



Hurley Community Association Newsletter

FUN DAY POSTPONED
Sadly, due to the heavy rainfall, we have been forced to postpone the event. Details to follow.

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200 Club Draw Jun 23

£100 – Number **116**£50 – Number **164**£10 – Numbers **22, 40, 59, 152 & 182**

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Editor's Update

A reminder to add Saturday 5th August to your calendars for this year's Family Fun Day at Hurley King's Football Ground. The event is funded by the HCA and entry is only £1 per adult. Kids are free and they each receive a gift (subject to availability) so come along and join the party. Please remember that the venue does not allow dogs, sorry for any inconvenience.

Behind the scenes, the HCA has secured a fantastic Motown and Northern Soul singer for an evening in the Village Hall at the end of September, there's a bar but it's okay to bring your own drinks and so I hope to see many of you there. If anyone has any suggestions for entertainment in the Village Hall, please send a message and we will see what can be done.

I'm wondering how much of an effect the lengthy road closure in Wood End is going to have on Hurley residents. I found a useful site at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap, here you can check for details of any current and future road closures along with the diversions being put in place.

The HCA does have a few vacancies on the committee, open to residents of Hurley and the surrounding area. To thrive, we need fresh faces and new ideas so if you can give some of your free time to the community then this will be 'right up your street'. If you would like more information, please contact the editor or any member of the HCA.

We will again be 'flying the flags of remembrance' in November to raise funds for the Royal British Legion, 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.

Sadly, the "Time Out" has now finished due to running out of funding. I sincerely hope Julie, Chris and the team manage to secure more funding in the near future as I know this was well received by many residents in the village. In particular, those unable to drive to the shops themselves or unable to carry bags of heavy vegetables found the service invaluable.

Later in the year we will be collecting in your photographs of Hurley for the 2024 Calendar so please take advantage of any opportunities that may arise over the coming months. Prizes will again be awarded to the best two photographers as decided by HCA committee. We are also going to print the top voted photos on a set of porcelain mugs, a great gift idea for any occasion. There will be a feature in the next edition of the HCA Newsletter.

The long school summer holidays have begun, and I hope the children are able to make use of the Play Park and abundant walks and countryside at our disposal.

Look after each other and stay safe...

Best Wishes, John Given

Upcoming Events at the Village Hall and in the village:

29th September from 7pm to 10pm

Donna Keen (Motown & Northern Soul)

29th October from 5pm to 7pm

Scarecrow Trail and Halloween Disco

11th December from 6pm

Cinderella Pantomime

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

Focus on... Award winning... Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm



Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm has recently won an award for "BEST FAMILY FARM ATTRACTION" in the West Midlands from the SME UK Enterprise Awards. This is great news for the farm and all its staff who work hard to ensure everyone enjoys their visit. Earlier in the year the farm was awarded "BEST ALPACA EXPERIENCE" in Warwickshire by LUXLIFE pet products and services.



Winner!

Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm

Best Alpaca & Donkey Experiences
2023 - Warwickshire

Lucky Tails Care Farm which is also run on the site has also had some good news. They have won a grant to help make the farm wheelchair accessible and also a grant to help people access outdoor activities.

The Care Farm is open Monday to Friday and has children and young adults who cannot attend mainstream education for different reasons. It also hosts groups for SEN children and their families.

Lucky Tails Care Farm has a contract with Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council to provide work related education which is great for our young people who want to go on and work with animals or the environment.

For more information please contact us on **07753 333784** or email lucky.tails.alpacas@gmail.com



Warwickshire Fairy Trail



The Quest for Pickle the Pig

Our Warwickshire Fairy Trail takes you on a magical adventure through one of our old English woodlands.

Can you help the Fairy Queen on her quest to find Pickle the Pig? Explore the woodlands around you and you will see.

Whitacre Hall, Off Dog Lane, Nether Whitacre, B46 2PD

Telephone **01675 488500** or **07749 431305** for more information.

The Fairy Trail is supporting the HCA Family Fun Day

Hurley & District Gardening Club News

Following the success of the Mystery Evening visit to 2 local gardens on Wednesday 19th July, the Garden Club takes a break in August from its regular meetings.



There will be a stand at the Fun Day in August, with members on hand ready to answer your garden queries, a garden related quiz activity and some plants for sale.

Do come and visit us on Saturday 5th August between 1.00-4.00 pm.

If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact Jenny 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**



The Mal Barnett 2023 RBL Flag Appeal



Following on from the success of last years "Flag Appeal", we are again looking for local businesses, groups or families to 'sponsor a flag' for £25.00. Knowle Hill will be awash with colour and a splendid sight again during this very important national period.

Last year we raised £472.12 for the RBL, this year we hope to raise in excess of £600.

We have named the appeal in memory of the late Mal Barnett who did so much for the forces community.

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"



Churchyard Appeal



Several people have commented on how much safer they feel visiting the churchyard now that the steps and path have been repaired – thanks to Dave Vernon and his colleague for a great job. Unfortunately, our original appeal did not raise enough money to carry out the work needed to repair the boundary wall, which is looking increasingly unstable. We are therefore appealing again to local people for their support in ensuring that this vital work can be carried out as soon as possible.

We also have a problem with ongoing maintenance of the churchyard. Last year we spent just under £2000 on grass cutting, tree pruning and generally keeping the area attractive for families visiting the graves of loved ones or simply wanting somewhere

to rest for a few minutes while out for a walk. Again, we know from comments how much people appreciate the peace and beauty of the space.

We get no financial support from the wider Church of England (in fact we have to pay the Diocese of Birmingham towards their costs of paying clergy etc) or from any local Council (there is some legal doubt about whether they can support churchyards, which is why Kingsbury Parish Council can no longer give us a grant). The entire cost of maintaining the churchyard falls on the dozen or so regular members of the congregation.

If you have family members buried in the churchyard or listed on the War Memorial, or simply enjoy the atmosphere of the churchyard, PLEASE support us, either with a one-off donation towards repairing the wall or with a regular contribution towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Any amount, however small, would be greatly appreciated.

To find out how you can help, please contact either of the churchwardens - Nick on **01827 872730** (or by email at hijeanick19@gmail.com) or Sue on **01827 873402**.



HCA Flood Fund Raiser

The HCA planned a Flood Fundraiser on 2nd July, organised by Emma Holland and Lisa Robinson at the Holly Bush.

A great day was had and a total of £774 was raised, the HCA has contributed £226 to round the figure up to £1000. As a gesture of goodwill from the whole community, a £50 voucher will be offered to those families who reported the flooding, and we hope it will go a little way to making good the damage caused. Our appreciation to Emma and Lisa and to all who donated towards the fund raiser, thank you very much, it is good to see the community spirit in Hurley remaining strong.



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.

Parish Council News... by Cllr John Given

I held my first surgery at Hurley Village Hall on Tuesday 4th July. I wasn't sure what to expect and was pleasantly surprised at who came along with questions and suggestions to improve the village. Some of the points raised fall within my Parish Council remit, others will be forwarded to the relevant departments for feedback. I will get back to everyone with answers but please do bear with me, the Parish Councillor role is voluntary, and I must be mindful of my business, HCA and family needs also.

Progress is being made to address the flooding and again I am grateful to the authorities for their regular feedback. Knowle Hill, Queensway and Brick Kiln Lane will now have their drains and gullies cleared twice per year. As the authorities make progress with their review, I believe additional streets may be added to this list. Flooding is a county-wide issue and we need to be mindful that any changes to current procedures need to be carefully planned and budgeted for, but I'll keep fighting.

Problems with the Diamond Bus services were brought up at the last Parish meeting, in particular the occasions where the buses simply do not turn up, without any notification to residents stood waiting at the bus stops. I ask all residents who find themselves in this situation to let me know the date and time the bus did not turn up and we will collate details across the Parish. I understand that for many residents, the bus service is the only way they can get to town, living in a rural setting, we must be able to rely on our public transport.

The next surgery will be Wednesday 6th September from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, I will be joined by County Cllr Andy Jenns.

Dog Fouling within Hurley



Please pick up
after your dog

This is a plea to those dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs. Walking around Hurley village and the surrounding footpaths and lanes it is so frustrating to see the dog poo left by irresponsible dog owners who, when walking their pets, let them poo on the footpaths and grass verges, and then just leave it there.

THE LAW. To address the problem of dog fouling, the council made an order under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 that required all dog owners to clean up after their dog if the dog fouls in a place to which the public has access. This includes paths, footways, roads, verges, parks, play areas, recreation grounds, playing fields, canal towpaths, and the larger public areas.

Anyone walking a dog must pick up any fouling and dispose of it correctly. You should always carry bags to put the waste in, then you can either take it home to dispose of, use dog waste bins, or even a litter bin. If you allow your dog to foul in any public place and do not clean it up you may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of up to **£1,000**.

If you are reading this and thinking it is applicable to me, then please do the right thing and start picking up your dogs poo.

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 Community Association would like to extend its thanks to Chris Burrows of Queensway for again, generously donating the two hanging baskets outside the Village Hall. They certainly look great. And to all those who have watered the baskets, thank you also.



* The HCA wants to recognise great occasions, for example significant 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 ... 9th August, 23rd August and 6th September

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

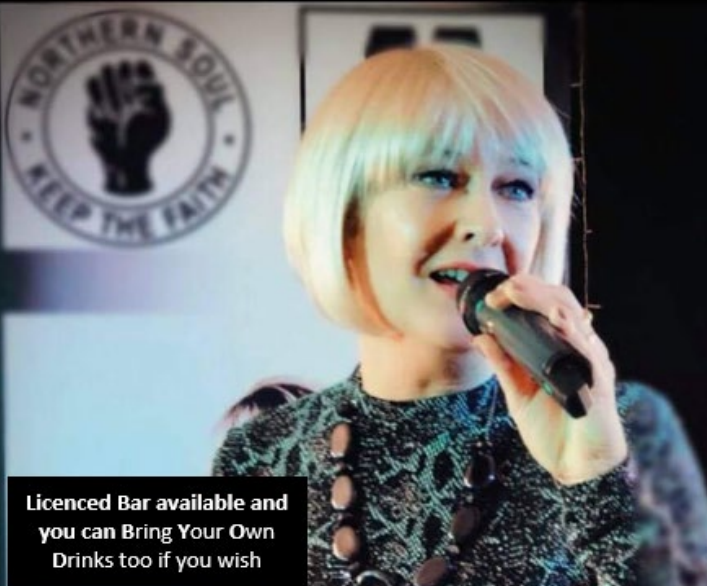
* Please note that the Time Out has now closed until further funding becomes available.

Baxterley Church News

On Friday 18th August we are holding a Musical Evening with the Arden Ensemble. 7.30pm at church £10 per ticket including light refreshments. This will be a fun evening with some magical singing, and everyone is very welcome. Please call or text me (Ann) for tickets 07717 002719. Through August we are also open every Saturday 2.00 – 4.00pm for tea and cake; a potter about or sit and enjoy the peace.

HCA Presents... A Motown & Northern Soul Night

Donna Keen
Motown Northern Soul Tribute
Fri 28th Sept from 7pm to 10pm



Licenced 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



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