to the death of a person. Losing a pet can often be as difficult, with owners experiencing loneliness and isolation. The Blue Cross offers support via a free and confidential helpline for anyone who has been affected by the loss of a pet. You can find out more about them here: www.bluecross.org.uk/pet-loss-support.

It's crucial to remember there is no timeline for grief and it's common for grief to come in waves, to ebb and flow over time. It's normal to continue to mourn the loss of a loved one in the weeks, months, years, and even decades after they pass. They were important, and their relationship with you was important.

For anyone experiencing grief, no matter how old or new I'm sending you love and prayers. There will be good days and bad days but please know that you are not alone. Lucy Kay, Editor, Hurst Green News

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Saturday 20th September, 12.30-4pm

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Bubble Church 9am. Bubble Church is a puppet packed, Jesus centred, coffee-and-food-fuelled, 30 minute kids and family adventure. Come for coffee and food at 8.45am and then you will be guided to your bubble at 9am where you and your little ones will share in song, stories, puppets and prayer. Coffee served from 8.45am.

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

Stay and play session for babies and toddlers with crafts, snacks and songs.

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

Vicar: Reverend Sue Bosley, 07553 305087

All Saints' Church Chichele Road, Oxted, 01883 627 762 Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA St Ambrose Church Warren Park, Warlingham

Parish Priest

Assistant Priest: Mary Seller, 01883 715675

www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Pastor: Keith Dickson, 07392 796852

www.hurstgreenfellowship.org

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You can register your interest until 8 August 2025. Offers will be sent out between 29 August and 19 September and you can then decide if you want to go ahead. Installations are planned to be completed by March 2026.

The scheme is run by Surrey County Council in partnership with iChoosr.



Come and join us for **COFFEE and a CHAT**



St John's Room, St John's Church Fortnightly on Thursdays 7th and 21st August 2025 10.30am-12 noon

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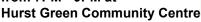
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www.oxtedandwarlinghamparish.org

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First session free, then £2pp each week. Over 13s only, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. No upper age Limit.

We welcome players with no experience! Players must book with Kelly, on 07504 104 084 and have confirmation of a seat.

Thanks to the "East Surrey Community Budget" and the "Hurst Green Community Association" for supporting this event.

Friends of River Eden Summer Talks and Walks

Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE) now have over 100 local members and a thriving calendar of events. In August we have our Summer Walk to get to know the River Eden better and to learn how to tackle the invasive Himalayan Balsam damaging its banks and we also have the opportunity to help Holland Sports and Social Club get the invasive non-native Himalayan Balsam under control in their field.

FREE Summer Walk: "Get To Know Your River" - Saturday August 2nd 10:00am, approx 5km/3 miles.

FREE Invasive Non-Native Species Control: Himalayan Balsam Bashing - Saturday 9th August, from 9:30am for an hour or so at Holland Sports and Social Club. Contact hellofreesurrey@gmail.com for more details on both these events.

What Makes a Photograph Special?

Most photographs are special to the person who took them capturing memories of people, places, and moments to share with family and friends. But some photographs go beyond the personal. They inspire others, make us laugh, provoke emotion, or tell a compelling story. The first step to taking meaningful photographs is to ask yourself: "Why am I taking this picture?" This brief pause helps you reflect on what caught your eye, why you stopped, and how you felt in that moment. The answers guide your composition - what to include, what to exclude, and what truly matters. It's not always easy,

The well-known saying, "It's the photographer, not the camera," holds true. Whether you are using a high-end camera or your phone, the most powerful tool is your mind's eye.

but it's a skill that improves with practice and by learning from others.

At Tandridge Photographic Society, our aim is to help all members enjoy and improve their photography—whether you are a beginner, enthusiast, or expert. We offer inspiring talks from respected photographers, friendly competitions, and social outings designed to support learning and spark creativity. From wildlife to portrait, landscape to street, abstract to still life—there's something for everyone.

You can explore members' work at www.tandridgeps.org.uk. Our new season begins in September, and we welcome new faces. To find out more, contact at chair@vtps.org.uk. Chris Fenton, Chair Tandridge Photographic Society



Dates for your Diary August 2025

3 August: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club. 11/25 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.

13 August: 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.

TBC August: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Members Social Event Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.

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

8 September: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre. www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.

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.

St Agatha's Hall

To enquire about booking, contact the

Booking Administrator: aggieshall@gmail.com 07769 001796

or complete the form on the website: stagathashall.weebly.com/ contact.html

Surrey domestic abuse helpline 01483 776822

SANCTUARY 9am to 9pm, 7 days a week



10am-2pm in THE_SPACE Oxted Community Hall

Each morning we will have refreshments & a different activity including craft, quiz, music, gentle exercise and games, followed by a light lunch.

All Welcome



29th JULY to 26th AUGUST 2025

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10am - 12.30pm



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Victory over Japan Day

The 15th August is the official day that the UK celebrate the day on which Imperial Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect bringing the war to an end. In Japan, 15th August is known as the "memorial day for the end of the war" but the official name for the day, however, is "the day for mourning of war dead and praying for peace."

VJ Day thanksgiving service: The Oxted & District branch of the Royal British Legion is holding a service to remember Victory over Japan Day on Sunday 17 August at St Mary's Church, Oxted at 9.30am.



High Weald The High Weald Walking Festival 2025 is coming soon! **Walking** Over 600 walkers joined the festival in 2024 and this year looks set to **Festival** be even bigger and better with new partners, walks and themes.

This year's Festival will run from Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 September 2025 - be sure to sign up to the mailing list for all the latest updates as the walks are published - www.highwealdwalks.org.

On Saturday 2nd August at 10am East Surrey Walkers will also be meeting at Holland Sports and Social Club for a leisurely 5.5 mile walk with picnic. Please find more information here: www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk.

Gardening in August The most important thing you can remember to do this month is enlist neighbours or friends to water your garden if you go away. After all your efforts over previous months it would be a shame to come home to a withered garden. In August you can also start to think about planting your Autumn flowering bulbs to provide some colour over the Winter months.

Hurst Green has its own Gardening Club. Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month. The club welcomes anyone, whether a beginner or an expert, and of any age with an interest in gardening and who would like to meet up socially.

Find a full list of their events at www.hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.

Thanks for being a good neighbour

Last month was Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Week, a reminder of the important role we all play in keeping our communities safe, welcoming and respectful. Anti-social behaviour (ASB) includes anything that causes harassment, alarm or distress to others, from noise nuisance to vandalism. If you're experiencing ASB, help is available:

- Call 999 in an emergency or if there's an immediate threat.
- Contact the police for issues like rowdy behaviour, street drinking, or drug dealing.
- Contact us for noise complaints, graffiti, flytipping, or abandoned vehicles.
- Get in touch with social landlords for problems with tenants in housing association homes.
- Report highway or hedge issues to Surrey County Council.

Let's continue to look out for each other and keep our neighbourhoods safe and pleasant for everyone

Neighbour of the month for August

goes to Phil Hosp. Phil has been involved in Scouting in Oxted & Hurst Green for over 10 years and in recent years has taken on overall leadership of the group as well as continuing to help with Acorn Cubs in Oxted. He loves seeing the enjoyment and confidence that youngsters gain from trying new things. Thanks to Phil for organizing such amazing activities for Hurst Green and Oxted children!

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.















Well done to Hollands **Sports Athletics Club** who put on a fantastic event on Thursday 10 July

At the 'Night of Relays' both adult and children's teams could sign up to run a 4x1 mile relay.

The event was a great family event and included a BBQ and welldeserved drink at Holland Sports.

A huge thanks to the Holland AC legends, Association members, and the volunteers that made the night such a success. For more info: www.hollandsportsac.org.uk.



MONDAY 19-FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2-3PM (FRI 2-4PM) HURST GREEN TENNIS CLUB, MILL LANE, RH8 9DF

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