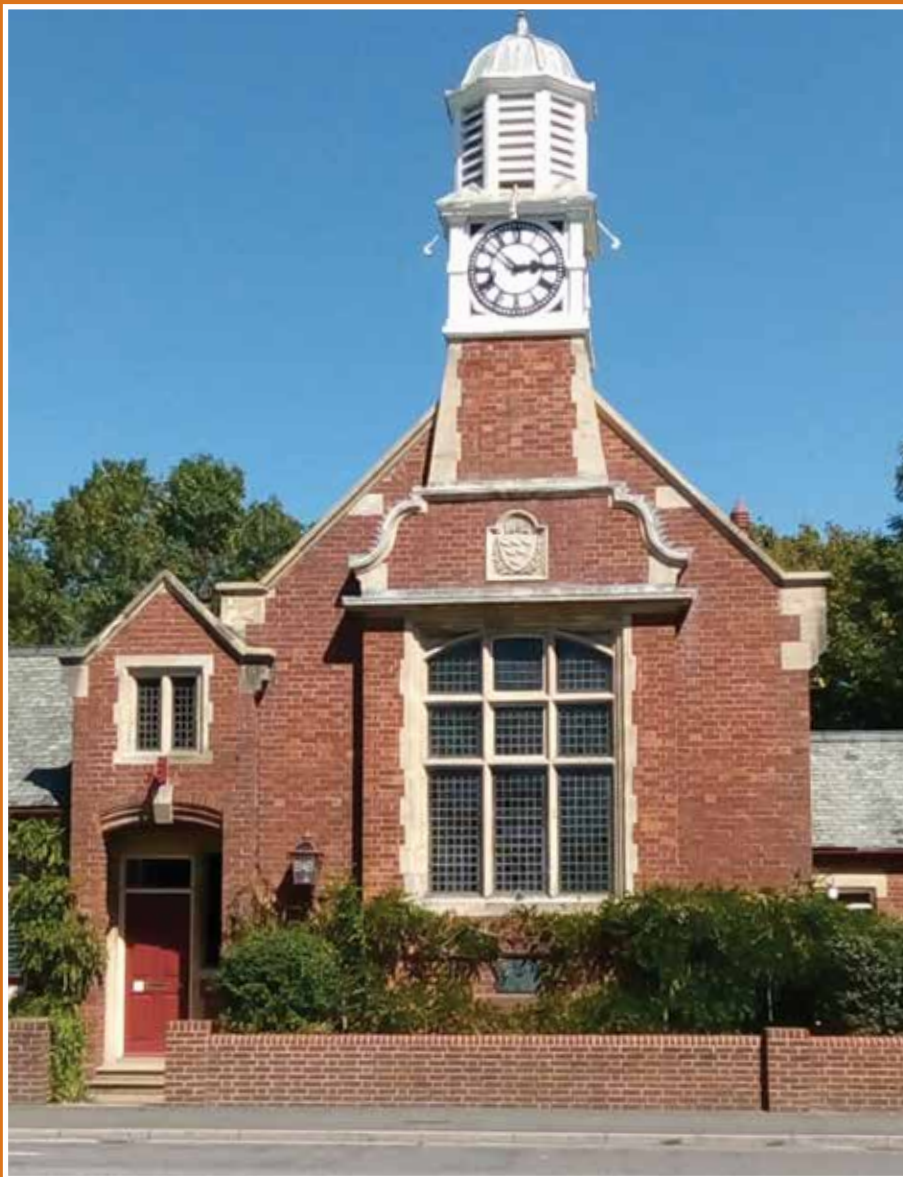


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What's going on in Hurst Green • News, views and information

EDITORIAL

Thank you to everyone who responded so positively to the first issue of the new parish magazine and I hope you will enjoy this second edition.



I was thinking of making a list of all the good things about living in Hurst Green. We hear a lot of negative stuff regarding the state of the A21, speeding traffic, lack of parking, housing issues etc. all of which concern us as residents and rightly so. This is why the Neighbourhood Plan has become so necessary if we want to shape the future of our village.

However, one of the great things about living in Hurst Green is the accessibility of the beautiful countryside and the number of footpath walks. Getting off the main road away from the traffic into the open fields or deep into the woods can lift the spirits and provide a healthy 'time out' and what's more it is absolutely free!

As the summer turns to Autumn, some of us can suffer with certain symptoms of SAD, (Seasonal Affective Disorder). We tend to spend more time than ever indoors and miss out on the light our body needs. If we do not receive enough sunlight we feel sluggish, lethargic and low in energy. So, as walking is deemed to be one of the best forms of exercise, maybe a walk on the footpaths through Burgh Woods or through the fields behind the Old Courthouse is the answer! Happy reading! **Annabelle Blackaby**

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The Hurst Green Traveller Ray Young

Many of us like to share our travelling experiences with friends and family through holiday photos and videos, but for one Hurst Green resident, this hobby has seen him produce semi-professional travelogue films for local organisations to enjoy!

Over the past 20 years, Ray Young has travelled far and wide, taking in China, Hong-Kong, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, South Africa, Egypt, Kenya, France, USA, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Tanzania, Costa Rica and others. For the last three years, Ray has been taking his Travelogues to local group meetings including those for Senior Citizens, Friendship, Womens Institutes, History, Church and others, for members to listen to and watch, and gain an insight into different cultures, cuisine, wildlife and flora of countries that many people may never have the chance to visit or experience.

Ray explains how it all started: 'By good fortune, my work in the music recording industry sent me to various parts of the world and I always took my video camera with me. I had a good grounding in camera operating ever since my Dad bought an 8mm movie camera in 1956. I fell in love with it and realised its potential for creativity. I later acquired a digital video camera and spent weeks editing the pictures,

adding music, sound effects and informative voice-overs, and I get immense satisfaction from people's reaction to the results. Each Travelogue show lasts about 60-75 minutes, including films of 30 minutes each. To show where we are in the world, I take very large scale maps showing the flights and continents being visited. I also take local artifacts, such as hand crafted animal models, huge Ostrich eggs and native articles.

I provide all the equipment necessary for each show. A 40 inch TV & DVD Player for groups up to 20, or a DVD projector, screen and loudspeakers for larger groups. No charge is made for the shows or travelling but as an authorised collector for The Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance Fund, I do ask for a voluntary donation that goes entirely to this life saving Charity.

I am happy to say, through the generosity of all concerned, in the past three years, I have been able to send over £1,100 to the Air Fund. I am told It costs £180 every fill up, and £1600 every lift off, for each of the 2000 incidents they rush to attend'.

If any organisation wishes to book Ray and his interesting and entertaining talks and films, here are his details:

**Telephone: 01580 860574 or
Email: raythejeep@mypostoffice.co.uk**



Burghwood House

— a Community within a Community

There are 25 self-contained flats housing 28 residents in this independent living complex situated in a beautiful setting backing on to the woodland at the top end of Burgh Wood.

Recently the residents have been doing some serious fundraising towards their **Up The Garden Path** project. It all started when they were having trouble accessing the washing line which was on a higher level up some steps. The idea to re-landscape the area was born and to date they have raised enough money to have a fabulous new path laid with railings to be put in. There is more to achieve which is why the Residents Association are keen to promote their fundraising activities. There have been BBQ's and stalls at village fetes which all take a lot of organising. The next fundraiser will be a Cheese and Wine evening on Saturday 29th September from 6.30pm. The cost will be £5 per head which will include a couple of drinks and cheese of course! For further details please contact

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Letter from the Vicar

I do hope that you all enjoyed the wonderful summer that we had, that the heat wasn't too much for you and that you also managed to get some rest and relaxation in whatever way restores and energises you.

This time I thought that I would share a story that really reflects the heart of God towards each one of us.

The story is told of a village where the dowry paid by a prospective husband to the family of the woman he wanted to marry was paid in cows. A well-respected family with a beautiful daughter who was popular and accomplished might expect to be offered 6 cows when she married. This was rare though and most dowries were around 3 or 4 cows. There was a family who had four daughters and the youngest was very shy, she was awkward and clumsy; she was seen as being quite plain and she wasn't very good at anything at all. As the daughters grew up, the older three got married and the family was pleased to be offered 4 cows for each of them. However, the parents despaired that the youngest daughter would ever be asked to marry. "She isn't even worth 2 cows", they said and resigned themselves to the shame that no-one would want her.

Then one of the most handsome and wealthy young men in the village came to the youngest daughter's father and said to him, "I would like to marry your daughter and I will give you 8 cows for her". The father was astounded, he thought the young man had mistaken his daughter for someone else, but no, it was definitely his daughter that the young man wanted to marry. "But my daughter is not worth 8 cows", he said to him, "she is not even worth 2 cows". "She is worth 8 cows to me", he told the father, "and that is what I will give you". Well the shy, plain, awkward, youngest daughter was

married to that rich and handsome young man and as you can imagine there was much gossip about it around the village. But as time went on people began to notice changes in the young woman. She became more confident, she held her head up high and was no longer awkward and clumsy. She began to get better and better at the things that she used to find so difficult and what is more, people realised that she was in fact quite beautiful. Her husband's love for her and confidence in her had enabled her to become the very best that she could be.

And that is a picture of God's love for every one of us. To God, we are all 8 cow women (even the men!). That is why Jesus came – to show us how much He loves us. If we receive His love, then His love for us will help us to grow and flourish and to become the very best person that we can be.

God bless, **Rev Annette**

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If you would like to talk to me then please catch me at Hurst Green Community Shop 9.30-11.30am on 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Or feel free to give me a ring or email me.

Holy Trinity Hurst Green

WEEKLY SERVICES

1st Sunday • 9am • Holy Communion
2nd Sunday • 9am • Breakfast Church
3rd Sunday • 4pm • All Age Worship
4th Sunday • 9am • Holy Communion
5th Sunday • 9am • Morning Prayer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 30th September
at the church, Harvest Festival at 11.30am
followed by a thanksgiving lunch
Tues 23rd – Fri 25th October
Holiday Club at the school for children age 5-11,
plus Celebration service at the church on Sun 28th
Friday 2nd November 7.30pm Fashion Show
www.hurstgreenhtc.org





Despite the great weather, Hurst Green Cricket Club has not played as many games as we would like – only three so far vs Linton Green, Wadhurst and Etchingham.

The main problem is finding enough players to commit to every Sunday afternoon which is a problem with even the bigger clubs.



More specifically for Hurst Green, a number of players have retired over the past couple of seasons and unfortunately have not been replaced, particularly by local players. I am hoping to turn this around, several players from the village have made their debuts this season but it may be some time before we're able to put a team out more regularly.

I'm sure we'll fit in a couple more games between now and the end of the season and I'll post details of these to the village facebook page. In the meantime, if you'd like to turn out for your village please drop me a line at hurstgreenc@gmail.com or call on 07796 976809. We're open to all abilities (men and women) and we'll consider younger players if they've played hard ball cricket.

Ian Hirst (Club Secretary & Treasurer)



Despite the name, we don't just sell eggs or apples. We hope to deliver a full basket shop of delicious produce. We seek out the

best producers in Kent and Sussex, reducing our customers' food miles, so that we may all continue to bask in the beauty of the Weald in which we are so lucky to live. Eggs to Apples is steeped in local history. The Barnes family set up Lodge Farm Shop in the village in 1972. During her family's time in the Middle East, Susannah, one of Richard and Patricia's four children, was cooking up an idea with her husband Craig to relaunch the original Lodge Farm site. And so in December 2014 a new chapter began and the Hewett family opened Eggs to Apples Farm Shop.

Many of our customers live in the village and enjoy walking up to the shop to collect fresh local produce and when they have time they stay for a coffee or bring their families for weekend lunches – enjoying the garden or views from the coffee bar while having nibbles and a glass of wine before ambling home. We hope to welcome you soon at our shop.



Hurst Green NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

WHAT IT IS

- A document that sets out planning policies for our Parish, which will help to decide whether to approve planning applications.
- Written by the local community, rather than the Local Planning Authority.
- A powerful tool, to determine the future development of Hurst Green

in regards to: housing, transport, recreation, education, business etc. Working in close cooperation with the District Planners but always with the best interests of Hurst Green and its future at heart, the Steering Group and its Task Groups are predominantly made up of volunteers.

• **TASK GROUPS ARE:** Education and Training, Housing, Infrastructure Leisure, and Economy, Business & Tourism

WHAT THE CHILDREN OF HURST GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL SAID

• ABOUT THE ROADS

'The main road is not safe because lorries drive too fast and the pavement is too narrow.'

'Cars overtake at 60 miles an hour on the main road'. The children had done a traffic survey and noted HGVs at ten o'clock in the morning.

'Station road is difficult to cross at the junction when we go to the church'.

• THEIR SOLUTIONS WERE

'Speed cameras with fines' 'More police in the area'. 'More traffic lights'. The children said they would like to make signs for the road saying things like 'Please don't hurt me, slow down'.

They would like to write letters to help get a footpath made that goes behind the school and comes out at the park or community shop.

• ABOUT THE PARK

'There's a litter problem at the park'

'The bins are in the wrong place; you have to go out of the park to put litter in the bin.'

'There's not enough to do at the park and the big boys don't let you play.'

'The teenage bus shelter always has a lot of litter.'

'I'd like to see a sitting and thinking place in the park.'

• ABOUT BUILDING

'We want to stay looking like a village with old style houses.' 'You could develop Dairy Close'. 'Building sites should have an entrance and an exit.'

'We don't want too many houses or it will turn into a town.'

'We want to preserve the woodland, we like to play and walk there.'

They also said that they don't want any more shops unless it's a pet shop!

They want people in Hurst Green to be happy!

One of the perks of being over 75!

If you are in the village Shop and Café on the last Thursday of the month at 10am, you will see 20 or more of our older residents tucking into a hearty breakfast. This is the **Breakfast Club**, an initiative which began back in June 2017; the idea was put forward by Derek Johnson, a member of the Parish Council, and is now headed up by Clive Twort.

I asked some of the punters what they thought of the club. Here are some of their comments:

"Wonderful" said Pat Bogue, "A good idea to bring the village together", said her husband Maurice.

"Best thing that happened in Hurst Green" says Lilian Cruse

Morag says she looks forward to it every month and it is the only time she eats a cooked breakfast!

Ray thinks it is a great idea for the local community and John and Ann say it is a happy and friendly place to be with great food brilliantly cooked.

Newest members Pat and Bert Digman who only recently moved to the village are finding it a good place to meet people and feel part of the community.

Clare the manager says, "We love doing it, it is a really good way to connect with the village especially as we are a community shop!"

There is always a raffle with prizes donated by the members themselves as well as donations from local friends. Phyllis organises this with great skill and the money raised is ploughed back into the club. Clive is hoping to use some funds to organise a day trip out in September.

"Best thing that happened in Hurst Green"

The Parish Council donate £100 per month which funds 20 breakfasts and the members pay £5 per annum to join. New members welcome, no one will be turned away as long as you qualify age wise of course! I can't wait!

So if you would like more details do contact **Clive on 01580 860760**
Please note there will be no club in August but two in September on Thursday 6th and Thursday 27th.

Tribute to Lilian Cruse

Sadly less than a week after the Breakfast Club, Lilian passed away, peacefully at home.

She was such a central figure in Hurst Green and although she had struggled with ill health for some time she was always game for a laugh and interested in everything and everyone. She will be greatly missed and we send Robin and all the family our sincere condolences.



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This year the Leavers held a service in the church and it was great to hear all their memories of their time at the school and see them receive their portfolios plus being treated to some excellent singing by the whole school! Well done Year 6 students we wish you well in the next phase of your education.



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The closest carers group to Hurst Green run by the charity is its **Carers Wellbeing Group**, held in **Battle on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10am–12pm at Emmanuel Centre, Harrier Lane, Battle TN33 0FL**. There is a Support Worker from Care for the Carers who is on hand and Carers are welcome to drop in anytime for a cuppa and a chat with other carers in the local area.

CareLine is a quarterly magazine, available by post or via email. You can find the latest issues of **CareLine** on the Care for the Carers website, along with advice and information for carers, and details of carer support groups and activities.

Visit www.cftc.org.uk, email info@cftc.org.uk, call 01323 738390 or text 07860 077300 for more information. You can also find Care for the Carers on social media

No one left to care alone

Comedy Capers Hurst Green

Comedy Capers has been running since 1994. It began as an idea in the Bull Inn (now the Claypot) when a few regulars came up with the idea of performing a pantomime for the village and a pantomime society was established. It evolved to also put on a charity entertainment show for Children in Need. Over the years the pantomime has helped children's groups in the village and funded improvements and decoration in the village hall.

We are just beginning to start preparations for Children in Need 2018 so this is the perfect time to come and join us. We'll have a cast of returning favourites and some new recruits who are ready to bring the audience more comedy, dance, song and plenty of surprises. See us take to the stage at Hurst Green Village Hall on Friday November 9th 7.30pm and Saturday 11th, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. You can get your hands on the hottest tickets in town (or village, in this case) by purchasing them at Hurst Green Village Shop (from October). Tickets are priced at just £6 for adults and £3 for children. Delicious homemade refreshments and incredible prizes will also be on offer and best of all – every penny goes to Children in Need!

We currently need performers and backstage crew. Only a few of us had theatre experience before we joined, you just need to have a sense of humour and enthusiasm. It's a great way to get to know your fellow villagers, have some fun and raise money for good causes.

We welcome all ages from seven to over seventy. If you are interested in joining us, or just coming along to see what we do: email colleensburt@gmail.com or call 01580 860771. We will make you welcome.

Colleen Burt



Children in Need – Fundraising to be proud of

After 17 years of performing variety shows and other fundraising activities, we are incredibly proud to have raised over £30,000 for Children in Need. In particular, we were overwhelmed by the support from the village Primary School, local businesses and generous donations from villagers which all lead a record breaking total of £4,018.25 being raised in 2017.

Hurst Green can take pride in the knowledge that this money is used to help change the lives of thousands of disadvantaged children and young people right across the UK. Now, we look forward to 2018's fundraising and set our sights on matching, or even beating, last year's total! You can support us by coming along to one of our shows, in November. We look forward to seeing you there!

For further details, or contributions to our fundraising, please contact us at cinhurstgreen@outlook.com

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