



Hurley Community Association Newsletter

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200 Club Draw Sep 22

£100 – Number **95**£50 – Number **105**£10 – Numbers **30, 42, 88, 121 & 185**

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Editor's Update

What an incredibly sad occasion we all witnessed with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022. Most of us have only ever known one Head of State and we look back and pay thanks for all that the Queen did for our nation, may she now rest in peace with her beloved Phillip. A Book of Condolence has been opened at the Post Office. We now look forward to the reign of King Charles III – Long live the King.



The Fun day was held on Bank Holiday Saturday 27th August from 1pm to 6pm, providing five hours of fun, dance, music and entertainment for the whole family. A beautiful sunny day enabled the community to gather at Hurley King's in large numbers, in fact over 800 people attended. A great success and thank you all for supporting the event so well.

Next up we have the Amington Brass Band performing a charity "Last Night at the Proms" concert at the Village Hall on Saturday 1st October from 7:00pm. There will be a licenced bar serving refreshments and a 'bottle raffle', if any villager's need assistance getting to the Village Hall, please let me know and I will try and help. There will be union flags and bunting aplenty, feel free to dress up if you wish. Tickets are on sale from Jenny Pearson, the Post Office & HCA members. The profits from the event will go towards installing toilets at Baxterley Church with a percentage also being donated to the suffering people in Ukraine.

October is going to be a busy month. The HCA Annual General Meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th October from 7:30pm, you are all invited, kindly arrive by 7:20pm to enable the meeting to commence on schedule.

Gemma is organising the Halloween Party on 30th October, time to be afraid... be very afraid! We look forward to seeing you all in your fancy dress.

With so many good things going on in the community it is a shame that I must mention the unnecessary vandalism that takes place at the Play Park. The council has limited funds these days and so if the damage continues the only solution will be close the park and that would negatively impact hundreds of young children. So, my appeal to those responsible is simply STOP and channel your energy into something constructive, in the future, your own children may have nowhere to play because of what you do today!

Look after each other and stay safe...

Best Wishes, John Given

Upcoming Events:

1st October (7-9pm)

Amington Band Last Night at the Proms

18th October (7:30-9pm)

HCA Annual General Meeting

30th October (5-7pm)

Scarecrow Walk and Halloween Party

3rd December

Christmas Fayre

Focus On.... HCA Family Fun Day 2022

I hope you all enjoyed the Fun Day this year, we think the five-hour event from 1pm to 6pm was ideal and manageable with the number of HCA and volunteers we had available.

This year we had more rides, with soft plays, trampolines, bouncy castles, waltzers, hook-a-ducks and a bucking bronco. There were a few no shows and last-minute cancellations but even so still plenty for everyone, I think.

The event was funded by the HCA along with generous cash donations from local businesses and individuals. Other local businesses and members of our community donated vehicles, equipment, raffle and tombola prizes, a real team effort all round and on behalf of the HCA and the community a big thank you.

I would also like to mention the team of volunteers who helped me organise the event, in particular Gail Brown, Chris Keith-Nelson, and Gemma Seedhouse. Their tireless efforts over the past 6 months were rewarded by such a great day and we are very fortunate to have such a committed team. To the members of the HCA and community volunteers who helped set up on the day and manned the car parks, the access gates, sold raffle tickets, tombola tickets, manned the bronco, picked up litter, helped those who needed assistance.... A huge thank you, we couldn't have done it without you. Also, thanks to Dave Edkins for taking photographs of the event, these will be uploaded to the website.

This year we were able to use the large field behind Coronation Road as a car park. This significantly improved safety and security at the event, eliminating the need for people to cross the road on foot and directing people to the access gate on the 'Black Path'. This was made possible by the kind support of Mark, the farmer who works the field. The field is used to grow grass, which is fed to his livestock, so keeping it free from rubbish/dog mess is extremely important to him. There was very little rubbish on the day, so thank you to those who parked there for keeping it tidy. In return can I please ask the community to respect the field and the farmer's crop. It is not a public footpath, nor a place for motorbikes. If we can do our bit, then hopefully we can have access again for many years to come.

I would like to apologise to the small number that arrived with dogs (one stall holder and 2 visitors) and had to be turned away. I should have made this restriction clear on the posters and advertising. The 'no dog' policy is enforced by Hurley King's due to the impact that dog mess has on the playing surfaces, next year I will be clearer, sooner.

Over the course of the year, we will be focussing on those who support our activities, our small way of saying 'thank you'. I encourage the community to support local businesses where possible please.



Chris Wathes

* **31 December 1946**

✠ **14 August 2022**

In Loving Memory of one of our own...

Chris was born at Tamehurst Kingsbury and lived with the family at Drakenage Farm Kingsbury. He married Sheila in 1969 and lived on Kingsbury Mill Estate until 1984 when they moved to Flanders Hall (Foul End) to continue farming like his father and grandfather before him.

One of life's true gentlemen, he will be greatly missed for his generosity and support for many local and village events. Harvest Festival at Flanders was always a special day. Our condolences go to Sheila, Pauline and Robert and all his family.

The HCA delivered flowers and card on behalf of the community



1st Wood End Scout Group



"I was a Scout for nine years, starting with 1st Wood End from the age of 6. These were the best years of my life and I got to participate in a wide range of exciting activities. This ignited a passion for delivering sessions myself and I went on to achieving an NVQ Level 3 in Activity Leadership at the age of 18, at Kingswood Activity Centre. I am now a teacher at Wood End Primary School and continue to pursue my passion for outdoor learning and activities using the skills I gained from those early years" **Liz Fellows**

If you'd like more information about joining 1st Wood End Scouting either as a young person or as a leader, please contact Gemma by emailing Gemma.seedhouse@gmail.com

200 Club... raising money for our community



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 is £100.00 cash.

Please text Gary on **07725 332229**

Hurley & District Gardening Club



Jenny Pearson (Chairman) Tel: 07748 636708
Jenny Ball (Secretary) Tel: 07831 406629

The next meeting will be held at Hurley Village Hall, from 7:30pm on **28th September** with a talk about Wildflowers.

For more information on the activities of the HDGC please contact one of the Jenny's above

Last Night at the Proms

This promises to be a great evening at the Village Hall, with tribute to Allan Morris, co-founder of the Hurley Community Association and the 200 Club.

Tickets available from Jenny Pearson, the Post Office or any HCA member. Licenced bar on the night, please arrive by 6:30pm

RBL Remembrance Sunday 2022



We are looking for local businesses, groups or families to 'sponsor a flag' for £25.00.

All profits will be donated to the RBL

We are now down to the last 10 flags, please don't miss out on this great opportunity to show support for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we enjoy.

For more details or to make a pledge, please contact the editor.



"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them"

AMINGTON BAND PRESENT A
LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS
CHARITY CONCERT
WITH TRIBUTE TO ALLAN MORRIS

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2022
AT 7PM

HURLEY VILLAGE HALL

BAR AVAILABLE - BOTTLE RAFFLE
ADULTS £10 AND U18 £5
CONTACT FOR TICKETS
JENNY PEARSON 07748 636708

Proceeds to Baxterley Church Toilet Fund
and the Ukraine

Drop In... every Tuesday

If you are free between **11am-1pm** on Tuesday mornings, we would you love to join us in the Village Hall. We meet for a chat and have unlimited tea/coffee and biscuits or cake available. Dogs are also welcome. Feel free to browse through our growing book collection, all available free of charge.

If you would like a lift, please ring Ann **07850 377 939** or Gail **0786 774 7755** and we will happily collect you and take you home.



Suggested donation of £1 towards refreshments. All money made will be donated to a breast cancer charity.

We look forward to seeing you.

Halloween Scarecrow Trail and Family Disco



To celebrate Halloween this year, we will be running a scarecrow competition around the village, with the theme of children's film and tv characters. To enter the scarecrow trail is free, but you need to contact us at events@hurleycommunityassociation.com to register and get your scarecrow on the trail, this must be done by **Sunday 16th October**.

There will also be a family disco at the village hall on **Sunday 30th October** from **5pm-7pm**. Tickets for the party will be £5 and each child will get a Halloween treat. There will be prizes for the best Halloween costume so dress to impress. Numbers are

limited, to book your tickets to this event please contact us at events@hurleycommunityassociation.com



Priest-in-Charge
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Kingsbury/Baxterley Group of Parishes - Regular Church Services

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

Every Wednesday: 9.30am at Wood End

All are welcome to our church services

Dates for your diary:

Harvest Festival on 2nd October from 11am at Baxterley Church. Refreshments will be available, all welcome!

Time Out: Fruit and Veg Bags



A bag full of fruit and vegetables (worth £5.00) for residents of Hurley. Available to collect from the **Village Hall** for the next 7 weeks on a first come, first served basis. Come along and collect your bag!
Suggested donation of £2.00

Call **07428 730950** for more information.



Funded by the Household Support Fund - WCC

M & N Meats

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

The next visit will be on the **21st of September** and then into the next month, **5th and 19th October**

Community Christmas Calendar

Thank you for the photo's received to date, some great entries. We are still looking for more photo's, especially Spring, Autumn and Summer and remember that we are awarding prizes, no age limit. Please send your photo's to info@hurleycommunityassociation.com
Closing date is 31st October 2022

HCA Website

Connor Booth is heading up the HCA website design. He's doing a great job and it's starting to come together and is now scheduled to go live in October. It is my intent to create a mailing list to keep residents up to date with any events that occur between newsletters. We can then share details of local events that the community may be interested in, therefore if you are aware of anything please get in touch so we can let everyone know.

I am looking for some support with article writing for the website, in particular, I would like to research the history of Hurley, what did we do before mining? What impact did mining have on the area? and how far back can we go? If any resident would like to get involved, please get in touch.



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