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Hurley Community Association Newsletter

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200 Club Draw Nov 22

£100 – Number **117**

£50 – Number **105**

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Editor's Update

November already, which can mean only one thing…. countdown to Christmas has begun!

The AGM took place on 18th October, and as well as residents, it was good to see a number of local councillors in attendance. I look forward to sharing my thoughts with you over the coming months to see where the Parish and Borough Councils can support our village community in 2023.

I am happy to advise that the HCA remains in a healthy financial position with a motivated and dedicated committee. We look forward to providing entertainment and facilities to the community for the next 12 months. We have a live band in January and a Live and Local event organised for March. We are negotiating with drama groups, comedians and singers, so watch out for more details in the near future.

'A leg + a Wing', pop-up Street Food will be at the Village Hall for one day only on 26th November. If the event proves successful, then we will look at making this more regular.

I hope you like the flags of remembrance on Knowle Hill, we shall never forget the sacrifices our servicemen and women have made to give us the freedom we enjoy today.

The Christmas Tree lights will be turned on at the Christmas Fayre and will provide a welcome sight as you enter or leave the village during the dark hours. The tree is so big now that I might need to advise Birmingham Airport!

The cold and damp season is now upon us, please look after your elderly neighbours and let any member of the HCA know if any help or support is required.

Look after each other and stay safe…

Best Wishes, John Given

Upcoming Events:

26th November from 5-9pm	A Leg + A Wing – pop up street food at Village Hall
4th December from 4-6pm	Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall
28th January 2023 TBC	Live band at the Village Hall – April Reigns



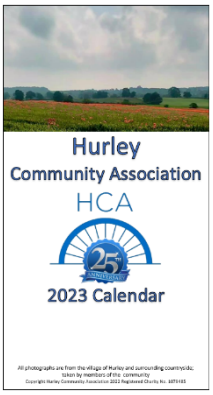


Thank you to the following Poppy Appeal flag sponsors:

Cargo Express, Gary & Jane Masters, Arvind Nagar & Family, Aky & Kally Uppal & Family, The Anchor Inn, Mike & Sam Gommersall & Family, Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm, The Pearson Family, Hurley & District Gardening Club, Helen Hollis, Sue Adams, Hurley School, The Loftus Family, Gail & Pete Brown, The Given Family, The Forklift Company, Ann & Richard Prosser, AES Aero Limited, The Holly Bush, Shelly & Caitlin Freestone

HCA Christmas Calendar

Thank you to everyone who took time to enter the photographic competition, we had 90 entries in total. The standard was very high, and the selection of final photo's was not easy. The winners will be notified separately but I would like to make a special mention to Louise Courtney and David Edkins for the large number of high quality images submitted, you are very talented.



The calendar design is being finalised, it will soon go into print and will be available to purchase from various outlets in the village later in November. The calendars will make excellent Christmas presents and are priced at £4.99. Any profits will enable the HCA to continue to support the community and we have so much planned for 2023 to keep you entertained.

A bit of forward planning, we intend to run the competition again next year so please capture those special moments around our beautiful village throughout 2023.

In Loving Memory of two of our own



Alyson Prince
*** 11 November 1954**
✞ 9 October 2022



Jim Mann
*** 24 September 1930**
✞ 1 November 2022

Since the last newsletter we have sadly lost two much loved members of the community.

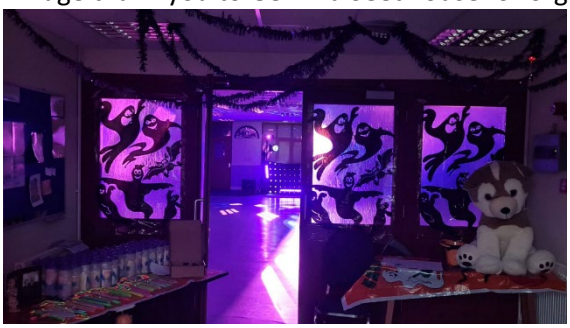
We were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Alyson Prince, who lived on Coronation Road, our thoughts are with Gordon and his family at this difficult time.

Jim Mann, of Bridge Street sadly passed away at the age of 92 years in George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton with his family by his side. Our thoughts are with Lilly and her family.

The HCA delivered flowers and cards on behalf of the community, and we offer any support needed.

Halloween Scarecrow Trail and Disco

A huge thank you to Gemma Seedhouse for organising this years Halloween Scarecrow Trail and Disco.



It was great to see so many people taking part and I'm sure a good time was had by all. The winning Scarecrow was awarded to 'Superman'



The dog's name was 'Sparkles' and won by Zac Daly, very well done. Thanks again to Julie Hutton for donating the fabulous key rings and sweets.

HCA Presents… April Reigns at the Village Hall

April Reigns

The HCA has teamed up with the 2022 Fun Day Headline Band – **April Reigns** to put on a live gig at the Village Hall on **Saturday 28th January 2023**. The charity gig will raise funds to enable further refurbishment of the Village Hall.

The Hall will be suitably decorated, with seating and a dance floor so you can 'strut your stuff'. There will be a fully licenced bar on the night, and we are debating whether to have food available. The band was very well received at the Fun Day so please come along and support this fund raiser.

Tickets will be £5.00 each and numbers will be limited. **On sale in December**. Let us know your thoughts and look out for full details in the December newsletter.

The Charity of Philip Stanyers and others (Registered Charity No. 236842)

Are you Unemployed? On limited income? Struggling to budget for winter fuel bills? And the added expense at Christmas?



A small annual grant is available, payable in mid-December on application from the charity.

See below for contact details (T's & C's apply)

Email: stanyers.charity@btinternet.com Tel: **01827 872939** Mob: **07989 836001**

Street Lighting Petition

SCAN ME

At the current time, cuts from across the borough have meant that the street lights in lots of areas are being turned off during the early hours of the morning. We believe that this is something that needs to be reversed as there is a clear correlation with the times that crimes are being committed and the lights being off. Given the recent increase in home break ins and car thefts (as well as other night prowling crimes), we feel that now is the time for residents to put their name down to fight to be heard to change the night time lighting situation for the better.

Please scan the QR code to fill out the petition.
Councillor's Owen and Hayden Phillips

RBL Remembrance Sunday 2022

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A huge thank you to all residents, groups and local businesses who sponsored a flag in support of the 2022 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Knowle Hill looks spectacular with the flags and poppies.

After costs, we raised a fantastic **£472.12**, this will be passed to the RBL with our thanks.



Given the success we plan to run this every year, the flags will be washed and put away until we remember again in November 23.

Drop In… every Tuesday

The Village Hall is open every Tuesday from **11am-1pm** and all are welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a natter.

There's unlimited tea/coffee and biscuits (and sometimes cake). Dogs are also welcome.

Feel free to browse through our growing book and wool collection, all available free of charge.

If you would like a lift, please ring **07850 377939** and I will happily collect you and take you home.

- ***Ann Panton***



What's On… Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm

Come and visit Santa in his grotto at **Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm** this December. Each child will get to see and speak to Santa. A small gift is included in the price £7.50. After your visit to the grotto there will be an opportunity to feed and pet the small animals. Booking available online or call **07753 333784.** Email address is lucky.tails.alpacas@gmail.com

The Holiday and Food scheme is available again over the Christmas School holidays. Eligible children get to spend the day being "farmers" and interacting with the animals. Lunch is provided. The scheme has been extremely popular, numbers are limited book early and secure a place.



pop-up street food at the **Village Hall** from

5pm-9pm

Card and Cash taken.

☺ Enjoy ☺

Time Out: Fruit and Veg Bags

Time Out

A bag full of fruit and vegetables (worth £5.00) for residents of Hurley. Available to collect from the **Village Hall** every **Tuesday** from **11:30am to 1:30pm** on a first come, first served basis. Come along and collect your bag! **Suggested donation of £2.00**
Call **07428 730950** for more information.
Funded by the Household Support Fund - WCC

Hidden Memorial Uncovered



Well, who knew that there was such a beautiful memorial hidden under all that ivy in Baxterley Churchyard? Graham, Heidi, Peter and Lionel toiled away and revealed a wonderful balustrade and four graves belonging to the Bacon family, and Gail (1) gave the churchyard bit of a tidy-up

Meanwhile, inside, the church is now showing the benefit of regular polishing with proper polish and lots of elbow grease. Pulpit (thank you Yvonne), pews, (thank you Gail (2) and Sue), Chancel (thank you Joan), brasses (thank you Jonathon and Claire and Len). That left Jenny and Jenny and Ruth doing floors and font and porch and me? ……. well, I simply potter about and give out cake and coffee while admiring everyone's hard work.



Thank you to everyone for all your help; it really is appreciated.

The following week it was a pleasure to see Georgia and Bradley married in our beautiful church with stunning flowers (thank you Ruth, Sylvia and Neil) and the next day we held Harvest Festival, followed by a lunch of soup and bread, cheese and cakes.

The following morning Michael and I took 12 large boxes and bags of groceries to the Food Bank in Atherstone. They were very grateful. As John said, "the need for the Food Bank grows every week but donations have reduced, so please thank everyone for their generosity". ***Ann Prosser***

Hurley District Garden Club

The AGM of the Gardening Club takes place in the village Hall on **23rd November at 7.00pm**. Members are contributing to a Bring and Share Supper and following the AGM there will be fun and food with a quiz or two.

Next year sees the 30th anniversary of the club which will be celebrated in style. New members are welcome, and the membership subscription falls due in January for the year. – ***Jennifer Ball*** (HDGC - Secretary)

Hurley Stay and Play Group

Hurley 'Stay and Play' takes place at the Village Hall every **Thursday** from **9:15am to 10:45am**.

The group is aimed at newborns up to pre-school age and is an ideal place to meet and chat with other mums.

It costs only £1.50 per child and this includes snacks, juice and toast. We aim to do different activities each week

Getting Ready for Christmas



You may have noticed that the Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall has undergone a bit of a facelift.

You wouldn't believe what we found hidden under the overgrown lower branches, but it also included a whole pineapple!

Thanks to our own Eddie Fellows for your time, a great job and a huge improvement to the front of the Village Hall. It's now ready to be lit up for Xmas.

p.s. Hope you enjoyed the pineapple 😊

M&N Meats

M&N Meats will be parked outside the Village Hall every second Wednesday from **8:30am to 2pm**. Next dates are: **16th** & **30th November** and then **14th December**

Situations Vacant

The Forklift Truck Co are looking for an Office Administrator (40 hr per week). Please contact Laura@theforkliftcompany.net Tel: 01827 874728

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