



HURST GREEN NEWS

May 2026

Who wants to be a celebrity?

Over the years, many celebrities have been associated with Hurst Green. For instance, one of the most influential music composers of the Twentieth Century was Sir Michael Tippett. He was the music teacher at Hazelwood School in Limpsfield and a familiar person in the Hurst Green and Oxted area. Such was his celebrity that an estate road is named after him in the Meridian Square development at the Holland end of our village.

Perhaps our most famous person associated with Hurst Green is the Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer, Prime Minister, lawyer and musician. Some residents will remember the young Keir growing up in the family home in Tanhouse Lane and attending Merle Common Primary School.

Popular reality programmes on TV seem to make participants "famous for being famous" and many viewers dream of such celebrity. But The Bible teaches humility, not to idolise but to respect people. Shakespeare also warns of the fleeting and illusory nature of fame in his writings. Despite Sir Michael Tippett's standing as a composer, he was often criticised for his music. As a very prominent national politician and leader, Sir Keir also has many vociferous critics and opponents.

Perhaps rather than celebrities, we ordinary folk could think of ourselves as "persons of note". Each of us is a unique creation and completely worthy as we are. We don't have to be hugely famous to be notable. Just spread the love; look out for one another; and let's all be the best people we can be. Then we can all say we are also really true celebrities!

Bob Evans, local resident and historian



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9:15am Master Park, Oxted, Sun 10th May, run by Oxted Scouts

Sellers: 9:15am - Bring your bikes, buggies, scooters, go-karts or similar items (all must be in working order). You set the price. If it sells, Oxted Scouts will deduct a fee (20% plus 50p to Master Park) and the rest of the proceeds are yours.

Buyers: 10:00- c11:30am, but best to be early to grab a bargain, as a queue tends to form once sellers have dropped off their sales items.

All purchases are CASH ONLY please.

Event run by 1st Oxted Scout Group Bike Sale - Sunday 10th May 2026 | 1st Oxted Scout Group
Funds raised will go towards the purchase of new equipment for both groups at Oxted and Hurst Green.



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1st Sunday of the month
9.45am - 10.30am

Includes craft workshop, bible stories, songs and prayers. with refreshments afterwards.

Everyone is welcome!

Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA



Christian Aid Week is celebrated in May every year. This year Christian Aid Week is 10th-16th May.

This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

You can donate and find out more at the Christian Aid website:
www.christianaid.org.uk.



Titsey Rotary Club's next Oxted Boot Fair will be held on Sunday 14 June, on Master Park in Oxted. The Oxted Boot Fair raises money for charities whilst providing local residents with an opportunity to have a good clear-out at home and make some cash for themselves. So – now's the time to start clearing out all those "treasures" from your drawers, wardrobes, garages, attics and sheds. Remember – "one person's junk is another's treasure" and anything goes: household equipment, books, toys, games, memorabilia, pictures, clothes, shoes, jewellery, tools, plants, garden equipment, electronics. Last year Titsey Rotary Club made raised over £5000 from the June Oxted Boot Fair and this money was used to support charities and good causes, most of them local ones. Master Park can hold up to a maximum of 250 pitches, so please book your pitch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Full details are at www.titsey.org.uk.

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

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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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Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA
Assistant Priest: Reverend Mary Seller, 01883 715675
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Church Administrator:

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LITTLE FISHES
PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

TUESDAYS 9:30-11:15

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Darrell Higham and the Enforcers

– Saturday 6th June

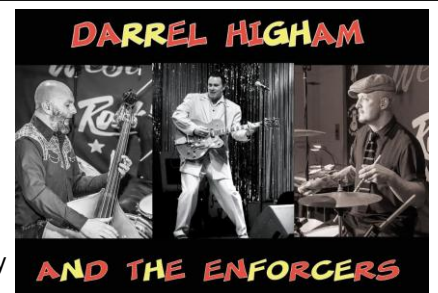
Dust off your dancing shoes, as on Saturday 6th June there will be a night of top-class, classic Rock 'n' Roll at Hurst Green Community Centre courtesy of Darryl Higham and The Enforcers.

Darrel is widely recognised as one of the UK's leading Rockabilly guitarists, and is endorsed by the iconic Gretsch guitars. Darrel has collaborated with Rockabilly legends such as Billy Lee Riley and Rocky Burnette, as well as working with leading contemporary artists, including Imelda May, Chrissy Hynde and Jeff Beck to name but a few. The band has been touring since 1994 – their first gig was opening for Screaming Lord Sutch! – and have since played festivals around the world, as well as regular gigs up and down the UK.

Expect an evening of high-octane Rock 'n' Roll from one of the tightest bands on the circuit today!

Darrel Higham & The Enforcers, Saturday 6th June, Hurst Green Community Centre.

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Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE) -

breaking news, boxes and a walk
Our first annual water quality report is out! Shared with our members and partners in the water industry, we hope its uncomfortable message will spur even greater action. Soon to be on the www.RiverEdenSoutheast.org new water quality page. In the meantime email HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com for a copy.

Bats and swifts - we thought we knew where they all were! We've widened our offer of FREE nest/roost boxes to any local residents who have seen these species in their area. If that includes you, then do get in touch. Mapping is important, even if you don't want a box. And if you do, the wonderful people at Blaze can assist with installation. Thank you Blaze! Email HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com, subject "FAO Lisa Graham".

"Get to know your River" guided walk (16th May) starting in the back garden of 1, Woodhurst Lane, 9:45am for a 10am start. Usually finish around 12pm at The Diamond Inn, Holland Road. Book via www.RiverEdenSoutheast.org



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2 May: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
11 May: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre.
www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.
13 May: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. 2nd Wednesday of the month.
 Heavenly Hostas with June Colley. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com or go to
hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.
11/25 May: 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 May: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Resolutions discussion plus fabric
 rag bunting. Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.
19 May: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm
21 May: David Gresham House Open Morning, 3rd Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm.
Every Wednesday in termtime: YoYo's playgroup, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.
Every Tuesday in termtime: Little Fishes playgroup, Hurst Green Evangelical Church, 9.30-11.15am.
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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SAVE THE DATE – 16th May

The Hurst Green Singers will be performing their summer concert on Saturday 16th May at 7.30pm at The Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Wolfs Hill, Limpsfield RH8 0QU. The programme consists of Haydn's "Insanae et Venae Curae" and Mozart's "Requiem", both exquisite pieces of music. The concert will include soloists and orchestral accompaniment. Tickets cost £20 (this includes refreshments after the concert) and can be bought online at www.hurstgreensingers.co.uk. Do come along for an evening of wonderful music, hope and peace.

This powerful group bring joy wherever they sing! Not to be missed!



Tickets available from
www.hurstgreensingers.co.uk

Oxted Women's Section of the Royal British Legion, are hosting a "Members' Mingle" on Wednesday 13th May, from 7.30pm at Oxted Royal British Legion Club, 42 Church Lane, Oxted. It's a chance for members to discover more about how their £22 annual membership fee is spent, and how the Women's Section differs from the RBL.

Although this is a members only evening, we will have the laptop open for new joiners. 'You have to be ex-service to join, don't you?' 'I have to commit to attend meetings, don't I?' 'I never go into the Legion Club, what is the point of me joining?' We rely on the strength of our membership to lobby the government to act in the best interests of the armed forces community. Membership is open to EVERYONE.

Call 0800 307 7773 and join the RBL and RBL Women's Section today. You can join both the Oxted RBL Branch and Oxted Women's Section for just £22 a year. (Club membership is an extra £5.)

And no, the Women's Section is not for women only! Come along and find out all the answers to your questions on 13th May, or please contact oxtedws.secretary@rbl.community



Surrey Specialist College Receives Green Light for Transformative Expansion Building a space where young disabled adults take centre stage.

The Orpheus Centre welcomed today the news that planning permission has been granted for a new Arts Centre as part a college expansion in Godstone, Surrey.

This marks a major milestone in the charity's aim to create a world-class, inclusive Arts Centre with fully accessible spaces for learning, performance and creativity – growing capacity by nearly 50% to meet rising demand and increasingly complex student needs. The Arts Centre will include a 250 seat theatre, a café and a state of the art sensory room: alongside modern, purpose-built teaching spaces.

Construction is expected to begin in 2028/29, subject to the successful completion of a fundraising phase.

Orpheus empowers young disabled adults to live, learn and work as independently as possible through the transformative power of the arts, fostering confidence, dignity and purpose. Its students achieve real outcomes: In 2024, 29% moved into employment (versus 4.8% of learning-disabled adults nationally) and 62% continued into further education – proof that their innovative approach, pioneered by founder Sir Richard Stilgoe, works. Sir Richard commented:

"The words 'Planning permission' are music to our ears. Someone thoughtful has looked at our dream and said, 'Yes, go ahead.' This Arts Centre will be more than bricks and mortar; it will be a springboard for imagination, independence and a lifetime of opportunity for our students."



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Neighbour of the month for May

This month Brenda Ralph of Boulthurst Way would like to give a big shout out to a little girl called Lily who was litter picking on her road and the Boulthurst playing area. Brenda asked Lily if it was a school organised project and she said "no just me as I don't like seeing litter". Brenda thought this was so kind and hoped her parents were proud of her. Thank you Lily for looking after our neighbourhood!

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.



Hurst Green Gardening Club Plant Sale
Saturday 16th May 2026
St Agatha's Hall, Hurst Green
2-4pm

Buy plants at low prices and all profits go towards paying for speakers at our monthly meetings. You can see the full programme here: hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.



St John's
 HURST GREEN



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