



Hurley Community Association Newsletter

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200 Club Draw Feb 23

£100 – Number **48**£50 – Number **129**£10 – Numbers **103, 149, 152, 161 & 196**

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Editor's Update

Welcome to the latest issue of the Hurley Community Association Newsletter.

I'd like to start off by thanking Jo Hetherington for taking over the running of the HCA Drop In club which runs from 11am to 1pm every Tuesday. The attendance is excellent and it's so good to see the community getting together for a cuppa and good old natter. Don't forget there is also a large selection of books available, help yourself.

I have had help this month from a couple of residents providing articles, this is open to anyone who receives a newsletter, if you have something that will benefit others then please get in touch. We also like to celebrate events such as weddings, anniversaries, and other positive achievements like degrees and awards, delivering flowers where appropriate.

For those unaware, our Parish Councillor, Alex Simpson is standing down this year after many years supporting the community. Alex, you have been a great servant to the village, both as a Councillor and HCA Trustee, I'd like to say 'thank you' from us all.

On that note I am pleased to inform all residents that I and Aky Uppal (HCA Treasurer) are both standing for election to represent Hurley on the Kingsbury Parish Council at the elections on 4th May 2023. The village needs strong representation to ensure that we can address the issues that are so frequently brought to my attention. You will no doubt see Aky and I buzzing around the village, if so please stop us and let us know what will make a difference to you.

Big news in the village is that the Holly Bush is under new management, locals Emma and Rob Holland are busy with sandpaper, wood stain and paint brushes freshening up the place. I understand the pub will re-open in March and I'm sure the long standing clientele can't wait for you to pull them a fresh pint. I wish you well in your venture, good luck both.

Sadly 3 residents have passed since the last newsletter, always sad to no longer see those smiling faces and remember the impact they had on our lives. To those who are affected by loss we offer our help and support, the HCA is on hand so please give me a call.

I'll finish with a plea to the dog walkers who don't bother, please pick up behind your dogs. I walked around the village a few weeks ago with a local councillor and it was embarrassing to see so much dog poo on the paths. And to those who do pick up the poo and throw it in the bushes and trees, why?

Look after each other and stay safe...

Best Wishes, John Given

Upcoming Events at the Village Hall and in the village:

8th April (timing tbc)

Easter Egg Hunt and Fayre

29th April (from 6:30pm)

Kevin, King of Egypt (comedy show, 16+) tickets £10.00

5th August from midday

HCA Family Fun Day 2023

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

Focus On.... Time Out



Time Out Support Service was set up in 2018 with the aim of tackling loneliness and social isolation, providing one-to-one support for people with long term health conditions and disabilities. Covid brought an end to this type of support so we looked at other ways we could provide support to our local community.

We have delivered a 'Winter Warmer Scheme', providing a different recipe and ingredients to cook a healthy meal to 100 households in Hurley and Wood End for 8 weeks during 2021. We have also given out slow cookers, ingredients to make soup, essential toiletry packs and children's books to households in Hurley and Wood End during 2022. We used donations to supply 104 households in Hurley and Wood End with meat for Christmas last year. This was supplied by M&N Meats who visits Hurley once a fortnight and we have had so many positive comments about this and how much people enjoyed it.

Our biggest and longest running scheme, however, is our Fruit and Veg Scheme. It is predominantly run by our amazing volunteers who give their time each week and without whom we could not run this scheme. The fruit and vegetables are available to any households in Hurley and Wood End. We vary some of the produce depending on availability, cost, and season. We do limit the amount people can have of each item based on the size of their household and this helps us to reduce waste and distribute it fairly.

Open to All - We currently have funding until the end of June 2023 but are looking at other funding to try to continue this as it has such a positive impact in the community. We aim to reach those who need it most, however we are finding that a growing number of households with employed adults are having real financial difficulties. These working households are often the ones who are unable to access financial assistance via benefits and grant schemes and some feel embarrassed to admit they are struggling and do not know where to turn for help. All we ask is a voluntary £2 donation for a bag of fruit and veg, as we have found some people are too proud to accept what they see as 'handouts'. Also these donations can then be used to extend the scheme or for other ways to help the community.

In Hurley most residents accessing the scheme are over 65. However this scheme is open to everyone, and we know there are many families who could benefit from the scheme, and we are keen to reach those people. For those who are not housebound we ask to collect their fruit and veg from the village hall as this gives the opportunity to take exercise outdoors, meet with neighbours and have face to face contact which is so important for physical and mental health. If you are a family or housebound, please contact **Julie** on **07428 730950**

We give out leaflets too about other help that may be available from Local and County Council and other organisations. It also gives them the opportunity to find out about other activities that are held at the Village Hall and participate if they wish.



Come down to Hurley village Hall between 11.30 to 12.30 on Tuesday mornings and don't forget to bring your bag.

Baxterley Church (Hipsley Lane) Hurley



Open Days **Saturday 18th March** from 11am to 4:30pm (with music and the history of the church between 3:30pm and 4:30pm). Then on **Sunday 19th March** from 12 noon to 4:30pm (a short Songs of Praise will follow from 4:30pm).

Visit our beautiful church and see the 1000's of daffodils in the churchyard, a truly amazing sight. **In the church we have** cream teas, cake, tea & coffee. A display of poetry and art from the pupils of Hurley School. An art display by a local artist. Purchase local honey and have a go on the tombola. Plant sales and the Baxterley Bloomers will be in the Old School Room. There's plenty of parking available on site. For more information please contact Ann Prosser 07717 002719



We still have a few numbers available for the 200 Club which provides the main income used to maintain and keep the Village Hall running. The draw takes place each month and there are 7 prizes, totaling £200.00, distributed to the winners, top prize £100.00 cash, £50.00 cash and five prizes of £10.00 cash. Only a few numbers available, first come, first served, please text Gary on **07725 332229** for details.

In Loving Memory of our friends and neighbours who have recently passed away.



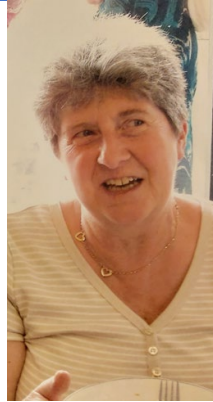
Roger Cox
4 Sep 1945 – 15 Feb 2023
Aged 77, of Knowle Hill.

Survived by his children Susan, Paul, and Christine

Roger had 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. 2 of his grandchildren Keira and Jayden stayed by his side and looked after him whilst he was poorly. The family would like

me to pass on their thanks to you as they realise how hard it was for you both.

Roger used to be the secretary of Hurley Working Men's club, he loved going to the Holly Bush, loved his horse racing and Newcastle United Football Club and absolutely loved his children and grandkids.



Gwen Freeman
3 Nov 1944 – 27 Jan 2023
Aged 78, of Atherstone Lane.

Gwen had lived in the village for 58 years since marrying Roger in 1965 and whilst her children were growing up, she was heavily involved in village life through both the school & Church.

Extremely talented at handicrafts and baking she was a member of both Hurley (Until it disbanded) & Kingsbury WI. She

was a member of the Whitacre & Shustoke Horticultural Show Committee, organising both the Spring Show and the Horticultural Marquee in main show.

A Wife, Mum, Grandmother and Great Grandmother who will be greatly missed.



John George Loughran
1 May 1944 - 26 Dec 2022
Aged 78, of Knowle Hill.

Sadly passed away peacefully after a short-lived illness. John would be known for his beautiful show of flowers he was always attending.

John loved his little chats with everyone who passed him. Lucky if you had a dog as a treat would always be found in his pocket.

The family would like to thank the HCA and community for the kind flowers and card received.

On behalf of the community the HCA delivers flowers and a handmade card to those families who have lost loved ones.

I would like to personally thank Gail Brown, of Hurley Common, for her support and kindness in delivering the flowers. Gail always ensures that the loss of our friends and neighbours does not go unnoticed.

I call on the community to continue to make the HCA aware of any bereavements in the village, these people become part of the history of the village, and we should not forget them.

Hurley & District Gardening Club News

The HDGC (Garden Club) meets on **22nd March at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. The speakers will be Ingrid and John Millington who set up their Nursery, Hillview Hardy Plants over 20 years ago. The talk is called Seasonal Plants, we shall see and learn about spring flowers that we know as well as those we don't know about! Bring extra cash as there will be plants for sale!

The Club's 30th anniversary event takes place in April, contact HDGC Secretary **Jennifer Ball (07831 406629)** for more details.



HCA Drop In 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 second hand books or just come and meet your neighbours.



This is a very popular weekly event.

If you would like a lift or need any other information, please contact **Jo** on **07475 929888**

M&N Meats will be parked outside the Village Hall every second Wednesday from **8:30am to 2pm**.

Next dates are **8th** and **22nd March** and then **5th April**

This is a valuable service to many within the community and we are grateful to Steve the butcher.

Hurley Park Sign and a plea to the vandals and litter bugs!



Our thanks go to the Community Development team at North Warwickshire Borough Council for erecting a lovely new sign at the entrance to Hurley Park, it looks fabulous.

What a shame someone has dumped their rubbish by it. The recreation park and playground is for the use of the wider community, please do not spoil it with your rubbish.

If you see anyone causing damage to your Recreation Grounds, Green Spaces or Nature Reserves, please call the police immediately. You can also do an online report if you prefer by sending an email to:

communitydevelopment@northwarks.gov.uk to report any issues, but please contact the authorities



in the first instance.

Thank you for your support, together we can ensure that a small minority of people don't ruin our fantastic community assets for everyone else

Cost of Living Money Saving Tips

Each month we will look at ways to reduce your energy bills and in turn free up the money for more important things.

Turning your thermostat down by just one degree has a much bigger impact than most people think. This is one of the easiest things to do and British Gas says dropping the temperature by one degree could **save £115 a year** on average for a typical home.

The World Health Organisation says that 18°C is enough for healthy adults, with slightly higher temperatures needed for the very old or young. Yet many have their thermostats set in the 20s. So consider popping on a jumper at home and seeing what temperature your household is comfortable at.

Got a combi boiler (the most common type, one without a hot water cylinder)? The small tweak to the flow temperature that could significantly cut your gas bill.

A great way to save is to reduce the flow temperature – basically the water that circulates around the system and heats your radiators. It's usually set higher than needed by default, which means it doesn't operate in its most efficient mode.

Combi boilers work best when they heat radiators to 60°C or below. But this flow temperature is often set much too high, often between 70°C and 80°C. This tip could cut gas bills by an average 9% (**saving around £112 a year**).

If anyone needs help with these tips, please contact the editor and I'll help further.

If anyone has any hints and tips to share with the community please contact the editor, thank you.

Holly Bush... under new management

Emma & Rob Holland at the Holly Bush are working hard on interior renovations, and they think you will like the new look and feel of the place.

New drinks such as Thatcher's Fusion, Prosecco Worthington's, Madri, and much more.

Live music, Sky Sports, and food to follow. Opens in March (date tbc).

All are welcome back to the village pub.



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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