

Hurst Village Society

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HVS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 20th April, 7:30pm

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The HVS Annual General Meeting will be held **on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm** in the **Small Village Hall**. All Hurst residents, together with anyone associated with the village, are invited. This is an opportunity to meet committee members, understand more about the society and have your say in the committee nominations for the coming year. The meeting usually lasts just an hour.

If you have any burning issues or hot topics, please come along to the AGM. We want your ideas as well as your opinions!

The current committee consists of 13 volunteers, all of whom are Hurst residents interested in supporting the aims of the Society. Four of the current Committee will stand down at the AGM, per the Society rules. This year we are specifically looking for a **new chairman** and **planning representative**. A **nomination form** is included in this newsletter if you would like to volunteer or nominate someone to join us.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April!

### **Membership of the Hurst Village Society**

The AGM is also a reminder to people to renew their membership. The Hurst Village Society aims to provide an independent voice for Hurst residents and relies on its members for support. See the **application/renewal form** inside

### **Village Spring Clean Up - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Starting 9.00 am from the Village Hall car park

*It's that time again! Please come along to support this worthwhile event. Many hands make light work!*

Four large skips will be made available for the event along with safety tabards, litter pickers and rubbish sacks. These will all be available from the village hall car park with a 9.00 am start.

During the morning we will have a vehicle going around the village collecting the sacks and any large objects.

For those who are not available for the morning but would like to help by cleaning up their own lane/street etc, please let Wayne Smith know on **0118 934 0840** beforehand and he will provide you with sacks which can be col-

## \*\*\* News Bites \*\*\*

### **Hurst Pantomime Group**

The third production from the Hurst Pantomime Group, Aladdin, was a huge success. For this year's show, we had a new sound system, new scenery and some fantastic lighting. All four performances were sold out and the view of cast and crew (and, importantly, the audience!) was that the productions just keep getting better.

Of the funds that were raised, £500 has been donated to a fund related to the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine. The fund provides day-trips and events for injured military personnel who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan and are awaiting treatment in NHS hospitals. This can often be long drawn out and the purpose of the fund is to combat low morale. Amounts were also donated to local organisations that helped make the pantomime so successful.

### **Local Flyball Teams go for Gold**

The Brimblecombe Barkers Flyball Teams were successful in events around the country in 2006, culminating in a Gold Award for one of their dogs, Frisbee.

This was the first year that the Brimblecombe Barkers took part in events and many of the dogs were re-homed from the Diana Brimblecombe Animal Rescue Centre. For further details on their progress, see their website: [www.dbarc.org.uk](http://www.dbarc.org.uk).

### **Berkshire Life**

Hurst featured in the March edition of *Berkshire Life* with pictures of the village taken by local photographer, Jeff Hopkins.

## \*\*\* What's on \*\*\*

### **Hurst Horticultural & Cottage Garden Society AGM**

*Hurst Cricket Club Pavilion Thursday, 29 March 2007 8:00 pm*

The next meeting of the Society will be the AGM. After a short meeting, there will be a presentation to Bob Mould, the author of *100 Years of History*, which commemorates one hundred years of village horticultural shows. There will also be the traditional plant swap/sale.

The evening is open to all, so please come along. Copies of *100 Years of History* will be available, costing £10.

### **Aren't Birds Brilliant – RSPB walk**

*Dinton Pastures Saturday, 7 April 2007 9:00am*

Meet in main car park. Adults £1, accompanied children free

### **Friends of Lavell's Lake Work Party**

*Sunday, 22 April 2007 10:00am to lunchtime*

Meet in Sandford Lane car park opposite Black Swan Sailing Club

Work parties help carry out management tasks identified on the management plan. All volunteers are welcome to attend. Tools and instructions provided. No experience necessary.

### **Coffee Morning for Christian Aid Week**

*Stanlake Park Wine Estate, nr Twyford Saturday, 12 May 2007*

### **HVS Quiz Night**

*Large Village Hall Saturday 22 September 8:00pm*

## Veteran Tree Project

This worthwhile project to identify and map our oldest trees has now been launched. As reported in the last newsletter, Hurst's contribution was jointly funded by the Hurst Village Society and the Parish Council. The money goes towards training volunteers in surveying the trees and correlating the data collected in Wokingham District for eventual inclusion on a national database.

Maggie Sanderson is co-ordinating the Hurst effort and has divided the village up into areas to ensure that the whole parish is covered. The project will focus primarily on trees with a diameter of 1 metre plus. However in some species e.g. hawthorn or silver birch, a very old tree will have a much smaller diameter and these will also be noted.

Maggie will feed the Hurst results back to the project co-ordinator to be added to a database that will include all of Wokingham District's data. This vital work will enable these important trees to be monitored and protected.

For more information about the project in Hurst, please contact either Maggie Sanderson on 0118 934 1259 or Janet Spiller on 0118 934 2438.

Concern about veteran trees prompted the launch in January of a new environmental organisation - the Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association. The declared aims of the Association are *"to promote the better identification, protection and management of veteran and other significant trees in the District and to increase public awareness of the environmental and historical importance of these trees"*. For further information contact the secretary Ray Stagles on 0118 978 4013 or email [jrstagles@btinternet.com](mailto:jrstagles@btinternet.com)

## Neighbourhood Action Group

The Sonning, Charvil & Hurst Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) is looking for new and enthusiastic members to join us in helping to solve local issues.

NAG is a multi-agency problem-solving group consisting of relevant partner agencies and, most importantly, members of the local community. Each member brings different skills and knowledge to the group, enabling a more cohesive plan of action to resolve the priorities identified by the community.

The group may comprise:

Residents (to also include youths)  
Representative from Local Authority/  
District Council  
Representative from Housing Associations  
Youth Service

Parish Councillor  
Teacher  
Business Community  
Licensee  
Neighbourhood Watch

The NAG will meet regularly every 4 – 6 weeks throughout the year to achieve its aims.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member please email Jackie Daniels on:  
[jacqueline.daniels@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jacqueline.daniels@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk).



## SENIOR CITIZENS OPEN FORUM FOR THE NORTHERN PARISHES

Most of the January meeting was devoted to considering the report due to be presented to the WBC Executive on the future of adult social care services.

The government has decided that it will no longer increase the funding provided for social care services in line with the increasing number of older people. Local authorities are required to develop alternative services for managing the increasing demand for social care. Current expenditure can be maintained but growth has to be contained.

Later that day, the Executive decided that social care services should only be provided for people with 'critical' needs. People with 'substantial' or 'moderate' needs would require alternative sources for their care. Prevention services would aim to promote the health and general well being of people, to enable them to continue living in their own homes and reduce their need for more intensive forms of health care or a place in a care home.

The Council's response to the consultation should be available early in March and then the effectiveness of the consultation can be assessed.

The subject of the meeting on Thursday, 26 April will be **Addressing the Challenge of Retirement** given by Joanna Rowley of Retirement Solutions. If you are over 55, you are welcome to join us. The meeting will start at 2 pm.

Contact Lyn Buddell, Age Concern Twyford & District, for further information.  
Tel: 0118 934 4040

**Aiming to help older people to lead active and fulfilling lives and  
to maintain their independence in later years**

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MORE ROMANS REQUIRED

Hurst Romans FC are a friendly village football club with eight teams at different levels from under 7 to under 14.

We are entering a team of year 8 boys (under 13) in local Summer tournaments from May onwards and then in the local leagues next season. We require several players to improve this squad and indeed players for our other age groups.

People who have moved to the area or fancy a new challenge and have played at a reasonable standard should contact us for more information.

Tim Drake 0118 934 5676 or email TimETDrake@aol.com

Deborah Wyatt 07880 747 279 or email deborah.wyatt2@btinternet.com

You can also visit their website on www.HurstFC.org.uk

For your Diary

HURST HORSE SHOW AND COUNTRY FAYRE

23RD & 24TH JUNE 2007



Planning is already well under way for this year's Hurst Horse Show and Country Fayre. The committee welcomes two new members this year, who bring with them plenty of ideas and skills to ensure that the show will be the best ever.

The annual Hurst Horse Show and Country Fayre is the highlight of the village calendar and is growing in size each year as friends and family outside the village come to visit.

At the show this year there will be a full two-day schedule of horse-riding events including jumping, showing and special riding displays. Attractions will include traditional country crafts, horse and dray rides, dog displays, birds of prey, tug of war, Morris dancing, ferret racing and the infamous terrier racing! Bustling sideshows and stalls, face painting, decorating wooden spoons (a new activity this year) and a bouncy castle will ensure entertainment for all the family. As usual, our popular bar and food tent will provide refreshment and sustenance for all.

FUN COMPETITION FOR THE KIDS

Calling all scarecrows!!!

Following the popularity of last year's scarecrow competition, we are holding this event again this year. Find further details and entry forms for the competition on our website www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk – you have plenty of time to make your creations

HORSE SHOW ENTRIES

Details of the horse show events are available from Cathy Lochman on 0118 934 1205 or Anne Marie Peries on 0118 989 1945. Schedules will be available soon.

SPONSORSHIP AND TRADE STALLS

Sponsorship enquires can be made by calling Katie Barton on 0118 934 3166. Pitches are available for hire by trade stallholders which can be booked by calling Richard Hiles on 0118 9340704.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TOWARDS THE 2007 SHOW

If you would be interested in helping in any way towards the show this year then please contact our chairman Duncan Kendall on 0118 934 2852.

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### **PARTY IN THE PARK**

*Saturday, 30 June 2007*

The Party in the Park, organised by Hurst Romans Football Club, has been an annual event for a number of years. More details to follow.

### **HURST HORTICULTURAL & COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY**

*Village Hall and Grounds Saturday, 18 August 2007*

The 2007 Show will feature the usual Horticultural and Home Industries Classes. This year, there will be more entertainment for children with a Puppet Show and Craft Workshops. Cream Teas will be served and the Waltham St. Lawrence Silver Band will entertain throughout the afternoon. We are interested in hearing from anyone who could help with the Craft Workshops or potential stallholders wishing to exhibit. Please call Terry/Rita Bunyard 0118 934 5253 or Terry/Chris Bovis 0118 979 3910.

## Nomination for Membership of the General Committee 2007 – 2008

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

Hurst Village Society General Committee meets every six weeks to discuss issues associated with planning, the environment, transport and other public services in the village that are related to the aims of the Society given below. The Committee is associated with running the annual Dinner Dance, working with the Parish and District Councils to protect the character of the village and organising fund-raising events such as Archery at the Hurst Horse Show. The HVS produces a Newsletter which is published at least four times a year, manages a village website **[www.hvs.org.uk](http://www.hvs.org.uk)**, and publishes a Skills Register. The newsletter and website contain information about village events and activities other than those of the Village Society.

The aims of the Society include:

- to protect the physical character and rural environment
- to provide an independent focal point for the community
- to improve road safety in the village
- to encourage involvement in village activities
- to promote the use of amenities in the village
- to encourage a spirit of neighbourliness
- to foster communication between members of the community.

The General Committee consists of 15 members who elect their officers including: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Social Secretary. Other responsibilities include Planning, Environment, Health and Newsletter Editor. Each year a third of the committee members stand down and may offer themselves for re-election.

### Nomination for Membership of the General Committee 2007 – 2008

Nominee

Proposed by

Name .....

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Address .....

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## **Hurst Village Society**

### **Membership Application/Renewal Form**

Hurst Village Society was formed in 1971 to preserve and enhance the rural character of the parish. The current annual subscription is £5.00 per household. Membership of the Hurst Village Society is renewable on 1<sup>st</sup> January every year.

Complete Section A, then **either** Section B, **or** Section C. Please bring this with you to the AGM on 20th April, or send it to Eddie Coe (address below).

If you choose to pay by Standing Order, please consider making a donation as well, thank you. Then, photocopy this form, send the original to your Bank and a copy to Eddie Coe, HVS Membership Secretary, 4 Lodge Road, Whistley Green, Hurst RG10 0EH. Thank you.

#### **Section A**

Name .....

Address .....

Postcode ..... Telephone .....

#### **Section B**

I enclose my cheque/cash for £5.00 being my subscription for 2007. I also enclose a donation for £.....to the Hurst Village Society.

#### **Section C**

To: My Bank: .....

Name .....

Address .....

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Sort code .....

Please debit my account, number.....with the sum of £5.00, being my subscription to the Hurst Village Society, and credit Account Number 01349706 (Hurst Village Society No 1 Account) at Lloyds Bank plc, High Street, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1BT. Sort Code 30-91-11.

Date of first payment: immediately; and thereafter annually on 1<sup>st</sup> January

Signature ..... Date

## HURST TODDLER GROUP

Meeting on Wednesday mornings, between 10 and 12, in the large village hall, the Hurst Toddler group offers the chance for anyone caring for a pre-school child to meet up with others. It is definitely not a mums-only group. Grandparents, childminders, nannies and dads are all welcome.

A weekly craft table is a new addition to the get together. Story times and a music session often appear on the agenda too.

The group is one of the few locally to run throughout the year and not just in term time. It attracts children from Winnersh, Woodley and Wargrave, as well as Hurst – so it is a good opportunity to meet other people with kids, while your darlings let off steam.

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### **A plea from a pedestrian:**

Hurst's pavements are narrow, so too are our roads. Please consider pedestrians when you park, especially those with young children and buggies.

Particularly on the Wokingham Road and Lodge Road, if you park on a pavement, at least leave room for a double buggy to get past. Perhaps you could remind your visitors too.

Another gentle reminder - Tape Lane is an 'access only' road. It also happens to be part of a 'safer route to school'. So if you use it as a cut through to avoid the school congestion, please don't.

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*From Mary Langdown*

## **1ST HURST BROWNIE PACK**

Easter 2008 will see the tenth anniversary of my running Hurst Brownies. However, sadly, the time has come for me to resign as Brownie Guider from the end of the Spring Term 2008.

I am therefore actively looking for a successor to take the Pack forward, now that the new Programme is established. N.B. Unless a replacement is found, there is a very real risk of there being no Brownie Pack in Hurst!

The job would suit anyone who enjoys working with girls aged 7-10, and can give an hour or so planning each week in addition to the meeting time. Currently we meet on Thursdays during term time 5.30 - 7.00pm. This could be altered, within the available slots at the Scout hut, to suit you (with parental agreement of course!).

The sooner my successor starts, the easier it will be for her to get her training done whilst I'm still around (unless, of course, she is already a trained Brownie Guider). Needless to say, I would be more than happy to support you after the change-over.

Please get in touch with me if you are interested in learning more.

*Mary Langdown, Brownie Guider (Tel: 0118 934 5751)*

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# Parish Council News

From Wayne Smith - Chairman of Hurst PC

0118 934 0840

## St Nicholas Hurst Night

Thank you to all those who turned up to celebrate the switching on of our Christmas tree lights, over 200 attended what will be the first of many such occasions. We hope to expand on this success in the future.

## Grants Awarded 2006/7 by the Parish Council

|      |                                |
|------|--------------------------------|
| £200 | Wokingham and District CAB     |
| £250 | St Nicholas Church             |
| £300 | Readibus                       |
| £850 | Keep Mobile                    |
| £50  | Berkshire County Blind Society |
| £500 | Air Ambulance Trust            |

## New Member of the Parish Council

We are very pleased to announce that Penny Curry has become the latest member to join the parish council. Penny has lived in the village for over twenty years and brings to the council a breadth of knowledge and keenness to get involved in local issues

*If anyone wishes to join or would like any further information about the Parish Council, please give me a call.*

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From Jackie Daniels – Hurst Police Community Support Officer

All residents of Hurst will be pleased to know that only four offences were reported in the month of February:

- 1 x theft from a bank account
- 1 x theft from a motor vehicle (Dinton Pastures)
- 1 x attempted theft of motor vehicle (Sandford Lane car-park)
- 1 x theft (Nelson's Lane)

Long may this very low number of offences continue!!

If you have any issues you wish to discuss with me, you can e-mail me on jacqueline.daniels@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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## Freecycle Your Rubbish

Now that the skip no longer comes to Hurst, to get rid of your unwanted rubbish, you can join the local Wokingham freecycle group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WokinghamFreecycle/>. This free service will take anything - rubble, old furniture, IT equipment, toys, clothes, left-over DIY stuff. Rather than stuff ending up in landfill, it can be passed on to someone who might be able to use it. Someone, somewhere can usually put it to good use!

## **The View from Shute End**

### **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL, 12 March 2007**

The Council voted in September 2006 to petition Her Majesty the Queen to grant a charter conferring the status of borough upon the Wokingham district. On 9 March 2007, at the Mayor's Spring Civic Reception, the Council officially launched its new status.

This will bring benefits to the Council in terms of our public image. However, we have ensured that the cost of becoming a borough and subsequent name change is not significant. Borough Status means that the Chairman of the Borough will be Mayor, the vice chairman Deputy Mayor. The new chains of office and regalia are being sponsored by Businesses in the District. The updated logo will be sent to PAs so that Service Unit electronic, letterheads, faxes and memos can be amended immediately.

From Monday, 12th March, the new name Wokingham Borough Council will be used and the Council's website and electronic letterheads etc will be updated. Signage, publications and stationery will be replaced over time, with old stocks being used up before any new supplies are printed.

Please contact me as your representative on the Council when you have comments or problems on Council matters. I hold a 'surgery' for residents every Saturday morning from 10am -12 noon at my house. You may wish to make an appointment to avoid delays; my home telephone number is *0118 934 1036*. However, on the odd occasion when I am away, the answer phone will not be switched on. You may then use my mobile phone *07753 861 961* which is always with me.

*Annette Drake*

Walden Acres, Wokingham Road, Hurst. RG10 0RU

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Support Our Local Shops

NEW MANAGEMENT AT THE BAKERY

Brothers Jitu and Duras Miah have recently taken over the Hurst Bakery. For the last three months, they have been asking customers what they would like from the shop. Based on this, the seating area is being extended to create a relaxed environment for friends to meet over a cup of coffee or lunch. A new expanded menu will include daily special lunches, at reasonable prices. A discount of 10% will be allowed to old age pensioners.

Any enquiries can be directed to Jitu Miah, Hurst Bakery and Provisions, tel. *0118 934 1941*. Open Mon-Sat 8.00am – 3.30pm

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### **London Marathon Sponsored Run**

***Sunday, 22 April***

Everyone knows someone with asthma. Simon Guile of The Green Man is a sufferer too. On Sunday 22 April, he is running the London Marathon in aid of Asthma UK. If you wish to sponsor Simon, he has a donation page on [www.justgiving.com/simonguile](http://www.justgiving.com/simonguile). Alternatively, he is also collecting via a sponsor sheet at The Green Man.

# St Nicholas Church Hurst

## Services March/April 2007

|                          |                                                             |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, 25 March</b>  | <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>                                 |
| 11.00am                  | Family Eucharist & Sunday Club                              |
| <b>Sunday, 1 April</b>   | <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>                                          |
| 8.00am                   | Holy Communion                                              |
| 11.00am                  | Procession and Morning Worship & Sunday Club                |
| <b>Thursday, 5 April</b> | <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>                                      |
| 8.00pm                   | Eucharist followed by the Stripping of the Altars.          |
| <b>Friday, 6 April</b>   | <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>                                          |
| 2.00pm – 3.00pm          | Devotional Service – One Hour before the Cross              |
| <b>Saturday, 7 April</b> | <b>EASTER EVE</b>                                           |
| 8.30pm                   | Readings of the Easter Vigil, Lighting of the Easter Candle |
| <b>Sunday, 8 April</b>   | <b>EASTER DAY</b>                                           |
| 11.00am                  | Family Eucharist                                            |
| <b>Sunday, 15 April</b>  | <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>                              |
| 8.00am                   | Holy Communion                                              |
| 11.00am                  | Family Praise                                               |
| <b>Sunday, 22 April</b>  | <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>                               |
| 11.00am                  | Family Eucharist & Sunday Club                              |

For more details, please phone the **Revd John Coombs**  
Tel: 0118 934 0017 or go to [www.acny.org.uk/5339](http://www.acny.org.uk/5339)

## Hurst Gospel Hall

Sunday, 15 April C.A.M.E.O (Come and meet each other)  
7.00pm Time to chat, have tea, do some hymn singing and hear a Bible talk. Everyone very welcome.  
<http://www.HurstGospelHall.org/>

### Church choir at St Nicholas

Peter Dart, newly appointed organist at St Nicholas, wishes to start a church choir.

If you are interested, please drop him an email or letter with the following information:

- Your name and address, and email or contact telephone number
- What part you sing and previous experience
- Traditional or modern preference
- Whether you would be interested in weekly/monthly, festivals only.

Peter's contact details are:

Peter Dart, The Manor House, Stanlake Park, Twyford RG10 0BN  
Tel: 0118 934 4082 e-mail: [Peter@FamilyDart.com](mailto:Peter@FamilyDart.com)

## Hurst Village Society Committee Members

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
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| <b>Val Bowman</b>      | Little Farm, Hogmoor Lane<br>vbowman51@aol.com                   | <b>0118 932 1420</b> |                        |
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