



Hurley Community Association Newsletter

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Editor's Update

October is here, though you'd be forgiven for thinking it was July with so many sunny days of late. Like me, I guess you have been busy putting the garden to bed ready for the winter, only to have to get the furniture and bbq's out again to take advantage of the sun!

The end of this month will be marked by the Scarecrow Trail and Halloween Disco, so please join in if you can. This year the scarecrow theme is "famous singers", plenty to choose from and I know there will be some very creative entries again. All you need are some old clothes, some filling or straw and a little imagination, or maybe a google search like I did 😊

We will again be 'flying the flags of remembrance' in November to raise funds for the Royal British Legion, at the time of writing, there are only a limited number of flags still available, so if you would like to help this worthy cause please contact the editor for details.

Lately there have been several reports of fly-tipping both in and around the village. I share residents' frustration and I just don't understand how some people think, it's sheer laziness given how close we are to the tip just outside Wood End. I hope that one day we can catch the culprits, maybe I should give them pride of place here on the front page. If any residents see anything of this nature occurring, please let me know and I will follow up with the authorities.

We are again running the Christmas Calendar competition, so please send your photos to the email address or WhatsApp to the mobile number below. Last year we had some fantastic entries and there will be a prize for the winning entries as selected by the HCA competition panel.

At the last HCA meeting we discussed events that should be organised for the community. It was agreed that we need feedback from residents to ensure we deliver what you want. Whether it be more live music, plays or amateur dramatics, brass bands, or bus trips out etc. If you have any ideas or thoughts then please do share them with a member of the committee and we will look at turning your wishes into reality.

Finally, we are hopeful that work will commence on the frontage of the Village Hall within the next few weeks. Replacing the old wooden doors with modern composite electric doors that will better serve those with mobility issues and make access to the hall much safer for all users. Thanks to Aky for leading on this matter, were all excited to see a nice modern looking frontage before Christmas.

Look after each other and stay safe...

Best Wishes, John Given



Upcoming Events at the Village Hall and in the village:

29th October from 5pm to 7pm

Scarecrow Trail and Halloween Disco

11th December from 6pm

Cinderella Pantomime

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

Halloween Scarecrow Trail and Family Disco



To celebrate Halloween this year, we will be running another scarecrow competition around the village, this year's theme is **Famous Singers**. Entry to the scarecrow trail is free, please email us urgently at events@hurleycommunityassociation.com or contact Gemma through Facebook to register and get your scarecrow on the trail, prizes are awarded to the best entry, so get rooting through your wardrobes to find your old disco gear.



There will also be a family disco at the Village Hall on **Sunday 29th October** from **5pm-7pm**. It proved to be very popular with the children last year and there are still tickets available at only £4.00 each, same contact details as above please. There will be prizes for the best Halloween costume so dress to impress.

Hurley & District Gardening Club News



The Hurley & District Gardening Club next meet in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th October at 7.30pm. The feature will be a talk called 'Berried Treasure'. Think Autumn hedgerow bounty and then expect more!

The AGM and social night for members is in November. New and existing members can join/renew for 2024.

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.



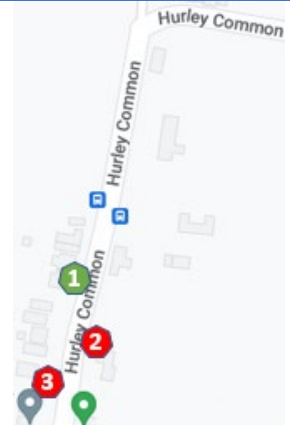
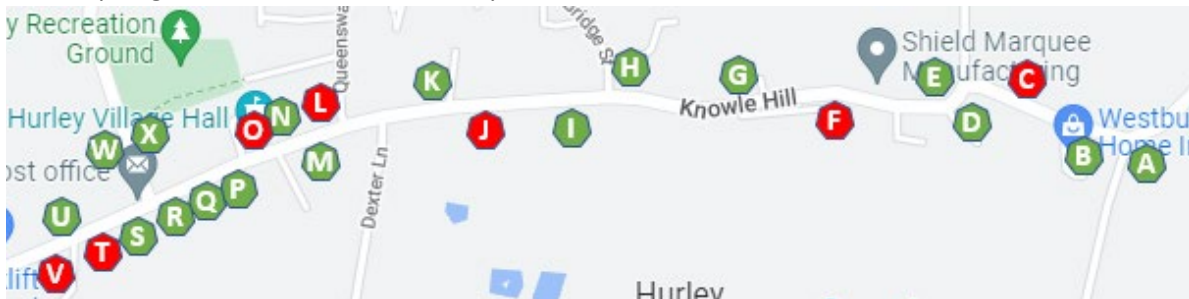
The club is funded by the HCA and everyone is welcome (dog friendly too) and if you would like a lift or need any other information, please contact **Jo** on **07475 929888**

The 'Mal Barnett' 2023 RBL Flag Appeal – Flying the Flags for our servicemen and women

The sales are going well again this year and we have already exceeded last years donation, thank you to everyone who has supported the appeal so far. It would be great to sell the last few remaining flags. The images below, and right, show the approximate locations of the remaining flags (**in red**) along Knowle Hill and on Hurley Common.

Families, businesses, and groups can sponsor a flag for £25.00. A plaque will be fitted on the telegraph pole identifying who sponsored the flag flying above it, you may submit your own text to make it more personal if you wish. HCA will contact you nearer the date to confirm wording.

At the time of payment, you can select a preferred location, this is strictly on a first-come first-served basis so please do not delay if you want to secure a particular location. Also, you can make a pledge towards the fund without sponsoring a flag, all money goes straight to the RBL. To sponsor a flag, make a pledge, or for more information, please contact the editor.



Good Neighbour Guide

The 2020 Good Neighbour Guide report from Co-op Insurance and Neighbourhood Watch revealed that nearly all Brits think they're good neighbours. Survey identified the below tips as key to success:

Look out for each other.

In particular, keep an eye out on your neighbours' home, especially when they're out or on holiday. Tell each other when you're going to be away and be ready to help in sticky situations. In our rural community this point is extremely relevant.

Be sociable and friendly.

Welcome new neighbours to the community by introducing yourself and giving some advice, or tips on the local area. You don't have to be best friends, but it's always good to be warm and friendly – and who knows? Neighbours really could become good friends... Do you know your neighbours names? If not why not ask them next time you see them.

Be practically helpful.

Take in parcels or post and help out when it's time to put bins out. If you've got the skills, help those who may find certain tasks challenging, like gardening, shopping, car mechanics, computing or DIY.

Be kind, caring and respectful.

Be thoughtful, think about your neighbours and the impact you have on them in the way you act. Be friendly – but stay away from nosey tendencies. And be courteous when it comes to simple things like noise levels and parking spaces.

Neighbourly behaviour is a key to the success of the community. From having someone over for a cup of tea, to helping out with odd jobs, taking steps to become more neighbourly can make the community we live in stronger, safer, and happier.



Hurley Community Association

The HCA is currently looking to grow the team to enable us to do even more for the community.

The team meets every second month to discuss a variety of topics, such as (but not limited to):

- Village Hall repairs and refurbishment.
- Organise activities and events.
- Community welfare matters.
- Grants and funding opportunities.

Small sub-teams are formed to take on projects and these teams are free to meet as often as they feel is needed.

To become a member, you need to be a resident of Hurley or the surrounding area and have the energy and drive to help move the association forward and improve our community. Please call the editor for more details.

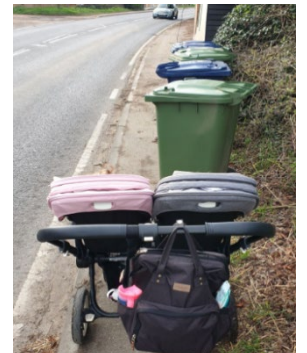
Wheelie Bin etiquette

Leaving Bins Out on the Pavement – What are the Rules?

According to government advice, councils can take the following action under section 46a of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Councils can issue fixed penalties when people leave wheelie bins on the pavement if:

- It causes obstructions, such as forcing people with wheelchairs or pushchairs to go on the road.
 - Bins are left out for several days, restricting access to the pavement or street.
 - Bins and/or bin bags are likely to attract vermin.
 - Bins are overturned or damaged and it looks unsightly.
- Please remove bins from the footpath after they are emptied.



Baxterley Church News by Jenny Pearson



Thanks to everyone who supported the Harvest Supper and Quiz Night at Hurley Village Hall on 23rd September. Our group of churches have three appeals going on currently and this event was to raise money for those things specifically - Kingsbury's Bells, Hurley Churchyard Wall and Baxterley's School Room and Toilet Project.

We were able to share the grand total of just over **£900** whilst at the same time, having an evening of good food and great fun. Many thanks to Michael and Philip Encot for their brilliant questions as Quiz Master and Scorer - everyone agreed we had an evening of much hilarity, and we were asked to repeat on another occasion.

HCA - The Village Hall and Facilities

The Village Hall is available for hire for organised groups and individuals, on a regular or ad-hoc basis. The hall has recently been decorated and will shortly benefit from new LED lighting. 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.

We also have a printer/photocopier and internet access, if these services can be of use to you then please contact any member of the HCA.

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 12th November**



Monday 11th December from 6pm

Hurley Village Hall

**Tickets cost £10 each, contact Jo on 07475 929888 to order
Hurley residents only until 31st October, any tickets
remaining after this date will go on general sale.**



Coming up at The Holly Bush

Tel: 01827 932911



20th October (from 8pm): **Off the Hook** (iconic covers)

28th October (from 8pm): **Halloween Party**

10th November (from 8pm): **Amy Winehouse** tribute

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

Every second Wednesday at 7:30pm it's **Bingo Time**
Next date is 18th Oct.

Sunday lunch now
served - booking
advisable



1st Wood End Scout Group

We meet at Wood End Working Men's Club each Wednesday evening. Our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers take part in a range of activities from abseiling to zorbing, and everything in-between. We offer fabulous opportunities for all members; we are currently planning a trip to Paris! We have spaces available in all sections; for more information please email woodendscoutgroup@gmail.com



Fancy going to the Stratford-upon-Avon Victorian Market this December? Well I'm running a coach trip on 7th December. Departing Hurley village at 11am. Leaving Stratford at 5pm. Tickets cost £15 each. Please contact me, **Jo Hetherington**, on **07475 929888** or find me on Facebook to reserve your seat. Payments will be due by 7th November.

200 Club News

Thank you to everyone who supports the Community Association via the 200 Club subscriptions, this raises around £4800.00 per year, with half going towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. Each month a draw takes place and prizes of 1 x £100.00, 1 x £50.00 and 5 x £10.00 are passed on to the lucky winners. All numbers are currently taken, if you wish to join the waiting list please send a text to Gary (07725 332229) availability always on a first-come-first-served basis.

