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Chairman's Comments

Farewell to HCPS

THE HORSLEY Countryside Preservation Society (HCPS) is to be wound up, announced chairman Roy Proctor at a special meeting on 17 October.

Founded back in 1956, the HCPS has enjoyed a wide membership across the Horsleys. Championing nature preservation and village heritage it has established a proud record stretching back nearly 70 years.

This includes raising public donations to help secure community ownership of both Great Ridings Wood and The Forest, recreational public woodlands now owned by the Parish Council and managed by Woodland Trust and Surrey Wildlife Trust respectively.

HCPS also created the Horsley Jubilee Trail and the Lovelace Bridges Trail, supported heritage projects through restoration works including one of the listed Lovelace bridges, Stoney Dene, and through its quarterly articles in 'Around & About Horsley' has left behind some fascinatingly detailed records of our local history.



On behalf of East Horsley Parish Council, I should like to thank Roy Proctor, his present colleagues and many predecessors at the HCPS for all they have achieved for the Horsleys.

How to preserve our village heritage?

In the absence of HCPS, the Parish Council is now considering how to best go about preserving our village heritage in future, a question made especially pertinent given all the new housing estates now sprouting across our area.

Ideas under consideration include:

- Create a local history society along the lines of the Effingham Local History Group or the Send & Ripley History Society;
- Establish a parish council archive for secure storage of old village documents, maps and photographs;
- Set up a village museum as in Shere and Ripley;
- Seek more local listings for 20th century buildings of architectural note or historical significance such as certain Chown houses.

We should like to hear from residents with your views on these or any other ideas for preserving our village heritage. We would also like to know from anyone who might like to play a part in such initiatives. Please contact either myself or Nick Clemens, our Parish Clerk, via the usual email: parishcouncil@easthorsley.org or phone 01483 281148 to discuss further.

I'd like to wish all our residents a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Robert Taylor, Chairman, East Horsley Parish Council
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Welcome to our New County Councillor

DENNIS BOOTH has replaced Colin Cross as the county councillor for the Horsleys. He represents Residents for Guildford and Villages (R4GV).

In the closely fought election in October R4GV secured 39% of the vote. The Liberal Democrats came a close second, with 37%, losing by only 72 votes in a total of almost 2,800. The Conservatives lost ground with their share of the vote falling to 20%. The turnout was 28%.

Dennis has lived in Guildford since the mid-1970s and became a borough councillor in 2018 when he retired after a career in IT; he was then mayor of the town in 2022-23. In a first meeting with parish councillors Colin Carmichael and Andrew Franklin they discussed issues facing the village, including the state of local roads, traffic speed limits, primary education capacity and the impact of new housing development – particularly Wisley. Dennis will try to address these, and other issues, working closely with the R4GV councillors for Horsley and Clandon on Guildford Borough Council – Dawn Bennett, Ruth Brockwell and Catherine Young.

On his election, Dennis said: "I would like to thank everyone who made this possible, the army of volunteers who posted leaflets and canvassed, the many people who put boards up in their gardens, but most of all the electorate who put their trust in me. Thank you."

The Parish Council looks forward to working closely with Dennis as we continue to tackle the issues facing East Horsley. We would also like to thank Colin Cross for his work on our behalf over the last two years.

Wisley Airfield: Public inquiry extended until Xmas (almost!)



THE WISLEY AIRFIELD public inquiry began on 26 September and was originally due to close by the end of November.

The first month of the inquiry went broadly to schedule, with the four rule 6 parties presenting their evidence, supported by some excellent public contributions. During the second month, however, Taylor Wimpey's expert witnesses faced intense cross-examination from the rule 6 parties led by Richard Harwood KC for Wisley Action Group (WAG), Colin Smith for the Horsleys, Julia Osborn for Send/Ripley and the Villages Against Wisley New Town (VAWNT) duo Frances Porter and Chris Campbell.

Due to the sheer volume of evidence many sessions overran, flaws appeared, both transport witnesses were recalled, and with lengthy discussions over planning conditions still to come, Planning Inspector Christina Downes, decided she had no choice but to extend the inquiry. At the time of writing, final closing comments are scheduled for 20 December 2023.

Christmas Shop Window Of The Year

THE MAYOR of Guildford, Cllr Masuk Miah, visited East Horsley on 5 December to judge this year's festive shop frontages. His choice will be featured in the spring edition of the Newsletter however, we thought you might like to recall previous winners.

2010	Just Haircare
2011	Wills & Smerdon
2012	Village Barbers
2013	Woking Hospice Shop
2014	Gasgoigne-Pees
2015	Debra Charity Shop
2016	Daisy Maison
2017	Serenity Skincare
2018	Debra Charity Shop
2019	Daisy Maison
2020	Hair Masters
2021	Daisy Maison
2022	Appletree Studio

Volunteer of the Year Award 2023

EVERY YEAR the Parish Council invites nominations for our Volunteer of the Year Award designed to acknowledge the fantastic work by those who go the extra mile to make a real difference to our community. We are proud to list all those nominated by fellow residents and then name the winner of the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Chairman's Award, proposed by EHPC Chairman, Robert Taylor.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Roy Proctor

Roy has been Chairman of the Horsley Countryside Preservation Society for over 10 years and a committee member for more than 25. He has campaigned tirelessly on local countryside issues.

THE CHAIRMAN'S AWARD



Brian Austin

Brian has been warden of The Forest in The Drift for the past 20 years, a role in which he has excelled. He's helped develop both the Lovelace Bridges and Horsley Jubilee Trails and has advised on environmental policies in our neighbourhood plans.

NOMINEES



Peter and Fiona Armitage

Peter and Fiona have been instrumental in developing and running the Horsley Wheel of Care, offering a reliable transport service for elderly and infirm residents of both East and West Horsley.



Mark Blowers

Mark is one of the leading lights in the thriving U3A (University of the Third Age) group in East Horsley. In addition to supporting the History Group and the Grace and Flavour Garden, Mark helps organise the weekly U3A cycling activities so enjoyed by many members.



Shelina Blinkhorn

In addition to running the Post Office at Bishopsmead Parade, Shelina volunteers with help for local residents, particularly those who are housebound, with shopping and other essential services.



Chris Campbell

Last year Chris was awarded the prestigious Chairman's Award for his tireless work in objecting to plans to develop Wisley airfield. As the fight continues, once again Chris has received a nomination.



Neil King, Guy Wates and Graham Barry (1st Horsley Cub Leaders)

Their nomination states that Neil, Guy and Graham run the 1st Horsley Cubs 'with verve and enthusiasm putting in a fantastic effort to create a vibrant diary of activities'.



Helen Taylorson

For many years Helen was Chair of the East Horsley branch of the Women's Institute and was instrumental in setting up the Debra charity shop where she is still actively involved.



VAWNT

A nomination for the 'Villages Against Wisley New Town' group who have campaigned tirelessly for the past two years to halt the proposed development.



Nigel and Martina Watson

Nigel and Martina have just stepped down as volunteer wardens of Great Ridings Wood. Over 25 years, they have made a great contribution to the management of this valuable resource.



James Whittaker

James has been the inspirational coach for the last seven years for the U14 boys' team at Horsley Football Club. During that time he has won the respect of the kids and developed an incredible rapport with them..



Terri Wood

Terri has been nominated for her continuing efforts to promote the village traders and encourage residents to shop local. Her events at Easter, Halloween and Christmas are especially appreciated.



Judy Young

Judy is a highly respected volunteer at many events in the Horsleys; for example, support for residents at Thatcher's, helping with the Silver Sunday Tea Party and driving the Community Bus to mention just a few.



Sohrab Farjoud

Since arriving in East Horsley in March 2022, Sohrab has quietly but expertly restored wooden structures around the village including at St Martin's Church, the Parish Council noticeboards and the benches and posts at both Bishopsmead Parade and Station Parade.

Task Group Reports

Finance & Risk Committee

Nick Clemens

The year-end forecast shows a deficit to income. This is as expected after keeping the precept fixed for 2023-24. A rise has been reintroduced for 2024-25 and at its November meeting the Finance Committee determined that this should be 2%.

Mulberry and Co. carried out the interim audit in October and were satisfied with the processes and governance of the council. The minor changes recommended have been implemented by the Clerk.

Planning & Environment Committee

Robert Taylor

By 1 November, our Planning & Environment Committee had met for 19 occasions this year and reviewed a total of 100 planning applications in East Horsley. We raised objections against 19 of these applications, 19% of all those we reviewed this year, representing an average rate of one objection per meeting.

Road Safety & Maintenance

Andrew Franklin

Two more advances in the last quarter, both in Forest Road: The pronounced dips by Surrey Gardens – dubbed by some the East Horsley ski jumps – have finally been smoothed out and the defective vehicle activated speed calming sign near Orchard Close has been replaced by a new one. Further measures continue to be pursued and updates will appear on the East Horsley Parish Council website and in subsequent Newsletters.

Village Appearance

Aileen Aitcheson

As we move into the depths of winter, leaves on the roads and pavements are a real problem and can be dangerous. I repeat my annual request to not sweep leaves from your gardens onto the road. We have been fortunate that Malcolm Hyatt has proved to be professional and flexible as our Village Warden this year. The work he has done at the Ockham Road end of Kingston Avenue has made a big difference. Thanks also to Estelle Los for planting the new raised bed, supplementing the display with plants from her own garden. The six planters around the village have also been restocked for winter, thank you to Squires for donating the winter bedding.

Communications

Steve Harvey

Two main tasks have kept us busy these past three months. Firstly, compiling the winter newsletter – hope you are enjoying the read. Secondly, launching our new easthorsley.info website and many thanks to the team at TCWS also Cllr Colin Carmichael and our Comms Manager Nikki Worsfold for all their hard work on this project. Additionally, Nikki has been getting to grips with some new Apple IT equipment essential for producing the newsletter and managing the website.

Railway

Stephen Groom

It was all hands and pruning shears to the pump at Horsley station when the station Friends gathered for an autumn snip back of planters and platform edges.

Also at Horsley, now there is agreement on an excellent platform 2 location for it, the planned "Welcome to the Horsleys" sign is on its way, giving alighting passengers a quick and colourful heads-up on all the many wonders of Horsleys East and West.

The Effingham Junction Station (EJS) Friends have also been busy; more colourful planters have arrived at platform 2 and the car park access road improvement project kickstarts soon when a not so fond farewell is finally bid to the "temporary" red and white plastic barriers. And lastly for now, following the publication of the Effingham Residents Association (EFFRA) website of the excellent History of Effingham Junction Station by EJS Friend and EFFRA Chairman Vivien White, Railway Task Group Co-Lead Stephen Groom is now working on a History of Horsley Station. Please get in touch if you have or know of any old station photos or postcards!

Events

Steve Harvey

One of the most satisfying aspects of living in East Horsley is the willingness of residents to volunteer, whether it's hosting a Ukrainian family, driving the community bus, litter picking or helping to run a voluntary organisation like the U3A or the boy scouts, we salute our village volunteers. Every year the Events Task Group organises the Chairman's Thank You Party, an opportunity to thank all our volunteers and announce the winner of the Volunteer of The Year Award. This year the venue was The Drift Golf Club, and you can review the nominees and discover the winner on page 3.

Countryside

Steve Punshon

The damaged gate at the Orestan Lane entrance to Great Ridings Wood has been replaced with a more substantial metal gate by Woodland Trust (WT). It is hoped this will stop any future illegal access to the woods. A walk around meeting was held in November with Rory Howell the new WT site manager. Amongst other things, we discussed the recent installation of a restricting post at the staggered gate between High Park Avenue and Woodlands Drive.

Nigel and Martina Watson, the volunteer wardens for the woods, have confirmed their decision to retire after more than 20 years of service. Discussions are ongoing to agree future volunteer cover for the woods.

The encroachment into The Forest by agents of the developer of the land to the rear of The Jays and Bramfield, Ockham Road North, has been reported to GBC Planning enforcement. We await the outcome of their investigations. Brian Austin too has also confirmed his intention to step down as volunteer warden for The Forest after over

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.



Sally Ollett, Volunteer Warden for The Forest

20 years of service. Sally Ollett, an East Horsley resident, has kindly agreed to take over the role.

A massive thank you to Nigel, Martina and Brian for all their efforts in helping to keep our two woodlands accessible and safe throughout their long tenures.

The annual autumn cut of Wellington Meadows has been completed. Some cuttings were not removed and may require a volunteer morning to do some further clearing.

Climate Change

Steve Harvey

The Horsleys Climate Action Network (CAN) is developing a 'Community Action Plan' to be published in the spring and, in connection with this, CAN is asking residents in both East and West Horsley to complete a short online survey. Your responses will be completely anonymous and will be used to help create the Action Plan. Access the survey by using your smartphone to read the following QR code, otherwise paper copies are available at the Library in Station Parade.



Closing date for completing the survey is 5 January, so don't delay, complete the survey today!

Community

Holly Haling

The Group was invited with other members of the Horsley community to join a two-day Mental Health First Aid course for adults run by Mental Health for England.

The role of a Mental Health First Aider is to recognise someone in the community suffering in silence with mental health problems such as stress, anxiety or depression, and then act as a point of contact.

Mental Health First Aiders are trained to listen and then point in the direction of professional aid and to also to educate and help remove the stigma linked to poor mental health. Thank you to Horsley Community Fund and Ali Bullman at St Martin's for this opportunity.

EFFINGHAM COMMONERS' DAY



HELD IN OCTOBER, this was celebrated for the first time since Covid and had an attendance of around 300. This is lower than in recent years, but a reasonable turnout given a four-year gap since the last time it was held, in 2019.

Activities for children included a climbing wall, face painting, Shetland sheep display, and the actual celebration of Commoners' Rights. The Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Masuk Miah, was in attendance and volunteers from The Friends

of Effingham Common, Effingham Cricket Club and the Effingham History Group offered exhibitions and displays, a guided tour of the history of brickmaking on the Common, lunch, teas and cakes.

This year the event was funded by Effingham Parish Council with a very kind donation of £500 from East Horsley Parish Council. Unfortunately, there was no funding from GBC this year.

Effingham Common is one of the few

commons around the country where Commoners' Rights still exist. These are important because they are a part of the cultural heritage of many places in the country. Commoners are people who have the right to use this land for certain purposes, such as grazing animals or collecting firewood. They also help to protect the legal status of the Common.

Ian Symes
Chairman, Effingham Parish Council



Ian Symes (EPC), Cllr Masuk Miah (Mayor of Guildford), Cllr Merel Rehorse-Smith (GBC) Borough Councillor

SILVER SUNDAY

THIS IS a national day to celebrate older people and for helping tackle loneliness and isolation in our community. This year it was celebrated in style on the first Sunday of October.

An enthusiastic group of local people, comprising The Loop and the East and West Horsley Women's Institutes, organised a Vintage Afternoon Tea Party for 75 elderly folk at East Horsley Village Hall. They were supported by over 20 local volunteers as well as the Horsley Wheel of Care and the Horsley Community Bus which kindly provided transport on the day. Plant Passion provided flowers and Utterly Unique performed. The event, generously sponsored by Home Counties Carers, was a great success judging by the feedback:

"I would just like to say how much I enjoyed the tea party. Everyone was so friendly and please pass on my thanks to both East and West Horsley's WIs for their delicious tea."

"A huge thank you to you and your team for the splendid tea party. I met some people I'd not seen for some time and came home with cake and flowers."

"Thanks for such a splendid event! You must all have worked so hard. I've never seen such an exciting selection of sandwiches and cakes."

A big thank you to all the local residents, volunteers and sponsors. Plans are already being hatched for an even bigger and better event in October 2024.



Silver Sunday helpers from East Horsley WI



Matthew & Lucinda Kalupka, Home Counties Carers



Surrey Artist of the Year Nominee

PAINTBRUSH IN HAND, Sarah Rawlins won her first art competition at the tender age of four and from those early days she rose to become one of 2023's nominees for Surrey Artist of the Year.

After gaining an Art Foundation and BA (Hons) Art Degree, East Horsley resident Sarah stepped away from her easel to bring up her family and only picked up the brushes properly again after being gifted a water-soluble oil paint & canvas set during lockdown.

She draws her inspiration from the beauty of the colours and shapes of the natural world and believes passionately in the healing quality of creativity. This she used for her own healing process through the difficult times that the lockdown imposed.

During those days of hardship Sarah busied herself designing and selling greetings cards as a fundraiser for Ukraine and getting involved in community projects such as helping to found the Gladrags gang, a project based at her beloved West Horsley Place which stimulated her love for working with fabrics.

Sarah's vibrant style of using watercolour, acrylics & oils has recently been augmented by employing a smartphone app to create incredible prints and fabric turning them into scarves, scrunchies & bookmarks, all available online and in local boutique shops.

Her work has been exhibited at Sandown Park racecourse in Esher, High Clandon Vineyard, Denbies and at AppArt.

In addition to her Surrey Artist of the Year nomination (in which unfortunately the top honour eluded her), Sarah has been selected to become a member of the national & international ArtCan organisation which creates opportunities for artists through exhibitions and practice development.

THE MEDICAL CENTRE PREPARES FOR PATIENT INCREASE

AT THE RECENT Community Health Forum organised by West Horsley Parish Council, the Horsley Medical Centre's Dr Rishi Barai outlined plans for coping with the anticipated increase in patient numbers. Dr Barai was asked to outline the plans in more detail.

Q. How many patients do you have on your books?

A: Patient numbers are steadily increasing - currently we have 10,600 compared to 9,800 in 2012. We've also seen a change in the demographic with a number of young families coming into the area. At present we have eight GPs along with two advanced nurse practitioners and have just recruited two paramedics who can visit patients at home. We feel that our current staffing level is sufficient to cope with present demand.

Q: Looking to the future, have you been able to forecast demand in, say, five years' time?

A: Obviously a lot depends on what happens at Wisley as that is the biggest single development in the vicinity. With regard to current developments, we are forecasting an extra 4 – 500 patients and are now in the process of converting the administration rooms on the ground floor into clinician spaces so we can increase the clinical workforce when needed. We are fortunate in obtaining some Section 106 money from the developers of Ada Gardens and Manor Farm to help fund the conversion. When

complete that should allow us to deal with the anticipated influx of new patients.

Q: And Wisley?

A: Our stance is quite clear on Wisley, we're neither for nor against it but if it goes ahead, we need to be prepared. We've discussed this at length and unfortunately the current infrastructure would be unable to cope with potentially 4 – 5,000 additional patients. One option would be to extend the current Medical Centre, however the downside is that there are no plans to increase the width of roads or add extra car park spaces. The other option would be to create an on-site medical facility in the new development. The latter I imagine would be the preferred option for residents of the Horsleys if the plans were to go ahead. However, the decision on whether this is a viable option will be for Surrey Heartlands NHS Integrated Care Board and Taylor Wimpey to make.

Q: How is your practice evolving after Covid?

A: Covid was extremely challenging for the whole NHS and we are still feeling the aftereffects. I am very proud of our team as I think we coped extremely well, and we



Dr Rishi Barai

tried to open our doors as quickly as possible to get back to face-to-face appointments. About one in five of our consultations are now carried out by phone but the majority are still in person which we, as clinicians, very much prefer and would wish to continue. Also, we are strong advocates of the NHS app and I really would encourage patients to download it; it's a quick way to contact us online and make appointments.

Q: What about parking?

A: Although the increase in telephone consultations has eased the situation, the expected rise in patient numbers will inevitably increase the pressure on our car park. We are quite lucky as patients can access the Village Hall car park plus there are parking facilities in the village so I think we can cope in the near future although if Wisley goes ahead and we have to treat Wisley patients here in Horsley then that's a different matter altogether.

RIP Horsley Countryside Preservation Society (HCPS)

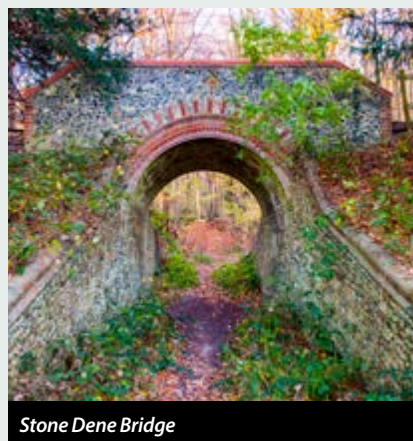
THE HORSLEY Countryside Preservation Society is winding up this month. Chairman Roy Proctor looks back at the history of HCPS and the reasons for its demise.

The HCPS was set up as a volunteer amenity society in 1956 following an appeal against the refusal of the Rural District Council to allow development of land between Green Dene and Chalk Lane.

The object of the Society was the preservation of the rural amenities and characteristics of the parishes of East and West Horsley, and adjoining areas, and the Society was launched with an initial membership of 175 people who paid either an annual subscription of 2/6d. (12p) or a life membership of a guinea (£1.1.0d) later to become £1 per household. By 1961 the membership was 1450 which was reported to be the largest membership of any amenity society in England, urban or rural, apart from the London Society. The numbers grew to over

1900 households but in the 1970s and in recent years have gradually declined to circa.1000.

The early activities to meet the Society objectives were carried out under the four headings of land use planning, footpaths



Stone Dene Bridge

and bridleways, trees and woodlands, and buildings of interest. The work of the Society has continued under those general headings until today, but with the addition of aspects of local history.

The availability of volunteers to run the Society and support the work, the scale and complexity of building applications and the change in the structure and function of the District and Parish Councils over the years have all contributed to the decision to close the Society and this will be completed in the next few months.

The results of the enthusiasm and energy spent in thousands of volunteer hours during the 67 years of the HCPS are evident in the community around us and will continue to be enjoyed by residents and visitors who use the woodlands purchased (The Forest and Great Ridings Wood), the many footpaths maintained and benches installed, or the appearance of the built environment.



Pillage The Village

EAST HORSLEY'S annual 'Pillage the Village' Halloween event took place on Saturday 30 October. Over 130 children took part in the treasure hunts, pillaging the shops for treats and entering the best dressed Halloween costume competition. The event raised over £330 with the money split between two charities: Horsley & Bookham Riding for the Disabled and Cherrytrees in Clandon.



Easthorsley.info Gets A Much-Needed Refresh

EHPC website, easthorsley.info, was launched nearly a decade ago and by this year was starting to look a little stale and top heavy with an excess of redundant material. So, the Comms team got together with our design consultants, TCWS, to design and launch a brand new Parish Council website utilising the latest software and featuring a fresh new look. Ensuring a website is fully functioning and kept up to date is a daunting task so thanks are due to our Comms Manager, Nikki Worsfold, Councillor Colin Carmichael and the design team at TCWS.

New ATM Planned

20 YEARS AGO, East Horsley could boast no fewer than three High Street bank branches, Barclays, HSBC and Lloyds – now we have none following the recent closure of Lloyds. For residents who prefer cash to cards, the good news is that the ATM will be retained for the time being until an alternative service can be provided in the village, possibly at the Post Office.

Taylor Wimpey Launch Show Houses At Ada Gardens

THE DEVELOPER, Taylor Wimpey, has recently opened a couple of show houses and a sales office at Ada Gardens off Ockham Road North to entice prospective buyers. The first 50 metres of the road into Ada Gardens has been landscaped to give an impression of how the development will look when completed in two years time. Current plans allow for 110 new homes of varying sizes priced from £570k to £1.3 million.



From the Rectory...

Christmas At St Martin's

IT WAS SO GOOD to see so many of you at our Christingle service and Christmas Tree Festival this year. Thank you to all who took part. The number of trees on display was a record high!

Our Christmas celebrations continue on Sunday 17 December at 6.00pm when we gather for a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols (followed by mince pies and mulled wine). We know that many of you enjoy a good sing at Christmas and our services will be filled with your favourite carols, and some new ones too. Please join us at one of our services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

We have a lot to look forward to next year.

One highlight will be the unveiling of our new stained glass windows, a memorial to the Covid Pandemic. Please keep an eye out on our website and join our mailing list for more details.

Every blessing for Christmas and the New Year
St Martin's Church.

Rev'd Renos Pittarides, Rector of East Horsley

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Our Christmas Services

SUNDAY 17th
Nine Lessons & Carols 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE
Morning Communion 9:30am
Crib Service (Children are welcome to come dressed as nativity characters) 3:00pm
Midnight Mass 11:15pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
Holy Communion 8:00am
Christmas Day Family Service 10:30am

Parking is available at Horsley Towers for all our Christmas Services

www.easthorsleychurch.org.uk

Looking Forward to Christmas at Horsley Evangelical Church

HERE AT HORSLEY Evangelical Church we are already looking forward to Christmas. In addition to our regular Sunday Service in the church, Sunday School and Youth Groups becoming more festive, we will be holding a variety of seasonal events during the coming weeks.

- We will be meeting on the 17 December at 4:00pm for our annual Carol Service with Christmas hymns and songs, Bible readings and a family-friendly service.
- On Christmas Eve at 10:45am we meet for our regular Sunday service in the church for more carols and Christmas-themed Bible readings.
- On Christmas Day at 10:30am we will be having a short Family Service, open for all to join as a final chance to celebrate the meaning of Christmas before 2024.

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

Every Blessing

Horsley Evangelical Church

Thomas Faulkner, Youth and Families Minister

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Horsley Health...

HORSLEY MEDICAL PRACTICE has started a new joint venture with our PCN (Primary Care Network) at East Horsley Village Hall. It is a leg ulcer club called 'Legs Get Together' where practice nurses, tissue viability nurses and other Health Care Professionals will be available to dress and look after patients with leg ulcers. These clinics have been running nationwide and have proved very popular in local communities. As well as clinical it will also provide a social setting for people to chat with a cup of tea and cake. If you would like to volunteer to help make this a success, please contact the surgery for details.

We held a very successful well attended Men's Health evening at the end of September. The feedback forms were all extremely positive. As a practice we plan to hold similar events in 2024 on different health issues. We are also in the process of looking into arranging an Open Day for anyone who is interested in how the practice is run and what goes on behind the scenes. For more information, please keep a lookout on the practice website.

If any artists are reading this and would be interested in volunteering to provide seasonal art on the glass at the front of our building, please contact Rosie at the surgery.

We are getting a high number of DNAs (patients who do not attend their appointments and have not cancelled). Appointments can be cancelled on your NHS app or by phoning the surgery allowing us to offer the appointment to other patients.

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

Library Corner

WITH WINTER UPON us, we will again be a 'Winter Warm Hub' well into 2024. Our library will be cosy and warm with hot drinks available.

As always, the very young are welcome at our Rhyme Time sessions on Friday mornings and we would love to find more volunteers to lead our Story Time session for half-an-hour on Tuesday mornings. If you can help, please let one of our library team know.

Our opening hours are:

- Monday 2pm – 5pm
 - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm
 - Saturday 10am – 4pm
- Rhys Beynon, Chairman of Friends of Horsley Library (FoHL)**
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THE HORSLEY LIVE MUSIC CLUB

DURING 2023, the Horsley Live Music Club has promoted 13 live music shows, at five venues around East and West Horsley. We are delighted to be able to reduce 'music miles' by keeping music live and local.

Diversity has been our watchword and where possible, we have tried to promote original artists, performing their own material. We enjoyed a fantastic evening with up-and-coming talents, Anouska Assisi and Sherika Sherard, as well as other shows featuring established artists like Reg Meuross, John Peppard and one of the most acclaimed British songwriters, Chris Difford of Squeeze. Eight local groups have also featured in our shows.

Professional tribute bands have surprised and impressed us with their high levels of musicianship – often matching or surpassing the original artists. Step forward the Counterfeit Beatles, Counterfeit Quo, the Fleetwood Mac Songbook, Not the Rolling Stones, the Sound of Simon and the Trembling Wilburys.

A particular highlight was the legendary guitarist, Albert Lee, and his band, who performed for us on 2 November. What a great show that was and easily the highlight of our year.

All these artists and performers are real people, not avatars, playing real instruments (not backing tapes) and singing without the benefit of autotune or other technology. We urge you to support real live music before it is replaced by Artificial Intelligence.

A big thank you goes to the many people who have helped us in so many ways, as well as the great support we have received from our venues, the Barley Mow (Malting House), Horsley Towers, the Nomad Theatre and our latest partner, St Martin's Church.

So, what have we got planned for 2024? We have just held our AGM at the Barley Mow to help us decide on which artists and performers to book in 2024.

www.horsleylivemusic.com

Please help us to keep music live – and local.



Sherika Sherard

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

Sheila's Island

6 – 10 February at 7.30pm

by Tim Firth

Directed by Elaine Burns

This show is all about four women suffering on the kind of hellish bonding experience some companies used to enjoy inflicting on their employees. They are on a treasure hunt in the Lake District. At the start they are found soaking wet lost on an Island because their boat has sunk; as boats do not steer like cars!! What follows is not pretty, as cold, hunger and Denise's sharp tongue affects them all. Will they be rescued? Only one mobile phone survived and Julie chose to phone her husband who was not at home. This show has moments of real comedy and pathos. A definite must see.

Tickets: Adults £15, Children/Students £12

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 New Nomad Theatre – Celebrating 25 YEARS

THE NOMAD THEATRE, tucked behind Bishopsmead Parade, is very much a part of life in East Horsley hosting a myriad of plays, pantomimes, musicals and, more recently, live music shows. We look back at how the new Nomad Theatre came to be built 25 years ago.

The origins of the Nomad Theatre go back to 1934 when East Horsley resident Donald Chown expressed a desire to take part in a play. Friends rallied round and four weeks later Journey's End was staged at the Borough Hall in Guildford. Following the success of this first production, The Nomads formed as an amateur dramatics company. Donald's father, Frank, was busy building distinctive houses around the village and, with no permanent home, the theatre company rehearsed in the various houses before they were sold, hence the name The Nomads. For many years performances were held in the Women's Institute Hall in Ockham Road South and an old barn behind Bishopsmead Parade became a storage

facility for scenery and props. With lots of volunteer labour the barn was eventually transformed into a working theatre with a stage and dressing room, however conditions were very basic with old carpets laid over a mud floor and with a leaky roof.

In 1973 a project group was formed with the intention of building a new theatre for the 21st century. It eventually took 25 years to raise the money, design the building, obtain planning consent and undertake the construction before the new theatre opened its doors for the first time in October 1998. Along the way theatrical luminaries such as Sir Alec Guinness and Dame Judi Dench gave their active support. In 1994 the project received a major boost with the award of more than £1 million from the National Lottery. The detailed story is told in a splendid booklet written by Helena Johnstone and Bill Pearson available from the Nomad Theatre.



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
 🌐 www.chrisanthemum.co.uk

House & Garden

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

Future Light Design
LIGHTING & LUTRON SPECIALISTS
 📍 The Post House, KT24 6RX
 ☎ 0208 543 4451
 ✉ info@futurelightdesign.co.uk
 🌐 www.futurelightdesign.co.uk

Lovelace & Green
FLORIST
 📍 12a Bishopmead Parade, KT24 6RT
 ☎ 01483 351300
 ✉ flowers@lovelaceandgreen.co.uk
 🌐 www.lovelaceandgreen.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@easthorsleyipc.org

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



92-Year-Old Chown Estate Plan Discovered

HAND DRAWN MAP dated September 1931 reveals master plan for East Horsley

Whilst researching some materials at the Surrey History Centre in Woking, Steve Harvey came across a hand drawn map dated September 1931 revealing Frank Chown's master plan for East Horsley. In the 1920s and '30s Frank Chown was the man responsible for laying out many of the roads in East Horsley and dividing the land on either side into building plots ready for development. Based in an office in Station Parade (now the funeral parlour opposite Sainsburys Local), Frank worked from that 1931 plan which, for example, showed much of Great Ridings Wood turned over to housing.

Work had to stop when war broke out in 1939 and the post-war Labour Government introduced the Town and Country Planning Act in 1947 which established the Green Belt and brought a halt to any further development. Frank died of a heart attack in 1942, aged 64.

When discovered, the plan was in two sections, with multiple tears and generally in a fragile state. A grant from HCPS, the lead conservator at the Surrey History Centre, Rachel Marsh, was able to clean and restore the map and is now preparing to digitise it so that copies can be printed. In time we hope to reveal where you will be able to view the map locally.



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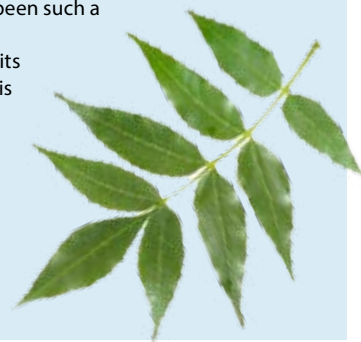
After

Ash Dieback Tackled

SINCE DUTCH ELM disease struck in the 1970s has there been such a large-scale threat to the English treescape.

The ash is the UK's third most common native tree but its nationwide existence is being ravaged by dieback which is caused by a fungus. This weakens their structure leading them to topple in a completely random manner. So far there is no cure for the disease.

This winter Sheepsheas in West Horsley is one of several sites being targeted by Surrey County Council in a bid to protect the public. Guided by arboriculturists, ashes identified as having succumbed to the disease and with no prospect of recovery are being removed.



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

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

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

Horsley Wheel of Care Launches

Horsley Wheel of Care has now launched incorporating West Horsley Wheel of Care and East Horsley Care. Residents of all the Horsleys who are unable to drive can now get help to attend appointments by ringing **07788 552 767** Monday – Friday between 10am-noon (excluding bank holidays).

And Finally...



Your Newest Councillor – Sylvia Igglesden

Sylvia has lived in East Horsley for almost 29 years. She and her husband raised three boys who attended the Raleigh and the Howard. Before children, Sylvia had a successful career in advertising working on blue chip accounts such as Kodak and Coca Cola. As a new mother she helped start a successful ski company Flexi Ski which still continues today.

While bringing up the children she worked part-time as a marketing consultant, retrained as an Interior Designer, enjoyed a stint at Woking Football Club and became a director at Catquin, a company set up to increase the number of women in boardrooms. Now retired, she continues to work as a volunteer. Over her 28 years membership of the tennis club she has taken on many voluntary roles as well as playing team tennis. She is an active volunteer at West Horsley Place, the Lightbox in Woking, and for the Homestart charity.

It was only in the last 10 years that she picked up a paintbrush again and began a passion for expressive abstract painting. Spurred on by her art loving sister-in-law Jane, who was sadly diagnosed with Alzheimer's in her late 50s, she now raises funds for the Alzheimer's Society through the sale of her art.

A real eco warrior Sylvia likes to repurpose old artworks and charity shop finds. She regularly exhibits her work at West Horsley Place and recently at the Mall Galleries in London.

Parish Council Meetings

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

- January 8
- February 12
- March 18

Boost For Rail Travellers

For those who leave it too late to make a tea or coffee before dashing off to catch a train, The Goatbox at Horsley Station and Kirsteas at Effingham Junction (EJ) station can now quench that thirst on weekday mornings.

Kirsty Francis at EJ serves a selection of beverages and snacks from her converted horsebox and, as the name suggests, husband and wife duo Tom and Alice Larbey operate out of a converted goat transporter at Horsley. Each maximises the use of their outlet by switching to a bar facility at weekend functions.

For Cobham resident Kirsty, bringing her project to fruition took several months largely because Guildford Borough Council (GBC) claimed she needed planning permission to trade. Both Network Rail and South Western Railway disagreed and the impasse was broken only after she was able to enlist the weight of her MP Dominic Raab and then GBC backed down. Her range of offerings have now been expanded to include jacket potatoes.

Tom and Alice raise goats on their West Horsley smallholding and are keen play up the superior nutrition qualities of goats milk over that from cows. And keen to support local businesses, they source their coffee from a small independent roaster in Woking. For those who cut their arrival time at the station too finely, you can even place your order in advance.



Planning and Environment Committee Dates 2023

The Planning and Environment Committee meets every fortnight in the Parish Meeting Room at the 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.

- January 9 (Tuesday) & 22
- February 5 & 19
- March 4 & 19 (Tuesday)

Remembrance Sunday in East Horsley

This year the Scouts led the Remembrance parade with wreaths from the Royal British Legion and the Women's Institute, along with East Horsley Parish Council. Smarties Sunday Schoolchildren also placed their own wreath creations.



Allotments Available

For those of you who are keen on growing your own produce, two half-plot allotments located in the gardens of Grace & Flavour, East Horsley's very own community garden, have become available. Residents of East Horsley who are interested, can apply to the parish office via email: parishcouncil@easthorsley.pc.org



EHPC Supports The Hedgehog Highway Project

Enclosed in your newsletter envelope you will find a wonderful publication packed with useful information as to how to turn your garden into a paradise for hedgehogs. Please take a moment to read and absorb the contents and see if you can modify your garden to make it hedgehog friendly.

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