



Scouting in the United Kingdom Centenary year 1907-2007

When Scouting first started in Horley in 1908 it was as a result of publications such as "Scouting for Boys" which were on sale in the local newsagents and had inspired boys to want to get involved.

Patrol Leader J. Whitehouse with Corporal S White and six scouts formed the "Peewit Patrol". Later the second patrol to be formed, the "Kangaroos", joined with the "Peewits" to form the "Horley Troop" which became the 4th Regatta and ultimately the 1st Horley Group.



The Troop wore, and still wears, red scarves. In January 1918 the Horley Scout District was founded consisting of Horley, Salfords, Charlwood and Burstow. Thus, Horley Scout District spreads over three local authority districts. Horley is, however, the natural centre of these "parishes".

We now have four Scout Groups within Horley: 1st/2nd Horley, 5th Horley, 6th Horley and 9th Horley, with another two Scout groups for the surrounding villages - 4th Horley (Salfords) and 1st Burstow. Additionally, there are two District Explorer Scout Units which meet in Horley two evenings a week (Thursday and Friday) for the fourteen to eighteen year age group. We also have a District Scout Fellowship for adults, which has a supportive role in District and County events when called upon.

As we move into the twenty first century so must Scouting move forward to meet the aspirations and needs of the young people of the area. With a new programme for the "six to twenty five" age group now in place we are confident that this will be achieved.

Age ranges:

Beaver Scouts: 6 Years to 8 Years.

Cub Scouts: 8 years to 10 years 6 months.

Scouts: 10 years 6 months to 14 years.

Explorer Scouts: 14 years to 18 years.

Network Scouts (provided by Surrey County Scouts Council):

18 years to 25 years

For more information about Scouting in "Horley District" please contact:

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Elections and Annual Meeting

As a result of the local elections held on 3 May, the Town Council has eighteen members to represent six wards, all elected to serve until 2011. Eleven members have been newly elected and seven members were re-elected.

At the Annual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 May 2007, Horley Town Council elected Cllr Simon Marshall as the new Town Mayor and Chairman. Cllr Richard Bethell was elected as Vice Chairman. All members made their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and were elected onto the main committees. Committee Chairmen will be elected later at their respective committee meetings.

All Councillors' details and photos are available on the Town Council's web site, along with a schedule of all forthcoming Council meetings for the next municipal year. Details of the surgery rota, press releases, directories and a "what's on" page are also available. Members' details can also be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Cllr Simon Marshall, who has been Chairman of the Town Council's Leisure & Amenities Committee since 2002, was naturally delighted and honoured at this news and said "It will be a privilege and an honour to be able to serve the Horley community in this way. My primary aim is to consolidate the excellent work of the previous administration so ably led



Cllr Simon Marshall
Town Mayor and
Chairman



Cllr Richard Bethell
Vice Chairman

by our former Town Mayor, Cllr Michael Miller. He will certainly be a hard act to follow, but I am determined that we shall continue to work as a close Community minded Council."

"Many members have been newly elected and I warmly welcome them to this Council. We shall certainly have some exciting projects to consider. I will also ensure that the Town Council's view is strongly represented at other authorities. The Town Council will continue to support St Catherine's Hospice and I have also nominated the Brambles Respite Care Centre as a second charity to support. I shall have a very able deputy in Cllr Richard Bethell, whom I am pleased to welcome aboard."



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Meet your Councillor

We would like to let you meet our Town Councillors in each of our forthcoming issues. In this edition one is a re-elected councillor and the other, a newly elected councillor.

Denese Brooke-Harte

Denese has been a councillor since 2003 representing the North West ward. She is a member of the United Kingdom Independence Party. Apart from her work on the Planning and Finance committees, Denese has been actively involved with Town Centre management, Area Passenger Transport Consultation and GATCOM. Denese has lived in Horley since 1973 and works for the Barnfield Residential Care Home as a carer and NVQ assessor.

Married with three children, Denese takes a special interest in care for the elderly and is currently involved in the Town Council's deliberations on the recent bequest left by the estate of Cyril Edmonds.



Sarah Rogers

Sarah was elected to the Council last month. Sarah has lived in Horley for 12 years and she and her partner have two children. She was recently elected as Vice-Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee. Sarah takes an active interest in leisure and facilities for the younger people of Horley and has recently been appointed as our youth representative.



A23 Recreation Ground

Following a successful bid to the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, the Town Council has commissioned Balfour Beatty to install new and improved lighting in the park. The work has been carried out in liaison with Surrey Police, with the aim of making the park a safer place for everyone.

The Council has given permission to Southlands Church to use the park on Saturday 14 July for a Children's Fun Day. Further information will be available nearer the date.

Also, for the first time ever, a "Prom in the Park" is to be staged at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 21 July. A fabulous programme is planned, including all the proms favourites with, of course, the 1812 Overture with spectacular fireworks. All proceeds will go to Brambles Respite Care Centre and Horley Round Table. Please telephone 01293 771644 for further details.

History is not a thing of the past

The Horley Local History Society has been in existence for almost fifty years. Meetings take place at 7.30 for 8.00 pm every fourth Monday of the month in the Strawson Hall at the Brighton Road end of Albert Road. These meetings provide a friendly forum where those with an enquiring mind and an interest in Horley's history from the earliest times to the present day, can meet to discuss and undertake research on historical projects, and listen to guest speakers.

Members also cover the Horley Local History Centre Desk in the newly refurbished Horley Public Library every Tuesday from 3.00 to 5.00 pm and every Saturday from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm to answer questions from young and old alike and to assist those undertaking historical projects. Particularly welcome are those who can share their knowledge and experiences of old Horley with us.

Many members are involved in on-going research into a range of subjects, the findings of which result in the publication of books and papers which are available to members at discounted prices. Recent additions to our range of



publications are "A Thousand Years of Horley and Gatwick History" and "A History of Public Houses in Horley".

The Society encourages the collection of data, information, photographs and aural records of how the town has developed over the centuries to add to its extensive archives of census and parish records, sales documents of past properties, wills, family trees, photographs etc. It has also assembled a large collection of maps of the district, one of which dates back almost four hundred years. All are accessible to members for study and research.

Over the last year the Society has been consulted by Wetherspoons Ltd for local knowledge about the Fairman Family prior to the opening of Horley's latest public house - The Jack Fairman.

If you would like to know more about the Society, or have material you wish to deposit, then please contact Peter Gwynne on 01293 783026 or log on to their web site www.horleyhistory.org.uk



We are delighted that, with the kind permission of the History Society, we are reproducing two photographs of Horley in the early 1900s.

HIGHLIGHTS in brief....



Annual Accounts 2006/07

The Unaudited Annual Accounts for 2006/07 will be submitted for approval by Full Council on 17 July. The balance sheet is expected to show an increase in its overall reserves primarily to prepare for the relocation of offices and other projects. The draft accounts will be available for inspection and to download from the website after the Finance committee have considered them on 3 July.

Members of the public are also welcome to come in to the Town Council Offices to inspect the Annual Return, a statutory report demanded by the Audit Commission. The public inspection period lasts from 23 July to 17 August 2007. Further information is also available from the Council Offices.

Annual Report

Horley Town Council issued its Annual Report on 8 May 2007. The report provides an insight into the council's business and activities over the past municipal year.

The report incorporates all the statutory committee reports from the Town Council's Committee Chairmen which were presented at the Annual Town Meeting in March 2007. A variety of information and statistics is available including details of our Town Awards winners, financial statistics and an analysis of attendances by councillors at our meetings.

Copies of the report are available from the Town Council Offices, the Help Shop and the Library, and can also be downloaded from our website.

Our website will continue to be updated with regular news updates, council minutes and a variety of community and business information.

Estate of Cyril Edmonds

The Town Council has been left a substantial sum of money in the will of Cyril Edmonds, a builder who lived at Norwood Hill. The Town Council is exploring a number of options. We would love to hear your views on how you think the money should best be used to benefit the people of Horley as a whole and, in particular, the needy and elderly. Please send your comments to the Town Council Offices.

Blood Donor Sessions

Regular blood donor sessions are held at St John Ambulance Hall in the Victoria Road Car Park. Posters are displayed around the town which give details of the next session. Appointments are available by calling 0845 7 711 711 or by contacting www.blood.co.uk. Alternatively you can just turn up on the day.

We're moving!

Horley Town Council is moving its offices to Albert Rooms, Albert Road, Horley RH6 7HZ with effect from 25 June 2007.

Our telephone and fax numbers, web and e-mail all remain unchanged. We shall be located in a Portakabin in the car park for a while before moving into offices in the main building. Further updates will be provided.

Horley in Bloom 2007

The Horley in Bloom Organising Committee has formally launched this year's competition.



The categories are:

- Residential (Front Garden)
- Residential (Back Garden)
- Cottage Garden
- Community (inc schools)
- Hanging Basket
- Allotments
- Guesthouse / B&B
- Commercial

In addition there will be a special award for newcomers to the competition. A flower arranging competition is also planned, to be held in conjunction with Country Markets. Further details of this will be announced later.

Town Councillor Mike George has been elected as the new Horley in Bloom Committee Chairman. Cllr George is keen to sustain the progress of the competition, now in its 13th year. Cllr George said "It is so pleasing that the competition has simply gone from strength to strength. As well as the summer competition I am pleased to announce that, following public demand, a new competition, Horley in Spring, is planned and judging of the first event will take place in Spring 2008." (Entry forms for Horley in Spring will be available later in the year.)

Entry forms are available from the Town Council Offices or may be downloaded from our website.

The closing date for entries is Monday 2 July and judging will take place approximately two weeks later. The Awards Ceremony is due to be held at Regent Hall on Friday 28 September.



















We are also very pleased to announce that Horley has been entered in the new Town/City Centre section of the South East in Bloom Competition. Judging takes place on 3 July and local businesses have been encouraged to display floral arrangements for the event.



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 NC - North Central SC - South Central
 NE - North East SE - South East

BC - also Reigate & Banstead Borough Councillor

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Town Guide

The 2007/08 edition of the Horley Town Guide will be sent out to all households in Horley over the next few weeks.

The guide has been completely updated by the Town Council and contains maps, an up to date directory of all local services and organisations.

If you do not receive your own copy of the guide, additional guides will be available in the Town Council Offices and in the Consort Way Help Shop.

Councillors' Surgeries

Town Councillors are available to discuss constituency matters with members of the public, in confidence, at the Council Offices on the following Saturdays between 10.00 and 11 am. No appointment is necessary.

23 June *

7 July *

* Peter Ainsworth MP also has his surgery. Refer web site or contact town council offices for further details.

Further details are available on our web site

Meeting Dates 2007/08

All council meetings commence at 7.30 pm. Agenda for all meetings are posted on town centre notice boards a few days beforehand. Agendas are also downloadable from our web site

Members of the public are cordially invited to all meetings and if they wish may address councillors during the public forum.

For further details and for any general enquiries, please phone, fax or e-mail the Town Clerk.

June

Tuesday 12
 Tuesday 26

July

Tuesday 3
 Tuesday 17
 Tuesday 24
 Tuesday 31

August

Tuesday 14
 Tuesday 28

September

Tuesday 4
 Tuesday 18
 Tuesday 25

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Council Meetings

Horley Town Council meets regularly, based on its regular cycle of Committee and Full Council meetings.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend and voice their own opinions on various local topics during the Public Forum.

The Council represents all parts of the community and it is your views that are important in assisting us in making realistic and sound decisions.

If you know of someone who would benefit from an audio or large print copy of this newsletter, please contact the Town Clerk