



Hurley Community Association Newsletter

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£100 – Number **63**£50 – Number **15**£10 – Numbers **20, 61, 72, 93, 190**

200 Club Draw Jan 23

£100 – Number **200**£50 – Number **47**£10 – Numbers **89, 111, 120, 159, 178**

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Editor's Update

We're approaching the end of the first month in 2023 and already so much is happening.

I'll start off with an apology that there was no newsletter in December, I was simply too busy with work and could never find the time to complete it. On that note I would like to ask if there is anyone willing to help me out, whether that be by collecting or writing articles any help would be welcome to keep me on track with the delivery schedule. Going forward I am looking to get the newsletter through your letter boxes in the last week of each month.

Before Christmas the HCA spent some time planning additional entertainment, we have a live indie, rock, pop band in February where you can bring your own drinks and a comedy show in April where we plan to run a licenced bar with food.

We have kept the costs to a minimum so please support the events and if successful we will run more throughout the year. If you are aware of any suitable shows, bands etc then please let me know and we will see if we can make it happen.

This year's Family Fun Day will take place on 5th August, earlier than previously, so I hope it works for you and gives the kids something to look forward to during their break from school. The events committee will be working hard to bring a good selection of rides and entertainment for your enjoyment. Before then, Emma is organising the Easter Fayre and Egg Hunt around the village which was extremely popular last year.

There are still a few 2023 HCA calendars available to purchase from the Post Office, thanks again to all the contributors and to everyone who has purchased a calendar, we are so lucky to live in the beautiful countryside surrounded by quirky buildings and rolling fields.

I have received a few messages asking whether the Hurley Fun Run is going to be reinstated as an annual event. Due to our existing commitments, it's not something which we are looking to start up, but, if anyone in the village does want to organise the event, then the HCA will certainly support in any way we can.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter.

Look after each other and stay safe...

Best Wishes, John Given



Upcoming Events at the Village Hall:

25th February (7:30 to 10:30pm) Live Music – April Reigns tickets £7.50

8th April (timing tbc)

Easter Egg Hunt and Fayre

29th April (from 6:30pm)

Kevin, King of Egypt (comedy show, 16+) tickets £10.00

5th August from midday

HCA Family Fun Day 2023

Wishing you a great 2023 from all of us at the Hurley Community Association

Hurley Community Neighbourhood Watch



As you may already be aware there has been a spate of recent incidents where suspicious looking people have been spotted on people's property in the early hours, looking into vehicles and also causing damage.

In response to this, Julia Hutton has registered for a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the village. I will be assisting Julia with the administration of this. Julia has set up a Facebook Page (Hurley Community Neighbourhood Watch) and we have also posted details on the Facebook Hurley Community Page. We have a WhatsApp group where we collected contributions to pay for signage & window stickers (You will have received one along with this Newsletter).

If anyone else is interested in helping in any way or joining our WhatsApp group/Facebook Page, please message either Julia or myself and we will provide a joining link. We have had several people volunteer to keep their eyes peeled when out and about in the village especially during the night/early hours. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police immediately and the residents are encouraged to share details on the FB group.

Let's make Hurley a safer place to live. *Author Sue Carroll*

Organisers: Julia Hutton, Knowle Hill (07515 441762) & Sue Carroll, Coronation Road (07884 442628)

Street Lighting Petition

I would like to remind those who have not yet signed up to the below petition (from Councillor's Owen and Hayden Phillips) to give it some thought.

At the current time, cuts from across the borough have meant that the streetlights 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 nighttime lighting situation for the better.

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



In Loving Memory of one of our own



Irene Jarman
* 25 July 1940
† 4 January 2023

Since the last newsletter we were saddened to hear of the passing of Irene Jarman (aged 82), who lived on Princess Road, our thoughts are with Gordon at this difficult time.

Affectionally known as 'the cat lady' for her love of animals, Irene was also a very accomplished swimmer and trained Sharron Davis who won Olympic Silver at the Moscow Olympics in 1982.

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

From the Royal British Legion

Dear John at Hurley Community Association,

Thank you very much for your kind gift of £472.12 to The Royal British Legion. We really appreciate your support for those who have served with His Majesty's British Armed Forces.

On behalf of the many who will benefit from your kindness, thank you.

HCA Presents... April Reigns at the Village Hall

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 25th February 2023** from **7:30pm to 10:30pm**. 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'. This event will be a BYOD (Bring Your Own Drinks), this will help keep your costs down on the night. The band was very well received at the Fun Day with their selection of Indie, Pop and Rock and you can find them on Facebook, so please come along and support this fund raiser.

Tickets will be £7.50 each and numbers will be limited. **On sale now** contact details on front page



April Reigns

Coronation of King Charles III



The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023.

A Coronation Concert will take place on 7th May at Windsor Castle, along with the Coronation Big Lunch.

Knowle Hill will be adorned with Union Flags and more details next month regarding the Big Lunch... watch this space

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 tea/coffee and biscuits (and sometimes cake), a donation of £1 is suggested. 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 Ann Panton will happily collect you and take you home.

Hurley Village Hall... what's happening in 2023

Maintaining the Village Hall can be a challenge, it's an old building that doesn't benefit from many of the modern building standards we are accustomed to. There is no cavity wall insulation, in fact there is no cavity! the numerous extensions are flat roofed, I remember the tiled flooring in the main hall from when I was a cub scout!

Just before Christmas we had a leak in the back room, the felt on the flat roof section had failed. This has now been repaired (by local roofer Craig Kettle) and we will make good the decoration in the back room in due course.

Next up will be new front doors, current ones are old, and being made of wood, suffer greatly during the wet and cold winter months. Once fitted we will spend time and money making the front of the Village Hall look more appealing. Aky has great some plans and I think you are going to really like what is done, so look out for changes over the coming months.

Inside the hall we are looking to replace the old fluorescent tubes with modern LED lighting, the foyer will undergo a facelift as will the kitchen. This work is designed to make the use of the Village Hall more appealing to the community so please do think about using it for birthday parties, baby showers, meeting etc., there is a flat fee of £10 per hour and that includes heating and electricity.

To keep on top of the maintenance (and help us to continue improving) I am looking for local tradesmen, business and residents for skills, materials, and finances. Our resources are limited, the 200 Club is a massive help but not enough. Please contact the editor if you can help or for more information.

I am looking for a caretaker to keep an eye on the Village Hall and ensure that small jobs are done efficiently. This would ideally suit a retired person and whilst we cannot offer a salary we can provide unlimited tea and of course, our thanks.

Street Food at the Village Hall



Back by popular demand is the street food team from 'A Leg and a Wing'

Specializing in all things chicken, they will be set up outside the Village Hall from 5-9pm. Cards and Cash taken.

200 Club... raising money for our community

We still have a few numbers available for the 200 Club which provides the main income used to maintain and keep the Village Hall running. The draw takes place each month and there are 7 prizes, totaling £200.00, distributed to the winners, top prize is £100.00 cash.

First come, first served, please text Gary on **07725 332229**



Time Out: Fruit and Veg Bags



A bag full of fruit and vegetables (worth £10.00) for residents of Hurley. Available to collect from the **Village Hall** every **Tuesday** from **11:30am to 12:15pm** on a first come, first served basis. Come along and collect your veg (please bring a bag!)

Suggested donation of £2.00 Call **07428 730950** for more information.

Funded by the Household Support Fund - WCC

Hurley District Garden Club

The HDGC (Garden Club) meets at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd February for an evening about 'Love Your Bugs'.

It promises to be informative as well as humorous and entertaining as we all learn how to appreciate better the variety and value of the insect life all around us which is essential to our planet!

New members are always welcome to join the club.

– **Jennifer Ball** (HDGC - Secretary)



Bus Stop Relocation

The views of local residents is requested by the Parish Council regarding the bus stop close to the Post Office. Villagers have raised safety concerns.

Please pass on your ideas for relocation, safer access etc and I will collate and pass on for their consideration.

It may not be possible to move it for a number of operational reasons.



Baxterley Church

Thank you to all who came to our services over Christmas and New Year. We loved seeing you all enjoying the candles and flowers as well as the Carols.

Once again, we are going to hold Open Church on 18th and 19th March. As this is Mothering Sunday, we are offering Cream Teas as well as Cakes, Biscuits, hot and cold drinks. There will be Art and Photos and Plants too.

We hope everyone will come along and join us. It is the perfect place to spend a couple of hours with your family and friends.

We will close on Saturday with a short concert of organ music and interesting facts about Baxterley Church given by Tim and Rita.

On Sunday there will Songs of Praise at 4.30pm to round off a great weekend.



M&N Meats

M&N Meats will be parked outside the Village Hall every second Wednesday from **8:30am** to **2pm**.
Next dates are:
8th and 22nd Feb and then **8th March**

Have your say...

If you have anything you wish to share with the community, please send to me in good time. Text, WhatsApp, email or paper are all fine by me.

HCA Calendar 2024

Please start collecting your photo's for the next 2024 calendar. They can be sent to me at any time via email or WhatsApp, you don't need to wait until the end of the year.

Bulky Waste Collection

NWBC offer a service for your unwanted bulky items at a cost of £28.00 for five items. Households can group together to share costs.

To arrange collection, you can call **01827 715341** or book online at: www.northwarks.gov.uk/info/20045/household_waste/37/bulky_waste_collections

Sunday Book Club... trial

The Drop-In club has kindly agreed to run a trial on **Sunday 5th February** from **11-12am**.

This should enable children & those at work in the week to access the large selection of books available at the Village Hall.

Newsletter Format

Each month we print off 800 copies as an A5 booklet. If you would prefer a larger A4 copy, then please contact me and I will deliver one to you.

Please remember that the newsletter is also available via email or WhatsApp, just let me know.

Kingsbury/Baxterley Group of Parishes - Regular Church Services



1st and 3rd Sunday of each month: 11am at Merevale and 4.30pm at Baxterley

2nd and 4th Sunday of each month: 9.30am at Hurley and 11am at Kingsbury

Wednesday: 9.30am at Wood End

All are welcome to our church services.

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