



## Coffee Stop Is Back!

A lovely way to meet up, make and renew friendships. Thanks to our generous hosts, Hurst Green Bowling Club, we aim to run the Community Coffee Stop on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in the Bowling Club Pavilion, from 1.30-3pm. All welcome for tea, coffee, cake and chat. Dates over the next two months are July 28th, August 11th and 25th, September 8th and 22nd. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help out or bake, or needing a lift to the Pavilion, contact Catriona on 826118.

## LET'S GO ON SAFARI!

Have a great night out,  
enjoy a 3-course meal,  
meet old and new friends,  
and raise funds for your local Village Hall.

## SAFARI SUPPER

**Saturday 17th September 2022**

**7.00 pm Put the date in your diary!**

To book, phone or text Agnes on 07792469895  
or email: [agnes.bland@btinternet.com](mailto:agnes.bland@btinternet.com)



If you have never been to a Safari Supper before, they are great fun. You start with canapés and some bubbly (or non-alc) at Hurst Green Memorial Hall. You are given an envelope with details of your itinerary. At 7.30, everyone sets off to their first house for main course. Then, around 9.00 it is off to another house and a different group of people for pudding, and the evening ends around 10.00 with coffee at St Peter's Club in the centre of Hurst Green, for those who make it that far!



**If you would like to host a main course or a pudding, that would be a great help. Just let Agnes know - 07792469895.**

Since our last Safari Supper, we have had at least 36 new homes built in the area. If you are new to Hurst Green or the parish, this is an excellent way to meet more of its residents and to find your way to parts of the village and the surrounding area you might not have chanced to find before.

Tickets cost £15 per person, and £10 per person for those who are hosting a main course or pudding. Those who are not hosting are asked to bring a bottle of wine with them. Please let us know if you prefer a vegetarian menu or have special dietary requirements.

**The Safari Supper is a fun social event, and a great way to get to know more people from all across the parish.**

Fancy working behind a bar? The new bar at the Memorial Hall has been a great success, so much so that the Memorial Hall are looking for extra bar staff, and for young people to collect glasses (14+). Interested? Speak to Ann Nicholson, Nicky Bailey or Niall Macfarlane, or email: [annie.nicholson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annie.nicholson@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Between The Sticks – Memoirs of a Goalkeeper by Andy Holden**

I don't recall how I ended up as a goalkeeper, probably because I had no skills as an outfield player! I started out playing in goal for St. Joseph's when we competed in the annual tournament at Edisford. One year we returned victorious, and the side included Rob Crompton and Andy Ball, as I recall. At St. Augustine's I also played in the school team. One of the lads in our year was on schoolboy forms with Leeds United when it really was a potential route to the professional game, unlike today when there is a schoolboy linked to a club on every street it seems. We had a great side and played on Saturday mornings at schools in Blackburn, Burnley and Accrington: Ivy Bank, Gawthorpe, John Rigby, Rhyddings, Norden, Edmund Arrowsmith. Oddly the most profound thing I recall of this was the away games, where you had to make your own way to and from games and this could be fraught with danger as the natives from rival schools weren't always friendly.

I made my debut for Hurst Green reserves when I was fourteen as Peter Hayhurst was unavailable. It was an inauspicious baptism as we were walloped 8-1. In the team that day were David Ball, Bill Jacques, Tony Cross, Bill Bolton and the late Bill Bailey. I graduated into the first team playing for the legendary Dick Rogerson at 16 years old. It was the Ribble Valley League and I only experienced it for a couple of years as we migrated to the Preston and District League. Becoming Third Division champions and Division Two runners-up in the first two years was a great return and showed what a good outfit we had. That side included Dave Jacques, Rob Crompton, Kevin Rogerson, Andy Young, and John Eccles.

I had started to develop, and in 1983 was asked to play for Longridge United in The West Lancashire League. I said goodbye to Hurst Green and joined Longridge for three seasons. The first thing I noticed was that the game was three yards quicker and the facilities were really good. I enjoyed my time there. In the first season we finished mid-table but in the second season we won the Richardson cup at Deepdale against Dalton United, who were chasing a league and cup double. In my final season at Longridge we were unbeaten in the first 17 games or so but fell away dramatically and ended up third. We had a good young side and our players were being scouted by semi-professional clubs. So it transpired that the following season via Rossendale United and Clitheroe I ended up at Accrington Stanley. They were one of the biggest names in non-league football and were managed by a colourful character named Eric Whalley. His half-time rollockings were legendary: teacups and profanities flew in equal measure. On the pitch we got promoted, coming runners up to Stalybridge Celtic. We were playing in front of good-sized crowds, regularly pulling in 400 plus at home, and the Boxing Day derby at Clitheroe was watched by over 1000. The following season, in the Northern Premier League, we were streets ahead at Christmas but had an alarming run of form eventually finishing fourth behind Stalybridge (again), Fleetwood Town and Leek Town. I recall the training being absolutely brutal. I had to do the running with the rest of the team and then stay behind afterwards for goalkeeping training.

This team split up at the end of the season and I joined Great Harwood Town. I had one season there and enjoyed it very much, I was fortunate to receive players' and supporters' Player of the Year awards. After the game we would retire to Monroes nightclub where hospitality was provided. It was 1988 and rave culture was on the up and during the evening the club was packed and different kinds of hospitality were reputedly provided. Although I had loved football all my life, I also had other passions such as running and I decided to take some time out. So, in 1989, I didn't play football and enjoyed the freedom to do what I wanted. Also this meant I could finish the cricket season, which I always had terminated early to start the football season.

After two seasons away from the game Barry Massey persuaded me to join Bamber Bridge and I played seven games but my heart wasn't in it so I did the decent thing and left. After hanging up my boots, Stephen Young and I managed the first team at Hurst Green, winning the East Lancs League and were runners up in the cup in our one season together in 2006. In 2013, I was Stephen's assistant when we took over the reserve side in the West Lancashire League. After four games they had one point but we went on an unbelievable 17 game winning streak and gained promotion, which was an amazing feat given the start. More recently I managed the first team with Ian Barton when we came within a whisker of promotion to the West Lancashire League. I've retired completely now from coaching or managing and look back on my time in football with great fondness as I've been fortunate to play with and against some great players: Kenny Burns, European cup winner with Nottingham Forest, Jeff Wealands, goalkeeper at Birmingham City and Manchester United, and Kevin Hector of Derby County and England to name but three.

Any regrets? Well, all I would say to any aspiring youngster is have faith in your ability and don't be phased. When aged 15 I had a trial at Preston North End I recall being overawed by all the manunians and scousers in the changing rooms: I felt that as a kid from a small village I couldn't compete with them. This is patently untrue and I suppose that the only regret I have in football is that when my chance came, I didn't do myself justice. However, I enjoyed this chapter in my life and made lots of friends and acquaintances on my way.

### ***Following on, Simon Tipton keeps us up to date with the latest Hurst Green Football Club News***

The club are well underway with preseason now. We have 4 preseason games at home, before the season starts for both the first team and reserves on August 6th. We have also entered an under-23s team this season (midweek league with our home venue likely to be Roefield), with teams such as AFC Fylde, Lancaster City and Macclesfield Town in our league, which is amazing for a small village to compete in, and we want to grow our youth setup further in the future. We have also established a veterans team, playing an informal league with other local teams, so we're catering for all ages at present! Lots of work on our pitch is being progressed by our resident groundsmen, Barry Bolton and Peter Hayhurst. We're also hoping to engage more family days at the club in the near future with bouncy castles and possible coaching for local children. We are active on social media where we update all our fixtures and events, so please follow/like us on both Twitter and Facebook for all our fixtures @hurstgreencf

## The Jubilee and Secret Gardens

*Nancy Bailey and Gill McDonnell report on two very successful celebrations:*

What a lovely day we had on Friday 3rd June celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. The weather just about cleared and gave us a dry if windy afternoon. Walking through the village was a delight as so many houses were decorated with bunting and balloons to give a festival feel. The celebrations began with a parade of fancy dress and decorated wheel barrows making their way to the Bayley Field. Peter Butterfield took the role of Master of Ceremonies announcing competitions and their winners. Adam Lakeland, villager and director of Prosport, donated the services of one of his sports leaders to keep the children occupied whilst adults enjoyed their picnics and popped a few corks. Toddlers and young children were entertained with face painting, crafts and ice-creams. The tug of war attracted men and women of all ages, and the egg throwing led to a few messy endings. The day ended with a family disco with DJ Dan Wilkinson in the Memorial Hall.

After such a successful community day, moves are afoot to create a permanent reminder of the long service of Queen Elizabeth II. This will take the form of an engraved stone table which the Parish Council hope will enhance the centre of our village. It will be placed on the corner of the village green by the seat below the Club. The Parish Council has received generous donations from many individuals to help this project go ahead. Although the Council is now in a position to purchase the table, donations are still welcomed to facilitate the erection and positioning of the table. (Donations to the Parish Clerk, Nancy Bailey.)

A month later, over the weekend of 1st - 2nd July, the village put on a show for Hurst Green's Secret Gardens. We were blessed with good weather and an enthusiastic public who seemed to really enjoy the variety of gardens. There were plenty of takers for the delicious cakes on offer in the Memorial Hall afterwards, and many thanks to all the gardeners, cake makers, volunteers and ticket sellers. Secret Gardens made £1,340 for the Village Hall refurbishment fund. Appropriately, refurbishment of the kitchen and of the upstairs Jubilee Room are the next projects to go ahead.

### Hurst Green Bowling Club

Hurst Green Bowling Club's season is in full swing as you read this edition. In fact we will have just played our annual Presidents Day, which is a singles competition and very much the highlight of our season, with both Gents & Ladies trophies up for grabs. The day is hosted by our president: President for the past 4 seasons has been Richard Wilkinson.

Next up is our **New Members day on the 14<sup>th</sup> August**, when the green will be looking to encourage first time players to come along and "have a go". Anyone who wishes to become a new member will get a complimentary membership for the remainder of this year, with the annual fee of just £30 being payable next March. It would be great to see some new faces: we are only a small club of some 45 members so it's vital to get your support to keep this special part of the village community in rude health. We also have one of the best greens in the district, and though I am somewhat biased ... probably the very best views. For those of you wondering just where this hidden jewel is to be found, then you can enter from the Village Hall car park, with the Bowling Green being next to the playing field. If you would like to take out a membership, but cannot come along in person in August, please just send me a text or e-mail. Paul Garstang Tel: 07500888626 pgarstang@hotmail.com

### Stonyhurst College Museum

*"The oldest collection of museum objects in the English-speaking world"*

There are Public Open Days in Summer 2022 on Fridays and Saturdays from 8th July to 20th August.

Admission is £7 per adult; £3 for 16-18 year olds and Under 16s free. Book online at:

[www.stonyhurst.ac.uk/about-us/stonyhurst-college-historic-collections](http://www.stonyhurst.ac.uk/about-us/stonyhurst-college-historic-collections)

The museum has a fantastic team of volunteers but we are always interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join the team. For further information contact Alan Osborne: [a.osborne@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:a.osborne@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

### Marie Theresa Crotty

Marie Crotty, a well-loved resident of Bilsberry Cottages for over 60 years, died in June this year. She was born in Preston in July 1932, and after leaving school came to Hurst Green with her sister, Sheila, to take up a job at Crossgills Farm. It was there that she met her husband, Michael (Mick) who had left Ireland after the war looking for work. Mick and Marie first set up home at Jumbles Farm, before moving to Bilsberry Cottages where they brought up their 3 children, Christine, Michael and Rosemary. Marie loved her trips to Ireland for holidays with Mick and his large family. Marie threw herself into village life. She joined the WI where, being a great singer and performer, her talents were put to good use. Marie and Mick were members of St Peter's Club and loved to attend Bingo on a Sunday night. She was also a founder member of the Bowling Club, becoming a very keen bowler and in later years a regular helper at fundraising events. Widowed in 1990, Marie is described by her family as being upbeat and positive and full of energy, and her friends and neighbours in the village would testify to that. She was rarely seen without a smile on her face and was known for her infectious laugh. Marie is much missed by all who enjoyed her company, and especially by her family, which went on to include grandchildren Paul and Donna, Jim, and great-granddaughter Chloe.

## ***Congratulations!***

*Three local residents have been the subject of awards*

### **Mary Bailey**

In June this year, Mary Bailey was presented after Mass at Stonyhurst College with the Campion Medal. The award, which came as a complete surprise to Mary, is a Jesuit award in honour of St Edmund Campion, and is a way of recognising service to the Church. Mary, who has had a life-long connection with the parish and the village, was given the award 'with gratitude in recognition of her long service to St Joseph's, St Peter's and Stonyhurst'. Among her many contributions to the life of the parish, Mary served as sacristan at St Joseph's Chapel, organising the weekly rotas. She has been a reader at both St Peter's and St Joseph's for many years, and the 'go to' person for ensuring a plentiful supply of refreshments at parish socials. Congratulations Mary on a well-deserved award.

### **Bernard Holden**

Bernard Holden of Longridge and formerly of Dutton and a lifelong parishioner of St Peter's was, several months ago, presented with the Bene Merenti medal. This is a Papal award, and which for Bernard was given in recognition of his service to Dutton Lee Chapel over many years, and most especially for his care of Hurst Green's Catholic cemetery. For almost 30 years now Bernard has devoted hours of his time to keeping the cemetery in the wonderfully neat condition that it is. Working at first on his own, but in recent years supervising a dedicated team, Bernard takes great pride in the cemetery, ensuring that the grass is mown, and that trees and stone memorials are maintained in a safe condition. Anyone who visits St Joseph's cemetery will not be surprised that Bernard's dedication has been recognised in this way.

### **Barry Bolton**

Barry Bolton was awarded Maundy Money earlier this year at a service held in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, a tradition dating back to King John. It was presented to 96 men and 96 women, one for each year of the monarch's age, by The Prince Of Wales on behalf of The Queen. Each recipient received 2 purses- 1 red and 1 white. The red purse contained a £5 coin portraying The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The white one contained uniquely minted silver penny pieces equal to The Queen's age of 96. The purses were carried on alms dishes during the service by The Queen's Yeomen of the Guard. Barry was nominated by a teacher at Stonyhurst College for all his work there over the past 55+ years and his work in the community.

*Summer Socials - Join St John's, Mitton and Ribchester at these events*

**Hurst Green Big Quiz - Friday 12th August - 7.00 for 7.30pm Hurst Green Memorial Hall**

Pit your wits against the Ribble Valley's finest minds and have fun with friends.  
£8, including pie and pea supper (with veggie option). Teams of up to 8.

**Wine Tasting Evening - Thursday 18th August - 7.00pm Bashall Eaves Village Hall**

Led by Tom from Whalley Wine Shop, £20.

**Harpist Lucy Nolan in Concert - Friday 26th August - 7.00 for 7.30pm Ribchester Village Hall**

North-West based, acclaimed international harpist, £15.

Tickets online at: <https://bit.ly/summertime-socials> or from Brian on 07973740981 or email at [canonbrianmccconkey@btinternet.com](mailto:canonbrianmccconkey@btinternet.com)

**And News from Fr Tim Curtis of St Peter's and St Joseph's:** This year the Feast of St Ignatius falls on a Sunday (Sunday 31st July). To celebrate the feast about 100 parishioners from Liverpool, Manchester and Preston will have come here to enjoy a shared picnic on the SMH lawns from 2pm until the celebration of Benediction at 4pm, along with local parishioners and friends.

**Laura Orr, Headteacher at St Joseph's School reports on sporting success:** We enjoyed our first Sports Day on the new field this month. It was wonderful to see the children taking part in a huge variety of competitions and their families cheering them on from their picnic rugs and chairs! At the end of the event, I was delighted to announce that St Joseph's have been awarded **GOLD** for the School Games Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our amazing staff have all played a huge part in achieving this award along with ProSport and of course the parents, who support our children in all they do. I hope you all have a happy and healthy summer.

If you would like to sponsor an edition of Round The Green or would like to contribute to an article on village life, please contact the editors, Agnes Bland (826559) or Nancy Bailey (826903). Printed by John Barton Printers, Longridge. Published by the editors, Hurst Green BB7 9QR.