



HURST GREEN NEWS

November 2025

Mind the acorns – it's a bumper year!

I'm sure you've noticed the excess of acorns this year. Everywhere I walk, they seem to be underfoot. At first, I thought that perhaps this is what this time of year is always like - that I've just forgotten, in the intervening year, that the onset of autumn is synonymous with acorns. But then I discovered that this is a bumper year. That oak trees, helped along by an underground network of fungi, plan these bumper years to ensure that there are far too many acorns for squirrels and mice and birds to eat, and more of the acorns will have a chance at planting and growing into the oak trees of the future.

If donations to the Hurst Green Community Fridge are anything to go by, this year has also been a bumper year for apples. We've had them coming out of our ears. Every one of our visitors has been sent home with a bagful of apples, some weeks. At home, I've been chopping apples to make into sauce and crumbles which I can pop in the freezer, and which I know my children will enjoy throughout the winter.

I watched a video online of a botanist, explaining how to test whether an acorn is good for planting, and how to grow little bonsai oak trees in pots. Once you know an acorn is plant-able, you have to keep it cold for a few months - either outside, in the soil, or in the fridge. This mimics the natural world, where a seed stays cold under frozen ground all through the winter before coming to life and sprouting in the springtime. The period of frostiness, bare leaves, the "dead" winter season is, in fact, necessary to produce new life.

Christians bear witness to this fact about winter in our faith: Jesus died and remained in the tomb for three days before death gave way to his resurrection. When we go through trying times in life, like watchmen in the darkness, we trust that the dawn will come (Psalm 130). Winter does not last forever. Although the days become shorter and shorter, and the season can begin to feel endless, our tans well and truly faded and the summertime a distant memory... all the while the seeds are waiting, preparing to germinate. Important work is happening in the darkness, under the ground. We may not see it, but we trust that in the spring we will see green shoots, as we do each year.

Over the summer, the Community Fridge has been blessed with an abundance of produce. We are hugely grateful to everyone for their donations from their gardens and allotments, and to our regular supermarket donations. The coming months will see us having less. If you find yourself with anything spare and feel inclined to share it with the community, please do contact us or drop in to Aggies between 10.45-11.15 on a Wednesday. If you find yourself in need of anything - including some human contact and a warm drink through the winter! - then we'd love to welcome you from 11.15-12.15 each Wednesday.

Che Ramsden, Chair of the Hurst Green Community Fridge



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st John's
HURST GREEN

BUBBLE CHURCH

Church service for little ones at St John's Church, Hurst Green

Every third Sunday of the month: next one **16th November**

Bubble Church is perfect for young families. Action packed with puppets, a bible story and songs.

Come for coffee and food at 8.45am.
Bubble Church starts at 9am.

Remembrance Sunday,
9 November at St John's Church

8.30am: Holy Eucharist
10am: Service of Remembrance and Reconciliation (not a communion service)
11am: Act of Remembrance in the churchyard

Everyone is welcome.

Saturday 1st November
6.30pm-9.30pm

Holland Sports Firework Display
Mill Lane

BBQ AND BAR
FREE ENTRY
DONATIONS WELCOME
BRING CASH FOR BUCKETS

Please use public transport as no parking will be available on site.

Holland Sports & Social Club

Deb Shiner has put together a wonderful event at the Community Centre, back for the third year by popular demand.

If you are alone and don't have plans for Christmas Day, join us for a free lunch and fun.

Contact Kelly on kelly@hgcc-surrey.org.uk for more information.



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.

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Vicar: Reverend Sue Bosley, 07553 305087
Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA
Assistant Priest: Reverend Mary Seller, 01883 715675
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

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The performance will feature enchanting scores from the films Wicked, Harry Potter, Wonka, Out of Africa, and The Nightmare Before Christmas. The program also includes beautiful works by classical masters Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, and Sibelius.

Experience a magical event of melody and wonder! The concert takes place at 2.30pm on Sunday 2 November 2025 at Humphrey's Hall, Caterham School, CR36AY.

Tickets are £10 per person (under 18's free) and are available online on www.thefunorchestra.co.uk.

**NORTH NDCO DOWNS
COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**

Friends of River Eden

Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE) are delighted to host the second event in our series "How our Water Works".

Following SES Water's talk on water supply earlier this year, Lyra Ginns, a Catchment Management Specialist at Southern Water will lead a talk and answer questions on "How our Water Works - Wastewater" at Hurst Green Community Centre on Tuesday 11th November.

Find out what happens to the water that flows through ourselves, our houses and gardens, how it ultimately ends up in our River Eden and what we can do to help protect the River and it's wider catchment. Doors open at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Please RSVP to HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com so that we can make sure there's enough cake! If you are able to help with setting up, serving refreshments and/or clearing up at the end, please do let us know.



Poppy Appeal 2025

Every poppy shows you care about the lives of our Armed Forces community.

Without volunteers and without you, the Royal British Legion wouldn't be able to continue supporting serving and ex-serving men and women, and their families.

Volunteers are needed to help raise donations on the Poppy Table at Morrisons in Oxted. If you can help, even for a short amount of time please contact your local Poppy Appeal Organiser at Oxted.Events@rbl.community or on 07423 573899.



Titsey Rotary Club – charity quiz Saturday 29 November 7.00pm for 7.30 start

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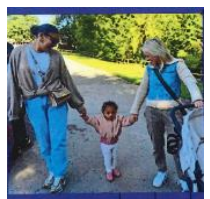
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**St John's Room, St John's Church
Fortnightly on Thursdays
13th and 27th November 2025
10.30am-12 noon**

Need a lift? **Ring Barbara on 01883 715636**

All Souls' Day Service at St John's Church: Sunday 2 November at 3.30pm.

We will remember by name all those from this parish known to us who have died during the last two years, and other loved ones you would like to be remembered. You can light a candle if you wish and place it in front of the altar. Names can be added to the list which will be on the table at the back of the church from Sunday 19 October until 11am on 2 November.



Dates for your Diary November 2025

2 November: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
3 November: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre.
www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.
12 November: 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.
13 November: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Annual meeting.
 Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.
10/24 November: 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.
18 November: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.
27 November: David Gresham House Open Morning, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 10am-12pm.
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

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Open morning at

David Gresham House in Hurst Green

David Gresham House are delighted to announce that they are hosting an 'Open Morning' at their home in Hurst Green (2 Oak Close, Oxted RH8 0BA).

This open morning will be taking place every LAST Thursday of the month from 10am until 12pm (noon).

'We are hosting this day as we wish to nurture and build connections within our local community, over a delicious cuppa and some homemade biscuits! This will be a wonderful opportunity to engage with our residents, who are always happy to laugh and take part in activities with new people, as well as their friends in our home.'

All our welcome and we are incredibly excited to share what we are about and what our people mean to us!

Abbeyfield
Wey Valley Society

Come Join the Little Fishes!

Parent and Toddler Group at Hurst Green Evangelical Church Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:15 AM

Looking for somewhere to let your little one burn off energy that doesn't involve them using your sofa as a trampoline? Come along to Little Fishes, our Parent and Toddler Group, where chaos meets caffeine — in the best possible way!

We've got toys, snacks, songs, and smiles (and yes, coffee for the grown-ups — because survival matters). Whether your toddler is shy as a minnow or splashing about like a dolphin, they'll fit right in.

It's a lovely chance to make friends, swap stories, and remind yourself that you're not the only one who's reheated the same cup of tea three times this morning.

Everyone's welcome — especially our special little fishes!

So, grab your flippers (or at least your toddler's wellies) and come along for some fun, laughter, and maybe a biscuit or two.

Location: Hurst Green Evangelical Church

Time: Tuesdays, 9:30–11:15 AM

Admission: Free (but smiles and giggles are compulsory!)



The family of Christine Jordan (86), a Hurst Green resident for over 75 years, would like to announce that sadly Christine died at home on 6th September. A private cremation was held on 2nd October. If you would like to make a donation in Christine's memory please donate to The Woodland Trust. Christine will be missed by all her friends and family.

Meet the Beat!



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Neighbour/s of the month for November

goes to staff at Costcutter Hurst Green. Not only do they always provide us with a friendly and helpful service they have recently been taking part in theme days to raise money for local charities. The most recent has been the Pyjama appeal where staff have been wearing their pjs to work.

You can find out more about the pyjama appeal here:
www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk.

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.



Household Support Fund

– Everyday Essentials E-voucher

As part of Household Support Fund 7 funding by the Department of Work and Pensions, Surrey County Council has launched the Everyday Essentials E-voucher.

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Funerals

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