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News and information from West Horsley Parish Council

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WEST HORSLEY YOUTH COUNCIL  
THREE YEARS ON...

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# HELLO FROM THE WHPC CHAIRMAN

## Welcome to our 2024 Winter Newsletter

The clocks have gone back, evenings drawing in and with Christmas hurtling towards us, I have looked back on 2024. A busy time, yes, with notable highlights. Firstly, a welcome to two new Parish Councillors in Stephen Skinner and Lucy Moodie; both bring new dimensions to the Council with their respective professional expertise and knowledge. A special thank you to SCC Councillor Dennis Booth for funding vegetation clearance on our pavements, and for helping us to get blocked drains and culverts cleared, easing some flooding problems. His generous allocation from 'Your Fund Surrey' has enabled us to replace the fencing around the playground at the Village Hall, with additional funding coming from the Frazer Strong Trust.

Standing out though, is the impressive work of our Youth Council. A special feature about them follows but from my perspective their commitment to engagement, organizational abilities and life-skills development are a credit to each of them. Five years ago, the Parish Council set about establishing a YC to bring young people into the realms of local democracy; we are so proud of all they are doing.

In October at a special service to dedicate the Covid Memorial Windows, St Martin's Church presented the Parish Council with an oak tree gifted to the people of West Horsley to honour the community spirit of the Horsleys through the Covid-19 pandemic. This tree has been planted at West Horsley Place in the field opposite the Barn for residents to see and enjoy.

Throughout this newsletter, there are examples of what we have been doing and plan for next year so it leaves me to say a huge thank you to our two Clerks, Julia and Karen, fellow Parish, Surrey and Borough Councillors, Village



*Cllr Elaine Best*  
[chairman@westhorsley.info](mailto:chairman@westhorsley.info)

Warden, Steve, gardener, Rob and Trevor for keeping an eye on the tennis court. Your work and contributions are all greatly appreciated. Wishing all our residents a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

*Elaine Best – chairman@westhorsley.info*

## NEW VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGNAGE



You will probably have noticed by now that all the West Horsley Boundary signage has been updated with thanks to a grant from SCC Councillor Dennis Booth's Highway Fund.



*The new Memorial Windows at St Martin's Church*

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taken by Editor

The  
Henry Smith  
Charity  
founded in 1628

Please remember that our historic Village Parish Charity can give small grants to residents in need. Please make a request, in confidence, via the [clerk@westhorsley.info](mailto:clerk@westhorsley.info) or Tel 01483 901905.

## STRATEGY AND VISION

Early each Autumn, we review our three-year strategic plan and current in-year performance. I am pleased to report that much of what we set out to do has been achieved. This means we are able to set new priorities and objectives as well as keeping up pressure to have our infrastructure addressed as a consequence of major housing development and ensuring we continue to maintain our village appearance and assets. This next period we aim to prioritise biodiversity, resilience, and well-being. Parish Councils have a duty to promote and maintain improved biodiversity opportunities within its sphere and so we will be establishing a specific Task Group to lead on this. Resilience plans are required to be prepared for major incidents and natural disaster events. We will be working with neighbouring Parish Councils and the Flood Forum to produce such a plan that covers the village. Our third area, well-being, is being led by Cllr Clare Clinton and our two new Councillors, Stephen, and Lucy firstly to determine what it is that would be most helpful to alleviate loneliness, isolation, and stress in our young people at school examination times. We welcome views and comments from residents on how the Parish Council should move forward on these.

# TASK GROUPS COVERING YOUR VILLAGE

Regular Task Group meetings are held in addition to official Parish Council and Committee meetings. Here is an update from each Task Group, including the name and email for the lead councillors who you can contact if you have a query.



## COMMUNICATIONS TASK GROUP

The Parish Council invited a number of local groups to join a talk by Dave Blake from Kapasun, on safeguarding children in and around Surrey. Dave was able to provide excellent guidance and training, as well as advice on the varying support networks available. Please sign up to our mailing list using our QR code and to also receive our digital version of the newsletter as well as the regular E-Bulletin Boards on events going out digitally. You don't have to live in West Horsley to receive our E-Bulletins or Digital Newsletters! We are updating our website throughout 2025 so watch this space.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

This is budget setting season for the Parish Council, much like the Chancellor, although in hundreds rather than billions! Each Committee and Task Group of the Council is asked how much they envisage spending in the following financial year and, having collated all the figures, and added in the administration costs such as salaries etc., there is a total 'wish list'. This is then compared to the current year's precept to see the prospective increase. However, it is acknowledged that residents would not want an excessive increase, so requests are pared down so that the Council still provides its statutory and expected services while being sensitive to the fact that it is taxpayers' money that is being expended. It should be noted that the percentage increase in the precept is not the same as the percentage increase (or possibly decrease) that is shown on Council Tax bills as that figure is based on the calculated number of 'Band D' households in the Parish, over which the Parish Council has no control.

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## THE COMMUNITY TASK GROUP

Thank you to everyone who has supported or come along to one of our community events this year. From little ones enjoying a Teddy Bears' Picnic to the brilliant Youth Council Clothes Swap and the moving D-Day commemorations, we love seeing our village's amazing community spirit. We are looking forward to creating more opportunities to bring the community together in 2025. In the new year we are focussing on adding a new stream of community wellbeing opportunities to our programme. There will be events and activities ranging from chances to socialise, to opportunities to connect with nature and improve your physical health. Watch our website, noticeboards and social media for details in the new year. See the back page of this newsletter for up-and-coming dates for 2025.

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*Teddy Bears Picnic in Village Orchard*

## ROAD SAFETY & MAINTENANCE TASK GROUP

The Roads Task Group concentrate on keeping our village's roads, pavements and drains safe and well maintained. Any concerns or problems are reported to the relevant organisations including SCC, GBC, Affinity Water, Thames Water and the Environment Agency. This covers a wide range from reporting potholes to ensuring pavements are clear from obstructions to keeping drainage ditches flowing. The current priority is to repair/re-surface the pavement and kerbstones along The Street from School Lane to Walnut Tree Gardens. The pavement is in a poor, deteriorating condition with broken kerbstones. County Cllr Booth has visited the site and is supporting the Parish Council to secure funding for this work.

Should you notice a pothole or pavement issues please report it thank you.

<https://tellus.surreycc.gov.uk>

*Tony Rogers [cllrrogers@westhorsley.info](mailto:cllrrogers@westhorsley.info)*



*SCC Councillor Dennis Booth*

## ASSETS & VILLAGE APPEARANCE TASK GROUP

The new fencing which protects and surrounds the Village Playground has recently been installed and is a considerable improvement. Allied to the new one-way traffic system which we implemented earlier this year the Playground and Village Hall are now much safer places. Our thanks must go to SCC Councillor Dennis Booth who assisted considerably in securing the finance. Elsewhere, we hope that the VAS signs on The Street will be operational again soon after a long layoff due to the long-term illness of the engineer responsible for maintenance and hope you will bear with us after such a frustrating time. The Village seems to look its best in Autumn, but we would ask residents to dispose of their fallen leaves responsibly rather than just pushing them onto the road, which inevitably leads to blocked drains. Many thanks to the volunteers who made the litter pick such a success, it really does have a significant effect on keeping our Village neat and tidy. Our Village warden Steve Peach is doing a great job in looking after our assets so well, but please get in touch if you feel something needs urgent attention.

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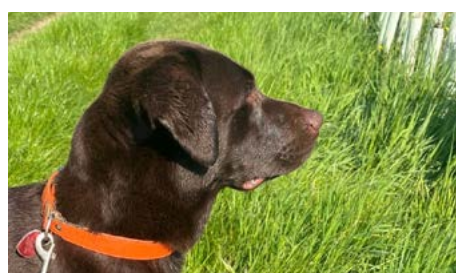
## OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

With changes imminent to the National Planning Policy Framework, the current government's pledge to increase the number of houses being built and Guildford Borough Council's review of their local plan, it's a busy time for the Planning Committee. The Parish Council consider all planning applications in our village (as well as nearby developments) to ensure relevant planning policies and the West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan are upheld to protect our beautiful rural village. Agendas and Minutes are posted on our website and residents are encouraged to contact the Deputy Clerk on any planning matters.

### KEEPING OUR VILLAGE MOVING

Details of roadworks and closures in and around our village are posted on the Parish Council website (Roads & Travel Updates - West Horsley Parish Council) to help residents plan their journeys. We try to verify the information from two different sources and provide updates where possible. This has recently been quite challenging as the ongoing road works to the M25 Junction 10/A3 gyratory is having a major impact on our local road network. Details of the current roadworks/closures and diversion routes for this major National Highways scheme can be found at: M25 junction 10 - National Highways  
The work is due to be completed in Summer 2025 and will have cost £317 million.



### DOG WALKING IN SURREY'S COUNTRYSIDE

West Horsley welcomes considerate dog walking in our surrounding countryside: a beautiful, tranquil, and environmentally sensitive place enjoyed by local wildlife and visitors alike. We want all dog walkers to have a happy, healthy, hassle-free visit and so ask that you follow the Surrey Countryside code of conduct.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/countryside/what-can-you-do/walking/dog-walking>



Photo credit: Elise WHYC

### WINTER MAINTENANCE IN THE VILLAGE

It's that time of the year when we ask if residents can carry out garden maintenance to help keep our village looking tidy and keep our roads and pavements as clear as possible by:

- **Fallen Leaves:** if you use a leaf blower, can we please ask that leaves are not blown onto the road as this can block drains or onto pavements as this can create a slippery (and sometimes smelly!) surface.
- **Hedges:** as bird nesting season is over until March next year, can any hedges or overgrown branches on your property which protrude onto pavements or roads be cut back.
- **Drainage Ditches:** If you have drainage ditches on your property, you are responsible for keeping them clear from debris (riparian duties). We are all aware of the flooding which occurs throughout our village, especially following heavy rain, so the maintenance of these ditches is extremely important.



Refreshments in Orchard

### AUTUMN VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Saturday 19th October. The forecast was horrible! Heavy rain until midday. But everything was in place, rubbish bags ready, streets allocated to volunteers and picker tools ready to distribute. Would the volunteers come-of course they did and in numbers-well over 20 of them. Their loyalty was rewarded. The rain held off and by the end of the morning they were enjoying coffee and cake in The Orchard while a large number of full rubbish bags were stacked waiting collection by GBC at the bus stop. Why not join them next Spring - 15th March - when it would be good to see the younger members of the Community also doing their bit to help keep our village clean!

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# GRACE & FLAVOUR

Grace+Flavour is the Horsley Villages' award-winning community kitchen garden. We grow a variety of vegetables, herbs, fruit and flowers. We rely on our team of dedicated volunteers to plant, sow and tend the crops. They purchase the produce based on agreed rates and their time spent in the garden. Here are a few highlights from the last 12 months. In February our head gardener, John Whitlock, received the top West Horsley Community Engagement award for his lifetime achievement. In June, West Horsley in Bloom gave us the Iliff Community award. In August we opened to the public under the National Garden Scheme, attracting 210 visitors, raising £1002 for the NGS chosen charities and £900 for Cherry Trees. An additional £250 was raised by Cherry Trees on the day. If you would like to know more about Grace+Flavour, please visit the website [www.graceandflavour.org](http://www.graceandflavour.org)



## WEST HORSLEY PLACE OPENS A NEW FREE SENSORY GARDEN

West Horsley Place Trust were delighted to be joined by the Mayor of Guildford, Councillor Sallie Barker, on Wednesday, September 25, to open a new sensory garden that's free for the whole community.

This peaceful and beautiful space has been designed to be as accessible as possible. To develop the garden the charity consulted a group of blind and partially blind people and members of their access panel who face a variety of different access barriers.

The design included raised beds to bring plants closer to people, colours that help create contrast and "banks of smells", as well as benches and places for sitting and reflecting.

The West Horsley Place team, which includes a dedicated group of gardening volunteers, worked for six months to transform the neglected patch of ground into a charming space. Plants were transported and propagated from the existing collection and materials were all recycled from the wider estate.

The sensory garden is a free space for everyone to enjoy. It has also been supported by Surrey Gardens Trust, West Horsley Parish Council, East Horsley Parish Council, the Stevenson Family Trust, the Banister Charity Trust, the Horsleys

Community Fund and other charitable donors.

The Trust's Director, Ilona Harris said, "We would like to thank the National Heritage Lottery Fund and our generous supporters for making this project possible. We are proud custodians of a 400-acre estate that is free for people to enjoy. It is wonderful to now have a space which is accessible and brings the benefits and beauty of that estate to everyone in our community. We hope you will come and enjoy it soon."

Find out more at [westhorsleyplace.org](http://westhorsleyplace.org)  
*Chrissie Paver - West Horsley Place*



*Mayor of Guildford,  
Councillor Sallie Barker*

## THE PARISH COUNCIL ARTS BOARD

The importance of the Arts to our wellbeing, is something that we all became even more aware of during Covid. West Horsley Parish Council was a little ahead of the game when it installed the display board in the bus shelter outside the Village Hall several years ago.

The idea was and is that whatever your "art", be it painting, drawing, crocheting, knitting, carpentry, pottery, photography or even baking and cooking, we would like to showcase your work. It might serve as a particular inspiration to some, while others of us can just enjoy

viewing what your talent has produced.

If you are interested in being part of the project, please take a good quality photograph of your work and email to [cllrbeynon@westhorsley.info](mailto:cllrbeynon@westhorsley.info) or directly to the [clerk@westhorsley.info](mailto:clerk@westhorsley.info). Your photographs will be carefully handled and returned to you after their display. If you would be interested in selling, please make that clear when you send the photos.

The lady in the photograph is Christine Scott, viewing the most recently installed mini exhibition of her work.







# West Horsley Youth Council

## ABOUT THE YOUTH COUNCIL

West Horsley Youth Council was set up in 2021 by the Parish Council to give a voice to the young people of the village and engage more with the needs of different groups in the community. Now we are a thriving group of eight youth councillors organising events for families and teenagers in the village, from family film nights to clothes swaps and our annual fun run at West Horsley Place. We have partnerships with The Raleigh School and West Horsley Place, cooperating with both for some of our events and competitions. If you are ages 13 to 18 and would like more information about the Youth Council then please go to the Parish Council's website.

**Youth Cllr Charlotte** [youthcouncil@westhorsley.info](mailto:youthcouncil@westhorsley.info)



**Name:** Charlotte

**Role:** Chair

**Favourite colour:** Hot pink

**Favourite event:** Clothes swap. I wasn't expecting so many people and I had such a fun time laying out the clothes and working the card machine!

**Fun fact:** I love doing gymnastics and musical theatre



**Name:** Bea

**Role:** Social media manager

**Favourite colour:** Purple

**Favourite event:** Annual Fun Run because it showcases the vibrant community of Horsley.

**Fun fact:** I have 6 pets (one cat, two dogs and 3 chickens)



**Name:** Phoebe

**Role:** Youth councillor

**Favourite colour:** Pistachio Green and rose pink

**Favourite event:** Halloween/autumn fair and movie night

**Fun fact:** I do about 11-12 hours of performing arts every week



**Name:** Peter

**Role:** Vice clerk

**Favourite colour:** Turquoise

**Favourite event:** Fun run as it had a great atmosphere and was an amazing setting.

**Fun fact:** I'm going to be a ball boy at an international tennis competition.



**Name:** Emily

**Role:** Youth councillor

**Favourite colour:** Orange

**Favourite event:** The clothes swap because it was super eco-friendly

**Fun fact:** I have a tiny tortoise called Minty



**Name:** Felicity

**Role:** Youth councillor

**Favourite colour:** Dark blue

**Favourite event:** Clothes swap!

**Fun fact:** I can speak Spanish



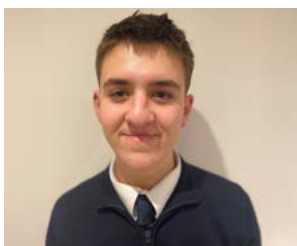
**Name:** Elise

**Role:** Vice chair

**Favourite colour:** Blue

**Favourite event:** Fun run because I get to meet loads of new people.

**Fun fact:** I was a mascot for Tottenham Hotspur



**Name:** Adrian

**Role:** Clerk

**Favourite colour:** Green

**Favourite event:** Horsley Hustle 2023 - my first event and so much fun!

**Fun fact:** I performed in Grange Park opera's first Surrey season back in 2017!

*"Now we are a thriving group of eight youth councillors organising events for families and teenagers in the village"*

# WE HOPE YOU DID THIS YEAR



*WHYC get together for adhoc brainstorming*

## GHOST HOUSE

Youth Council does "Button House" WHYC we were lucky enough to be allowed to use the library featured in BBC series Ghost!



*Youth Councillor Adrian invited to read 'D-Day Heroes' A poem by Roy Palmer, Chelsea Pensioner & Herald at D-day Village event with Izzy*



# ENJOYED THE EVENTS WE AS MUCH AS WE DID!



## WEST HORSLEY GOOD NEIGHBOUR CHALLENGE

The **West Horsley Good Neighbour Challenge**, which was launched in an assembly at the Raleigh School was a huge success! All pupils at The Raleigh had the opportunity to take part. The children had ten weeks to complete ten tasks covering different objectives such as protecting the planet, discovering our historic local area, and spending quality time outside with their friends and family. Each task was suitable for children of all ages and

they could all be completed locally; they also had links to some of the topics they have learned about in school, and we hoped it would encourage them to find out even more on their own. Once they had filled in their own passport it was collected and a small award was given to those who completed the most sections.



Happy customers



Personal colour guide adviser

## EVENTS TO NOTE FOR 2025

<b>January</b>	Good Neighbour Challenge returns to The Raleigh
<b>April</b>	Clothes Swap
<b>June</b>	Horsley Hustle
<b>December</b>	Open Mic Night

## CLOTHES SWAP

The **WHYC Clothes Swap** was a brand new event aimed at teenage residents and their friends, but open to anyone. The objective is will be to encourage sustainable fashion by purchasing secondhand clothing and passing on any old items that may be of use to others. So successful it is been requested that the WHYC repeat the event!



# clothes

# Swap

free entry!

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024**  
**2PM-5PM**  
**WEST HORSLEY VILLAGE HALL**

find out more at [www.westhorsley.info](http://www.westhorsley.info)



Busy all day



# Fun Run

"THE HORSLEY HUSTLE" WAS A FREE FUN RUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY REGARDLESS OF AGE OR ABILITY, AND WAS HOSTED AT WEST HORSLEY PLACE. THE PHOTOGRAPHS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES!



**THE HORSLEY HUSTLE**  
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!  
WALK- JOG- RUN  
FANCY DRESS- PRIZES- REFRESHMENTS  
**FREE FUN RUN FOR ALL**  
WEST HORSLEY PLACE, SUNDAY 2ND JUNE  
[WWW.WESTHORSLEY.INFO](http://WWW.WESTHORSLEY.INFO)







# AUTUMN FAIR & MOVIE NIGHT

The last Youth Council event of the year was the fun-filled and festive Autumn Fair & Film Night, held at West Horsley Place on Wednesday 30th October. Aimed at families with children aged 7 to 11, over 120 children and adults attended for an afternoon of themed activities including apple bobbing, "pin the hat on the witch", autumn arts & crafts, and much more. The Home Paddock in front of the manor house, transformed with pumpkins, hay bales and fairy lights, was filled with laughter as the young witches and wizards took part in everything on offer. There was also face painting and classic candyfloss and popcorn machines, supplied by the Jozie's Entertainment team. Even the parents got involved in our giant tug of war- although they were heavily beaten by the kids- perhaps the advantage came from the sweetie prizes they'd all won! Youth Cllr Adrian [youthcouncil@westhorsley.info](mailto:youthcouncil@westhorsley.info)

## NIGHT BEFORE HALLOWEEN MOVIE

Once it started to get dark, the fair wound down and our guests headed inside the historic manor house for an exclusive screening of the musical Disney/Pixar film Coco, inspired by the Mexican festival "El Dia de Los Muertos"- the Day of the Dead- which is related to and coincides with Halloween. Every loved and transixed as they watched the film within the surrounds of the great Stone Hall- once frequented by Henry VIII himself- all decorated for the occasion. Great feedback was received once again for this event and the whole team loved seeing everyone enjoy themselves so much. Special thanks must go to Clare Clinton, Matt Link and Jo Ellison from West Horsley Place, for their support with the event; East Horsley Parish Council and the Raleigh School, for loaning equipment; Grace & Flavour for the fantastic decorative pumpkins, the Horsley Wheel of Care for the kind donation of a DVD player, projector and speakers, Spirit Displays for supplying & constructing the film screen, and most of all to our incredible team of over 20 volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you! Youth Cllr Adrian [youthcouncil@westhorsley.info](mailto:youthcouncil@westhorsley.info)





# HORSLEY HERITAGE GROUP

The Horsley Heritage Group is now meeting regularly to discuss and implement a number of initiatives concerning both East and West Horsley. Heritage walks are taking place and talks are planned over the coming months addressing the historical and architectural heritage of the two villages.

The blue plaque scheme identifying houses of historical interest within the village is well underway and it is hoped that 20 houses will receive their plaques in the very near future. It will then be for the group to nominate further houses which merit a plaque. If anyone wants to join the Group in its work of preserving our heritage or should anybody wish to nominate a property email below.

Paul Dodgson [clldodgson@westhorsley.info](mailto:clldodgson@westhorsley.info)

## HENRY VIII'S FORGOTTEN PALACE

New research has revealed West Horsley Place was the haunt of Tudor pleasure-seekers and plotters, 500 years ago when this sleepy country house entertained the legendary king and his court. West Horsley Place was an out-of-town palace for the Tudor royal family. Henry VIII gifted it to his longest-lasting court favourite, Henry Courtenay, the Marquess of Exeter. The pair had been close since boyhood: Courtenay himself was of royal blood, the grandson of King Edward IV, and Henry VIII called him 'cousin'. The king not only gave the Marquess West Horsley and its hunting park he also match-made his marriage to noblewoman, Gertrude Blount. The Courtenays were the golden couple of the Tudor court; and Horsley was their playground.

The power-hungry Henry VIII would not be challenged and any who did so paid with their life. Increasingly paranoid, Henry turned on those closest to him, even his own cousin. In 1538, the Courtenays fell under suspicion of hatching a plot in Horsley to overthrow the king. They were arrested, Marquess Henry was executed, and Gertrude and her son were imprisoned in the Tower of London. The drama of their downfall features in the final novel of Hilary Mantel's Wolf Hall trilogy, *The Mirror and the Light*, now a

major BBC TV adaptation. The researchers have recovered vivid snapshots of West Horsley's colourful Tudor history, including Lady Gertrude's frantic letters attempting to explain away the suspicions of plots whispered in the house and garden, and the interviews given by household servants who told of the great and the good they saw come and go.

However, best of all is an account of the happier times for the Courtenays, Henry VIII's visit in July 1533 which includes full details of the rich banquet they put on. This was a moment of the greatest triumph for the king. His marriage to Anne Boleyn had just been made public and she had been crowned queen at Westminster Abbey. Also, she was now very visibly pregnant with his heir.

The menu for the banquet still survives, listing gannet, heron, partridge, stork, stuffed rabbit, sturgeon and venison pasties among the meat dishes and blancmange, clotted cream and pistachios for pudding. The table was set with gold and silver goblets, jugs and serving plates. There was music played on the virginals and regals – portable organs – and the nine viols which the Courtenays kept for players in their Great Hall. The feast would restore the guests after their exertions hunting in West Horsley's Park.



West Horsley Place as it was then

## THE D-DAY 80 PROCLAMATION CELEBRATED IN WEST HORSLEY

*"Oyez, Oyez, Oyez"*

*Today we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France an incredible achievement in military planning and logistics uniting brave service personnel from air, sea and land forces at the beginning of Operation Overlord.*

*By the day's end, over one hundred and fifty thousand Allied troops had successfully stormed the now famous Gold, Juno, Sword, Utah and Omaha beaches to achieve a toehold in France.*

*In the weeks that followed, the Allies fought bitterly against a determined foe from the unforgiving countryside of Normandy to the liberation of Paris two months later.*

*We should all remember and never forget the selfless sacrifice and courage of all those involved and use this Commemoration to pay our tribute to those who gave so much to secure the freedom we all enjoy today.*

*God Save the King"*

*By Christian Ashdown, Ex Household Cavalry*



Afternoon Tea after Chairman Elaine Best read proclamation



Brockham Handbell Ringers performed



Afternoon Tea was provided by the WI & Wheel of Care



# HORSLEY MEDICAL PRACTICE

The flu season is here and in line with NHS directive from October we have been running flu clinics. So please, if you are eligible, book your appointment by phoning the surgery or booking an appointment online. We will also be offering COVID vaccines to those who are eligible this year. Our PPG (Patient Participation Group) have been busy putting together a newsletter for the surgery which will be available soon on our website, in reception and sent via patient access.

The Leg Club on a Thursday morning at the East Horsley Village Hall is still going well with

more patients attending. As well as wound dressings, it is providing a social environment for people to have a coffee or tea and a chat before going home. A new couch kindly provided by the Horsleys Community Fund is proving very popular with nurses and patients.

Ending on a very positive note, Horsley Medical Practice achieved 94% 'Good' for patient overall experience when attending the practice. With 104 practices in Surrey Heartlands, we came joint 8th which, as a practice, we are delighted with and will continue to try and build on this to offer the best care we can.

# HORSLEY C.A.N. (CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK) UPDATE

The Horsley's C.A.N. group continues to network across our villages.

- In October they ran another free Community Event 'What's in our Waterways' talk from Allistair Young from The River Way Trust. More information and how to support this charity, as well as how to volunteer as a water ranger can be found here: [www.riverwaytrust.org.uk](http://www.riverwaytrust.org.uk).
- St Martin's Church has been awarded a Silver Eco Award, St Mary's are working towards the same.
- A flood forum was held in September with representation from our bordering Parish Councils. In West Horsley a camera inspection of the culverts in Northcote Crescent confirmed they were clear. SCC are monitoring the effects of the building at Ada gardens on Heatherdene, Meadow Way and Northcote Road. SCC are also investigating in cooperation with Dene Place with respect to the water flooding in Ripley Lane.
- The climate survey is underway with 173 responses so far, we would encourage young people to take part, the closing date is 5th January 2025.

Catherine Young, Borough Councillor for Clandon & Horsley: [catherine.young@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:catherine.young@guildford.gov.uk)



What's in our Waterways'  
Talk was well attended

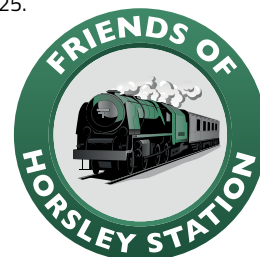


Waterways testing kits

# FRIENDS OF HORSLEY STATION

There is an ongoing project to design a 'Welcome to the Horsley's' notice board. A project has started on creating a level access to the toilet facilities. The campaign for accessibility lifts for the London bound platform is on hold pending the outcome of the Wisley New Town appeal. This has the potential to access funding from the building contractor. The former Stockyard building has been refurbished prior to being advertised to let. Friends of Horsley Station are planning a celebration event for the Triversary of the station on the 2nd February 2025.

A history of the station is being researched by Stephen Groom. Parish council members have attended a rail safety conference in Basingstoke and a community Rail conference in Woking. Both events provided good networking opportunities.



# HORSLEY REPAIR CAFÉ

By the time you read this, approaching 100 items will have been saved from landfill since its launch at the beginning of July. Not a bad effort by a super enthusiastic team of volunteers who specialise in repairing all things mechanical, electrical and even textiles. Services are provided free of charge\* as is parking facilities at Horsley Towers. So, if you have something that needs a new lease of life, then please bring it along to the Canterbury Rooms next to St Martin's Church in Ockham Road South, East Horsley on the first Saturday of any month between 10.00 and midday. As the most common items brought to the Horsley Repair Café are timepieces, Nigel Geary has gallantly taken on the burden single-handedly. We don't want him to get run down so the search is on to find some back-up support. Have you the skills? Or might you know someone who does? If so, please email [parishcouncil@easthorsleycc.org](mailto:parishcouncil@easthorsleycc.org).

\*Voluntary donations are always welcome to cover certain running costs of the Repair Café.

# ST MARY'S CHURCH

As a parent of two young boys, I look at the culture our children are growing up in and can see that it's likely to place increasing pressure on them. What I find encouraging though is that Youthscape Centre for Research shows us that 92% of Gen Z see family as a positive influence in their life. This is why we seek to support and champion parents in the best way we can, coming alongside them and journeying through the ups and downs of life together. Over this term we've been running The Parenting Teenagers course, so we can be better equipped to love and guide our children as they face this challenging world. We also offer for all young people, St Mary's Youth Group on a Sunday night as a safe space to come and think about the bigger things of life. A place to gather, to make life-long friendships, where there's no fear of judgement, and no pressure of trying to 'prove themselves' like they are constantly having to do across so much of their lives. To find out all we have on offer for families you can go to [www.stmaryswesthorsley.co.uk](http://www.stmaryswesthorsley.co.uk). Edd Cope, Children's and Youth Minister at St Mary's West Horsley.



St Mary's joined WHYC at Autumn Halloween Fair





# West Horsley Parish Council

## HORSLEY CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

### ARTS

**Horsley & Clandon Society of Arts**  
Robyn Cormack Tel: 01483 224063

**Horsley Craft Group**  
Jody Fern Tel: 01483 284437

**The Arts Society Horsley**  
[www.theartsocietyhorsley.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietyhorsley.org.uk)

**The Arts Society Horsley Lovelace**  
[www.theartsocietyhorsleylovelace.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietyhorsleylovelace.org.uk)

### CLUBS

**University of the Third Age (u3a)**  
[www.horsleyu3a.org.uk](http://www.horsleyu3a.org.uk)

**East Horsley Women's Institute**  
Helen Taylorson Tel: 01483 283577

**West Horsley Evening Women's Institute**  
Pam Tel: 01483 281798

**West Surrey Natural History Society**  
Tel: 01372 457623

**The Probud Club of the Horsleys**  
David Lush Tel: 01483 280267

**Rotary Club of Bookham & Horsley**  
Mark Secker Tel: 01372 458733

**Grace & Flavour Community Garden**  
[www.graceandflavour.org](http://www.graceandflavour.org)

**East Horsley Bridge Club**  
[www.bridgewebs.com/easthorsley](http://www.bridgewebs.com/easthorsley)

**Horsley Floral Decoration Group**  
Ruth Farmer Tel: 01483 202440

**Horsley Garden Society**  
Terry Lazenby Tel: 01483 284232

**Beehive Craft Group**  
[www.easthorsleychurch.org.uk](http://www.easthorsleychurch.org.uk)

**The Horsley Wheel of Care**  
[www.horsleywheelofcare.co.uk](http://www.horsleywheelofcare.co.uk)

### DRAMATICS & CHORAL

**The Nomad Theatre**  
[www.nomadtheatre.com](http://www.nomadtheatre.com)

**The Whips Players**  
[www.whipstheatre.org](http://www.whipstheatre.org)

**Horsley Choral Society**  
[www.horsleychoralsociety.com](http://www.horsleychoralsociety.com)

### YOUTH

**Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorer Scouts**  
[www.firsthorsley.co.uk](http://www.firsthorsley.co.uk)

**4th Horsley Brownies**  
Email: [horsleybrownies@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:horsleybrownies@yahoo.co.uk)

**1st West Horsley Brownies**  
Email: [westhorsleybrownies@gmail.com](mailto:westhorsleybrownies@gmail.com)

**1st Horsley Guides**  
Karlennie Peach Tel: 01483 224692

### SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

**Sports facilities & Skatepark**  
Kingston Meadow, Kingston Avenue

**The Horsley Shufflers – running group**  
[www.facebook.com/HorsleyShufflers](http://www.facebook.com/HorsleyShufflers)

**Horsley Football Club, West Horsley**  
[www.horsleyfc.co.uk](http://www.horsleyfc.co.uk)

**Effingham and Leatherhead RFC**  
<https://eaglesrugby.club>

**West Horsley Community Club**  
Snooker & Pool  
Robert Elliott Tel: 07702 922217

**Effingham Table Tennis Club**  
Tim Hobbs Tel: 01372 452197

**Horsley Tennis Club**  
[www.horsleysportsclub.com](http://www.horsleysportsclub.com)

**Horsley Badminton Club**  
[www.horsleybadminton.co.uk](http://www.horsleybadminton.co.uk)

**Horsley Cricket Club**  
[www.horsleysportsclub.com](http://www.horsleysportsclub.com)

**Effingham Cricket Club**  
[www.effinghamcc.co.uk](http://www.effinghamcc.co.uk)

**Horsley and Send Cricket Club**  
[www.horsleyandsendcc.co.uk](http://www.horsleyandsendcc.co.uk)

## WHPC COMMUNITY GRANTS

Every year, the Parish Council gives grants to organisations who provide services within West Horsley. This year we have had requests for almost £4,000 worth of grants. If your group or organisation would like to be considered for a 2025/26 Community Grant you can download an application form from our website. Alternatively, please contact the Clerk at [clerk@westhorsley.info](mailto:clerk@westhorsley.info). Submissions will be considered in June 25 and January 26.

## WEST HORSLEY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

We hope you save the dates for our following events confirmed so far in 2025. Please keep an eye on our website for further details: [www.westhorsley.info](http://www.westhorsley.info)

- **15 March** – Litter Pick – Help keep our village looking its best and meet your neighbours.
- **Selected evenings in April & May** – Study Hall for Teens. A new initiative to support our young people taking exams. Dates and details to be announced in the new year.
- **29 April** – Annual Parish Meeting
- **8 May** – VE Day: We will come together as a community to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE day.
- **1 June** – Horsley Hustle: Join us for a morning of fun and improve your fitness too! This event is created and run by the WH Youth Council and is for all ages and fitness levels.
- **9 & 10 June** – Judging Days for West Horsley in Bloom
- **27 June** – West Horsley in Bloom Awards Presentation



## MEET THE TEAM

Join us at our Monthly meetings (third Tuesday of the Month) and have your say about your village! If you can't make it sign up to our mailing list to be up to date on current projects, events and issues affecting West Horsley.

### PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS



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**Neighbourhood Policing Team**  
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[guildford@surrey.police.uk](mailto:guildford@surrey.police.uk)

**GBC Refuse Collection**  
Tel: 01483 505050  
[www.guildford.gov.uk](http://www.guildford.gov.uk)

**Slyfield Recycling Centre**  
Tel: 01483 532187

**Guildford Borough Council**  
<https://my.guildford.gov.uk/customers/s/>

**Water Leaks**  
Tel: 0345 357 2407  
[www.affinitywater.co.uk](http://www.affinitywater.co.uk)

**Gas Leaks**  
Tel: 0800 11 19 99

**Electricity Power Cuts**  
Tel: 0800 31 63 105 or 105 (Mobile)  
[www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk)

**Flooding & Waterways**  
[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

**Environment incident hotline**  
Tel: 0800 80 70 60  
[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

**Surrey County Council**  
[www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/)

**SCC Highways Roads & Transport**  
[www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport)

**Floodline:**  
Tel: 0345 988 1188