

the Hurst

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

EDITORIAL

The summer months of June, July and August are my favourite time of the year. My childhood memories have no clouds, only blue skies, sunshine and daisy chains, summer holidays and light warm evenings. In reality, of course, especially with increasing climate change, the pattern of the seasons has become a bit blurred!

The cricket season gets under way so if you fancy a chilled-out Sunday afternoon, rock up to the field and cheer our lads on, the first home game is on 3rd July. See full fixture list on page 3 opposite.

This magazine was launched 4 years ago with the support of the Parish Council and Holy Trinity Church, with the aim to connect the village and share information, news, and views of the local population. The magazine has become self-funding thanks to local businesses choosing to advertise. Every home should receive a free copy each quarter, delivered by a fantastic band of volunteers! It is also available on the council and church websites and in various local outlets.



I have very much enjoyed the challenge of gathering information and editing this publication and working with our designer John Hawkins, however, for various reasons, I feel now is the time to pass this on. So, if anyone reading this would like to take up the challenge to become the new Editor of The Hurst, please email us at thehurst.hg@gmail.com

The past few months have seen the creation of a small Community Choir, set up specifically for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Research has shown that singing can be good for you on many levels. It may help lower stress, boost immunity and lung function, enhance memory... it would be wonderful if we could continue and who knows where it will lead?

The planning group for the fete are hoping to see a massive turn out on Saturday 4th June at the Cricket Field from 12.30pm. The programme has a variety of stalls, events and activities for all ages including dogs! So, hope to see you there!

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Sunday 21st August

Sunday 4th September

Sunday 25th September

plus more to be confirmed



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SUNDAY SERVICES

1st Sunday

9.30am

**Holy Communion
with liturgy**

2nd Sunday 9.30am

Breakfast Church

3rd Sunday

9.30am Café style

4th Sunday 9.30am

Informal Communion

5th Sunday 9.30am

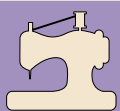
Informal service

What do we believe?

We believe and trust in one God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

Christians believe that Jesus is God's Son. Jesus reveals to us that God is our Father, and that God is available to us through the Holy Spirit.

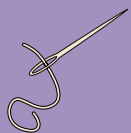
We base our faith on the word of God in the Bible, seeking to follow the teachings of Jesus. "Love God and others."



*Any Hitches
in your Stitches?*

*Do you need it
Making or Mending?*

*Curtains, hems,
make good or mend*



*Speak to Debbie
on 07592 62 99 96*

Thursdays

Renew Coffee Morning

10am – 12

Saturday Morning prayer

9am on Zoom

In Church

*a poem by RS Thomas (1913-2000),
poet and clergyman*

Often I try

To analyse the quality
Of its silences. Is this where God hides
From my searching? I have stopped to listen,
After the few people have gone,
To the air recomposing itself
For vigil. It has waited like this
Since the stones grouped themselves
about it.

These are the hard ribs
Of a body that our prayers have failed
To animate. Shadows advance
From their corners to take possession
Of places the light held
For an hour. The bats resume
Their business. The uneasiness of the pews
Ceases. There is no other sound
In the darkness but the sound of a man
Breathing, testing his faith
On emptiness, nailing his questions
One by one to an untenanted cross.

(Thanks to Patricia Barnes for sending this)

Letter from the Vicar

I want to share a story with you. Some people believe its origins to be Chinese, others say that it is an ancient Indian folk story, I don't think anyone knows where it first came from. You may have heard it before, but it is a story that bears hearing many times...

There was once a water carrier who had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house". The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them. For many years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house".

Now of course there are many lessons that we might take from this parable. We shouldn't compare ourselves with others.

**"There
is a crack in
everything, it's
how the light
gets in"**



We all have something to give, no matter how flawed we are. I think that that the two most important lessons are firstly that we are all cracked pots (or crackpots) and secondly that God loves cracked pots (and crackpots). It reminds me of the Leonard Cohen lyric, 'there is a crack in everything, it's how the light gets in'. If we acknowledge that we are broken and ask God to come into our brokenness then His light will pour in through our cracks, give us new life and reveal our true purpose. Each one of us is beautiful and valuable to Him. So may God richly bless each and every cracked pot who reads this letter!

God bless, **Rev Annette**

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**We meet at Holy Trinity every
Sunday – we have coffee at 9am
and the service starts at 9.30.**

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VILLAGE SCHOOL



SCHOOL AND CHURCH TOGETHER

Hurst Green Primary school has recently become part of this Trust which is committed to helping every child achieve their God-given potential.

The DCAT aims to be a Trust in which:

- Developing the whole child means pupils achieve and maximise their potential
- Continued development of staff is valued and improves education for young people
- All schools are improving and perform above national expectations
- The distinct Christian identity of each academy develops and is celebrated.

Holy Trinity Church is delighted to be able to support the staff and pupils to achieve this.

We can do this by regular visits to the school, leading Collective Worship, R.E. Lessons and being represented on the Governing body. Throughout the year there are opportunities for the children to visit the church and hold Christmas and Easter services as well as the annual Leavers' Service. As a church we are looking at ways for the children to engage with village life and connect with some of the older folk, maybe at the Renew coffee mornings or Breakfast Club.



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Gardening at school

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Hurst Green Jubilee Fete



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- Tea and Cakes in the marquee
- Bar Tent
- Mr Chippy
- Pizza La Roca
- Katies Fizz Bar



01	The Bar Tent	17	A Crafty House
02	Eggs to Apples	18	Soaps and Sorts
03	The Stocks	19	Gonewackers
04	Village School	20	Bubba Johnson
05	Author Jennifer Jackson	21	Tombola
06	Eco Food Wraps	22	Holy Trinity Church
07	Bumble and Bloom	23	Kids Crown Making
08	Raffle	24	North Candle Company
09	Sussex Scent Company	25	Flora Ceramics
10	The Urban Ferret	26	Crafty Owlets Plants
11	Willis Bloom	27	Crafty Owlets Crafts
12	Enchanted Forest Woodland	28	Happy Home Scents
13	Creature Crafts Pawfectly	29	Sam's stuff
14	Crafted Creations The	30	Only Lovely Cakes
15	Kitchen of the old dragon	31	Will's Bakery
16	Hopehouse Hens		



What is on and when?

12:45	Queen of the Day formally opens the fete	Pavilion
13:00	Community Choir	Pavilion
13:30-15:30	Live Band: Stormy-T & Bluesman's Lane	Pavilion
14:00	Dog Show	Arena
14:30	Book Reading by Jennifer Jackson	Stall number 5
14:30	Comedy Capers go Morris Dancing	Arena
15:00	Judging of the Junior Bake Off	Marquee
15:30-16:00	Singer guitar player Mark Rodriguez	Pavilion
16:00	Egg & Spoon Races for Children & Adults	Arena
16:30	Book Reading by Jennifer Jackson	Stall number 5

Gardening Tips for the Summer

JUNE

- Plant out summer bedding plants.
- Prune shrubs after flowering.
- Apply fertilisers to all established plants.
- Keep an eye open for pests and diseases, and spray as soon as they are noticed.
- Remove dead flower heads.
- Take cuttings of shrubs and perennials.
- Thin out hardy annuals.
- Provide support for plants.
- Plant out dahlias and fuchsias.
- Lift and store spring flowering bulbs.
- Protect strawberries from slugs – put down slug pellets
- Spray fruit and vegetables against pests and diseases.
- Plant out tender vegetables such as tomatoes, marrows, sweet corn, and celery.
- Continue to sow green vegetables and salad crops.

JULY

- Trim hedges and continue dead heading, feeding and pest and disease control.
- Lift and divide bearded irises.
- Continue shrub pruning after flowering.
- Feed lawns.
- Continue feeding and spraying against pests and diseases and protect fruits from birds by draping netting over bushes.
 - Remove old leaves and unwanted runners from strawberries.



- Sow spring cabbage, turnips, carrots, lettuce, radish, beetroot and early peas and winter spinach.

AUGUST

- Plant autumn flowering bulbs.
- Propagate plants from semi ripe cuttings.
- Continue dead heading, and pest and disease control. Continue feeding, if plants need it.
- Continue hedge trimming.
- Prune raspberries as soon as the fruits have been picked. Cut out fruited stems to ground level. Lift onions, dry off and store.
- Sow spring cabbage, winter spinach and salad crops
- Cut and dry herbs.
- Keep up pest and disease control.

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Hurst Green Over 75s Breakfast Club

You're invited to join us for breakfast! The Breakfast Club meets in the village Hall at 10.00am on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month.

Hurst Green Parish Council very kindly funds the breakfast for folks over 75 years on the 2nd Friday of the month, enabling the senior members of our community to come together to socialise, enjoy a lovely, cooked breakfast and feel part of the community and hopefully help combat loneliness and promote friendship.

Due to the success of the Breakfast Club, members requested a second breakfast morning in the month for which they contribute £5 towards the cost of the food. A membership fee of £5 is charged annually to help with costs associated with running the Club.

The Breakfast Club is run by volunteers and our special thanks go to Bob and Mandy who always manage to cook scrumptious breakfasts for us twice a month.

Places are still available so if you would like to come along and join us on either one or two Fridays each month you would be assured of a warm welcome.

A few places are also made available for people over 70 years or those who live outside the village or who live alone and would like to get out and meet other



people. The cost of each of the breakfasts would be £5 for these members.

Please contact us if you're interested in joining the Breakfast Club:

Clive 01580 860760
Elaine 01580 860358

Looking forward to you joining us for breakfast soon. **Elaine Ralph**



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For a full page: £100 for one issue, £360 for a year (4 issues)

Please email us for further details:
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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, during the period of Remembrance.

The Royal British Legion is here to help members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans, and their families. They support serving and ex-serving personnel all year round, every day



of the week. Their support starts after one day of service and continues through life, long after service is over.

Every year in Hurst Green there is a collection made which could not be achieved without the commitment of the following people and businesses. So, a huge thank you to: Ashdene Garage, Caravan Tech, Merriments Gardens, Planters, Eggs to Apples, Aroma 21, The Social Club, ManYee, Hurst Green Stores, Ian & Sheila Peacock, Ray Young, Derek Johnson, Graham Browne, Tom Browne and Sharon. The grand total collected in 2021 was £1921.04, which shows the generosity of the village for this worthy cause.

HURST GREEN VILLAGE HALL

WHAT'S ON WEEKLY

MONDAY	11am Lunch Club (2nd Monday each month, 07798 556999 to book) 7pm Short Mat Bowls
TUESDAY	8.45am Pilates (07798 663820) 7pm Jive & Lindy Hop (07766 881045) 8pm Parish Council Meeting (4th Tuesday of each month)
WEDNESDAY	10am Upholstery (term time) 5.30pm Brownies (term time)
THURSDAY	8.45am Pilates 1.30pm Short Mat Bowls 8pm Zumba
FRIDAY	10am Breakfast Club (2nd & 4th Friday each month)

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This is a free listing..

Hastings United Over 50's Walking Football Tournament

MAY 5TH 2021

Flushed with our recent good form we were quick off the mark to enter two teams into this new tournament.

We put our heads together and came up with the innovative team names of 'Burwash A' and 'Burwash B'.

With 16 teams representing the very best of walking football in East Sussex it was going to be interesting to see how we would fare.

In the event we were soundly beaten!

In the group stage the B team lost their three games by a single goal and the A team didn't score a single goal!

With both teams relegated to the 'Plate' competition, B went out 2-0 in their first game and A lost after extra time and (that curse of English football) a penalty shoot-out.

Although very disappointed, we all had a good evening although I'm not sure how many of us could get out of bed the next day.

The average age of the seven-man B team squad was over 70. I would suggest we had the oldest team at the tournament and it was a great opportunity for older men to have a go.

If we are looking for excuses then the A team will cite that the two games they lost in the group stage were to the two eventual finalists. I think that's called a tough draw!

Walking football has been a fantastic innovation allowing older men to get out in the sunshine and kick a ball about, probably for the first time in 30-40 years.

It's like being back at school with your mates and having a kick-about during lunch. Although this time you get to go to the pub afterwards (er, I think I did that then too).

Contact Steve 'Minty' Mintram on 01435 882444 for more information and to negotiate your transfer and sign-on fee.

Age UK East Sussex over 50's Walking Football League

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

Burwash 3-1 Hastings Hornets

Another tidy performance from the Old Boys of Burwash saw the team steadily climbing (or should it be crawling) up the league.

Hastings arrived at Robertsbridge with a manager, 10 players, and an entourage of supporters and ancillary staff. They commandeered the changing room for a pre-match team talk, group hugs, high fives and energy drinks.

Burwash turned up with seven players, had a few fags and a pork pie before randomly deciding who should play where.

In the end class will win out and it wasn't long before we went 1-0 up following a period of dominance and although Hastings equalised it was much to their extreme annoyance when we added a second before half time.

They used the break for yet another team talk with lots of arm waving involved and we had another fag...

Second half we could afford to sit back and defend our lead and whilst they pushed forward it opened up gaps at the back allowing the 'Peters' to finish off a collective hat-trick.



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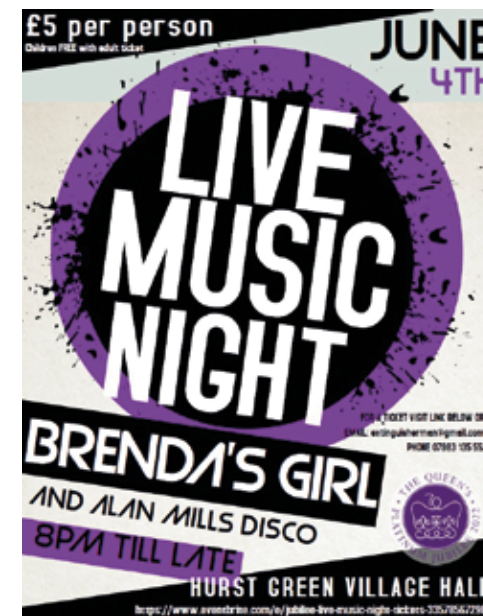
The Platinum Jubilee Beacons

is the first community event of the four-day Jubilee Weekend, 2nd-5th June 2022

Hurst Green are teaming up with Robertsbridge for the lighting of the Beacon at Stage Field on **Thursday 2nd June** to join with all the beacons across the UK.

There will be unlimited parking, so please bring your car as walking along the narrow road can be hazardous. **The event will be from 8pm with the lighting of the Beacon at dusk.** There will be food available to purchase courtesy of 'Wagon Rolls' and plenty of space to picnic and enjoy the wonderful views. Toilets will be available, and a tower light will provide light after the Beacon fades.

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