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Strains on our local road network

OUR LOCAL ROAD system has been under severe pressure this year. In mid-January there was a week when the coincidence of local flooding, major road works, a collapsed sewer and a gas leak made it impossible to travel northwards from the Horsleys without making an enormous diversion. Thankfully, our local shops were still able to provide key services and products within the confines of the village.

Surrey Highways choose this period to consult on its plans to reduce the speed limit for Chalk Lane to 30mph. EHPC, supported by local residents, submitted a detailed letter arguing that the speed limit should be 20 mph – See EHPC website for more details.

A busy spring in prospect

On **25 April** our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held when residents can question parish councillors about what they've been doing this past year and make suggestions for the year ahead.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the East Horsley Village Hall. The second half will be an open session when residents can talk directly with your parish councillors over a coffee or glass of wine.

On **4 May** the **Local Elections** for both our borough and parish councils are being held. Please note you will need a photo ID to be able to cast your vote in person. If any residents are considering standing for either, please contact our Parish Clerk to learn more about what is involved and the process that needs to be followed to become a councillor.

On **6 May** the **Coronation of King Charles** is taking place and we aim to have the village fitted out with suitable decorations for the occasion. For more details see page 9.



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Farewell to The Horsley Farmers Market

The Horsley Farmers' Market is unfortunately ending, as described on page 8. This endeavour was only possible due to the tremendous efforts of the Steering Group, chaired by Cllr Colin Carmichael, and the many volunteers who supported the team on market days. I should like to thank everyone for their splendid work. We're sorry to see you go.

Robert Taylor
Chairman, East Horsley Parish Council
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Update From Your Local Councillors

It's been a busy few months for your councillors at both Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council.

AT BOROUGH LEVEL the good news is that we have helped ensure Guildford Borough Council (GBC) reviews the dreadful Local Plan with a view to (hopefully) returning green field sites to the Green Belt and reducing the housing numbers (see page 3).

At local level we have been seeking to broker a deal which will enable the currently unused Bowling Club green to become a community garden at St Martin's Court, and hopefully we will have more on that very soon.

Since becoming councillors for Clandon and Horsley nearly four years ago we have worked to help make the full HART (Horsley Accessible Ring Trail around the village) become a reality.

This is something which everyone recognises will benefit our community and has been campaigned for by the Parish Council and residents for some time, however it has been far from plain sailing.

Thanks to the persistence of Catherine Young (GBC Councillor) together with East Horsley Parish Council (EHPC) it looks as though we are now finally close to getting the necessary permissions to achieve full accessibility to the trail – fingers crossed!

Meanwhile highway issues continue to plague the Horsleys with Surrey County Council (SCC) continually being chased on road repairs and flooding, and being pressed to resolve a series of apparently uncoordinated road closures, causing chaos in and around our villages.

More works are planned and Catherine Young

is at the front of our attempts to get these scheduled sensibly in future. She is also meeting National Highways in the next few weeks along with local Parish Council members to facilitate regular updates for our villages on the M25/Jct10 scheme, as there has been little community briefing on this so far.

Following the success of the joint campaign by all of us working with officers and residents to curtail the industrial concrete crushing activities at Brick Kiln, we are staying in close liaison with Enforcement Officers at GBC and SCC now that the site has, in theory, been shut down.

There has been some further activity noted by local residents and reported to the correct authorities. Many thanks to Chris Campbell and his team as they keep a watchful eye on the site.

We are all also involved in continuing to work on behalf of residents who are desperately awaiting determination of their planning applications.

Despite the injection of nearly £1million into its Planning Department, GBC lags at the bottom of the league table of councils in speed of decision-making and it remains a constant source of frustration for us in trying to get your voices heard.

In recent weeks there has been some improvement, and the Government's threat of putting GBC Planning into special measures will no doubt help concentrate minds in the department.



M25, junction 10 improvement scheme

If you are a resident and would like to do something for our community, please do not hesitate to contact us directly to find out how you can help. Your support will be most welcome, especially with the Local Elections coming up this May. Please contact:

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Catherine.Young@guildford.gov.uk

Colin.Cross@surreycc.gov.uk



Becoming a Parish Councillor

With 55 properties moving from Effingham Parish Council into East Horsley PC, the number of EHPC members is expanding from 9 to 12. In addition elections for Guildford Borough Council take place on 4 May. Here Parish Councillor Steve Harvey and GBC Councillor Catherine Young encourage you to step up and help make a difference.

MENTION THE WORDS "Parish Council" and quickly you note eyes glazing over as you discuss the latest council initiative. Yes, being a parish councillor can occasionally involve dealing with bureaucracy, however it also provides an opportunity to make a difference in East Horsley.

For example, in recent years your Parish Council has launched this newsletter and a website, built a skate park and a multi-use games area on Kingston Meadow with new toilet facilities nearby. We've lobbied for upgrades to the approach road and car park at Horsley Station and for better platform facilities, installed attractive planters around the village, managed woodland paths, arranged to fly flags above shops on special occasions, organised decorations at Christmas time and staged well attended community events at Horsley Towers.

This is in addition to scrutinising scores of local planning applications each year and making grants available to local groups and charities. There are lots of new initiatives in the pipeline including a campaign to provide wheelchair access to station platforms and the upgrading of shopping facilities in the village. It's an exciting time and we'd love you to join us on this journey. Contact Nick Clemens at parishcouncil@easthorsley.org for more information.

The Local Elections take place this year on 4 May and this is a great opportunity to represent your community at Guildford Borough Council (GBC). In 2019 I was elected as the Guildford Green belt Group (GGG) GBC Councillor for the ward of Clandon & Horsley, following in the footsteps of David Reeve (GGG, 2015 – 2019). I campaigned in partnership with Tim Anderson and Christopher Barrass, Residents for Guildford and Villages (R4GV), also elected in 2019. The main thrust of our campaign was to try and stop the Local Plan's effects on the Horsleys. Sadly, once this

was adopted by the Conservative administration in April 2019, just before the election, there was little we could do, except pick up the challenge of fighting against every inappropriate development identified for East and West Horsley.

Planning has continued to dominate my work as a Councillor. I've worked with many residents chasing their applications, getting Tree Preservation Orders on vulnerable trees, and pressing for enforcements where planning breaches are occurring (such as at Brick Kiln and Newmarsh Farms). At times this is frustratingly slow, but being persistent has its rewards.

I've worked with the local community during the pandemic to set up contact groups of residents and services, volunteered to deliver shopping and also brought GBC in to help with the Home Office takeover of Thatcher's Hotel. There is also the opportunity to sit on working groups and committees so you get to find out about how the council works. I'm currently on the Joint Executive Advisory Board, reviewing projects and advising the Executive. I have just finished working on the GBC Climate Change Action Plan which is due to be adopted shortly, and I was on the Local Plan Panel to evolve the new Development Management Policies that seek to protect our borough from some of the effects of the Local Plan.

So, for anyone tempted to stand for election in May, my advice is to make sure you get involved with the local community, follow up issues that are of concern to residents who are our priority and also take the chance to engage in other processes designed to help shape Guildford.

And in the words of the late Jen Powell, Honorary Freeman, Guildford Borough Council, remember it's "Our Council" not "The Council".

If you are interested, please email Catherine at Catherine.young@guildford.gov.uk.

By Catherine Young, Guildford Borough Councillor

GET INVOLVED

IT'S EASY TO GRUMBLE – those of you using social media will be familiar with the endless complaints about congestion, potholes, planning applications, transport options, lack of school places and youth facilities etc etc. Instead of grumbling, how about trying to do something about resolving these issues? If you really want to make a difference, why not volunteer as a parish or Guildford Borough councillor? Elections are scheduled for 4 May and you will need to put your name forward by 4 April. For example, East Horsley Parish Council will be expanding from nine to twelve councillors this year and, with one or two long serving councillors retiring, we will have a number of vacancies to fill. If you are interested, please contact Nick Clemens at parishcouncil@easthorsley.org.



Catherine Young – GBC Councillor



Steve Harvey – EHPC Councillor

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Our local GBC councillors report on moves to have the 2019 Local Plan reviewed and revised.

GUILDFORD GREEN BELT GROUP (GGG) and Residents For Guildford and Villages (R4GV) councillors have successfully managed to pass a motion at full council which commits GBC to investigate if it is now possible to return allocated green field sites to the Green Belt and also reduce the number of houses imposed by central government on the council to build.

The motion was opposed by Conservative councillors, but supported by the majority of the rest of the council.

The motion passed reads:

Guildford Borough Council is legally obliged to review the Local Plan 2019 by April 2024.

Having taken Counsel's advice, the Council previously debated and decided not to accelerate this review because of the risk of higher housing targets being imposed. This could have brought more pressure and threat

to the Green Belt, not less, and therefore would have been counterproductive.

Nevertheless, the Council also decided to put in hand some preparatory work to enable that 2024 review of the Local Plan.

Since that decision was taken, there have been speeches by the government that suggest they are more protective of the Green Belt. There is considerable uncertainty in the planning system: changes to the National Policy Framework (NPPF) are being consulted on; there are proposed changes to the Standard Method (used to calculate the number of homes required); and there may be changes to the legislation as part of the Planning Reform Bill.

All this is new compared to when Council last debated whether to conduct an early review or update of our Local Plan.

The Council therefore RESOLVES:

- That as part of a Local Plan update 2024, Council will investigate:
 - whether there are exceptional circumstances that would enable the return of allocated, but as yet undeveloped, countryside sites to Green Belt status and how to effect this; and
 - the possibility of reducing the local housing need figure according to the Standard Method, as well as the housing allocation number for each allocated site not yet brought forward, in light of Guildford's specific issues relating to high student numbers and significant environmental constraints.
- That consideration should then be given to whether this potentially reduced local housing need figure can be delivered sustainably in light of the increased priority of environmental factors.

Task Group Reports

Your Parish Council runs a number of Committees and Task Groups. Here are the latest updates including whom to contact if you have a query.

Finance & Risk Committee

Chair: Nick Clemens

The third quarter of the financial year is now complete and the year-end accounts are fast approaching. Income and expenditure has been as expected. The budget for 2023-24 has been agreed and the precept request has been made to GBC. Your Council has kept the band D equivalent council tax at the 2022-23 figure of £58.07.

Road Safety & Maintenance

Andrew Franklin

A first quarter with much to celebrate! In response to urging from your Parish Council, Surrey Highways stepped up and repaired a collapsed sewer under Forest Road by the Surrey Gardens junction. Additionally, and again in response to our strong pleas, The Drift underwent end-to-end resurfacing. Signs throughout the village were given a spring clean and those that were askew have been realigned.



Spring cleaned

Village Appearance

Aileen Aitcheson

The Christmas lights in the village looked wonderful as always. A warm welcome is extended to Malcolm Hyatt, our new Village Warden. Network Rail has agreed to clean trackside litter at both Effingham Junction and Kingston Avenue. Your help with our Spring Litterpick on Saturday 18 March would be greatly appreciated. We meet at the Effingham Junction Minimart, Bishopsmead and at Station Parade at 10am. Two parish councillors cleared leaves from the front of shops.

Countryside

Steve Punshon

Within The Forest, Surrey Wildlife Trust have coordinated a number of coppicing working parties to encourage regrowth of smaller trees. Two fallen trees on the lower path were also cleared. The planned surface improvements on two muddy sections of the upper path running parallel to the railway line are on schedule to be completed this spring.

As previously communicated, the Woodlands Trust has been overseeing ash dieback felling within sections of Great Ridings Wood. This has been necessary in order to protect public safety and it is hoped the woods will naturally regenerate over time.

Communications

Steve Harvey

We have been busy compiling the latest Newsletter – hope you like it – and we are now planning a major upgrade to the Parish Council website, easthorsley.info. Keep a watchout for details of the relaunch later this year.

Events

Stephen Skinner

Thank you to everyone who has come up to me in the village to talk about the up-and-coming Coronation – I am always grateful for the input. It is clear that the best way forward for the Council is not to promote any single event – volunteer fatigue and the realisation that most people are looking to celebrate in their own groups – be that family or street. We are however going to:

- Promote the display of Union flags in the village
- Encourage street parties and offer guidance when requested
- Place four static displays around the village in celebration of The Coronation (they are already in production but will remain a surprise)

Plans for the 2023 Horsley Big Day Out on Sunday 2 July have been approved by the Parish Council. As ever, we will rely on volunteers being able to help us before/ during/after. If you are interested, please again contact Kevin Kenkins (Volunteer Monitor).

As well as all the usual activities, this year's event will include for the first time, a Wellbeing Festival bringing together the village to celebrate health, both physical and mental. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the Parish Council office.

Horsley Community

Holly Haling

Whilst anti-social behaviour in East Horsley has remained low level, burglaries both locally and all over the country are on the rise. Catalytic converter thefts are up not just in car parks but especially from driveways, so please remain vigilant and alert the police to any suspicious activity.

Do please report any burglaries, bike theft, anti-social behaviour and other criminal activities. There is a general belief that the police won't do anything but it needs to be reported so that they know where energy needs to be focused. They may prioritise high threat problems over something like bike theft but it still needs to be recorded.

There is lots of useful advice on how to protect your home at.

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/mark-your-property/>

To report anti-social behaviour <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

Railway

Stephen Groom

Make no mistake, there are exciting times ahead as our groups work on various projects. At Effingham Junction Station (EJS), the EJS Friends are hatching spring plots to jazz up and add to the existing planting throughout the station.

Not to be outdone, the Horsley Station Friends are contemplating covered seating at the front end of the London-bound platform and working on a local information and attraction-packed "Welcome to the Horsleys" sign for alighting visitors.

Climate Change

Anthony Etwell

Spring is in the air! And spring cleaning is certainly in our minds. It's the perfect time to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Repair.

Please take some time out to follow our instagram account "the horsleys CAN" and our Parish Council website: <https://www.easthorsley.info/action-for-climate-change> for eco-tips, ideas to reduce waste and climate change information to help you make your springtime projects successful, satisfying and kind to our environment.

Also, if you have an eco-idea of your own, please DO get in touch by replying on the horsleys CAN or to our parish office. parishcouncil@easthorsleypc.org

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

HOW OUR COMMITTEE WORKS

EAST HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL (EHPC) is a statutory consultee for all new planning applications in the village and submits views to the local planning authority, Guildford Borough Council (GBC), through a public consultation process.

Our Planning & Environment Committee comprises five parish councillors who meet publicly every fortnight to review the latest applications. During 2022 a total of 100 applications were assessed by this committee, which raised objections against 18, together with detailed justification – the most frequently-cited reasons being out of keeping with local character, harm to the local street scene and adverse impacts on residential amenity.

Whilst GBC are legally required to consult with us, their planning officers are not obliged to follow our advice.

The respective decisions made by EHPC and GBC on applications over the past five years are summarised in the table. It shows that GBC refused between 11% and 14% of annual

planning applications in East Horsley over the past five years. EHPC objected to between 16% and 29% of these applications; our congruence with GBC's decisions ranged from 78% to 89%.

Of the 18 objections we raised during 2022, only seven have yet been determined. Two of these were refused by GBC, one was approved after a design revision and one was withdrawn.

Three applications were approved despite our objections, most notably the Local Plan site for 110 homes at Lollesworth Fields near to Horsley Station.

Any residents who may be interested in joining our Planning Committee should contact the Parish Clerk to learn more.

Trends in East Horsley planning decisions, 2018 – 2022

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Submitted applications | 97 | 111 | 98 | 92 | 100 |
| EHPC objections | 20 | 32 | 24 | 15 | 18 |
| EHPC objection rate | 21% | 29% | 24% | 16% | 18% |
| Applications refused by GBC | 11 | 14 | 12 | 13 | 9 |
| GBC refusal rate | 11% | 13% | 12% | 14% | 14% |
| Congruence of GBC/EHPC views | 85% | 78% | 86% | 89% | 80% |

SOURCE: EHPC planning committee records.

* GBC has currently determined 66 applications of 2022. Refusal rate & congruence are based on this number.

Trends in East Horsley housing developments

DATA FROM our Planning Committee also helps illustrate the trends in new housing developments in East Horsley. The table below classifies all new applications in terms of extensions, knock-downs & rebuilds, infill developments and 'others' which covers gates, garages, outbuildings, etc.

Home extensions are the dominant feature of East Horsley residential development with an average of 62 extensions applied for each year, including revised applications. The data suggests that around one household in six has sought to enlarge their home over the past five years.

Knock-down and rebuilds have become more common in the village in recent years with an average of nine owners per year seeking to demolish their properties and rebuild them on the same plot, usually on a rather larger scale.

Planning applications by type of development, 2018 – 2022

| No. Of Applications For: | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 5-Year Total | Annual Average |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|----------------|
| Home Extensions | 69 | 68 | 45 | 62 | 68 | 312 | 62 |
| Knock-down & rebuilds | 8 | 9 | 19 | 4 | 7 | 47 | 9 |
| Residential infilling | 5 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 35 | 7 |
| Other applications | 15 | 19 | 27 | 22 | 21 | 104 | 21 |
| Total applications | 97 | 111 | 98 | 92 | 100 | 498 | 100 |
| Net new homes | 8 | 139 | 38 | 4 | 15 | 204 | 41 |

SOURCE: GBC planning applications for East Horsley, EHPC planning committee records



Work starts at Lollesworth Fields – now renamed Ada Gardens

Residential infilling is the main source of net new housing in the village with an average of seven infill developments per annum in East Horsley over the last five years.

The five-year village total is 204 net new homes, equivalent to an 11% growth in our village housing stock.

The list is dominated by the Local Plan site at Lollesworth Fields near Horsley Station where Taylor Wimpey have recently commenced construction of 110 homes under the marketing name of 'Ada Gardens'.

The next largest development is 10 flats in a new apartment block beside Thatcher's Hotel – this delayed planning application is expected to be determined by GBC very soon.

The Lollesworth Fields development includes 44 new Affordable Homes, mostly apartments. This represents an increase in the stock of affordable housing in East Horsley of some 45%.

Robert Taylor, Chairman
Planning & Environment Committee

STATION UPGRADES ON TRACK

The upgrades arriving at platforms one and two...

LIKE IT OR NOT, it's clear for all to see that sooner rather than later, our local rail stations (Effingham Junction and Horsley) are set to become the main public transport hubs for a lot of new users.

And it's good to report that the rail authorities are responding.

Following the recent resurfacing of the Horsley Station car park, four more projects are coming down the line from South Western Railway.

Waiting room makeover

First up, Horsley's London-bound platform waiting room is getting a major facelift in May.

There will be a new wood effect floor. Also, the unforgiving metal bench seats (below) are being replaced by more comfortable, single chairs.

In addition, a new "standing workstation" will be installed with charging points, the heater will be thermostatically controlled, rather than be on a timer, and the walls will get a fresh coat of paint.



Platform paint job

The second project is the long overdue freshening up of the platforms with the paintwork getting a new coat in South Western Railway's corporate colours.

We are told this will include the original cast ironwork supporting the roofs.



Other upgrades

Big changes are also in the offing on the Guildford-bound platform. Here there is at last clear light at the end of the tunnel for a major upgrade for which EHP's Railway Task Group has long been campaigning. Out will go the decrepit loos and in will come 21st century facilities. The waiting room will be enlarged and get the "standing workstations" and other improvements that are arriving sooner on the other platform. And fourth, but by no means least, something that has happened already: the "live entertainment" project. Yes, thanks to the ever resourceful Customer Ambassador, Richard Bunce, the waiting room on the London-bound platform now sports a glitzy piano!

So enjoy the improved waiting rooms and the gleaming new paintwork and "watch this space".

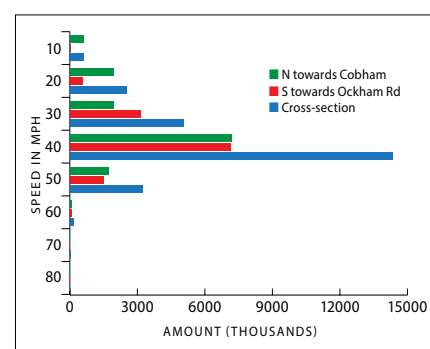
80 MPH on Forest Road!

Resident Andy Gibson reports on the results of a recent survey to assess the extent to which motorists exceed the 30 mph limit.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK of December last year vehicles on Forest Road were recorded travelling at over 80 mph on four occasions! If that headline isn't startling enough, over 2/3rds of vehicles were exceeding the 30 mph limit.

A survey was carried out by Surrey Safer Camera Partnership on behalf of Surrey County Council using latest radar technology for capturing traffic data located between Wildwood Close and Falconwood from 28 November to 6 December.

Average daily traffic flow was about 3500 vehicles of which 83.1% were cars, 15.6% light and medium goods vehicles and 1.3% HGVs. The graph below shows the number of vehicles grouped by the speed at which they were travelling. There were 155 instances of speeds



over 60 mph, 15 over 70 mph and 4 over 80. A total of 17,744 or 68.3% of all vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit.

This information is shocking and substantiates what residents already know and is why they have been asking to see this sort of data. Steve Rawlins, a Forest Road resident who has been campaigning for road safety measures for 20 years commented, "Our anecdotal comments regarding speeding are absolutely backed up here. Surely this provides ammunition for new traffic calming measures".

Parish Councillor, Antony Etwell, also a Forest Road resident on seeing the data said, "Quite frightening reading, especially because Forest Road has many school pick-up points. These figures must make us prioritise the installation of some form of traffic calming".

With such a high percentage of traffic speeding it is likely that this includes village residents as well as through traffic. Readers are asked to watch their speed and encourage others to do likewise.

Now this incontrovertible data exists, there is clearly a solid case to support immediate lobbying of Surrey Highways and the new Surrey Police team, tasked with reducing fatalities on the county's roads*, for traffic calming on Forest Road.

*<https://tinyurl.com/surrey-police-vanguard-road>

Community Speedwatch

YOU MAY WONDER why those chaps in hi-viz jackets pointing hand-dryers at passing cars have nothing better to do – or you may worry instead that a fixed penalty or points notice will land on the doormat a few days later. In fact, they are representatives of Community Speedwatch and they are not out to "catch" anyone (which is why we don't hide behind bushes).

Speedwatch is really about education. Many drivers are unaware of the speed limit and in our well-insulated modern cars we often don't realise how fast we are travelling.

East Horsley Community Speedwatch is one of 83 volunteer groups across Surrey which



also include our colleagues in West Horsley. We typically log about 50 vehicles a month, including some travelling at 50mph in 30mph limit areas and 65mph where the limit is 40mph.

The aim is to curb speeding without recourse to fines or penalty points which cost police time and money and also don't make drivers happy. The worst that will happen in most cases is a polite letter from Surrey Police letting a driver know they were speeding.

We believe we are ourselves a traffic-calming measure, having noticed a reduction in speeding when we are out, particularly at village-centre sites. Statistics compiled by Surrey Police confirm the activity is worthwhile. Only around 5% of those logged are repeat offenders, even though many drivers who pass our volunteers are travelling the same routes every day.

The more volunteers we have, the safer we can make our local roads. If you would be interested in joining Speedwatch (and there is no reason we should continue to be an all-male activity), please do not hesitate to contact Martin Stringfellow on martin@stringfellowweb.co.uk.

Persecuted in Iran – now safe in East Horsley

Sohrab and Samira Farjoud are just two of the many refugees currently residing at Thatcher's Hotel whilst they wait for their asylum application to be reviewed. Steve Harvey hears their story.

SOHRAB FARJOUD was born and grew up in Iran where he worked for many years as a mechanic on Iranian-registered cargo ships. Originally a Muslim, he converted to Christianity when he met and married his wife Samira, a practising Christian. Sohrab explains that there are many people of Christian faith living in Iran, but all are required to keep a low profile for fear of persecution from the government.

After discussing their situation, Sohrab and Samira realised that they had no choice but to leave Iran and head for Europe, so they packed a few items in the dead of night, without telling friends or family, and headed by car for Germany, a perilously long drive with their two young children Samyar and Diyana. Yet even in Germany, the Iranian authorities were soon harassing them, suggesting they should return to Iran and they would be safe. However, as far as Sohrab was concerned, this would result in further persecution and even imprisonment, so the family took the decision to leave Germany and head to the UK.

Once here, they were transferred to Thatcher's Hotel and after settling in they began their search for a Protestant church where they could worship. Initially they thought both St Martin's and St Mary's were Catholic and they would not be welcome. However, once they realised their mistake, they embraced St Martin's and are now regular churchgoers. Samira lends a hand at the Thursday coffee mornings and Sohrab has been helping to restore the wooden arch that forms the entrance to the church. Samyar and Diyana attend schools in Effingham to continue their education. Sohrab is keen to get a paid job to support his family, but in the meantime has to wait for the Home Office to process his application for asylum. The family say they have been touched by the welcome from Horsley residents, especially churchgoers, and feel that the expense and hardship associated with their hazardous journey from Iran to Horsley has been well worth it.



Sohrab and Samira

PROTECT THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

What can we all do to help...

THE HORSLEYS and surrounding villages are facing some of the biggest changes ever due to the pressures from housing development. The last GBC Conservative administration's removal of villages from the Green Belt is damaging the landscape and destroying natural habitats all around us as new estates arise from the bulldozer's destruction.

Practical action by residents to challenge this increasing threat was the thrust of my speech when presented with the Parish Council Chairman's Award at the end of 2022 and which I have been asked to summarize here.

The award was mainly for 40 years fighting



Chris Campbell

damage and abuse to local woodlands. However, on a more positive note my campaign 30 years ago was to encourage residents to donate to the Woodland Trust sufficient funds to buy the 28 acres near Effingham Junction Station known as Clamp Rough and Gallows Grove. Without this generosity and foresight, we would probably have yet another housing estate suffocating the local infrastructure. Great Ridings Wood of 80 acres followed soon after and then The Forest in The Drift with Surrey Wildlife Trust.

We now have approximately 1500 houses arriving within 2-3 miles of East Horsley and about which we can do little. Michael Gove announced last year a change from Government-imposed housing numbers to allowing councils to decide, although this is yet to arrive in statute.

The biggest test case for this locally and the one which all of us can do something about is the massive and preposterous Wisley New Town totalling 2100 houses over 10+ years. Taylor Wimpey's application is now due sometime after May which is also the time of local Borough Council elections.

My message to all villagers is threefold: firstly to object to planningenquiries@guildford.gov.uk App 22/P/01175 and if you have objected then make another and also encourage others; secondly to join Villages Against Wisley New Town (VAWNT) who can help you object by emailing them on vawnt.group@gmail.com; lastly, make sure your vote counts for the local councillors offering the best environmental protection; it is the Borough's planning committee that will be deciding the fate of our local environment.

Chris Campbell, VAWNT founder member

West Horsley Place

WEST HORSLEY PLACE Trust looks forward to welcoming the community again from April. There will be many events and activities to get involved with this year, including the opportunity to volunteer with us. Our programme includes more Open Days, more group tours, more exhibitions and more performing arts events. This year we are also introducing a programme of art & crafts workshops and evening talks. Our pop-up café will be back from April (Wed – Sun) offering an expanded range of refreshment and food options. Other exciting projects for the year include a new Sensory Garden. This is being designed and developed by a group of blind and partially sighted volunteers and will be free to access for everybody. This project is being supported by East Horsley Parish Council – thank you!

Our mission is to enrich peoples' lives through heritage, arts and nature. If you would

like to get involved, we offer a fully flexible volunteering programme. You don't need any experience and will have the opportunity to learn new skills, socialise and give back to our community. You can register as a volunteer or book to visit on our website: westhorsleyplace.org.

We look forward to welcoming you!



From the Rectory...

AS I WRITE THIS, St Martin's churchyard is covered in snowdrops a reminder that spring is in the air. Our churchyard is much appreciated by the village and is kept tidy by a group of faithful volunteers. We are always looking for more helpers to cut the grass and undertake some basic gardening. Please do contact me if you can lend a hand.

There is much to look forward to at St Martin's this spring. Our Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 19 March at 10.30am provides an opportunity for us to give thanks for our mothers and all who have mothered us. In April we celebrate Easter (see poster) a time to remember the joy of the resurrection. I do hope you will join us at one of our Easter Sunday services (the 6.00am has proved very popular in recent years).

Many of you will know that we are working on plans to have a COVID memorial in the church in the form of new stained glass windows. I very much hope that by late spring we will be able to launch a fundraising appeal and share more information with you.

In the meantime I wish you and your families every blessing.

Revd Renos Pittarides, Rector of East Horsley



Rector of East Horsley

- 01483 283713
- rector@easthorsleychurch.org.uk
- www.easthorsleychurch.org.uk
- @renosp

Library Corner...

WITH JUST a matter of weeks to go to The Coronation, plans are well in hand. Guildford Library also has things in the pipeline for the celebration of Easter.

As a satellite of the Guildford Library, East Horsley Library will have lots of activities (especially for youngsters) over the school holidays so do keep an eye on our window displays or ask a member of staff about our plans. Don't forget we are A Warm Welcome Library and you are assured of just that from the staff. The County Library has

Horsley Health...

HORSLEY MEDICAL Practice has been very busy the last few weeks with building work which has allowed us to provide a new clinical room. We have moved admin staff upstairs into a new work area and their room on the ground floor has been adapted and now provides an excellent clinical room for our paramedics and other practitioners.

We are pleased to welcome Dr Andrew Cross, a new GP, to the practice who will be adding an extra four GP sessions a week to our appointment system. Dr Cross is an extremely experienced GP in the Guildford area and we are delighted he has decided to join us.

Last week we had the Respiratory Hub parked in our car park. This has been provided to us by Guildford and Waverley to give additional appointments across the area to those with acute breathing issues. It is manned by local GPs and Advance Nurse Practitioners and is proving successful at this time of year. The van will move around the Guildford and Waverley area every week and is bookable via our reception team.

The best way to contact the Practice with any queries is via our website. This is monitored regularly by Reception and Admin staff who will deal with your queries and get back to you as quickly as possible.

provided hot drinks and biscuits, so do make yourselves "at home" for an hour or so.

If you visit Guildford Library on Saturday 25 March at 3pm you can hear a talk by Ayobami Adebayo about her book 'A Spell of Good Things'. To reserve a place please speak to one of our Horsley Library staff. The three recycling boxes are extremely popular, especially the empty medicine foil packs. Donations into the Binty box (sanitary products) are always appreciated.

Rhys Beynon, Chairman of Friends of Horsley Library (FoHL)
rbeynon1@btinternet.com

Horsley Farmers Market

THE ORGANISERS of the Farmers Market, who are all volunteers, have reached the difficult decision that we will not be running monthly markets in 2023.

We have staged 22 markets since starting in August 2020, which attracted approximately 15,000 adult visitors. But attendances have been falling and we have found it harder to keep stallholders. The market needs fresh ideas to attract a wider range of producers and the public, and we do not have enough volunteers to make this happen.

Several of the organisers are looking at alternatives to a monthly market and are considering whether occasional, seasonal markets might be feasible, for example a village Christmas Market. The market has well

established procedures and processes. If you are interested in helping to plan and organise future markets, then please contact the Parish Council.

To the public, thank you very much for your commitment and support during and since the pandemic. We have enjoyed working with you and have donated more than £6,000 to local charities over three years as a direct benefit of the market.

The Parish Council would like to thank the core team of volunteers who delivered the market for their selfless contributions – namely David Abbott, Colin Carmichael, Katie Matthews, Niki McLean and Terri Wood. Another 35 volunteers helped on market days. Thanks to each and every one of you. We had a lot of fun along the way.



The Horsley...

LIVE MUSIC CLUB

THE CLUB'S first event of 2023 took place in January, in the rather groovy 'nightclub' setting of the Malting House, which is behind the Barley Mow in West Horsley. Called 'Live and Acoustic', the evening featured five local 'acoustic' acts for just a fiver. All the acts were extremely well-received by a sold-out audience, which enjoyed the variety and talent on offer.

At the other end of the richter scale, Counterfeit Quo, the UK's premier Status Quo tribute band, were live and rocking at the Nomad Theatre, on Friday 17 February. The group brought a packed house to its feet from the start, as they crashed their way through many of the Quo's greatest hits.

Singer-songwriter Chris Difford, a founder member of Squeeze, treated another full house to an enthralling and entertaining evening at Horsley Towers, on 12 March. Part stand-up, part sit-down and featuring songs old and new, this was a night to remember, with special guest John Peppard providing high-class support.

Our next show features talented and widely acclaimed singer, songwriter and storyteller, Reg Meuross, at the Barley Mow on Thursday 20 April. Reg is a true modern troubadour, who has captivated audiences around the world with his beautiful songs of history, protest, love,

loss, and legend drawn from his extensive back catalogue. Tickets (£12) are still available, at the time of writing.

In May, we will be enjoying an evening with Fleetwood Mac Songbook at the Nomad Theatre. The band proved to be particularly popular and we sold out within a week. That's why we urge all local music lovers to sign up to our mailing list, or even better, to join the club. We have great plans for the rest of the year – make sure you don't miss out!

Mark Beasley, Chairman, Horsley Live Music Club
www.horsleylivemusic.com
 Email: livemusic@btinternet.com



Coronation of King Charles III

THE FORTHCOMING Coronation on 6 May will be marked with a display of flags throughout the village. If you purchased a flagpole for the Jubilee celebrations last year, we would encourage you to display a flag in the weeks preceding the event. Also, the Parish Council has commissioned special commemorative signs that will feature on Station Parade and Bishopsmead Parade to mark the occasion.

In addition, a beacon will be lit at West Horsley Place on the evening of The coronation. Aim to arrive from 7pm onwards with the lighting of the beacon at 8.30pm. If you are planning a street party over the Coronation weekend, Guildford Borough Council has waived the usual administrative fee but please note the last date for applications is 3 April. For more information consult easthorsley.info and westhorsley.info.

Please join us as we raise a toast to their majesties

The King and Queen Consort

7-9pm, Saturday 6th May 2023 at West Horsley Place

Beacon Lighting at 8.30pm

FREE ENTRY



Entertainment

To have your event or activity listed here, please send details by email to: info@easthorsley.info

The Nomad Theatre:

Bishopsmead, East Horsley, KT24 6RT
 Box Office 01483 284747

www.ticketsource.co.uk/nomadtheatre

Two Comedies in the Studio:

18 – 22 April at 8.00pm

The Bear

By Anton Chekhov
 Translated by Michael Frayn
 Directed by Justin Cobbs

The Proposal

By Anton Chekhov
 Translated by Michael Frayn
 Directed by Murray Stephen

Bookham Light Opera:

24 – 27 May at 7.30pm
 Saturday 27 May at 2.30pm

Orpheus in the Underworld

Directed by Jackie St Johanser
 Musical Director Laura Brown
 Choreographer Samantha Potten

Two Comedies in the Studio

20 – 24 June at 7.30pm

Snakeskin and Fur

By Philip Bingham and directed

Honeymoon Suite

By Tony Layton

The Whips:

West Horsley Village Hall, The Street, West Horsley, KT24 6DD
 Box Office 01483 284141

www.ticketsource.co.uk/whipstheatre

Shrek the Musical Jnr

22 – 25 March at 7.30pm
 Matinee 25 March at 2.30pm

Tickets are £11.00 per adult and £8.00 per child under 16 yrs.

St Martin's Church Film Clubs

Family Cinema, first Friday in the month
 5pm film with pizza.

Call 01483 282038

Spiritual Cinema, third Sunday in the month
 film with supper.

Call 01483 283713

Horsley Live Music Club

Thursday 20 April

Reg Meuross at the Barley Mow

Friday 5 May

Fleetwood Mac Songbook at the Nomad Theatre

https://www.horsleylivemusic.com

The Horsley Business Guide

More details about these businesses can be found on the website at easthorsley.info

Automotive

JR Automotive (Surrey) Ltd
REPAIRS-SERVICING-DIAGNOSTICS
 📍 Ripley Lane, West Horsley, Surrey
 ☎ 01483 281031 or 07584 055504
 ✉ info@jrautomotivesurrey.com
 🌐 www.jrautomotivesurrey.com

Finance & Law

Thomas Rigg Wealth Management Ltd
CHARTERED FINANCIAL PLANNER
 📍 Old Lane, Cobham, KT11 1NP
 ☎ 07824 664254
 ✉ thomas.rigg@sjpp.co.uk
 🌐 www.thomas-rigg.co.uk

Wellers Hedleys Solicitors
LEGAL ADVICE
 📍 6 Bishopsmead Parade, KT24 6SR
 ☎ 01483 284567
 ✉ enquiries@hedleys-solicitors.co.uk
 🌐 www.wellerslawgroup.com/hedleys

Food & Drink

Wine&Something
HIGH QUALITY, AFFORDABLE WINE FROM AROUND THE WORLD
 ☎ 01483 562176
 ✉ hello@wineandsomething.com
 🌐 www.wineandsomething.com

Budgens of East Horsley
INDEPENDENT RETAIL FOOD STORE
 📍 1-2 Station Parade, KT24 6QN
 ☎ 01483 282881
 ✉ budgensofeasthorsley@hotmail.co.uk
 🌐 budgens.co.uk/our-stores/east-horsley

The Bakery Shop
CRAFT BAKERY, LUNCHES & BUFFETS
 📍 21 Station Parade, KT24 6QN
 ☎ 01483 285219
 ✉ grahame@thebakeryshop.co.uk
 🌐 www.thebakeryshop.co.uk

F Conisbee & Son
TRADITIONAL BUTCHERS
 📍 Park Corner & Station Parade, East Horsley
 ☎ 01483 282073 & 01483 283391
 ✉ info@fconisbee.com
 🌐 www.fconisbee.com

Health & Care

Frances at Coppertrees
BEAUTY & HOLISTIC THERAPIES
 📍 Coppertrees, Forest Road, KT24 5HE
 ☎ 01483 281632
 ✉ askfrances@coppertrees.com
 🌐 www.coppertrees.com

Osteopath Charlotte Jopling
MUSCULOSKELETAL HEALTH
 📍 10 Station Parade, KT24 6QR
 ☎ 02083366550
 ✉ info@charlottejopling.co.uk
 🌐 www.charlottejopling.co.uk

Home Counties Carers
LIVE IN & HOME CARE SERVICES
 📍 22A Station Parade, KT24 6QN
 ☎ 01483 224985
 ✉ mkalupka@homecountiescarers.co.uk
 🌐 www.homecountiescarers.co.uk

Horsley Osteopaths
TREATMENTS FOR BACK & NECK PROBLEMS
 📍 8 Bishopsmead Parade, KT24 6RT
 ☎ 01483 284333
 ✉ info@horsleyosteopaths.co.uk
 🌐 www.horsleyosteopaths.co.uk

Mortiboys Dental Spa
GENERAL, COSMETIC & IMPLANTS
 📍 Forest Road, KT24 5HE
 ☎ 01483 281428
 ✉ info@mortiboysdentalspa.com
 🌐 www.mortiboysdentalspa.com

The Private GP Group
FAMILY HEALTHCARE WITH SAME-DAY APPOINTMENTS
 📍 10 Station Parade, KT24 6QN
 ☎ 020 8336 6550
 ✉ reception@theprivategpgroup.co.uk
 🌐 www.theprivategpgroup.co.uk

Care Partner Homecare
EXCEPTIONAL HOMECARE & LIVE-IN CARE
 📍 1 Riverview, Walnut Tree Close, GU1 4UX
 ☎ 01483 343693
 ✉ rasheeda@cphcare.co.uk
 🌐 www.cphcare.co.uk

House & Garden

Cedar Nursery
PLANTS & OUTDOOR LIVING
 📍 Horsley Road, KT11 3JX
 ☎ 01932 862473
 ✉ sales@landscaping.co.uk
 🌐 www.landscaping.co.uk

Kate Lloyd Fine Art Prints
EQUINE, ABSTRACT & SEA SCENES
 📍 Woodland Drive, KT24 5AN
 ☎ 01483 282635
 ✉ kate@katelloydphotography.com
 🌐 www.katelloydphotography.com

Floralscapes Nurseries
GARDEN POTS & PLANT NURSERY
 📍 Ripley Road, GU23 7LT
 ☎ 020 8432 2961
 ✉ contact@floralscapesnurseries.co.uk
 🌐 www.floralscapesnurseries.co.uk

Future Light Design
LIGHTING & LUTRON SPECIALISTS
 📍 The Post House, KT24 6RX
 ☎ 020 8543 4451
 ✉ info@futurelightdesign.co.uk
 🌐 www.futurelightdesign.co.uk

Property

Curchods East Horsley
ESTATE AGENTS
 📍 12 Bishopsmead Parade, KT24 6RT
 ☎ 01483 281010
 ✉ Kate-Dancey@curchods.com
 🌐 www.curchods.com

Henshaws Estate Agents
RESIDENTIAL SALES & LETTINGS
 📍 2 Station Approach, KT24 6QX
 ☎ 01483 285757
 ✉ graham.clarke@henshaws.net
 🌐 www.henshaws.net

Wills & Smerdon
SALES, LETTINGS & MANAGEMENT
 📍 6 Station Parade, KT24 6QN
 ☎ 01483 284141
 ✉ james@willsandsmerdon.co.uk
 🌐 www.willsandsmerdon.co.uk

Restaurants

Merry House
CHINESE, MALAYSIAN, FISH & CHIPS
 📍 3 Parade Court, KT24 6QR
 ☎ 01483 283790
 🌐 www.merry-house.co.uk

Retail

Maynard's Post Office
POST OFFICE, NEWSAGENT & STATIONERS
 📍 10 Bishopsmead Parade, KT24 6RT
 ☎ 01483 283124
 ✉ maynardsnews@gmail.com

Daisy Maison
BOUTIQUE CLOTHING & GIFTS
CLICK & COLLECT AVAILABLE
 📍 14 Station Parade, KT24 6QN
 ☎ 01483 286749
 ✉ terri.wood@daisy-maison.co.uk
 🌐 www.daisy-maison.co.uk

C F Hall & Co Ltd
ELECTRICAL RETAILER & APPLIANCE SERVICING
 📍 2 Station Approach, KT24 6QX
 ☎ 01483 282945
 ✉ info@cfhall.com

Services

Bandbox Dry Cleaners
DRY CLEANING & LAUNDRY
 📍 17 Station Parade, KT24 6QN
 ☎ 01483 283685
 ✉ bandbox@hotmail.co.uk
 🌐 www.bandboxdrycleaners.com

Headquarters Hair
HAIR SALON
 📍 11 Station Parade, KT24 6QN
 ☎ 01483 284258
 ✉ headquartershair@outlook.com
 🌐 www.headquartershairhorsley.co.uk

Pet Doctors
HORSLEY VETERINARY CLINIC
 📍 Ockham Road South, KT24 6QU
 ☎ 01483 285357
 ✉ easthorsley@petdoctors.co.uk
 🌐 www.petdoctors.co.uk

Sport & Leisure

Core Strength Pilates
 📍 Longhurst Road, East Horsley KT24 6AF
 ☎ 07899 844862
 ✉ karisherman1212@gmail.com
 🌐 www.cspilates.co.uk

The Drift Golf Club
GOLF COURSE & FUNCTION ROOMS
 📍 The Drift, East Horsley, KT24 5HD
 ☎ 01483 284641
 ✉ info@driftgolfclub.com
 🌐 www.driftgolfclub.com

Transport

Silver Arrows
TAXI & CHAUFFEUR SERVICES
 📍 St Martin's Business Centre, KT24 6RX
 ☎ 01483 280050
 ✉ bookings@silver-arrows.co.uk
 🌐 www.silver-arrows.co.uk

Business Flyers

Want your business flyer delivered with the next issue to nearly 2000 homes and businesses in East Horsley? Then contact us for an application form:
parishcouncil@easthorsleypc.org

If you would like to be included in the EHPC Business Guide, please contact us for further information at...
parishcouncil@easthorsleypc.org

Christmas Shop Window Winner



The Apple Tree Studio

WEEKS OF HARD work paid off when the Apple Tree Studio was awarded the coveted Best Christmas Shop Window Award by the Major of Guildford. The owner, Liz Joss (pictured), was naturally delighted although unfortunately she was unable to collect the award in person at the Chairman's Thank You party due to a family commitment. Liz is originally from Yorkshire but now lives locally in Bookham.

She served 20 years in the Metropolitan Police but always harboured a dream to set up her own ceramics studio. When the premises in Bishopsmead Parade came available seven years ago, she took the plunge. The name, Apple Tree Studio, was suggested by her daughter Kaitlyn. The Covid lockdown proved a challenge, but Liz reports that the business is now thriving and anyone who is interested in creating some unique pottery or ceramics is most welcome to pop in.

OCKHAM ROAD ROUTE FOR THE SURREY HILLS CLASSIC

YOU CAN FORGET driving to the shops on Saturday 13 May as most of Ockham Road North and South will be out of action owing to thousands of lycra-clad cyclists competing in this year's Surrey Hills Classic. Rather than getting irritated by being unable to use your car, why not join the hundreds of spectators lining the route – should be quite a spectacle.

ABOUT BLOOMIN' TIME

AT LAST East Horsley has a brand-new florist. Lovelace and Green is now open for business in Bishopsmead Parade. It's the brainchild of Kate Wilson who has long harboured a dream of establishing a florist, but it wasn't until the 'stars aligned' that she took the plunge. With the support of family and friends, she seized the opportunity to take over vacant premises (formerly Orange and Dutch) and establish her flower shop. The name of the business comprises Lovelace (as in the Lord Lovelace connection) and Green (Kate's mother's maiden name). Wherever possible, Kate sources suppliers whose focus is sustainability and the environment. Moreover, she uses moss rather than green floral foam in wedding and funeral

work. Flowers can be ordered on an ad hoc or subscription basis and, in addition, Kate plans to hold evening workshops to introduce local residents to the joys of floristry. We wish Kate and her team every success for the future.



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.tashl.org

CLUBS

Horsley Live Music Club
www.horsleylivemusic.com

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



Cheshire Cats by Gail Young at The Nomad Theatre

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.horsleyamdram.org

Horsley Choral Society
www.horsleychoralsociety.com

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

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

Horsley Tennis Club
www.horsleysportsclub.com

Horsley Badminton Club
www.howardbadmintonclub

Horsley Cricket Club
www.horsleysportsclub.com

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

Groveside Badminton Club
Chris Spratt Tel: 07818 594854

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
Karlene Peach Tel: 01483 224692

East Horsley Parish News

Planning and Environment Committee Dates

The Planning and Environment Committee meets every two weeks in the Parish Meeting Room at East Horsley Village Hall, usually on a Monday. Applications to be considered are posted on the noticeboards and website in the preceding week.

Residents are invited to speak for or against any planning applications. Please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

- 21 March
- 3 & 17 April
- 2 (Tuesday) & 15 May

Council Meetings

Council meetings are held at East Horsley Village Hall in The Club Room, starting at 7.30pm. Residents are invited to attend the meetings and address councillors about parish matters during Public Question Time. The next scheduled dates are:

- 20 March
- 24 April
- 15 May

Council website to be upgraded

Thank you to the hundreds of people who responded to our recent survey concerning the Parish Council website.

Easthorsley.info was launched in 2014 and is still accessed daily by residents who want to find out the latest information on transport, roads, local planning applications, community events and so on. The Parish Council has recently approved funds for an upgrade to the site to make it more attractive and useful so stand by for the relaunch in the coming months.



New Village Warden

Please welcome Malcolm Hyatt, he has taken over the role of Village Warden from Robin Ball who has moved to West Horsley Place as Buildings & Facilities Manager.

Malcolm lives in West Horsley and has been running a handyman business serving domestic and commercial customers in and around the Horsleys. He is looking forward to working with the Parish Council to ensure that the village looks its best. We will miss Robin, but wish him luck in his new role.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the appearance of the village please email us at:

parishcouncil@easthorsleypc.org



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, the 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 in the June edition of the Newsletter but mark your diaries now for the return of The Horsley Big Day Out on Sunday 2nd July.



Recycling Points in the Village

Recycling and safe disposal facilities in East Horsley.

Guildford Borough Council Recycling Centre*

by the Station Parade car park

- Household metal packaging
- Household plastic packaging
- Mixed glass: bottles and jars
- Mixed paper and card
- Shoes (must be paired and bagged)

*Please note that the limited facilities here are under severe strain a lot of the time so if you can use alternative facilities nearby until GBC puts this right please do so.

C F Hall

- Appliances/Electrical
- Used batteries

Charity Shops

- Debra
- Woking Hospice
- Queen Elizabeth Foundation

Horsley Library

- Metal foil packaging e.g. for pills
- Used batteries
- Used prescription spectacles

Lloyds Pharmacy

- Unwanted prescription medicines and pills
- Used inhalers

Home Counties Carers

- Wool/yarn for Blankets without Borders



All Change for the Horsleys

It's all change for local voters at the next general election. Long-standing MP Sir Paul Beresford is standing down and following the nationwide boundary review the Mole Valley constituency disappears with the Horsleys switching to Guildford.

STOP PRESS

Sainsbury's to Takeover Budgens

As we go to press comes the news that the Budgens Store in Station Parade has been sold to the giant supermarket chain, Sainsbury's. The owner, Suresh Sharma, says market factors are to blame, in particular the investment required to refit the store, the current economic climate, problems in obtaining stock and the threat of competition. Suresh says he expects the sale to be completed by the end of

March and that the new owners will retain the current staff. Over the coming weeks, Sainsbury's will provide more information concerning the change of ownership which will involve a major refit. Suresh concludes by thanking customers for their support over the years and says that, following the sale, the store and its staff are in a good place. Keep in touch with the latest developments on easthorsley.info.

The Parish Council



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