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200 Club Draw Mar 23

£100 – Number **23**

£50 – Number **84**

£10 – Numbers **27, 34, 75, 125 & 194**

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Editor's Update

Where does the time go, we're already at Easter and it doesn't feel like I took down the Christmas Tree that long ago!

I'll start by passing on my thanks to the HCA team for organising the very successful "April Reigns and James Fellows" gig at the Village Hall on 25th Feb. It was a massive success; the Village Hall was quite literally 'rocking' and our thanks go to the acts who performed for free in aid of our community. I also think James, of Knowle Hill has gained a new following, very talented indeed. Both acts have been secured for the Family Fun Day so those that didn't get to see them will have another opportunity. We raised an impressive £575.00 which will be invested in the community.

All residents are invited to let us know what you want in the village, within reason, and we will do our best to make it happen. Equally send us your concerns and will provide support and guidance to address them, contact details at the bottom left of this page.

The HCA is making great progress in organising this year's Family Fun Day at Hurley King's Football Ground, a reminder that it is on Saturday 5th August from 1pm to 6pm. We have live music, dance groups, food and drink, inflatables, soft play, bucking bronco, hook-a-duck, market stalls and much more. Please put the date in your diary.

Before this we have the **Easter Egg Hunt and Fayre** on 8th April, the Easter Bunny has been spotted up the fields and I'm assured he will be at the hall. Also, a Live and Local Comedy event, **Kevin, King of Egypt** at the Village Hall on 29th April. Tickets are available to pre-book at the Post Office or by calling **07855 301483**. Tickets will be available on the door but when we reach capacity the doors will close, so best to book early to avoid disappointment.

The eagerly anticipated re-opening of the Holly Bush was a resounding success, Emma and Rob have asked me to pass on their thanks to those residents who have helped them with the renovations and flocked to the pub in great numbers since the opening. Eye's down because Wednesday night is Bingo night, dabbers available in the pub!

I'm pleased to inform that Village Hall now has a caretaker in place to help maintain the building inside and out. We hope to shortly commence giving the Village Hall frontage a significant facelift including the installation of new front doors. Inside, we are replacing the lighting with economical LED units.

I've just taken delivery of the Jubilee Souvenir Coins, check out inside for details of how to get one for every child (16 and under) resident in Hurley and Hurley Common.

Look after each other and stay safe… Best Wishes, John Given

Upcoming Events at the Village Hall and in the village:

8th April (from 11am to 1pm)	Easter Egg Hunt and Fayre
29th April (from 6:30pm)	Kevin, King of Egypt (comedy show, 16+) tickets £12.00
5th August from 1pm to 6pm	HCA Family Fun Day 2023

History of Hurley…. Part 1: Hurley Community Association

We are starting a series of articles looking back at the history of Hurley, if anyone has photo's or stories that they wish to share please contact me, details on the front page.


THE HURLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER CIRCULATION 650

HURLEY NEWS

March 1998

OLD SCHOOL

DEMOLISHED!

The Old School Building 1895~1998 103 YEARS SERVICE

Late in 1997 changes were afoot for the village of Hurley. There was a proposal to demolish the Old School Room, the Working Men's Club and the Village Hall.

Allan Morris and Edna Pearson were discussing starting a Neighbourhood Watch group, a fairly new idea at that time, when the conversation turned to the demolition proposals. Allen said that what was needed was a Community Association. Edna went into action and put the idea to a few villagers, she arranged a get together and Hurley Community Association was formed.

Early members of HCA included, Edna Pearson, Allan Morris (Allan started the 200 Club to raise funds to support the association, this is still the main fund raiser for today's Hurley Community Association), John Harding (made the wooden numbers for the 200 Club draw which are still used today to draw the monthly numbers), Derek Carravick (Vicar) John Rodger, Alan Burton, Gerald Ball, Maggie Baxter, Andrew Neave, Maureen Morris and Chris Burrows.

Unfortunately, the association was unable to save the Old School Room, after 103 years of service, 1895 – 1998, it was demolished. The Working Men's Club was demolished later and was replaced with new housing at Club Drive. Thankfully, the Village Hall was saved and is still an important hub of the village.

Issue 4 of the Hurley News, March 1998 stated:

'*The HCA is committed to improve Hurley as a place to live*' The present Committee still stand by this today

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Thank you to everyone who supports the Community Assocaition via the 200 Club.
All numbers are currently taken, there are no free numbers available at this time. 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.

In Loving Memory.



Mary Turner
12 Mar 1936 – 21 Mar 2023
Aged 87, of Queensway.

It was with great sadness that we heard of Mary's passing. Mary lived in Queensway for 63 years. She was married to Brian for over 40 years, and has 6 children - Royston, Helen, Dawn, Darryl, Paul, and Carl; 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren, most of them still live within Hurley or a stone's throw from it. Mary worked at Hurley School for 30 years as caretaker and cleaner, she certainly left her mark on the village. HCA delivered flowers on behalf of community.

The family would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to neighbours Hanifa and Roy, the NHS staff who attended Mary in her final hours and to all the villagers for their love, cards and flowers.

Former resident receives OBE from the King



Former Hurley resident, Jill Whittaker (daughter to the late Barbara and George Whittaker of Wakefield close), was recently awarded an OBE for her contribution to education (specifically apprenticeships in hospitality, care, and management) by King Charles III at Windsor Castle.



Jill is photographed here with her husband Jon and son Joe.

A huge congratulations Jill, from us all back in the village. We are very proud of your achievement.

Hurley & District Gardening Club News

Hurley and District Gardening Club celebrates its 30th anniversary this month with a fully subscribed evening event including dinner, music, and entertainment.

The meeting on 24th May is a visit to an NGS garden, transport departing the Village Hall at 6;30pm, where we hope to see an array of wild orchids!

Contact Jenny (**08731 406629**) for more details and to book a space.

Editor: Congratulations to all members of HDGC (past and present) on the 30th Anniversary, a superb achievement and still going strong… that's country life at its best.

HCA Drop In Club



The Drop In Club is growing in popularity every week, a huge thank you to Jo and the team for their efforts.

The club runs every Tuesday morning from 11am – 1pm. Collect vegetables from "Time Out", sit in a warm room, enjoy conversation, coffee/tea, cake, stop off for a cuppa while walking the dog, browse the large collection second-hand books or just come and meet your neighbours.

Everyone is welcome and if you would like a lift or need any other information, please contact **Jo** on **07475 929888**

Note: we are after any unwanted (complete) jigsaw puzzles.

M&N Meats will be parked outside the Village Hall every second Wednesday from **8:30am** to **2pm**.
Next dates are **12th April … 26th April … 10th May**
This is a valuable service to many within the community and we are grateful to Steve the butcher.

King Charles III Coronation Souvenir Coin

The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on 6th May 2023. Similar to the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the HCA will be adorning Knowle Hill with flags to celebrate the occasion.

The HCA will also be presenting a special commemorative coin to every child aged 16 and under. All Hurley residents are asked to complete the online application form, please see link on the Community Facebook Page, or contact the author via WhatsApp or Email (see front page of newsletter) with the following information:



Name of child, Age of child (0-4 years, 5-10 years, 11-16 years), Address, Phone Number

All data will be deleted once coins are distributed. No data will be shared with 3rd parties.

Cost of Living …… Money Saving Tips

From keeping track of how much electricity your appliances are using, to draught proofing, insulation and heating controls, our energy-saving advice will help you to reduce your bills and make your home more comfortable.

Although energy prices are fixed by the government's Energy Price Guarantee, meaning you're unlikely to be able to switch to a cheaper deal, you can still take steps to cut your bills where possible. That's because it is energy unit rates – how much you pay for each individual unit of energy you use – that are capped, rather than your total bill. So the less energy you use, the less you'll have to pay.

Making habitual changes will go some way to reducing your payments, and help you run your home more energy efficiently.

1. Send regular meter readings to your supplier, that way you can keep a track of your usage and know your bill
2. Doing one fewer load of washing a week, using your machine on a **30-degree cycle** and making sure your machine is full when you use it can **save about £28 a year** on your energy bill, according to the Energy Saving Trust.
3. Replace your boiler with a more efficient one, did you know that a G Rated boiler costs around £540 extra per year to run than an A Rated boiler. If you can't replace it then getting it serviced will significantly increase its efficiency.
4. Microwaves are high wattage but tend to be used for less time, and crucially they only heat the water in food, not the air surrounding it as in an oven, so there's less wasted energy. It's estimated that microwaving a jacket potato often costs **25% or less** of what it would cost oven-cooking one.
5. Using the finder tool at **www.petrolprices.com** you can find the cheapest fuel near you.

Kevin, King of Egypt at the Village Hall



Kingsbury Group of Parish Churches

Services on the 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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Wedding of Hannah and Alistair Trivett



Hannah and Alistair were married at the Church of Our Lady, Merevale on 4 March 2023. Hannah arrived at the Church with her dad in his old Landrover and Alistair turned up in his Krone Forage Harvester. Hannah, from Maxstoke, and Alistair, from the farm between Hurley & Baxterley are childhood sweethearts. They celebrated the start of married life together honeymooning in America and the Bahamas. Hannah and Alistair would like to thank everyone for making their day so special. HCA delivered flowers on behalf of the community and our best wishes for a happy married life.

Snippets….

* 800 copies of this newsletter are printed and delivered to all households within Hurley. It is a great medium for sharing your stories and events, please contact the editor for info.

* If any local skilled tradesmen wish to help out with the Village Hall renovations, please contact the editor.

*** On the 4th May the local elections will take place and the Village Hall will be your Polling Station. If voting in person you must bring a form of photographic ID, if unsure what counts please contact the editor and I'll help you.**

* The Village Hall is available for hire by all residents of Hurley for only £10 per hour, please contact Emma on **07855 301483** for a booking form or more details.

* The Village Hall currently has availability on Mondays and Fridays. If you know of any groups that are looking for a venue please point them in Emma's direction.

* Easter Sunday service at Hurley Church from 9:30am

Another plea before an accident occurs!



I am frequently contacted by residents regarding the Play Park at the end of Lime Grove. The main concern is the amount of rubbish and in particular broken glass on and around the play area.

There are two bins in the park and all we ask is that rubbish is placed in the bins and not left to become a hazard to the young children who play in the park.

If this doesn't stop then someone is going to get seriously injured. It should not be necessary for residents to sweep up broken glass before they can let their children play at the park.

HCA is exploring the possibility of installing CCTV cameras in the park, but this can be avoided if we all respect the communal spaces that are so valuable to the community.

HCA includes 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