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HELLO FROM THE WHPC CHAIRMAN

Welcome to our 2023 Summer Newsletter

At last beautiful sunshine replacing cold wet times that saw so much of our Village flooded. As a Parish Council we have kept pace with changing times. Our new 4-year term began last month, and we welcomed new Councillor Carole Mattock saying farewell to Catherine Young who had been both Parish and Borough Councillor. We are delighted though that she has been re-elected to the Borough Council along with Ruth Brothwell and Dawn Bennett for Clandon & Horsley Ward. We'll be keeping them busy!!

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD...

As our new term of office begins, a reflection on achievements over the last 4 years. We set out our strategic vision and here's some of the highlights and accomplishments:

- Came through a pandemic
- Appointed a new clerk and deputy clerk
- Produced twice-yearly news magazines and now a quarterly e-bulletin board
- Set up a Community Forum
- Established a Youth Council
- Improved the Village appearance with new noticeboards, benches, picnic tables, wooden bins, signs, bollards, refurbished the tennis court, restored the Village Orchard, planted trees, and installed a new defibrillator
- Secured the services of a Village Warden
- Started on the climate change agenda



Cllr Elaine Best
chairman@westhorsley.info

- Hosted over 14 free events
- Considered more than 600 planning applications
- Produced a Welcome Pack for new homeowners
- Bade farewell to The Queen and proclaimed a new King

It is now time for us to look to 2023 – 2027 and we will be setting out our new strategic plan for this period in a few weeks' time. Current thinking suggests concentration on the environment, enhanced infrastructure, and safer community. We will say more in our next newsletter.

Cllr Elaine Best – chairman@westhorsley.info

THE HORSLEY BIG DAY OUT SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023

Mark your diary for Sunday 2 July for the return of The Horsley Big Day Out. The De Vere Group, owners of Horsley Towers, East Horsley Parish Council and local sponsors join forces to stage a wonderful community event at Horsley Towers with live music, children's activities, classic cars, tours of Horsley Towers and lots to eat and drink, courtesy of local suppliers.

Full details available on EHPC website and also on WHPC website under Events.

THE HORSLEY BIG DAY OUT
HORSLEY TOWERS
SUNDAY 2 JULY
2pm - 7pm

(NOT) THE ROLLING STONES
WELLFEST + CLASSIC CARS
KID'S PARK + FOOD & DRINK

FREE ENTRY

Car Park: £12 (£8 in advance)
Book at: easthorsley.info

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WEST HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

Every year the Parish Council gives grants to organisations, groups and charities who provide services within West Horsley. Full details of eligibility and how to apply are available on our website or via the Clerk at clerk@westhorsley.info.



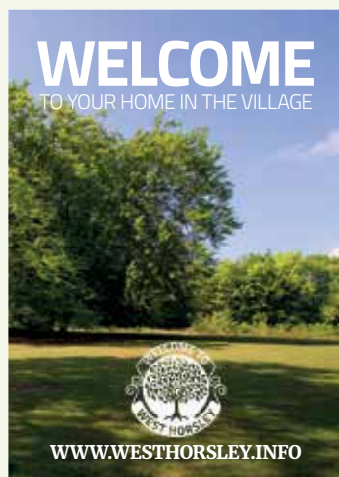
The
Henry Smith
Charity
founded in 1628

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.

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

The new welcome pack digital version is now on our website for all residents to view. Hard copies are available. Please contact me should you wish to receive one. We print to order in batches. Please sign up to our mailing list as we have our regular E-Bulletin Boards going out only digitally in between our hard copy and Digital Newsletters. Should you wish to suggest a feature/subject in our newsletter please email and if suitable, we can do our utmost to include it.

Vanessa Buosi – cllrbuosi@westhorsley.info



FINANCE

The Parish Council has been using computer software for its Financial Statements for 2 years now and it means the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer and the Councillors have a more immediate view of the expenditure of the precept against budget.

The budget setting starts in the September of the current financial year, with the Committees/Task Group leaders asked to provide their estimates of what they expect to spend for the following year. This is collated and the total compared to the current year's precept.

It is then usually a matter of saying what the groups would like to spend on the village and what is possible! This is not always helped by the fact that the salaries, which are based on a national scale, are often not agreed for the current year let alone the next one.

Frances King – cllrking@westhorsley.info



THE COMMUNITY

Offering free events to our residents is one of our many roles in this Task Group. Our most recent event was the lighting of the Beacon to celebrate the Coronation of our new King. Over 500 people gathered at West Horsley Place despite the drizzle earlier in the evening. The Whippets were in splendid voice as was Utterly Unique. Between them, they filled the air with some lovely music.

The Beacon was lit by Elaine Best, Chairman of the Parish Council. The Mayor, Cllr Dennis Booth and the Mayoress, Mary Booth joined us to raise a toast to His Majesty Charles III. The Royal cocktails and mocktails were sold out before the end of the evening and even the ice cream lady was delighted that so many of us had indulged despite it being rather cold. All in all, everyone had a very enjoyable evening. Thank you all for joining in and making it a fun end to a really memorable day. Where better to have ended an historic day than at West Horsley Place with all its Royal connections. Our next event on Saturday Sept 10th is the Teddy Bears' Picnic which will be held in the Village Orchard. Be sure to join us then for some more fun.

Mel Beynon – cllrbeynon@westhorsley.info

ASSET & APPEARANCE

The village is looking at its very best at this time of year, and if you have not yet visited our improved orchard, we urge you to do so. The tennis court remains very popular so please remember to book in advance if you want to use it.

Several capital projects to add to our assets are under consideration, but in the meantime we would ask residents to keep their grass verges as neat as possible and to clear their drains where possible. We are not permitted to prune hedges during the bird – nesting season, which extends until September, but we can all do our bit to keep the village neat and tidy.

Tony Rogers – cllrrogers@westhorsley.info



ROAD SAFETY & MAINTENANCE

The speed limit on the Epsom Road was reduced to 40 mph recently. The new access to 'The Hamptons' at Walnut Tree Gardens, does not seem up to standard and we hope it will put right very soon. Indeed, through the Parish the traffic has brought much damage to our road edges, particularly the HGVs.

We will continue to work hard on resolving road quality issues, but the fishing is good in the meantime!

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

*www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it-online
Cllr Peter Colbourne-Baber – cllrcolbourne-baber@westhorsley.info*



West Horsley Youth Council

It is all change in our Youth Council! Our new chairman is Elise French, supported by Adrian Groenewald as Clerk. Former Chairman, Bea Banks, and her Clerk Tim Merritt have stood down temporarily from the council because of exams. They did a great job, and we wish them good luck with the exams.

The new group hit the ground running and had been beavering away, setting up the Horsley Hustle which happened at West Horsley Place on June 4th. Here are some lovely moments from the day! Recruitment is now our main focus.

As older Councillors leave for university or

further education, there will be positions which need filling to ensure that the voice of young people continues to be heard in our community.

If you are aged between 13 and 18 and live in West Horsley, do give a thought to becoming a Youth Councillor. You would be joining a lovely bunch of young people. It is very interesting and looks impressive on your CV. More than that, it is your community, you can have a say in what happens in it! For further information, please email...

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VILLAGE GREEN GREAT OAK

Our Youth Council are very keen to support the climate and environment issues within the village. Although fun to see the flag at the top of the great oak in the village. It was sad to learn of the shoe spike damage caused to the tree when the flag was taken up and put in place by an unauthorised person. Our village maintenance contractor has safely removed the flag and heavy item to ensure no further damage was caused. If residents want a flag on the Oak Tree, please get in touch and we can work out how to arrange without causing damage to a 400-year-old oak.

Thank you.

THANK YOU... CHURCH YARD TEAM ST MARY'S CHURCH WEST HORSLEY

Whatever the season, the St Mary's Churchyard is always a joy to walk through and so many people comment on its beauty, with snowdrops, daffodils, bluebells, cherry blossom, and ox-eye daisies all declaring the changing of the seasons. Sitting on one of the benches dotted around enables you to stop for a moment, reflect and marinate your soul in its timeless beauty. However, it doesn't just happen – it's cultivated by the Churchyard Team, led so ably by Trevor Wykes. It may be hard work, but it's also a hugely therapeutic thing to do as well so, if you'd like to get involved, do get in touch.

Rev'd Philip Herrington

Rector, St Mary's West Horsley Parish Office:

01483 281898

www.stmaryswesthorsley.co.uk

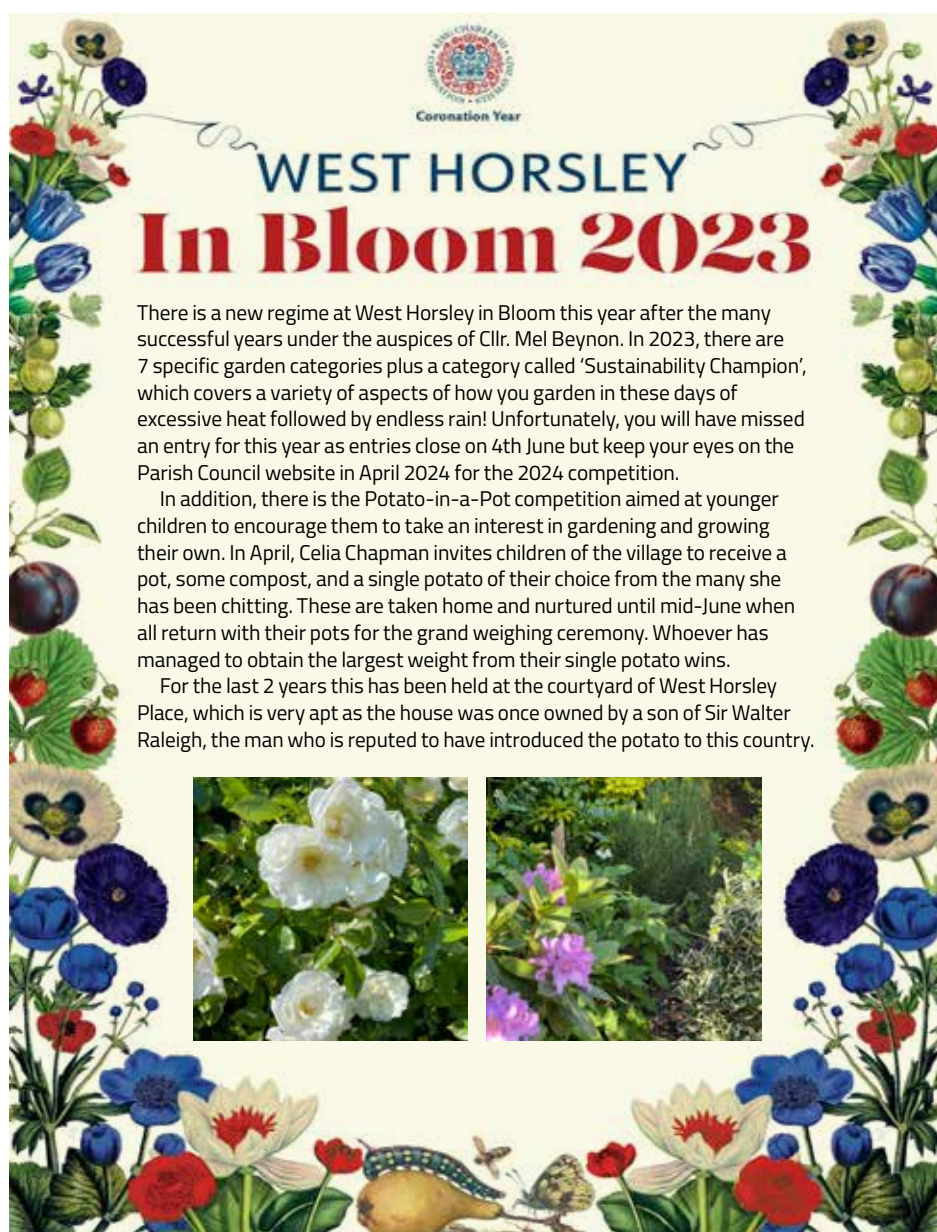
HORSLEY HUSTLE FUN RUN

The Youth Council welcomed almost 120 runners of all ages and abilities to take part in the inaugural Horsley Hustle fun run. Participants ran either a 2k or a 5k route around the picturesque grounds of West Horsley Place and were presented with an edible medal at the end plus prizes for the race winners. A great day was had by all, with many asking if the event was to become an annual fixture!

Adrian: Youth Council Member



OUR ENVIRONMENT OUR VILLAGE...



There is a new regime at West Horsley in Bloom this year after the many successful years under the auspices of Cllr. Mel Beynon. In 2023, there are 7 specific garden categories plus a category called 'Sustainability Champion', which covers a variety of aspects of how you garden in these days of excessive heat followed by endless rain! Unfortunately, you will have missed an entry for this year as entries close on 4th June but keep your eyes on the Parish Council website in April 2024 for the 2024 competition.

In addition, there is the Potato-in-a-Pot competition aimed at younger children to encourage them to take an interest in gardening and growing their own. In April, Celia Chapman invites children of the village to receive a pot, some compost, and a single potato of their choice from the many she has been chitting. These are taken home and nurtured until mid-June when all return with their pots for the grand weighing ceremony. Whoever has managed to obtain the largest weight from their single potato wins.

For the last 2 years this has been held at the courtyard of West Horsley Place, which is very apt as the house was once owned by a son of Sir Walter Raleigh, the man who is reputed to have introduced the potato to this country.



THE ORCHARD

West Horsley has its own Orchard for the enjoyment of residents. It is in the triangle of land at the junction of The Street and Ripley Lane. The Orchard has recently been restored with some new heritage fruit trees and soft fruits planted to replace those that were old and dying. When the fruit has ripened anyone in the village can have a pick, provided some is left for the next person. Our environment is important for us all and the WHPC works hard to try, as far as possible, to keep West Horsley as a good place in which to live.

Sadly, when hedges are ripped out and replaced with close boarded fencing, we lose our 'green corridors' for the movement of wildlife, so please think twice before ripping that hedge out. Hedges may be more difficult to maintain but they give the village that green look and capture carbon in this time of climate change.

Francis King – cllking@westhorsley.info



NIGHTINGALE CRESCENT PLATINUM JUBILEE TREES

In line with a previous campaign for the Queen's Green Canopy, the Parish Council launched the idea to plant 7 trees in the Crescent to celebrate the 7 decades of the Queen's Reign. Thanks to the support of GBC in planting and Cllr Catherine Young the permissions were granted for planting. The cost of trees were funded by The Akerman bequest and the last of the trees were planted early February.

A commemorative plaque has now been installed in appreciation of the Queen and the Ackerman bequest.

HORSLEY MEADOWS CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Over this last winter, a group of local volunteers, alongside Surrey Wildlife Trust, have spent time planting hedgerow saplings, to repair and improve the invaluable wildlife corridors that exist across the site. (SANG off Long Reach) The hedgerows consist of a mix of native species, including hawthorn, beech, crab apple, and guelder rose, providing food and shelter all year round for a myriad of mammals, birds, and insects, and forming essential corridors to link areas of woodland.

We have been advised that, within two years, our tiny, little saplings will have grown into a very healthy hedgerow. Do wander up there if you haven't already visited Horsley Meadows. There is a 2.3km trail that winds its way around the site. In the Summer we have Skylarks nesting, and the meadows are full of wild grasses and flowers.

A picnic area provides the perfect spot to sit and enjoy the stunning sunsets. Should you wish to volunteer for future conservation events at Horsley Meadows, please email our Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@westhorsley.info.



VOLUNTEER SPECIAL...

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF THE VILLAGE

Did you know that International Volunteer Day is on December 5 annually. It's a day that recognises the efforts of volunteers in transforming their societies, economies, and environment. **This is what our volunteers do all year round.** Throughout this edition we celebrate and encourage all those who selflessly give time to help and support locally. We give heartfelt thanks to all those who have and continue to help the Parish Council; too many to name but you know who you are. Our hope too is that as people move into the Village the various organisations will benefit from more living here. Our recently published Welcome Pack contains information on the various clubs, societies, and groups. As you read on, I hope the tremendous community spirit that abounds in West Horsley will entice you to join up if you're not already involved; the variety and choice is vast.

Elaine Best, Chairman West Horsley Parish Council.



MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Our focus in this newsletter is to say thank you and promote the effort of our local volunteers, however the Mayors Award is an even more special way to say a huge thank you for an individual's contribution to the community. Congratulations and thank you to our very own Cllr Mel Beynon and Judy Young as well as the Wheel of Care team.



Cllr Mel Beynon and below
Judy Young receiving their award



A rather wet Chairman of WHPC
and Mayor of Guildford

KING'S CORONATION BEACON EVENT

Our volunteers for the Coronation Celebration at West Horsley Place were amazing and willing! A huge thank you to all our lovely volunteers that made a slightly damp event run smoothly! As our chairman would say you know who you are. In the meantime, a quick nod thank you to our behind the scene supporters such as Nick from Spring Reach Nursey for the loan of plants which we decorated the Beacon with and to the lovely Baschea Walsh for, yet again, her lovely handmade bunting which set off the event beautifully. We hope you enjoy some of the photos from the event.

THE ORCHARD GUARDIANS

The Village Orchard, one of our few village assets, is there for everyone to enjoy. It is quiet, but not isolated, dog free, somewhere children of all ages can spend time safely. It's ideal for the family picnic or a birthday party (please seek permission for parties via the clerk@westhorsley.info). We have a team of five Orchard Guardians who regularly walk through the Orchard to ensure that there is no damage or abuse of the area. Mandy Newman, Clare Axten, Janet Claydon and Julie Ottey have been Guardians for several years. They were recently joined by Dina Stovell, who recently donated a tree to plant in memory of her husband. It seemed natural that Dina should become a Guardian too to look after her tree and the rest of the Orchard. Our grateful thanks to all our Orchard Guardians, for ensuring that this recently refurbished space is safe and tranquil for us all to enjoy.



HORSLEY STATION FRIENDS ASSEMBLE

It was 'Spring into Action' time at the recent Friends of Horsley Station meeting. Held in the newly refurbished Guildford-bound platform waiting room, the gathering, including West Horsley Parish Councillor Peter Colborne Baber (far left) and Horsley Station master Richard Bunce (far right), agreed no less than 20 action points. The first happened straight after the meeting and was a group spruce up of the numerous planters now adorning the station thanks to the efforts of Richard and the Friends. Other actions featured bird boxes, new station loos, bug hotels, reviving the former Stockyard café building for community use, celebrating the station's 140th birthday, the campaign for lifts giving step free access to London bound trains and the summer gardening and watering rota. And there's more, so although the Friends are now a baker's dozen strong as they approach their fourth birthday, they will always welcome new recruits. Interested? Contact clerk@westhorsley.info.



WEST HORSLEY PLACE LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

The team at West Horsley Place would like to say a massive thank you to our brilliant volunteers who live in the Horsleys. We strive to create a flexible volunteering programme that enables opportunities for skills development, socialising and improving confidence and wellbeing. We receive constant feedback from visitors saying how welcoming, engaging, and wonderful our volunteers are; it makes a huge impact on the thousands of people who come to explore West Horsley Place every year.

Volunteers have roles from archive cataloguing, book repair and gardening to tour guiding, storytelling, creating souvenirs, mentoring young volunteers, making soft furnishing for the manor house, assisting with arts & crafts and so much more.

Our volunteers embody the spirit of our charity's values. They are welcoming, inclusive, creative, curious, passionate and they care deeply about preserving this special place for everyone to enjoy.

As a charity we seek to enrich peoples' wellbeing through culture, heritage, and nature, delivering a diverse range of events and activities across the year. We could not do any of this without the help, support, time, effort, and unfailing generosity of our local volunteers. THANK YOU.

Thanks to you, West Horsley Place will continue to grow as a place that has community at its heart. Find out more about volunteering at West Horsley Place at westhorsleyplace.org or call us on **01483 282032**.



WHP Volunteers on a sunny day

VILLAGE HALL PLANTERS VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the West Horsley residents, Judith, and Chris Scarlett, who look after the Village Hall planters. A 'Joseph Rock' Rowan Tree was kindly donated by Horsley Garden Society. This is a replacement tree for the one that died last year.



VILLAGE LITTER – A SPRING CLEAN FOR HORSLEY. LOOK OUT FOR UPDATES ON NEXT DOOR!

Twice a year, we hold a Village Litter Pick, and the fantastic news is that our band of volunteers is steadily growing! Between us all, we manage to cover pretty much the whole of the village, from the A246 down to the bottom of East Lane, and every street in between! This year, we were joined by a brave group from Thakeham Homes, the developer behind the Manor Wood site, and their efforts were very much appreciated.

Afterwards our workers are rewarded with tea, coffee, and homemade cakes in the Orchard – a lovely time to catch up with old friends and to meet new!

We are always looking for more volunteers – as they say 'many hands make light work', so if you fancy joining us for the next event in October, keep an eye out on our website and social media, or email the Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@westhorsley.info.

Jane McKenzie – deputyclerk@westhorsley.info



Volunteers reward in the Orchard

UNIVERSITY OF THE 3RD AGE – u3a

No longer working full time? Want to learn, laugh, live. How about joining the u3a. There is no age limit! The Horsley u3a runs, on a voluntary basis, over 45 groups providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly and social environment. Activities range from Wine Appreciation and Dinghy Sailing to Opera and Ballet and Chess. No qualifications are required. There is an annual subscription of £15 but, once you're a member, joining a group is free but some groups collect a small additional amount to cover expenses e.g., buying wine!! You can join as many or as few groups as you like. For more information visit www.horsleyu3a.org.uk or contact our membership secretary David Lush on 01483 280267 or membership@horsleyu3a.org.uk.

HORSLEY CHORAL SOCIETY SUMMER CONCERT

On Sunday 11th June we joined forces with good friends Oxshott Choral Society for 'An Evening at the Opera'. The concert featured well-loved opera classics and we were delighted to be joined by professional soloists Jane Searle (Soprano), Elizabeth Searle (Mezzo-Soprano), John Upperton (Tenor) and Geoffrey Horton (Bass) together with our fantastic rehearsal accompanists and professional pianists Matthew Rickard and David Harvey. New members are always welcome. Autumn Term starts 4th September at East Horsley Village Hall 8-10pm. Come and try some free taster rehearsals. All voice parts are welcome, no audition necessary, just the ability to hold a tune and a love of singing.

Visit www.horsleychoralsociety.com for more information or email secretary@horsleychoralsociety.com.



WEST HORSLEY EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (WHEWI)

Here's a shout out to West Horsley Evening WI which has contributed much to Village life over the years. It is a lively group and just before the pandemic they hosted local organisations, all reliant on volunteers, to exchange information, learn about each other's contribution to local society and aid recruitment of volunteers.

Known as "The Link Together Tea", sponsored by the Parish Council, nurtured in true WI style with tea and cake, it was a huge success and repeated in 2022. Since then, the WHEWI volunteered to help The Loop's Silver Sunday initiative providing a special afternoon tea for elderly people living in the Horsleys.

Their latest plan is for a "mini fete" during school holidays to help parents and grandparents occupy young children for the afternoon with fun and, of course, cakes to buy! Save the date of 27th July (afternoon) and watch the PC noticeboards and website for details.

Meanwhile, the ladies continue to contribute to "blanket without borders" by knitting and to the local climate change initiatives for blue verges. It's a wonderful organisation to belong too so, if you're interested to join, please ring the secretary Sue on 01483 281669.

GRACE & FLAVOUR COMMUNITY KITCHEN GARDEN

Also run by wonderful Volunteers, and in addition to the usual social events, for the first time they will open Sunday 2nd July from 10.30-5pm as part of the National Open Garden Scheme. Entrance £5 for adults, free for children. A wonderful stroll through the gardens. No booking required. Car Parking and refreshments will be available.

For further information on Grace and Flavour please go to www.graceandflavour.org/about_us.



WHEEL OF CARE

The Wheel of Care has been operating in West Horsley for over 23 years. It was formed to help those who needed help with transport to medical appointments, a visit to the local hairdressers, shopping and also to support carers by offering a sitting service; It also runs clubs such as "seated exercise" led by a professional followed by "scrabble and board games" weekly. Its success is entirely dependent on volunteers: The Lynch pins in the Charity are its Duty Officers who answer the phone between 10am and 12 noon every weekday to speak to clients and then to organise a volunteer to respond to the request. All roles are valued and much needed. It is very rewarding experience, and we were so thrilled to be recognised by the Mayor of Guildford in April when we received his Award for Service to the Community. If you have an hour or two to spare each month, please consider joining the Wheel of Care. Please contact the Duty Officer on 07788 552767 and they will put our membership secretary in touch with you. Thank you!



Receiving Mayor's Award for service to the community

THE WHIPS

The Whips were represented at the Coronation Celebration by four members, past and present, of Whippets, who providing some wonderful musical performances. To Join in and for further details please visit our new website at www.whipstheatre.org.



L to R: Mabel, Issy, Olivia and Ellie

FRIENDS OF HORSLEY LIBRARY

Are you sitting comfortably, let me tell you a story about our Horsley library... Well, if you have access to the wonderful worldwide web... just search for Horsley library. What?? No computer? No problem!! Just ask one of our very helpful and welcoming library staff to help you to get started on our library computer... you'll be amazed at what you can find, such as Horsley Library's Rhyme Time is on every Friday and starts at 10:30am

We have nursery rhymes, instruments to play with and percussion music. It is fun, interactive, and noisy! Designed for ages 0-5 but any age is welcome!

Rhys Beynon (Friends of Horsley Library)



Scan to Download our Welcome Pack

THE BROWNIES

1st West Horsley Brownies recently celebrated their 70th anniversary. A lot has changed in those 70 years, but the Brownie unit is still thriving in Horsley. During their weekly meetings the Brownies take part in many activities which include gaining badges, doing crafts, having adventures, learning new skills, and often experiencing many firsts. Of course, there is always the odd campfire, smore and hot chocolate along the way!!! Due to the help of the fantastic volunteer leaders these units have always been vibrant and full of fun.

If you were ever a Brownie you are likely to have fond memories of your time as part of the Pixies, Gnomes or maybe the Elf six, spending time with your friends on residential trips and I am sure you will remember your leaders and how they helped you as a Brownie. Girlguiding has so much to offer not only to the girls but also adults, are you looking for a new challenge or something that you can help out at to meet new friends?

Horsley Brownies are in need of new helpers so please get in touch and see what you can do to help. There are many things to get involved with even if it is to come along to chat to the Brownies, maybe you could help with admin or accounts, or it might be you would like to become a leader. Get in touch at westhorsleybrownies@gmail.com to express your interest, we would love to see you.



A BIG THANK YOU... TO ALL THE VOLUNTEER GROUPS WE MAY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FEATURE, SHOULD YOU WISH TO BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE ISSUES PLEASE CONTACT CLLRBUOSI@WESTHORSLEY.INFO

VOLUNTEERS IN HEALTH, WEALTH, AND SAFETY IN THE VILLAGE



Neighbourhood Connections
HELPING PEOPLE LIVE WELL

Neighbourhood Connections is a community project run by volunteers, that provides information about support available in and around your area. A service for anyone in the community as we all need help at different times in our lives. Based in the Horsley Medical Practice, once a week, from 2-4pm on either Wednesday or Friday. Call to book in with Neighbourhood Connections' trained volunteers, who can provide a listening ear, information and advice about local support and activities, such as local transport, groups, household help, statutory services and more.

Please note that although based at the medical practice, Neighbourhood Connections is not a medical service; it's a way to address social and practical needs and to help make connections between you and support services that may be relevant to you.

Horsley Medical Centre Telephone: **01483 284151**.

HORSLEYS COMMUNITY FUND

The Horsleys Community Fund (HCF) was established in 2010 to enable residents of East and West Horsley to support their neighbours. In 2015 another local charitable trust, the Lady Noel Byron Nursing Trust, was incorporated into HCF. The fund is managed by a group of trustees drawn from both villages, who work to encourage donations to the fund and to enable grants from it.

The returns from our investments are passed to a fund used for making grants. At the end of March 2023, HCF had just over £300,000 in the endowment funds which is a remarkable achievement and a wonderful source of income generation for current and future village needs – it really is the gift that keeps on giving!

Over £129,000 has been given in donations with additional Gift Aid and matched funding of £55,000. This has allowed us to distribute 73 grants to 40 recipients over the years totalling £65,000 and ranging in size from £80 to £2500. Relatively modest amounts of money can make a huge difference to small organisations who may not have access to other funds and the feedback has been fantastic. All this is run by volunteers, to whom we are hugely grateful. So, thank you all!

For more information on how to donate, become involved or how to apply for a grant please contact Clare Mathias on 01483 281755 or Claritaclare@gmail.com.



HCF Team of Volunteers

FIRST AID

Thank you to our wonderful first aid expert Jane Graham, who recently volunteered to demonstrate defib usage at our Annual Parish Meeting. From Youth Council members to older residents all enjoyed the experience. Jane attends many of the village events again giving her time to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our residents. Just recently supporting the Youth Council at their Horsley Hustle Fun Run. Our village is lucky to have you. Thank you again Jane.



WHYC members joining in the First Aid training

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

CSW is run by volunteers trained and supported by Surrey Police. It has been operating in the Village for over 5 years and currently has a team of 12 with Graham Edwards and Edward Scott being co-ordinators. The aim is to help our Village roads be safe by keeping speed to the legal limit. Currently, there are 9 approved sites across the Village the most recent of which is on the A246, Epsom Road. Volunteers give an hour or two of their time each month to run a session; we work in pairs.

Occasionally, we are joined by a Traffic Police Officer as the photo shows, PC Peter Hawkins with Elaine. The Police have powers to charge on the spot so watch out! CSW record details of the speed and vehicle which are then entered into the national police data base so repeat offenders may receive notification or a visit by the Police. Interestingly, the most regular and serious offenders for speeding are those who live in the Village! We are looking for more volunteers. We would love to hear from you. Full training is given by the Police, and we are a lively team to be a part of. Please email westhorsleycsw@gmail.com to join.



PLANNING MATTERS

PLANNING IN WEST HORSLEY

Not slowing down that much, with more planning applications for new builds still coming in, from the Bell & Covill apartments to the houses at West Horsley Motors. We will keep you up to date with information and decisions as they become available.

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ROAD UPDATE UNDER THE BRIDGE

A high-power jetting machine was used to jet the area under the bridge and on investigation there was already a connection connecting the discharging gully to the culvert on the other side of the road. This connection was blocked but after some jetting the blockage was cleared allowing water to flow from the pond to the gully and across the road to the culvert which should solve half of the problem.

However, further down the road a collapsed section of pipe was discovered, and the idea is to install a new section of pipe to bypass the damaged section and divert water across the road into the culvert on the other side. This should alleviate future flooding. We now wait for a further update as to when these works will take place. Please keep an eye on our e-bulletin boards for updates.

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CLIMATE CHANGE JOINT TASK GROUP

Over the last year we have delivered four free community events, set up recycling points in the East Horsley library for glasses, batteries and spectacles, planted trees and hedgerows across the village, and set up a Facebook page and Instagram account under the banner 'Horsley CAN' (Climate Action Network).

To keep us focused we are pulling together a 'living' Action Plan and will be conducting a village wide survey later this summer to find out what's important to you.

Catherine Young, Borough Councillor for Clandon & Horsley – catherine.young@guildford.gov.uk

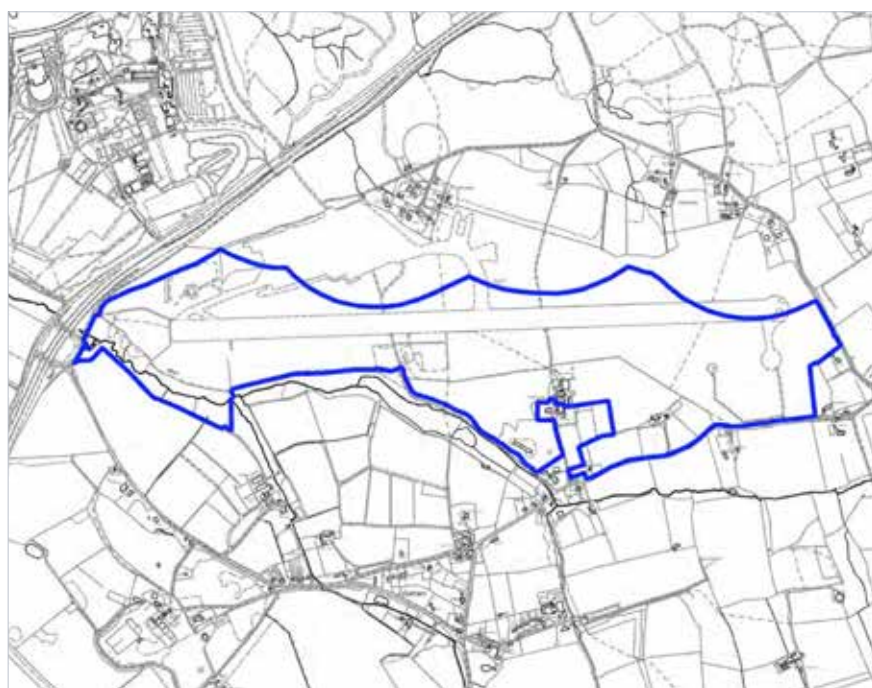


SITE A35 – FORMER WISLEY AIRFIELD, OCKHAM REF: 22/P/01175

The developers, Taylor Wimpey (TW), have gone to determination for their application and provided approximately 100 more documents. However, many of the previous problems that prompted over 1000 objections from residents and local organisations, including all local councils, have not been addressed and we expect that there will be a further delay in GBC.

Furthermore, Hallam Land, who own a site which adjoins the Wisley Airfield site, have submitted an application to develop 70 new homes on their site, which would form part of the larger scheme if approved.

West Horsley have joined forces with our friends at East Horsley PC to make and submit a joint objection to both the Hallam Land scheme and also further objections to the TW application, having taken advice from several specialist consultants. No doubt TW will keep pushing but this is such a contentious scheme that it requires careful consideration. Watch this space!



COMMUNITY FORUM

It is not unusual for people to say "why doesn't somebody do something about it?" The Parish Council spends much time trying "to do something". One way of trying to tell you what we are doing is via the Community Forum meetings.

We have already held one meeting at the Village Hall on Education, i.e., concerning the likely impact on pupil numbers after the new houses have been built in the Horsleys. We heard from representatives of Surrey CC as well as the head teachers at our local schools. In summary Surrey thinks there's no problem however, some of the teachers think there is still an issue. Hence, WHPC is now investigating, in cooperation with EHPC, whether Surrey's optimism is justified or whether they should reconsider their position. We will keep you posted of our progress.

The next Forum is in relation to

the health services provided across the Horsleys, and the impact upon them from the new housing estates, as well as the potential new village at Wisley. We intend to invite representatives from the Medical Centre and the local Health Authority to inform us what the difficulties are and what solutions are proposed. We will obviously publicise the date so we can ensure the attendance of all those who want to know "what somebody is doing about it".

Cllr Paul Dodgson – cllrddodgson@westhorsley.info





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

The Arts Society Horsley Lovelace
www.theartsocietyhorsleylovelace.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
Sue Tel: 01483 281669

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
Terry Lazenby Tel: 01483 284232

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.whipstheatre.org

Horsley Choral Society
www.horsleychoralsociety.com

YOUTH

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorer Scouts
www.firsthorsley.co.uk

4th Horsley Brownies
Email: horsleybrownies@yahoo.co.uk

1st West Horsley Brownies
Email: westhorsleybrownies@gmail.com

1st Horsley Guides
Karlenn Peach Tel: 01483 224692

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Sports facilities & Skatepark
Kingston Meadow, Kingston Avenue

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

WELCOME TO OUR RECENTLY ELECTED BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Local elections to Guildford Borough Council were held on 4th May. Dawn Bennett, Ruth Brothwell, and Catherine Young, all R4GV councillors who will be working with the Liberal Democrats, who now control Guildford Borough Council.

We would like to thank our departing borough councillors, Tim Anderson, and Chris Barrass. We thank them both for their tireless efforts on our behalf and wish them well in the future.



The word volunteer comes from the Latin word "voluntaris", meaning willing or of one's own choice.

Lastly but by no means least I thank my current councillors for their "choice" and time they give up to help run The West Horsley Parish Council.

Cllr Elaine Best
chairman@westhorsley.info



The Charcuterie Box Co.
www.thecharcuteriebox.co.uk
07500 990560. This shop ensures our Village status which requires us to have a Pub, Church & Shop. Support your Village Shop!

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.

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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/s/>

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

Floodline:
Tel: 0345 988 1188