

Hurst Village Society

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

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Hurst celebrates Summer

Our usual Summer events will soon be in full swing. The organisers and helpers have all been working hard and all that is now needed is for everyone in the village to come and enjoy themselves.

The weekend of **23rd** and **24th June** will be devoted to the annual **Hurst Horse Show and Country Fayre**, followed a week later by the **Party in the Park** on **Saturday, 30th June**.

The **Annual Horticultural & Cottage Garden Society Show** will be held on **Saturday, 18th August**.

Find more details about these events inside this newsletter.

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## **Hurst Village Society AGM**

At the Annual General Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2007, one of the important issues under discussion was the environment of the village. This included the Veteran Tree project which featured in our last Newsletter and the Living Churchyards project at St Nicholas church, where ancient grassland surrounding the church is being carefully managed to encourage the growth of meadow flowers.

Councillor Annette Drake spoke of urban developments in the village and reminded the meeting of the reasons why the Hurst Village Society was first formed in 1971. She read from the second Newsletter published in July 1972, showing that the issues which faced the village then are still just as relevant today. This makes fascinating reading and we have published extracts from this early newsletter on the middle page.

### ***Congratulations***

Councillor Annette Drake has been elected Mayor of Wokingham Borough Council. We wish her well in her term of office.

# **We Really Need Your Help!**

The week before the show is the crucial time when most preparations to the field take place, we urgently need many more people to help this year. Please help us if you can, on the dates listed below:

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Horse Show Jump Painting, Willowmead Field, anytime from 10:30am onwards.** We suggest old clothes for this painting job!

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Setting up for the Horse Show, Willowmead and School Fields, from 6:30pm onwards.** Includes putting up the tents and marquees, the arenas, the stalls and a host of jobs that have to be done before Saturday morning!

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Helpers with cooking and serving in the food tent at the Show.**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Clearing Up the Showground** Following the show we also require as much help as possible to ensure a smooth clearance of the showground in preparation for “Party in the Park”.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Clearing Up after Party in the Park**

We ask willing parents of St Nicholas School please to put your names down on the roster that will be going around the school playground at pick up time. Any time that you can spare to help would be very gratefully received. All other volunteers, please either contact Duncan Kendall on tel: 0118 934 2852 or visit our website [www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk](http://www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk) or the Hurst Romans Football Club website [www.hurstfc.org.uk](http://www.hurstfc.org.uk). For helpers in the food tent please contact Brendan Crawford on tel: 0118 934 0099.

**At all times when helping, we ask people not to bring children. It's too messy when jumps are being painted and too dangerous when marquees and scaffolding are being erected.**

Finally, please do visit our fabulous website for more information about the show [www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk](http://www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk)



Holly Mizen

## **Meridian TV at the Horse Show**

Meridian TV are expected to send a camera crew and reporter to the Hurst Horse Show and Country Fayre to film the events. So, all you scarecrows – be ready to play your part! This will form part of a feature on Hurst, which Meridian will broadcast later in the year. They would like to interview people with interesting country skills. If you feel that you have an unusual skill or hobby, do have a chat with Katie Barton on 0118 934 3166.

# HURST HORSE SHOW AND COUNTRY FAYRE

**23rd and 24th June 2007**



Alex Brown

*We are very busy with preparations for the 2007 Hurst Horse Show and Country Fayre. With more new members on the committee this year, the show promises to be the best ever with lots of new attractions for the whole family.*

On the Horse Show side, we are offering the full range of jumping and showing classes and there will be plenty of fun events and displays for all the family to enjoy. Schedules and entry forms are available on our website [www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk](http://www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk)

At the Country Fayre this year, we have plenty of activities to entertain you including our bustling stalls, Morris Dancers, horse and dray rides, tug of war, archery, birds of prey, flyball dogs, a Grand Draw, ferret and terrier racing, farm animals, bouncy castle, and much, much more.

We are running the scarecrow competition again this year so please do bring along your creation and enter. This year we have added a new section to the competition "Mini Scarecrows" made using wooden spoons! For further details and for competition entry forms please visit our website [www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk](http://www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk)

This year, we have extended our catering choices and as always our licensed bar will provide sustenance for all! Come along and soak up the atmosphere with all your friends and family. Ticket prices are **£2.50** for adults and **.50p** for children and seniors.

## **PARTY IN THE PARK**

**Saturday, 30th June 2007**

The Party in the Park (supporting the local Hurst youth football club) has been an annual event for a number of years. This year, it will be held on Saturday June 30th

It is an evening of terrific live music. Bring along a picnic hamper, drink, set a pitch with your family/friends – your table can be as many as you want!

Just fetch your garden table and chairs, table cloth, chandeliers, candles, champagne flutes – we have seen it all!

**A well-priced licensed bar will be available if you run out!**

Again, there are three live bands this year. Tickets (**£12.50 per person**) on sale from **1st June 2007** from the following Hurst Romans FC committee members:

Shane Wyatt, 07887 80209; Deborah Wyatt, 07880 747279; Ruth Graesser, 07931 44555; Martin Rayner, 07920 592904; Tim Drake, 07842 117049

You can also visit our website on [www.HurstFC.org.uk](http://www.HurstFC.org.uk)

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

### **Senior Citizens Open Forum for the Northern Parishes**

*St Thomas More Church Hall, Twyford Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007 2pm*

#### **Care in the Community**

John Ferguson, Wokingham CAB and chair of the executive group of the Voluntary Sector Forum, has agreed to talk about the voluntary sector providing care in the community. This is particularly relevant with the changes that have occurred since the beginning of the WBC financial year. For more information, contact Lyn Buddell, Age Concern Twyford and District, Tel: 0118 934 4040.

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

*Willowmead Field Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007 7pm*

The next meeting of the Society will be the Members' Mini Show. The evening is open to all. If you are interested in entering the August Show, please come along and have a go at showing and judging.

Regarding the Show on 18<sup>th</sup> August, we are still interested in hearing from anyone who could help with the Craft Workshops or any potential stallholders wishing to exhibit.

Please call Terry/Rita Bunyard, 0118 934 5253 or Terry/Chris Bovis, 0118 979 3910.

### **ROMANS FOOTBALL CLUB AGM**

*Scout Hut by the Village Halls Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2007 11am to 1pm*

Our club AGM is an informal opportunity for all the families of the boys' teams to meet up and chat over the past season, looking forward to the new one! There will be a short presentation to introduce the teams, re-election of the committee, discussions about the club at present and future plans for the next season.

More details will be passed on by each manager to each football team.

We welcome all the boys and their families, completely free of charge. A BBQ and refreshments will be served after the presentation.

For further details please contact:

Martin Rayner, 07920 592904 or Deborah Wyatt, 07880 747279

You can also visit our website on [www.HurstFC.org.uk](http://www.HurstFC.org.uk)

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

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

A successful coffee morning was held at Stanlake Park Wine Estate on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May. People relaxed over coffee in the wisteria hung courtyard, while stalls did a brisk trade in plants, jewellery, books, toys, cakes and *bric a bric*. Just under £1,000 was raised.

### **Young artists**

The lovely drawings for the Hurst Horse Show and Country Fayre were done by the winners of the programme design competition held at St Nicholas Primary School in 2006 and 2007. A full list of the winners and copies of their drawings can be found on the Horse Show website at [www.HurstHorseShow.or.uk](http://www.HurstHorseShow.or.uk).

### **Stanlake Park**

Peter Dart of Stanlake Park Wine Estate was interviewed on BBC Breakfast News on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May about their new sparkling white wine launched at the English Wine Week. Peter explained that there are over 300 vineyards in England, although only a few have wineries and even fewer have the facilities for making sparkling wine with the champagne method.

## ***The Dragonfly Café* opens at the Eco Centre, Dinton Pastures**

**T**he café building at Dinton Pastures Country Park has gone through a few changes recently and is opening with a brand new name – *The Dragonfly Café*. This reflects the many species of dragonfly in the Park.

The changes include the installation of a new wood burner and solar panels, a new patio and outdoor area. Seven large umbrellas in the patio area will provide shelter from showers and sun. The menu will include a wider selection of food and drink, with fresh produce from local farms and cakes from local bakers.

In keeping with the Eco Centre status awarded to the café building in 2006 by the ENCAMS (formally the Tidy Britain Group), the changes add to the building's 'green' credentials.

As some of you may know, the Countryside Service has taken over management of the café facilities at the Country Park as well as Hurst Golf course, in a bid to generate valuable income for the running of our local parks and nature reserves. The contract for both cafés is with Edwards and Ward, who also run the café at the Civic Offices in Wokingham. They have embraced our green ideas, which have also been popular with public.

It's early days for the venture and staff at the Countryside Service are still learning how to make improvements. Feedback from customers is always welcome. The project has benefited from the support of local councillors, particularly Cllr Annette Drake, who has taken a keen interest in the project's progress.

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We look forward to seeing you at the Park this summer. Our usual walks and events are on offer. *The Dragonfly Café* will be open from 10.00am until 5.00pm daily, so do come for coffee and cake (our wheat-free carrot cake is well worth a try!) or stop for a meal at lunchtime, in a lovely outdoor setting. For more information, telephone 0118 934 2106.

## **HURST MORRIS PEOPLE - HuMP**

Morris Dancing is very much rooted in the community and HuMP is keen to carry on that tradition. A lot of our performances take place around our base in Hurst village, in Berkshire and surrounding counties. We dance the Cotswold Tradition and, in a typical season, perform at anything from village fetes and carnivals to residential homes and schools! We also take part in major folk festivals outside our region every year.

We meet on Thursday evenings, 8pm – 10pm at the Hurst Village Hall, School Road, Hurst.

**Two Beginners/Open Workshops are being held on 20th and 27th September, 2007, 8pm—10pm, Hurst Village Hall.**

*HuMP welcomes anyone who'd like to have a go at dancing or music!*

*Men and women welcome. It's free of charge and you'll enjoy it!*

For more information, contact:

Mary Esslemont (Squire) 0118 987 4346 ; Chris Smith 01628 633 051  
Sally Bryson-Bond (Secretary) 0118 979 2333 or [secretary@hump.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hump.org.uk)  
Our website address is [www.HuMP.org.uk](http://www.HuMP.org.uk)

# Why the Hurst Village Society was started

Berkshire County Council in 1971 identified Sandford Farm and Whistley Court Farm as a mineral extraction site. Subsequently Lea Farm was added to the site.

The vicar of St Nicholas Church, the Reverend Percy Trutwein, invited four people to form a committee - Mr Arnold Hutchins (Chairman), Dr Jim Wagg (Vice Chairman), Mr Dick Bugg (Treasurer), and myself (Publicity Officer) - to highlight the implications of the proposal to extract the gravel from this site.

He advised us that the proposal would have a disastrous impact on Hurst and that the Parish Council could not manage to oppose the application on their own - they needed help from an independent pressure group. How right he was.

We named our group the Village Society (subsequently HVS). Every family in the village joined the society. A local artist Elizabeth Chalmers designed a car sticker depicting a gravel lorry with a big red cross through it & the slogan read, 'NO Gravel extraction from Hurst'. Every car owner in the village displayed the sticker!

Sufficient funds were raised to instruct a barrister to represent us at the subsequent appeal. The appeal lasted for two days, when Bruce Laughland QC, whose brother lived in Islandstone Lane, represented us.

When the application was discussed, the Parish Council and the Village Society advised that several conditions should be attached to the approval.

We required the land to be returned to farmland.

The proposed lakes would not have any noisy sports such as motor boats (today we see that the sailing club only has a motor rescue boat for emergency use only);

The activities permitted were all designed to create a quiet country park with a wealth of wild life as we see it today.

This is only the beginning of the story. There is much more to relate of what happened in our uphill battle over 36 years.

**Cllr Annette Drake**  
**Member for Hurst Ward**

## Why do you need to be a member of Hurst Village Society?

The Hurst Village Society was originally formed in 1971 to preserve and enhance the rural character of the parish. It continues to play an important role in working to maintain the integrity of the village.

But your support is vital and we urge you to sign up as a member of the Society. You can complete the attached form and post or hand it to any committee member.

Opposite are some excerpts from the Society's second News Letter, dated 13 July 1972, which contains familiar issues.

# The Hurst Village Society

News Letter No. 2

13<sup>th</sup> July, 1972

## Gravel Extraction at Loddon Valley Park

Redlands Inns in April made a planning application to excavate 76.86 acres for sand and gravel near Whistley Mill Farm. This area extends north-west from the "Elephant and Castle". The Society instructed a firm of solicitors who objected on our behalf to the planning authorities on the grounds that this would involve loss of good agricultural land, it would destroy the visual amenities of the area and that the existing roads were inadequate for the operation. Moreover, it was considered presumptuous to put forward this application whilst the Loddon Valley scheme was still not formulated.

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Berkshire County Council overruled Wokingham R.D.C and have permitted gravel extraction either side of "High Chimneys" in Davis Street subject to the condition that the gravel should be extracted and in-filled by 30<sup>th</sup> June last. No gravel working has yet been commenced, unlike the Dinton Pastures Pit where the operators have recently been again working on a Sunday contrary to their planning consents.

## Hurst New Town

A certain Mr. Bull, who lives at a safe distance at Ewelme in Oxfordshire, has applied to build 306 residential units and four shops on 19 acres of farm land between Broadcommon Road and Islandstone Lane. The total development is stated to comprise:-

- a tower block of 11 storeys high;
- a six storey block of maisonettes;
- a five storey block of maisonettes;
- 270 lock-up garages;
- one sewage works;
- a sports pavilion and a primary school.

A similar planning application was rejected ten years ago, and we urge everyone to write to C.G. Cockayne, Esq., Clerk to the Council, Wokingham R.D.C, Shute End, Wokingham, to object in the strongest terms to this application.

**We feel that any new development in Hurst should be implemented only so long as it forms part of an overall scheme for the village and that every resident in Hurst should have the opportunity to take an active part in formulating any such scheme (*our emphasis*).** The Parish Council are currently preparing a plan for Hurst and we understand that when the plan is published, an opportunity will be given for open discussion.

## Footpaths in Hurst

Mr. David Bowndes of the East Berks Ramblers Association and his volunteers recently cleared and opened up the public footpath between Sandford Mill Lane and Davis Street. There are over twenty footpaths in Hurst registered under the Countryside and Parks Act and a number of these paths are in danger of being lost if action is not taken immediately. We intend shortly to distribute to everyone in Hurst a detailed map of the registered footpaths in the hope that they will all be signposted and cleared, but we will need your support and help to do this.

## *Coming Events for your Diary*

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

***Saturday 18th August 2007***

This year, the Horticultural Society Annual Show will return to Hurst Village Hall and Grounds with the Dog Show held in the adjacent Willowmead Field.

Horticultural Classes remain much the same, whilst the Cooking, Craft, Children's and Photographic Classes offer new challenges. This year we have added another dimension to the Trug Competition by including an item of Cookery, Craft or Photography.

The Show opens to the public at 1.30pm, but those wishing to enter must stage exhibits by 10.30am. Entry costs £1 for adults, 50p for seniors and children.

The Companion Dog Show starts at 12 noon with entries on the field from 11.30am. The Diana Brimblecombe Animal Rescue Centre, Hurst will benefit from the afternoon's Dog Show.

During the afternoon the Waltham St Lawrence Silver Band will entertain. New for this year there will be a Puppet Show and Children's Craft Activity Area, Plant Raffle and Craft Stalls. Cream Teas and Refreshments will be served.

Schedules containing all the necessary information will be available from the end of June in the village shops, some local garden centres or by contacting Terry Bovis, 0118 979 3910 or Terry Bunyard, 0118 934 5253

### **HURST VILLAGE SOCIETY QUIZ NIGHT**

***Friday, 21st September 2007***

***How well do you know your village? Find out at our new quiz night!***

We're including two rounds of local knowledge along with music, general knowledge, and sports in an audio-visual presentation.

Gather your team of up to 8 people (over 16's) for a fun night, which will include a light supper.

Tickets are priced at £7.50 and can be pre booked with

Janet Spiller, 0118 93424; Liz Cossey, 0118 9321043

Barbara Johnson, 0118 9345104; Mel Brown, 07833 566715

### **TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**

***Saturday, 1st December 2007***

***Last year there was some confusion over the purchasing of tickets.***

Paid-up members of the Hurst Village Society have priority over other Hurst residents, with a limit of six tickets per person. Only the person or family buying the tickets needs to be a member, e.g. in a party of six, it could be two members and four non-members. Purchases are on a "first come first served" basis, with any tickets unsold available to non-HVS members.

Please remember that HVS Membership runs from 1st January to 31st December in any calendar year. Annual membership costs £5 per family.



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Village Spring Clean Up

Fantastic to see such a great turnout. We had a record number of over 70 people from ages 5 upwards plus our local scout group to help on the day. This year we collected over 30 car tyres, old bikes, a cooker, old car seats, and also filled four large skips with refuse bags full of litter.

*Many thanks to all those who turned up!*

The event was covered by the *Twyford Advertiser* with a full page spread ***Well done Hurst.***

**Our next event will be the autumn tidy up, scheduled for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

## SCHOOL ROAD PLAYING FIELD/POND AREA

### Plea for help!

We are currently in discussions with Wokingham Borough Council for financial support to improve our play area. Our aim is to extend the play area and install some new equipment, including picnic benches and seats. We are also looking to improve the appearance of the area surrounding the pond.

With budgets being tight, we are hoping to get support from local businesses for aid with any of the following areas:

- *Landscaping the A321/School road junction*
- *New bench at junction of School road/ A321*
- *Wooden tubs and a planting programme around the pond area*

In return we would provide a named plaque for any sponsor who is generous enough to support us, and plenty of publicity generated through the local newspapers.

For all those interested, please do not hesitate to call me to discuss.

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

Wayne Smith - Chairman of Hurst PC, Tel: 0118 934 0840

## New Caretaker at Village Halls

We are pleased to welcome Richard Maynard as caretaker at the Village Halls. Richard does not live in the caretaker's house, but is only minutes away and can be contacted on the usual number **0118 934 0844**. The website for the Halls is [www.HurstVillageHalls.org.uk](http://www.HurstVillageHalls.org.uk).

Thanks are due to Donna Marner who has looked after the Halls for the last 30 months and is moving to Winnersh to have her new baby.

John Edwards, Tel: 0118 934 0238; Mobile: 07767 643 309

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Does anyone still hold copies of old HVS Newsletters?

We were pleased to find a copy of the Hurst Village Society Newsletter No. 2. Duncan Kendall will be posting this as an interesting record of the Society in the HVS website www.hvs.org.uk. Does anyone by any chance have a copy of the very first Newsletter, for inclusion in the archive? Duncan is interested in any old copies prior to edition No. 66, June 1999 (the oldest one currently on the website). If you do have copies of old Newsletters, he would appreciate it if you could contact him on telephone 0118 934 2852.

Duncan Kendall also publishes a monthly e-mail, which lists events and activities in and around Hurst. You can find out more about the list at www.WoodedHill.org and <http://www.hvs.org.uk/info/whatson.html>

The View from Shute End

The Annual Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th May followed the recent local elections when one third of the Council seats were up for election. There are now 43 Conservatives and 11 Liberal Democrats. The annual meeting is where the members decide who will sit on the various committees, boards and outside bodies, and who will chair them for the following year.

The Chairman of the Council, since Borough status was granted by Her Majesty the Queen, now becomes Borough Mayor. I had the honour of being elected to this office for the year. The new gold chain was sponsored by the Oracle Corporation. It is very beautiful and very heavy!

I am very pleased that we have a Mayor who lives in the North of the Borough and I will attend as many functions in Hurst as possible.

Frank Browne was re-elected as Leader of the Council.

When not on 'civic' duties I will still hold a Saturday surgery from 10am – noon. Please leave a message if the answer phone is switched on and I will call you back. Remember to speak very clearly when you give me your name and number!

Annette Drake

Walden Acres, Wokingham Road, Hurst. RG10 ORU
Telephone 0118 934 1036, mobile 07753 861 961.

Hurst Gospel Hall

We hope to have a stand at the Village show once again with a game or quiz for the children. This is always free to enter, with prizes to be won. Please do come and say hello.

Sundays

Come and Meet Each Other

6.30pm on Sunday evening.

There is time to chat, sing some favourite hymns, share a good tea together and hear Good News from the Bible.

Please note the change of date for CAMEO in June - Sunday, 10th June at 5.00pm.

July CAMEO is on **Sunday, 15th July**.

Mondays

Every Monday during term time. 6.15 – 7.15pm

Jesus and Me (JAM) For children 5 – 14 yrs

Quizzes, games, Bible Stories, lots of fun.

Tuesdays

Come along and join us at 7.45pm We study topics from the Bible and have a time of prayer.

Tuesday, 17th July

Stephen Davies will be giving a report of the missionary work that he and Gill have been doing in Tanzania since they went out from here over five years ago. Some of you may remember Gill teaching your children at St Nicholas school. Please feel free to come and hear about the exciting things God is doing through them in Africa.

Wednesday 6th June

Ladies evening outing.

For more details, ring Rachel Simms 0118 977 2071 or email David.Simms2@btinternet.com.

Fridays

Mother and Toddlers

10.00 – 11.30 during term time. No admission fee. Free coffee. A very friendly and informal group. Please come along and see for yourself.

St Nicholas Church Hurst

Sunday, 3 June

8.00am

11.00am

Sunday, 10 June

11.00am

Sunday, 17 June

8.00am

11.00am

Sunday, 24 June

11.00am

Sunday, 1 July

8.00am

11.00am

Sunday, 8 July

11.00am

Sunday, 15 July

8.00am

11.00am

Sunday, 22 July

11.00am

Sunday, 29 July

11.00am

Sunday, 5 August

8.00am

11.00am

Sunday, 12 August

11.00am

Sunday, 19 August

8.00am

11.00am

Sunday, 26 August

11.00am

Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion

Morning Worship & Sunday Club

First Sunday after Trinity

Family Eucharist, Baptism & Sunday Club

Second Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Family Praise

Birth of John the Baptist

Family Eucharist & Sunday Club

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Morning Worship & Sunday Club

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Family Eucharist, Baptism & Sunday Club

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Family Praise

St Mary Magdalene

Family Eucharist & Sunday Club

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Family Eucharist

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Morning Worship

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Family Eucharist

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Family Praise

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Family Eucharist

If you would like more details about the church in Hurst, please phone the Revd John Coombs on 0118 934 0017 and/or go to www.acny.org.uk/5339

Cycle, Run or Walk (CRoW)

Saturday, 8th September 2007

Get on your bike (or horse!)

Cycle, Run or Walk (CRoW), the annual fundraising event for the Berkshire Churches' Trust, may have to change its name to Ride and Stride, as last year five horse riders took part!

This year's CRoW is on **Saturday 8th September**, part of National Heritage weekend. If you would like to participate or sponsor someone else, why not contact your church representative? Nationally, there is a £1.5 billion repair bill for the country's church buildings, and this event, now in its 21st year in the county, raises money specifically for repairs and renovations. Participants visit as many churches as possible in eight hours, which can include those in neighbouring counties. They may cycle, run or walk (or ride, with permission from the organisers for insurance purposes).

The less active may seek sponsorship as a steward at their own church, by offering refreshment to the weary and providing some information about the church to visitors.

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