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SUMMER IS HERE



Season of sun and sporty playfulness. How exciting the English summer season is – Starting with the Chelsea Flower Show, going on to tennis at Wimbledon, the Henley regatta, strawberries and cream, and cricket.

The Hurst season kicks off with the Hurst Horse Show and Country Fayre, which grows in fame year by year. Next comes the Party in the Park, a perfect way to spend a summer evening. A traditional strawberry cream tea is on offer at Stanlake Park in July. In August, we celebrate the fruits, flowers and vegetables of summer at the Hurst Horticultural Show.

If we add to this our country activities represented by the Hurst Morris People, the bodger, blacksmith and hedge-layer, I think we can say that the village of Hurst is alive and well.

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HVS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General meeting this year took place in the Cellar Shop of Stanlake Park Wine Estate. Before the formal part of the meeting, Peter Dart gave a brief talk about the historic house and the development of the vineyard.

Exceptionally good year

Wayne Smith said that membership had risen to 227 members in 2009. This could be compared with the figure of 37 paid members when Eddie Coe took over the role of Membership Secretary. After seven years, he was now standing down and the HVS was looking for a candidate to take on this important role. There was a unanimous vote of thanks to Eddie for all that he had done for the Society.

As usual, the Dinner Dance had been a great success. Maria Land and Liz Cossey had organised a tremendous evening and worked tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly. The Archery Stall run by the HVS at the Horse Show had broken all records. Volunteers were essential to man the stall over the two days. Wayne paid tribute to the work done by volunteers in various ways.

Wayne thanked Gisela Sharpe and Jonathan Norris for the sterling work they were doing for the Society. He said that Jonathan spent many hours scanning planning reports to keep up to date with developments. He thanked Carol Sheasby for her work as Secretary of the Society and Editor of the Newsletter.

Councillor Annette Drake thanked the HVS committee members for all their hard work. In particular, she congratulated Wayne Smith for the way in which he had galvanised the Hurst Village Society.

HVS project for 2010

The HVS wishes to take on a project for 2010, which would be in line with its aim to enhance the character of the village. Wayne Smith announced that the Society was in consultation with the Cricket Club about the possibility of replacing the high wooden fence around their field with a railing fence. This would open up the view in the centre of the village. It is a big project for the HVS, but possible on the back of a good year. Watch for further developments.

New committee members

Derek Jackson and Robin West were welcomed as two new committee members. We look forward to having them on board.

After the business of the meeting, there was an enjoyable wine-tasting session in which Peter Dart spoke about the Stanlake wines. This was voted a huge success.

Are you a member of the Hurst Village Society?

The Village Society aims to provide an independent voice for Hurst residents. If you are not a member already, please do join us and contribute to activities in the village. You can find the membership form on page 8. The annual subscription is still only £5 per household.

SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS, HURST

First Sunday of the month

8.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Family Eucharist and
Sunday Club

Second Sunday of the month

11.00am Family Eucharist and
Sunday Club

Third Sunday of the month

8.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Family Praise

Fourth (and fifth) Sunday of the month

11.00am Family Eucharist and
Sunday Club

For 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.

FUTURE PLANS FOR THE PARISH

Proposals to reorganise the parishes of St Nicholas, Hurst, St Mary's, Winnersh, and St Catherine's, Bearwood

For some years, our Deanery has been considering how the parishes in this area could be organised to make best use of our resources in the ministry and mission of the Church. In 2008, a Working Group was set up in order to produce proposals for such a reorganisation. In their subsequent report, the outline proposals are that:

- St Mary's, Winnersh, and St Catherine's, Bearwood, join to form one parish.
- St Nicholas remains a separate parish, but will become part of a benefice with Twyford and Ruscombe.

It is important to note that the proposals contain the strong recommendation that extra ministerial support should be provided for the new benefice of Winnersh and that there should be some identifiable ministerial presence in Hurst to work as part of the Ministry Team of the new benefice.

Our Church Council has been happy to endorse the proposals and we look forward to working more closely with Twyford and Ruscombe. We now await the response of the Archdeaconry Pastoral Committee who will discuss the plan at their meeting in June. There are various legal hurdles to overcome before the plan can be put into effect and, in any case, it will not happen until the Rector of Bearwood and I have retired (whenever that may be!).

David Lloyd-Williams (Hurst) and I were both members of the Working Party. If you would like to know more about the proposals, you can speak to either of us or to Sue Payne. Contact details are:

Rev. John Coombs 0118 934 0017; David Lloyd-Williams 0118 932 1215;
Sue Payne 0118 977 3466.

John Coombs

HURST GOSPEL HALL

Our regular activities continue as follows.

Mondays J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) for children 5 years upwards. Quizzes, singing Bible Stories and lots of fun and games. 6.15 – 7.15pm during term time.

Tuesday evening is our Bible Study and Prayer evening. From 7.45pm.

Wednesdays 8.00pm. On the first Wednesday of the month, the ladies meet.

For more details, please contact Mrs Norah Thomas on 01189 667 239.

Fridays Mother and Toddler Group from 10.00 – 11.30am during term time.

Sundays Each Sunday evening at 6.30pm we have a Gospel meeting.

On the third Sunday of each month, this is replaced by CAMEO at 5.00pm. We begin with a time to chat, then we have tea, some hymn singing and a Bible talk.

For more information, please ring Rachel Simms on 0118 977 2071 or e-mail

David.Simms2@btinternet.com. Alternatively, you can visit our website at <http://www.hurstgospelhall.org>

St Nicholas Chancel Floor

One day back in October 2009, after a Sunday service, a congregation member said to me, 'Sorry, Sue, but my foot has just gone down a hole in the chancel.' Since then, you may have noticed that we have had to restrict access to the chancel and the high altar in the interests of health and safety.

Some extensive work has been undertaken to investigate the problems and make good the collapsing floor. The sinking floor has been rectified and the choir stalls replaced with firmer foundations. Flooring tiles to match the Victorian ones will be laid next. We are hopeful that over the next few weeks, the work will be completed and St Nicholas Church restored to its full glory.

Sue Payne

A Quarter Peal of Bells

The bells rang out from St Nicholas for 45 minutes in celebration of the life of Don Elliott, who died on 5th May, aged 89. During his long life, he was devoted to the church and to his family. He was known for his beautiful tenor voice and was a member of Twyford Choral Society, which is now the Twyford Singers. He sang in St Nicholas church choir for several decades and also led the Sunday School for several years. He will be affectionately remembered by many friends in Hurst, as well as Winnersh and Twyford.

Thank you, Hurst!

A big thank you to all who donated to this year's Christian Aid collection. Together we have raised £1298.54 from the door-to-door collection. In addition, St Nicholas Church hosted a Christian Aid lunch, which added a further £290, making a grand total of £1588.54! Your donations will help Christian Aid tackle the root causes of poverty and fund projects in 48 countries around the world, enabling people to improve their lives, whatever their religion.

Hurst Horse Show and Country Fayre



Saturday, 26th and Sunday, 27th June 2010

Plans for best ever Show are nearing completion

Visitors to the 31st anniversary show are promised new and exciting attractions during a weekend of countryside fun on 26th and 27th June.

The organisers are pledging families a low cost outing, which is kind to stretched budgets. A family of two adults and two children will pay a total of just **£8** to get into the show each day.

Come and see the alpacas

Furry stars among the new attractions are prize-winning alpacas from Tippens Wood Farm, Wokingham. Numbers of alpacas, cuddly-looking members of the camel family, are growing in the UK. Fibres from alpaca fleece will be spun at the show.

Fun events

The weekend in the country also includes displays by birds of prey, Hurst Morris dancers, search and rescue dogs, Reading Superstars cheerleaders, a jazz band, St Nicholas School's maypole dancers, street dancing by Blue Flame of Hurst, Hurst Karate Club and Hurst Romans Football Club.

Another first at the show is a horse trainer demonstrating that horses can be ridden without bridles. He will also show how to make an unruly horse well behaved.

Children can have giant tugs of war, meet and pat farmyard animals, enjoy horse and dray and pony rides and compete in the go-kart derby.

There's free entrance to a hands-on arts pavilion, where adults and children can have creative fun on the Saturday. On both days, visitors can cheer on ferret racing, watch 'bodgers' making chair legs in the ancient way and a farrier making mini 'lucky horse shoes'. A basket weaver will be in action and sell her wares. You can bring your own pet for the dog races.

Goodies to tempt you

Plants, cakes, jewellery, farmhouse fudge, bags, cards and tee shirts will be on sale. Barbecued sausages and burgers from Hurst's village butcher and strawberries will be sold near the beer tent.

Show jumping

There's a full range of show jumping and showing classes for all ages and abilities. Schedules are at www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk Events include fancy dress, horse and hound, gymkhana games and, for the first time, a £50 top score jumping competition.

The show is **9am** to around **5.30pm** each day at School Road.
Admission is **£3** for adults and **£1** for children and concessions. Profits go to the village primary school and other good causes.
The show website is www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk

Join in the fun of helping with the show – choose a job!

We urgently need help in the School Road fields in the week before the show and at the show itself. It really is fun to be part of it all. Please help if you can on the dates below.

Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th June – Painting horse jumps in Willowmead Field, School Road, from 10.30am. Old clothes recommended! Help with putting up the marquee on Sunday, 20th June.

Tuesday, 22nd to Friday, 25th June – Setting up the show in School and Willowmead Fields from 6.30pm, including putting up tents, marquees, arenas and stalls.

Saturday, 26th and Sunday, 27th June – Helpers for the bar, cooking and serving in the food tent.

Sunday, 27th June – Clearing up and packing away the showground.

Monday, 28th June – From 6.30pm, packing away after the show, taking down marquees, loading up the trailer, etc.

Parents of St Nicholas School children: We would be grateful if you can sign up to help in stalls. The roster will be available in the school playgrounds at pick up time.

All other volunteers: Please either contact Duncan Kendall on 0118 934 2852 or visit our website www.HurstHorseShow.org.uk.

Helpers in the bar and food tent: Please contact Paul Gough on 0118 934 5097.

We ask parents who are helping not to bring their children when jumps are being painted and when marquees and scaffolding are being erected.

Once these messy and more dangerous jobs are done, children may come, provided they are with their parents who will be responsible for them at all times.

It all seems like a lot of work to me ...

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Have you taken any special pictures around the village? Why not send them to the HVS website!

Contact Duncan Kendall on duncan@bdksof.co.uk.

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Picture by David Prince

THE VIEW FROM SHUTE END

With the election over at last, we can give our full attention to Borough business. The new Council met on Thursday, 20th May 2010 to swear in a new Mayor and Deputy. Leader David Lee remains in post, as he was not opposed; he remains responsible for the 54 Councillors (43 Conservatives and 11 Liberal Democrats).

The Core Strategy

The Working Group has studied the responses to the Consultation and proposed actions/replies to them. On 25th May, members were briefed and met later the same evening with the representatives of interested parishes, so that everyone would be aware of the final Master plans (including Infrastructure) to go to the Executive for adoption at a special executive meeting.

The special executive meeting is scheduled to take place at 7.30pm on **24th June 2010** in the Council Chamber, Shute End. Executive meetings are held in public. However, members of the public may not speak. Questions can be posed in advance; at least 24 hours' notice is required.

The agendas are presented on the WBC website five working days prior to the meeting and the minutes can also be viewed at: <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/council/minutes-agendas/agenda-and-minutes/>.

Youth Services

The good news is that Children's Services have been inspected by the IDeA (part of the Local Government Association), who comment that WBC are now performing in the top quartile of every Children's Services department in England.

There are plans to improve the Corporate Parenting Board and give it more teeth to give an even better service to our looked after children. This gives me a key role on the board as Vice Chairman to the Executive Member for Children's Services, Cllr Rob Stanton.

The Youth Website has been re-launched. Designed for young people aged between 13 and 19 years, the site will allow young people to submit information and reviews of activities, events and services in the Borough. Visitors to the site will be able to find out what their peers in Wokingham Borough have to offer young people. Web site address: Activeyouth.co.uk

Have your say about changes in adult social care

There are now more than 500 people in Wokingham Borough receiving a personal budget from the Council. The new system of self-directed support means that, as a Council, we have to adapt the way in which we work in consultation with those who may be affected.

Contact Pippa Freeguard at puttingpeoplefirst@wokingham.gov.uk or call 07500606229. Please let me know if you require help with Borough Council issues. I am at home for all residents on most Saturday mornings from 10am – 12 noon. My telephone number at home is 0118 934 1036.

Annette Drake

Walden Acres, Wokingham Road, Hurst. RG10 0RU

POLICE REPORT

From PCSO Anne Chalmers

Burglaries

I am pleased to report that there have been no burglaries in Hurst since my last update. However, I would urge all residents not to be complacent – with the warmer weather, some of us may be inclined to open the windows wide. Please be aware of your home security. If you would like any advice regarding home security, please contact me or any other member of the Twyford Neighbourhood team.

Dinton Pastures

Following reports of youths taking sailing boats and pedaloes when the Black Swan Sailing Club is closed, we have increased our patrols around these areas. If you are a victim of, or have witnessed this kind of anti-social behaviour, please report it on the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number, **0845 8 505 505**.

Operation Lion Cub

In addition to regular neighbourhood patrols, police are still running Operation Lion Cub across the Wokingham area every Friday and Saturday night. This operation has been very successful in dealing with and reducing instances of anti-social behaviour.

Environment

Environmental audit checks were conducted around Hurst and Sonning. I'm pleased to report that no issues were identified and to my knowledge, no waste has been fly-tipped. If you do come across tipped waste, please report it to Wokingham Borough Council for removal.

Police Surgery

PCSO Anne Chalmers organised the first Hurst 'Have your say' Police Surgery meeting in the Scouts headquarters, Village Hall, Hurst. Sadly, the turn out from residents was low. I hope this is an indication that all Hurst residents are feeling safe and secure. You will find the dates of these public meetings advertised on the Wooded Hill and Thames Valley Police websites.

Hurst Air Scouts

PCSO Anne Chalmers and PCSO Nicola Shepherd had great fun giving safety advice to the Hurst Air Scouts. I only hope that the finger printing ink came out of the tunics. Thank you, boys, we had a lovely evening.

Speed checks

This month, I plan to carry out speed enforcement checks in Hurst. Drivers who are found travelling in excess of the legal speed limit, will be advised by post of the time, date and speed at which they were travelling.

School patrols

We are aware of the concerns raised by residents and parents, with regard to parking during school drop off and pick up times. We continue to patrol schools during these times and will issue £30 fixed penalty notices to parents parking illegally. Parking regulations are enforced for the safety of your children.

PCSO Anne Chalmers

E-mail: anne.chalmers@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

PARTY in the PARK!

Willowmead Field, School Road

Saturday, 3rd July 2010

Make sure you book this night in your calendar as we are packed out every year.

Come and join us for wonderful live music from local bands plus our regular main band - Big Rig - who make sure that everyone gets up and dances.

After their success last year, the Haweli restaurant will be on site serving food. The Haweli is a major sponsor of our village football team and we are delighted to have them at the Party in the Park. Please give numbers to the Haweli to ensure that you are catered for. Price for hot buffet is £12.50 per person. Haweli telephone number: 0118 932 0939. Alternatively, bring your own food – anything goes!

We also have a very well priced bar on the day in case you don't want to lug your own or if you run out. Beer/wine/softies are available at good prices.

We respectfully request that you turn up the following morning to help us clear the field, which is very kindly lent to us for the evening of festivities.

Tickets will be on sale from early June priced at £15. Please contact either Ruth Graesser on 07917 650025 or Caroline Young on 07767 730186.

AFTERNOON TEA and CAKE SALE

Stanlake Park Wine Estate, Twyford

(on B3018, near Dolphin School)

Sunday, 11th July 2010 3 – 5pm

Enjoy a delicious cream tea in the gardens of your local vineyard and raise money for a fantastic cause! All proceeds will go to the local charity 'SalGO Assist' – working with India's poor and orphaned.

What is SalGO Assist?

We are a small local charity working with some of India's poorest families in the rural region of Andhra Pradesh. We work through an orphanage, hostels and schools and we raise money to cover living costs, education, training and medical emergencies. Much of the money we have provided over the past 10 years is raised through direct sponsorship and the rest through a variety of fundraising schemes and events.

We also support projects which are aimed at helping the poor to help themselves – the digging of wells to improve the water supply for agriculture; the repair of homes after rainy season flooding; the purchase of land so that peasants can grow their own rice. Just now, we are improving the water supply in a village so that the women don't have to queue up at the one tap.

Clifford Smith (Chairman)

*** WHAT'S ON ***

Playbuilder Consultation Day

The Loddon Room, Dinton Pastures

Saturday, 21st August 2010

Dinton Pastures have been given the opportunity through government funding to build a new and exciting play area targeted at 8-13 year olds.

This is your chance to have your say! We look forward to meeting you.

All are welcome!

Keren Otto, Playbuilder Support Officer, Wokingham Borough Council

Tel: 0118 974 3735

Winnersh Village Fête

Bearwood Recreation Ground

Saturday, 19th June 2010 12.30am – 4.30pm

Traditional fête with stalls, arena events and other attractions for all the family.

Free admission, parking and attractions.

The Castle Inn

If you have gone past The Castle recently, you will have seen that it has re-opened for business. Dave and Yvonne Wilson are the holding managers until September, when it is expected that a permanent appointment will be made. In the meantime, you can enjoy traditional pub fare in pleasant surroundings.

HURST PANTOMIME GROUP

The Hurst Pantomime Group are delighted to announce that we will be putting on a production of *Babes in the Wood* in January 2011. We are, of course, looking for actors/actresses, but we also need help with many aspects back stage, and are particularly keen to hear from anyone interested in set painting or being an assistant director.

Key dates so far are:

Monday, 6th September 2010 – Introductory meeting and script read-through.

Friday, 10th September 2010 – Youth (13+) and Adult Auditions.

Sunday, 12th September 2010 – Children's registration and auditions.

Rehearsals for youth (13+) and adults will be on Friday evenings and some Sunday afternoons.

Children's rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons from 1– 3pm.

Performances will be on **Thursday, 13th January, Friday, 14th January and Saturday, 15th January 2011.**

Please look out for further details on posters locally
or call Claire on 0118 969 0930.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

Traffic

Entrance gates to the village

Sorry, still no movement, although Highways Department at Wokingham Borough Council tell me that approval is almost there. Once we get the permission, we can commission work to start.

School Road

There has been a slight delay on the new equipment. Plans have now been revised and work should be completed by the end of June. Just in time for the summer holidays!

Planning Update

F/2010/0684	Nursery Close, Hurst - Approved
F/2010/0658	Frogmore Cottage, Davis St, Hurst - Approved
F/2010/0495	Stebbings, Broadcommon Road, Hurst - Refused
F/2010/0618	Forge Cottage, Davis St, Hurst - Approved
F/2010/0548	Four Acres, Dunt Lane, Hurst - Approved
CLP/2010/0467 and 0478	Sangaree, Little Hill Road, Hurst - Refused
F/2010/0520	Lea Farm, Lodge Road, Hurst - Approved
F/2010/0481	Magpies, Nelsons Lane, Hurst - Refused
F/2010/0027	Southerdown, Lodge Road, Hurst - Approved
F/2010/0308	Islandstone Lane, Hurst - Refused
F/2010/0324	April Cottage, Hogmoor Lane, Hurst - Refused
CLE/2010/0292	Garden House, Orchard Road, Hurst - Refused

Violinist, nine, carries on family tradition

Young Hurst violin player, Catherine Prince, nine, has made her debut with the HuMP band, carrying on a family tradition. The band includes her violinist mum, Amanda, and keyboard-playing dad, David. Catherine learns the violin at her school, St Nicholas Primary, in Hurst.



Catherine is pictured (foreground) with her father, David (third from left) and mother, Amanda (right)

Have YOU ever thought about FOSTERING?

There is a recognised shortage of 10,000 Foster Carers in the UK. PACT, founded in 1911, is also known as the Oxford Diocesan Council for Social Work Inc. We are a registered charity working to improve life chances for children. The focus of our work is within Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire and aims to build and strengthen families.

We are an approved Adoption and Fostering Agency. We have a history of finding safe, loving families for children in care. Here are a few facts about Fostering:

1. Did you know you don't have to be married to become a Foster Carer?
2. You don't have to have children already although you do need to have experience in caring for children.
3. Did you know you get paid a Fostering Allowance of £335.70 a week to be a Foster Carer, which is tax-free and won't affect any other benefits?
4. Most of the children who need fostering are known as 'hard to place' children; they will usually be 8+ years of age.

Fostering is a hard but very rewarding job. If you think you might have what it takes to become a Permanent Foster Carer or you want to find out more, then contact PACT now on 0800 731 1845, e-mail: fostering@pactcharity.org

HURST MORRIS PEOPLE LAUNCH SUMMER SEASON

Hurst Morris People (HuMP) are keen to invite people to share their fun during the summer dancing season.

They have a busy programme of dance dates at pubs, shows, fairs and festivals. Full details are on their website www.hump.org.uk. Come and enjoy a traditional summer's day or evening, armed with a beer or cup of tea.

High spot during the summer will be appearing at Hurst Horse Show and Country Fayre on Sunday, 27th June when they dance at 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

Workshops

HuMP has open workshops on 23rd and 30th September 2010, 8 – 10pm, at Hurst Village Hall. Men and women, dancers and musicians, are welcome.

No prior experience of Morris dancing is necessary. If you are interested in trying some Morris dancing, come and have a go. Contact our Joint Squire, Sally Bryson-Bond, for details: sally.bryson-bond@tesco.net



HURST HORTICULTURAL & COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY

Thursday, 1st July 2010, 6.30pm
Willowmead Field, School Road

The next meeting is a mini-show. This is an opportunity to practise for the main event in August or just enter for fun. A schedule is available and can be sent by e-mail if you prefer: please contact Paul Martin at PaulM35@btinternet.com. A paper version can be obtained from Rita Bunyard, tel. 0118 934 5253.

It is not necessary to enter the show. If you want to come along for the evening or to find out more about the Society, please just turn up between 6.30 and 9pm. Refreshments will be served and a short meeting will follow.

HURST HORTICULTURAL & COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY SHOW

Saturday, 21st August 2010
Hurst Village Hall and Willowmead Field

The 2010 annual show will be held in Hurst Village Hall and grounds. The Dog Show arena will be in the adjacent Willowmead Field.

There are various divisions in the show schedule offering classes for Horticulture, Flower Arranging, Cooking, Jam Making, Photography, Artwork, Needlework, and Children's Crafts.

Several novice classes are included to encourage newcomers in showing garden and floral exhibits. Help and advice is available from the organisers.

This year, the show opens at the earlier time of 1pm. The prize-winners' trophy presentations will also be earlier at 3pm. Waltham St Lawrence Silver Band will entertain with a stirring programme of music, starting at 3.30pm. Hot and cold refreshments, bar, teas and ices will be available all afternoon, plus various stalls, crafts and raffle. Children's entertainment includes an invitation to make a 2010 show tapestry in the craft corner. Also new for this year is a traditional **swing boat ride**. Finally, visitors can benefit from the growers' skills at 4.15pm when the produce auction begins.

Entries for the show need to be made in advance by **Thursday, 19th August**, using the entry form from the schedule, which is available from village shops and pubs, plus local garden centres. Entries for the Companion Dog Show are on the day only from 11.30am. Judging starts at 12 noon. Berkshire Search and Rescue Dogs will benefit from the show profits and a display by the rescue dog team will take place during the afternoon on the show field.

If you sell crafts and would like a stall at the show, please call 0118 934 5253.

For schedules, help and information on any of the above please call:
0118 934 5253 / 934 1498 / 934 0707 / 932 0595 / 979 3910.

Show schedules are available to download from the HVS or Parish Council websites.

HURST VILLAGE SOCIETY

Membership Application / Renewal Form

Please complete **Section A**

Please complete **Section B**, or **Section C** if you wish to pay by Standing Order.

If you choose to pay by standing order, please feel free to make a donation as well.

Completed form to be sent to:

HVS Membership Secretary, Derek Jackson, Flat 8, Domdon House,
School Road, Hurst. RG10 0GD

A Name
Address
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Tel: E-mail:

B I enclose a cheque (to Hurst Village Society) / cash for £5.00, as my subscription for 2010.
I also enclose a donation of £ to the Hurst Village Society.

C To my Bank: Bank
Address
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Sort code

Please debit my account no. with the sum of £5.00,
being my subscription to the Hurst Village Society, and credit account
no. 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

Date of second payment: 1st January 2011
and thereafter annually on 1st January.

Signature Date

Print name

HURST ROMANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Summer Information

U6 Training

For all those budding boys and girls who really want to kick a ball around for an hour, please feel free to join our new U6 training sessions held on Sunday morning at 10am in the School Field. It's a great way to learn about the club and get ready to play in the team.

Please call Jon McCarthy on 0118 934 0801 or Simon Gray on 07789 990039 if you would like more details.

HURST CRICKET CLUB

Hurst Cricket Club runs two adult teams on a Saturday and one adult side on a Sunday. New members are welcome. There is also a Colts section for both boys and girls, with teams at U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17. In addition to the evening coaching sessions, we have league games in the Berkshire Youth Cricket League. For more details, contact Tim Manser on 0118 962 8538 or t.manser@ntlworld.com.

Summer Camps

It is intended to re-introduce our successful three day summer cricket courses during half term at the end of May and the first week of the summer holiday. Please let James Lack james.d.lack@ntlworld.com know if you and/or a friend would like to be included on one or both of the courses. More information, including cost, will be available from team managers and coaches.

If you wish to hire the club for a private function (about 50 adults max), please contact Steve Rumble on 0118 978 9582.

HURST BOWLING CLUB

The bowling season has started at the green behind The Castle Inn and the club is enjoying the new playing equipment and green-keeping equipment purchased with the aid of grants in the last year.

We will be running a stall at the Hurst Horse Show and Village Fayre on 26th and 27th June, where information about the club will be available.

Anyone is welcome at the club either as a curious spectator at matches (Saturday and Sunday afternoons or Wednesday evenings) or to try their hand at bowling.

There is no commitment if you would like to have a go – just turn up on a Tuesday evening between 6 and 7pm. Our coach or other members will be happy to lend you some woods and show you the ropes. All you will need is a pair of flat shoes (e.g. trainers or tennis shoes) and any comfortable clothing, with the exception of jeans.

If you have any queries, please contact Suzanne Hill (Secretary) on 01344 625 828 or Anthony Boddrell (Captain) on 01344 869 264. For more details about the club, visit our website on <http://www.hurstbowlingclub.org.uk/>

HURST BROWNIES

Hurst Brownies are currently having a busy and exciting time during Guiding's Centenary year.

We went to Paultons Park, Romsey, at the beginning of May along with 4,500 other Brownies from Dorset and the Southwest region. We would like to thank Twyford Scouts for kindly lending us their mini bus and also for when we go to the County Celebration Festival 100 at Newbury in June. In July, we are staying over at Headquarters in London as part of the Centenary Brownie Takeover.

The Brownies are working towards their World Issues badge, which will include a visit to Waitrose to learn more about Fair Trade and recycling, and also World Traveller for girls attending residential trips. We joined Hurst Scouts at Chalfont Heights for their annual Family Camp. Fortunately the sun shone, increasing the fun time had by all.

Our seven new Brownies made their Promise with a Teddy Bear's Picnic theme. We currently have quite a long waiting list. We accept girls from age 5, as there is currently no Rainbow unit running in Hurst.

We have gained a new Unit Helper, Emma (Otter) and two new Young Leaders - Alice and Jasmine, also known as Koala and Panda. However, we are still hopeful of finding someone willing to train as a Guider or Unit helper. Kim (Woodpecker) leaves with her daughter in July and we have already said goodbye and thank you to Liz (Peacock). The support of a team is invaluable and you don't need to be connected to the movement to be able to Lend A Hand! So please contact me on 0118 901 7891 or mhalle@globalnet.co.uk for more information.

Fiona Hallett

1st HURST AIR SCOUTS

We have increased the number of members in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, all of whom are enjoying varied programmes of activities this term. Highlights in the last few weeks have included:

- A dragon boat regatta on the Thames at Henley
- Making and firing water rockets
- A demonstration by a butcher
- A talk by the police

Two groups of our Scouts recently completed the 15 mile Three Towers Hike. One team finished 3rd out of 55 teams. Unfortunately, our latest flying expedition had to be cancelled due to the volcanic dust cloud!

We are all looking forward to our annual family camp. This year, over 130 people are attending.

For further details about scouting in Hurst, please contact Simon Young (Group Scout Leader) on 0118 932 0952 or simon.young10@btinternet.com.

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Sandford Farm

Last year, the Secretary of State endorsed the Planning Inspector's recommendation to uphold the planning appeal by Woodley Developments Limited. We continue to await their detailed planning application.

There are still considerable concerns with regard to the safe remediation of this former toxic waste site and, not least, the environmental impact on both the environment and fragile local infrastructure.

Whilst outline planning permission may have been approved, mitigating the risks of developing the site could well still prove to be the downfall of this proposed development – particularly in light of the High Court's ruling last year against Corby Borough Council. Detailed planning approval need not be a *fait accompli*.

North Wokingham Strategic Development Location

So where is this SDL?

Situated on the south side of the A329(M), it will virtually subsume all undeveloped land (Cantley Park excepted) from the Toutley Industrial Estate in the west (south of the M4/A329(M) interchange) along the boundary of the A329(M) and towards the Coppid Beech roundabout in the east.

The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the North Wokingham Strategic Development Location (SDL) was the subject of public consultation that concluded on 23rd March 2010.

A tabular consolidation of views expressed can be found on the WBC website at:

<http://www2.wokingham.gov.uk/environment/planning/news-and-information/shaping-our-communities/exhibitions-questionnaires>

WBC responses to this public consultation are anticipated by the end of May when it is understood that they will be incorporated into the aforementioned tabular report.

Traffic implications

With the phased development of 1,500 house (three times that proposed at Sandford Farm), there will be major implications for the local highway network.

One such option under consideration is the establishment of a new interchange where the A321 currently crosses the A329(M). However, this interchange, known as the Ashridge Interchange, will only support access to or from Bracknell, and hence at best can only afford a 50% solution to new North Wokingham residents. Even so, such an interchange would inevitably result in increased traffic on the A321 and fundamentally through Hurst, via Wards Cross.

Flood threats

HVS is also concerned that increased storm water runoff from such a vast built-up area into the Toutley Brook and subsequently the Emm Brook will result in increased flooding in the Hurst area.

Again, we continue to await WBC's response to the public consultation exercise.

Jonathan Norris

THE DAY THE QUEEN CAME TO HURST

In June 1962, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh passed through Hurst on their way to an engagement. The whole village was very excited about the event. Mr Sam Bullock wrote a letter to the Duke of Edinburgh, informing him that he would be standing at his front gate, wearing his Boer War uniform and standing to attention. He was gratified to receive a letter from the Duke after the event, acknowledging that he had seen him. To celebrate the occasion, he wrote the following poem.

Through our Village of Hurst one sunny day
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth passed this way.
Flags were flying all along the route,
And by her side that smiling Duke.
Old men and maidens, some with dogs,
And, of course, everyone all in their best togs.
Children with flags, their faces a-beam,
Under the care of Schoolmaster Green.
So excited they were, one mother said,
Her own little boy took his flag to bed.
One man you know tried to do his bit,
Dressed himself up in his Boer War kit.
His tunic, oh dear, was very tight.
So left off his shirt to get it right.
Her Majesty so lovely all in cream,
Smiling, knew us all, or so it seemed.
The first occasion we've had a chance to greet
Our wonderful Queen – very short, but sweet.



Mr SAM BULLOCK
In his Boer War uniform

*On the occasion of
the drive through the village of
Hurst, Berkshire
of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
and His Royal Highness Prince Philip
Duke of Edinburgh
on
Monday, 25th June 1962*

1st HURST GUIDES

Congratulations!

On Tuesday, 30th March, Charlotte Boyd was presented with her Baden Powell Award. This is the highest award that may be gained in the Guide section, and at twelve years and nearly three months, Lottie must be one of the youngest girls in the country to gain this award.

On the same evening, 1st Hurst Guides said goodbye to Doreen, who has been a Guider there for nearly ten years. Doreen is leaving because the Guide Association has an age-limit policy!

The evening took place in a large field where the Guide meeting started with a 'wide game'. The game involved finding clues to combinations, which unlocked a treasure chest. The girls then played with a water cannon before sitting down in a tent to sample 'wild food'; including wild rabbit, wild duck casserole, nettle fritters, and something the girls were told was 'deer droppings', but which were actually Revels! After eating chocolate cake (all Hurst presentations include either chocolate or cake), came the presentations by the camp fire. As well as Lottie's BP and Doreen's retirement gifts, Amy was presented with her Guide Leadership Qualification. Two other Guiders who are moving on to new Guiding roles were also presented with gifts. Hurst Guides should soon have two more Baden Powell Awards to present, as Eleanor has finished all her clauses, and just needs to go on a celebratory adventure. Emma is not far behind.

Keep the bees buzzing ...



The BBC has joined forces with the National Trust to highlight the plight of the bee. Every morning at 10am, Anne Diamond has been telling listeners all the latest on bee development.

During **Bee Part Of It!**, BBC Berkshire will focus on our hive and the honeybee. Matthew Oates, the National Trust's advisor on nature conservation, says that we can do simple things like planting bee-friendly plants and flowers to encourage bees into our gardens.

However, it's important to appreciate that other bee species also play a vital role in the pollination process.

Solitary bees have been found to be 300 times better at pollinating apple blossom than honeybees and there are vegetables, like tomatoes, that are only pollinated by the bumblebee.

Information taken from the BBC website: http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/berkshire/hi/people_and_places/nature

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SUBSCRIBE TO THE SKILLS REGISTER

We charge an annual fee per entry in the skills register: £15 if you are a member of the Hurst Village Society, £20 if you are a non-member. For that you will get a yearlong exposure on our award-winning website and in our very popular newsletter, which goes out three to four times a year.

May we remind you that it is time to pay your 2010 subscription.

For all enquires, please contact Wayne Smith, tel: 0118 934 0840.
e-mail: wayne.x.smith@googlemail.com.

Cheques should be made payable to Hurst Village Society.

We welcome any new skills and services. However, you have to live in the village!

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Small business accounts, sole traders, partnerships, small/medium limited companies, payrolls, self-assessments. We have a diverse range of clients from builders to hairdressers.			
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