



Hurley Community Association Newsletter

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200 Club Draw Oct 23

£100 – Number **119**£50 – Number **184**£10 – Numbers **89, 117, 131, 156 & 196**

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Editor's Update

November is upon us, along with the associated colder weather and yet more rain!

October saw the HCA hold the annual Halloween Disco and Scarecrow Trail, thank you to Gemma for organising such a successful event, the disco was again oversubscribed, and the Village Hall was full of scary looking kids (and a few scary adults too!). To those residents who made scarecrows, thank you, some great effort and it made for an enjoyable trail.

At the time of writing we will be 'flying the flags of remembrance' raising a great deal of money for the Royal British Legion, thank you again to the residents and businesses who sponsored this year. Full details of the amount raised will be announced in next months newsletter.

There is so much coming up in November and December that I needed to leave the last two pages for details. In particular I'd like to encourage all residents to take advantage of the 'HCA subsidised' Murder Mystery evening 'Quantum of Malice' (a James Bond spoof, performed by the Billesley Players) in the Village Hall on 16th December (aged 16+ only). It would be great to see a few new faces at the events, I'm sure you will agree that £20 for a four-course meal and entertainment is great value for money. To make it even more attractive it's 'bring your own drinks. Tickets are limited to 100 and it's strictly first come,

first served so don't delay. Available by contacting the editor or from the Post Office.

We also have the Cinderella pantomime, performed by Gerry Graham's Touring Panto's on the 11th December, tickets are still available (oh yes they are!) contact Jo for details.

We have extended the Christmas Calendar competition submission date to 18th November, so please send your photos to the email address or WhatsApp to the mobile number below. Lots of great entries have been received already, so search through your photo's, you may find something that will win you a great prize.



Following on from last month's "Good Neighbour Guide" article, as the winter progresses and the colder weather comes in, please take the time to call in on our elderly residents, especially those on their own. Offer help and company where you can, be neighbourly, that's what rural living is all about.

Finally, the HCA held a successful AGM in October, we remain financially healthy, and the team looks forward to providing support and entertainment for the community.

Look after each other and stay safe...

Best Wishes, John Given

Upcoming Events at the Village Hall and in the village:

11th December from 6pm

Cinderella Pantomime

16th December from 7pm

Quantum of Malice (Murder & Mystery)

Wishing you a great 'rest of November' from all at the Hurley Community Association

Hurley Allotments – A success story (by Sylvia Burns)



In the July HCA newsletter, Alex Simpson spoke of his involvement in the setting up of Hurley Allotments in 2011. Due to the hard work of the volunteers and plot holders (past and present) the allotments are something the village can be proud of. Our Landlords, Warwickshire County Council, have recently granted us another 15-year lease, giving plot holders the security, they need to continue investing in their plots.

Councillors Hayden Phillips and Owen Phillips have provided significant funding to allow the purchase and siting of a container which we intend to clad and convert into an 'allotment hub'. All the plots are taken and unusually for an allotment site all are well maintained. As well as the 32 plots the site also hosts an orchard, a nature pond, owl and bird boxes and bee hives. The site is so well maintained, that in this year's North Warwickshire Allotment Federation competition, Hurley won all three main categories. Congratulations go to: the Taylor Family for winning the 'Best Newcomer' category, Mark and Shelia Brennan for winning 'Best Plot' in North Warwickshire and to everyone involved in the allotments for the site being judged the 'Best Site' in North Warwickshire. What better independent measure of success could we have! Winners received certificates, trophies and Planters vouchers and the site received a slate plaque (which we will mount on the container) and £100 which will be used in the refurbishment of the container.

We currently have a waiting list; plots generally change hands in the Spring. If you are interested in having a plot, would like a look around and or add your name to the waiting list, please email: hurleyallotmentassociation@hotmail.co.uk

Hurley & District Gardening Club News



The Hurley & District Gardening Club will hold its AGM and social evening in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 22nd November** at 7.30pm. The evening is fully booked by HDGC members, a great achievement.

The Club will take a break in December and return again in January with a new programme for the year ahead.

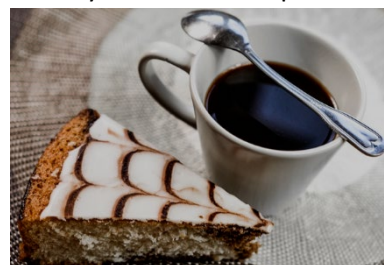
If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact Jenny Ball on **07831 406629**.



HCA Drop In Club at the Village Hall

The Drop In Club runs every Tuesday from 11am – 1pm.

Join Jo and the regulars for a cup of coffee or tea and sometimes there's amazing homemade cake on the table. Browse the large collection of second-hand books and jigsaw puzzles or just come and meet your neighbours. It's a great opportunity to get out of the house and enjoy a friendly and relaxing environment.



The club is funded by the HCA and everyone is welcome (dog friendly too) and if you would like a lift or need any other information, please contact **Jo** on **07475 929888**

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, on application from the charity. (Terms & Conditions apply)

The closing date for the return of application form is 24th November 2023, forms returned after this date will not be considered.

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



Baxterley Church News (by Ann Prosser)



The School Room project continues apace and should be completed in good time for the Christmas services. Meantime, everyone is very welcome to join us for a short clean up and tidy around at Baxterley Church on **Saturday 9th December**, 10.00 am followed by hot chocolate and mince pies. On **Friday 15th December at 7.00pm** we would love to see you all at **Carols by Candlelight**. This is a beautiful service with all your favourite carols followed by Sherry and shortbread (other refreshments are available). Well behaved dogs and children are especially welcome. Finally, **Sunday 24th December at 7.30pm**, come to the **Christmas Eve service**.

As ever, thank you for all your support. Ann (07717 002719) and Jenny (07748 636708) Church Wardens

Sounds Historical Merevale Church 24th Nov

Supported by
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The Bird Fancier's Delight

17th & 18th Century music on an avian theme

Sounds Historical

Heidi Fardell - Recorders, Baroque Flute
Mary Tyers - Recorders, Baroque Flute, Voice
Lynda Sayce - Theorbo, Lute, Baroque Flute, Recorders
Alison Kinder - Viols, Recorders

Friday 24th November, 2pm
The Church of Our Lady, Merevale, Atherstone, CV9 2LA
Tickets £15 from Hilarie Samson: Landline 01827 713705
Mobile 07803 301153 www.SoundsHistorical.com



Pantomime: Village Hall 11th Dec

HCA Presents
Gerry Graham's Touring Panto's
Hurley Village Hall
Monday 11th December
Curtains up at 17:00
Doors open at 16:00

Tickets now on sale
£10 each- free gift for each child
Contact- johetherington08@gmail.com

Cinderella

Refreshments will be on sale



Coach trip to Stratford 7th Dec



Stratford-upon-Avon VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
COACH TRIP
LEAVING HURLEY VILLAGE HALL
AT: 11AM
LEAVING STRATFORD AT 17:00

CONTACT JO
HETHERINGTON TO
BOOK
07475929888
JOHETHERINGTON08@GMAIL.COM

£15 a seat

What's on at The Holly Bush in November

SKA2NITE
SKA AND 2 TONE
MUSIC NIGHT

**Coming up at
The Holly Bush**
Tel: 01827 932911

Entertainment: 24th November (from 8pm): Ska 2Nite

Every second Wednesday at 7:30pm it's Bingo Time
15th and 29th November

Food: New bar meals menu available

Saturday Breakfast from 9-11am
(kids eat free with every adult purchase)

Sunday lunch from 1-4pm -
booking essential



FREE TO COLLECT: The HCA has a full size table-tennis table in the Village Hall. It is in need of some very minor repair but is available to anyone free-of-charge. Please contact the editor if you want it.



Hurley Community Association is pleased to offer this subsidised event as a Christmas Gift to the people of Hurley...



Present...

Quantum of Malice

An evening of murder, mystery, intrigue and investigation...

It's the end of the Cold War after years of counterespionage

Join MI6 peace talks with cunning S.P.O.O.K.T.E.R. criminals

Uncover the mastermind of murder before it is too late!

...interrogate the suspects as they visit your table

FOUR COURSE CHRISTMAS DINNER

bring your own drinks

Saturday 16th December

Christmas Dinner Menu

- Pate or Melon

- Turkey and trimmings

or vegetarian option

- Cheesecake

- Coffee and Mince Pie

With

- Crackers

- Raffle

- Prizes

7.00 to 10:30pm

Hurley Village Hall

Knowle Hill Hurley CV9 2JD

Tickets from

Hurley Post Office or

HCA:

j_given@hotmail.com

07957 967198

Full Price £25.00

by 10 December

Early birds £20.00

before 30 November

**Please state dietary needs
when purchasing tickets**



HCA - Christmas Calendar Photography Competition

The HCA is looking for YOUR photos of our beautiful village for a calendar to raise funds for the community. We are looking for photos to cover each month, so if you have any photos you have taken depicting the seasons and colours of Hurley (only photos of our countryside and animals no people please), then please submit them to:

info@hurleycommunityassociation.com.

Please include your name, the date and the place where the photo was taken. The HCA will award prizes for the photo's selected. **Closing date for entries is 18th November**

Dates for your diary - local events

Saturday 25th November from 1:45pm to 7:00pm
Dickens Event and Christmas Market in Atherstone Town

Sunday 26th November from 2pm
Christmas Lights Switch On in Tamworth Castle Grounds

Saturday 2nd December from 1pm to 4:30pm
Christmas Fayre at Wood End Village Hall

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December from 5:30pm
Christmas by Candlelight at Tamworth Castle



Short Messages:

The newsletter is an ideal medium for sharing events and entertainment with the community.

If you have anything to share, please contact the editor and I will work with you to create an article.

The Village Hall is available for hire for organised groups and individuals, on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

There is also a kitchen area and toilet facilities. The hall hire starts at £10/hr (this includes electricity and heating), the HCA can help you with any licensing requirements, dependant on use.

There is also a printer and photocopier, plus internet access, if these services can be of use to you then please contact the HCA.

Look out for the 2024 Hurley Christmas Calendars which will be on sale in December. An ideal Christmas gift for parents, grandparents etc and all money raised will be spent on the community.