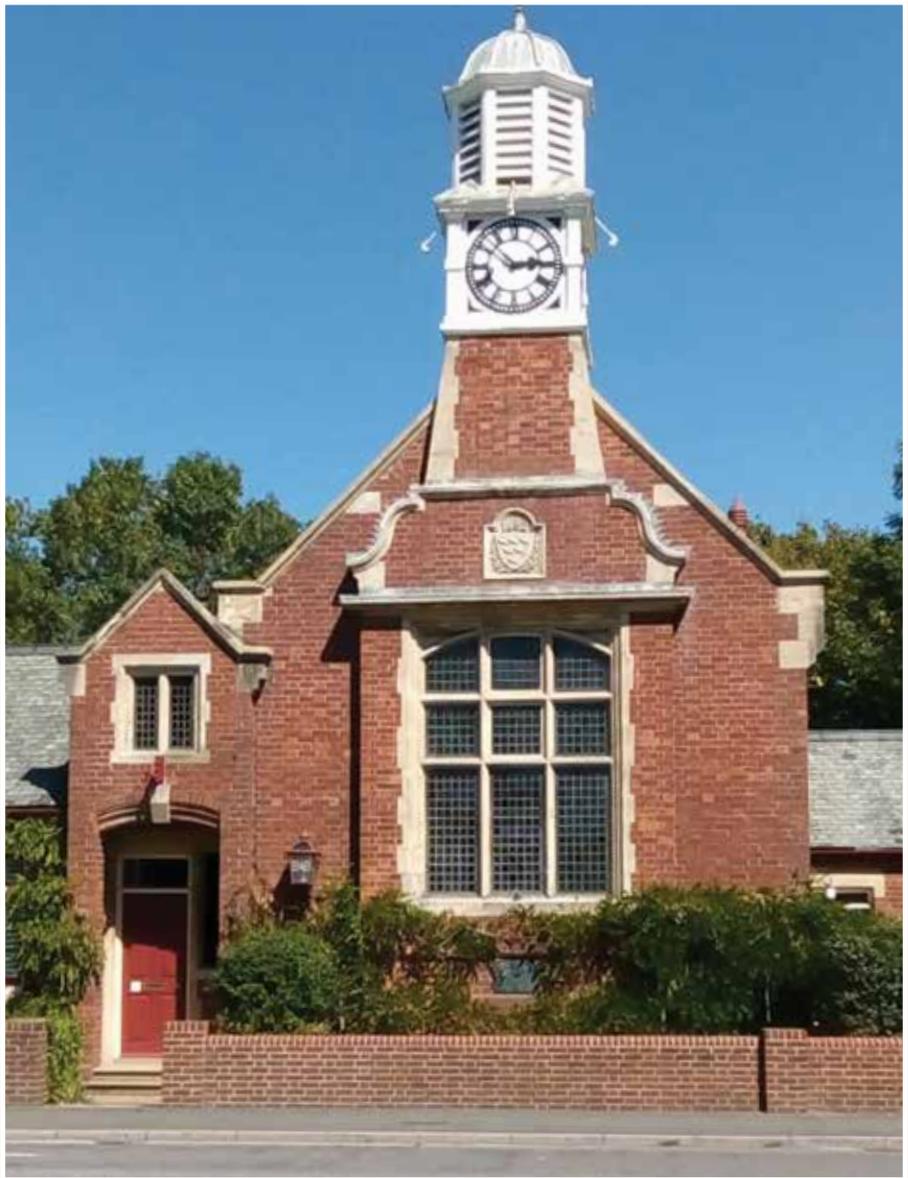


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What's going on in Hurst Green • News, views and information

EDITORIAL

Thank you to everyone who responded so positively to the first issue of the new parish magazine and I hope you will enjoy this second edition.



I was thinking of making a list of all the good things about living in Hurst Green. We hear a lot of negative stuff regarding the state of the A21, speeding traffic, lack of parking, housing issues etc. all of which concern us as residents and rightly so. This is why the Neighbourhood Plan has become so necessary if we want to shape the future of our village.

However, one of the great things about living in Hurst Green is the accessibility of the beautiful countryside and the number of footpath walks. Getting off the main road away from the traffic into the open fields or deep into the woods can lift the spirits and provide a healthy 'time out' and what's more it is absolutely free!

As the summer turns to Autumn, some of us can suffer with certain symptoms of SAD, (Seasonal Affective Disorder). We tend to spend more time than ever indoors and miss out on the light our body needs. If we do not receive enough sunlight we feel sluggish, lethargic and low in energy. So, as walking is deemed to be one of the best forms of exercise, maybe a walk on the footpaths through Burgh Woods or through the fields behind the Old Courthouse is the answer! Happy reading! **Annabelle Blackaby**

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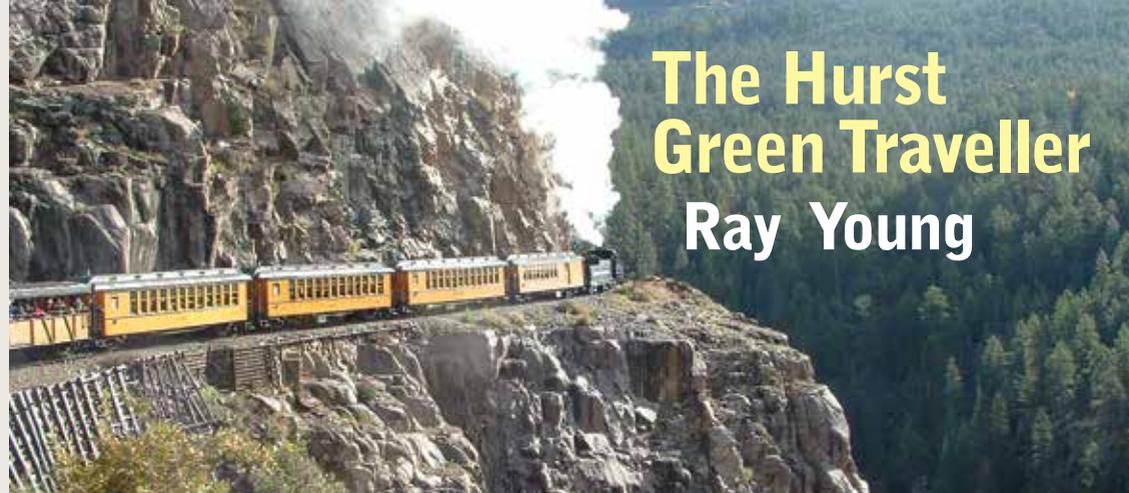
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The Hurst Green Traveller Ray Young

Many of us like to share our travelling experiences with friends and family through holiday photos and videos, but for one Hurst Green resident, this hobby has seen him produce semi-professional travelogue films for local organisations to enjoy!

Over the past 20 years, Ray Young has travelled far and wide, taking in China, Hong-Kong, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, South Africa, Egypt, Kenya, France, USA, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Tanzania, Costa Rica and others. For the last three years, Ray has been taking his Travelogues to local group meetings including those for Senior Citizens, Friendship, Womens Institutes, History, Church and others, for members to listen to and watch, and gain an insight into different cultures, cuisine, wildlife and flora of countries that many people may never have the chance to visit or experience.

Ray explains how it all started: 'By good fortune, my work in the music recording industry sent me to various parts of the world and I always took my video camera with me. I had a good grounding in camera operating ever since my Dad bought an 8mm movie camera in 1956. I fell in love with it and realised its potential for creativity. I later acquired a digital video camera and spent weeks editing the pictures,

adding music, sound effects and informative voice-overs, and I get immense satisfaction from people's reaction to the results. Each Travelogue show lasts about 60-75 minutes, including films of 30 minutes each. To show where we are in the world, I take very large scale maps showing the flights and continents being visited. I also take local artifacts, such as hand crafted animal models, huge Ostrich eggs and native articles.

I provide all the equipment necessary for each show. A 40 inch TV & DVD Player for groups up to 20, or a DVD projector, screen and loudspeakers for larger groups. No charge is made for the shows or travelling but as an authorised collector for The Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance Fund, I do ask for a voluntary donation that goes entirely to this life saving Charity.

I am happy to say, through the generosity of all concerned, in the past three years, I have been able to send over £1,100 to the Air Fund. I am told it costs £180 every fill up, and £1600 every lift off, for each of the 2000 incidents they rush to attend'.

If any organisation wishes to book Ray and his interesting and entertaining talks and films, here are his details:

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Despite the great weather, Hurst Green Cricket Club has not played as many games as we would like – only three so far vs Linton Green, Wadhurst and Etchingham.

The main problem is finding enough players to commit to every Sunday afternoon which is a problem with even the bigger clubs.



More specifically for Hurst Green, a number of players have retired over the past couple of seasons and unfortunately have not been replaced, particularly by local players. I am hoping to turn this around, several players from the village have made their debuts this season but it may be some time before we're able to put a team out more regularly.

I'm sure we'll fit in a couple more games between now and the end of the season and I'll post details of these to the village facebook page. In the meantime, if you'd like to turn out for your village please drop me a line at hurstgreenc@gmail.com or call on 07796 976809. We're open to all abilities (men and women) and we'll consider younger players if they've played hard ball cricket.

Ian Hirst (Club Secretary & Treasurer)



Despite the name, we don't just sell eggs or apples. We hope to deliver a full basket shop of delicious produce. We seek out the

best producers in Kent and Sussex, reducing our customers' food miles, so that we may all continue to bask in the beauty of the Weald in which we are so lucky to live. Eggs to Apples is steeped in local history. The Barnes family set up Lodge Farm Shop in the village in 1972. During her family's time in the Middle East, Susannah, one of Richard and Patricia's four children, was cooking up an idea with her husband Craig to relaunch the original Lodge Farm site. And so in December 2014 a new chapter began and the Hewett family opened Eggs to Apples Farm Shop.

Many of our customers live in the village and enjoy walking up to the shop to collect fresh local produce and when they have time they stay for a coffee or bring their families for weekend lunches – enjoying the garden or views from the coffee bar while having nibbles and a glass of wine before ambling home. We hope to welcome you soon at our shop.



Hurst Green NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

WHAT IT IS

- A document that sets out planning policies for our Parish, which will help to decide whether to approve planning applications.
- Written by the local community, rather than the Local Planning Authority.
- A powerful tool, to determine the future development of Hurst Green

in regards to: housing, transport, recreation, education, business etc. Working in close cooperation with the District Planners but always with the best interests of Hurst Green and its future at heart, the Steering Group and its Task Groups are predominantly made up of volunteers.

• **TASK GROUPS ARE:** Education and Training, Housing, Infrastructure Leisure, and Economy, Business & Tourism

WHAT THE CHILDREN OF HURST GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL SAID

• ABOUT THE ROADS

'The main road is not safe because lorries drive too fast and the pavement is too narrow.'

'Cars overtake at 60 miles an hour on the main road'. The children had done a traffic survey and noted HGVs at ten o'clock in the morning.

'Station road is difficult to cross at the junction when we go to the church'.

• THEIR SOLUTIONS WERE

'Speed cameras with fines' 'More police in the area'. 'More traffic lights'. The children said they would like to make signs for the road saying things like 'Please don't hurt me, slow down'.

They would like to write letters to help get a footpath made that goes behind the school and comes out at the park or community shop.

• ABOUT THE PARK

'There's a litter problem at the park'

'The bins are in the wrong place; you have to go out of the park to put litter in the bin.'

'There's not enough to do at the park and the big boys don't let you play.'

'The teenage bus shelter always has a lot of litter.'

'I'd like to see a sitting and thinking place in the park.'

• ABOUT BUILDING

'We want to stay looking like a village with old style houses.' 'You could develop Dairy Close'. 'Building sites should have an entrance and an exit.'

'We don't want too many houses or it will turn into a town.'

'We want to preserve the woodland, we like to play and walk there.'

They also said that they don't want any more shops unless it's a pet shop!

They want people in Hurst Green to be happy!