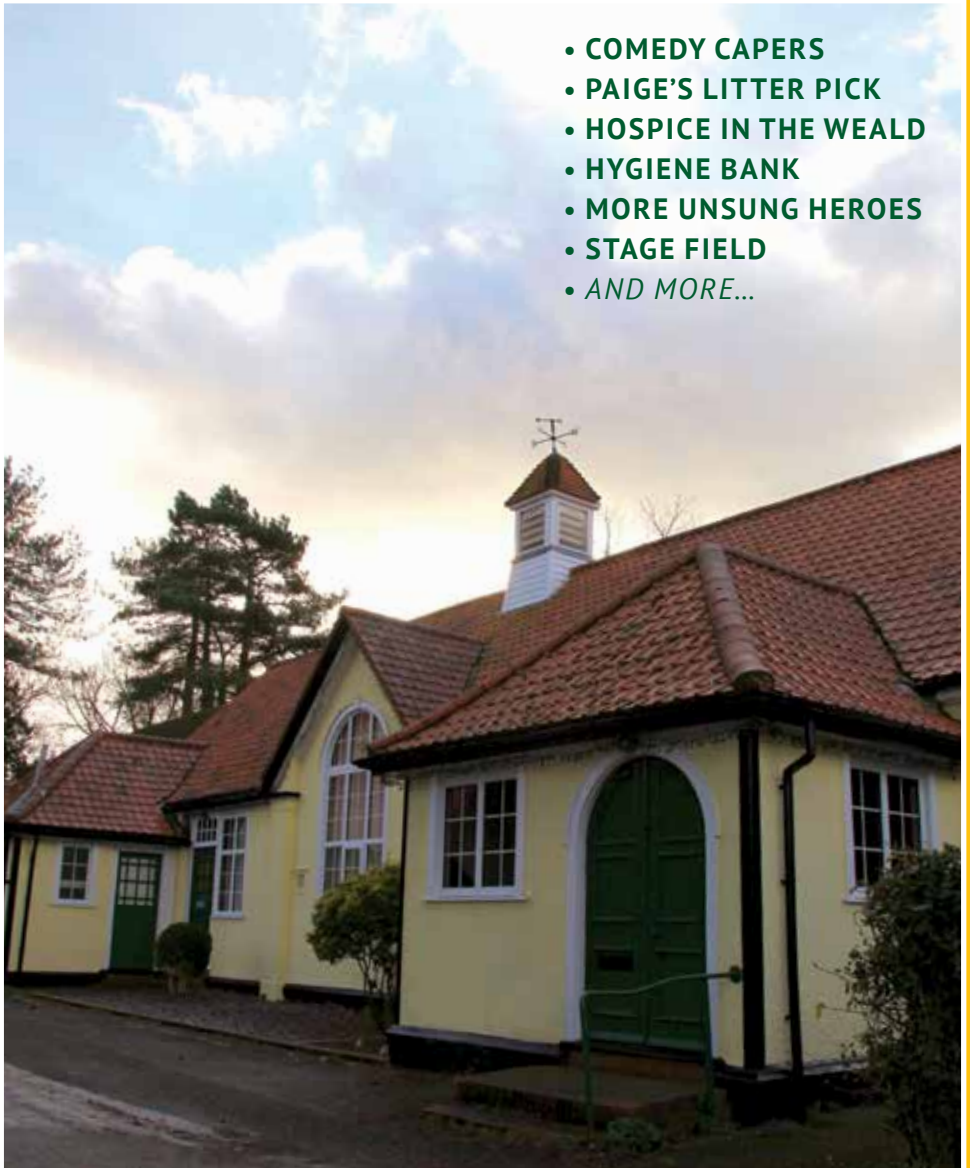


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What's going on in Hurst Green • News, views and information

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the fourth edition of *the Hurst*. The first two months of 2019 seem to have passed so fast and when I asked someone this morning how they were, the reply was, "just about keeping my head above water". Don't you sometimes wish time would be put on hold so that you can catch up!

One morning in December, a group of us went out protesting about the traffic speeding outside the school. Parish and County Councillors, residents including school children, held banners high and listened to our MP Huw Merriman pledging his support for action. Magically, Highways England replaced the broken flashing 20mph signs within a couple of weeks. However we cannot afford to be complacent - if not a bypass, then anything we can do to slow the A21 through traffic must be good. Ideally speed cameras at each end of the village and more speed warning lights. If you fancy wearing a yellow jacket and using a speed detection device, Community Speed Watch, a national initiative, is looking for volunteers to join the Hurst Green Group. Appropriate training and support will be given; so if you feel able and have a desire to support this venture you can find out more at www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk Or contact Steve O'Connell by email at stephen.oconnell@sussex.pnn.police.uk or phone 101 extn: 561330. I have just signed up, see you at the kerb side!

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Comedy Capers clinch it once again!



Children in Need

Adam Fuller, producer and director of the *Children in Need Variety show* writes:

In the November of 2018, we once again staged three performances of a variety show at the Hurst Green Village Hall in aid of Children in Need. Including sell-out shows, these events were incredibly well supported and received. We would like to thank all those who supported the project and made it such a roaring success that we raised a whopping £4832.95!!!!



So, what's next? Colleen says:

Aladdin Goes Wrong is our annual Pantomime for 2019! It's written and directed by one of our talented cast members at

only seventeen years old! She has had lots of experience in shows, so we are ready and raring for what promises to be a very entertaining pantomime. We can't think of anything that could (*actually*) go wrong!

The story of Aladdin's adventure is a familiar favourite and, as always, there will be enjoyment for all ages! Those of you who have attended past pantomimes will know that we are committed to providing a quality show including all the elements of a traditional pantomime, but with a Hurst Green twist. So why not come along and see how the classic story could go wrong?

We are already rehearsing hard so that everything will be ready for Showtime on Friday 5th April at 7:30 and Saturday 6th April at 2:30 and 7:30.

Tickets will be available to purchase from the village Community Shop in March, £6 for adults and £3 for children. As in past years, all children's tickets are just £1 at our Saturday matinee, because we want our local children to experience live theatre. There's nothing like it!

See you on show day!

Paige's litter pick



Paige
and Ellie

Hello, my name is Paige and I came up with the idea of holding a Community litter pick because I would always spot rubbish when I was walking to and from my bus stop. Occasionally I would pick some up but it was too big a job to do on my own, so I came up with the idea of holding a litter pick. I got to meet some very nice and friendly people and I'm so thankful to those people because we collected an amazing amount of bin bags. The streets of Hurst Green looked so much cleaner after! I would also like to say thank you very much to the Community Café who let us use them as a base and the local Parish Council who gave us the litter picking equipment. I think it is very important that we keep this village clean because it is an amazing community we live in.

Paige and Ellie are pupils at Robertsbridge Community College



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Letter from the Vicar

I came across this recently and thought I would share it with you...

Ten good reasons that you should go to your local Church!

- 1 Because it is community and there are some amazing people who are already there who would love to meet you.
 - 2 Because all the standing and sitting in between hymns is good for the thighs and you'll save money on gym membership.
 - 3 Because singing does wonders for the soul and is a real spirit lifter.
 - 4 Because the building is old, interesting and beautiful, simply sitting in it can reveal new things.
 - 5 Because, fancy that, it is YOUR church. Goodness me, what a thing! So, it seems daft not to use it.
 - 6 Because when Christians get together, they end up changing the world in a way they can't do on their own.
 - 7 Because if you'd like it to be around for a wedding, christening or funeral then someone's got to be there every week to make that viable – and it might as well be you.
 - 8 Because it's good to think sometimes 'what can I give?' rather than 'what can I gain?'
 - 9 Because in giving you will gain, and that's the funny thing.
 - 10 Because you will meet Jesus. In the person sitting next to you. In the words you find spoken to your soul. In the ordinariness of bread and richness of wine. You will meet Jesus.
- And you would be very, very welcome! Some people say to me that they have just fallen out of the habit of going to church. Others have never been and maybe don't feel the need – but how do you know if you have never tried it? Some churches have a 'Back to Church Sunday' to especially invite people along. Well at Holy Trinity any Sunday could be a Back to Church Sunday, we would love to see you. Our services are very informal and friendly. They start at 9am on 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays (3rd Sundays the service is at 4pm). On 1st

and 4th Sundays we have a Communion Service which is based around one of the modern C of E patterns. 2nd Sunday is Breakfast Church – we eat breakfast together and discuss a bible passage or faith topic. 3rd Sundays are more relaxed, sometimes with a band and more modern songs. Children are welcome at all our services and we seek to include them and provide for them in every way we can. This Easter the Church will be open during the day in Holy Week (April 15th-19th). There will be an exhibition of paintings and meditations to help us reflect on the Journey of the Cross. Please feel free to drop in any time. On Good Friday there will be a walk of witness, carrying the cross from the Shop to the church at 10am where we will serve coffee and hot cross buns. Easter Sunday the service will be at 9am NOT 4pm and there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children. Hope to see you soon! God bless, **Rev Annette**

annette@jhbd.co.uk 01580 880282/07900 332791

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 ring or email at any time.

Holy Trinity Hurst Green

WEEKLY SERVICES

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

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday 14th April • 9am • Breakfast Church
Easter week • Holy Trinity open all week to reflect on the journey to the cross with art and meditations, 15th-19th April
Good Friday • 10am • Walk of Witness from the Community Shop followed by hot cross buns and coffee at the church
Easter Sunday • 9am • Holy Communion, followed by Easter egg hunt

www.hurstgreenhtc.org



About Hospice in the Weald

Hospice in the Weald provides care completely free of charge to patients with a terminal illness, their families and carers in West Kent and Northern East Sussex.

This means we are there 24 hours a day to help, support and care for patients with an illness where a cure is no longer possible, and for patients who will at some stage die from their illness, whenever that may be (you may hear this referred to as 'palliative care'). We need to raise over £7 million every year to continue to provide our vital services to patients, their families and carers.

There are so many ways that you can get involved and support your local Hospice.

Here is what Gillian says: ***Why I became involved with fund raising for Hospice in the Weald.*** It was quite simply my desire to pay back, in some small way, for the care and attention that they gave to my beloved husband, Richard, who died there in 2008. I decided to inaugurate a mini concert series in Sandhurst, using his grand piano and all his musical contacts. I invited professional musicians to come down from London for an afternoon in the country to make beautiful music. After paying all the

artists, we have raised about £10,000 in the last ten years. Our audience grows each year and I hope that our future fund raising will also increase.

In closing, I would like to mention some personal insights into the special kindness and care at Pembury. I was allowed to sleep in Richard's room whenever I wanted and when he came home for a few days, they even sent a container of his favourite soup! When life became hard to bear, no one objected to my playing the Hospice piano at any time – day or night. However, the greatest

help of all was assistance over a signature problem with an insurance company. The doctor offered to organize an official letter to explain that the signature of a dying man was not the same as one from twenty years earlier – magically, the money was released after weeks of refusals. Words cannot express my thanks to the Hospice, but fundraising for them helps to show my appreciation!

Gillian Beattie Davis

Find out more about how you can support this vital work at

www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk



Gillian Beattie Davis

The Hygiene Bank – West Kent & East Sussex

We have all heard of Food Banks but now Hygiene Banks are emerging in a response to the growing number of families living in poverty in this country.

Hygiene poverty is isolating, shaming and excluding. Over 14 million people in the UK live in poverty – that is 1 in 5! Two thirds of children growing up in poverty live in a family where at least one person works, but they just don't earn enough to afford a decent standard of living. 1 in 10 girls cannot afford sanitary wear and many have to miss school.

We believe being clean and looking good makes us feel better, helps us fit into society, makes us more employable and children that 'fit in' perform better in school.

Recognising the trauma and anxiety caused by not having access to essential hygiene products, we provide toiletries, beauty, grooming and hygiene essentials to people who can't afford them, via charity partners across the UK.

Here in Hurst Green we can drop off items at the Community Shop or in Holy Trinity Church. Other local drop off points are in Sevenoaks, Dunton Green, Knockholt, Tonbridge, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells, Edenbridge, Crowborough, Ticehurst, Brighton, Hawkhurst, Tenterden and Hastings.

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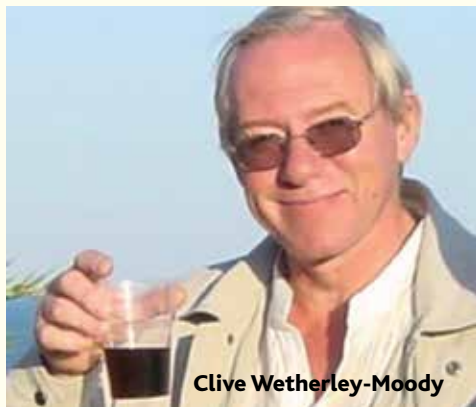
Hygiene Bank box in the Community Shop

More unsung heroes: Clive *and* Clive



Clive Twort

This man has lived in the village for more than 35 years and is involved with running the monthly Breakfast Club for the over 75's in the Community Café. So, quite a few folk will know him. However, what many people may not be aware of is his willingness to do a good turn to anyone he meets. Need a lift to the airport, doctor or hospital, you only have to mention it and Clive will be there! He selflessly gave his time and expertise to install the plumbing for the toilet and kitchen in the church and I know that a number of neighbours have benefited from his skills when a water related emergency occurs! On top of all this, Clive is always ready to have a friendly chat, listen to a problem or share some sound advice. Thanks Clive we really appreciate you.



Clive Wetherley-Moody

Although a relatively recent resident of Hurst Green, this Clive has involved himself in various aspects of village life. He was the first to volunteer to help in the churchyard putting up fencing for the sheep, pruning the hedges and working on the drainage round the pathway. He has tirelessly campaigned for improved road conditions, joined in the protest outside the school for speed restrictions and is taking part in the "Hello Neighbour" Challenge to tackle loneliness and help people in need. When a friend was painting the outside of his house, Clive just got stuck in without a second thought. His reluctance to be included as an unsung hero speaks of someone with humility which often seems quite rare these days!

If there is someone you know who you think should be included in this category of Hurst Green Heroes, please email me at thehurst.hg@gmail.com

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2019 promises to be an exciting year for cricket in England. At this time of

year the prospect of a home Ashes series over the summer is enough to get any cricket fan yearning for longer days and sunshine, but considering the test team is going through a bit of reinvention at the moment in the West Indies, I'm not that hopeful of regaining the urn against the Australians. For once however, there's something to overshadow the Ashes this summer – the Cricket World Cup will be held in England and Wales from May to July.

"The cricket world cup will be held in England and Wales from May to July"

England's 50-over team have been top of the world rankings for some time now, go into the tournament as favourites and will be playing against top teams such as India and South Africa as well as newcomers



Afghanistan. I hope that if England go far it will spark renewed interest in people having a go or returning to the game themselves. Don't forget your village has a cricket pitch behind the Eurasia (though judging by posts on

Facebook, it's been more of a horse paddock recently) and you have a team who welcome new members of any ability, male or female. If you fancy a go at cricket, but don't want to commit to playing every week in competitive games, then we're the team for you. Our games are played at home, about six to

eight of them spread over the summer on Sundays. If you're interested, give me a call on **07796 976809** or email hurstgreenncc@gmail.com What's stopping you?

Ian Hurst (Club Secretary and Treasurer)



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Wednesday Upholstery 10am FitSteps 8pm (Starting 6th March) Historical Society 7:30pm (3rd Wed of the month)
Thursday Pilates 8:45am Short mat bowls 7pm Jump Squad 8:30pm Zumba 8pm
Saturday Yoga 10am
Sunday Comedy Capers 10am (Jan-Mar & Sep-Nov)

For more information or to book, the hall please call 01892 881425

STAGE FIELD

In 2010 the Parish Council took on a 999 year lease of Stage Field and are now proposing, and have already gained, planning permission to improve the access to this public open space.

The aim is to provide a place for events and outdoor activities which can be enjoyed by all. The location is to be found on Silverhill off the Bodiam Road, TN19 7QD.

The area was gifted by Colonel T.B. Hornblower of Etchingam in 1949 and is situated on one of the highest points of the county. It gives a commanding view over the surrounding area, being the site of the second largest Napoleonic fort in the country, and has a 1960's Royal Observer bunker still in situ. With a football/games area, information board, map of the surrounding areas, and wildlife meadow, along with a picnic area and small car park, this has the potential to be a gem of a place! So let's hope the Council can raise the funds needed to finance this new initiative; watch this space!

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Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall – last Tuesday of each month.

Twinning trip to Ellerhoop – 6th-10th April

Annual Panto in the Village Hall – 5th & 6th April

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Thursday April 11th at the Church, 7.30pm

Easter week Holy Trinity will be open all week to reflect on the journey to the cross with art and meditations, 15th-19th April

Village Fete – Saturday 1st June – 1-5pm. Live music, stalls, refreshments etc.

EAST SUSSEX AND KENT POOL LEAGUE WINNERS

The Hurst Green social club Pool Team A show some of the competitive spirit which took them to winning the East Sussex and Kent Pool League in the 2017/2018 season. As at the time of writing the Hurst Green team are heading the 2018/19 league standings with a clear lead of 7 points.



From left to right are: David Bean, Richard Walker, Stephen Wright (lower), Shaun Colvin (upper), Clifford Kingshott, Daniel Potter, Patrick Wigram (Captain), Derek French.



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