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200 Club Draw Apr 23

£100 – Number **155**£50 – Number **128**£10 – Numbers **27, 43, 75, 97 & 182**

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Editor's Update

May is always a great month, maybe it's the Bank Holidays or the vibrant colours of the spring flowers or is it the warmer weather that enables us to do so much more.... I hope that whatever makes the month special for you, it's a good one.

A huge thank you to Emma for organising a successful Easter Egg Hunt and Fayre, it was great to see so many children out enjoying themselves. For the second year running I got the same question wrong, who would have thought the Lily is a traditional Easter flower 😊, I've got a whole year to forget... again! Every child got a chocolate bunny, and all the spare ones were given to "Time Out" where I am advised they were very well received.

It was good to hear that planning permission has finally been given to enable Baxterley Church to build toilets, well done to all concerned, I'm sure it came as a great relief, finally!

The HCA will be raising flags on Knowle Hill to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, and to all the families and groups that have organised events to celebrate the occasion, we hope you have a great time and please send your photo's and we will add them to the diary.

This year's Family Fun Day at Hurley King's Football Ground promises to be another super event, the HCA team are working hard behind the scenes to ensure there is something for everyone. We are looking for event sponsors, with various options available, if you or your

business wish to sponsor the event please contact the editor to discuss, thank you.



We are looking to offer more at the Drop In Club, currently exploring visits from the Citizens Advice Bureau for example. Please let me know what services and support you want brought to the village and the HCA will follow up to see what can be done.

Look after each other and stay safe...
Best Wishes, John Given

Upcoming Events at the Village Hall and in the village:

5th August from 1pm to 6pm

HCA Family Fun Day 2023

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

History of Hurley.... Part 2: Hurley's Lost Railway by Richard Prosser

I was interested and entertained with the article about the Mineral Line as I took over the tenancy of Waste Farm in 1964 when the track was still working, although it stopped within 12 months.

The line consisted of two continuous cables. One from the Dexter Colliery to the Crossover Station and the second one from the Crossover Station to Kingsbury Colliery. To a large extent the line relied on gravity to propel the tubs, as it was designed and built with an exact gradual fall from the Dexter to Kingsbury. The full trucks running down pulling empty ones back up.



Drawing by Alex Simpson

The Crossover Station was on land to the rear of Holly Cottage (now part of Holly Riding School) where rows of trucks (usually four or six) were disconnected from one cable and joined to the adjacent one.

The chargehand/banksman was Harry Cart, brother of Joe Cart who farmed at Brook End, Harry lived at Holly Cottage with his wife, known as "Aunty Issa", she was the sister of Dick Collins who farmed Waste Farm before me, and Jeff Collins who farmed Charity Farm. They had two big sheds in the garden, one full of hens and the other with a very good snooker table; a popular meeting place!

I smiled at the thought of bramble pickers on Sunday afternoons. Funny but I remember "bramble pickers" all year round! The reason was this... If a tub became derailed (common on Friday afternoon), particularly a full one, it was tipped on its' side and its contents tipped down the bank on raised sections or by the side of the track in the cuttings, as it was much easier to put an empty truck back on the rail than a full one.

Amazingly the tipped coal would have been absorbed into the track by the following Monday, and miners got a free coal allowance!



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. **Thanks also to the subscription collectors for your help.**

Baxterley Church News by Ann and Jenny (Church Wardens)



Thank you to everyone who turned up on a very cold Saturday morning to help tidy the churchyard and clean the church. You all worked very hard, and the results were a sparkling church and wonderfully tidy churchyard full of snowdrops, crocus and daffodils.

The following weekend was our Open Church, and we were delighted with the number of visitors. There was Artwork by Jill, Poetry and pictures from Hurley Primary School, Honey from Matthew at Holt Hall Apiary, Plants and Baxterley Bloomers. There was also a huge quantity of cakes. On Saturday we ended the day with some superb organ music (thank you Tim Campaign) and a truly interesting run through the history of the church (thank you Rita Poulson).

Sunday dawned fine and sunny, and another successful day ended with Songs of Praise where we all enjoyed some wonderful singing and listening to a few of the children's poems.

On Monday we cleared up and counted up. Thank you to everyone as £2,104.00 was raised towards our School Room Project.

We now have Planning Permission for our building of the Toilets, Grant Applications are in and we hope to start work mid-summer. At the same time, we are opening the church every Saturday afternoon in July and August 2 – 4pm. No charges, just come along for a cup of tea and walk round.

Again, thank you to everyone for all your support and help. We simply can't do it without you.

Hurley & District Gardening Club News



Hurley and District Gardening Club's meeting on 24th May is a visit to a stunning NGS garden near Earlswood which has a number of highlights including a wildflower meadow with orchids in the spring. Transport departing the Village Hall at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining in, please contact Jenny on **08731 406629**.

On 21st June at 7.30pm the meeting will again be in the Village Hall and our speaker will be introducing us to the fascinating world of dragon and damselflies, the largest, fiercest, and most beautiful insects alive!

HCA Drop In Club at the Village Hall

The Drop In Club is thriving under Jo's stewardship.

The club runs every Tuesday 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 large collection 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.



Everyone is welcome and if you would like a lift or need any other information, please contact Jo on **07475 929888**

Cost of Living Money Saving Tips: Water

No-one likes to waste water. However, many of us don't realise that water usage contributes to energy bills.

Simple water use changes can save you money and reduce the amount of water you waste.

Change your head If a typical family replace their inefficient shower head with a water efficient one, they could save around £45 off their gas bills and around £25 off their water bills (if they have a water meter) each year. That's a total saving of around £70.

Turn it off A running tap can use more than ten litres of water a minute, so turn off the tap while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing your face. Use cold water if you don't need hot.

Don't be a drip A dripping tap can waste thousands of litres of water a year, so make sure your taps are properly turned off and change washers promptly when taps start to drip.

Make it go further Try to avoid wasting water from running taps while waiting for hot water, fill the kettle or water plants.

Fill 'em up! Make sure that dishwashers and washing machines are full before you use them, and ensure you regularly use the most efficient water and energy settings.

Suds law Using a bowl to wash up rather than a running tap can save you money on your energy and water bills if you have a water meter. In fact you only need to run a typical tap for 95 seconds before you would have filled a washing up bowl. If you need to rinse utensils or wash vegetables, use cold water if possible and don't leave the tap running.

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

Next dates are **10th ... 24th May ... 7th June**

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

Time Out



Funded by the Household Support Fund (WCC), Time Out provides residents of Hurley with a bag of fruit and vegetables worth £10.00, all

for a suggested donation of £2.00 and **please bring your own bag**. Available to collect from the Village Hall every **Tuesday from 11:30am to 12:30pm**.

For more information call Julie on **07428 730950**

Time Out - Announce the Meat Raffle for a meat pack supplied by Steve at M&N Meats. Tickets will be on sale Tuesday 2nd & 9th May at Hurley Village Hall between 11.30 and 12.30pm. The Draw will take place at 12.30pm on Tuesday, 9th May. The Meat Prize will be available on Wednesday, 10th May.

Wedding Jessica and Jamie

A proud day for our Postmaster Jim and Nina as their daughter, Jessica, married Jamie on 23rd April at Alrewas, Hayes. Jessica and Jamie are seen here with mum, dad and brother Karan.

Thank you for sharing this beautiful photograph of what looked to have been an amazing day.

On behalf of the residents of Hurley we wish the happy couple love, and happiness for their future together.



A message from Revd John White

Thank you to everybody in Hurley who has contributed to the appeal to make repairs to the path and wall at Hurley cemetery. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Donations so far have enabled us to complete the first and most urgent part of the project, and the steps up to the cemetery have now been repaired, and work is in progress on the path. We will be continuing to raise funds towards the strengthening of the boundary wall. Hurley cemetery is a precious place, especially for those with loved ones who have been laid to rest there. Thank you for helping us to ensure that the cemetery continues as a safe and well cared for place.

As ever, all are welcome to all the church services, at Hurley and at the other churches in the Kingsbury and Baxterley group of parishes. Our Sunday services for May are as follows:

7th May: 11am Holy Communion at Merevale and 4.30pm Holy Communion at Baxterley

14th May: 9.30am Holy Communion at Hurley, 11am Holy Communion with Baptism at Kingsbury

21st May: 11am Holy Communion with Baptism at Merevale, 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

28th May: 9.30am Holy Communion at Hurley, 11am Holy Communion at Kingsbury.

There is also a service every Wednesday at Wood End at 9.30am, and a simple service of Evening Prayer each Thursday at 4.30pm at Baxterley.

Thursday 18th May is Ascension Day, and there will be a service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm at Hurley Church.

If you would like to talk about having a wedding or christening at one of the churches in the group, please call Revd John on **01827 874252**.



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.

* Call out for Tombola Prizes - If you have prizes for the Tombola Stall at this year's Fun Day please drop them any Tuesday morning at the Village Hall, or contact info hurleycommunityassociation@gmail.com, all donations will be gratefully received.

* We are looking for local tradesmen with rendering skills to help out with the Village Hall renovations, please contact the editor.

* 800 copies of this newsletter are printed and delivered to all households within Hurley. It is a great medium for sharing your stories and events, for businesses we only charge £10.00 for an advert, please contact the editor.

* The Drop In Club now has a selection of jigsaws which are free to borrow. If you have any unwanted jigsaws please drop off at the Village Hall or contact the editor to arrange collection.

* Stall holders wanted for the Fun Day, we will limit the number of 'similar' stalls so please book early to guarantee your pitch.

* Volunteers are always needed to help at the Fun Day, if you have a little time please help out, it's very rewarding.

Coronation Coin Collection

Thank you to everyone who registered their children for the Coronation Coin souvenir.



The coins can be collected from the Village Hall on **Monday 8th May between 10:30am and 12pm**. Don't worry if you can't make it, there will be other opportunities to collect, we will make sure nobody misses out

We do have some coins left over so if you have not yet registered then please let me know (contact details on front page of this newsletter) and HCA will ensure one is reserved for your child.

What's on at the Holly Bush in May...

Emma and Rob invite you to join them and the team for a number of upcoming events, please add them to your diary:

Prize Bingo **every Wednesday**, eyes down **at 7.30pm**, it's popular so don't forget your dabber, we do have a few spare!



Friday 5th May from 8.30pm it's the amazing voice of **Ruth**

Sunday 7th May from midday it's **Flo's Fun Day**, for a very special girl, please support what will be a great day for the whole family.

Thursday 25th May from 7.30pm it's Quiz Night (fund raiser for Kingsbury Guides' trip to Buitenzorg, Netherlands)

The History of Hurley

The editor is looking for your stories and photo's of Hurley past and present for use in future articles. Do you remember the Working Man's Club, the many shops, the garage, the Betting Shop, The Scout Group, The Women's Institute etc etc, if so please send your stories so we can share this with the community, thank you.

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