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Chairman's Comments

Goodbye & Hello...

In recent months two of our parish councillors retired.

Stephen Skinner spent 16 years on the Parish Council, including five years as Chairman. He helped secure many things around the village – new sports facilities at Kingston Meadows and the only public loo in East Horsley being just a few. He and his partner, Linda, also played key roles organising our village fetes and other events. During our July parish council meeting Stephen was given a rousing 'vote of thanks' and a picture montage displaying his many successes... plus a presentation set of aprons!

We also said 'Goodbye' to Antony Etwell after five years on the Parish Council. Antony was part of our Planning Committee and helped establish the Climate Change group, where he remains a resident volunteer. I should like to also thank Antony for his many contributions.

Coming through the 'In' door in recent months, I'm delighted to welcome two new parish councillors. Juliet Robinson, who featured in our Summer newsletter, and has now joined our Road Safety and Countryside Task Groups. Also joining us in July by co-option was Hilary Gullen (see pg 12), an officer with Richmond Borough Council who resides in Kingston Avenue.

Here we go again...

The Wisley Airfield planning appeal is due to begin on 26 September. As in 2017, we and West

Horsley Parish Council have formed a joint Rule 6 party to oppose this appeal (see Page 5).

The public hearing is scheduled to last until the end of November, with 24 days of sitting; a most gruelling affair. Our team would really welcome support from residents, even for just a few days, in helping us analyse Taylor Wimpey's inquiry evidence as it is delivered, then formulating our cross-examination questions.

Residents with specialist knowledge in areas such as traffic calming, community heating systems, cycle routes, ecology & SANG's (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Spaces), residential community trusts or affordable housing would be especially welcome. Please contact me via our Parish Clerk to learn more.

Robert Taylor
Chairman, East Horsley Parish Council
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GBC COUNCILLOR Colin Cross Resigns

Colin Cross, the Residents for Guildford & Villages County Councillor for The Horsleys, has resigned.

In his resignation letter the former councillor said: "For some time now I have been considering my position at SCC for various reasons and have finally decided to stand down as councillor for The Horsleys with immediate effect."

Referring to the "final straw" agreement he said: "This document, clearly written and published by WSP on behalf of Taylor Wimpey is, in the view of many Horsley residents, a travesty of the true situation on the ground and contradicts much of the previous constructive criticism from SCC in recent years, which has somehow been erased and replaced by a broad-based agreement."

"One particular anomaly is that, on the one hand, it is signed off on 25 August by a very senior TW Consultant of many years standing, and for SCC by a middle-ranking planning officer with one member of staff, a Mr Richard Cooper. Surely this merited a senior SCC director's involvement and signature bearing in mind the importance of this controversial site."

"I consider the SCC agreement to the statement to be a travesty of the highest order

and an insult to the residents in the parishes of East and West Horsley, East Clandon, Effingham, Ripley, Ockham and Wisley, where there is long-standing and overwhelming opposition to this ill-conceived, isolated, over-development."

Colin Cross served for some thirty years as a parish councillor for Ripley, including taking on the role of chairman for five years, before being elected to Guildford Borough Council (GBC) in 2014 to represent Lovelace ward in a dramatic victory. After a spell as an Independent, in 2019 he joined the newly formed Residents for Guildford and Villages party and was re-elected to represent the Lovelace Ward at GBC. Then, in 2021 he was elected to represent The Horsleys division, which includes East Clandon, East & West Horsley, Effingham, Ripley, Ockham and Wisley, at Surrey County Council.

An election is likely to be held in October. R4GV say they will be fielding Dennis Booth, who recently served as Mayor of Guildford and borough councillor for Christchurch who, they say "shares Colin's passion for protecting our green spaces and holding SCC to account for residents".

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Community Forum on Provision of Health Services

26 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM

CONCERNED WITH how our primary care and associated health services will cope with the increase in population from new housing developments, West Horsley Parish Council has convened a Community Forum at 7.30pm on 26 September at West Horsley Village Hall. Among the speakers confirmed are:

- Dr Rishi Barai (Horsley Medical Practice),
- Joss Bigmore (Chairman, Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust),
- Professor Clare Fuller (Chief Executive, NHS Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board),
- Jo Cogswell (Place based leader, Guildford and Waverley Health and Care Alliance)
- Graham Wareham (CEO, Surrey and Borders NHS Foundation Trust).

Chairing the meeting is Cllr. Elaine Best, Chairman of West Horsley Parish Council who, prior to retirement, was Chairman of First Community Health and Care in Redhill. Tickets are free, order in advance at: westhorsley.info/events/communityhealthforum. Please submit questions in advance: clerk@westhorsley.info.

Whether you live in East or West Horsley, access to good medical care is important to everyone, please do your best to attend and hear experts debate on how to provide this service in the light of all the additional housing in both parishes.

Effingham Commoners' Day

COME ALONG to the Common from noon until 4.00pm on Sunday 1 October and celebrate the existence of this ancient amenity so loved by dog walkers, joggers and horse riders.

Learn about its history of brickmaking and its rich and diverse ecology, while the youngsters enjoy themselves on the climbing wall and have their faces painted.

For the hungry and thirsty there's a bar and BBQ at the nearby cricket pavilion.

SUCCESSFUL HORSLEY BIG DAY OUT

Raises £6k for Cherry Trees

ON AN UNSEASONABLY sunny Sunday in July (it was wet and windy for most of the month), the second bi-annual Horsley Big Day Out organised by East Horsley Parish Council, attracted a crowd estimated at around 4,000 to enjoy a fascinating display of classic cars, a Wellness Festival, tours of historic Horsley Towers, a kids' park, live music and a wide selection of delicious food and drinks.

James Harper presented David Leyshon with the Wills & Smerdon Trophy for the best vehicle on show – a 1968 Jensen Interceptor.

Top tribute act Not The Rolling Stones were ably supported by local bands Unfinished Business, The XR3 and Apache Rose. After deduction of costs, the Parish Council is delighted to donate more than £6,000 to our chosen charity, The Cherry Trees Respite Home for Children with Disabilities in East Clandon (see pg. 7). Grateful thanks to all the volunteers that helped before, during and after the event.

Special thanks also to our generous sponsors (see below) and the team at De Vere Horsley Towers headed by Michael Micallef and Kate Shaw.

We now hand the baton over to West Horsley Parish Council to organise the community event in 2024 but, all being well, The Horsley Big Day Out will return in 2025.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LOCAL SPONSORS:



Horsley WellFest

WE HAD OUR inaugural Horsley WellFest as part of the Horsley Big Day Out and were delighted to welcome over 30 local wellness businesses & practitioners.

We are very grateful to everyone involved on the day who volunteered to help from set-up right through to those who ran workshops and classes for the event. We have had reactions from several stallholders saying what a fabulous, friendly & generous crowd the visitors on the day were.

We would love to hear any feedback on how to make our next WellFest even better and do get in touch if you would like to be involved next time.

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Task Group Reports

Finance & Risk Committee

Nick Clemens

The financial difficulties of Guildford Council have not affected EHPC but we may have to pick up a little bit more as they will be under pressure to save where they can. The first quarter's figures have completed and income and expenditure was as expected, although slightly distorted by the Horsley Big Day Out.

Road Safety & Maintenance

Andrew Franklin

Combatting excessive speed on our roads remains an ongoing challenge and the latest initiative is on Forest Road near High Park Avenue. By way of smiley and grumpy faces, a new vehicle activated sign acknowledges those who are observing the speed limit and those who are ignoring it. These have proved effective elsewhere and it is hoped that ours will have a similar safety enhancing impact.



A date has been set for the long-awaited resurfacing of Forest Road between the bridge and the cross roads at Effingham Junction. Work is scheduled to begin at the start of November.

Preliminary moves are under way to lower the speed limit along The Drift from 60mph to 30mph. The footway on Ockham Road South (ORS) between Park Corner Drive and The Triangle is to be upgraded in October. And staying with ORS, sometime thereafter it will be closed while water mains renewal work is carried out between Lynx Hill and Bishopsmead.

Village Appearance

Aileen Aitcheson

Quite a lot has happened in the village. The Village Warden has mended the fence at the railway bridge on Forest Road, he has also added supports to the other weakened posts. Tree stumps have been removed between this bridge and Effingham Junction.



Vegetation and grass cutting has occurred throughout the village, with major clearance and pruning having taken place along Kingston Avenue. Sohrab Farjoud has been busy sprucing up the planters on Station Parade (pictured).

Great concern is felt regarding fly tipping at the recycling bins behind the Station Parade shops and conversations with the appropriate authorities are happening.

Countryside

Steve Punshon

A big thank-you to the working party involved in restoring the amphibian fence that runs parallel to The Drift road within The Forest. This was coordinated by Stephanie Boore from Surrey Wildlife Trust, with technical support from volunteer warden Chris Campbell and a number of other local volunteers, including some younger helpers gaining work experience. The project involved extensive clearing of vegetation before some rather challenging repairs to the damaged sections. This is the first major overhaul since it was installed over 20 years ago.

Observant drivers may have also noticed the new wildlife tunnel crossing The Drift road near to the entrance to the golf club. This was installed as part of the recent resurfacing of the road, with thanks to the ecologist at Surrey County Council for co-ordinating. Sadly, the two large entrance gates at the Orestan Lane entrance to Great Ridings Wood have been vandalised. We are working with Woodland Trust to install replacement gates to make this entrance secure again.

Communications

Steve Harvey

The big news this month is the relaunch of the Parish Council website. Easthorsley.info first saw the light of day in 2015 with the aim of providing regularly updated news and information about our village together with an insight into the work undertaken by your Parish Council. By early 2023 the website was beginning to look a little dated and in need of a refresh. Our Communications Manager Nikki Worsfold and Councillor Colin Carmichael worked with the team at web designers TCWS to create a fresh new website that we hope will appeal to both residents and people further afield who would like to learn more about East Horsley. Take a look now at easthorsley.info.

Community

Holly Haling

With the nights drawing in the Community Task Group can take a sigh of relief. We have had only low key anti-social behaviour this summer on Kingston Meadow and other outdoor areas of Horsley. However, we are saddened to report that further minor vandalism has occurred to the public toilet on Kingston Meadow - this is very dispiriting as this is such a much-used facility. We are working on ways to identify the individual(s) as we do not wish to deprive the community by closing the amenity.

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.

We are looking to promote interaction with residents, if you have some spare time and enthusiasm then please contact Nick Clemens, Parish Clerk to register your interest.

Events

Steve Harvey

Thank you once again for all the volunteers who helped make the Horsley Big Day Out such a huge success - we could not have done it without you. Our attention turns now to the Chairman's Thank You Party in December when we acknowledge all the hard work from the legions of volunteers who help out, not just at the Horsley Big Day Out, but throughout the year. Highlight of the evening is when we present trophies to the Volunteer of the Year and for the best Christmas Shop Window.

Climate Change

Antony Etwell and Steve Harvey

Ben McCallan from 'Zero' and Surrey County Council have kindly produced an action plan to help households and businesses in The Horsleys discover ways to save energy. It will be available to all and will be aimed at reducing our outgoings as well as making a big difference in mitigating the issues affecting our climate. Along with the action plan, another climate change/energy saving survey is planned for October/November, so we'd appreciate your help by taking part. It is important that residents' thoughts, comments and concerns are clearly understood. Stay in touch: @thehorsleysCAN or email: parishcouncil@easthorsleypc.org

Railway Task Group

Stephen Groom

The Friends of Effingham Junction station, led by Martha Jessop, have mightily jazzed up the entrance area by the bridge with a specially designed corner trough ablaze with new plantings. And there's more where that came from with further new planters arriving soon. At Horsley Station the HSY Friends have given an early kick start to celebrations marking the station's upcoming 140th birthday with the arrival in the ticket hall of a unique photo-portrait by HSY Friend Rex Butcher harking back to the early years of the Horsleys' key transport hub (pictured below). Also just arrived in the London-bound waiting room is a fantastic new installation featuring local artists' work. All thanks to the Arts Society Horsley Lovelace and masterminded by HSY Friend and West Horsley Parish Councillor Mel Beynon.



WISLEY AIRFIELD

Planning Appeal to Start in September

PLANS TO DEVELOP a new settlement at Wisley airfield will be decided by Planning Inspector, Cristina Downes, with the public inquiry due to start in Guildford on 26 September.

This spring Taylor Wimpey filed their planning appeal citing grounds of 'non-determination'. Guildford Borough Council (GBC) still went ahead and held their own Planning Committee on 10 July when councillors voted unanimously (but hypothetically) to refuse the application.

East and West Horsley Parish Councils have again teamed up as a joint 'Rule 6 party' and have submitted our Proof of Evidence.

Three other Rule 6 parties are also objecting to the Taylor Wimpey appeal:

Ockham Parish Council, Wisley Action Group

(WAG) and RHS Wisley are jointly leading the Rule 6 objectors' cause. They are represented by barrister Richard Harwood KC, who also led for WAG in the 2017 appeal. Their expert witnesses intend to address air quality issues, ecology, road traffic and planning matters.

Ripley Parish Council and Send Parish Council are another joint Rule 6 party. VAWNT ('Villages Against Wisley New Town') are the fourth Rule 6 objector, representing residents opposed to this development.

The appeal hearings are open to the public and will be held in the GBC Chamber, except for the first week when larger crowds are expected, with sessions to be held at the nearby Guildford Baptist Church. The inquiry is scheduled to close on 28 November.

Planning Approval for Apartments at Thatcher's Hotel

AT THE THIRD time of asking, Surya Group, owners of Thatcher's Hotel, received planning approval to construct an apartment block on the southern part of the hotel grounds, (See GBC application 20/P/01443).

The block will have ten apartments of two bedrooms each spread across three levels and with the outlook predominantly to the south. There will be no vehicular access with the rest of the hotel grounds.

A separate access road is to be built directly onto the A246 in a position not far from the entrance to The Warren. For road safety reasons a section of the flint wall either side of the entrance will be demolished and re-built further back to ensure clear lines of sight.

Last year East Horsley Parish Council sought a listing for this distinctive flint wall but our application was turned down by Historic England.

Protecting Nature and Wildlife with Flowers

Blue Heart Verges, Wildflower Gardens & Green Building

IN TIME you will start to notice little blue hearts popping up on our village verges accompanied by pretty wildflowers and busy bees collecting pollen. This is all part of a wider scheme to protect and enhance our local nature and wildlife and YES, you can help whilst enjoying the beautiful flowers too.

The "UrBOA" scheme (Urban Biodiversity Opportunity Areas) aims to propose nature recovery strategies and is looking to extend and formalise our wildlife corridors across the borough.

By ensuring bigger, better and joined up wildlife habitats, along with increasing people's access, enjoyment and recognition of the

wellbeing live green space gives us, the result is a simple but effective method to reduce our impacts on the environment. More flowers, happy insects, wildlife and people.

What's not to like!

So far, this scheme extends from Guildford to Leatherhead but does not yet include the Horsleys.

Whichever route you choose to embark on, you'll be supporting the protection of local wildlife, helping insects and bees with their pollinating duties and will certainly benefit all of us by adding an extra splash of colour to everyone's lives.



How Do We, Both Residents and Developers, Help?

You can support the Blue Heart Wildflower Verges by contacting your parish council:

- parishcouncil@easthorsleypc.org
- clerk@westhorsley.info

Create and enjoy your own wildflower garden and add a water butt to capture rainwater:

- <https://www.rhs.org.uk/lawns/creating-wildflower-meadows>
- <https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-grow-wild-patch-or-mini-meadow>
- <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/06/attract-wildlife-to-your-garden>

When building, consider adding a green roof or a living wall:

- <https://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/is-the-boom-in-green-roofs-and-living-walls-good-for-sustainability>

Bee a part of creating a thriving, wildlife-rich environment which benefits both physical and mental health:

- <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/nature-health-and-wild-wellbeing>

EAST HORSLEY VILLAGE HALL

Progress Report for This Key Village Asset

FOLLOWING the disruption around COVID and related restrictions, busy times have returned to the Village Hall. A combination of regular users such as U3A interest groups, Meadows Nursery and sports and social groups, are complemented by a wide variety of single hire users of the Hall; everything from sports and yoga, to healthcare, holiday clubs and social support.

This healthy level of usage has enabled a number of significant enhancements to be made in the last year to meet the needs of users and provide the best possible facility for village residents.

These have included upgraded kitchen equipment and the purchase of a large cinema-style projector screen. Action has also been taken to conserve energy and reduce carbon footprint by installing LED bulbs throughout and adding further insulation in the roof spaces.

The VH Management Committee has used grants wherever available and has ensured that the Hall's balance sheet maintains a prudent level of financial security whilst the above works are undertaken.

The Committee and users are supported by an excellent team of Lauren Albert, the Hall

Manager, who joined in January and Ed Brown the resident Caretaker.

We are very keen to recruit new Committee members to help maintain this progress and to bring fresh ideas to the future development of this important community asset. If you might be interested, please email Lauren on: manager@easthorsleyvillagehall.co.uk



Horsley Farmers Market Donates to Local Charities

ORGANISERS of the Farmers Market (FM), held for the final time last December, have just finalised the accounts for 2022-23 and a trading surplus of £3,000 has been donated to several local charity partners. They include The Grange, Riding for the Disabled, Grace and Flavour and Friends of The Raleigh. Over the three years the market was active, the organisers donated a total £8,800 to local good causes. The Community Interest Company that was set up to run the FM has now been dissolved at Companies House.

Need Rehydrating?

LOVELACE & GREEN, the Bishopsmead florist, has thrown its weight behind the Parish Council's quest to make East Horsley more eco-friendly. They now kindly offer a free of charge water bottle refill facility and it is hoped the service will be taken advantage of by all those in that part of the village in need of rehydration.

Step-free Access

SINCE IT WAS formed four years ago, the mission of the Parish Council's Railway Task Group (RTG) has been to make our village's railway stations (Horsley and Effingham Junction) a better experience for all their users.

A key part of that mission has always been the fight to end the absurdity whereby neither station's London-bound platform has step-free access.

So, for example, Surbiton-bound Horsley station users, who want step-free service access but are unable to negotiate the 46 steps between them and the negotiate platform, must first travel three stops in the wrong direction. Why? Because the nearest alternative station that has step-free access is Guildford.

The RTG says that the only sustainable solution to this anomaly is lifts on both platforms connected by a bridge. Photo montages prepared by experts showing how these might look are at:

<https://easthorsley.info/task-groups/railway>.

And this is not just for wheelchair users. For examples of other customers with the same needs, see the "Access for all" icons the RTG has created with help from design studio Silverback Design and the staged but genuinely illustrative photo examples.

As a walking stick user and Guildford R4GV Borough Councillor, Ruth Brothwell (pictured)

said: "I was genuinely surprised when first told that neither Horsley nor Effingham Junction has level access to their London-bound platforms. This is a serious and an unacceptable inconvenience for not only wheelchair users but also the wide variety of many others such as myself who, for whatever other reason, have temporary or long-term mobility issues." The campaign continues. Interested in joining the fight? Email: parishcouncil@easthorsleypc.org



Introducing Cherry Trees

IF YOU WERE ABLE to join us for the Horsley Big Day Out & WellFest, you may be curious to know more about our chosen charity, Cherry Trees Respite Home for Children with Disabilities in East Clandon. Here Rob Hope, Head of Fundraising and Communications (pictured), provides an insight into the valuable work undertaken by this exceptional local charity.

Cherry Trees was founded in 1980 by Dr Helen Foley. In her role as a paediatrician, she realised that a family with a child with a complex disability required more support than just medical care. Also, that the family needed some practical support; in particular, they needed the chance to take a break.

Caring for a child with a complex disability can be exhausting, isolating, and emotionally and physically challenging. Mencap's Breaking Point report found that 8 out of 10 family carers have reached, or are close to reaching, breaking point due to a lack of short break respite.

There are an estimated 6,300 children living with a disability in Surrey. Without the provision for short break care to rest and re-energise, these families are at a greater risk of reaching crisis point and breaking down. Cherry Trees is here for these Surrey families. Therefore, the charity was set up more than 40 years ago, and this is still the core support it offers today.

In 2022, Cherry Trees supported 75 families with 1,512 sleepovers and 603 day visits to its home-from-home in East Clandon. On top of this core care, they also ran family activity days, five parent and carer wellbeing days and



Rob Hope

provided small but vital grants through their Welfare and Bursary Funds.

Providing this lifeline costs £1.3m a year. This is part funded by the local authority but costs, on average, an additional £4.25 per hour of care. Every hour of support provides the family with an often much needed break. It also supports the child as they make friends, try new activities, build confidence, and develop skills and independence.

The amazing £6,175 raised through The Horsley Big Day Out & WellFest is enough to support 60 days of Cherry Trees' support and care. That's potentially 60 Surrey families getting the chance to rest and re-energise, and 60 families getting the help they need to keep them together. So, if you were able to support us with a donation at the Big Day Out & WellFest – **thank you.**

Centurions

WHILE ENGLAND'S batters were clocking up hundreds on the cricket pitch during the summer, two East Horsley veterans were hitting centuries themselves. Limegrove Care Home residents, Cath Weston and Mary Bone each celebrated their 100th birthday. Neither hail from this part of the UK and each was living outside Surrey when the time came to take up care for residency. Both have family living in the county - in Cranleigh and Guildford - so somewhere within easy reach was a priority and after a thorough selection process Limegrove was the home of choice.

They now join other residents there who have hit this mighty milestone.

Here's to your 101st birthdays, ladies!



Using Music to Bring Back Memories

THE DEMENTIA Music Therapy Group for those living with dementia and Parkinson's Disease.

This is a local success story.

The music therapy group, called 'Music Memories', was set up on the back of fundraising by Joe Dimmock and Sian Lewis from the Duke of Wellington, who cycled from London to Paris in 2022 and raised £16,000. Led by a specialist music therapist - Val Marciano - the group emphasises 'therapy' in a structured way - including singing and a range of other activities. It meets weekly with those attending accompanied by a carer, friend or neighbour.

The power of music therapy is undeniable. Scientific research shows that music stimulates many different parts of the brain. For people with dementia, music can change mood and reduce anxiety; bring back words, memories and feelings; and connect people with loved ones. The first steps in using music might involve finding music they love, making a playlist (possibly through a streaming service) and then playing that music throughout the day as part of their care.

Music therapy can have a very powerful personal impact and also offers benefits for

the carers. The Music Memories team also hold workshops tailored for carers to explain how to harness the power of music therapy and to teach some basic techniques for using music in their day-to-day caring.

Music Memories is managed by The Loop - a local charity which was set up by the owners of Home Counties Carers. The Loop helps and supports care charities and voluntary groups across Surrey. Ingrid Clift from The Loop is passionate about Music Memories and says, "The results of music therapy on people living with dementia and Parkinson's can be amazing and profoundly moving."

If you think this might help someone in your family, why not give it a try?



Music Memories – the Dementia Music Therapy Group

Meets every Tuesday 10.30 to 11.30, in the Canterbury Rooms at St Martin's Church. For further information, or to discuss what is involved, please contact Ingrid Clift at The Loop...

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From the Rectory...

THANK YOU!

I AM VERY PLEASED to be able to inform you that after a relatively short appeal we were able to raise enough funds to order our new stained-glass windows. These windows will stand as a reminder of the COVID pandemic; the loss of life in our community, the sacrifices made by so many people in our country and the outpouring of friendship and care which speaks of hope for the future. If you contributed, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of St Martin's Church. As you may recall, East Horsley Parish Council was the first to donate and funded what will be the first two panes. Huge thanks to the councillors for getting behind this exciting project. Donations were received from the Horsley Community Fund, the Benefect Trust and a number of individuals.

Now that the order has been placed, we can look forward to the windows being installed

in the spring of next year. There is a great deal to look forward to at St Martin's before that including the Harvest Festival and our launch of the Shoebox appeal (1 October), A Time to Remember (a service to remember those who have died – 29 October) and Remembrance Sunday (12 November). Plans are also in place for a Christmas Tree Festival and the return of Tenors UnLimited in December. Please join our mailing list, via our website, to keep up to date.

With every blessing.

Revd Renos Pittarides, Rector of East Horsley

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Horsley Health...

Calling All Men

THE PRACTICE is holding a talk on Men's Health at the East Horsley Village Hall on 27 September. We have been lucky to secure two consultants from Royal Surrey County Hospital who will come along and speak. For more information, please go to our website – www.horsleydocs.co.uk.

A new phone system has been installed which allows patients to use the 'call back' option rather than wait in a queue when phoning the practice. This will be offered when four or more patients are already waiting in the queue.

Our new website went live in August. This has resulted in a big change in how patients requests are received and dealt with. We continue to look to improve the website where we can but we are limited to the changes we can make. Thank you for your tolerance and understanding during this transition. Patients are being encouraged to download the NHS App for quick access to appointments, repeat prescriptions, test results etc.

Flu clinics are starting on Saturday 7 October. Anyone aged 65 or over or is in a clinical at-risk group please book your vaccination at the surgery. Others have the additional options of making an appointment online and via the NHS app. As well as our core opening hours we now offer appointments from 7.40am on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning with either an Advanced Nurse Practitioner or GP and an evening surgery on a Thursday from 6pm – 8pm.

Caroline Camp, Horsley Medical Centre Practice Manager
www.horsleydocs.co.uk



You're invited to

**ST MARTIN'S
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

9 - 16th December 2023

visit our website for
full details and timings:
www.easthorsleychurch.org.uk

Horsley Evangelical Church

SUMMER HAS WHIZZED by and we are now immersing ourselves in the new term with lots to of events to look forward to including:

Sunday 17 October

Our 10.45am Harvest Service followed by a delicious Harvest Lunch which is open to all. It's free to join with plenty of food for everyone!

Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 October (schools half-term)

Jungle Explorers Holiday Bible Club from 10.00am – 12:30pm. All children aged four and above are welcome, and all activities are free of charge. Plus, on Saturday 29 October a bonus Family Knockout & Prize Giving from 2pm – 4pm for the whole family. Here's what

our Jungle Explorers have in store each day:

- Choice of fun outdoor games or creative craft activity, plus indoor games for 4-7s
- Snack times and Bible Story groups
- Fast-paced fun-packed programmes where we'll be travelling across the jungle and learning about God's love.

Children can come for all three days or just part of it. Friday features our Dressing Up Competition where children can come as their favourite animal/explorer or even a jungle tree!

We're excited for this term and hope to see many of you throughout our various events and weekly services. For more information on what we're doing, please feel free to contact us or check out Horsley Evangelical Church's Facebook page or website: www.horsleyec.org.uk.

THE HORSLEY LIVE MUSIC CLUB

Keeping Music Live in East Horsley

THE HIGHLY-RATED singer-songwriter Hollie Rogers who is destined for greater things, will play to those with tickets for her show at the Malting House in October; they are privileged indeed.

November sees two shows. The legendary guitarist, Albert Lee (pictured), and his band will perform in the Nomad Theatre on 2 November – a real coup for us. And on 17 November, the same venue will host 'Fire and Rain & American Pie' – a show which celebrates the music of the great singer-songwriters of 60s and 70s, like James Taylor, Carole King, Don McLean and Joni Mitchell.

Mark Beasley, Chairman, Horsley Live Music Club

Website: www.horsleylivemusic.com · Email: livemusic@btinternet.com



Albert Lee

Horsley Choral Society Performs Verdi's Requiem

ON 23 SEPTEMBER at 4.30pm Horsley Choral Society will be performing Verdi's Requiem at Grange Park Opera Theatre in the Woods, in the grounds of West Horsley Place. This is a joint concert with Oxshott Choral Society, Epworth Choir and Godalming Choral Society in celebration of Godalming CS's 150th Anniversary. The mass choir will be performing with professional soloists and orchestra; Anita Watson (Soprano), Kate Symonds-Joy (Mezzo-Soprano), Ben Thapa (Tenor), Alex Ashworth (Baritone-Bass) and The Hennessey Brown Collective. The evening promises to be quite special with wonderful music in a beautiful venue. Tickets are on sale now at: <http://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/gcs>

The Horsley Choral Society Autumn Season is now underway. New members of all voice parts are always welcome. Come along any Monday evening between 8.00 and 10.00 for a free taster. Contact secretary@horsleychoralsociety.com or visit www.horsleychoralsociety.com for further information.



Entertainment

To have your event or activity listed here, please send details by email to: commsco@easthorsleypc.org

The Nomad Theatre

Bishopsmead, East Horsley, KT24 6RT

Box Office 01483 284747

www.ticketsource.co.uk/nomadtheatre

A Hilarious Comedy



Outside Edge

12-16 September at 7.30pm

By Richard Harris

Directed by Jeffrey Wightwick

Roger has enough trouble assembling his cricket team to play against the British Railways Maintenance Division Reading East, but these complications pall before those occurring between their wives and various girlfriends. As a final catastrophe, rain starts to fall.

This amateur production of "Outside Edge" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. On behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Celebrate 25 years of the new Nomad Theatre

Saturday 7 October

See how the magic is made, including hands-on opportunities, with Theatre tours throughout the day (book tours at www.nomadtheatre.com/book-now or email chairman@nomadtheatre.com)

Out of the Fire Presents

Chopped Liver and Unions

Friday 20 October at 8pm

by J.J. Leppink

A Traditional Pantomime

Aladdin

Tues 5 to Sat 9 December at 7.30pm and Sat 9 December at 2.30pm

by Ben Crocker

Directed by Michael Ayres, and Samantha Potten

By arrangement with Ben Crocker Pantomimes. To book go to www.nomadtheatre.com/book-now or call 01483 284747

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

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

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

Osteopath Charlotte Jopling
MUSCULOSKELETAL HEALTH
 📍 10 Station Parade, KT24 6QR
 ☎ 0208 336 6550
 ✉ 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

Horsley Pharmacy & Travel Clinic
INDEPENDENT NHS COMMUNITY PHARMACY PROVIDING BOTH NHS & PRIVATE SERVICES
 📍 7 Station Parade, KT24 6QN
 ☎ 01483 282242
 ✉ pharmacy.fkg46@nhs.net
 🌐 www.horsleypharmacy.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
 ☎ 0208 336 6550
 ✉ reception@theprivategpgroup.co.uk
 🌐 www.theprivategpgroup.co.uk

Chrisanthemum
PERSONAL ASSISTANT SERVICE FOR THE LONG-LIVED
 📍 Wood View, Chalk Lane, East Horsley KT24 6TH
 ☎ 07702 035315
 ✉ hello@chrisanthemum.co.uk
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House & Garden

Cedar Nursery
PLANTS & OUTDOOR LIVING
 📍 Horsley Road, KT11 3JX
 ☎ 01932 862473
 ✉ sales@landscaping.co.uk
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Future Light Design
LIGHTING & LUTRON SPECIALISTS
 📍 The Post House, KT24 6RX
 ☎ 0208 543 4451
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Lovelace & Green
FLORIST
 📍 12a Bishopmead Parade, KT24 6RT
 ☎ 01483 351300
 ✉ flowers@lovelaceandgreen.co.uk
 🌐 www.lovelaceandgreen.co.uk

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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
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 🌐 www.henshaws.net

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

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Merry House
CHINESE, MALAYSIAN, FISH & CHIPS
 📍 3 Parade Court, KT24 6QR
 ☎ 01483 283790
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Maynard's Post Office
POST OFFICE, NEWSAGENT & STATIONERS
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 ☎ 01483 283124
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CLICK & COLLECT AVAILABLE
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 ☎ 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

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 📍 11 Station Parade, KT24 6QN
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 🌐 www.headquartershairhorsley.co.uk

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HORSLEY VETERINARY CLINIC
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 ✉ 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
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 ☎ 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@easthorsleyipc.org

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

Horsley Pharmacy & Travel Clinic

HORSLEY PHARMACY and Travel Clinic is an independent NHS Community Pharmacy located on Station Parade in the heart of East Horsley. It's run by Rabee Behnam (pictured below) who has been a qualified pharmacist in the UK for more than 10 years working in community pharmacies. Since the change of ownership in June, his main priorities have been to provide an outstanding level of care and consistency to the local community, in the hope of meeting the needs of all patients.

He has implemented new changes such as a travel clinic, providing a free delivery service to eligible patients and seasonal flu vaccinations, with many more to come. He will happily listen to any feedback and comments from customers and patients in order to make it their go-to pharmacy. Finally, Rabee would like to personally thank everyone in this community for being so welcoming and supportive as it has made the transition very smooth.



Sainsbury's Opens

NEARLY A MONTH on from its opening by David Kratt of North Guildford Food Bank, the new branch of Sainsbury's Local is now an established and popular outlet on Station Parade. Store Manager Ryan Thompson says "The welcome and support Horsley customers have given us is amazing." At the time of going to press, two staff vacancies remain; details on the Sainsbury's jobs website.



Teenager Cycles from Land's End to John O'Groats for Charity

EAST HORSLEY TEENAGER Alexander Jones and his good friend Cameron Leech (pictured) set themselves a charity fundraising challenge over the summer holidays and after 18 days of pedalling they completed it. Their mission was to cycle from Land's End, the UK's most south-westerly tip, to John O'Groats in north-east Scotland – a cool 1067 miles.

Family and friends, and strangers too, made donations and in the end Activity Alliance, a charity specialising in sport accessibility for people with disabilities, benefitted to the tune of over £1000. Does another bike ride beckon? "We certainly hope so" says Alexander. "But maybe somewhere a bit warmer next time – oh and a bit drier too!"



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
Margaret Grinter Tel: 01483 282294

West Horsley Women's Institute
Pam Martin Tel: 01483 281798

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

Dementia Music Therapy
Ingrid Clift Tel: 01483 964638

Curiosity Club
Jane Halliwell Tel: 07780 676598

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.howardbadminton.club

Horsley Cricket Club
www.horsleysportsclub.com

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

Groveside Badminton Club
Chris Spratt Tel: 07818 594854

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

4th Horsley Brownies
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1st West Horsley Brownies
Email: westhorsleybrownies@gmail.com

1st Horsley Guides
Karlenne Peach Tel: 01483 224692

And Finally...

Council Meetings 2023

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 may address councillors about parish matters during Public Question Time. The next scheduled dates are:

- October 23
- December 4

Planning and Environment Committee Dates 2023

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.

- September 18
- October 2, 17 (Tuesday), & 30
- November 13 & 27
- December 11

New Councillor

We would like to introduce and welcome our newest parish councillor. Hilary joined the Council in July and is looking forward to helping build our community and improve the local environment. She currently works for a London borough Democratic Services team and has a good grasp of local authority decision making. Prior to that, she was a mayor's personal assistant and managed charity and civic events. Previous work roles mean she also understands how schools and the health service work. Her personal interests include history, music and science. Hilary moved to East Horsley two years ago and has been really impressed with the vibrant community. She would like to become a more integral part of the village and help ensure it continues to thrive



The Horsley Village Christmas Fair

Don't miss THE Christmas Event of the Year... on Saturday 2 December, from 11.00am - 3.00pm.

- Visit Santa's Grotto with presents
- See Barney the Shetland Reindeer
- Take part in treasure hunts
- Sip mulled wine
- Make your own Reindeer Food
- Have your face painted
- Take part in Games on the Green

Slower is safer

The Twenty's Plenty campaign for the imposition of lower speed limits in Surrey's rural parts is gathering momentum and East Horsley's Road Safety Task Group is fully supportive of this drive. At its most recent meeting, Surrey Highways' representatives were asked to explore the feasibility of introducing a 20mph speed restriction throughout our village, excluding the A246 and Horsley Road.

Reinforcing their case, group members pointed to neighbouring Cobham Downside where costly and environmentally unfriendly road tables and cushions have been rejected in favour of the lower limit.

A Little Request

Aside from complaints about speeding and potholes it's flooding issues that the Parish Council has to deal with most.

Leaves are a prime cause of blocked drains so as autumn approaches do, please play your part and refrain from blasting the ones that have fallen from your own trees onto the public highway. Better still, those that have accumulated on the footway that borders your property, bag them up and dispose appropriately.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2023

Call For Nominations

It's now time to call for 2023 nominations. If you know of someone who has provided sterling voluntary service in the village over the past twelve months, please drop a line to parishcouncil@easthorsleyipc.org with a brief summary of why you feel they are deserving of the honour. Alternatively, you can register your nomination via our website easthorsley.info.

The closing date for nominations is 31 October and the winner will be invited to collect their award at the Chairman's Thank You Party in December.



Obituary - Olive Ridler

Pillar of the community is a term that applies to very few but when Irish-born Olive passed away, aged 92, last month East Horsley lost one of its greatest patrons of the last 60 years. Blessed with a fine singing voice, she was a dedicated worshipper at St Martin's and started coffee mornings there for the elderly. She involved herself with Hospice Home Care and was a trustee of the Henry Smith Charity, amongst a host of other activities around the village.

Such was her commitment to local causes, Olive was a past Volunteer of the Year and was twice a guest at Buckingham Palace garden parties.

She was a true force of nature and goodness.

To Alan, her husband of 71 years, and to her whole family we extend our condolences.

THE PARISH COUNCIL



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