



Round The Green is a community newsletter produced three or four times a year. This issue is supported by a Parish Champion Grant from Lancashire County Council.

FROM the Parish Council: -

As you know, the Parish Council is conducting consultations about the parking situation in Hurst Green. There is to be a Public Meeting on Monday 20th September at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. Whatever your view you are welcome to come along to join in the discussion.

Also you may notice that the Parish Council have had the bus shelters at Stonyhurst Road End (Knowles Brow) and opposite the Shireburn repaired and decorated.

OPEN AIR WORSHIP ON THE GREEN reported by David Jacques

On Sunday 15th August the community came together to share an act of worship organised by our churches of St. Peter's and St. John's. Over 60 people gathered on the green below St. Peter's Club for a Service looking at Caring for Creation. Many different voices from our community contributed and the key speaker was Mark Ireland, the Archdeacon of Blackburn. A barbeque provided by our churches topped off a very thoughtful and sociable time together. A big thank you to those whose work made possible this successful Ecumenical event in our community.



Hurst Green's Unsung Heroes.
 You may admire the lovely flowers around the war memorial or notice that the floor in the Memorial Hall has a new shine. Do you ever wonder how this happens? Working behind the scenes and in opposition to the negativity and nastiness that social media often generates are a whole team of people who just quietly get on with these and many more tasks. They may just do it because they can see it needs doing or because they have a very personal reason or bond to that particular feature of our village or they've taken on a role in our community, whatever their reason they should be celebrated and thanked - though this is not why they do it!
 In this issue we would like to thank Christopher Holden, who not only tends the garden around our War Memorial but also buys in seeds and young plants and grows them on until they are ready to be planted out. The garden is looking particularly lovely this year, so thank you Chris and also thank you to Barbara Herd who has many roles in our community and also helps out by watering the garden on a regular basis.

NEWS FROM OUR VILLAGE GROUPS

St. John's News from Canon Brian McConkey

Following Government and Diocesan advice, public worship has been happening for some time with many restrictions now lifted. This is good news indeed. Just this last weekend we had a fabulous outdoor service on the Green with a guest Preacher, The Venerable Mark Ireland, the Archdeacon of Blackburn. It was wonderful to worship in the open air where folk could sing loudly! The message was an important and very relevant one encouraging us to "Treasure Creation". We send our love and thoughts to the community of St John's and St Joseph's who have had recent bereavements.

We wish all the new Children who start school this Autumn a happy start to the world of Education. Our prayers are that a sense of normality will return to local life as we make our steps out of what has been a difficult and challenging 18 months for us all.

St. Peter's and St. Joseph's News from Father Tim Curtis SJ

The summer has been busy at St Peter's with many baptisms, weddings, and, sadly, some funerals as well. We are still conscious of the need to keep some covid-safe procedures in place. It has been a joy during the summer to celebrate Mass once more in the chapel in St Joseph's at 9.30 on a Sunday morning. However, once the 1st Communion Programme restarts on 12th September, this Mass will transfer back to St Peter's as the numbers would be more than we could safely accommodate in the chapel.

The parish AGM, which was due to be held in my garden, had to transfer to the Memorial Hall as the ground was saturated. Nevertheless, it was a joyful occasion and an opportunity to discuss improvements to St Joseph's Cemetery. In September we shall begin the RCIA course for those who wish to be baptised or received into the Catholic Faith. Anyone interested should contact Fr Tim.

Bowling Club news from Paul Garstang

It has been wonderful to re-commence bowling again this summer, and I think it certainly helped a number of us regain our social confidence after 18 months of relative isolation. So nice to see friends again, see familiar faces from other clubs and make some new friends with several new members joining this season. As you read this, the competitive season will be coming to a close, with our four leagues teams completing their games by mid-September. We have also been able to get our club competitions restarted, with the Jim Garstang Memorial Doubles on the 22nd August and Presidents Day (hosted by club president Richard Wilkinson) being held on the 5th September. The bowling green will remain open for general play well into October/November, weather permitting, so there is still time to join the club if you fancy giving it a go. Anyone doing so from this point will not be required to pay a membership fee until the start of the new season in March. Please contact myself if you would like to join: Paul Garstang Tel: 07500888626 pgarstang@hotmail.com Finally, we are hoping to hold our fundraising **Craft Fair & Flea Market at the village hall on October 31st**, so please watch out for the advertising boards, and come along and grab a bargain or two.

Hurst Green W.I. news from Barbara Herd

Hurst Green W.I. celebrated their first post-lockdown meeting in the village hall on Thursday the 29th July 2021. The last meeting was in February 2020 so it was a much appreciated catch-up helped along by an excellent selection of cheeses and of course a glass of wine! To round off the evening a quiz was organised entitled Lancashire as we once knew it. Safe to say a good time was had by all. It was lovely to see all of the members again and also to meet and welcome some new faces to the group and hear a little about each person and how they came to move to the village. It is a good life if you don't weaken as they say. We are looking forward to getting back to normal once more with our speakers and events in the lovely surroundings of our newly refurbished and warm village hall.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Barbara Herd 01254 826350

St. Joseph's Youth Club news from Katherine Turner

St. Joseph's youth club is hoping to reopen its doors next month, date to be advised. Children between the ages of 9 and 14 are welcome. It takes place at the Village Hall fortnightly on Friday evenings from 7.30 till 9 and admission is £1.50. We have a tuck shop, and activities such as table tennis, snooker and badminton, and various games. We also have events throughout the year such as excursions, Halloween and Christmas parties, pizza nights and craft making. If you would like to be added to our members Facebook or WhatsApp group, which will enable you to receive updates, please message Katherine on 07887377649. We are also always looking for volunteers to help out on a rota basis, so if you can help, please contact me on the number above. Thank you.

As most villagers know, the name Shireburn or Sherburn or even Sherborn is woven into the history of Hurst Green. Julie Chang shares the life of one of the family.

Sir Richard Sherborn 1522-1594

There have been many Richard Sherborns over the centuries, but the one I'd be most interested to meet is the one born almost 500 years ago, in 1522. Reading between the lines of documents from the day, he appears to have been an astute businessman, a bit of a charmer and yet a man of integrity.

Richard inherited Stonyhurst when he was just 14 years old. Of course, nothing then was as it is now. Although there are records of a hall at Stonyhurst since the 1300's, it is likely that Richard inherited a manor house constructed with cruck beams and wattle and daub. As a 14-year-old, he would not have been allowed to run the estate until he came of age at 21. In Tudor times, any child who was heir to a substantial estate would become a ward of the crown, and all the profits from the estate would go to the crown until the ward came of age. Sometimes wardships were sold or given to people in favour with the crown. They were considered a nice little earner - not only could the guardian take the profits from the estate, but they could influence who the heir married, often conveniently marrying them into their own family.

Richard Sherborn became the ward of Thomas Holcroft, who arranged for him to be married at 16 to Maud Bold. Richard and Thomas remained connected after Richard came of age, fighting the Scots together at Leith in May 1544, for which they were both knighted. They were closely linked in business matters, buying up properties released by the dissolution of the monasteries.

Holcroft was connected with Edward Stanley, the 3rd Earl of Derby and presumably introduced his ward Richard to him, as Sir Richard was involved with the 3rd and 4th Earls of Derby through his life. He worked in service to them, and they probably offered him some protection from the dangers of being Catholic at this time. Although this probably prevented him from becoming a Justice of the Peace or an MP, it did not stop him from being deputy-lieutenant of Lancashire or Forrester of Bowland. He was 'named and shamed' by his enemies as someone who did not contribute when the Queen asked for money to defend against the Spanish Armada, and yet suffered no consequences. It is said that the Queen knew that he kept a priest but turned a blind eye.

Sir Richard acquired a great deal of property. He bought Wigglesworth from Holcroft, and Bailey Hall from Robert Clitheroe as well as other properties across Lancashire. He recorded his transactions between 1571 and 1577 in a ledger, which makes very interesting reading. He had over 80 local tenants at that time and an income of over £500 p/a in rentals alone. In addition to money, payments were made to him in days of labour - reaping at harvest time, digging and transporting turf, ploughing, harrowing and mowing. Some made payment in hens, one as a red rose.

The 1590's were difficult times. There were crop failures in 1594, 1596 and 1598 and the plague in London: yet the end of the 16th century was also notable for the Elizabethan 'building boom'. Wattle and daub houses were torn down and replaced with those made of stone or brick, with multiple chimneys and glass windows. In 1592, Sir Richard set out to rebuild Stonyhurst. It may be coincidence, but his first wife had died only 4 years earlier and he had married his long-term mistress Isabelle. He began rebuilding with the East wing, containing the great hall, which can be seen through the gatehouse that is now the West entrance at the top of the Avenue. The South wing containing the long gallery was built in about 1606. Sir Richard would not see this work to completion. In 1594 he also gave instruction to build a new chapel at All Hallows Church at Great Mitton to house the tombs of him and his wife Maud. Their images are carved in alabaster, reclining on top of their tombs, and can be seen there today.

Sir Richard died in 1594, aged 72. I think that his will tells us much about the man. Firstly, what he values in his possessions - silver boules, an Ostrich egg in silver gilt, his armour, his cattle. I like the way he describes where things are in the house - various chests and their contents are described, books, patents or heirloom - it sounds so homely. He is generous, he leaves a year's wages to his workmen, and acknowledges all his illegitimate children. His second wife Isabelle had had 3 children before they married, and to her he leaves Wigglesworth, to be passed on in perpetuity to her son and all his heirs. To another son, John Rydding he leaves Bailey Hall.

Sir Richard was ambitious for Stonyhurst, leaving instructions and materials for his son to complete the building work. However, it would be many generations before we would see the buildings that we recognise today, or the village of Hurst Green.

Memorial Hall

You will have read in earlier editions of this newsletter about the on-going refurbishment of the Memorial Hall. Earlier this month one of our village families held their daughter's wedding in the hall and wrote this testimonial, so should you be considering using this venue for your special event perhaps this will give you confidence to give it a go.

"We booked our daughter's wedding reception at the Memorial Hall and couldn't have been happier with the whole experience. Initially we felt a little overwhelmed but Niall and his great team couldn't have been more helpful. We sourced outside companies to supply catering, furniture and music. The Memorial Hall team worked with us to stock the bar and on the day ensured no ones glass was empty! All the finishing touches could then be provided by family and friends. Hiring this venue has meant our wish to have a more personal, hands-on family celebration was made possible.

Overall we had a wonderful day and would highly recommend the Hall as a fabulous wedding venue.

Cathy and Kaz Poloczek. (See advert below for booking details)

It is with great sadness that Hurst Green Football Club marks the passing of Martyn Greenhalgh, a much valued and respected former player and supporter of our village football team.

It is anticipated that his passing and that of others from the village will be marked by more formal obituaries in the November/ December edition of Round the Green.

St John's Old School Hall , Hurst Green

The Old School Hall on Shire Lane is still available for community use. It is run independently as a charity by trustees for our community.

It is a compact, warm, well-equipped and comfortable venue for meetings, parties and clubs, exercise classes, social events and is complementary to our much larger Village Hall. If you're not familiar with it and would like a look we'll be happy to show you round. We have the main hall with working log fire place and wall heaters, a sound system and projector.

The Garden room is a smaller room with carpeted area which looks out across the valley: ideal for small meetings.

We have chairs and tables, and a fully equipped kitchen with crockery and cutlery. In addition, there is a disabled toilet and baby change area.

At present there are regular bookings of Pilates and Yoga.

If you would like to take the opportunity to support this local village asset and would like to book or take a look at the hall please contact Nicky Bailey 07749728960

Volunteers welcome.

We are looking for volunteers to help provide simple refreshments for the Parents and Toddlers Group which meets at 9.30am on Thursday mornings (term time only) in The Village Hall. It's a sociable hour or so and it's lovely to spend time supporting our young families. If you feel you'd like to help, please ring Gill Jacques on 07838423974.

**Party? Wedding ?Meeting? Workshop?
Fund-raising Event?
Regular Group? Social? Do?**

Why not book the Memorial Hall?

Contact Kath Molyneux on 826898

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• halls in the area, with a fine, sprung, wooden
• dance floor and smart new bar, the Memorial
• Hall also has the cosy upstairs Jubilee Room -
• ideal for smaller groups and meetings.

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