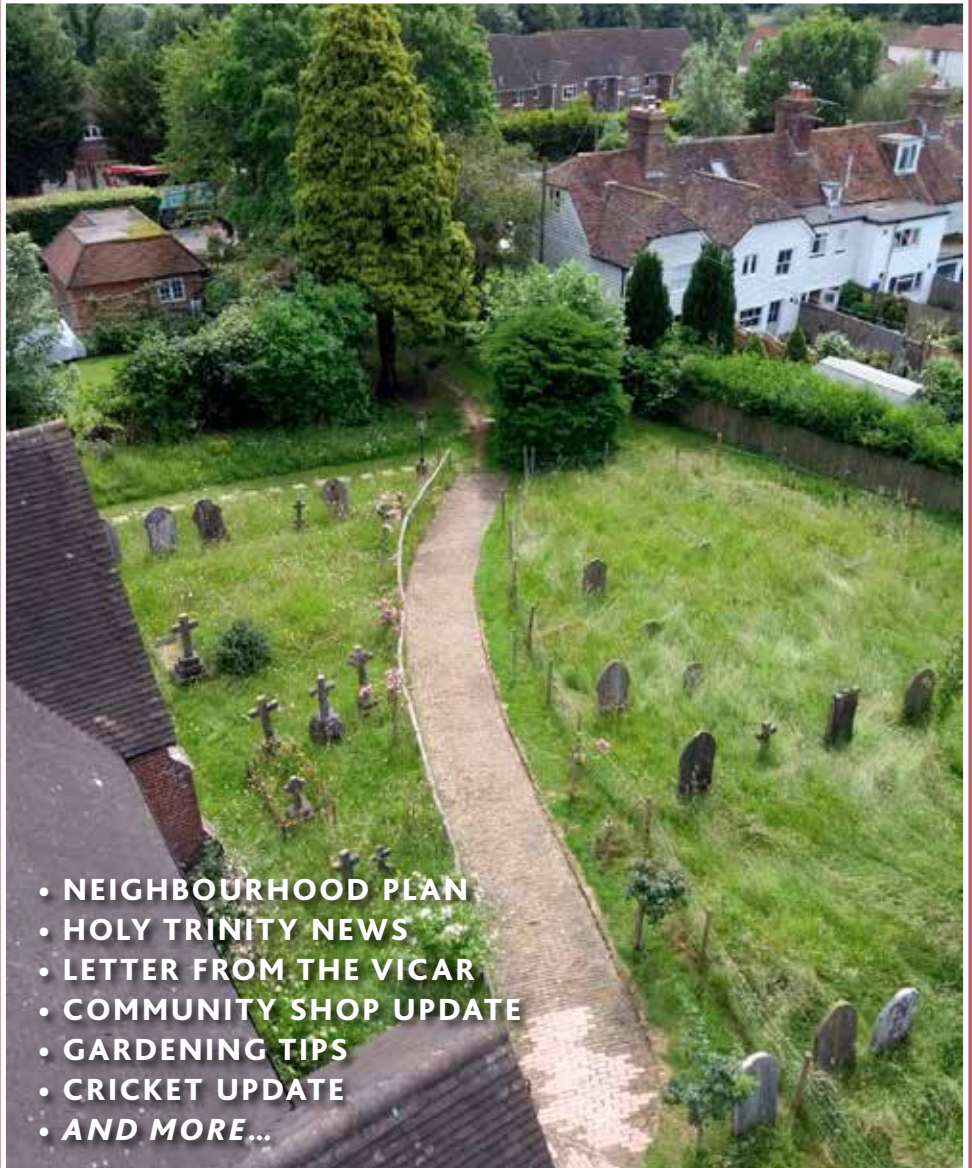


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EDITORIAL

The photo on the front cover was taken from the top of the church building when the scaffolding was up, things look so different from a bird's eye view! It reminded me of the amazing photos we saw recently of the view of Earth rising over the Moon's horizon taken from the Apollo 11 spacecraft. I guess we take it for granted now but views from the air are relatively recent for us humans!

Whilst walking around the village I am struck by how beautiful many of the front gardens look. So much hard work goes into maintaining and caring for a garden, it's a real labour of love but what a joy to see all the displays of colour, fragrances and textures. To help us negotiate into the Autumn we are delighted to introduce our resident gardener who has kindly shared some helpful tips to keep our gardens in good order.

There is also an update on the Neighbourhood Plan which is shaping up well. The aim is to create an environment that encourages residents to live active, social, meaningful lives that promote good health and well-being. It covers a wide range of planning policies which will enhance and promote the village, making it a more desirable place to live and work. There will be a public meeting in the near future to give residents an opportunity to respond to the proposals put forward by the Steering Group. This is our chance to have a say in the future of Hurst Green.

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WHAT'S ON

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
Brownies 6pm	Pilates 8:45 & 10am	Upholstery 10am
Short Mat Bowls 8pm	Jive 7pm	Fitness 6pm
	Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm (last Tue of month)	Historical Society 7:30pm (last Wed of month)
Thursdays	Neighbourhood Plan 7:30pm (3rd Tues of each month)	
Pilates 8:45am		
Short Mat Bowls 2pm		
Jump Squad 6:30pm		
Zumba 8pm		
Saturdays		
		Yoga 10am
Sundays		
Comedy Capers 10am		

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Neighbourhood plan in a nutshell

If judging by the number of resident surveys, public events and articles in this magazine is anything to go by, you would be hard pressed not to know by now that Hurst Green is creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The plan's Steering Group and the various task groups producing the plan are made up of Parish Councillors of volunteers from the community, all who freely give up their time.



The plan will supersede the 2009 Parish Plan for Hurst Green and is a document that allows local people to create a blueprint for our future. It allows the community to develop planning policies that reflect local priorities and has real legal weight. The whole community will then decide at a local referendum vote whether or not to bring the plan into force.

Following public feedback gained throughout 2018 and 2019 a number of key aims for the plan were initially proposed. These aims were subsequently confirmed and prioritised during public engagement events held in July 2019 and also via an electronic survey which was promoted on social media.

The Steering Group are keen to confirm that the following key aims, as voted upon by the community will form the basis of the Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan.

Key Aims

1. Protect against inappropriate and speculative development and to provide greater control over how Hurst Green should be developed in the future.

2. Improve public safety and reduce the harmful impact of road traffic, while providing sufficient parking for the community.
3. Develop local planning policies for Hurst Green which development proposals need to adhere to.
4. Create an environment that encourages residents to live active, social, meaningful lives that promote good health and well-being.
5. Bring forward action on facilities and improvements, which are needed by the village of Hurst Green; and the hamlets of Silver Hill and Swiftsden.
6. Improve the visual appearance and overall perception of Hurst Green as a place where people want to live, work and visit.
7. Enhance our existing, and create new open green spaces and improve access to the countryside.
8. Increase business, retail and tourism opportunities to encourage local employment, and grow the local economy.
9. Conserve and enhance the built and historic environment and improve the general street scene around the parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meets in public on the third Tuesday of each month, while the various task groups meet as needed and tend to work together electronically. If you would like to get involved, we are always looking for more volunteers. Please do come along to our meetings – where you can be sure of a warm reception and the offer of a cup of tea!

Community Shop UPDATE

SHAREHOLDERS AGREE TO BOARD RESOLUTION TO DEREGISTER

In the six weeks since the Hurst Green Community Shop closed, the Board has been working hard to ensure that the business that has run the Shop since it opened in 2013 – namely, Hurst Green Community Shop & Centre Ltd (HGCSC) – can pay off its creditors and settle its statutory obligations as employers and business owners.

Thanks to the support of local farm and catering businesses, most of the Shop equipment and appliances have now been sold and all local suppliers have been paid. Providing that the Shop can sell its few remaining assets – such as shelving systems, the sweet cart and some refrigeration appliances – the Shop will be in a position to deregister from its regulatory body, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

A Special Meeting for shareholders was held at the Shop on 1 August at which the Board updated the attendees and asked them to vote on its recommendation to cancel the HGCSC's registration with the FCA. The shareholders present voted unanimously to support the resolution.

Over the next few weeks, the Board will continue to tie up the remaining loose ends and, as soon as the deregistration is complete, the premises will be handed back to the Parish Council for it to work with local residents to decide its future.


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Letter from the Vicar

We have not long returned home from a wonderful holiday in Canada, and as usual I suffered from jet lag. There were headlines (again) recently about the importance of sleep and how the lack of it can cause significant health problems. Apparently the government are going to provide us with guidelines about how much sleep we should have. Actually these guidelines are already available on the Sleep Foundation website.

Following new research they have recently updated their recommendations and of course acknowledge that needs can vary tremendously; many of us remember Maggie Thatcher famously claiming to only ever need 4 hours a night! We don't seem to be as good generally at resting as we used to be. Our lives are just so busy and of course now we have Sunday Trading and so many sports being played on a Sunday. Family situations are often complex and with so many demands on our time we no longer really have a day of rest. Does it matter?

Well in our modern society we do seem to suffer from extremely high stress levels, and many people have to have time off from work with stress related illnesses. The reasons for this are manifold and by no means just related to Sunday no longer being a day of rest, but it is interesting that having a rest day is one of the 10 commandments. Did God just want us to have a day off to worship Him because He needs our worship? Of course not. All of the things that God commands us to do are in our own best interests and the interests of the communities that we live in. It is good for us to set aside a day to rest and there is plenty of research to show that practicing faith is also good for mental and physical health, happiness and general well being.

That is not to say that those who don't practice faith necessarily don't have good mental and physical health etc, just that practicing faith can be a positive contributing factor for many people. In the original Hebrew the beginning of the book of Genesis (which records a pre-history oral tradition) is actually a sort of ancient allegorical prayer poem. It is designed to convey the nature of God and His relationship with His creation, in particular with human beings, the pinnacle of that creation. In it we are told that human beings were created on the 6th day and that the 7th day was a day of rest. In other words, human beings are designed to begin with rest, and then work from a place of being rested.

In our hectic modern lives we all too often do exactly the opposite, work ourselves until we collapse and then start again before we have fully recovered – not a healthy pattern of living at all. Even people who have retired and should be enjoying a slower pace of life and the rest they have earned over their working lives can find themselves busier than ever. There are no easy answers but we do need to understand our need for proper regular times of rest and of course a good night's sleep. **God bless, Rev Annette**

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If you would like to talk to me then please catch me at The Royal George 10-12 noon 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 • Informal Worship
4th Sunday • 9am • Holy Communion
5th Sunday • 9am • Morning Prayer

www.hurstgreenhtc.org

Holy Trinity News



Café RENEW

at the church every Wednesday from 10am-12 noon a group of us women (and quite often a man or two!), meet for coffee/tea and cake. We are thinking about various activities we can engage in as we sit, apart from the usual chat. Maybe some art, craft or recipe ideas where we can share our talents and learn new skills.

So, if you are able to come and join us you will be most welcome.



School and church connection

We were delighted to welcome the school into the church for the Year 6 leavers service. It was particularly touching to hear from each of the 10 students their memories and experiences of their time at Hurst Green Primary School. The school singing was amazing as usual and only one Good Luck balloon managed to escape and will probably be up in the church rafters for a long time yet! We pray that their entry into secondary school will be positive and exciting and they will thrive and continue to enjoy their education.



Plastering!

As many of you will have noticed, scaffolding was adorning the west end of the church building for a few weeks in July. The repointing and repair to the leaking bell tower, missing roof tiles and clearing of guttering has now been completed and work on the inside plastering will be underway as soon as possible. As you can imagine this all costs a huge amount of money, some of which was raised from RENEW. At the village fete, we also promoted a *Buy a piece of plaster* scheme for the inside work. If you feel able to contribute to this, please contact Richard Blackaby.

Harvest Service

There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving service followed by lunch on **Sunday 6th October at 11am**. Free tickets for the lunch will be available; all you need to do is email richard@blackaby.force9.co.uk to reserve a place.

Half Term Holiday Club

will be held at the school for three mornings from **Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th October**, finishing up with a lunch for the children and parents on the last day. Details will be sent through the school office.

Christmas Fair

Saturday 23rd November at the church from 10am–2pm. This will be a charity event with stalls from various local charities selling gifts, cards and everything Christmassy! If you would like to book a table to raise money for your charity please contact Annabelle via email: annabelle@blackaby.force9.co.uk

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Gardening Tips

by *The Gardener*

LATE SUMMER/ AUTUMN

Watering

Water garden thoroughly, do not just splash a little around the borders. Do this very early morning or in the evening.

Raspberries

Cut out this years' fruiting canes from early varieties. Choose 4 or 5 of this years' new wood (shoots) to tie into straining/support wires. Prune out all weak, damaged or dead growth. Raspberries love a thick mulch spread around their roots to conserve moisture.

Roses

Remove all dead flower heads. Give bushes a feed with something like Fish Blood and Bone. This will encourage a flush of blooms later this Autumn.

Hedges

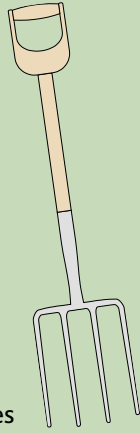
Trim box yew, privet and conifers. Don't cut conifers too short as some will die back.

Collecting Seeds

Collect seed heads from plants you wish to grow next year. Don't collect and keep seeds in a plastic bag, as they will sweat and rot. Always use a brown bag for this purpose.

Lawns

Do not cut grass too short, no lower than 1½ inches (3.81cms), especially in dry weather, as this can damage the root system.



Hurst Green Brownies

Over the summer holiday we challenged our Brownies to complete at least one Interest Badge and we can't wait to see what they choose, because under the new Brownie Programme we are now following there are 18 new Interest Badges that the girls complete at home. The Badges cover some old favourite topics like Collecting, Baking and Dancing but also now include new subjects like Mindfulness, Inventing and Aviation.

We have had one amazing outing this summer with a small group of girls going to the open day for Olave 2019, International Guide Camp at Blacklands Farm camp site near East Grinstead. Hundreds of Guides from around the world camped for 10 days, alongside girls from East Sussex.

We met guides from Nigeria and Ireland but there were also girls there from Australia, Greece, Malaysia, USA and Japan. It was an amazing opportunity for the Brownies to see what they could be part of if they move on to Guides but it was also great fun too as the girls got to go bungy trampolining, played crazy golf, tried out some circus skills, used virtual reality headsets to take a tour of the South Downs sky at night, looked round a fire engine, made a badge and got their faces painted too.

If you know a girl aged between 7 and 10 years old who'd like to join Brownies we have spaces. We re-start our regular weekly meetings after the summer holiday on Monday 9th September. Girls can be registered to join at

www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/



Hospice in the Weald musical event

Not even the rain could dampen our spirits when we listened to Daniel Grimwood present a unique recital that included a piano representation of an Indian Sitar, together with Dvorak, Henselt and Liszt. He made a memorial tribute to Hilary Couch, who never missed our events, by playing one of my

compositions. The *Nocturne* has never sounded more beautiful. We ended up having tea in the garage, but no one seemed to mind. My grateful thanks go to Maureen Sadler and Hamish and Cynthia Brown who dealt with the catering under difficult circumstances. The end result was a great success, raising £573 for Hospice in the Weald, after expenses. In addition, everyone had a lovely afternoon of music. The next event is **Tuesday September 17th @ 3pm**. Tickets in advance only from Gillian Davis 01580 850384.

The Hurst Green Traveller Ray Young

If there is a Programme Secretary or organiser of a local Friendship Club, Residential Home, Church Group, Women's Institute or similar organisation, out there then I would be please to hear from them.

I give travel talks on many countries of the world and follow them up with a DVD film to bring the talk to life.

I talk about the customs, prosperity, cuisine and culture of the country and at times show local artifacts such as hand carved ornaments, ostrich eggs, petrified wood, and other native articles.

The films last about 30 minutes each, have informative and sometimes humorous voiceovers, background music, stunning scenery, beautiful flora and wildlife.

I make no charge for my visits but as an Authorised Collector for the County Air Ambulance Trust, ask for a voluntary donation to this life saving charity.

I generally bring all my own equipment unless it is available at the venue.

Please get in touch with Ray by email: rally67@pobroadband.co.uk or phone 01580 860574



Cricket Update

In the last issue I wrote about the Cricket World Cup and I don't think anybody could have wished for a closer final. I was on the edge of my seat and couldn't quite believe how tense it was for the last 2 hours of the game. I've never been involved in a match that has been tied, let alone gone to a super-over (which was tied again), it really had everything and couldn't have been a better advert for the game. Thankfully it was shown on free-to-air, so my son and others had a chance to watch it and I hope they're inspired for the future.



Our own season at Hurst Green has been great so far – I don't think we've had a game rained off and through combining our team with Netherfield's we've been able to get a team out for most fixtures. In fact, we even managed to play a twelve-a-side game, so things are looking up

right now. We've also had a very generous donation of 25 litres of diesel from a neighbour of the cricket field. It keeps our tractor going and maintaining the outfield for the pleasure of everyone.

We're thrilled to announce The Royal George in Hurst Green as the club's sponsor. Their sponsorship will partly go towards some new team kit (with their logo on), as well as going towards sprucing up the pavilion.

Keep an eye out for match updates on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/hurstgreencricketclub and drop us a line at hurstgreencricketclub@gmail.com or 07796 976809 if you're new (or old) to the village and would like to play.

Forthcoming fixtures

Date	Team & Venue	Time
01/09/19	Crowhurst (Away)	TBC
08/09/19	Brightling Park (Away)	TBC
15/09/19	Brasted	13:00
22/09/19	Battle (Away)	13:30

Great News!

The Breakfast Club which has been running for just over two years for residents over 75 years will be continuing despite the closure of the shop!



To join the club, members pay £5 per year which entitles them to a breakfast meal on the last Thursday of each month, this is subsidised by the Parish Council. As they have been so successful and well supported, there is now a second get together for another breakfast each month, normally on the second Thursday.

The group are very well organised, a raffle is held each time which enables them to collect money to pay for outings.

If you or anyone you know, may like to join the group please call or ask them to call Clive on 07966 120363 or 860 760.



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