

Chairman's Comments

Volunteers step forward...

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL can only function effectively because of the support from local volunteers. As a way of expressing appreciation to the many who step forward to offer their help, the Parish Council has a tradition of holding an annual Chairman's Thank You drinks party.

This December it was at Horsley Towers and more than 150 attended – the most we've ever had. Even in difficult times, you are willing to volunteer your services in record numbers. THANK YOU.

Volunteer of the Year Award...

A particular highlight of our party is the Volunteer of the Year Award, in recognition of those who made an exceptional commitment to the village. There were 15 nominees – an awesome list of community commitment. See 'We Salute Our Volunteers' on the opposite page for this year's verdict.

Looking ahead...

As 2022 draws towards a close, inevitably we start to cast an eye towards the year ahead.

For the Parish Council the date of 4 May 2023 will be particularly significant. On that day the parish boundary revision that we secured back in 2020 becomes effective and 55 homes along the edge of Effingham Common will officially become part of East Horsley Parish (from Effingham Parish).

Also, on that day a modification to our Standing Orders takes effect and we will be allowed to increase our number of parish councillors from nine to twelve. We hope that having additional councillors will enable us to do more for the village, and perhaps expand the scope of our activities, so we are keen to make use of this extra capacity.

Next Spring we will publish this opportunity more widely. However, if anyone thinks they might be like to join the Parish Council – or one of our supporting Task Groups – then do please come and talk to us now. Phone our Parish Clerk, Nick Clemens, on 01483 281148 to arrange a meeting.

On behalf of East Horsley Parish Council, I should like to close by thanking all our volunteers for their contributions during 2022

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and to wish all our residents good health and happiness over the festive season and for the New Year ahead.

Robert Taylor Chairman, East Horsley Parish Council rt@easthorsleypc.org



Our challenge to you – come up with ideas to improve our village

WHILST WALKING around the village, have you ever stopped and thought to yourself "wouldn't it be a good idea if the Parish Council were to do this, or do that?". Whilst we have limited funds, we are always on the lookout for new ways in which we might improve the appearance of the village and its facilities.

For example, in recent years we have installed a skateboard park, a multi-use games area and a public loo all on Kingston Meadows. Planters are now displayed around the village and new seating has been installed at Station Parade (above). The brackets that display Christmas trees above shops have been used to fly flags to commemorate the Platinum

Jubilee and to show our support for the brave people of Ukraine. Special mention must go to the Railway Task Group members who are making strenuous efforts to upgrade our two stations and update washroom facilities. So, what else can we do?

As a Parish Council, we pride ourselves on being a group of listeners so if there are other innovations you'd like us to explore then please tell us. We'd love to hear your ideas and will publish the best in the next edition of the Newsletter. We'd particularly like to hear from you youngsters so send your suggestions, with your name to commsco@easthorsleypc.org by 31 January 2023.

Brick Kiln Copse

MUCH TO THE DELIGHT of local residents, demolition material has finally stopped arriving at the site off Old Lane and the Copse is to be cleared by next Spring and returned to agriculture by the Autumn.

Initially the landowner seemed to ignore the County's Enforcement Notice deadline of 5 August. This prompted visits from Surrey County Council's enforcement officers. They pointed out that non-compliance was a criminal offence and the message appeared to be heeded with a cessation of the importing. The huge volumes of HGV tippers thundering along the local roads has dramatically reduced leaving just those lorries exporting the processed materials away from the site.

No Waste in the Woods Action Group who have been fighting this illegal activity for four years met with County officers in early November and were reassured that their surveillance would continue in order to ensure their Enforcement Notice was adhered to. The timetable includes several deadlines: to cease processing by 4 February, to remove all materials and equipment by 4 May and finally by 4 September 2023 the land should be restored to agriculture or woodland.



WE SALUTE OUR VOLUNTEERS

IN EAST HORSLEY we are fortunate in having an extensive group of volunteers to give of their time to help others less fortunate in the village or ensure that our roads, pavements and hedgerows are kept free of litter. Every year the Parish Council awards two trophies. Firstly, our Volunteer of the Year Award, selected by councillors based on nominations from residents. Secondly, the prestigious Chairman's Award, presented to the person who, in the opinion of our Chairman, has made a valuable contribution to the wellbeing of the village. We are pleased to profile each of the nominees and finally reveal the names of the winners of this year's awards.



Graeme Vera was the founder and lead organiser for the Horsley Shufflers who, for the past ten years, have met every week come rain or shine, to pound the pavements. Without Graeme it is unlikely that the Shufflers would have got going or kept going all these years.



Every week Mark Blowers sends out an itinerary for the U3A (University of the Third Age) cycling group that provides exercise and pleasure for the pedalling fraternity in East Horsley. Mark also provides IT support for the U3A and is involved in the Wheel of Care.



Judy Young was the driving force behind the field of sunflowers planted at West Horsley Place that produced a spectacular display during the summer.



For the past ten years, John Franklin has tirelessly tidied the graves and the surrounding churchyard at St Martin's. Having recently turned 80, John is still going strong although he admits that he does delegate putting out the bins to younger folk.



Kelvin Hayes chairs the Horsley Community Bus charity that arranges transport for elderly folk in the village to visit local shops and other places of interest.



Peter Tallon undertakes a huge amount of voluntary work in the village visiting elderly folk in addition to helping residents to repair things in their home.



Since becoming Horsley Station's Customer Ambassador, Richard Bunce not only welcomes passengers with a cheerful smile but works in his spare time to help create an attractive environment with amongst other things, a book and puzzle exchange.



Sohrab Farjoud arrived in the village after fleeing Iran as a persecuted Christian. Sohrab has undertaken voluntary work at St Martin's, restoring and refurbishing the lychgate and performing vital maintenance around the church.



Miche Puddle is a regular volunteer with the Wheel of Care organisation, helping to organise duty rosters and calling in on the elderly. She was one of many residents who took in a family fleeing from Ukraine.



When women and children started arriving in the UK from Ukraine, Sammy King not only opened her house to a family but helped to organise additional homes for other refugees and laid on social events to make them feel welcome.



Shelina Blinkhorn, well known to patrons of the Bishopsmead Post Office, helped with delivering medicines and vital food parcels to people isolating during lockdown. Additionally, Shelina visits Thatcher's Hotel to ensure residents obtain the supplies they need to stay healthy.



Despite her demanding role at the Station Parade Post Office, Roshini offers the shop and her home as a collection point for donations for a host of worthwhile causes. She frequently helps people in need by connecting them with organisations that can offer them aid.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR



Our award for Volunteer of the Year goes jointly to Joe Dimmock and Sian Lewis from the Duke of Wellington pub. They undertook a charity bike ride from Horsley to Paris and back and raised £16,000 to fund a new Dementia Music Therapy Group in the village.

THE CHAIRMAN'S AWARD



The prestigious Chairman's Award goes to Chris Campbell for his four decades of campaigning to protect areas of our local woodland environment from threats of unauthorised activities and developments, and to preserve important wildlife habitats and amenities for future generations in and around East Horsley.

Task Group Reports



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

Finance & Risk Committee

Chair: Nick Clemens

The second quarter of the financial year has ended with expenditure in line with the budget. The Council has agreed the budget for 2023-24 and will agree the precept before the Christmas decorations come down.

Road Safety & Maintenance

Andrew Franklin

Keeping road name signs legible often entails replacing those that have faded. In the last quarter we renewed Manor Close and St Martin's Close. With longer hours of darkness and sub-zero temperatures we urge road users to take extra care particularly on Forest Road near Surrey Gardens where the soon to be repaired dips are a particular hazard. And the onset of the frosty season is a good cue for those in private roads especially to check their supplies of salt.

Village Appearance

Aileen Aitcheson

As I write, the autumn leaves are beautiful colours, but beginning to fall. Those of you with gardeners, please ask them not to blow leaves onto the road as it is in fact a littering offence. Poppies were erected round our village to mark Remembrance Day. All planters have been restocked by volunteers from residents at Thatcher's Hotel and the plants were donated by Squires Garden Centre. Thank you all!

Planning & Environment Committee

Robert Taylor

During 2022 to date, EHPC's Planning Committee has reviewed a total of 91 planning applications across East Horsley, raising objections against 18%, slightly up on the 15% level seen during the previous year.

Countryside

Steve Punshon

As previously reported, in order to protect public safety, the Woodlands Trust is undertaking selective felling of trees impacted by ash dieback within Great Ridings Wood. This has required temporary closure of specific footpaths whilst work is undertaken, so please observe signed diversions. Ash trees away from the main pathways will be left to allow nature to take its course. The woodlands will then be allowed to regenerate naturally with a range of tree species including, hopefully, disease tolerant ash trees. Please also note that the diversion around our old and sadly declining hornbeam has been reinstated. So please help to retain this veteran by following the diversion. Following the site visit of the Forest in October by the Conservation Manager of Surrey Wildlife Trust, we await a schedule of proposed work activities for 2023.

Communications

Steve Harvey

You are currently reading the results of our main autumn project, namely the creation of the Winter Newsletter - we hope you like it. You may be wondering why we call it 'easthorsley.info' rather than a newsletter? Well, that's to remind you that, whilst the **Newsletter** is published just four times a year, our Parish Council website, easthorsley.info, is updated on a weekly basis so please remember to check it regularly to keep abreast of what's happening around the Horsleys. We were also busy organising the annual Chairman's Thank You Party, held for the first time this year at Horsley Towers, when we had an opportunity to show our appreciation to all the volunteers who have stepped up to help these past twelve months and to award the prestigious Volunteer of the Year Award..

Events

Stephen Skinner

I need your help. I have served as a Parish Councillor for close on 15 years and have experienced many changes in our lovely village – however not every one for the better. As the village expands and the realities of existence/ life come home to us, I sense that our feelings of "Community" are becoming diluted.
Therefore, I wish to propose a change in the way

that we approach EVENTS in the village. We are blessed with many flourishing organisations such as the U3A, various arts societies, The Nomad Theatre and the Horsey Countryside Preservation Society (HCPS). It would be great if the Parish Council could work closer with these groups to provide additional skills and perhaps financial

support for future events such as lunches for the elderly, a community cinema, a car boot and garage sale, a public art festival and events to celebrate the King's coronation.

If you are involved in any such group or would like to respond to my "cry for help", please contact me at *Stephen.skinner@easthorsleypc.org*. Let's get the village talking about this and generate a "Diary of Village Events".

Horsley Community

Holly Haling

On 11 October, representatives from St Martin's Church, All Saints Ockham, and the Evangelical Church, as well as Beavers, Horsley Football Club, East Horsley Parish Council and teachers from local schools all trained to become Youth Mental Health First Aiders. The tuition was organised by St Martin's Church, funded by Community Foundation for Surrey and provided by Mental Health First Aid England, a social enterprise whose mission is to improve the mental health of our nation. (mhfaengland.org/individuals/youth).

Railway

Stephen Groom

It's been bulb planting time, with upwards of 400 popped into planters by the Friends of Effingham Junction and Horsley stations, all kindly supplied by South Western Railway. So watch out for an explosion of colour next Spring. Other workstreams have included helping set up a British Transport Police bike security workshop and engaging with rail and local authorities to fix persistent water flows down the steps between Horsley station and Ockham Road South. For other news check out our refreshed webpages at easthorsley.info/task-groups/railway

Climate Change

Anthony Etwell

Warm winter thanks to everyone who has created an infectious enthusiasm for The Horsleys' Joint Climate Change Task Group. The group is continuing to grow in both numbers and in the initiatives everyone is working hard to bring to fruition. November featured a talk from RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) Outpost Architecture which gave us an insight

into "A Home for The Future", helping us understand how vitally important it is to give careful consideration to how we build and retrofit our homes, right now. Look out for, "The Horsleys' Climate Guide", planned for next year. The Horsleys CAN Instagram & Facebook pages are OPEN! There'll be lots of eco-tips and facts to help and inform, so please follow us.



Silver Sunday

ON SUNDAY 2 October the WIs of East and West Horsley joined with local charity The Loop (www.theloop.org.uk) to put on a community vintage tea party to mark Silver Sunday, the national day to celebrate older people. On a gloriously sunny afternoon the front doors to West Horsley Village Hall were thrown open and around 50 guests were welcomed in with open arms and invited to take a seat at tables laden with sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, and the finest WI baking.

Beautiful china tea sets had been lent for the occasion, colourful posies of dahlias and chrysanthemums from a nearby flower farm decorated the tables, and a cafe in the village supplied the sandwiches. Local duo Utterly Unique sang songs from times past, much to the delight of everyone, whilst WI ladies floated gracefully around, teapots in hand. When time came to leave, bags were available to take home a few tasty treats, including slices from a marvellous Silver Sunday cake. West Horsley Wheel of Care arranged lifts on the Community Bus. The afternoon was sponsored by local business, Home Counties Carers.

The event was the brainchild of Ingrid Clift from The Loop. It was a joy for our WIs to be involved in bringing her vision to life, and to see the delight on the faces of many of our older friends and neighbours and their carers. We are already looking forward to Silver Sunday 2023.



AUTUMN LITTERPICK

OUR AUTUMN Litterpick was held on Saturday 24 September. The weather played its part and our 23 volunteers were able to enjoy a fine sunny morning for their picking.

Numbers were lower than usual at Bishopsmead Parade and Effingham Junction, perhaps due to a late holiday surge. However, at Station Parade we had a good turnout, all ages and heights, plus the support of the Horsley Shufflers. Between them two dozen bags of litter were collected from around the village shops and car park, Kingston Meadows, Ockham Road South, Horsley Station, and the surrounding public areas as far as The Drift and as far as The Drift and Old Lane.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who joined joined this litterpick and we very much hope to see you and other residents for our next one on March 23.



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

RECORD LEVELS of young people are struggling with mental health problems and increased support is urgently required.

One in ten experience a mental health issue with suicide the leading cause of death amongst those aged between 5 and 19.

In an average group of 30 15-year-olds, seven are now likely to have been bullied, six may be self-harming while one could have suffered parental loss.



Aside from bullying, other contributors to this escalation are academic pressure, social media and poverty.

Key figures in a young person's life – family, teachers, carers and youth workers – can often spot the signs but may not know how to help.

In October St Martin's Church was moved to step in. Funded by The Community Foundation for Surrey and led by Mental Health First Aid England, they organised training for representatives from local schools, churches and youth groups. The mission was to give guidance to those mentoring a young person. Such 'first aid' can prevent an episode spiralling and speed recovery.

While not teaching these key figures to be a therapist, the course advised them how to listen, reassure and respond.

Next year additional financial support will be applied for with the intention of offering further courses aimed at other age groups.

If you would like to be involved in this next course or are able to contribute funding, no matter on what level, then please email ali@easthorsleychurch.org.uk

Farmers Market 17 December

THE LAST Horsley Farmers Market of the year will take place on Saturday 17 December from 9.00am until 1.00pm. It will be held on the car park behind the Station Parade shops. Parking for visitors and shoppers is either at the Village Hall or at the station (both free of charge).

We will have live music from Horsley Choral Society and Utterly Unique. Riding for the Disabled will have 'Barney' the Shetland pony on the green in front of the shops. The usual range of stallholders will be there, plus a few recent additions, offering a festive twist – including mulled wine and mince pies.

Why not come down to the 'friendly market' and enjoy some festive cheer in the village.

We are looking for more volunteers to help organise and deliver the market. If you would like to get involved on a regular basis, please contact: colin.carmichael@easthorsleypc.org www.horsleyfarmersmarket.co.uk





Global Warning and **Carbon Footprints**

ALEX VEYS, MASTERS IN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUTURES, IMPERIAL COLLEGE

AS FAR AS conurbations go, the Horsleys are relatively small in the context of the world. They are, nevertheless, deeply impacted by climate change having recently suffered from the extreme heat of 38°C. This continues with parched earth, lack of rain and even wildfires. In Winter we are likely to suffer from deluges of rain.

Well first, let's start with a little bit of science. The more CO₃ or other Green House Gases (GHG) in the atmosphere, the more heat is trapped, and the hotter earth becomes. There is now no question that manmade emissions are contributing to global warming.

So, what can individuals in the Horsleys do?

- We can make changes by lowering our energy usage in heating, the purchase of new goods and new buildings as well as reducing our consumption of meatderived products.
- Simple things that save money and lower emissions are the use of LED lights, improving insulation and travelling less.
- We also have to be aware that buying even more efficient goods comes with an embedded carbon footprint and on balance may not make sense.
- Understanding your Carbon Footprint. The internet has many footprint

calculators with only three reviewed here.

First is the calculator from the WWF (https:// footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/). This is guick and straightforward to use, not needing detailed information.By making a lot of assumptions, it is not accurate, but it gets the process started.

Second is from Carbon Footprint Ltd (https://www.carbonfootprint.com/ calculator.aspx). It is more complex, takes more time, is not as user friendly as the WWF calculator and requires more detailed information. However, it is more accurate. Lastly there is the calculator from the Global Footprint Network (https://www. footprintcalculator.org/home/en). This is different from the other two as it measures ecological footprint. It seems to be orientated to the US but is still applicable to Horsley residents. It is similarly easy to use as the WWF calculator but again not accurate.

So, keep your eye on what matters. Take note of the hidden 70% (70% of emissions are embedded in the stuff we buy), reduce your energy use, plan and cut back on your number of journeys - or car share - reuse or pass stuff on to someone who can use it, repair and mend things and finally if none of that works, recycle.

> There are other actions we can take which brings us back to that 70%. Those in power need to change the way the world works to favour technology, processes and behaviours that are friendly to the planet.

It is therefore imperative that everyone that we speak with, vote for or lobby who can instigate change has strong green credentials which are proven by actions rather than words.

I do not want to overstate the challenge the Earth faces, but it is a challenge that threatens the future of the current structure of human civilisation.



Foodbanl

AS THE ECONOMIC crisis tightens its grip so the importance of charitable donations, for those who can afford, becomes increasingly urgent. Eat and heat are two essentials as we slip into the depths of winter and there is a rising number of Horsley residents who are now dependent on assistance from the Cobham Area Foodbank

St Martin's Church, Ockham Road South, acts as the East Horsley donation point. Each Thursday morning the Foodbank van arrives to collect contributions delivered by village residents to the church porch. As it is a weekly service, it is important to stress that perishable goods are not encouraged.

As the dependency on our goodwill grows, please find a little time and money to support this much-needed charity. Do join the St Martin's mailing list and receive a weekly update on what items are particularly required. Sign up via www.easthorsleychurch.org.uk



WATCH YOUR WASTE – GLASS

EACH FAMILY in the UK uses an average of 500 glass bottles and jars annually. The substantial increase in recycling glass since 2001 has saved the same amount of energy as it would take to launch FIVE space shuttle missions.

These are just two stats underlining the importance of everyone playing their part; but mistakes are easily made. For instance, do NOT put the following in your green bin:

- Broken glass (although it is ok to put in bottle banks).
- Drinking glasses, Pyrex-type baking dishes, flat glass or light bulbs; these items will not melt and can cause extensive damage to the furnace.
- Mirrors too are a no-no.

All other glass is recyclable via your green bin although food and drinks containers should be rinsed before disposal.

A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

HERE IN THE UK we grieved the passing of our longest-reigning monarch and celebrated the succession of King Charles III.

The changing of the political guard was equally historic with Downing Street becoming home to three different Prime Ministers in as many months.

For the world the year started with it finally escaping the clutches of Covid and yearning for a return to normality. But hopes were short-lived. Trump supporters invaded the White House and a month later Putin's military breached its border with Ukraine.

The war deepened the global migrant crisis with millions fleeing brutalities in their homelands. For some a haven was found at Thatcher's Hotel where with local help they are now familiarising themselves with their new home and its surroundings.

Volunteers were active too in raising the appearance of the village. New planters have been installed by the phone box in Kingston Avenue and at both rail stations.

Another eyecatching initiative was the Festival

of Flags which for several weeks transformed the busiest parts of the village.

It's been a year of weather extremes. Trees tumbled in February's gale force winds and temperatures soared in the summer of sunshine.

But amid the tumult of '22 one occasion was the embodiment of peace and celebration - the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. And the Horsleys partied with the best of them. Horsley Towers hosted a mammoth knees-up culminating in a rousing concert by, fittingly, a Queen







Matt Crockett, Customer Ambassodor **Effingham Junction Station**

WHILE THE FACE of Effingham Junction station has undergone change this year with the installation of several planters, another face remains a constant there; that of Customer Ambassador, Matt Crockett. Now approaching his seventh year in the role, he has witnessed the high and lows of station life. First there was the sight of a full to capacity car park each weekday with busy platforms and then came the pandemic when regular passenger numbers plunged to such depths that for some months Matt was seeing as few as five a day.

Dealing with rail travellers face-to-face came easily to him as previously he had been a Regional Manager for a large chain of bookmakers. Eventually though, four years of daily travel to and from far flung meetings was enough, so he swapped racetracks for rail tracks with a view

to becoming a train driver but alas a medical condition thwarted that ambition.

With passenger volumes still only around 50% of what they were, Matt reflects on the permanent impact the lockdowns have brought. For many, commuting is now just two or three times a week so season ticket purchases are rare.

Not all customers have had their request to buy a fare granted though. In 2019 three young men turned up and in broken French proffered a 50 Euro note which prompted Matt to raise the alarm. It transpired a lorry provided their transport from the other side of the Channel and unloaded them at the M25 Cobham Services and they made their way along the rail track to Effingham Junction aiming to board a train to London. The police were soon on the scene and they were detained along with about 20 others with the aid of a helicopter.

So, what station improvements would Matt like the future to hold? Prominently displayed Exit signs would eliminate the question he is most frequently asked: "Where's the way out"? A lift serving the London-bound platform would be a boon for those who struggle to haul buggies and baggage up and down the steps, and a simpler means of purchasing the cheapest tickets. But, with no fewer than three train operators serving this part of the country alone it is a big challenge in this privatised age.

Away from work, Matt's time is spent with his wife and young son and visiting Loftus Road to



cheer on Queen's Park Rangers. Time was when he holidayed by trotting the globe from China to Chile. Now it's more local travel matters that concern him, like whether the next train coming down the track is on time.

From the Rectory...

LAST CHRISTMAS our lives continued to be blighted by rising numbers of COVID cases. I am praying that this year life will be easier and we can all enjoy Christmas with our friends and families.

At St Martin's we have been busy preparing for Christmas services. Our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols follows the World Cup Final on Sunday 18 December at 7.00pm. The rest of our Christmas services are listed alongside.

We have a lot to look forward to next year including the launch of our new stained-glass windows appeal, a number of concerts in the church and the return of our Christmas Tree Festival. Please join our mailing list to keep up to date with what is going on in your parish church.

Every blessing for Christmas and the New Year Revd Renos Pittarides



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PARISH COUNCIL ACTS TO SAVE THE WALL

EAST HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL is applying to list part of the flint boundary wall of the former Lovelace estate beside the A246 in East Horsley, constructed in the 1860s.

Our aim is to ensure its protection for posterity especially as there is a current planning application for a housing development in the grounds of Thatcher's Hotel which, if approved, may see a section of this wall being demolished.

Between 1855 and 1880 Lord Lovelace undertook a wholescale rebuilding of East Horsley and left behind a legacy of heritage buildings that have been well preserved with the help of their listing status. The flint wall around the estate boundary is the one significant Lovelace structure not to enjoy such protection.

The wall is in broadly good condition, offering a clear and elegant visual attraction. Its scale also makes the wall a distinctive landmark feature for the village, which contributes to our character and identity.

Listing the boundary wall will also help to preserve the setting of the East Horsley Conservation Area in general and the Horsley Towers estate in particular.



Horsley Health...

THANK YOU to everyone who came along and had their flu vaccination on our 'Flu Saturday'. It takes a lot of organising and all the staff volunteered their time on the day to help provide a quick and organised service to all our patients. The feedback was amazing so thank you. If you have not had your flu vaccination and are eligible, please go online or phone the surgery to book an appointment.

With Christmas coming please ensure you have sufficient medication and if you require a repeat prescription, please allow enough time as it is a very busy period. A list of pharmacies open over the Christmas period will be available on our website and printed and posted on our front door.

Extended Access i.e., appointments after 6 pm and at weekends, have been available for our patients at other surgeries around Guildford and Waverley for a while. Since 1 October we are now able to offer appointments at Horsley on a Thursday evening with a GP and Health Care Assistant. These can be booked by phoning and speaking to our reception team.

Please keep your personal details up to date on your medical records. If you have changed your mobile phone number or email address let us know by going onto our website and sending us a message with any new information.

All the doctors, nurses and admin staff at Horsley Medical Practice would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2023. Caroline Camp, Horsley Medical Centre Practice Manager

www.horsleydocs.co.uk

Library Corner...

DOESN'T TIME FLY! Christmas is just around the corner. Aside from giving the library a seasonal look we hosted Father Christmas in his grotto on 3 December and as always this proved a big hit with our local youngsters.

All our usual library activities continue as always with a warm welcome as part of our service to the community. We hope to start the New Year with a new (bigger) set of recycling boxes. Recycling is high on our agenda in our effort to expand our knowledge and understanding of the biodiversity challenges ahead in our original, only and unique world.

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the library staff and the Friends of Horsley Library.

Rhys Beynon, Chairman of Friends of Horsley Library (FoHL)

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Music Memories...



a note to remember

THE FIRST SESSION of Music Memories, The Loop's brand new Dementia Music Therapy Group, started on 1 November 2022 and ran for six weeks and was followed by a bonus festive fun Christmas session on the 13 December. Val, the Music Therapist, had everyone shakin', rattlin' & rollin'!

Before the session got underway the participants were welcomed by fundraisers Sian and Joe, and Beth and Rob, their support team on their epic bike ride the Tour de Pêche and founders of The Loop, Lucinda and Matthew, were also on hand, and so was Reverend Renos to receive everyoneat the venue, St Martin's Church.

Thank you West Horsley Wheel of Care for transporting one of the participants with their carer to and from the session.

Sian and Joe live and work in the village at the The Duke of Wellington. Over the years they've seen many of their dear patrons at the pub struggling with dementia.

Joe and Sian's most generous Tour de Pêche fundraising initiative, cycling to Paris (and back!), raised an amazing £16,000 which they have passed on to The Loop to set up and run a specialist music therapy group for people in the community living with

bringing this all to fruition!

Previously there was very little access to music therapy for those living with dementia in their own homes in East Horsley. Now, thanks to the support the village has given Sian and Joe, that has all changed and a milestone reached. Well done Horsley. Thank you Horsley.

theloop.org.uk/whats-going-on/musicmemories-dementia-music-therapy-group



A YEAR OF GREAT LIVE MUSIC and more to come for 2023...

OVER THE PAST month or so, the Horsley Live Music Club has organised three highly successful sold-out live music events.

On Thursday 27 October, we celebrated the opening of our new 'clubhouse', the Malting House (at the rear of the Barley Mow in West Horsley). We were fortunate to secure the services of Steve Brookes, the talented singer, songwriter, guitarist and founder member of



The Jam, who held the audience in the palm of his hand from start to finish.

The historic Great Hall at Horsley Towers provided the setting for The Kate Bush Experience, on Sunday 13 November. Led by the wonderful Maria Ahearn, the band recreated Kate's music to a high standard. playing her best-known songs - including Running Up That Hill and Wuthering Heights - as well as lesser-known album tracks.

The Isabel Sands Trio provided a change of pace, playing acoustic pop, jazz and blues to an appreciative audience at the Malting House, on Thursday 1 December. Isabel is a jazz singer whose influences - which include Adele, Amy Winehouse and Gregory Porter - showed in the music performed by her talented line-up of vocals, guitar and saxophone.

We are now planning for 2023. Mark your diaries now for the heads down, no nonsense of Counterfeit Quo on 17 February, the exuberant musical celebration of the Fleetwood Mac Songbook on 5 May, both dates at the Nomad Theatre and the Sounds of Simon (and Garfunkel) on 16 September at St Martin's Church. Check our website for ticket and membership details.

If you'd like to become a member, please visit our website. - Mark Beasley Chairman, Horsley Live Music Club www.horsleylivemusic.com

Entertainment

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

The Nomad Theatre

Bishopsmead, East Horsley,

Box Office 01483 284747

www.ticketsource.co.uk/nomadtheatre

Blue Fire Theatre Company Presents:

Marie Lloyd Stole My Life by J J Leppnick

Saturday 18 February 2023 at 7.30pm

Table Manners by Alan Ayckbourn

Directed by Danny Sparkes

Tuesday 14 – Saturday 18 March at

This is our final play in "The Norman Conquests Trilogy" having started our journey with Norman in 2019. A brilliantly witty show.

This amateur production of "Table Manners" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd www concordtheatricals.co.uk

To book tickets please call: 01483 284747 or go to www.nomadtheatre.com/book.now

The Whips

West Horsley Village Hall, The Street, West Horsley, KT24 6DD

Box Office 01483 284141 www.ticketsource.co.uk/whipstheatre

The Whips are staging a comedy called - 'My Friend Miss Flint'

Friday 13 & Saturday 14 January 2023, curtain up at 8.00pm

Supper night – Thursday 12 January 2023 at 7.00pm sharp for the meal, curtains up at 8.00pm.

The Whips Quiz Night at West Horsley Village Hall. 11 February at 7.00pm

Tickets £17.50 each including supper

Book through www.ticketsource.co.uk/ whipstheatre

St Martin's Church Film

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
- **U** 01483 281031 or 07584 055504
- info@jrautomotivesurrey.com

Finance & Law

Thomas Rigg Wealth Management Ltd

CHARTERED FINANCIAL PLANNER

- ♀ Old Lane, Cobham, KT11 1NP
- **4** 07824 664254
- thomas.rigg@sjpp.co.uk

Wellers Hedleys Solicitors

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- ♀ 6 Bishopsmead Parade, KT24 6SR
- **** 01483 284567
- enquiries@hedleys-solicitors.co.uk
- ✓ www.wellerslawgroup.com/hedleys

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- hello@wineandsomething.com

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- **** 01483 282881
- budgensofeasthorsley@hotmail.co.uk
- **✓** budgens.co.uk/our-stores/east-horsley

The Bakery Shop

CRAFT BAKERY, LUNCHES & BUFFETS

- ♀ 21 Station Parade, KT24 6QN
- **** 01483 285219
- grahame@thebakeryshop.co.uk

F Conisbee & Son

TRADITIONAL BUTCHERS

- **♀** Park Corner & Station Parade, E Horsley
- **** 01483 282073 & 01483 283391
- info@fconisbee.com

Health & Care

Frances at Coppertrees

BEAUTY & HOLISTIC THERAPIES

- Coppertrees, Forest Road, KT24 5HE
- **4** 01483 281632
- askfrances@coppertrees.com
- **✓** www.coppertrees.com

Osteopath Charlotte Jopling MUSCULOSKELETAL HEALTH

- ♀ 10 Station Parade, East Horsley KT24 6QR
- **Q** 02083366550
- info@charlottejopling.co.uk
- www.charlottejopling.co.uk

Home Counties Carers

LIVE IN & HOME CARE SERVICES

- ♀ 22A Station Parade, KT24 6QN
- 01483 224985
- ™ mkalupka@homecountiescarers.co.uk

Horsley Osteopaths

TREATMENTS FOR BACK & NECK PROBLEMS

- 8 Bishopsmead Parade, KT24 6RT
- 01483 284333
- info@horsleyosteopaths.co.uk

Mortiboys Dental Spa

GENERAL, COSMETIC & IMPLANTS

- **♀** Forest Road, KT24 5HE
- **U** 01483 281428
- www.mortiboysdentalspa.com

The Private GP Group

FAMILY HEALTHCARE WITH SAME-DAY APPOINTMENTS

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- □ reception@theprivategpgroup.co.uk

Care Partner Homecare

EXCEPTIONAL HOMECARE & LIVE-IN CARE

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- **** 01483 343693
- www.cphcare.co.uk

House & Garden

Cedar Nursery

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- Horsley Road, KT11 3JX
- 01932 862473
- sales@landscaping.co.uk

Kate Lloyd Fine Art Prints

EQUINE, ABSTRACT & SEA SCENES

- Woodland Drive, KT24 5AN
- 01483 282635
- kate@katelloydphotography.com
- www.katelloydphotography.com

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- Ripley Road, GU23 7LT

Future Light Design

LIGHTING & LUTRON SPECIALISTS

- The Post House, KT24 6RX
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- Kate-Dancey@curchods.com
- www.curchods.com

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- ✓ www.henshaws.net

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SALES, LETTINGS & MANAGEMENT

- **** 01483 284141

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FISH & CHIPS

**** 01483 283790

STATIONERS

4 01483 283124

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- www.willsandsmerdon.co.uk

Sport & Leisure

Services

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HAIR SALON

U 01483 284258

Pet Doctors

**** 01483 285357

Bandbox Dry Cleaners

DRY CLEANING & LAUNDRY

bandbox@hotmail.co.uk

Headquarters Hair

♀ 11 Station Parade, KT24 6QN

HORSLEY VETERINARY CLINIC

♀ Ockham Road South, KT24 6QU

■ easthorsley@petdoctors.co.uk

www.bandboxdrycleaners.com

Core Strength Pilates

- 07899 844862
- karisherman1212@gmail.com

The Drift Golf Club

GOLF COURSE & FUNCTION ROOMS

- **♀** The Drift, East Horsley, KT24 5HD
- **U** 01483 284641
- info@driftgolfclub.com

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Silver Arrows

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- **01483 280050**
- bookings@silver-arrows.co.uk

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- **** 01483 282945
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If you would like to be included in the EHPC Business Guide, please contact us for further information at... parishcouncil@easthorsleypc.org

Business Flyers

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

parishcouncil@easthorsleypc.org.



Increasing Pressure on **Education** in the Horslevs

THE LOCAL maintained education sector is already struggling with a shortage of pupil places. This is going to get worse with at least 410 new dwellings being completed in East and West Horsley over the next three years - which the Parish Council estimates will generate a school age population of about 180 pupils (aged 5 to 16 years). In addition, 2,400 dwellings will be built in Ripley and Wisley over the next ten years if Local Plan sites are approved.

At primary level The Raleigh School is already over-subscribed, with a current waiting list of almost 130; most other local primary schools are also over-subscribed. The Parish Council believes there is a strong case for an additional class group at The Raleigh. However, there is not enough space on the existing site. Different options should be considered, including the building of a new three form entry primary school - which would be supported by the school and its parent education trust. A short-term solution is also required to accommodate local pupils who want to attend the school now.

At secondary level the Howard of Effingham is already over-subscribed. The latest planning application for the new school is currently being reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate. If it goes ahead, the school will have two additional forms of entry. This would go some way towards absorbing additional pupils from Effingham and the Horsleys, but not the anticipated numbers arising from the development at Wisley.

A recent public forum held by West Horsley Parish Council emphasised the public concern about this issue. Both East and West Horsley Parish Councils are engaging with Surrey County Council (the education authority) and Guildford Borough Council (the planning authority) to reach a common understanding and to see if practical solutions can be found to this complex problem.

Could you be our

per week (seasonal). Remuneration

general cleanliness of the village.

A suitable vehicle and some

an advantage. Please apply to Nick

parishcouncil@easthorsleypc.org.

grounds maintenance tools would be

Clemens Clerk, East Horsley Parish Council

is negotiable.

new Village Warden?

THIS IS A SELF EMPLOYED role for 1-2 days

The role is to manage the vegetation and

Neighbourhood **Watch Latest** Guidance

THINK 'WIDEN' to reduce your chances of being burgled this Winter.

Windows: Lock your windows.

Interior: Put your interior lights on a timer.

Doors: Double or deadlock your doors.

Exterior: Put your exterior lights on a sensor. Neighbours: Keep an eye out for neighbours.

Are You a **Bus Traveller?**

If so, have your say via a survey that will run until 6 January 2023. Since the start of the pandemic journeys on Surrey buses have dropped by a third. This has prompted the need for minor reductions in services. In addition to your views on this, Surrey County Council (SCC) is seeking your thoughts on two other topics: Investment in Cleaner and Greener Buses and Increasing On-demand Services.

To register your views go online at www. surreycc.gov.uk/futurebusreview.

Or pick up a paper copy on a bus, at a public library or one of SCC's offices. Alternatively, you can order one by calling 03456 009009.

Horsley Clubs & Activities

Horsley & Clandon Society of Arts Robyn Cormack Tel: 01483 224063

Horsley Craft Group Jody Fern Tel: 01483 284437

The Arts Society Horsley

The Arts Society Horsley Lovelace www.tashl.org

CLUBS

Horsley Live Music Club www.horsleylivemusic.com

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

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

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

West Surrey Natural History Society Tel: 01372 457623

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

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

Horsley Countryside Preservation www.hcps.online

East Horsley Bridge Club www.bridgewebs.com/easthorsley **Horsley Floral Decoration Group** Ruth Farmer Tel: 01483 202440

Horsley Garden Society Roger Lindsay Tel: 01483 282408

Beehive Craft Group www.easthorsleychurch.org.uk

Wheel of Care Social & Excercise 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

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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 Karlenne Peach Tel: 01483 224692

www.theartssocietyhorsley.org.uk

EAST HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

East Horsley Parish News

Council Meetings

Council meeetings are held in the evening at the Village Hall in The Club Room. The next scheduled dates are:

- January 9
- February 13

Agenda: www.easthorsley.info

Planning & Environment Committee Dates 2022/2023

The Planning and Environment Committee meets every two weeks at the Village Hall in the Parish Meeting Room, usually on a Monday evening. Applications to be considered are posted on the website and noticeboards in the preceding week. Residents are invited to speak for or against any planning applications. Please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

- January 9 & 23
- February 6 & 20
- March 6 & 20

Horsley Neighbourhood Connections

Following the article regarding Neighbourhood Connections in the Autumn Newsletter, we have gained both a new connector and a new client. It has been rewarding to help a gentleman who has just moved to the village. We also maintain close contact with regular clients ensuring they have the assistance required. Neighbourhood Connections is a community project that provides information about support in and around the area. Further volunteers are always welcome; the current time commitment is 2-3 hours every two months. If you wish to volunteer, or require help, please contact the Medical Centre on 01483 284151 or send an email to ktolley1@hotmail.co.uk

WARNING: Hard-hat zone ahead!

Some days it feels like the Horsleys are turning into a giant building site with four large developments at varying phases of planning and construction.

Let's start with the site adjacent to Bell & Colvill on the A246. In total 41 new homes are under construction by three different developers with work nearing completion.

Fronting the A246 is Braeside Close, a

new cul-de-sac of 10 semi-detached and terraced homes developed by Elivia Homes

- A larger development comprising 3 and 4-bed detached and semi-detached properties is being built by Brookworth Homes and marketed under the name of The Hamptons – although the new cul-desac is actually called Walnut Tree Gardens and is accessed from The Street.
- Then Hawksmoor Homes have completed five detached properties in a cul-de-sac named Allingham Meadow accessed from Cranmore Lane. Despite prices ranging from £1.3 - £2.25 million, all five properties have either been reserved or sold.

Manor Farm off East Lane is the largest of the four Horsley sites, with 138 homes being built by Thakeham Homes, Construction is well advanced, and a sales office is now open, with Thakeham marketing the area under the name of 'Manorwood'. First occupancies are being advertised for this comina Sprina.

Preparatory site work has started at Lollesworth Fields near Horsley Station. Previously Taylor Wimpey had indicated a two-year construction roll-out for the 110 homes. Whether the national housing market downturn will impact on their timescale remains to be seen.

Next up Oakland Farm, accessed from Green Lane off Ockham Rd North, Antler Homes have approval to build 35 homes with construction expected to begin before the year end. Runnymede Homes are also currently building five new detached homes next to Waterloo Farm

Charles Church, a subsidiary of the Persimmon Group, has submitted a planning application to develop 86 homes on two fields close by Waterloo Farm. Both EHPC and WHPC have objected and if any resident would like to submit their own comments, GBC's planning reference is 22/P/01538. The timing for GBC's decision is not known but is unlikely to be before the end of this year.

Overall, it is evident that the initial developments are focused on the area around East Lane/Long Reach and The Street, However next year we expect the focus of the construction work will shift more towards Ockham Road North, with all this implies for local traffic disruption, road

closures and other disturbances.

Overall, these four sites represent a pipeline of 410 new homes expected to be completed within the next two years, a scale of housebuilding never previously seen in the Horslevs.

Urgent appeal for hosts and landlords

We ask you to spare a thought for our local Ukrainian families facing Christmas without loved ones. To add to their turmoil, some are now seeking new Hosts. Surrey County Council has increased the monthly 'thank you' payment to £600 (tax free) for the next five months. If you have spare accommodation do please step forward. Sammy King can explain and introduce potential partners. Sammy77king@gmail.com

Warm Welcome Spaces in the Horsleys

Andy Lewis, Churchwarden, St Mary's West Horsley.

East and West Horsley are joining forces to help those facing tough decisions whether to heat or eat. For many escalating fuel costs will mean cutting back on heating.

In the depths of winter, that is a harsh decision to take, and so, to assist those who are struggling, we are joining the national move to create Warm Welcome Spaces for local people. These will be where the temperature will match the warmth of the welcome; and they are free. Volunteers will provide staffing to ensure safety and provide complimentary hot drinks.

Three of our churches already run Warm Welcome Spaces: St Martin's and the Methodist Church (on Thursdays) and St Mary's (on Fridays).

Once winter starts to bite hardest, The Wheel Of Care, Horsley Library and The Wheelhouse, amongst others, will be joining the effort.

Up-to-date lists of all Horsley Warm Welcome Spaces are on the Fast and West Horsley Parish Council websites and there will be notices around both villages. https://www.easthorsley. info/community/warmwelcome-spaces

> Parish Clerk parish council@easthors leypc.org

> > Assistant Parish Clerk







Vice Chair















USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

Neighbourhood **Policing team**

Tel: 101 guildford@surrey.police.uk

GBC Refuse Collection Tel: 01483 50 50 50 www.guildford.gov.uk

Slyfield Recycling Centre

Guildford Borough Council www.guildford.gov.uk

Water Leaks

Tel: 0345 357 2407 www.affinitywater.co.uk

Gas Leaks

Tel: 0800 11 19 99

Electricity Power Cuts Tel: 0800 31 63 105 or 105

www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk

Flooding & Waterways www.gov.uk

Floodline

Tel: 0345 988 1188

Environment incident hotline

Tel: 0800 80 70 60 www.gov.uk

Surrey County Council www.surreycc.gov.uk/

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