

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the half yearly Hurst Village Society Magazine for all Hurst residents. It's a pleasure to write to you as the new Chairman of the HVS and we have lots planned as we slowly open up after Lockdown. As I write, it's a lovely sunny day and shows our fabulous village off at its best.

HVS was formed almost 50 years ago to preserve and enhance the character of the Parish of Hurst as a living community and now promotes village life along with protecting the physical environment and maintaining the rural aspect of the area. We are supporting and promoting activities, groups, clubs and businesses in Hurst, as well as doing what we can to improve the environment around us such as organising litter picks etc.

To support the community of Hurst, HVS has donated £3,000 towards the restoration of the Church Parish room and we are in the process of replacing the noticeboard outside the village shop, the outside of which is going to get a spruce up following discussions with the management.

We are joining forces with the St Nicholas Hurst PTA in organising a late Village Summer BBQ on Saturday 18th September, which will be held at the Hurst Cricket Club – a friendly but competitive cricket match will be held in the morning, followed by the BBQ and family fun. Details of which will be available soon and look out for the winning poster that will be put up around the village following our Poster Competition at the village school.

We are also proud to be launching the Hurst Archives at the Stanlake Park Winery on the 15th October, so please do come along as it should be a lovely evening event - again full details of which will be sent out to all HVS members soon.

You can sign up for our monthly online newsletter via our website www.hvs.org.uk or email: communications@hvs.org.uk If you would like to join HVS its just £5 per year per household and we are always looking for new Committee members, so if you would like to come and join the small but friendly team please do get in touch.

We hope you enjoy reading about the latest news and projects from HVS and we look forward to seeing you all during the coming months – especially at the Village BBQ on the Saturday 18th September!

Unfortunately, this is looking like it will be our last physically delivered magazine from HVS due to manpower, however if anyone would like to join us and help pull it all together it would be lovely to carry on with this twice-yearly magazine for all the residents of Hurst.

Enjoy the Summer and Best Regards from us all,

Jo Newbold

HVS NEWS

Entrance Gates



In November 2016, The Hurst Village Society paid for the entrance Gates that were erected on four roads leading into the village of Hurst. Unfortunately, they are not in good shape and whilst the HVS Committee were looking to take on the work as a Summer project, HVS have been advised that it would be unsafe to carry out the work as the roads that the Gates are situated on are quite fast, dangerous roads to be working on without adequate protection. Therefore, as the responsibility of the maintenance of these gates sit with the Parish Council, our new Chairperson Jo Newbold attended the last Parish Council meeting on the 12th April 2021 and respectfully requested action be taken. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Wayne Smith agreed to look into this and report back.

Village Shop



Our new Chairman Jo Newbold has been in discussion with Jayne Overington about what HVS can do to help the shop improve its exterior. It emerges that the parent company is going to embark on a programme of repairs and HVS has offered to repair the notice board outside the shop.

Speeding in the village

HVS hears many complaints about speeding in the village. Obviously, so far things have not improved. The Parish Council's speed alert sign moved around the village may be helping when deployed, but more radical ideas are required. A petition to reduce the speed on Church Hill resulted in new markings on the road and 2 new warning signs, but the speed limit stays at the national limit, up the hill and past the pub. The postman complains about the speed of drivers on the A321. This is a major problem in our village, and we are keen to try and facilitate a solution. Enforcement is needed.

We want to hear from you, and it would be even better if you are able to complain to WBC and the Parish Council as the more people that complain, the more likely action will be taken to improve the situation. HVS are looking to create a coherent traffic management strategy with input from anyone in the village who has an interest and investigate how we can get this implement. Please email: communications@hvs.org.uk

Overview of HVS Projects

All HVS funded projects over recent years can be found on our website: www.hvs.org.uk. It is to help with similar projects like these that enhance the village along with other our other activities that we fundraise and charge a small membership fee.



Gates for Footpath around St Nicholas School

In March 2020 HVS contributed to the new gates at St Nicholas School for the re-routing of the footpath around the school playing fields which was a huge triumph for the team who worked so hard to make it happen.



Lavells Lake - New Hide

HVS in 2020 contributed to a new hide at Lavell's Wetland Trust. That year, Trustee Ron Bryant donated Lea Farm Lake to the Trust. Work commenced on a large wetland habitat creation project around the lake, supported by Network Rail. The lake is next to Dinton Pastures Country Park which was opened to the public in 1979, after 14 years of gravel extraction. The site had previously been farmland which belonged to High Chimneys Farm.

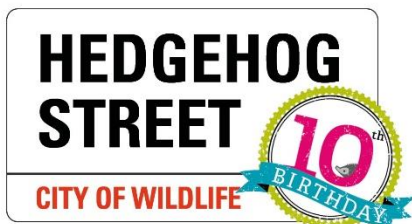


Public Right of Way Maps

We have installed these maps in display stands at Warren Road, Forest Road and the Townsend Pond. They will soon be restocked at the village shop for sale at £1.

See www.hvs.org.uk/projects

Check out www.hedgehogstreet.org and become a Hedgehog Champion



HURST HORTICULTURAL SHOW – “IT`S SHOW TIME”

The hall is booked, the band is booked and we are in full, positive planning mode for this year's show on Saturday 21st August at the Hurst Village Halls and orchard.

Of course, sensible social distancing precautions will be in place to fully meet with the prevailing situation at the time.

Over recent months most of us have spent a lot of time at home and perhaps, along with our children become more involved in activities such as; gardening, flower arranging, baking, jam making, art, crafts and photography, if for no other reason than to avoid boredom!

Well, all of these and more will be found at our show in August so why not note the date in your diary and show off your and your children's newly honed skills, or just come along and enjoy the afternoon viewing other's skills whilst relaxing with a refreshment listening to live music. It's a fun afternoon out in the fresh air for all ages.



Our website www.hursthorticulturalshow.org has been updated where you will find full details on class lists, how to enter and plenty of photographs and information from past shows.

Finally, it's a popular local show and we would welcome some additional input from someone who could help us with promoting the show in the local area to maintain its popularity, so if you can assist, please contact me at:

secretary@hursthorticulturalshow.org

We look forward to seeing you at the show on the afternoon of Saturday 21st August at the Hurst Village Halls, School Road, Hurst, RG10 0DR, starting at 1:00pm. Show entry is free for children under 18, and £2:00 for all adults. Exhibiting costs 50p for each class, and entry forms must be in by 7:00pm on Wednesday 18th August.

Frank Whittaker – Secretary Hurst Show AD

Notice of the HVS Annual General Meeting

Friday 1st July 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Hurst Village Society will be held on Thursday 1 July at 7.30pm. *Subject to government guidance and permission from the school*, the venue will be St Nicholas Primary School, Hurst RG10 0GD. Updates on www.hvs.org.uk

All members are welcome to attend and to comply with our covid secure measures, all will need to register their intent to attend at secretary@hvs.org.uk. Business of the meeting will be followed by the launch of the book Hurst by Henry Farrar, with the author present.

Nominations to the Committee can be made and seconded by any paid-up member of the Hurst Village Society and must be counter-signed by the nominee using the Nomination Form below. Nomination forms must be returned to: communications@hvs.org.uk not later than noon on 23rd June. All paid up members attending the Annual General Meeting are eligible to vote on relevant matters. There are up to 5 places vacant on the HVS Committee.

Nominations for the election of the Committee of Hurst Village Society

I nominate (please print): _____

Proposed by (please print): _____

Member's Signature: _____

Seconded by (please print): _____

Member's Signature: _____

Signature of nominee: _____

Current Committee Members:

Robin West treasurer@hvs.org.uk

Laura Godsal communications@hvs.org.uk

Suzu Watt secretary@hvs.org.uk

Maria Land

Jo Newbold chairman@hvs.org.uk

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Andrew Walker



HV'S SKILLS REGISTER

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Hurst

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This will include calendar year-long exposure on our website and in our Newsletters. Also included in any HVS Magazines. Contact: Ken Curry, Skills Register Secretary E: kencurry@hotmail.co.uk 0118 934 0866
Details for online payments: Hurst Village Society, Lloyds Bank plc. Sort Code: 30-91-11 Account Number: 01349706 Reference: Your Name Cheques should be made payable to "Hurst Village Society".

HURST VILLAGE SOCIETY

www.hvs.org.uk

SKILLS AND BUSINESS REGISTER Application/Renewal 2021

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Company name

Address

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Tel No: Mobile

E- mail address

Your copy here. Maximum 25 words



Party In The Park Hurst



Party In The Park Hurst
Live Music Festival in aid of Hurst Football Club

On Saturday 10th July 2021

6PM Till Midnight

Music commences 6.00PM

Over 18s Only

Strictly no admission without a ticket

<https://www.partyparkhurst.co.uk/>



Hurst Archive

Launch of the New Archive for Hurst created at Stanlake Park will take place on the 15th of October 2021 from 6pm. Stanlake have agreed to act as a depository for any form of Hurst history, records, archives of any type. They can be stored altogether and viewed during opening hours in the wine shop by email appointment to start, with further plans possible in the future. This is a great initiative by HVS and we are very grateful to Stanlake Park for partnering us on this. Should your family or organisation have any documents, photographs, posters, or anything you think future generations of Hurst Residents may be interested in, please let us know. More details to follow in our monthly members newsletter.

Hurst Show & Country Fayre

The 2021 Hurst Show and Country Fayre Returns!

After taking place mainly online last year, the Hurst Show & Country Fayre will make a welcome return to the village in 2021.

The popular village show will take place on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June (government guidelines still permitting) and will celebrate Hurst's wonderful community spaces by being run across a number of locations around the village.

Chairperson, Suzy Turner, explains: "Given the crazy 12 months we have all faced and how important the support and kindness of the village has been to so many of us, we are carefully crafting what we hope will be a celebration of all the wonderful things about Hurst.

By encouraging people to move around the village, we aim to not only limit the numbers of people congregating in any one area, but also encourage visitors to explore our fantastic village. And of course, we will again be raising much needed funds for our local good causes."



There will be two trails taking visitors around the village. The popular Garden Gate Arts Trail from last year returns, with talented local artists displaying their work in front gardens. Plus a new family treasure hunt will lead children around the village solving clues in order to win a small prize!

The Village Green will host drop-in sessions where visitors will be able to meet many of the show's favourite attractions, including Berkshire Search and Rescue Dogs. Here visitors will also be able to enter their pampered pooch in the dog show, as well as have-a-go at activities including the ever-popular hobby horse jumping. Local craft stalls and children's activities will be located on St Nicholas CofE Primary School Field, with classic vehicles on display further down the road.

In Hurst's new Community Orchard, organised children's activities including crafts, skittles and a coconut shy will allow parents to take a quick rest. Nearby will be the church book stall, and on Saturday only, Hurst Bowling Club will be open for taster sessions. Book and DVD donations for the stall would be very gratefully received – please email Sue Payne at sue@thru-christ.org.uk to organise collection.

Over at the Village Hall will be the "food court" with delicious refreshments available from our BBQ and bar. As in previous years, 1st Hurst Air Scouts will be manning the tea tent, and St Nicholas Pre-School will be selling strawberries and cream. Musicians including Ukuladies Plus One and Second Wind will also be keeping visitors entertained as they enjoy their food.

Parking will be available as normal, with traffic management measures being planned in order to keep visitors safe as they move around the key locations and to also minimise disruption to local residents. The Show committee is continually monitoring government guidance and confirming event details, so visitors are encouraged to check for latest updates regarding the show by visiting the Hurst Show website at www.hurstshow.uk/ following @HurstShow on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram

The Parish of St Nicholas, Hurst In the Benefice of Ruscombe & Twyford with Hurst

"A Christian Community that lives out its faith to make a difference."

As we grow in that identity our vision is to become;

"A vibrant worshipping community rooted in Christ's love."



SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Saturday 26th June &
Sunday 27th June**

We will be holding our regular bookstall at church supporting the Show & Country Fayre. Please come and visit us!

Regular Services

11 am Holy Communion
with activities for children
Held on 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month.

On the 3rd Sunday we have:

11 am 'Messy Church'
(except Easter, August & December)

If you would like to know more about these services or about any other aspect of St Nicholas Church, Hurst, please contact one of the following:

Church Office – 0118 934 4791
Email: office@thru-christ.org.uk

or

one of the churchwardens
(Contact details on Church Noticeboard)

See also the Church website
www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst
and the Benefice website
www.thru-christ.org.uk

Queries for **baptisms, weddings and funerals** should be referred to the Church Office.

Telephone: 0118 934 4791
Email: office@thru-christ.org.uk

Benefice Ministry Team

Vicar:	Revd Anna Harwood
Associate Priest:	Revd Graham Theobald
	07721 408740
Associate Priest:	Revd Helen Charlton
Associate Priest:	Revd David West

Several people from all four congregations have been involved in a Vision process for the Ruscombe, Twyford with Hurst Benefice, looking to the future of our churches. Below is our Vision prayer:

God of love, build us up to be the household of God.

Help us to be built up as we walk as your disciples.

Build us together into your household in Ruscombe, Twyford and Hurst.

Help us to reach out in love, welcoming all.

Holy Spirit, encircle us all and move amongst us.

We place Jesus as our Cornerstone. Amen

Get Involved with Hurst Panto 2022!

The Hurst Pantomime Group is delighted to confirm that Panto will return in 2022, with planning well underway for what will be the tenth village production!

Performances at Hurst Village Hall are scheduled for:

Thursday 20th January 2022 – 7.30pm

Friday 21st January 2022 – 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd January 2022 – 2pm and
7.30pm



As always, producing the pantomime will bring together a large team of people from the village and surrounds. It's a great opportunity to get involved, meet new people, and experience the fantastic camaraderie associated with putting on a highly-regarded show!

Further details will be communicated at a launch meeting on Monday 6th September at 7.30pm at Hurst Scout Hut, with auditions planned for the following weekend.

Auditions

Adult & Youth roles (from Year 9 upwards) – main parts and chorus – Friday 10th September, 7.30pm, Hurst Village Hall

Children's roles (from Year 4 upwards) – Sunday 12th September, 1pm, Hurst Village Hall

Rehearsals are due to begin on Friday September 17th, and will continue on Friday evenings from 7.30pm and Sunday afternoons from 1pm.

For those interested in helping out behind the scenes, there are a host of different roles for which we need help, from lighting, sound, costumes, props, hair and makeup to front of house, chaperoning, marketing, ticket sales, directing and production.

If you'd like to find out more about any of these roles, have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please email info@hurstpanto.org.uk.

For more information, see www.hurstpanto.org.uk and follow us on Facebook and Twitter @HurstPanto to keep up with the latest information.