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\* Easter Greetings and let's celebrate \*  
\* the beautiful spring we can see all \*  
\* around us. \*  
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\* *Round the Green is our community newsletter* \*  
\* *published 3 or 4 times each year.* \*  
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## Hurst Green Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

As I'm sure you are aware, Elizabeth has been Queen for 70 years, which is unprecedented and something to be celebrated. A Bank Holiday weekend has been declared from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June. Hurst Green is to hold celebrations on **Friday 3rd June**. It is hoped that these will entice all residents to come to the Memorial Hall and join in. A committee is working away at the planning and hosting of these events and their planned schedule will include something for all ages. Everyone is encouraged to come to the Bayley field with their own drinks and picnic. Village hall tables and chairs will be decorated and available for all to use, the bar will open at 4pm to help you wash down your nibbles, and the Bayley Arms will do pizzas to order and take away later via the Just Eat website or to order the day before. The celebrations will last from 2pm – 8pm. To get things started there will be a fancy dress parade and decorated wheelbarrow parade from St. Peter's Club at 2pm. Children are encouraged to join the parade dressed as royalty together with any adult who can decorate and push a wheelbarrow – particularly as there is a wheelbarrow race later! On the Bayley Field there will be activities and competitions from bowling to egg throwing, golf to novelty races and a 'clothe yourself' dressing-up race. The day will end with a disco. In addition you are encouraged to decorate your house before the big day, and there will be a prize for the house judged to be the best. Can we also have a bit of fun by keeping to red, white and blue for the day – even our food! There will be more suggestions and refinements to come but the main thing is to pray for good weather – although we will move inside if not. Support the day and let's have a village celebration to remember. The committee are still open to your suggestions: please contact Margaret Carrington, Barbara Herd, Gill MacDonnell, Niall MacFarlane, Darren Turner, or Laura Orr at St Joseph's School.

### Hurst Green Football Club

Forget the Premiership or even the Championship, Hurst Green has its very own successful football club with its first team in the West Lancashire League. An exciting and friendly afternoon of free entertainment can be had at the "San Smithy" - access via Smithy Row (turn right just before the college gate posts). The snack shack is licensed and coffee and soft drinks are always available during matches. The club has a facebook page so that you can keep up to date. There are plenty of home matches to watch this month. On Saturday 16th April the club are hoping to host a Family Day with a bouncy castle to keep the children amused. Check out the facebook page for further details.

**9th April– 3pm– Slyne with Hest (First Team)**

**16th April– 3pm -Vickerstown (First Team)**

**19th April– 6.45pm -Tempest (First Team)**

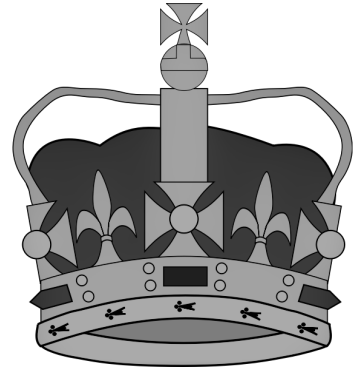
**23rd April– 3pm-Eagley (Reserves)**

**30th April– 3pm—Fulwood Arms (First Team)**

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: **The Hobbits parent and toddler group** meets every Thursday in term time between 9.30am and 11.30am in the :  
: Memorial Hall. It is extremely well attended and is ideal for preschool children to enjoy safe play and interaction with :  
: other children. Equally as important it gives parents and carers some relative down time to chat with other adults. :  
: The group is run by a small team and refreshments are provided by community volunteers on a rota basis. If anyone :  
: can give an hour on a Thursday morning every few weeks to provide and serve refreshments, please contact Gill or :  
: David Jacques for more details (07877 642653). :  
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## Memories of the Coronation - Agnes Bland writes:

All the talk of preparations to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth made me wonder what local people remembered of the Coronation itself. After the sadness and austerity of the war it seems that the country was more than ready for something to celebrate, and celebrate they did! The parish of Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley was no exception, and thanks to Margaret Holden of Bilsberry Cottages, we have a copy of the Coronation Programme of 1953.



On Friday 29th May there was a WHIST AND DOMINO DRIVE AND DANCE and Monster Raffle at the Assembly Rooms. Tickets were 1 shilling each, with music by Sabden Modernist Dance Orchestra. On Monday 1st June the judging took place for the BEST DECORATED HOUSE, Tuesday 2nd June was CORONATION DAY itself, and on Wednesday 3rd, there was a CHILDREN'S PROCESSION. Accompanied by The Longridge Prize Band and starting from the War Memorial the procession made its way via the Avenue to Stonyhurst Cricket Field for CHILDREN'S SPORTS at 2pm. Margaret's sister, Mary Holden, still has a prize she won in the sports that day. It is a small, painted model of the Queen on horseback, still in its original box. Those unable to walk to the event were 'conveyed by taxi.' ('Application for conveyance to be made on the appropriate form.') REFRESHMENTS were served during the afternoon with ADULT SPORTS during the evening. The Sports Programme commenced with the singing of the National Anthem, and terminated with the singing of 'Land of Hope and Glory' and 'Three Cheers for Her Majesty' at 7.30 approx. Chaigley residents were 'conveyed by bus' to the sports, with Kemple End residents picked up en route.

A souvenir cup, saucer and plate was given to all children in the parish of school age, and any child born on Coronation Day was to be given a Silver Coronation Spoon. OLD AGE PERSONS (65 and over) were given a half-pound Tea Canister and a half-pound Box of Sweets.

More than one villager remembers their family saving up to buy their first television for the Coronation, and inviting their neighbours in to watch. Mary-Agnes Cardwell lived at Lower Hodder Cottages, where they didn't have electricity at the time. They read about the Coronation in the papers and went to watch a film of it at the cinema. Mary-Agnes remembers making red, white and blue carnations from crepe paper to decorate the house so that they could enter the competition for best decorated house. Little would people think then that 70 years later they would be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of that same queen.

### **Hurst Green Surgery - yes, *Hurst Green had a doctor's surgery!***

With the NHS recently under so much pressure and doctor's appointments sometimes like hen's teeth, you may be surprised to know that Hurst Green had a weekly surgery up until as recently as 2006.

Barbara Herd remembers being told that in about 1918, the Punchbowl was owned by her great grandfather, William Shoesmith. He had a tobacco jar - which Barbara still has - which he used to put in the window to let the doctor know that there were patients in Hurst Green and the surrounding area that wanted him to call. On seeing the tobacco jar, Dr Patchett of Ribchester would call and get a list from the Punchbowl of who needed a visit that day. In about 1923, Barbara's grandparents, Joe and Annie Holden, started hosting a doctor's surgery at their house on 'Widow Row' on Whalley Road, opposite St Joseph's school-lane end. This was, of course, in the days before the NHS, and Joe would collect the doctor's fees every fortnight, making sure this coincided with 'payday' at Stonyhurst, as most of the villagers worked at the College. In about 1938, Joe and Annie moved to Warren Farm, and the surgery moved with them. Dr Bill Kelly, and later his brother Andrew, took over from Dr Patchett, and they were still holding the surgery when Joe and Annie moved to Cross Trees, the cottage in the row immediately to the right of the Eagle and Child (now Clough Cottages). When their daughter-in-law Anne Holden, who ran the shop (now Millie's) and lived next to the shop, retired, she moved to Cross Trees herself and continued the Holden family tradition of hosting the doctor's surgery. In later years, the surgery was run by what is now Castle Medical Group at Clitheroe, who continued to hold surgeries weekly at Cross Trees until Anne's death in May 2006. For over 80 years, it was a wonderful example of a local family helping the whole community.

***Sadly since our last edition a number of villagers have passed away.***

**Margaret Phillips**

Margaret Phillips of Shireburn Cottages died in December at the age of 86. Margaret, originally from Darwen, worked as a nurse in Manchester before marrying her husband Bill. Margaret and Bill had a family of six sons and one daughter who, very sadly, died in infancy. The family, who had moved frequently due to Bill's career in the army, came to Stonyhurst in 1972, when Bill became RSM at the College. After living at Over Hacking and Throstle Nest, they moved to the village. Margaret, who was widowed in 1984, derived great pleasure from her garden, and enjoyed time with her family, including her grandchildren and growing number of great-grandchildren, by whom she is very much missed.

**Kath Gornall**

Kath Gornall of The Dene died at home in December last year. On leaving school she trained as a nurse. She married her husband, Tony in London in 1968, and went on to have a daughter, Celia, and two grandchildren Anthony and Jade. Kath and Tony moved from Ribchester to Hurst Green in 1999. One of Kath's great pleasures was gardening, and the beautifully tended garden that surrounds her house is testimony to that. Kath felt no need for holidays and liked nothing more than to be at home, enjoying her garden and her animals. She was a familiar figure around the village walking her dogs. Kath was always interested in people, and she made many friends through her willingness to stop and chat. She is very much missed by her family and by all who enjoyed her company in the village.

**Winnie Kelly**

A well-known and lifelong resident of Hurst Green, Winnie Kelly died in December last year at the age of 89. Winnie was the daughter of Bert and Annie Isherwood of Whitehall Cottage. She married serviceman John Kelly. Following their marriage, she left Hurst Green for a short time to live near Salisbury. After returning to the village, the couple moved into the newly-built Bilsberry Cottages, where they brought up their 4 sons: Stephen, Chris, Michael and Paul (Pablo). Winnie enjoyed family holidays, at first at Blackpool with her parents and the boys, and later travelling further afield with Bretherton's tours. She went on to have 5 grandchildren with whom she enjoyed some very happy times. She is much missed by her family and especially by Pablo with whom she lived on Warren Fold in more recent years. She is remembered as a very friendly character, always ready for a chat and with a good sense of humour.

**John Marsden**

John Marsden of Warren Fold died in December 2021, aged 89. He was born at Deer House Farm and attended St. Joseph's School and the Catholic College in Preston. John's family moved to Dilworth Farm, from where he joined the RAF on his 21st birthday. He married Molly Livesey, and the couple had two children, Peter and Ann. They lived at Yew Tree Cottage, Dutton before moving to New Lodge, Stonyhurst. There they ran the guest house for Stonyhurst and hosted First Holy Communion breakfasts for village children for many years. They moved to Warren Fold in 1984. John was known to many as 'Sparks' and often helped villagers and local farmers with their electrical problems. Together with others, he wired the newly-built Village Hall. He worked at ICI in Clitheroe for 38 years until he retired. He loved gardening, playing golf and, most of all, spending time with his family, by whom he is very sadly missed.

**Gladys Bolton**

Gladys Bolton was born in Ribchester, one of 11 children. She left school at 14 to become a weaver in one of the village mills. At the age of 23, Gladys married Francis Bolton of Hurst Green and they moved to Stockbridge. They both worked at Stonyhurst, Fran on the farm and Gladys as a cleaner at the College and St Mary's Hall. In 1964 they moved to the top of Avenue Rd in Hurst Green, just by the 'avenue gates'. Here they brought up their two daughters, Lynn and Alison. Gladys lived in this house for almost 50 years. She loved her garden and very much enjoyed chatting over her garden gate to people passing by. In about 2012, Gladys moved into a bungalow in Clitheroe. She was cared for during the last 3 years of her life at Lowfield House, Clitheroe. She is fondly remembered in Hurst Green by those who enjoyed her company.

**Ian Parkinson**

Ian Parkinson of Longridge Road died in December at the age of 83. Ian was born in Lancaster but lived as a boy in Bolton-le-Sands. He trained as an electrical engineer, and his work took him all over the world. Ian moved to Hurst Green in 1984, living in the Dene before moving to Longridge Road a few years later. Ian had one son, John, and after marrying Hilary in 1995, became a much-loved step-father to Lee, David and Cara. A regular worshipper at St John's Church, Ian became very involved in the life of the church, serving on the events committee and being PCC treasurer. He is remembered as being a quiet but very pleasant and friendly man with a great sense of humour. Before becoming confined by illness, Ian enjoyed walking and, especially, fly-fishing. As well as being a loss to our community, he is much missed by Hilary, their children and grandchildren.

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**Tuesday of Holy Week 12th April - 11.00 am**  
**AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE AND LUNCH IN THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM**

Service led by Fr Brian McConkey and Fr Tim Curtis

Please let Brian know any name of those who would like to attend for catering purposes. Donations for Lunch, with any surplus going to Ukraine Fund Text: 079737409811

**Other Holy Week services at St John's are:**

**Palm Sunday 10th April Holy Communion - 11.00am led by Rev'd Ness Starkie**

**Maundy Thursday 14th April - 7.30 Maundy Thursday Holy Communion**

**Good Friday 15th April - 12.00- 1pm An Hour in the School Room for *School Age Children***

**EASTER DAY 17th April 6.30 SONRISE SERVICE IN CHURCHYARD**

Followed by Breakfast in the Old School Room

**11.00 EASTER DAY CELEBRATION COMMUNION led by Rev'd Brian, the Vicar**

Contact Rev'd Brian on [canonbrianmcconkey@btinternet.com](mailto:canonbrianmcconkey@btinternet.com) or 07973740981

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\*\* **Secret Gardens of Hurst Green – Fund raiser for the Memorial Hall.** \*\*  
\*\* There will be a chance to wander around Hurst Green and visit all those gardens that you have often \*\*  
\*\* wondered about on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July 1-5pm. Villagers are opening up their gardens \*\*  
\*\* to raise money for our Memorial Hall. The cost is £5 per person, under 16's free and maps will be \*\*  
\*\* available from the Memorial Hall between these times. The Memorial Hall will also be open for \*\*  
\*\* refreshments on these days. Details Gill McDonell—01254 826378 \*\*  
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**News from St. Peter's and St. Joseph's**

The parish communities of St Peter's and St Joseph's were energised by taking part in the Universal Synod of the Catholic Church. Four groups met an average of 4 times to discuss the questions raised by the Synod. It gave us all a chance to dream about the church of the future. Participants rose to the challenge and produced an imaginative picture of the Catholic Church in the years to come. Copies of our findings are available at the back of St Peter's. We are delighted that the Stonyhurst family are gathering once more in person for the Easter Retreat. 200 people will be coming in person this year for an exciting programme. The solemn liturgies will be shared between the parish and the retreatants, but everyone is welcome to come to St Peter's for these. The retreat talks are also open to parishioners free of charge, but you need to e-mail Enterprises to let them know you are coming. The parish website has not been updated recently as our webmaster, Peter Nicholson has been unwell. Hopefully it will be updated soon. The volunteers of St Joseph's Cemetery are getting ready for grass-cutting season. Could parishioners please remove decorations from the graves of their loved ones. We hope to install a new statue of the Risen Christ in the cemetery soon. We are delighted that many people find it a place of quiet and prayer. Let me take this opportunity of wishing everyone a happy and blessed Holy Week and Easter. Fr Tim Curtis, SJ, Parish Priest.

**Bill Forster**

Bill Forster of Avenue Road died in November last year at the age of 86. Born in Corbridge, Northumberland, Bill spent his childhood in Eccles, and, as a boy, was in Manchester Cathedral Choir. Bill married Eileen in April 1966, and they had four children: Lindsey, Hamish, Simon and Sally. After starting married life in Cleveleys, they moved to Hurst Green in 1969. Bill trained as a Chartered Civil Engineer and was project manager on Clitheroe's A59 bypass. During the 1970s, he often worked in the Middle East. In retirement, Bill devoted hours of his time to his four beloved grandchildren. He also loved to be out in the village walking his dogs, and was well known for his strong sense of humour and his cheerful disposition. He loved being part of the community of Hurst Green, and will be very much missed.

*We also remember two former members of our community who have died recently: Tony Lee of Crawshaw House, who was a loyal supporter of village events, and Jean Kortekas of Bilsberry Cottages, remembered by villagers for her skills as a florist, which she shared on more than occasion with the WI.*

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**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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**[www.hurst-green.co.uk](http://www.hurst-green.co.uk)** or join our facebook  
page **Hurst Green, Ribble Valley**

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**Memorial Hall** At present the Memorial Hall is well used except at the beginning of the week. Ideas for activities during the day would be welcomed or if anyone has an idea they wish to try. Please contact Niall 07786432360. The next project at the Hall is to improve the kitchen, gents toilets and the upstairs Jubilee Room, so the Hall will be an even better venue!

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