



# Hurley Community Association Newsletter

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## 200 Club Draw Aug 23

£100 – Number **184**£50 – Number **47**£10 – Numbers **39, 68, 107, 144 & 196**

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## Editor's Update

Sadly, the Hurley Family Fun Day became a victim of the inclement weather throughout August. It was touch and go right up until the last moment, but we took advice, the signs were not good and that the ground would be too wet. In particular, the field to be used for parking was too boggy. As it turned out, the decision was the right one, on the intended day the weather was absolutely miserable, and I doubt anyone other than the HCA would have turned up.

We attempted to re-schedule the event, but it has not been possible due to several reasons. I'd like to thank the HCA Organising Committee for their hard work and many hours preparing for this year's event. To the sponsors, stall holders, attractions, food and drink outlets, singers, dance groups and performers, I am sorry that this summer has been a wash out. We are grateful for your kind words of support, and we look forward to seeing you at next year's Fun Day.

In light of this cancellation, the HCA will be organising a Christmas Extravaganza in December, more details to follow in due course.

The HCA has secured a fantastic Motown and Northern Soul singer for an evening in the Village Hall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, The Holly Bush will be running a bar but it's also okay to bring your own drinks. To secure your tickets contact the editor soonest, first come first served. The last time we had a similar event, it was a brilliant night.

I'd like to thank the residents who contribute articles for the newsletter, it is a great media for sharing messages and telling everyone how great our village is.

We will again be 'flying the flags of remembrance' in November to raise funds for the Royal British Legion, (more info inside) I hope we can raise even more money this year for this most worthy of causes. We will use the same format as last year, first come first served.

The HCA is pleased to announce that we have been successful with our bid to the Warwickshire County Councillor's Fund and have been awarded a healthy grant that will enable us to replace the old fluorescent lighting inside the hall with modern LED lighting.

My thanks to HCA members, Emma and Lisa, for distributing the £50 vouchers to those affected by flooding back in June, we are all so lucky to have a great community spirit.

Look after each other and stay safe...

Best Wishes, John Given

## Upcoming Events at the Village Hall and in the village:

23<sup>rd</sup> September from 7:30pm

Harvest Supper and Quiz

29<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm to 10pm

Donna Keen (Motown & Northern Soul)

29<sup>th</sup> October from 5pm to 7pm

Scarecrow Trail and Halloween Disco

11<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm

Cinderella Pantomime

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

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



Marilyn (Mal) Barnett

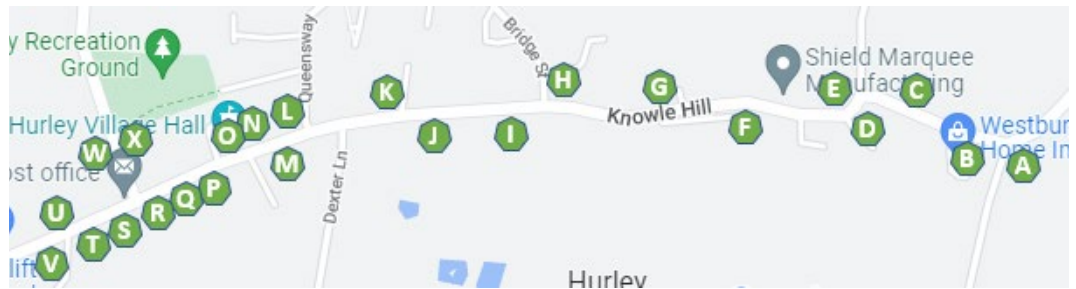
Following on from the success of last year's appeal, the HCA will again be flying Union Flags and Remembrance Day flags along Knowle Hill and Hurley Common in November. Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.

Last year the community raised £472.12 and this year, with your help, we hope to raise even more.



The image below shows the approximate locations of the telegraph posts, each will have a flag fitted. 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. 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. To sponsor a flag or for more information, please contact the editor.

### Hurley & District Gardening Club News



The Hurley & District Gardening Club next meet in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm to hear Ian Retson from the 'Woodland Trust' give us 'An introduction to the fascinating world of trees and their importance in the

landscape and world today.'

This will perhaps be a poignant talk in the aftermath of so many wildfires worldwide causing much grief and devastation. Guests: £3.50

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.

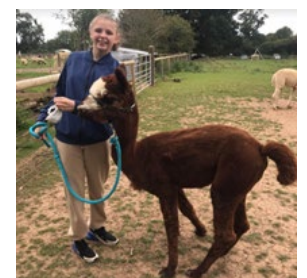
Join Jo and the regulars for a cup of coffee or tea and sometimes there's amazing homemade cake on the table. Browse the large collection of second-hand books and jigsaw puzzles or just come and meet your neighbours. It's a great opportunity to get out of the house and enjoy a friendly and relaxing environment.



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**

### Your Say... A day out at the Alpaca Farm by Serena Prosser of Coronation Road

In the summer hols I wanted to take my 2 daughters Maisie (12) & Kayla (8) somewhere for a day out. I suddenly realised that we have an Alpaca Farm in the village, down Dexter Lane. I paid for an alpaca walk and a meerkat experience. We loved the farm straight away with some alpacas walking right next to us. We got into a cage with meerkats, and straight away they were climbing over us, they were so cute, I found myself giggling like a little girl as it was brilliant. One even fell asleep in Maisie's arms like a baby. Next, we went for a walk with the alpacas, which we could choose. Kayla and I chose a chilled one, while Maisie chose one that seemed to suit her personality! We walked them through a couple of fields and even though an obstacle course. We were allowed to chill with them and take photos. The whole experience lasted 2 hours, the staff were all fantastic, friendly, and very knowledgeable about all the animals and welcomed questions. The price was ok too, and the gift shop had reasonable prices. Sarah the owner was so welcoming and when she knew I was from the village, she told me to pop in and say hello in the future. The whole experience was brilliant, I couldn't fault them on anything. The girls and I had smiled the whole time.



## Baxterley Church News... by Ann Prosser

Good news! We are off! We have started building the extension onto the School Room. The sewage/water treatment plant has been installed and the toilet extension has reached roof height. Within the next few weeks, we shall have a fully functioning toilet with full access for a wheelchair. Thank you to all who have supported us. Next, we want to refurbish the School Room.

In July we had a very interesting talk from Richard Winterton of Winterton Auctioneers and in August, a full church enjoyed an evening with the Arden Ensemble. Magical music and great entertainment. Thank you to everyone for your support. We hope to be ready for the first flush at our Harvest Festival on 1st October.

We are holding our regular clean up in church and tidy of the churchyard on Saturday 16th September, ready for a wedding on 21st. Everyone is very welcome and there will be plenty of cake so please do come along 10.00am – 12 noon. All dusters and polish provided.

Harvest Supper and Quiz Saturday 23 September Hurley Village Hall. Doors open 6.00pm, supper at 6.30pm, quiz at 7.30pm  
Tickets £10.00 per person Hilarie Samson 01827 713705



*Enjoying cake and a cuppa whilst queueing for the new toilets!*

## Flytipping – a blight on our countryside



Fly-tipping is the dumping of rubbish on private or Council owned land without permission, or rubbish dumped on land where the owners do not have a Waste Management Licence. NWBC aim to remove fly-tipped items from Council owned land within five working days or one working day where the offence causes an obstruction or is considered dangerous. Anyone caught fly-tipping will be prosecuted.

If you discover fly-tipped waste, please follow these simple do's and don'ts:

- Do not touch the waste: please be aware that some waste is dangerous and may contain sharp objects, and hazardous materials like asbestos or chemicals.
- Do not open any black bags, boxes or containers.
- Visually inspect the waste: try to determine what the waste consists of and how much there is.
- Take note of its exact location, or the nearest landmark. what3words is a really quick and simple way to find, share and save exact locations.
- Do not disturb the site: there may be evidence that could help identify the culprits and lead to their prosecution.
- Please do not remove anything from the fly-tip site. It is vital that all the evidence is left at the site for council officers to investigate. If any evidence is removed, it could damage any potential prosecution case taken by the council.
- If you see someone fly-tipping, NWBC need your help to take that person to task and to try and put a stop to this sort of illegal activity. If you do see something, the information on what you've seen can help them catch the culprit.
- But it is important to remember that fly-tippers are committing a crime and they do not want to be caught. Please do not approach them.

To report fly-tipping call **01827 715341** or email [customerservices@northwarks.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@northwarks.gov.uk) or online at [www.northwarks.gov.uk](http://www.northwarks.gov.uk)

## Parish Council News... by Cllr John Given

I'd like to start by passing on my thanks to Cllr Ian Thomas (Piccadilly) who has successfully managed to get all the defibrillators serviced and new batteries fitted. It is apparent that money is extremely tight at this time, as a Parish Council, we need to ensure your precept is carefully managed to ensure the best possible value for money. One topic that is regularly brought up is the repair of vandalism. Every time we authorise a repair, it eats away at the budget and prevents investment in our communities, so I please ask that we continue to look after our village amenities for everyone's enjoyment. Whilst at the play park with a few grandchildren, I took the opportunity to have a good chat with several children using the park, trying to understand what they would like to see for the older age groups. I have a long list of wishes and will see what can be done so that the park caters for all age groups.

Thanks to all residents who have contacted me with concerns and ideas, a great variety of issues that I am now dealing with. Please bear with me and I'll get back to you with answers and hopefully solutions where possible. I am always available, so please do not hesitate to contact me.

Final point, whilst we await more bins, please continue to pick up after your dogs and keep Hurley clean and safe, thank you.

## 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, but 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.

## Snippets....

\* 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 HCA wants to recognise your important occasions, such as wedding anniversaries, graduations, and births, please contact the HCA with details, and we will arrange flowers on behalf of the community.

\* **M&N Meats** will be parked outside the Village Hall every second Wednesday from 8:30am to 2pm. Next dates are ... 27<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> October.

## Harvest Supper & Quiz

**Saturday 23rd September at Hurley Village Hall.**  
Doors open at 6pm. Supper at 6.30pm.  
Quiz starts at 7:30pm.

Teams of 4 persons  
Tea & coffee will be available or bring your own drinks.  
Tickets £10 per person available from  
Jenny 07748 636708 or Ann 07717 002719

\* The **HCA Annual General Meeting** will be held at the Village Hall on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October from 7:30pm, all residents of Hurley are welcome.

## Supporting Local Businesses

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## HCA Presents... A Motown & Northern Soul Night

# Donna Keen

Motown Northern Soul Tribute  
Fri 29th Sept from 7pm to 10pm

Licensed Bar available and you can Bring Your Own Drinks too if you wish

Tickets are only £8.00 each, contact the editor to pre-book. Tickets can also be purchased on the door (subject to availability)

at Hurley Village Hall

COFFEE MORNING

## September at The Holly Bush

15<sup>th</sup> September: Cherelle Moran - Soul, Funk & Motown  
 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Curry Night (booking essential)  
 28<sup>th</sup> September: Monthly Pub Quiz  
 29<sup>th</sup> September: Macmillan Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday at 7:30pm its Bingo

Sunday lunch now served - booking advisable