

Horley Highlights

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Opening of Multi-Purpose Court Horley Recreation Ground

Friday 30 June saw the formal opening of the recently installed multi-purpose football and basketball court in the Horley Recreation Park, A23 Brighton Road.



The teams received their medals



Finishing touches being made to the playing surface

This facility is primarily aimed at the teenagers of the town, and complements the already very successful skateboard park, which is situated nearby. The court, which had its finishing touches completed a few days earlier, was supplied and installed by SMP Playgrounds Ltd. The project was funded from developers' contributions (section 106) secured by the Local Planning Authority, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. The project had been discussed with various organisations and clubs including the Horley Youth Council and Surrey Police. Planning permission had previously been approved and it has already become a well used and welcome addition to the park.

The England Women's and Arsenal Football Captain, Horley's Faye White, conducted the formal opening ceremony, accompanied by the Mayor and Mayoress of Reigate & Banstead, Councillor David Pay and Mrs Barbara Pay, and Town Mayor, Councillor Michael Miller.

A five a-side football competition followed, played with an England football provided by Faye White. Medals, kindly sponsored by the Horley Observer, were presented to the winning team.

ADK Security Services Ltd, the company that has supplied and installed all the CCTV cameras in the Town Council's parks kindly sponsored a reception afterwards at the Farmhouse Public House.

Chairman of the Horley Town Council Leisure Committee, Councillor Simon Marshall, commented that "The Town Council is delighted with the new court. This is just one of a number of improvements made in the park which includes the installation of several new items of equipment in the playground such as a roundabout and a new slide. Funding for additional CCTV cameras was obtained from the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, and our Local County Councillors, via their Members' Initiative Fund. These additional CCTV cameras will also give confidence to all users of the park."



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Emlyn Meadows

An informal seating area, made possible by a grant from the Gatwick Community Trust Fund, is now in place. A further application for a grant has been made for funding, to allow us to use the services of an Environmental Artist to work with local schools and to train the staff in how to use the resources of the meadow.

Additional works include an earth bund and gated entrance built around the meadow to protect the area from possible traveller incursions, additional dog bins and a health and safety inspection of trees in the meadow.

Should you require more details of the council's plans or wish to become involved in this exciting project then please contact the Town Clerk, town.clerk@zen.co.uk

Horley in Bloom



The Town Council will not be displaying hanging baskets in the town centre this year.

However, following a meeting of the Horley in Bloom organising committee, it has been decided to continue with this year's competition.

However, because of the drought order recently declared by Sutton & East Surrey Water plc, entrants have been invited to compete in 2006 but they must be able to demonstrate that their water usage has been from collected rain water or grey water, i.e. any water that has been used in the home except that used from toilets, i.e. dish, sink, shower, laundry water.

Celebration Parade and Garden Dedication

Sunday 23 July 2006

Horley Royal British Legion has organised an event on the above date to celebrate the occasions of the Queen's 80th Birthday, the 80th Anniversary of the Horley Women's Section and the 85th Anniversary of the Branch.

Before the service a Parade will start from the Royal British Legion in Albert Road, lead by the Redhill Core of Drums.

A service will be held at the War Memorial Gardens, when rose beds appropriately planted with the Queen Elizabeth floribunda rose will be formally dedicated to commemorate the Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday. The roses were purchased with the help of donations from White & Sons Estate Agents and members of Horley Town Council, Horley Royal British Legion and other ex-service organisations.

The British Legion has closely liaised with the Town Council who is responsible for the maintenance of the Memorial Gardens.

The Parade will depart at 1430 hrs. and the service will commence at 1500 hrs.

New Town Guide

We are currently working with our new publishers, Mad Ideas, on the 2007/08 Town Guide. We would request all organisations to check their entry in the previous 2005/06 guide and let us know of any amendments, particularly telephone numbers.

Any organisation who would like to add their details to the Town Guide is encouraged to contact the Town Council and discuss their requirements. Businesses will be contacted directly by our publishers to invite them to take advertising space.

Motorbike Inhibitors

Following consultation with Surrey Police, the Horley Recreation Park has had inhibitors installed at two entrances at the above park. They will prevent any motor cyclist from entering the park at speed. These have been installed following consultation with Surrey Police to prevent motor cyclists riding through the park.



Anyone apprehended will be prosecuted. Please call the Town Council should you see or hear this happening.

You can also call Surrey Crimestoppers anonymously (tel: 0800 555 111)

West Sussex Fire Service

Free safety checks for Horley residents



Free home fire safety checks are being offered by West Sussex County Council Fire & Rescue Service in a major initiative that is part of its drive to reduce the numbers of people killed or injured by fires in their own homes. This means that local Firefighters will visit your home to provide you with personal advice on Fire Safety. If smoke alarms are needed to protect you and your home, they may provide them and fit them for you free of charge.

Due to Horley Fire Station's location, generating Home Fire Service Checks has always been a challenge! In an effort to increase the number of checks that the station carries out, crews from Horley have already trialed a "letter box" scheme. Three boxes were situated in waiting rooms at dentists and doctors' surgeries in areas highlighted as at risk by FSEC data. The boxes were accompanied by contact slips, which allowed people to fill in their contact details, whilst awaiting their appointment. Once a week the fire crews would empty the boxes and contact the householder. In the first week the scheme generated 25 requests and has continued to prove a really valuable tool for Community Safety in Horley.

This service is now available to all Horley residents, however the Fire Service's priority is to target the people who are most at risk and vulnerable to a fire occurring in their home. (e.g. if any member of the household is over 60 years of age or they have a disability, live alone, or if there a smoker there, if the house was built before 1945 etc.)

If you require more information on this important service then please contact Freephone 0800 3286487 or phone Mark Andrews, Deputy District Commander, direct on 01293 773044 or go online to www.westsussex.gov.uk

HIGHLIGHTS in brief....



Annual Report

Horley Town Council issued its Annual Report on 28 April 2006. It provides an insight into the council's business and activities over the past municipal year.

The report incorporates all the statutory committee reports made by the Town Council's committee chairmen, and was presented at the Annual Town Meeting on 27 April 2006. A variety of information and statistics is also available including details of the Grants Scheme, financial statistics and annual accounts, supporting statements and an analysis of attendance by councillors at council meetings.

An electronic copy of this report is also available from our website, www.horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk. Our web site will continue to be updated with regular news updates, council minutes and a variety of community and business information.

Corporate Plan 2006/2010

The Town Council approved its Corporate Plan for the next five years at its Full Council meeting on 4 April 2006.

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Michael Miller commented "I am delighted that the Town Council has been able to produce its first corporate Plan for 2006 to 2010. It is important that the Town Council plans ahead for the next five years. We have a number of objectives and we should, of course, review these every year."

The Plan is a statement of the Town Council's vision and aspirations for Horley and is available to download from our web site or on request from the council offices".

Youth Council

The Youth Council is always keen to recruit new members. For further information please email horley_youth_council@hotmail.co.uk or contact these offices on 01293 784765.

Car parking spaces

A few car parking spaces are still available for hire outside the Council Offices at £11.75 per week. Please contact the Town Clerk, Alan Jones, (01293 784765) or email town.clerk@zen.co.uk for further details.

Grant Scheme

The Town Council recently launched the 2006 Grants Scheme. Applications are invited from local clubs and organisations.

The closing date for applications is 31 August 2006 and it is anticipated that successful applicants will be informed by the end of October. Forms are available from the Town Council Offices, alternatively they can be downloaded from the Town Council's web site at www.horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk

Michael Crescent Centenary Park Playground Improvements



New safety surfacing from Matta Products Ltd has recently been installed across the entire playground surface. This has completely transformed the appearance of the site and the installation of two new sets of swings, supplied and installed by Record Playground Equipment Ltd, has completed this transformation.

Town Meeting



This year's Annual Town Meeting was held on Thursday 27 April 2006 in the Albert Rooms. No Town Awards were presented this year, because the nominee had declined the award.

Liz Campbell, Chairman of Surrey

Police Authority was the guest speaker. She gave an informative and entertaining presentation on the work of the Authority, as well as outlining the Authority's views on the proposed merger with the Sussex force.



Web site improvements



















www.horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk

This site has recently been updated to include a variety of town council documents to view or download. Apart from agenda and minutes, planning comments and a variety of reports, plans and regulations are also available for inspection. Simply access all our available documents by following the link "Documents" on the home page.

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All councillors may be contacted at their home address
 Contact the council for further information.

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 the Town Council.

Annual Accounts

The Unaudited Annual Accounts for 2005/05 were approved by Full Council on 27 June.

The Town Council's balance sheet shows an increase in its overall reserves, including earmarked funds by £29,799 to £82,132 (2004/05 £52,333) primarily to prepare for the relocation of offices and other projects.

Members of the public are welcome to come in to the Town Council Offices to inspect the accounts. The public inspection period lasts from 24 July to 18 August 2006.

Further information is also available from the Council Offices.

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.

22 July
 5 August
 19 August
 9 September
 23 September

The Member of Parliament will also be present on 23 September

Further details are available on our web site

Meeting Dates 2006/07

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.

July	Tuesday 25	Finance and General Purposes
August	Tuesday 1	Planning and Development
	Tuesday 22	Planning and Development
September	Tuesday 5	Full Council
	Tuesday 12	Planning and Development
	Tuesday 19	Leisure & Amenities
October	Tuesday 3	Finance and General Purposes
	Tuesday 10	Planning and Development
	Tuesday 24	Full Council
	Tuesday 31	Planning and Development

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