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If you are new to Hurst Green, welcome! Round the Green is a newsletter covering Hurst Green and the surrounding area, and is produced up to three times a year.

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Coffee Stop

The Coffee Stop at St John's Old School continues to be a popular meeting place for some free refreshments and a catch up with friends old and new. If you haven't tried it yet, or haven't been for a while, do come along. We meet on the first and third Monday of the month between 2pm and 4pm. For transport there and back, contact Gill on 878222.

We have been going now for almost 8 years and are supported by a group of wonderful volunteers who arrange cakes, transport for people and the logistics of setting up the School Hall. We are now actively looking for new volunteers to help out on one Monday a month. Could you help by giving 3 or 4 hours a month to the community to help keep this important social gathering open?

If you think you can give an informal commitment to one Monday a month, then please contact Gill Jacques (878222) or any of the current volunteers

The Coffee Stop remains open two Mondays a month until the end of the year. We may then consider reducing it to one Monday a month, but look forward to Coffee Stop continuing to provide an enjoyable afternoon out for residents of all ages.

For those free on a Thursday afternoon, there is another social for your diary! The students of Stonyhurst College are organising an afternoon of bingo and chat on Thursday 1st November from 2:00 – 3:30pm at St Peter's Catholic Club.

Do you require transport to attend this event? If so, please contact Catherine Hanley on 826345 or at c.hanley@stonyhurst.ac.uk

We look forward to seeing you for bingo, a cup of tea and a chat!

Hurst Green Remembers

This year 11am on November 11th will be especially poignant because it will be exactly 100 years to the minute since the armistice was declared to mark the end of the First World War. To mark this, a special commemoration is being added on to the end of the normal remembrance service.

Four years ago, on the centenary of the outbreak of the war, on the evening of August 4, villagers marched down from the Memorial Hall to the war memorial with lighted candles. There, after a short commemoration service, their candles and a special memorial candle were extinguished. The inspiration for this symbolic action was the statement made by Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary at the time of the outbreak of the conflict, who said: "The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime."

The special memorial candle has remained unlit at the war memorial ever since. On Remembrance Sunday it will be relit by a young pupil from St Joseph's School to celebrate the armistice, which brought peace after so much slaughter on both sides of the conflict. We know, with the benefit of hindsight, that it was not the lasting peace that those who had suffered such grievous loss were desperately hoping for, as there have been so many more conflicts over the past century, some still going on. So, as the peace candle is relit, we will be praying for an end to violence and war just as our forebears prayed 100 years ago.

Four years ago we said 'LIGHTS OUT' in memory of the dead. On November 11th we will say 'LIGHTS ON' in the hope of peace. It is hoped that those who attended the event four years ago will return with the candles they carried then and relight them as the peace candle is relit.

Afterwards everyone is invited back to the Memorial Hall for light refreshments and the chance to look at a small exhibition to mark the end of the First World War.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Over the years, many places get different names. The Hurst Green area is no exception. Margaret Embrey and Agnes Bland remind us of some of the names that may be familiar to some and new to others.

Let's start with the roads. In the days of the horse and cart, hills were the most demanding feature. Hardly surprisingly, local farmers and carriers gave all the hills names. Most of them are Browns (often pronounced Brews). Cabin Brow is the hill coming out of Crow Wood up into the village. Where you might ask is Crow Wood? That's the wooded delph between St. John's church and Hurst Green, where the bobbin mills were. Cabin Brow probably got its name from a wooden chalet on Longridge Road, where Mrs Carrington lives now. On the other side of the village, the hill coming up from Reed Deep, past Dilworth, is Embley Brow, pronounced Emla Brew. This presumably got its name from the Embley family who lived at Dilworth for many years.

Coming from Whalley, the hill from the bridge at the Aspinall Arms up to Mitton Church and the Three Fishes is Singing Brow. One theory is that this brow is so named because people attending funeral services at Mitton Church started to sing after they had crossed the bridge.

Coming nearer to Hurst Green, the hill from the Mitton turn-off down to Lower Hodder Bridge is Anna's Brow, and the climb up from the bridge past Springwood to Stonyhurst road end is Rawcliffe Brow. The Rawcliffe family lived at Springwood for many years, and Bernard Rawcliffe was still living there until 2004. Half-way up Rawcliffe Brow on the right, and still to be seen, is the watering trough, and nearby the ruins of 'Owd Ned's' cottage. Ned Hayhurst, who was brought up at Hacking Boat, was the last inhabitant of the cottage, living there until the 1930s. To generations, the area of the bus shelter at Stonyhurst Road end has been known as Rosebush. Here at least is one hill that is so well known it has a road sign and is used as a postal address - Knowles Brow. If we follow Knowles Brow up past Woodfields and Stockbridge we come to Robin Brow, the sharp little hill from Pinfold up to the stone cross. Not all hills are Browns, some are Raikes, such as Gorton Raike, the hill at the start of Shire Lane coming up from the Punch Bowl.

In the village many of the old names survive. The terrace opposite the school lane on Whalley Road is Widow Row. Coming up Avenue Road, opposite the Memorial Hall gate is Hall Square, and the terrace opposite the Almshouses was known as Longbrush Row. Smithy Row was Stubbins Row - a map of the 1780s has a Stubbins Farm there. Carry on past the cemetery and you turn into the Avenue with its magnificent view of Stonyhurst. This was known by locals as the Causeway, or 'Causa', and the white gates were the Canals Gates.

Water courses had their names, too. The brook past Reed Deep was and is, even on some old maps, Shitrick Brook, and the wood below it, Shitrick Wood. Parker Well still gushes pure spring water in the fields below the Shireburn. Kitty Spout was the spring by the kissing gate on the footpath from Smithy Row (Stubbins Row) to the College. In the Sandrook, is Stubbs Delph, a lovely spot just below where the mill race went off, where you can still see the cuts in the rocks to hold the boards.

Other places had their local pronunciation. Many locals still cringe when the Shireburn Arms is pronounced 'shire' as in horse, and not Sherburn - the Stonyhurst family after which it was named. Similarly, most locals have Chaigley definitely pronounced with a 'j' not a 'g' sound in it. Bankhurst is still known to some as Bunkhurst, and so it goes on. Other local names include Paradise (near Lower Hodder) and Gas Wood (near Woodfields).

If you have any additional information or other names to add, both Margaret and Agnes would be very pleased to hear from you.

St. Joseph's Sporting Year

Nancy Bailey reports on a successful year:-

For a small village school St. Joseph's has had an unprecedented amount of sporting success over the past school year. Over the past year, St. Josephs have competed in three cross-country matches. The girls' team achieved two second places and the boys won one of the matches. A year 6 girl, Josephine won a gold medal and a year 5 boy, Michael a bronze. Our Tag Rugby Team won two tournaments, and the indoor hockey team also won their tournament. Our tennis team competed at the Ribble Valley tennis centre and came second. It is not just the Key Stage 2 children who have enjoyed success. A group of 6-7-year olds competed in a mixed sport 'Animal Olympics' at Oakhill and won. These amazing results are backed up by the introduction of skipping in all classes as a way to achieve fitness, interhouse tournaments within school and a range of after school clubs which help to introduce the children to new sports and activities. It is hoped to continue this participation and success over the next year as we eagerly await the opening of our new school sports field which is to be behind the new housing development.

THE HUMMINGBIRD PROJECT

Catherine Hanley gives an update

Following a petition from Stonyhurst College's student Faith That Does Justice Group, the College was delighted to agree to begin the process of resettling a refugee family within our community, through Caritas Salford's partnership with the Home Office's Community Sponsorship Resettlement Scheme.

The project has brought together staff and parents of our three local schools: Stonyhurst College, St Mary's Hall Stonyhurst, and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, as well as members of the local Catholic and Anglican Parishes and residents of Hurst Green and surrounding areas. This combined group has volunteered months of hard work to put together the required application to the Home Office.

Over the past months, the students and the community group have carried out fundraising events under the banner of The Hummingbird Project and we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of all those who have attended and donated. You may have especially enjoyed the Movie Nights that have been hosted recently at St John's Old School Hall – keep an eye out for more Hummingbird events!

Added to this, all our Hummingbird Project work is done with the support of Sean Ryan MBE, the National Refugee Coordinator for Community Sponsorship, from our Lead Sponsor charity, Caritas Salford. Together, we hope to welcome a refugee family in early 2019.

Stonyhurst College hopes to be the first school in the UK to be directly involved in welcoming a refugee family through this scheme, and our community group is looking forward to welcoming the family and supporting them in their new surroundings.

If you would like more information about the project or would like to be directly involved in it, then please contact the community group via the following email address: hummingbirdproject.lancs@gmail.com



Ray Ormerod

Many people in Hurst Green were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Ray Ormerod in May this year, soon after he had left the village to live near his family in Sussex.

Ray, who lived for many years on Hill Lane, was born and brought up in Blackburn, the elder of two brothers. After attending Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, he trained as a teacher in Leeds. Ray did National Service in the Army and then went on to teach in Blackburn, ending his career as Deputy Head of Shadsworth School. Having been a keen scout as a boy, he went on to become Scout Leader at his boyhood scout pack of St. Gabriel's in Blackburn. Ray had a great love for and knowledge of the Lake District fells, and took both scout and school groups camping and walking in the Lakes, passing on to them, through his infectious enthusiasm, his love of the outdoors.

In October 1981, Ray, with his wife Maureen and sons John and Andrew, moved to The Long House on Hill Lane. Having been a keen tennis player and tennis coach, on his retirement from teaching, Ray took up golf and threw himself into his new hobby with characteristic enthusiasm, becoming a very active member and Captain of Stonyhurst Golf Club. Ray continued to walk regularly in his beloved Lakes and Dales as well as enjoying to the full the beautiful countryside surrounding his home. Ray and Maureen went on to have five grandchildren, and family holidays – usually to the Lakes – were the highlight of the year.

After Maureen became seriously ill, Ray devoted his time and energy to caring for her, and following her death in November 2015, Ray decided to sell The Long House and move south. Ray was a northerner through and through and the decision to leave the area and his good friends and neighbours was a difficult one for him, but he was determined to make a success of it.

Time spent with Ray was always a pleasure. With his 'handlebar' moustache and his unmistakable laugh, he was a great character who had a warmth and enthusiasm that permeated all aspects of his life. He will be very much missed by all who valued his friendship in his native Lancashire, and especially by his sons and their families.

Hurst Green's Got Talent

**Saturday 24th
November
at 7.00 pm
In the Village Hall**

**Enjoy an evening of fun
and laughter!**

**All funds raised go to the
Memorial Hall Project**

There will be a bar!

Tickets: £10
(Discounted Family Ticket
available)

Memorial Hall News

The previous fundraiser for the Memorial Hall project was a tremendous success. The Hall was packed in June for an Auction Of Promises, which raised no less than £4,870.

Thanks go to the organisers, Margaret Carrington and Barbara Herd for all their hard work, and also to Lisa Quinn-Jones for arranging Play Your Cards Right as part of the fun. Margaret and Barbara thank everyone who came forward with promises, those who bid, and all who attended.

Next up is Hurst Green's Got Talent - it should be a great night out.

The Project Team sent out a questionnaire throughout the parish. They have taken account of the comments received on the original draft proposals from the architect. As a result, a modified scheme is being developed, without the flat, and concentrating on the priorities of remodelling the hall, heating, insulation and renewing the roof.

The Project Team have also begun the process of evaluating possible grant applications.

HURST GREEN BOWLING CLUB

New members welcome!

Whilst next summer may seem a long time away, we at Hurst Green Bowling Club are extending a warm invitation to any prospective bowlers to consider joining us for the 2019 season that starts in April. 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. (Think warm and sunny days with a beautiful view of Pendle Hill, not cold and wet!) Membership is £24 with a reduction for under16s. If you'd like to know more please give Gill or David Jacques a ring on 01254 878222 or speak to any club member. Look forward to seeing you on the green next year!

New Curate - Welcome!

The three parishes of St John's Hurst Green, Mitton and Ribchester are now united. Not only have we welcomed the Revd. Brian McConkey, but the combined parish now also has an Assistant Curate, Revd. Karen Herschell. Karen introduces herself:

It is now over 4 months since my husband, son and I moved into St John's Vicarage. I took up my post on 30th June following my ordination at Blackburn Cathedral. Previous to this I have spent the last three years training at Theological College and have had a varied career working for a Disability Charity, a Local Authority and the Civil Service, before I felt God calling me to full-time ministry. We have felt very welcomed and have settled in and are enjoying village life, which is very different from the one we had in Thornton-Cleveleys. I am looking forward to meeting you, whether at church, in our fine hostelrys and café, at village events; or on one of the many dog walks around Hurst Green with our Springer Spaniel puppy who joined our family in July. Please do stop me and say Hello when you see me out and about, I would love to get to know you better.

With blessings, Karen

Edward (Eddie) Young

Eddie Young of Bilsberry Cottages died in April this year at the age of 93. He was born at Bothel near Wigton in Cumbria and had 5 brothers and 1 sister. Eddie moved to this area as a young man when his father came to work at Stonyhurst. The family lived at Stockbridge before moving into Bilsberry Cottages in the early 1950s when they were newly built.

Eddie, who worked for the Waterboard, was a keen walker throughout his life and he would often walk into Clitheroe or Whalley rather than take the bus.

Eddie was also a keen golfer and he spent many happy hours on Stonyhurst Park golf course. In later years, when walking became too difficult, he enjoyed covering the familiar ground on his mobility scooter.

Eddie had a large extended family and enjoyed spending time with them, being particularly close to his nieces Pauline and Janette and their families. He had a great sense of humour and a real interest in people, and after he became housebound, Eddie very much valued the company of his visitors.