



Hurley Community Association Newsletter

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200 Club Draw Feb 24

£100 – Number **40**£50 – Number **59**£10 – Numbers **35, 54, 58, 92 & 97**

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Editor's Update

Welcome to the latest issue of the HCA newsletter. Its purpose is to pass on what's happening locally and especially within the community. Variety is key, and I would like to thank the regular contributors for their articles. I encourage all residents to get involved and submit anything which might be of interest to your neighbours. Whether you have a skill you'd like to pass onto others, or if you have heard of a local event that you'd like to share. Drop the editor a line and we will work with you to raise an article, anonymous if preferred.

In response to a Facebook post on the community page regarding the old Pit Wheel located at the Hurley Kings Football Ground, I would like to ask for volunteers to come forward and offer their time to help maintain the wheel and the area around it. Whether you are physically active or not you can still have a part to play so please get in touch for more information. Our thanks go to local farmers Gary (Old Rail Farm) and Andrew (Charity Farm) for supporting the initial cutting back of the grass around the wheel (by Gordon Prince of Coronation Road), great community spirit and very much appreciated.

With the farmers help, we have also started to clear the Black Path, the hedges are being cut back and we are now looking to secure funds to try and unearth the long-lost sections of the path that have been consumed by vegetation! The HCA will keep residents posted and there will hopefully be an opportunity for us to work as a community and make the path safe once again.

The HCA is looking to tidy up the front of the Village Hall. The bins are an eyesore so this is a call to anyone able to build a bin store so we can hide them away and improve the frontage from the road. The area under the tree could also do with some TLC and your ideas are welcomed to make best use of this small plot. A big thank you to the McPherson family (of Orchard Close) for kindly offering to sort out the tree decorations later this year, we're looking forward to seeing the tree in all its glory once again.

The date for this year's Family Fun Day is Saturday 3rd August and we plan to have an exciting mixture of live music, local dance acts and performers, food and drink traders and entertainment aplenty. It's very family orientated so we'd like to invite all residents to join us for a fantastic day, on your doorstep.

Finally, I'm happy to reaffirm that the HCA remains financially healthy, and the team looks forward to providing support and entertainment for the community throughout 2024. If you wish to join the HCA team please get in touch for details, thank you.

Look after each other and stay safe...

Best Wishes, John Given

Upcoming Events at the Village Hall and in the village:

30th March from 11am

Easter Egg Hunt (free chocolate eggs for every child)

3rd August from 1pm to 6pm

Hurley Family Fun Day

23rd November (timing TBC)

Aladdin Pantomime (save the date)

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

The School Room Project – Baxterley Church CV9 2HS (by Jenny Pearson and Ann Prosser)

A Victorian School Room originally funded by Sir Robert Peel and the Rev Mr. Levett of Packington, with the generous help of local farmers, was built for the education of the children of Baxterley and Hurley in 1839. This was duly acknowledged in the Coventry Herald on 11th October 1839 when a substantial dinner was recorded as being held at Baxterley Rectory to celebrate it's opening.

Now, 185 years later, the School Room can be used again by the Community after a 9-month restoration project has brought it up to standard for the 21st Century. Funding

was granted by the UKSPF Government Levelling Up fund granted by North Warwickshire Borough Council, the National Lottery Community Fund, Baddesley Colliery Community Fund, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Pigrities Trust, Warwickshire County Councillors Fund, Baxterley Parish Council, private donations and generous local farmers - so with regular fund raising events, including Open Days at Church, Concerts and Talks to add to that, we finally have an up to date building with fully accessible toilet, a small kitchen and a meeting room for hire. An outside paved area can be used for picnicking or resting when visiting to enjoy our unique churchyard full of wild native snowdrops or daffodils in season, and the public footpath that runs through it.

This year's Open Weekend at the Church and School Room is on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March from 12 to 4pm each day. There will be local artists, local honey, poetry from local schoolchildren, plants and flowers, cakes, and tombola to enjoy and of course, delicious refreshments in the School Room! We also have plenty of parking room in an adjacent field.



**BAXTERLEY CHURCH
AND SCHOOL ROOM**
OPEN WEEKEND

Saturday 16th March
12 Noon - 4PM

Sunday 17th March
12 Noon - 4PM
Songs of Praise at 4.30pm.

All are welcome

A very local event.
Something to see,
Something to eat,
Something to buy.

**Postcode:
CV9 2HS**

H&DGC News (by Jenny Ball)



We started the year with a captivating, illustrated talk on the Making of the Midlands Landscape going back some 850 million years! Closer to home, in February we caught up with the Baxterley Bloomers progress including

ongoing projects.

In March we will welcome Howard Drury for a much sought-after return visit. His talk is called 'Climbers, Twisters and Twiners', think Clematis and then a myriad of other climbing plants that you always wanted to grow and didn't know how!

Come along to the Village Hall at **7.30pm on Wednesday 27th March**. In April there is a coach trip to Coton Manor Gardens. If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact Jenny Ball on **07831 406629**.



Green Bin Permits - A reminder that current subscriptions expire on 31st March 2024. To renew, at a cost of £43.00 for 12 months, please call NWBC Contact Centre on 01827 715341

HCA Warm Hub - Tuesdays from 11am to 1pm

HURLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Creating a Warm and Safe Space for All

Join us for a cup of coffee, friendly conversation, and a comfortable atmosphere.



We are dedicated to providing a warm environment for everybody in our community. Everyone is welcome free of charge. Help yourself to our large selection of books and jigsaw puzzles in our community. Or maybe you'd like to help out at this event? You could make someone a cuppa, join them for a chat or donate some home baking.



LITTLE ONE'S ARE WELCOME TOO

Hurley Churchyard (by Nick Guy)



Thank you to those who supported our earlier appeal, which raised enough money to repair the path and make it safe. However, we are still over £2000 short of the money needed to repair the wall.

Although there is still quite a bit of space between the newest row of graves and the wall, a recent Church Council meeting decided that it would be unwise to allow another row of graves to be dug before the wall has been made safe. Disturbing the ground any closer to the wall could weaken it, and may even cause it to collapse, which in turn would threaten the stability of the nearest graves. Reluctantly the Church Council decided that once the latest row of graves is complete, no new graves will be allowed until the wall is safe. This will not affect the reopening of existing family graves nor the interment of ashes but will mean that families wishing for a traditional burial may have to use a local cemetery.

If you feel that the churchyard is an important asset to the local community and should remain open for burials, PLEASE support our appeal. The amount needed amounts to roughly £1 per household in Hurley, Hurley Common and Wood End. If you can help, you can donate by post (or in person) to Rev Dr John White, The Vicarage, Church Lane, Kingsbury B78 2LR or Nick Guy, 19 Orchard Close, Hurley CV9 2LZ, or by bank transfer to Hurley District Church Council, Lloyds Bank, Tamworth – Sort Code 30-98-44, Account Number 00069506.

Thank you in advance for your support. Nick Guy, Treasurer, Hurley District Church Council.

NWBC wants your opinion

We want your opinion on our Planning Policy Documents.

Our Forward Planning Team are hosting 5 consultations which you can view and enter on our website www.northwarks.gov.uk/forward-planning/planning-consultations-news

We will hold a range of drop-in sessions where you can come and talk to the Forward Planning Team to learn more about the documents and consultations.

Tue 26th March at Kingsbury Methodist church (5-7pm)

Thur 4th April at Wood End Village Hall (12 to 2pm)

If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Forward Planning Team by email at planningpolicy@northwarks.gov.uk or by telephone 01827 719499 / 01827 719451

Councillors Corner (by Cllr John Given)

In light of the continued problems posed by heavy rainfall, the Parish Council is looking to establish a Flood Action Group. We want to address the impact on our rural communities, whether it be flooded homes or road closures. There have been recent occasions whereby Hurley has had only one access road available. This is particularly concerning as it impacts the time emergency services take to get to calls.

Roadworks and diversions are also on the agenda, the lanes around Hurley are not ideal for HGVs!

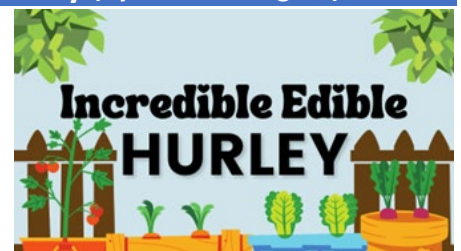
This month in 1998



Incredible Edible Hurley (by Jo Hetherington)

We are just beginning our project here in Hurley, so join our movement. Let's turn some areas of Hurley into kitchen gardens where we can pick

delicious fruit and vegetables grown locally by ourselves. Join the conversation on our new Facebook group or send me a message to 07475 929888 to join our WhatsApp group. It all starts with a seed 🌱



King Offa's Procession

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17 MARCH 2024

Grab your shields and march with King Offa of Mercia from the Castle Grounds to St Editha's Church on Sunday 17 March where there'll be a re-enactment of a charter signing at 12noon. Experience Saxon storytelling, crafts and more in the marquee and market in St Editha's Square.



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Please note there will be food and drink traders, including Spud Man and the Gourmet Hog Roast Company.

Visit www.tamworthcastle.co.uk for more info.

Warwickshire County Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Warwickshire County Council is responsible for around 1700 miles of public rights of way. These paths are both in the countryside and urban areas. They are important for enjoying and exploring, for travelling to work or school and for health and wellbeing. They are part of what makes Warwickshire a special place to live, work and enjoy.

A public right of way is a path that anyone has the legal right to use. Every council that is responsible for public rights of way must have a Rights of Way Improvement Plan. This is a strategy which sets out how public rights of way meet the needs of the public, now and in the future. Our current Rights of Way Improvement Plan dates from 2011 and now needs to be reviewed.

We'd like to know about your experience of using our public rights of way, how important they are for you and what we should include in the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Your feedback will help to develop the priorities and actions of the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan, which will be produced later in 2024. For a copy of the survey, visit the **WCC website** or email wccrowip@blackwoodbayne.co.uk or telephone **01926 413427**. Please have your say, survey closes 7th April 2024.

Snippets...



**Please pick up
after your dog**

The HCA is always looking to support Local businesses. Limited space is available in each monthly newsletter, contact the editor for details.



Time Out will be in the Village Hall from 12 till 1pm on Tuesday 5th and 19th March
all welcome

Hurley Councillors, we are at your service:
Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Andy Jenns: 07847 890907
North Warwickshire Borough Council
Cllr Hayden Phillips: 07740 203124
Cllr Owen Phillips - 07708 226865
Kingsbury Parish Council
Cllr Owen Phillips - 07708 226865
Cllr John Given - 07957 967198

Further to the request for interest in holding a Fun Run in 2024, the HCA only received one enquiry. It is therefore decided to not hold the event this year.

Advertisements



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Find us on



We have upcoming events for Easter

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 and we have spaces available in all sections. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the groups. For more information please email woodendscoutgroup@gmail.com



Every Thursday 9.15-10.45
Hurley Village Hall
TERM TIME ONLY

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