

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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HVS Dinner Dance

This year's Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 23rd October with a theme of Trafalgar Day (but not fancy dress). As mentioned in the last newsletter, this event is always over-subscribed and we shall be giving a priority booking opportunity to members of the Village Society. For the purpose of this exercise a member shall be deemed to be any member of a Hurst household who has paid their £5 subscription by 31st August. Subscriptions can be paid to the Treasurer whose details are on the back page of the newsletter, and there's also a Membership Form on the inside back page.

Tickets, priced £18 each, up to 4 tickets per household, will be available to members between 6th and 19th September from David Shapland (9342209). From 20th September any tickets remaining will be on general release.

We hope that a lot of residents will attend this event and that it will spur people on who meant to join the Society but just haven't got round to it to do so.

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Hurst Horticultural Show

Saturday 21st August

The 86th Annual Hurst Horticultural Show opens to the public at 1.30pm on Saturday 21st August in the Village Hall and grounds. For those wishing to enter produce, food items, crafts, handiwork or photography, schedules are available from all village shops. Entries close at 6pm on Wednesday 18th August so there is still time to measure your onions and polish your apples. Exhibits must be staged between 7 and 10.30am on Saturday morning, as judging starts promptly at 10:30.

The show is a truly traditional village event. When the hall, marquees and grounds open, the spectacle of colourful produce is a real delight. Helping to make the afternoon more enjoyable there will be craft and plant stalls, teas, bar and food with music from the Jeez Cook Jazz Trio.

In the adjacent field, the Exemption Dog Show offer classes for both pedigree and novelty canine entrants. Dog show entries are only accepted on the field from 11.30am and judging starts at 12 noon. This year proceeds will go to Bellmead Kennels, Old Windsor (The Country Annexe of Battersea Dogs Home).

On the Martineau village green opposite, Children's sports will start at 2.30; again entries will only be taken on the field. That is of course after the children have checked their entries for prizes in the junior's section of the show. There are classes for three age groups with four classes in each section. Four trophies will be awarded in the children's classes, one for each age group and an overall champion for the competitor who gains the most points.

Trophies for the winners of all classes will be awarded at 4.30pm and this is followed by an auction of the produce not removed from the show, rounding off a truly enjoyable afternoon in Hurst.

Playgroup

St. Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup would like to thank all who donated funds in memory of Denis Drake. We shall use the funds on a much-needed bench (which will be inscribed) for our outdoor play area, and on making other improvements to the playgroup facilities.

Hurst's Own British Champion!

Raging Rivers



White Water Canoe Slalom

Aynsley Buggy has had a good year. He was successful in his attempt to become British Junior under-14 canoe slalom champion, retained for the second year the Southern Region Championship and is now competing in the Great Britain under-17 Team. Aynsley's first race for the team is in August in the Danubia Cup in Bratislava, Slovakia. The competition is being held on one of the world's finest white water courses on the river Danube.

This year has also seen Aynsley's first sponsorship deal; local company Independent Wholesale Express Ltd were impressed by the determination that Aynsley has and they have provided him with a new boat and enabled him to travel to his competitions. This level of support is vital in a sport which at all levels involves a lot of travelling. Having a local business supporting AJ has given him even more of an incentive to work hard.

AJ started canoeing at Black Swan Lake, Dinton Pastures. The canoe club at Dinton is still going strong with Wednesday evening sessions throughout the summer. If you are interested in canoeing please call the club on 9344424.

Editors note: I am very happy to include articles such as this in the newsletter. If you have a story to tell, please let me know.

Donation to Village Hall

We are pleased to announce that a donation from the Village Society to the Village Hall has materialised into a fine old wooden bar, which we trust many members will admire at the various village functions.

Millennium Update

Both the May Ball and Jazz in the Park were very well supported and proved to be not only enjoyed by all, but successful fundraisers as well. We have a limit on numbers when using the Hall, even with a marquee as additional accommodation, and the May Ball was a sell out.

Jazz in the Park is of course a different situation, where we have unlimited space, and is a self-catering event. This year saw the return of The Bernie Allen Jazz Band who proved to be as popular as ever. The Jezz Cook Trio made their first appearance at Jazz in the Park and were also well received. They will also be at the Horticultural Show – see page 2.

We as a committee were very pleased with these two events, and feel certain that those who attended them had as much enjoyment as we did.

We will have a stand at the Hurst Horticultural & Cottage Garden Show (Saturday 21st August 1999) should you wish to purchase any of our promotional items, i.e. polo shirts, key rings, etc. We also hope to have available H2k Celebration Selection Wine, exclusively produced for us by Valley Vineyards. An excellent wine to complement the H2k glasses!

The Hurst Millennium Diary is now available to purchase at £10.00, and these are available from:

Geoff Adderley	9345120
John Edwards	9340238
John Penney	9341498

Millennium New Years Eve Party

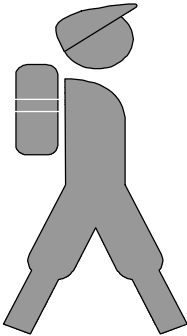
As expected, the register of interest in this event is gaining in momentum at a vast rate. A reminder of the established pecking order for tickets is as follows:

- A. Residents who made standing orders/donations have the opportunity to purchase tickets.
- B. Residents
- C. Residents may purchase tickets for their guests.

We sincerely hope to satisfy all requests, but please do not leave it much longer to register with John Edwards on 9340238, as numbers are limited.

Planning News

Good news! The Inspector has delivered his verdict on the Hicks Persimmon application to build 250 houses on the Sandford Farm infill site, and has said, for all the right reasons, that it should not be allowed. However, the saga continues, with The Oracle Corporation applying to build a corporate training centre, including a 250 bedroom hotel for residential courses. Their proposal would not involve transporting the putrescing rubbish across the Loddon into Hurst – an improvement on the previous application – but would nevertheless have a strong impact on the westward view from Hurst and, importantly, build on land designated as agricultural and outside settlement boundaries. If the local plans are to mean anything, they mean that development should not take place here! Both the Parish Council and The Society are opposing it.



Many people have expressed concern at the proposal to divert Footpath No 9, which runs from opposite the Green Man to the corner of Hogmoor Lane, and, at the same time, to “upgrade” part of it to a bridleway. We believe that the bridleway proposal would be of no practical benefit to riders, while causing a traffic hazard at a narrow part of busy Hinton Road. One of the attractions of the existing diagonal route across the field is the sense of open space, and the proposed diversion would take this away. We think that most of land-owner’s legitimate concerns could be met in other ways, without moving a right of way which has been there for over 250 years.

The Society has expressed its concern to the Chairman of the Highways Sub-committee of WDC, which met on 22nd July to consider the proposal. The next step is for formal notice of the proposal to be posted, in the local press, and at both ends of the footpath. Formal objections should then be sent to WDC within 28 days.

John Lemon

Community Skip

Not a keep fit campaign but did you know that a skip is delivered to the car park of the Village Halls on the 1st Wednesday of odd months at about 9am? It is for your use but please remember to place rubbish in the skip, not on the surrounding ground – and, please, domestic rubbish only.

Archery at the Horse Show

Once again this year the Village Society ran the archery stall at the Horse Show. Although takings were down we are pleased to be able to make the same donation to the Horse Show (£100) as last year.

The highest scores recorded on both days were:

Sat Adult – Stuart Lynch tied, in what became a titanic battle, with Sean Goldie on 20

Sat Children – Joe Coppuck with 11

Sun Adult – Chris ‘the biker’ with 20

Sun Children – Jack Doncaster with 16

Our thanks to Chris ‘the biker’ who chose to forfeit his prize money.

We shall be back next year if you think you may be Hurst’s answer to Robin Hood.

Speeding



Speaking to people around the village a common theme often crops up, traffic, or rather the speed of it. Davis Street and the A321 through the heart of the village are the most cited cases but I am sure that there are others. We would like to see both of these roads have the speed limit reduced to 30mph. If you agree with us or you have concerns about a road you live on or near, please write to the editor stating why you feel the limit should be reduced. The editor will then collate all your letters and

forward them on to the relevant authority.

Please do not expect a swift solution. This may take several attempts and we may not be successful but we certainly stand a better chance as a united front.

A word of warning. If your frustration leads you to think you may take your own actions as was suggested at the AGM (By the editor I think!) be very sure that you are not breaking the law or the Highway code. The last thing we want is for anyone to get into trouble.

Hurst Village Society Membership Application/Renewal Form

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

If you choose to pay by standing order, please don't let that stop you making a donation as well!

A Name

Address

Telephone No

B I enclose my cheque/cash for £5.00, being my subscription for 1999. I also enclose a donation of £..... to the Hurst Village Society

C To: My Bank: Name

Address

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 1349706 (Hurst Village Society No 1 Account) at
Lloyds Bank plc, High Street, Bracknell, Berks RG12 1BT

Sort Code 30-91-11

Date of first payment: immediately

Date of second payment: 1st January 2000

And thereafter annually on 1st January

Signature

Date

Forthcoming Events

Sat 21st Aug Horticultural Show. Village Halls from 1:30

Sat 23rd Oct HVS Dinner Dance. Large Village Hall; 7:30 for 8:00

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