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HELLO FROM THE WHPC CHAIRMAN

Welcome to this third edition of our Newsletter!

What a summer of contrasts we had! From very hot days to heavy rains, with living restrictions eased for some semblance of normality. The Parish Council experienced its own form of change too. We were delighted to welcome Julia McClung as our new Parish Clerk in June and Jane McKenzie as Deputy Clerk in September. Julia and Jane are both West Horsley residents and know the village well. Julia has led the Whippets and the Whips Youth Theatre for many years and was the secretary to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Jane is a volunteer in several community activities in the village. We gave a heartfelt thank you to Joanna Cadman at the end of August for her steadfast help and guidance as our Locum Clerk. We also said a farewell to Sally Newman in August as she stood down as a Councillor. Sally had spearheaded several initiatives for road safety improvements that, along with Community Speed Watch now led by Graham Edwards, have seen a notable positive change throughout the Village. I would like to express our appreciation to Tina Grice for her graphic design work on the West Horsley in Bloom Event, creating original bespoke award certificates for all our entrants, to Martin O'Hara and Peter Bennett-Davies who continue to give us their expertise and experience in addressing planning matters, especially on the proposed developments at the Wisley Housing



*Cllr Elaine Best
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development site. Looking forward, our Youth Council has become very active in stimulating interest in the village and organising events for younger members of the community; generously, they are planning something for the "oldies" so do watch out!! As you receive this newsletter, we shall be hurtling towards Christmas festivities. May I take this opportunity of behalf of the Council to send Season's Greetings with fervent hope for a peaceful, safe and Happy New Year.
Cllr Elaine Best – chairman@westhorsley.info

VILLAGE REPORT 2020-2021 STATEMENT & STRATEGIC VISION

We remain steadfast in progressing our goals set up in October 2020 over the next three years. Progress on many of them has been achieved which you can see throughout this newsletter and in brief below.

Our Goals:

1. Achieve the higher status of a Council with "general competence" to enable us to do more for the village after the Local Parish Elections in 2023.
We now have a Clerk and Deputy Clerk in place who can take the relevant qualifications to allow us to reach this goal after the 2023 elections.
2. Review and update status of the Local Plan and updating the Neighbourhood Plan and engaging in consultations accordingly.
This is currently under review and talks with GBC have commenced about the unusually heavy burden of housing projects in and around the village.
3. Improve our engagement with residents and to keep you informed in a timely manner.
With new Noticeboards, posts on Nextdoor featuring regularly, a more interactive website and mailing facilities via Mailchimp we are continuing to improve our communication goals with our residents.

4. Address the increasing concerns that Climate Change is presenting.
Joining with East Horsley to work together on Climate Change activities as well as engage in initiatives for West Horsley – ongoing see page 5.
5. Continue to improve the appearance of the village in keeping with its character
Extensive tree planting has happened this year, more than any other year previously, and we will continue to support this as well as maintaining our village assets.
6. Support and enhance the Youth Council
We have launched a new Annual Youth Photography Competition and 2022 Free Open Air Cinema events will be run throughout the year, for all ages, by the WHYC!

As you can see, we continue working hard on your behalf. However, should you be unhappy about something in the village please do email or use our post box at the Village Hall.

Perhaps you would like to make suggestions or have some fabulous ideas as to how we can improve our community, village facilities or events. Just drop us a line, we look forward to hearing from you.
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WEST HORSLEY HENRY SMITH CHARITY FINANCIAL HELP

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 or Tel 01483 901905.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WHPC CHAIRMAN PRIZE

Winners are listed on our website at www.westhorsley.info and will be featured in our Spring Newsletter.



Residents taking selfies in front of the Village Green Christmas Tree which will be up again this year too.

ULTRAFAST BROADBAND

We are pleased to update you on this scheme which has progressed extremely quickly. This is especially exciting as Openreach has advised us that our Horsley Community Fibre Partnership project is the largest in the UK. You may have seen several Openreach vans parked up off East Lane and around the villages. Openreach has already completed surveys of many roads and in some of them work has started on the Fibre To The Premises (FTTP) infrastructure. Openreach plans to carry out the installation in three phases.

Phase 1 covers Forest Road and the roads off; surveying is finished and the build is on schedule for completion **30 September**.

Phase 2 covers the Ockham Roads, the A246 between Park Horsley and Longhurst Road and the roads off; surveying is finished and the build is due to be completed by **30 November**.

Phase 3 covers West Horsley; surveying has started and the build is due to be completed by **30 January**.

Shortly after completion of the network build the new ultrafast broadband service will be available to order and the final connections to premises will be made. Openreach is targeting the end of January 2022 for the whole exchange area to have the new service operational.

We have been advised that all those on the East Horsley exchange are included. Fibre has been taken from the Leatherhead exchange to near the Shell petrol station on the A246. From there spines will follow the main roads in East Horsley.

Should you have any queries or require further details please visit our website or sign up to our mailing list for further updates on this campaign.

www.westhorsley.info



WEST HORSLEY VILLAGE HALL LATEST UPDATE

When the COVID-19 legal restrictions were lifted, West Horsley Village Hall re-opened to everyone again. This means that bookings are now being taken for casual/one-off hires and for children's parties. We continue to work hard to keep WHVH as clean and safe as possible for everyone's benefit. The WHVH website was revamped during lockdown and in the event of any changes which affect the services we provide, an update will be posted there www.westhorsleyvillagehall.org.

The website includes an online diary and booking request system, together with many additional details about WHVH including the facilities available and all the current hire charges. We have recently carried out a refurbishment of the Main Hall kitchen which included the installation of a commercial dishwasher. In

addition, each of our two kitchens now boasts a microwave oven. The Main Hall kitchen looks smart, and we hope that our hirers will enjoy using it, particularly at bigger functions when the dishwasher should really help speed up the clearing-up process. The WHVH team is very grateful to West Horsley Parish Council for the financial support which enabled the kitchen refurbishment project to go ahead. Many of our regular hirers have come back to us and we have a little bit more availability than pre-COVID. You can always see what and when we have free by looking at our online diary. We hope to see some of you soon at events at WHVH. Here's hoping that nothing changes, and we can all enjoy the Autumn safely and normally!

Julia Reardon Smith, WHVH Manager



There will be Curzon Country Cinema evening screenings at the Village Hall 30 October and 27 November

ST MARY'S CHURCH WEST HORSLEY TIME TO CONSIDER

It is clear that our climate is changing, and we have just launched an Eco Team to help St Mary's consider the impact of how we live our lives and how we might begin to make manageable, but meaningful changes. The Bible calls us to consider creation: we are urged to "Consider the wondrous works of the Lord" Job 37: 14; "Consider the poor..." Psalm 41: 1; "Consider the ravens and lilies" Luke 12: 24. Most of us will be wearing clothes that have some form of slavery in its supply chain or using mobile phones that may have child slave labour involved in sourcing base materials for microchips and processors. All of us must consider how we live, consider the impact that has on the poorest around the world, consider what we buy. Perhaps we can also consider that we are part of creation, alongside it, in it and, so, affected by it. We're not above it but are here to steward it for our children and their children's children. St Mary's is a long way from getting this right, but we are taking time to consider how we can change and will then take action. Would you consider doing the same?

Rev'd Phil Herrington Rector, St Mary's West Horsley

WEST HORSLEY METHODIST CHURCH NEW MINISTER

Our news this Autumn is that our new Minister, The Revd George Quarm, has taken up his appointment and will lead his first service in Horsley on Sunday 26 September. George was previously in Battersea, London and comes to Surrey with his wife Ama and their sons. Our Sunday services now begin at the earlier time of 10am and are followed by a social time with refreshments in the Wesley Room afterwards. The Thursday Coffee Morning commences again at 10.30am on 23 September and all are welcome to come and join us for chat and refreshments. On Saturday evening, 4 December, there will be "Carol Praise" when all Horsley residents are invited to come and sing their favourite Carols. *Bob Spackman*
www.westhorsleymethodistchurch.org.uk

TASK GROUPS COVERING YOUR VILLAGE

Task Group meetings are now being held both virtually and face-to-face, a positive fall out from COVID-19. The mix offers more opportunities from regular to adhoc meetings and, in addition to the official in-person Parish Council Meeting, the teams continue to remain on schedule with the various projects. Here are updates including the group leaders whom you can contact if you have a query.

COMMUNICATIONS TASK GROUP

We have been busy updating our website to make a more user-friendly experience as well as adding further features and categories and links to local facilities and clubs. The success of the tennis booking system is still being enjoyed and we are planning to launch a similar system for special West Horsley Events.

As part of village communication, we are in the process of developing a Welcome Pack for new residents moving into the village, details of which will also be shown on our website soon.

Hopefully, as this goes to press the new Notice Boards around the village will have started to be installed and the new Youth Council "crazy" paint one will be fitted. This board will be for all Youth and Kids targeted events in the village – it won't be easy to miss this notice board!

Vanessa Buosi – cllrbuosi@westhorsley.info

ROAD SAFETY & MAINTENANCE TASK GROUP

The Vehicle Activated Sign has now been in situ for a few weeks, and, with the help of the Community Speed Watch Team, we are monitoring its effectiveness. We are delighted to learn that the police have authorised some additional locations for Community Speed Watch – all this to help keep speed through the village to the legal limit and safer for everyone.

If you notice a pothole or pavement issue please report it www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it-online or if you have any other queries or concerns regarding our roads please contact the Clerk at clerk@westhorsley.info.

FINANCE TASK GROUP

September/October is the time the budget setting for the next financial year begins. The Council's various Task Groups are asked to advise the Clerk of their future spending plans. These together with the overall administration costs are added together to give a first draft of the budget.

This is compared to the precept for the current year. As with all budgets the wish list is usually greater than what is achievable in practice. It is then a matter of deciding whether a transfer from available reserves would cover the difference and be practical or the wish lists must be pared down.

The final budget goes to Guildford by mid-January to be included with the council tax.

Frances King – cllrking@westhorsley.info

THE COMMUNITY TASK GROUP

Our brief is to engage with our community through events for all ages and all abilities. Since March 2019 our job has been impossible due to COVID-19 and we are saddened by the number of events that had to be cancelled. However, on 29 May we were able to hold one of our two annual Litter Pick sessions. It was a great success and our grateful thanks to all of you who participated. June saw our slightly more specialised event proceed and that was West Horsley in Bloom 2021 (see page 8). During September, we had the Teddy Bears' Picnic, which always involves a Punch and Judy Show and games. The little ones thoroughly enjoyed the whole affair. It is often people's first introduction to our most treasured resource, the Village Orchard. As the year draws in and the evenings get darker, we hope to plan further events, for Halloween and The Christmas Lantern Parade with mince pies and carols in the Orchard. Is there a community event that you would like us to arrange? Just get in touch and we'll see what we can do.

Mel Beynon – cllrbeynon@westhorsley.info



ASSET & APPEARANCE TASK GROUP

We continue to make progress with improving the appearance of our lovely village with a full programme of planting trees and shrubs, as witnessed by the spectacular trees on the Village Green and the beautiful planters outside the Village Hall. Due to the extraordinary weather, we have encountered this summer we have had to constantly monitor our programme of keeping footpaths clear, in conjunction with Surrey County Council, but please contact us if there are any areas that need urgent treatment. On the Asset side there is exciting news that we intend to re-surface and refurbish the village Tennis Court in autumn. It's with thanks to Surrey County Council's Member's Grant, we were able to purchase another picnic table and bench for the Orchard. We are always open to new ideas so please contact us if there is anything which springs to mind.

Tony Rogers – cllrrogers@westhorsley.info



Fun in the snow at Sheepleas January 2021



West Horsley Youth Council

The West Horsley Youth Council (WHYC), which as you may know, echoes the full Council in that they have an elected Chairman, Clerk and Finance Officer. There are seven members, some of whom you may have met at The Horsley Big Day Out at Horsley Towers, running the Selfie Taxi and Guess the Sweets, raising funds to offer free events to local teens as well as for the younger age groups.

They have been working on several projects, the first one was the Photography Competition which had prizes sponsored by the Chairman of West Horsley Parish Council, Elaine Best. This event closed at the end of September and the winning photos will be on our website and published in the Spring Newsletter.

The next project coming up is the Free Outdoor Cinema. The team say they hope to run the outdoor cinema in 2022, with the support of the main Parish Council. They will take place at various locations covering a range of age groups. I am sure you will see details of these events around the Horsleys as well as our website in the near future. Please donate

when you see their collection bucket! We hope that the WHYC will be able to provide a valuable communication network and support for the over 13s within our community. WHYC currently comes under the care and guidance of the Community Task Group.

If you are interested in joining the West Horsley Youth Council in the future and are aged between 13-18 years, please email:

*Mel Beynon – cllrbeynon@westhorsley.info or
Vanessa Buosi – cllrbuosi@westhorsley.info.*

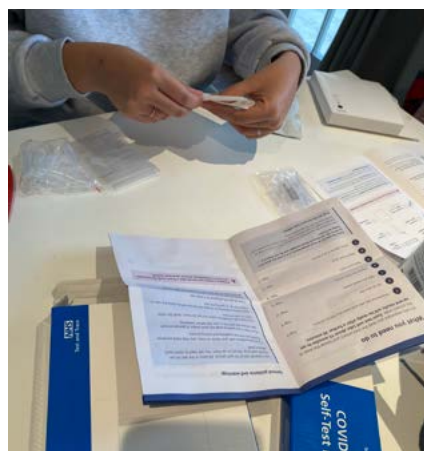


WHYC at Horsley Big Day Out in September

NO COMPLAINTS TO COVID-19 TESTING KEEP CALM & CARRY ON!

As part of joining the ranks of smart responsible young adults, I would like to add that the no fuss policy I have witnessed from many of them regarding conducting home PCR and Lateral Flow tests to attend events, schools or just meetings with their peers is fantastic. This is all to keep "Rona" at bay (the nickname for the Coronavirus). Keep up the spirit – it is so impressive what young people have taken in their stride and pushed forward. The WHPC wish the very best of luck in your forthcoming exams and appreciate all the input from the WHYC team too.

The Editor



West Horsley Youth Councillors L to R: Bea, Tiana, Sapphire, Alex, Harrison, Tom and Tim

OUR FUTURE PLANET

Calling all young and older residents alike – Plant a Tree in West Horsley!

The Youth Council are keen to be involved in tackling Climate Change, which affects us all. There is a simple solution: the humble tree. If every resident planted a tree in their garden, big or small, it would result in 1,200+ new trees and that's certainly a great start. You can also log the planting of your tree with Surrey County Council via trees@surreycc.gov.uk and we can all see how the West Horsley Planting Youth Council campaign is looking on the interactive

map. <https://surreysgreenerfuture.commonplace.is/proposals/1-2-million-new-trees-initiative>

The WHYC would love to hear from you about your tree planting and perhaps feature your efforts in our next newsletter. Please email cllrbuosi@westhorsley.info.

Suggestions as to where to purchase native trees and more information can be found via the Woodland Trust. <https://shop.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees>

FRIENDS OF HORSLEY STATION UPDATE

Visit Your Fund Surrey <https://yourfundsurreymap.commonplace.is/comments> and vote for improvement to one of our most important local assets or to get involved with the project contact West Horsley's representatives, cllrbeynon@westhorsley.info or cllrogers@westhorsley.info.

WEST HORSLEY IN BLOOM 2021 COMPETITION

What a success it was this year after being cancelled in 2020! The weeks before judging the weather had been horrendous. We had everything, from too much heat to a lot more rain that we would have imagined. It took us ten hours in all to complete the judging. The gardens were stunning. Somehow the roses had been persuaded to hold up their heads, the lawns were immaculate, and in every garden, we had the great joy and privilege of sharing stories of how people's gardens had developed and were shown the favourite spots in which to sit and dine.

The Village Hall was buzzing as we launched the Winners Presentation Evening on 24 July. The stage was beautifully decorated and each of the tables had a delightful, hand-tied posie in the centre. The "top table" displayed all the trophies and provided a little competition for the gleaming chains of office worn by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford. We had a record number of entries, and the expected guests were all there.

Our Chairman, Elaine Best, opened the Presentation Evening with a warm welcome to all. Celia Chapman announced the results of the "Potato in a Pot" Junior Competitions in 2020 and in 2021.

The 2020 winner was Emelia Herrington and this year's winner was Billy Hauck. With so many wonderful entries and therefore so many results to announce, it was necessary to move very quickly. Each person's winning certificate was presented by Cllr Frances King in record time. There was a distinct party atmosphere during the interval whilst the delicious canapes and wine were served. The second half concluded with the presentation of class winners and the awarding of trophies by Chairman Elaine Best.

Rosemary Tribe received the replica Roxburghe cup as is tradition after winning in 2019, followed by all the Best in each category winners. The Mike Chapman Memorial award for the best vegetable garden was presented by his widow, Celia. Adam Aaronson presented the Judges' Prize, a beautiful and unique glass sculpture.

The Deputy Mayor presented the Community Cup and the Roxburghe Trophy for the overall winner, sharing with everyone that he and his wife were also very keen gardeners, so it was very appropriate that they were able to come as guests to our Presentation Evening.

Elaine Best closed the evening with a vote of thanks to all the organisers of the competition



Rosemary Tribe the 2019 Winner

praising this flagship event on the Parish Council's calendar as a quintessentially, rural community event, she went on to say, "as a rural village we need to fight for its preservation and continued existence." Her words and emotional delivery were heartily supported by bursts of enthusiastic clapping, which brought the wonderful evening to a reluctant close.

We hope to see even more new entries next year and a good showing of our stalwarts too, so happy gardening and see MORE of you in 2022!
Mel Beynon – cllrbeynon@westhorsley.info



Deputy Mayor of Guildford presents an award to Tom Suffolk



Adam Aaronson presents Chrissy Dunkerley with a bespoke glass trophy



Matt Link from West Horsley Place receives a cup from the Deputy Mayor



A full house at the Village Hall for WHIB 2021

WEST HORSLEY IN BLOOM WINNERS

List of the West Horsley In Bloom individual class winners is on our website...

www.westhorsley.info

The committee of judges would like to express our sincerest thanks to the hugely generous sponsors. WHPC, Spring Reach, Squire's, Adam Aaronson, Milloe Blinds, Bell & Colvill, Crossroads Stores, Artichoke Interiors, CT Cars, Timberwood Tree Services, Surrey Gardeners, Wimbleton Garden Services, Quach, TIA Architects & Design.

In addition, congratulations to award winners in the **2021 Guildford in Bloom competition**: Glensk School West Horsley for Best School in Bloom and Rosemary Tribe, Silver Gilt in the Best Garden for wildlife category. Aspen Close Woodland won the overall Best in Competition Award. **Brilliant!**

THE ARTS IN WEST HORSLEY...

ADAM AARONSON GLASS STUDIO



West Horsley has a wonderful glass studio of 2,400 sq ft. The studio is large and airy with high ceilings and plenty of natural light. Adam Aaronson is an enthusiastic teacher and enjoys passing on his glassblowing skills. His course is a popular half-day introduction to glassblowing for beginners and he also offers on-going tuition for those who wish to extend their expertise. Private sessions can be arranged for groups of family or friends or for corporate team-building events. The studio is also an active participant in the local Surrey Arts scene, as well as a major sponsor of West Horsley in Bloom, an annual event for which Adam makes a special trophy – The Judges’ Award. Beautiful Garden Sculptures are one of the many creations Adam produces. Adam Aaronson Glass Studio, Foxbury

Barn, Epsom Road, West Horsley KT24 6AR, is located on the A246 (Epsom Road) midway between Leatherhead and Guildford, adjacent to Squires Garden Centre, on the west side of the road. (NB SATNAV takes you to the wrong place!) www.adamaaronson.com.

Finally, Adam is exhibiting alongside Surrey Hills Enterprises, Surrey Guild of Craftsmen, Guildford Art Society, Wey Ceramics & the Artshed Collective at the “Surrey Hills Christmas Fair at West Horsley Place” on 26, 27, 28th November from 10am-4pm at West Horsley Place. Celebrating the best of Surrey arts, crafts and artisan produce the fair will be a wonderful opportunity to buy beautiful artworks and sustainable local produce for your Christmas shopping, www.westhorsleyplace.co.uk.

WEST HORSLEY ARTS BOARD

Our vision going forward is to have a continual renewed source of artworks displayed at the bus stop and in our newsletters from all our talented residents and students of West Horsley.

We are proud to have had so many lovely displays so far. Whether an original or inspired artwork we would love to exhibit your works at the bus stop at the Village Hall for everyone to enjoy. Please send via email. In the meantime, here are couple you may have already seen. [Mel Beynon – cilrbeynon@westhorsley.info](mailto:cilrbeynon@westhorsley.info)



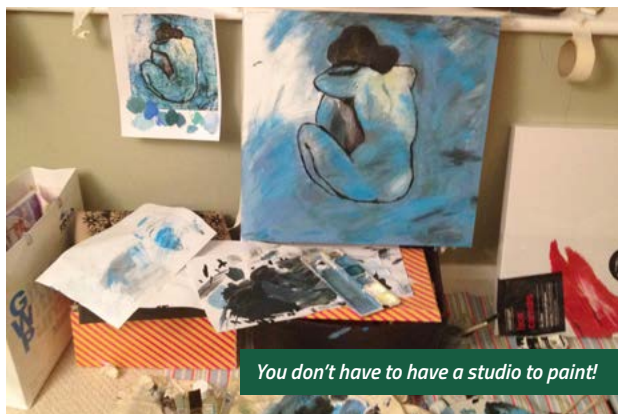
Jen Powell , retired GBC Ward Councillor, with Adam's glass garden sculptures



Statue "Carpe Diem" at the first Art Exhibition at West Horsley Place Barn – in June



A-level student artist



You don't have to have a studio to paint!

Grace + Flavour

Grace and Flavour Community Kitchen Garden is on Ripley Lane next to Dene Place

We started growing vegetables and fruit in 2010, and have since expanded to include cut flowers, a wildlife area and pond. As you enter from the road the Horsley allotments are on the same site, managed by Grace and Flavour for East and West Horsley Parish Councils. The community garden beyond the allotments though operates differently as it is cultivated by the members as a whole unit

The garden has been completely no-dig and organic since about 2014. We just spread manure and compost on the surface and let nature do the work. We do not use herbicides or pesticides (e.g., we don't use slug pellets!). All the seeds are sown into peat free compost.

2021, after the glorious weather of 2020, has been a challenging growing season. Many crops

Hopefully quick intervention has helped save most of the potatoes, but the tomatoes, sadly, have been decimated.

The early autumn is the most prolific harvest in the garden with late summer crops such as sweetcorn and courgettes still productive, autumn vegetables including squashes, Romanesco, celeriac and red cabbages in their prime, and early winter vegetables such as kale and leeks starting to be cropped. Fruit is a significant part of the garden. A large fruit cage gave us blackcurrants, gooseberries, and redcurrants in the summer. In autumn the raspberries and blackberries are being picked. Normally we have a huge amount of plums but the late frosts this year annihilated them. However, pears are abundant and there will be some apples too.

The flower section of the garden, although relatively small, produces wonderful cut flowers. We grow a mixture of perennials such as agapanthus and peonies and annuals, for example, sunflowers, asters, zinnias and sweet peas. Each week many bunches of flowers are sold to our members.

The garden always welcomes new members. Some people come every week, while others come whenever they can. The joys of a community garden are the opportunity to eat fresh organic vegetables and fruit, to relax, keep fit and socialize with a wide range of people.

John Whitlock, Head Gardener Grace and Flavour
<http://graceandflavour.org/index.php>

Grace & Flavour are a West Horsley in Bloom Non-Residential Silver-Gilt Award Winner



Grace + Flavour at the September Horsley Farmers Market

and the produce is shared between them. You pay a price for the vegetables depending on the time you give to the garden.

In addition, a small box of vegetables is sent out to about 30 – 35 households for 12 weeks in the summer which is organised through the Wheel of Care. Any surplus crops are sold on Saturdays at midday on the site in the summer and early autumn.

have enjoyed the damp and mild temperatures, however, others have not.

The garden's successes cover a huge range of vegetables and fruit, from the standard cabbages, broccoli, runner beans, cucumbers, and carrots to Padron peppers, borlotti beans and Romanesco. However, the conditions this year have been ideal for the spread of blight and our potatoes and tomatoes have been badly hit.



The Grace + Flavour Community Garden on Ripley Lane, West Horsley

OUR ENVIRONMENT...

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK GROUP

With an increasing need to respond to the challenges surrounding global warming, the task group's focus will be to look at raising awareness across the village, working on some specific projects that can make a difference and focusing on what we can all do as individuals to mitigate the effects of Climate Change. We will be working closely with East Horsley Parish Council. Several residents have expressed an interest in volunteering their time to help – thank you, we will be in touch soon – and more are welcome. We are looking at Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points within the village, Terra Cycle recycle points and wildlife preservation along our verges. Please check in regularly on our website for what you can do to help. www.westhorsley.info.

Catherine Young, clryoung@westhorsley.info



UK beaches hit 30+ degrees this summer

OUR VILLAGE TREES

The loss of trees due to the ongoing building in West Horsley has been mentioned to the Parish Council on several occasions. Being the beneficiary of a generous bequest with the wish that "where possible it be spent on trees around the village", we are trying to combat the loss. Here's an update on how some of the money has been used: trees and replacement hedging now growing well on the Village Green, St Mary's Churchyard and Grace & Flavour Community Garden all benefitted from new trees. In addition, Horsley Countryside & Preservation Society (HCPS) had been negotiating, for some time, with Surrey County Council to plant trees for wildlife on the grass verges in WH and EH villages.

This resulted in Rowan trees being planted and the legacy was used to pay for those throughout West Horsley. Horsley Meadows (on Long Reach) should now be open for everyone to enjoy and the car park is surrounded by further planting which should mature well. It will be managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust on behalf of the Land Trust. The WHPC hope to be involved with this together with HCPS.



Trees on the Village Green



Horsley Meadows, Long Reach

THE ORCHARD

Perhaps like me, until I joined the Parish Council, I had no idea that we had a Village Orchard. But we do! Located on the corner of Ripley Lane and The Street in front of Old St Mary's, this piece of land was originally part of the St Mary's School with an orchard of many heritage trees mainly apple but with damsons, sloes and even apricots (if you can spot them!) growing merrily.

The Parish Council has a long lease on the land and is responsible for its upkeep for the enjoyment and benefit of villagers. As well as providing fruit that villagers can pick and take home for free, it offers a quiet place for rest and reflection as well as being our prime location for important events. We are very appreciative of the Orchard Guardians, Janet Clayden, Julie Ottey, Clare Axten and Mandy Newman who keep a watchful eye on it for us and Rosanne Gould who monitors the gates for us. We couldn't manage without their constant help and vigilance. Thank you all.

Sadly, the five ash trees located in the Orchard alongside Ripley Lane all have ash die-back and will need to come down. We have been given permission for this and they will be felled this autumn. Knowing that we will lose these trees, we are about to embark on a restoration project for the whole orchard. This will maintain its heritage, including the wildlife areas and the "secret den" but see new fruit trees and soft fruit bushes, all native types, added. We are applying to Guildford Borough Council for permission as the Orchard is within the Conservation Area. Tree planting can hopefully then commence late this autumn.

There are several memorial benches to sit on and enjoy the birdsong. If you haven't visited the Orchard, please do, and pick some fruit for free when in season. We are so lucky to have a tranquil spot. Enjoy!

Chairman, Elaine Best



The Orchard on Ripley Lane & The Street

PLANNING MATTERS

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

2021 has been another busy year for planning. With over 100 applications, 52 being full planning, 50% have been approved by Guildford Borough Council (GBC), 10% refused and 40% awaiting a decision. The addition of 'infilling' and 'windfall' developments, together with the three allocated sites, will result in nearly a 35% increase on our existing housing stock. Planning applications are currently being delayed by GBC by several weeks.

Due to the vast number of new homes planned for our village, jointly with East Horsley Parish Council we have contacted Sir Paul Beresford, our local MP and the Leader of Guildford Borough Council, Cllr Joss Bigmore. The effect the Local Plan and our removal from the Green Belt is having on our villages was discussed, along with the devastating impact that lorries and trucks are having on our lanes, roads, verges, and daily living. Cllr Bigmore agreed to hold internal discussions and to meet us again with one of the Executive Directors at GBC.

Guy Murray – cllrmurray@westhorsley.info



WEST HORSLEY VILLAGE SITES UPDATE

1. Site A37 Land to the west of West Horsley, Manor Farm (139 homes)

The application for Manor Farm was approved on 14 July 2021 at a GBC Committee meeting. Guy Murray and GBC ward Councillor Catherine Young spoke at this meeting to strongly object on the basis that this application was in conflict the West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council objected to this application.

2. Site A39 Land to the north of West Horsley (around Waterloo Farm – 120 homes)

The application for 35 new homes by Antler homes is awaiting a decision by GBC. The application for the rest of the site, approximately 90 new homes, is waiting to be validated. Despite the Parish Council objecting, an application for four new homes in the front courtyard of the farm was approved and a further application was submitted by the landowner in December 2019 for five large houses in their back garden. The application is yet to be decided. The Parish Council objected to these applications.

3. Site A38 Lollesworth Fields (East Horsley 110 homes) Taylor Wimpey

Outline planning permission has been granted for access only and we await the application for reserved matters.

4. Champney Cottage, Cranmore Lane (5 new homes)

The appeal was upheld by the Inspector and work is underway.

5. Britains Farm (5 new homes)

The application was approved, and work is underway. The Parish Council objected to this application.

6. Silkmore, Silkmore Lane (4 new homes)

The application was approved, and work is underway. The Parish Council objected to this application.

7. Goodhart-Rendall site, Cranmore Lane (4 new homes)

The demolition and rebuild of the Community Hall. The Parish Council has objected and challenged the right to develop on this land as it was originally held in trust for the community to enjoy. GBC has now approved.

8. Bell & Colvill Proposed Development

WHPC have met with the planning agents for this site to discuss options for keeping a business element, preserving the frontage of this iconic building and their plans to build 15 flats on this site.

◀ See photo of the Bell & Colvill site from an old postcard opposite.



Site A37 access off East Lane and Long Reach

Site A39 access off Ockham Road North and Green Lane

Site A38 access off Ockham Road North, East Horsley

WISLEY UPDATE

At a recent meeting held with WH and EH Parish Councils and the team from Taylor Wimpey, it was generally agreed that their current masterplan has been modified in accordance with many of our comments and suggestions put forward by the local community.

There remain significant concerns over the impact of the development on local infrastructure, transport (including cycle routes), schools, medical facilities and parking. Currently, these issues have not been satisfactorily resolved. The provision of both full educational and healthcare facilities within the proposed development would, of course, reduce traffic impact on the surrounding highway infrastructure and our village. Highways England have deferred their decision on the upgrade of the A3/M25 junction until November which is critical to the viability of the mixed-use scheme including the 2,000 proposed houses. The Planning application is due to be submitted to Guildford late Autumn 2021.

THE MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AWARDS

In May, the "2021 Mayor's Award for Service to the Community" ceremony honoured local residents and groups who have gone out of their way to improve the lives of others and encourage positive community spirit over the challenging last 12 months.

Congratulations to our Horsley winners: Jenni at Crossroads Stores West Horsley, Kelvin and his team who run the Horsley Community Bus, Shelini and Ian at Bishopsmead Post Office and Roshini and Rammeash at Station Parade Post Office.



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PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

Every year, the Parish Council gives grants to organisations who provide services within West Horsley. If your organisation would like to be considered, please contact the Clerk for an application form clerk@westhorsley.info. Submissions to be sent back by the end of May 2022 for 2022/23 grants.

HORSLEY BIG DAY OUT

The organising team behind the Horsley Big Day Out (HBDO) which took place in September at Horsley Towers are delighted that the day was a great success. They would like to thank:

- The volunteers who helped organise the HBDO, the Cherry Trees Respite Home for promoting the event and helping out on the day.
- The Friday Five, Unfinished Business, The Surrey Pumas and the headline band The Counterfeit Beatles for making great music.
- Charles Hope, retired Chair of WHPC for arranging and overseeing the PA system.
- The vendors who brought along local produce and crafts and the Horsley businesses who made the day a community event.
- Judges James Harper and Martin Colvill who inspected the classic cars - the winner's trophy went to the 1953 Dennis fire engine.
- The children's entertainment sponsor RUSSELL & Co, all the volunteers for this section, the Horsley & Bookham Riding for the Disabled with Barney the Shetland pony.

- The Openreach engineers, who answered questions concerning the forthcoming roll-out of ultrafast broadband to the Horsleys.
- If you were unable to book a tour of Horsley Towers, further tours are to be arranged.

Steve Harvey, HBDO organiser



GBC Ward Cllr Catherine Young with WH Chair Elaine Best at the WH Youth Council stall

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.theartssocietyhorsley.org.uk

The Arts Society Horsley Lovelace
www.theartssocietyhorsleylovelace.org.uk

CLUBS

University of the Third Age (U3A)
www.horsleyu3a.org.uk

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

West Horsley Women's Institute
Pip Holmes Tel: 01483 285496

West Surrey Natural History Society
Tel: 01372 457623

The Probus Club of the Horsleys
David Lush Tel: 01483 280267

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

Horsley Countryside Preservation
www.hcps.online

East Horsley Bridge Club
www.bridgewebs.com/easthorsley

Horsley Floral Decoration Group
Ruth Farmer Tel: 01483 202440

Horsley Garden Society
Roger Lindsay Tel: 01483 282408

Beehive Craft Group
www.easthorsleychurch.org.uk

Wheel of Care Social & Exercise Clubs
www.westhorsleywheelofcare.co.uk

DRAMATICS & CHORAL

The Nomad Theatre
www.nomadtheatre.com

The Whips Players
www.horsleyamdram.org

Horsley Choral Society
www.horsleychoralsociety.com

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Sports facilities & Skatepark
Kingston Meadow, Kingston Avenue

East Horsley Bowling Club
www.easthorsleybc.co.uk

The Horsley Shufflers – running group
www.facebook.com/HorsleyShufflers

Horsley Football Club, West Horsley
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

Horsley Badminton Club
www.horsleybadminton.co.uk

Horsley Cricket Club
www.horsleysportsclub.com

Effingham Cricket Club
www.effinghamcc.co.uk

Horsley and Send Cricket Club
www.horsleyandsendcc.co.uk

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www.scouts.org.uk

4th Horsley Brownies
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1st West Horsley Brownies
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1st Horsley Guides
Karlene Peach Tel: 01483 224692



West Horsley Parish Council

WHERE ARE THE RESIDENTS AT OUR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS? 😞 WE MISS YOU

Meetings have now resumed in the Village Hall once a month (usually on the third Tuesday) at **7.30pm** in the Cedar Room. The public are always welcome at these meetings and it is an easy and quick way to understand the interesting plans for future West Horsley as well as have your say and learn about the planning issues in your village. We can't promise a Jackie Weaver moment, but we do promise a professional debate! You can review in advance individual agendas on our website www.westhorsley.info. As a Parish Council our darker moments have dwelt on the considerable anger and frustration that residents have expressed to us on planning decisions taken by Guildford Borough Council with apparent disregard for the key policies in our adopted Neighbourhood Plan. This led me to join forces with the Chairman of



East Horsley Parish Council, seek the help of our local MP and meet the Leader of Guildford Borough Council to see what could be done to prevent the urbanization of our rural village. Having taken up the cudgels to get proper recognition of our policies on character, design, density, dark skies and biodiversity we continue with the fight. Please keep an eye on our website where I post progress statements.

Elaine Best, Chairman

WEST HORSLEY HISTORY

Cllr Mel Beynon and resident Jeremy Miles have managed to secure a bit of West Horsley Heritage. By chance they were able to acquire, from Don Clarke, for the Parish Council several albums of original photos and postcards and save them from going to auction and being split up. It is a wonderful collection that the Parish looks forward to sharing over several Special Exhibitions with our residents and neighbouring parishes. Should anyone else in the village have any vintage historical photos or cards relating to West Horsley please email the clerk@westhorsley.info. In the meantime, here is a sneak preview of a couple of them!



YOUR FUND SURREY

There is going to be a new merged community concept to be registered by West Horsley Parish Council with the hope to be considered for funds from SCC's Your Fund Surrey initiative, a £100million fund for Community Projects:

To potentially add some amazing facilities to your village watch this space and look out for our Nextdoor postings in order to vote.

For further information please email cllrbuosi@westhorsley.info or go to <https://yourfundsurreymap.commonplace.is/comments>

THINK BIG

FRIENDS OF HORSLEY LIBRARY

Our Horsley library has a new manager, Christine Whyte. We can expect updated self-service kiosks and new public personal computers, web platforms and apps. We're certainly moving Horsley into the age of technology. As we gradually relax the COVID-19 restrictions we intend to widen the Friends activities by inviting local authors and celebrities to the library to tell us about their work and interests. News of these evening meetings will be advertised in the library, local shops and noticeboards.

Rhys Beynon (Chair of Friends of Horsley Library)

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES

- Neighbourhood Policing team**
Tel: 101
guildford@surrey.police.uk
- GBC Refuse Collection**
Tel: 01483 505050
www.guildford.gov.uk
- Slyfield Recycling Centre**
Tel: 01483 532187
- Guildford Borough Council**
<https://my.guildford.gov.uk/customers/>
- Water Leaks**
Tel: 0345 357 2407
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
- Flooding & Waterways**
www.gov.uk
- Environment incident hotline**
Tel: 0800 80 70 60
www.gov.uk
- Surrey County Council**
www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/
- SCC Highways Roads & Transport**
www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport
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