



## Welcome, all round the Green!

Round The Green is a community newsletter produced two or three times a year. A special welcome to all new residents in and around Hurst Green, especially residents on the new estate and in Clough Cottages (the Eagle & Child). This edition of Round The Green has been sponsored by Christine Sbresni (nee Bowyer), who spent her childhood at Woodfields.

### Become a Friend

A great way to support the Village Hall is by joining the 'Friends' scheme. Thanks to all who pay by standing order. If you need to renew your annual subscription or would like to join, contact Agnes on 826559. It costs £10 each or £20 family membership for a year.

## On With The Roof! Now For The Heating!

- ◆ **Wonderful Effort**
- ◆ **£73,000 raised**
- ◆ **Work starts now**
- ◆ **Heating Is Next**
- ◆ **How You Can Help**

By the time you read this, the scaffolding may already be up and work starting to replace the roof of the Memorial Hall - Hurst Green's Village Hall. Read all about the work of the Project Team and how you have helped on page 2.

It has been a tremendous effort. Over £14,000 has been raised through local fundraising, including over £6,000 in 'Sponsor a Tile' for the roof. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

The heating is next, and, yes, it will cost even more. But a good heating system will have benefits both for our community and for the environment. By using ground-source heating, drawn from the Bayley Field, as the base heating for the Memorial Hall, we will reduce our carbon footprint by 2.5 tonnes a year, a real saving.

### **£ for lb !**

Here's how you can help.

**A pound for a pound - every pound (£) donated saves a pound (lb) of carbon emissions. Help our community, help others and help the environment. Your chance to make a real difference.**

A donation of £10 will save 10 pounds of carbon, £50 will save 50 pounds of carbon, and £100 will save ... you've got the idea! - but just however much you can afford.

**Please help to get the new heating system up and running. Please make cheques payable to 'A, B & C Memorial Hall', and give them to Barbara Herd, 2 Whalley Road (next to Millie's) or post to the Treasurer, Agnes Bland, Hill Croft, Shire Lane, Hurst Green, Clitheroe BB7 9QR. For BACS, please phone Agnes on 826559.**

### School News - Getting To Grips With Plastic

St. Joseph's R.C. Primary School is delighted to have been instrumental in triggering Longridge's mission to become a plastic-free town.

Year 5 pupil Jeannie Wilkinson, nine, of Hurst Green, contacted the council about plastic pollution. The class had been inspired by a visit by Jesuit Missions and the Wombles to take action to try to slow down climate change. The class wrote letters to a variety of supermarkets, shops and local people. In a passionate letter to the Mayor, Cllr Steve Ashcroft, Jeannie highlighted her concerns about damage to the planet and the environment by the dumping and burning of plastic goods and packaging. The Mayor visited the school to meet Jeannie and her class mates last year and then invited her to the launch of Plastic Free Longridge. This initiative is working with local businesses to cut down and eventually eliminate the use of single-use plastic in Longridge.

# SECURING THE ROOF - HEATING THE HALL

*Peter Butterfield reports . . .*

After months of fundraising, work is about to start on Phase One of the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall and already money is coming in for Phase Two. The first phase is to replace the roof, which has come to the end of its manufactured life and before it starts leaking. The scaffolding may already be up as you read this - work starts soon. The whole of the roof is being replaced at a total cost of £73,000. This was a daunting figure for the Project Team, which was formed from members of the Village Hall committee and the Parish Council, but, thanks to local fund raising efforts and sterling work by Margaret Carrington and Barbara Herd to secure grant support, the necessary cash has been raised.

A total of £14,000 was raised through local fund raising events such as the Roof Tile Sponsorship, which raised £6,000, the Auction of Promises, Hurst Green's Got Talent, the Wine and Beer Festival, film nights at St John's School Hall and Bingo at St Peter's Club.

Grant funding came from the following organisations:

Lancashire Environmental Fund - £30,000

Harold and Alice Trust - £1,000

Awards for All - £10,000

Acre Government Village Hall Funding - £15,000

Village Hall Committee - £3,000

Although improving the heating of the hall was a prime objective for the Project Team it was acknowledged that first repairing the aging roof was the priority. Now that funding is in place for replacing the roof, including improved insulation, attention is now being turned to the heating. Right at the outset the Project Team decided that we needed an environmentally friendly heating system. A professional project manager was appointed and a contractor has been selected from five tenders to install ground source heating. It will cost just under £100,000 exclusive of VAT but this does not include the necessary ground works on the land behind the hall, including part of Bailey Field, to enable the laying of the heating pipes. The Project Team is working with the farming community and we are hopeful they will rally round to help with this aspect. We also have to find the funding for the heat pump from our own resources to be eligible for feedback tariffs. Work is due to start in the summer, dependent on the necessary money being raised.

In total, the heating will cost in excess of £120,000 - a daunting figure, but, given the success of the grant applications for the roof, Margaret and Barbara are optimistic in getting grant support. However, that comes with an important caveat. Grants will only materialise if we can demonstrate that the local community is working to raise money itself. That is why support for local fund-raising events is so crucial.

Bingo nights at St Peter's Club, for instance, have been very successful, already raising in excess of £1,000. The more people who attend every other Sunday evening, the more we will raise and, crucially, the more we can demonstrate to funders that we are doing our bit.

Another way parishioners can show their support is by buying tickets for another rip-roaring Hurst Green's Got Talent on March 28th. It is always a good night with local people showing they really are talented, and last year we raised in excess of £2,000. So get in touch with Barbara on 826350, Margaret on 826095, Eve Butterfield on 826308 or Anne Harwood on 826252 to book your tickets.

Following the success of the Roof Tile Sponsorship, the Project Team have come up with another way to support the heating project – and this time, in addition to helping to raise cash, you will also be doing something to help the environment and combat global warming.

By installing the new ground-source heating, we will be reducing our carbon footprint by 2.5 tonnes over the year. Can we possibly appeal to you once more and ask you to help with the cost of the new heating by contributing towards the sponsorship?

Des Harwood has done his homework and worked out that our carbon footprint saving in terms of pounds will equate to roughly 5000 lbs – therefore £10 will buy a reduction of 10lbs in terms of carbon footprint sponsorship. We did so well with the roof tile sponsorship with almost everyone contributing. Therefore in mid-February we will be putting a notice up on the notice-board to ask you to:

**Please donate £10 per 10lb carbon** - the target being 5000lbs.

If you have any other ideas for fund-raising please get in touch with Margaret or Barbara – we would love to hear from you.

Already we have been promised several thousand pounds in grants but there is still a long way to go. And remember, if we don't raise money ourselves we will be unlikely to get grant aid. We need your support. We have finances in place for the roof, now let's get the heating sorted.

# WHAT'S ON, ROUND THE GREEN

*There is always a lot going on in and around Hurst Green, with vibrant sports clubs, social events and community groups. A round-up of some of the many things to do.*

*Village Hall Project: please note, groups using the Memorial Hall (Village Hall) in the evenings and at weekends should be running normally during the building work. Please check during building work, especially for those running during weekdays morning or afternoon. Inevitably there will be some disruption while work on the roof goes ahead. In addition, parking on the Village Hall car park will be restricted for a time. The Project Team, the Memorial Hall Committee and the Parish Council apologise for any inconvenience caused during building work on the roof, and, later this year it is hoped, when installing the new heating system.*

**The WI** - The WI meet on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Village Hall - time, 7.30 pm. We have a varied programme of speakers and welcome any visitors. It was lovely to see some ladies at our last meeting that have just moved into the village on the new estate. Please come along and enjoy - we're a friendly crew!

**Bingo in the Club** - Fortnightly bingo in St Peter's Club - all welcome. Many thanks to Peter and his staff. The next dates are 16th Feb and 1st March. Many thanks also to Roger for calling out the numbers! We have raised over £1,000 up to now towards the heating, a great effort - and good fun.

**Seniors Party** - Every year, volunteers put on a party at the Village Hall for local pensioners. This year's was on Saturday 15th February, with the usual delicious food, not to mention the amazing raffle thanks to Bunty and Phil.

**The Hobbits Baby and Toddler Playgroup** - It's on every Thursday during term time 9.30-11.30am usually at the Village Hall but currently at St John's Old School Hall. It's £1 per adult and £1 per child (max £3) - under ones free. Tea/coffee snacks and biscuits. It's on Facebook as The Hobbits baby and toddler playgroup Hurst Green. Lots of toys to play with and a chance for children and parents to make friends.

**Youth Group** - The Youth Group meets every 2 weeks during term time at the Village Hall. Members have to be aged 9 and above and can take part in a number of activities. We have pool, badminton, table tennis, music and a tuck shop. When the weather improves we have outdoor activities such as football, rounders, and the local park. We also hold annual events such as halloween fancy dress, Christmas and summer BBQ parties as well as a subsidised off-site activities such as trampolining or tubing down Pendle Hill. Entry fee is £1.50 per session. More info or to volunteer, contact Darren Turner at [dpt@dkturner.com](mailto:dpt@dkturner.com)

**Boot Camp** - Not as hard as it sounds! A chance to exercise, regardless of age or ability. Qualified instructor. Meets Monday evenings in the Village Hall 7 - 8 pm. No need to book, just come along, £5 per session.

**Coffee Stop** - A great way to meet old and new friends. Coffee, tea and chat. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month in St John's Old School Hall - recently refurbished - from 2 - 4 pm. Contact David Jaques on 01254 878222 or Gill McDonnell on 826378 if you need a lift.

**Ecohub** - Run by the Little Green Footprints Shop in the Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 3.30 - 5.30. Environmentally friendly household products and more. Discounts for refill of own containers.

**Hurst Green Bowling Club** - New members welcome! We have two teams that play in a local league on a Monday night, an over 55s team on a Tuesday afternoon, and a Wednesday evening team in another local league. Plus there is the opportunity to play in competitions which take place on various Sundays throughout the season as well as access to the bowling green for use by yourself as a member and any family and friends you care to bring along. Membership is £25 with a reduction for under-16s. Contact Carol Leonard on 01254 826350.

**Football Club** - Hurst Green Football Club has a long history and has had remarkable success in recent years. They play in the West Lancashire League. Why not go along to Smithy Row and enjoy great amateur football? Find them at [hurstgreenfc](https://www.hurstgreenfc.com) on Facebook.

**Stonyhurst Park Golf Club** - Stonyhurst Park Golf Club was formed in 1979, but the history of the golf course dates back to the 19th century when Walker Cup founder George Walker was a student at the college. A great 9-hole course, right on our doorstep. Visit [stonyhurstpark.co.uk](http://stonyhurstpark.co.uk) for details.

**Stonyhurst College Sports Centre** - Also right on our doorstep, go swimming or join the gym at Stonyhurst. Visit [sportscentre.stonyhurst.ac.uk](http://sportscentre.stonyhurst.ac.uk) for details.

**Churches: St Peter's & St Joseph's R.C.** - masses at St Peter's, Stonyhurst at 5.30pm on Saturdays and 11.00 am on Sundays, and at 9.30 am every Sunday morning in the lovely new St Joseph's Chapel, next to the school, every Sunday morning. Contact Fr Tim Curtis - 826268 or at [stpeterschurchstonyhurst@btinternet.com](mailto:stpeterschurchstonyhurst@btinternet.com) Website: [stpetersstonyhurst.org.uk](http://stpetersstonyhurst.org.uk)

**St John's Church, Hurst Green** - services every Sunday morning at 11.00. Church of England Parish with Mitton and Ribchester. Revd. Canon Brian McConkey is vicar of all three churches, with Revd. Karen Herschell in the New Vicarage at Hurst Green. Contact: 01254 878352 and [stjohnschurchhurstgreen.co.uk](http://stjohnschurchhurstgreen.co.uk)



# Hurst Green's Got Talent

All proceeds will go towards the new heating for the Village Hall  
Saturday 28th March 7.30pm  
Hurst Green Village Hall  
Tickets: £10 Adults (£5 children under 14)  
From Barbara Herd (826350) or Margaret Carrington (826095)

## Bar, Music, Song and Entertainment

It would take too long to thank you all for everything you do – but just one huge ‘thank you’ to Dan Wilkinson who sees to the technical part of Hurst Green’s Got Talent, without whom it would be impossible to stage. Thanks from all of us, Dan, and raise your glasses for another fantastic evening.

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\* **An Evening with the** \*  
\* **Yorkshire Shepherdess** \*  
\* As seen on TV! Hear Amanda Owen in \*  
\* her own words - life on a remote hill \*  
\* farm with nine children - funny, \*  
\* uplifting and joyful. Another good night \*  
\* out, and another opportunity to raise \*  
\* funds for the Village Hall heating. \*  
\* **Thursday 4th June 6.30pm** \*  
\* Tickets: £15, including hot-pot supper. \*  
\* Tea and coffee. Bar. \*  
\* Tickets from Barbara Herd (826350) \*  
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## Parish Council News

After many years as Parish Clerk, Pauline Tyson has retired. The Parish Council are enormously grateful for all her hard work - and her efforts to keep us in order!  
We are delighted to welcome Nancy Bailey, who has agreed to step into Pauline's shoes as the Parish Clerk. Contact Nancy on 826903.

## Rita Marsland

Many people will remember fondly Rita Marsland who died at the end of August. A packed St Peter’s Church, Stonyhurst for her funeral was testimony to her place in the parish over many years.  
Rita grew up in Cherry Tree, Blackburn and attended Notre Dame Convent School, showing an early talent for art. She went on to train as a primary school teacher and many children benefited from her continuing love of art and her special gifts as a teacher. Rita married Francis Marsland and they had four sons. After periods at Ellesmere Port, Padiham and Wilpshire she and Francis settled in the home they treasured most of all, Lane Ends Farm, Dutton. Here Rita was able to enjoy family life and engage in her artistic interests, horse-riding and a range of local activities, particularly Hurst Green W.I., and the caring community that she treasured so much.  
Rita had suffered a great deal of ill-health over the past few years but showed tremendous strength and determination in battling through adversity in order to live as normal a life as possible, greatly supported by her family.

## Josie Holden

Sadly, Josie Holden who lived for many years in Shireburn Cottages died recently, having had to move to a care home in Longridge. Josie was born in County Wicklow in Ireland, one of 6 children. At the age of 17 she and a friend came over to work in Liverpool, and from there they moved to Hodder Place, Stonyhurst. In 1950 Josie married Jack Holden of Woodfields, and they set up home at Smithy Gates, moving later to Shireburn Cottages where they brought up their daughters, Pauline and Angela.  
Josie, who was widowed some years ago, was a keen garden. She used to enjoy chatting to passers-by over her garden wall and discussing plants with them. She was a member of the Bowling Club, and was a regular at Sunday night Bingo at the Club. Josie also very much enjoyed her trips to Lourdes with the annual Stonyhurst Pilgrimage. When she became less active, Josie got a mobility scooter which gave her a new lease of life!

## Helen Clarke

One of Hurst Green’s oldest residents, Helen Clarke died peacefully at home after a short illness in November, aged 96. Helen was born in Salford and grew up in Prestwich. She began work apprenticed as a dressmaker. During the war she worked in the Army Pay Corps. She met her husband Alf, a pilot in the RAF, and they had three sons and a daughter. Helen moved to Wilpshire in 1961, working for a Blackburn pharmaceutical company. Then, aged 56, somewhat surprisingly, she became the co-purchaser of the bobbin mill in Hurst Green. The business became Hurst Green Plastics, and she was still working at the age of 92. She had the twin achievements of seeing the company celebrate 40 years of trading and personally speaking with Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace on gaining a Company award.  
Her 40 years in the village were the happiest of her life. She had many personal achievements, not least passing her driving test aged 60. The village and the business, together with her 30 years with the Dominican Secular Institute and her 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren gave this remarkable lady a wonderful life.