



Newsletter of Horley Town Council

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Horley in Bloom Results 2013

Residential Front Garden

1st: Peggy Clarke

2nd: June Ward

Highly Commended: Samantha Pizzie

Residential Back Garden

1st : Sue Sherwin

Joint 2nd Catherine Robertson & June Ward

Highly Commended: David & Ena Sharratt

Cottage Garden

1st: June Ward

2nd: Ken Greaves

Flats

1st: John Byrne

2nd: John Hay

Hanging Basket / Planter

1st: Gary Thomas

2nd: The Farmhouse

Highly Commended: Brian Hawes

Schools

1st: Horley Infant School

2nd: Charlwood Village Infant School

Highly Commended: Langshott Infant School

Community

1st: Horley Bowling Club

2nd: Douglas House

Commercial

1st: Jai Ho (Coppingham Arms)

2nd: The King's Head

Highly Commended: Horley & District Constitutional Club

Guest House / B&B

1st: Springwood Guest House

2nd: Rosemead Guest House

Best Newcomer

1st: Catherine Robertson

Joint Highly Commended: Horley Bowling Club & Springwood Guest House



Sue Sherwin Back Garden



Horley Bowling Club

Church Road Allotments

1st : Anna & Rudi Buob (Plots 15 & 16)

Equal 2nd: Mrs Humphrey (Plots 14 & 55)

Equal 2nd: Derek Poole (Plot 58)

Best Newcomer

Mr & Mrs Robinson (Plot 17)

Highly Commended Newcomer

Mr & Mrs Condon (Plot 45)



Church Road Allotments

Horley in Bloom Photographic Competition



New for 2013

This year we have been delighted to launch the Horley in Bloom Photographic Competition and we are very grateful to our sponsor, Barratt Homes. Results are as follows:

Adult – Plants / Hanging Basket

1st Catherine Robertson

"Poppies"

2nd Richard Cantwell

"Hanging Basket"



Poppies - Catherine Robertson

Key Stage 4 – Plants / Hanging Baskets

1st Adele Spicer "Bee in Lavender"

Key Stage 1 – Plants / Hanging Baskets

1st Katie Cantwell "Yellow Daisies"

Adult – Landscape / Street Scene

1st Richard Cantwell "St Bartholomew's Church"

2nd Jim Williamson

"Summer House"



St. Bartholomew's Church - Richard Cantwell

Key Stage 1 – Landscape / Street Scene

1st Katie Cantwell "Lilly on the Look Out"

Mike George, Horley in Bloom Chairman, said: "We were delighted to see so much interest in our new photographic competition with entries from all age ranges, and our judges were particularly impressed with the high standard."



The Horley in Bloom presentation evening will be held on Friday 27 September at Regent House, Albert Road, when the awards will be presented.



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South & South East in Bloom

Sponsorship of Town Centre Flowers



Town Centre



Memorial Gardens

The judging of Horley Town Centre and Horley Recreation Ground took place in July.

The judges were very impressed with the community involvement in our entries and we are keeping our fingers crossed for the Awards Ceremony in September!

We would particularly like to thank all those who sponsored our town centre flowers, namely, Abbeyfield House, Cllr Jack Chapman, Cllr Richard Olliver, Cllr David Powell, Cllrs Jan Spratt & Graham Knight, Cllr Fiona Stimpson, Collingwood Batchellor, Countrywide Grounds Maintenance, Cubitt & West, Jalmec Design Services, MAD Ideas, Mitchells of Horley and Sheppersons Solicitors.

I'm sure you will all agree that the flowers have looked absolutely spectacular this year, both in the town centre and at Horley Recreation Ground.

Annual Town Meeting

At the Town Meeting held on Friday, 26 April 2013, the Guest Speaker was Kevin Hurley, Police & Crime Commissioner for Surrey.

Mr Hurley was elected last November as the first Commissioner for Surrey. He explained his zero tolerance approach to policing; the greater visibility of street policing; putting victims at the centre of the Criminal Justice System; and allowing the public a greater say in how streets are policed.

In a lively question and answer session, several topics were discussed, including how performance was measured; how his work differs from that of the Surrey Police Authority; and how he is directly responsible to the electorate. In his first six months of office, he explained that he had made several strategic decisions, for example, he had put on hold the sale of Police Stations. He highlighted the unfairness of Surrey's financial burden

compared with a number of other counties, and added that he had been in touch with both the Home Secretary and the Chancellor to see if this matter might be addressed.

Presentations were also made to the winners of



Peter Moxley

the Horley in Spring Competition and Town Awards were presented to two individuals, Doug Kilborn and Peter Moxley nominated by members of the public for giving exceptional service and commitment to the town.



Doug Kilborn



Ping Pong in the Park



A cold Easter Saturday saw the Official Launch of Horley & District Pubwatch's 'Ping Pong in the Park' project

Following a 'Warm Up' at Charlwood played in a cold wind, snow and sun, all in the space of 30 minutes, Joanna Parker the UK's No 1 female Table Tennis Player and 2012 Olympian, arrived at the Horley Recreation Ground to try out the new Concrete all weather Table Tennis Tables, taking on several invited guests and keen local residents.

A large crowd braved the cold to see Miss Parker in action including several people who arrived with bats in hand ready to play. After half an hour playing people of all ages, including a young lady from nearby Crawley who could be a Table Tennis star of the future, and a gentleman

who was celebrating his 60th Birthday, Miss Parker then took on the local Mayors and Mayoresses.

Miss Parker of Chertsey, Surrey said "Ping Pong in the Park is a great initiative put together by Horley Pubwatch, it is a positive boost for the local community, which will encourage Table Tennis to become even more popular. Although the weather was rather windy and cold, it was great to see so many people attending the launch"

The Pubwatch Ping Pong project has been a fine example of pubs, clubs, local businesses and members of the local community working together for the benefit of their local area. Heartfelt thanks must go to all the hard work carried out by Jerry Hudson, Pubwatch Organiser.

Mayor's Charity Faure's Requiem Concert

Cllr Richard Oliver was delighted with the Horley Singers' performance of Faure's Requiem, held at St Bartholomew's Church in March, in aid of the Mayor's Charities. Cllr Oliver said, "I am so pleased that it was such a success and I am delighted that I was able to support my local charities, St Catherine's Hospice and St John Ambulance. I know all the guests enjoyed their evening immensely and I thank them all for attending."

Over £550 was raised as a result of the fundraising event.



Himalayan Balsam Update *Cllr David Powell reports.....*

"Himalayan Balsam is a major weed problem, especially on river banks and waste land. It is a prolific and invasive annual weed which grows 8 feet high. It is rapidly taking over many areas of rivers and wetlands across the nation.

A plan is in place for the next seven years to eradicate it from the local area. It grows rapidly and spreads quickly, smothering other vegetation as it grows. Both banks of the River Mole, where it runs through Horley, are heavily infested with the weed.

In order to eliminate Himalayan Balsam, we have now treated over 5,000 square metres of the eastern bank of the River Mole with herbicide, from the river bridge on the A23 opposite the Texaco Service Station, to the northernmost point of Court Lodge Fields.

Over several weekends, this summer, supplementary spot spraying took place to treat a few patches that had been missed and any individual plants, which escaped the spraying



process, have been pulled out manually by volunteers. In this way, approximately three quarters of a mile of river bank has been opened up to the public, for the first time in many years. Our thanks must go to local farmer Simon Court, for giving so much time to the project.

The whole operation has been volunteer led and will continue for the foreseeable future. Please contact the Town Council if you would like to become involved.

Horley Bowling Club celebrates its Centenary this year



Bowling enthusiasts in the Surrey community of Horley have a wonderful facility in the Horley Bowling Club. Located in the town's Recreation Ground, with a splendid modern clubhouse and a beautifully manicured green, the Club plays throughout the summer months between April and September. In winter there is a thriving short mat bowls section.

In our Centenary year, we have enjoyed a full and varied fixture list with special events throughout the season. We are grateful for the support we have received from Horley Town Council, Horley Lions and local businesses such as Mitchells, Ian Taylor Body Repairs, Bateman Funeral Services, Vines of Redhill, Seldons Locksmiths and Burstow Nurseries.

The Club's earliest history is somewhat veiled to present members, but County records show that at the time of its affiliation in 1933 the Club was recorded as having been in existence 20 years, i.e. since 1913. We

know that in the twenties the old "St. Barts" Club played on a green behind the Church rooms in Albert Road.

Horley Parish Council ensured the continuance of this part of the town's traditions by laying out a new green in the Recreation Ground in 1964 and their involvement continues to this day with the Town Mayor, Richard Oliver, and Town Secretary, Alan Jones, opening the green in this special Centenary Year by bowling the first bowls of the outdoor season.

Other special events have included a visit from Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioners and an Open Triples event which raised over £300 for Leukemia and Lymphoma Research.

We always welcome new bowlers: visit the Club and see what we have to offer. Free coaching is available by recognised coaches.

For more information contact the Membership Secretary Alex Bennett on 01293 824439 or email anbennett@talktalk.net

Highlights in brief....

Chairman 2013/14

At its Annual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2013, Horley Town Council elected Cllr Richard Oliver as the Chairman and Town Mayor for 2013/2014. Cllr Mike George was also elected as Vice Chairman and Deputy Town Mayor.

Cllr Richard Oliver said that he was very proud to accept the office of Chairman & Town Mayor for a second year and was keen to achieve as much as possible for the town and its residents. He said that he would continue to support St Catherine's Hospice as his main mayoral charity.

Cllr Mike George said that he was proud to receive the support of his fellow Town Councillors for this position and looked forward to working with Cllr Oliver.

The full schedule of Council meetings is available on the Town Council's website, as well as on town centre noticeboards.

New Website

A new website will be launched by the Town Council later this year. Please look out for further details on www.horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk.

Centenary of World War One Book of Dedication

2014 will see the Centenary of the First World War and local resident, Mr Doug Cox, has carried out extensive research to produce a Book of Dedication, giving details of the men of Horley who gave their lives during the 1914 – 1918 conflict and who are listed on the Horley War Memorial.

The Book has been commissioned by Horley Town Council and will be available to view in Horley Library next year. Biographies on all 122 heroes listed on Horley's War Memorial are being compiled for the book. All the men who feature on the Memorial will have one page each in the book. Town Clerk Alan Jones said he and his colleagues believed it was important to remember British and Commonwealth troops who were killed in the First World War.

"We are determined to make sure their bravery for their country is not forgotten" he said "The increase in attendances and awareness each year at the Horley Remembrance Day service is testament to this, especially as young people also take such a great interest." Two names on the Memorial, Frank Cooper and Frank Mills, are yet to be researched by Mr Cox. Anybody who has any information which may help with compiling the biographies should contact town.clerk@zen.co.uk or call 01293 784765.

Langshott Allotments

The allotments at the Langshott site are expected to be available later this year. Those on the waiting list will be contacted shortly.

Horley Carnival



Sovereign Gymnastics Club



Horley Infant School and Rotary Club



Britaniacrest Recycling

Following the success of the Jubilee Fun Day in 2012, 2013 saw the revival of the Horley Carnival, held in July and run by a collaboration of local organisations, including Horley Town Council, Horley & District Round Table, Horley Lions, Horley & District Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary & 41 Clubs and Horley Scouts & Guides. Floats were created by schools, pubs and other local organisations.

On an extremely hot day, a procession of fourteen floats, marching bands, cheerleaders and dance groups made their way through the town to Horley Recreation Ground, where there were a large number of stalls and arena performances.

The free event - supported by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and Surrey County Council - also featured a model railway, fun fair and the Horley Lions Dog Show.

Surrey School of Ballet, Silver Ribbons Dance School and local groups Vegas Nights and Blown Gasket all put on displays in the sunshine.

Chairman of the Carnival Committee, Mike George, said after the event: "On the day many thousands of local residents and people from surrounding areas descended on the Recreation Ground to enjoy all that the day had to offer."

The theme of the day was Children's books and the winning float was Sovereign Gymnastics Club with their "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" entry.

In second place was Britaniacrest Recycling with "The Wombles of Wimbledon Common" and in third place was a joint entry from Horley Infant School and the Rotary Club of Horley with their "Treasure Island" Float.

Photos can be also viewed on Flickr

<http://flic.kr/s/aHsjGS1mjH> and a video of the parade <http://bit.ly/15kIPfW>

MP's Surgeries
Surgeries for
Sam Gyimah MP
(Member of Parliament for East Surrey)
are held at the Town Council Offices.

Forthcoming dates for Horley Surgeries in 2013 are:

6 September
25 October
22 November
6 December
all from 4 pm - 6 pm

To make an appointment
tel: 01883 715782 or
e-mail
admin@esca.org.uk

Or write to:
East Surrey
Conservative
Association
2 Hoskins Rd. Oxted,
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Meet Your Councillor
Members of the public are also welcome to contact Local Councillors.

Contact details are available on the Town Council notice boards and from the Town Council Offices, the Help Shop and the web site (www.horley-surrey-tc.gov.uk). Alternatively contact Alan Jones, Town Clerk (01293 784765) and he will make arrangements for you to speak to or meet with a Councillor.

Forthcoming "Meet Your Councillor"
sessions are listed below - no appointments necessary.

14 September
Horley Leisure Centre
10 am - 12 noon

12 October
Barratt Show House
Brookfield Drive
The Acres
10 am - 12 noon

Meeting Dates 2012/13

All Council meetings usually commence at 7.30 pm (but check with us first).

Notices of all meetings are posted on town centre notice boards a few days beforehand. Agenda may be downloaded from our website or collected from the Town Council Offices, along with the Cycle of Meetings for the full Municipal Year.

Members of the public are cordially invited to all meetings which are held in the Albert Rooms, Albert Road, Horley, and they may, if they wish, address Councillors during the public forum part of the meeting.

For further details and for any general enquiries, please telephone or email the Town Clerk.

September
Tuesday 3
Tuesday 10
Tuesday 24

Full Council
Leisure & Amenities Committee
Planning & Development Committee

October
Tuesday 1
Tuesday 15
Tuesday 22

Finance & General Purposes
Full Council
Planning & Development Committee