

Hurst Village Society

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Enjoy the Summer in Hurst –there's plenty going on for all!

This year's summer line-up includes the **Hurst Horse Show and Country Fayre**, which will celebrate its **25th Anniversary on 26th and 27th June**. Everyone is welcome and there's plenty of fun for all ages.

We are sorry to report that the **Party in the Park** event, originally planned for **Saturday 3rd July**, has been cancelled due to a clash in facilities. This event has always been very popular and the football club looks forward to running a splendid show next year.

The **91st Annual Horticultural & Cottage Garden Society Show** will be held on **Saturday 21st August**.

September sees the start-up of activities for **Snow White**, the Hurst Pantomime Group's next production.

More information on these activities is included later in this newsletter.

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## **Become a HVS Committee member and have your say**

This year's Annual General Meeting was held on 30th April and was well attended. There were updates on the Committee's activities during 2003/4, planning issues and traffic calming initiatives. As is required, five of the committee member resigned, with two subsequently being reinstated. Our thanks go to David Shapland, Trevor Gaylard and David Prince for their contributions over the years. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact our chairman, Nick Willson, on 0118 934 0319.

You can become a member of the HVS for £5 per year, which will provide much-needed revenue to cover items such as the printing cost of this newsletter, and support our work on planning issues. To join, or for more information, please call **Eddie Coe on 0118 934**, or fill in the application form contained within this newsletter.

## \*\*\* News Bites \*\*\*

### **St Nicholas East Wall—Good news and Bad!**

We have now heard from English Heritage and they were happy with the work carried out last year and have paid the remaining part of the development costs in Phase 1. However, English Heritage requires further development work as the recommendations made in Phase 1 were difficult to quantify and specify, making the costings too vague. The Restoration team will have a meeting with them on site mid-June to determine the developments required in order to re-apply for a grant. All this will need to be agreed at the June PCC, which means a closing date for applications of 30th June. We will keep you posted.

### **Hurst Brownies**

So far this term two of our Brownies have taken part in the County AGM entertainment, 12 have attended District Brownie revels on 15th May and 15 helped run a games stall at the Christian Aid Coffee Morning on 22nd May. After half term we have a District Camp Fire (on 11th June) and District Sports Day on 17th July to look forward to. Next term we have the District swimming Gala and will be taking part in FunDaze with South West Region to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Brownies.

All the girls have earned their Cupboard Technology awards—a special project set up by South West Region—and Mary Langdown has recently received a certificate for services to guiding in Berkshire. (Mary says that, without a super bunch of girls to encourage her, she would not have had the honour!). The Brownies say goodbye to Sheila Whittaker as Unit Helper at the end of term and she will be sorely missed. I am pleased to report that Pippa Boyd has offered to help every other week—**would anyone else like to come and help on alternate weeks?**

**The Hurst Rainbows also need help; they meet on Wednesdays from 5:15—6:15.**

**For further details, please contact Mary Langdown on 0118 934 5751.**

### **Hurst Bowling Club**

Sunday 16th May saw a glorious hot sunny afternoon for the open day at Hurst Bowling Club. A number of ladies and a couple wishing to have a go at bowling came along and also enjoyed home made biscuits and cakes to go with a cup of tea. Many club members were on hand to provide a welcome and tuition in this idyllic setting. Although the open day has now past, Hurst residents are welcome to come along by prior arrangement at any time. Please visit [www.hurstbowlingclub.org.uk](http://www.hurstbowlingclub.org.uk) for contact details or telephone **Ann Skidmore (Secretary) on 0118 934 3286.**

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www.hvs.org.uk—What's On in Hurst ?

The HVS web site provides information about events in the village and important dates to note, which are posted in a monthly email. There is also a Skills Register showing all the local skills we can call on within the village. So log on today and register for your regular email updates and find out more about Hurst and what's on.

Hurst Pantomime Group Snow White comes to Hurst

It will soon be Hurst Panto time again—everything is on track to stage a production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in January 2005.

If you are connected with Hurst and want to be part of an unforgettable “theatrical” experience, come along to an **introductory informal meeting on Monday 6th September, in the Committee Room of Hurst Village Hall at 7.30pm** to register your interest, be it as part of the cast or stage crew. All will be most welcome.

For those interested in auditioning for main characters, time will be set aside for a brief read-through of the script. Those wishing to be in the Adult Chorus just come along and register that evening. **Auditions for the Adult characters will be at 7.30pm on Monday 13th September in the Large Village Hall.**

Children must be seven or older to take part. **Children’s auditions** for the Dwarf Characters will be held at **6.30pm on Monday 13th September in the Large Village Hall.** Children who are interested in being part of the **Children’s Chorus** are invited to come along with a parent and register on **Sunday 19th September at 1.00pm** in the Large Village Hall.

Rehearsals will be held in the Large Village Hall/Committee Room **every Monday from 20th September at 7.30pm.** **Children’s Chorus rehearsals** will be held in the Large Village Hall on **Sunday afternoons from 1.00pm to 2.30pm.**

The show will run from 13th—15th January 2005.

Further information is available from **Jo Penney on 0118 934 1498, or Judith Boulton on 0118 934 0838.**

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## **Youth Football Update**

The Hurst Youth football club has taken three teams to tournaments at both Reading college of Technology and The Piggott School. In the Under 6 competition, the boys competed in the final and all went home with trophies. A fantastic effort! Whilst the Under 11s were narrowly beaten by finalists Maidenhead in the quarter-finals at The Piggott School.

Tim Drake would like to thank those parents and children who have supported our Village teams and remind those who wish to join the teams from 6yrs to 12yrs, please register your interest at **[www.hvs.org.uk](http://www.hvs.org.uk)** or **email Tim at [tmdrk@aol.com](mailto:tmdrk@aol.com)**—it’s free, it’s fun and it keeps the children fit. There are more local tournaments for all during June and July which will culminate in League games locally from September.

# Hurst Horse Show and Country Fayre

Hurst's event of the year will be even more special this year.

The village Horse Show and Country Fayre will celebrate its 25th anniversary when it swings into action on **June 26th and 27th** in School Road, Hurst.

This is a true village show that relies on the support of all sections of the local community, and gives back generous donations to many deserving causes within the village and the local area. The show takes the form of a horse show combined with a country fayre. A lovely mix of country traditions and competitions, country tradesman, music and dancing and including a disco/barbeque on the Saturday night.

There will be an animal corner, hunting hounds and dog displays. There will also be ferret racing, terrier racing, musical ride demonstrations on horseback and a large craft tent; there are many refreshment options including candy floss, ice cream, pancakes, strawberries and cream—as well as the food and beer tent!

A horse and dray will give rides round the village and there will be escorted pony rides on the show site. Other attractions are the HVS archery stall which is always very popular, skittle alley and coconut shy, plant and cake stalls, the School's PTA stalls including games tent, bric a brac, toys, books, home produce, a raffle, woodcraft items, any many more!

For the horse and pony riders there will be show jumping, showing events and gymkhana games.

The show is a wonderful example of how the village is able to pull together to produce great family entertainment for the whole weekend. At the same time, it generates significant financial support for St. Nicholas school and many worthy causes. There is an opportunity for everyone in the community to lend a hand. The setting up of the event starts on the Wednesday evening, with a gathering of good strong men, who all help put up the marquees and smaller tents. Extra help is always welcome!

There are also show jump painting sessions held in the show fields on the weekend prior to the event, and once again the more the merrier. We realise that not everyone can manage to help physically, however, but do not despair, there is always the sponsorship option! Most of our sponsorships are from families and small local companies; it is amazing just how quickly small donations can grow to a large amount of money.

Anyone interested in lending a hand at this year's show can **contact David or Cathy Lochman on 0118 934 1205, or email HHS@fractura.co.uk**

You can also get a taste of the fun to come by visiting the show website at **www.hurst-horse-show.co.uk**

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HVS Membership Application/Renewal Form

The current annual subscription is £5.00 per household. Complete Section A, then **either** Section B, **or** Section C. Please send this form it to Eddie Coe (address below).

If you choose to pay by Standing Order, please consider making a donation as well, thank you. Then, photocopy this form, send the original to your Bank and a copy to Eddie Coe, HVS Membership Secretary, 4 Lodge Road, Whistley Green, Hurst RG10 0EH.. Thank you.

Section A

Name

Address.....

Postcode Telephone

Section B

I enclose my cheque/cash for £5.00 being my subscription for 2004. I also enclose a donation for £.....to the Hurst Village Society.

Section C

To: My Bank:

Name

Address.....

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Sort code.....

Please debit my account, number.....
with the sum of £5.00, being my subscription to the Hurst Village Society,
and credit Account Number 1349706 (Hurst Village Society No 1 Account) at
Lloyds Bank plc, High Street, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1BT. Sort Code
30-91-11.

Date of first payment: immediately; and thereafter annually on 1st January

Signature..... Date

View from Shute End

Wokingham Unitary Councillor, Annette Drake, reports:

Church Hill

I have had several calls from residents asking about the post and rail fence recently erected on farm land near the Almshouses. This patch of land was transferred to the District Council some years ago as part of a legal agreement, following planning permission to convert farm buildings to houses at Hatch Gate Farm. The intention was to relocate the allotments to this acre of land. We all objected to this proposal at the time, however, we need to keep watching for future planning applications.

New Field Access in Tape Lane

There is a dispute between our enforcement officers and the agent for the owner of the field who is taking legal advice on whether or not planning permissions is required for the removal of the hedge to create the new field access. The problem with enforcement is that a case will not be followed up if it is not deemed by the council officers to be expedient. However, I have spoken to the tree officer, Neil Etherington, who confirms that, under the terms of the Hedgerow Regulations, the owner will be required to replace the hedge with indigenous species, either at the new access, or at the original entrance since only once access is permitted to that field.

Beeches Nursery aka Terrapotta

The appeal against the refusal of an application to build 24 offices and storage units at Beeches Nursery was heard by a local enquiry on 18th May. My thanks to all the residents who came with me to the hearing and were present at the site visit. Local residents always add weight to our case with the Inspector and this is an enormous help to me. We await the decision with interest and some trepidation.

Ditches

Only two residents have contacted me with regard to employing a local contractor clear our ditches. Anyone else interested?

Contacting Annette Drake

Telephone **0118 934 1035** or email at **anndrk@dsl.pipex.com**

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## **Parish Council News**

The **Community Shelter**, sited in the recreation ground near Townsend Pond, School Road is near completion.

The **Local Nature Reserve** initiative is still being investigated and awaiting comments from the owner of a potential site.

The Parish Council will provide a **Presentation Board at the Hurst Horse Show** to enable everyone to see exactly what projects we are currently working on.

**Vehicle Activated Signs** remain a priority for us as we feel that this is a very effective way of reducing speed in the village.

## Crime Report from Wpc Sandy Craske

From a Police point of view, Hurst is currently going through a quiet spell (long may it last!). It may be worth a warning to all householders that, as the weather gets warmer, they should be mindful of open windows and back doors which could invite an opportunistic thief. As yet we haven't had any such break-ins reported in this area, but they do happen.

There is a group of people answering advertisements of cars for sale. They appear very respectable and speak well, but are taking cars on test drives and not returning them. There have been numerous reports over the last 3—4 weeks of such occurrences elsewhere, so let's hope they don't get away with it in Hurst.

### **New Incident Number:**

Just a reminder that the new non-emergency number for police matters is **0845 850 5505**.

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Twyford and District Older People's Forum

Wokingham District Council, together with Age Concern Berkshire, is supporting the formation of a number of local Forums / Action Groups for people over 50 years, and those who serve their interests.

The inaugural meeting of the Twyford & District Older People's Forum was held on the 27th May 2004. The Group agreed that the overall aims of the Forum should be the promotion of an active and fulfilling life for elderly people with support for them to maintain their independence in later years.

For the remainder of this year, apart from August and December, the meetings will be held from 2pm to 4pm, on the fourth Thursday of each month, at the St Thomas Moore Roman Catholic Church, Twyford.

Anyone who would like a question, relating to one of the above issues, to be addressed by the Forum should **phone Rose Green on 0118 974 6793, or e-mail: rose.green@wokingham.gov.uk or write to her at WDC, Community Wellbeing & Partnerships, Lower Ground Floor, Shute End, Wokingham, Berks, RG40 1BN.**

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## **Gospel Hall News**

We are looking forward to the Hurst Horse Show and putting together ideas for our tent. Please do come and visit us, even if it is only to introduce yourself. We hope to have some quizzes, things for the children to do, free literature and more. We are people from all walks of life who believe the Bible has a vitally important and relevant message for today. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss it with you and look forward to meeting you.

Details of all our activities and contacts are on our website:

**[www.hurstgospelhall.org](http://www.hurstgospelhall.org)**

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