

HURLEY NEWS

January/February 2021

All the information is correct at the time of writing the newsletter but things are changing all the time

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2021 hasn't started too well has it? With record numbers of corona-virus, related deaths and another lock-down.

Congratulations to Pear Tree and Hurley surgery doctors, staff and volunteers for organising a very efficient vaccination programme. Many of us have had our first vaccinations, one of the few advantages of being old these days. Hopefully the vaccinations will continue to roll out at speed and with spring just around the corner we can look forward to a little normality returning. In the meantime **please obey the rules.**

We are lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the country and we have seen some lovely sunrises, sunsets and beautiful frosty mornings. We have also had some really wet and muddy days and I have a dog that could find a muddy puddle in a desert, so no matter what the weather he is happy!

Last month Alex finished his story with 'Who remembers Polly's Hut?' Alex is trying to find out more about Polly's Hut – Please contact him if you have any information either direct or via the numbers below

If you have any news to share we would love to hear from you please contact me on 01827 872994 or email hurleynewsletter@gmail.com Thankyou Gail

Hurley Community Association AGM, which was due to take place in October, has been deferred until it is safe to hold an open meeting in the village Hall.

VACCINATION SCAMS

Do be careful about scams regarding the Covid vaccination...DO NOT respond to any phone calls/emails trying to get you to pay for the Jab and never give your card or any personal details over the phone or by email. Your **doctor** will phone you and give details of where, when and what time you should go to have your vaccination. There are many, many scams out there so take care...the vaccine is **free** so no one should be asking you to pay. In the meantime take good care of you and your neighbours...Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year

THANKYOU

The Village Hall Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with its new lights by Gary Masters and Mark Jakolevs who risked life and limb to get to the top of the tree.

Thankyou guys.

The two hanging baskets either side of the village hall door were donated by

Chris Burrows and put up by Gary. Thankyou

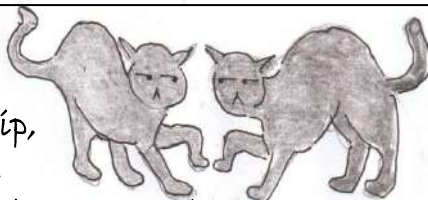
HURLEY'S CHRISTMAS LIGHT WINNER

LIZ & DAN BRYAN. Coronation Road

Well done everyone

This popular event is organised by Hurley Community Association

The 31st of October ushers in
be the night for pagan worship,
up and having fun. On this



flitting in and out between black clouds, there was a flutter of a bat, or was it a vampire? Long after the revellers were abed and apart from the occasional hoot of an owl and the ticking of a clock, nothing disturbed the atmospheric stillness..... Then a baby's haunting cry was heard, it's wail tugging at the heart strings of every maternal breast, no mother could sleep through this..... Then the hush was broken by the most awful crescendo of caterwauling, it went on for about 10 seconds, then silence, a silence so profound you could almost hear it. Jaffa and Binks. Two tom cats were at it, asserting their territorial rights. Who won? Well, Jaffa's regular visits around the Close ceased abruptly, in fact he hasn't been seen since. Binks is now 'Top Cat' he's a young tom cat, with all the arrogance that youth brings. It all happened so recently we haven't had time to ingratiate ourselves to Binks as he struts round the Close marking his patch. I'm not sure 'Here kitty - kitty' would work with him but we'll keep trying. We've heard that Jaffa is housebound at the moment so we are thinking of paying him a visit.....for old times sake



Signed Miaow

200 CLUB

December winners: £100-146. £50-189. £10-125. 102. 179. 195. 57.

200 CLUB UPDATE

Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our 200 Club members. Your subscriptions are so important to help with keeping the Village Hall running. Without this valuable source of income, the hall would struggle to stay open. So thank you again.

A special thank you also has to go to our dedicated group of agents that manage the subscription collections and winners pay outs. Last year was a challenging year with the various lockdowns and restrictions. You did so well to collect the majority of subscriptions. Thank you again

2021 Collections

Given that we have started the year with another lockdown. It is neither legal or sensible for membership cards to be circulated and subscriptions collected door to door. We are therefore going to suspend collections and draws until 2021.

The aim will be to distribute cards and collect all subscriptions during March and carry out 3 draws at the end of March for the first 3 months. Only members who are paid up to date at 31st March 2021 will be included in the three draws. This is subject to restrictions being lifted and will be reviewed in February

Once again thank you for your continued support. If any one has any queries regarding the 200 Club in the meantime please text. 07725 332229

KINGSBURY and BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

In light of the lockdown restrictions, there will be no church services at Hurley, Wood End, Kingsbury, Baxterley or Merevale for the next few weeks. As we stay at home, and pray at home, there will be a video service each week that can be seen via the churches' Facebook page (www.facebook.com/kingbaxgroup.org.uk) . If you would like to speak to a minister, or be added to our contact list to receive regular updates, please contact me (Revd John) on 01827 874252 or email revjohn@kingbaxgroup.org.uk. I look forward to being able to welcome people back to church again as soon as it is safe to do so.

Revd John White. Priest in Charge of Kingsbury, Baxterley with Hurley and Wood End and Merevale with Bentley

The Vicarage, Church Lane, Kingsbury, Tamworth B78 2LR

Please contact me if I can help in any way.

KINGSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Kingsbury Parish Council has created a new, more modern and up to date website. This was only launched on 30th November and is still a work in progress. The old website (kingsburyparishcouncil.co.uk) ceased to exist from 13th November 2020

The new web address is www.kingsbury-pc.gov.uk

We have also set up a Facebook page and a Twitter account to keep you up to date with the latest information from around the parish. The link to these is also on the website

HURLEY DEFIBRILLATOR is situated on the front wall of the village Hall, Knowle Hill, and should be used in the event of Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

No other health emergency warrants the use of a defibrillator.

The first signs of a sudden cardiac arrest is usually fainting. If someone appears unresponsive, try shaking, pinching and shouting at them. If they appear unconscious or in a seizure-like state, and they don't appear to be breathing, you're most likely dealing with a sudden cardiac arrest. The next step is to administer CPR while someone else call 999.

To use the defibrillator call 999 and quote the number on the front of the yellow box then follow the instructions you will be given

If the person is in pain but still breathing and responsive it is probably a heart attack and a defibrillator should not be used, call 999 immediately.

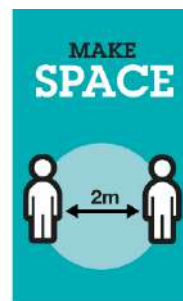
Do you know your COLLECTIVE NOUNS?

No prizes just a bit of fun

- A **pride** _____ of lions *e.g*
A _____ of locusts
A _____ of swans
A _____ of whales
A _____ of owls
A _____ of hippos
A _____ of geese
A _____ of crows
A _____ of bees
A _____ of parrots
A _____ of kittens
A _____ of monkeys
A _____ of camels

SHOP LOCAL

And support your local businesses



CHRISTMAS QUIZ The Answers

- Ornament the enclosure with large sprigs of berry-bearing evergreen
Deck the halls with boughs of holly.
- Hey, miniscule urban area southwest of Jerusalem ***Oh little town of Bethlehem***
- The Antlered quadruped with the cerise proboscis ***Rudolph the red nosed reindeer***
- Removed in a bovine feeding trough ***Away in a manger***
- Approach all who are steadfast ***Oh come all ye faithful***
- Hush, the foretelling spirits harmonise ***Hark the herald angels sing***
- Quiescent nocturnal period ***Silent night***
- I apprehended my maternal parent osculating with a corpulent, unshaven male in a crimson disguise ***I saw mummy kissing Santa Claus***
- May the Deity bestow an absence of fatigue to mild male humans
God rest ye merry gentlemen
- Present me nothing but dual incisors for this festive yuletide
All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth

USEFUL NUMBERS

Pear Tree Surgery – there is no walk-in surgery.

Hurley surgery 01827 872490.

Kingsbury surgery 01827 872755.

Hurley pharmacy 01827 870470

Hurley Convenience store 01827 872372

Hurley Post office 01827 872201.

M & N MEATS

Will be at

**HURLEY VILLAGE HALL on
WEDNESDAYS**

**20th January. 3rd, 15th February
8.15am – 2pm**

HCA include small ads. and promotions in support of local businesses and for the benefit of the community. This is an information service and the HCA is not providing recommendations or guarantee of service .

Hurley Community Association is a registered Charity No. 1079485