

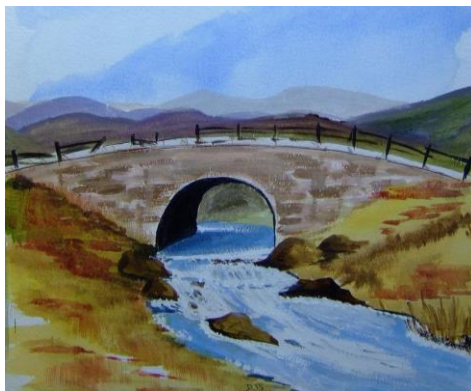


HURST GREEN NEWS

October 2026

Bridges

Although there are a few historic Listed Buildings in Hurst Green, there is only one Scheduled Ancient Monument. This is the packhorse bridge, located across the Gibbs Brook on private land. It is known as Home Farm Bridge and was constructed of Reigate and Kentish Ragstone in about 1640. It was built to enable farm goods and animals to be moved between Home Farm and Tanhouse Farm and was important to the local rural economy. At 386 years old, it is now somewhat overgrown and has fallen into disuse.



We have about half a dozen other bridges in Hurst Green, mostly concerned with the railway lines. These are all essential in joining up parts of our village; making our community work; and enabling more convenient travel. The ramped pedestrian structure known as The Green Bridge crosses Hurst Green Junction. Generations of children have waved to train drivers and continue to be rewarded with a quick toot on the train horn. Perhaps the most impressive bridge in our wider area is the Limpsfield Viaduct over the A25. This carries nearly 600 weekly train movements and is an important local landmark as well as being vital in carrying Hurst Green people to school, college, work and their leisure.

In spiritual terms, bridges are important features in holding things together. We often speak of 'building bridges' to help sort out issues between differing interests. When Paul Simon wrote 'Bridge Over Troubled Water', he was referring to how a person struggling in their life can be comforted by someone acting as a bridge to help them over their difficulties. In a village like Hurst Green, we can all be like bridges and help each other when needed.

Bob Evans, local resident and historian.

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Remembrance Sunday, 8 November St John's Church

8.30am: Holy Eucharist
10.15am: Service of Remembrance and
Reconciliation (not a communion service)
11am: Act of Remembrance in the churchyard
Everyone is welcome.

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**Tandridge Club for the
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takes place every 2nd
and 4th Mondays in the month at St Agatha's Hall.
Really bad eyesight is not a requirement; any age-
related dimming is fine. Please find below their
programme for the rest of 2026:

12 October - Games Afternoon
26 October - Piano & Recorder Group, Roger Hind
09 November - Rock a'longa - Jill & Friends
23 November - Quizzing Again
14 December - Fortunately Jill

If you would like more details, please contact
diana.drysdale@godstone.net / 01883 742 708.



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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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The Harvest Festival is a celebration of the harvest and food grown on the land in the United Kingdom. It is about giving thanks for a successful crop yield over the year as winter starts to approach. The festival is also about giving thanks for all the good and positive things in people's lives, such as family and friendships.

Harvest Festivals have traditionally been held in churches, schools and sometimes in pubs. People bring in produce from their garden, allotment or tinned and packaged food. Typically, surplus produce is given away to a local charity, hospital or children's home. St John's Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 4th October and donations will go to the Oxted Food Bank



All age Service for Harvest: 4th October at 9.45am- 10.30am.

Bring a contribution of tinned or dried food
for the Oxted Foodbank.

Everyone is welcome!

St John's Church, Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA

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



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



October in Britain: Full of History, Tradition and Surprises

October is one of those months when Britain seems to come alive with history. Here are a few fascinating October dates to enjoy as autumn settles over Hurst Green and Oxted.

14 October 1066 – The Battle of Hastings: And for those of us living in Surrey, there is a particularly local connection: the battlefield is only around an hour's drive from Oxted.

21 October 1805 – Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar: The National Maritime Museum describes the battle as one of the most famous naval battles in British history.

25 October 1854 – The Charge of the Light Brigade: During the Crimean War, the famous Charge of the Light Brigade took place at the Battle of Balaklava.

26 October 1863 – Football gets its rules: In 1863, the Football Association was formed in London and began the process of establishing a standard set of rules for association football.

30 October 1925 – The beginning of television: On this date Scottish inventor John Logie Baird successfully demonstrated a moving television image.

History is not only something that happened in London, on famous battlefields or in royal palaces. It is all around us. That makes autumn a good time to look at our local surroundings. The lanes, fields and old buildings around Hurst Green have been part of a landscape shaped by centuries of travellers, farmers, tradespeople and residents.

And if all this has whetted your appetite for local history, October is an especially good month in which to get involved. The Oxted & District History Society's programme begins in October, with talks covering everything from archaeology and medieval history to more recent events. You can find out more here: www.oxteddisthistrysociety.com.

So, as October brings darker evenings and autumn colour to Hurst Green, perhaps spare a thought for the extraordinary events that have taken place during this month over the centuries.



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The Lionesses are Holland Sports JFC's 3rd girls' team, and they start the season with a strong squad of 14 players. Holland Sports JFC is also home to Under 12/13 girls' team - The Ravens and Under 11 girls' teams - The Hawks. In total, Holland Sports JFC have a total of 20 junior teams which is great news for grass-roots football.

The Lionesses are playing in the Sussex League and have played 3 away games so far growing from strength to strength. Once the pitches at Mill Lane have been given approval to play on they will be playing their home games there on a Sunday morning. Please come and support them with the rest of the Holland Sports teams!



Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE)

Our Autumn Walk this year will take place on Sunday 8th November 9:30am at 1, Woodhurst Lane for a 10am start. Approximately 5km linear walk finishing at The Diamond Inn. Level but uneven, and potentially muddy ground. Head to our What's On page for details and to register your interest at www.RiverEdenSoutheast.org

Thank you to the many volunteers who have recently installed an Asian Hornet trap. Great news - thanks to funding from Surrey County Council we are able to increase the number of volunteers/traps, make use of AI for better identification and provide information on a new INNS webpage. Email hellofreesurrey@gmail.com with "FAO Keith Masters" in the subject to receive details on how to set up your own trap and be part of our project.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at FREE events!



Regular Dates for your Diary October 2026

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

8 October: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Four Effect Quartet
Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.

12/26 October: 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 October: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. 2nd Wednesday of the month. at St. Agatha's Hall. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com or go to hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.

15 October: David Gresham House Open Morning, 3rd Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm.

20 October: 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 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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Oxted Band Strikes Up 125th Anniversary Celebrations with Free Historic Massed Brass Reunion Concert

The historic Oxted Band is officially celebrating 125 years of bringing music to the local community, marking the milestone with a spectacular, free massed brass reunion concert this autumn.

Founded in 1901 by Arthur Paul Barry as the Oxted and District Prize Band, the group began as a 24-piece wind ensemble. Over its century-long history, the band has survived major global disruptions—from losing its original instruments to a volunteer army regiment in France during the First World War, to navigating the recent forced silences of the Covid-19 pandemic. Today, the simplified Oxted Band continues to go from strength to strength, remaining a beloved fixture at local concerts, fetes, and Christmas events.

To celebrate more than a century of music making, the band will host a special Reunion Concert on Saturday, 10th October at 6pm at St John's Church, Hurst Green. In a true community gesture, the concert is completely free to attend, and no prior booking is required. The evening promises a powerful performance, bringing together past and present musicians to form a large massed brass band.

'Our local brass band continues to be a vibrant part of the community. This 125th anniversary is not just a celebration of our history, but a thank you to the local area that has supported us through every challenge. We cannot wait to welcome back familiar faces for what will be an unforgettable night of music.' said Band Chairman Ben Hicks.

Oxted Band Anniversary Concert



Come and celebrate 125 years of the Oxted Band



Saturday 10th October 6pm

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All Souls' Day Service at St John's Church:

Sunday 1 November, 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 at the back of the church from Sunday 18 October until 11am on 1 November.



You are invited to stay for a cup of tea in the St John's Room after the service.

Neighbour/s of the month

This month we would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved in the Hurst Green Fair and particularly to Amanda Richmond and the team of volunteers who organise the event each year. Well done on creating such a fantastic event. We are already excited for next year! 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.



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You can enjoy home-cooked meals on Wednesday – Saturday (12 - 2.30pm and 5:30 - 8.30pm), and Sunday (12- 5pm). Our take-away service is available during the same hours as our food service!

We have just launched our Christmas menu - and we are also doing take-away Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day!

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