

# Hurst Village Society

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An e-mail update on Village News

*The object of the Society shall be to preserve and enhance the character of the Parish of Hurst as a living community*

## HVS Archery Stall – at the Hurst Show & Country Fayre

The HVS Archery stall will once again be a draw at the Show on the 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June when you can practice firing arrows safely at pictures of famous, and infamous, people !! There will be a prize for the highest score of the day. There is plenty to see and do at the Fayre, so please join us there for a bit of fun.

As always, volunteers will be needed to man the stall throughout the Saturday and Sunday (3 or 4 at a time) - can YOU help for a 2 hour shift ? - 9.00am, 11.00am, 1pm or 3pm on either or both days.

If so please contact Robin at [robin.n.west@gmail.com](mailto:robin.n.west@gmail.com)

## Party in the Park

Organised by the Hurst Football Club to raise funds for their many youth teams.

Live Music Festival on Saturday 5th July at 6.00pm – midnight for over 18s only. This year there will be live music to rock the Village from ‘The Scoundrels’, ‘The Midnight Rambler’ and headline act ‘The SwerveS’. The Jolly Farmer Hurst will be providing Hot Oriental Thai/Chinese food.

Entry tickets £15, Food tickets £10. ( in advance) Tickets can be requested from the website: <http://www.partyparkhurst.co.uk> or alternatively from Paul Palmer and Sam Langer

## HVS Annual Christmas Dinner Dance – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Please note the date in your diary now. This year will be a Traditional Christmas theme with all the usual trimmings. A Grand Draw, a Band and a Disco. Dress code: Black tie. Tickets expected to be £30/£35 as usual. Early reservations can be made by e-mail to Robin at [robin.n.west@gmail.com](mailto:robin.n.west@gmail.com)

## Roadside Ditch Maintenance & Riparian Ownership

The responsibility for watercourses/ditches including roadside ditches with the riparian owners. A riparian owner is a property or landowner watercourses crossing or abutting their land. Where a watercourse is between property boundaries, each owner is jointly responsible.



Their responsibilities include accepting natural flows from upstream and maintaining the system to allow water to on without obstruction. Normally this involve cutting back growth on the banks and in the bed of the watercourse and removing the build up of debris. Any obstruction affecting the flow must also be removed. Periodically the build up of silt will need removing from the bed of the watercourse.



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It is not generally understood that the Council is **not** responsible for **all** roadside ditch maintenance.

In an effort to reduce the risk of flooding Wokingham Council is aiming to improve and maintain an effective watercourse system in the District through the process of co-operation, liaison and assistance with landowners wherever possible. We can do our bit to help keep ditches clear in our immediate areas.

## HVS Family Membership

The HVS family Membership fee (still only £5.00 per year) Your contributions are greatly appreciated and pay for the administration of the Village Society. (*Application Form below*)

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We would appreciate it if you could pass all this information to your friends and neighbours in Hurst for whom we may not have e-mail addresses. Many members who kindly pay by standing order have not given us an up-to-date email address and so miss out on e-mail communications. If you know of anyone who is not receiving these e-mails but should be, please ask them to send contact details to Derek Jackson ([djnsqso@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:djnsqso@yahoo.co.uk)) with their details.