

Horley Highlights

Newsletter of Horley Town Council

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Security in Recreation Grounds



The Town Council is continuing its arrangements with Lion Security to provide regular security patrols in all the Town Council's parks, namely Horley Recreation Ground, Court Lodge playing fields, Michael Crescent Centenary Park and Emlyn Meadows.

Should any member of the public see signs of anti-social behaviour in any of our parks, we would like to advise that they can call Lion Security directly on 01293 553366.

Since 2004, a number of CCTV cameras have been installed in the main parks. These are regularly monitored and footage of incidents is brought to the attention of Surrey Police, following which appropriate action is taken.

Regular liaison meetings take place between the Town Council and the Police to review our security policy.

Horley Town Council wins Website of the Year

Horley Town Council is delighted to announce it has been awarded first place in the National Association of Local Councils (NALC's) Best Website competition for 2008.

The Association represents over 10,000 local parish and town councils in England and Wales. Town Clerk, Alan Jones, said "We are absolutely delighted with this news. It has acknowledged the efforts made by the Town Council to keep everyone far and wide regularly informed and updated.

The website had been short listed on two previous occasions, so it is fitting that the Town Council, against very strong competition, has now achieved this accolade."

The Town Council was informed of the major award from NALC at its Annual Council meeting on 13 May. The Council agreed that the Town Clerk

and his wife should attend the National Conference at the Eastbourne Winter Gardens to receive the prestigious prize.

The Town Council will also receive a cheque for £500 from the competition sponsors, Co-operative Bank plc, which may be used for a community project of its choice.

Although the judges' specific comments were announced at the Conference, NALC has commented in its letter "we received an unprecedented number of entries this year, and the judges were pleased at the very high standard and professionalism of all those who entered the competition".

Horley Town Council's website provides an array of information on community events, council business and the local community and its businesses.



Alan Jones receives the award from Ken Cleary, NALC Chairman and David Dunn of Co-operative Bank

Meet your Councillor

Janice Gall

Janice was elected to the Town Council in May 2007 and represents the Horley South Central ward. Representing the United Kingdom Independence Party, Janice is a member of the Leisure and Planning Committees and also represents the council for the St Barts Churchyards Committee.

Having moved to Horley 5 years ago, Janice never ceases to be impressed by the character and past history of Horley.

Janice has a daughter, a son and a granddaughter, who are the apples of her eyes. Janice also has a passion for plants and flowers. Last year she managed to grow 60 plants on a small balcony, including some vegetables! Before her retirement Janice was a carer for the Anchor Trust, working at Barnfield, Janice is now pursuing her avid interest in art and drawing and is also absorbed with history, particularly Biblical history and prophesy.



Mike Miller

Mike Miller has been a town councillor since 1996 and represents the Horley North Ward. He is a member of the Conservative Group and has been Chairman and Town Mayor from 2003 to 2007. He is currently chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. He is also a long standing Reigate & Banstead Borough Councillor.

Mike worked hard to ensure that the town council achieved its coveted quality status in 2004. He is a member of several important committees and was recently appointed as the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Housing on the Borough Council's Executive.

His interests include scouting and sport, particularly golf and football. Over the years Mike has played football for several local teams and was recently delighted to have been elected as President of Horley Town FC. Mike is a partner in a local business.



Town Mayor's Charitable Fund

The Town Mayor, Councillor Simon Marshall, recently organised a special curry evening, the proceeds of which went to his two chosen charities, The Brambles Respite Care Centre and St Catherine's Hospice.

The function, which was held at the Albert Rooms, Albert Road, was hailed as an outstanding success. Guests of Honour were Councillor Rachel Turner, Deputy Mayor of Reigate & Banstead, Councillor Sally Blake, Mayor of Crawley Borough Council and Peter Ainsworth, MP for East Surrey. Those present were able to enjoy the delights of delicious Indian cuisine and the event was a complete sell-out. During the evening, entertainment was supplied by Brambles Amateur Theatrical Society.

The main aim of the event was to raise valuable funds for the two local charities. The evening ended with an exciting auction hosted by Peter Ainsworth, where generous bids were made for some wonderful prizes. Town Mayor, Simon Marshall, was delighted with the evening and said, "I am so pleased that it was such a success and I am delighted we were able to support these two local charities in such a way. All the guests enjoyed their evening immensely. I would like to record my thanks to all those companies and individuals who gave raffle and auction prizes."

As a result of the fundraising, a net total of £1500 was raised with £750 to be presented to each charity.

Simon and Valerie Marshall with Surrinder and Surjit Banwait and their guests of honour Peter and Clare Ainsworth



Cheque is presented to St. Catherine's Hospice



Local Organisations

Yoga Classes

Would you like to tone and strengthen your body; develop suppleness and flexibility? Would you like to learn to relax?

Yoga may be just what you need!

Weekly classes are available which are suitable for beginners and also for those with previous experience.

Contact -
Charlotte Huggins
01306 880498

FamilyLine Surrey

No two families are the same and their problems are as numerous as they are varied.

FamilyLine Surrey is here to listen, in confidence, to those worries or concerns without criticising or judging. Trained volunteers will talk through problems such as parenting, adult relationships, teenagers, step-parenting, child access, grandchildren, bullying, abuse, substance misuse, and many more.

Calls are free on 0808 800 5678 and lines are open from 10 am to 10 pm.

More information on our service is available at www.familyline.org.uk.

Oakwood Community Expo 2008

This will be held on 28th June 2008 from 10.00 hrs to 14.30 hrs at Oakwood School and is organised by: Oakwood School Technology College.

It will be a FREE fun event for all the community, young and old, come rain or come shine. A number of different zones will catch your interest all day long.

The event is being supported by BBC Southern County Radio and BBC RAW. A local author, Lucy Daniel Raby, will be joining us on the day. Come to see and enjoy a selection of her work. Vines of Redhill are providing the use of a BMW Convertible for a weekend, subject to conditions, as a prize to one of our competitions. Please join us at this exciting event and enter this prize draw. On the day you may be immersed in our Fun Zone trying your luck in our marble run challenge, looking at slides under the microscope, things that fly, bird box making, etc. or investigating our interactive Technology Zone,

with hands on exhibits from our Technology Department or Local Businesses. Our Community Zone will provide exhibits from local community services, such as the Horley Learning Partnership, the Children's Centre, Samaritans, St. John Ambulance, 1st and 2nd Horley Scouts, Family Information Services, just to name a few.

Please visit our Careers Zone for advice and information. Exhibitors will be able to support your needs, whether you are looking for or trying to identify a new career direction, interested in the Local Colleges or apprenticeship programs.

There will be a variety of entertainment throughout the day and a cafeteria will be open for the purchase of lunch and refreshments.

COME AND ENJOY THE DAY, COME RAIN OR SHINE!

Contact - Alison Dowrick on 01293 785363

Horley in Bloom Summer Competition

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

Entries are invited for the following categories:

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

There will again be a special award for newcomers to the competition. A flower arranging competition will also be held in liaison with Country Markets. The Horley Floral Art Group will additionally, for the first time, be arranging a competition under the HIB organisation.

Cllr George said "It is so pleasing that the competition, now in its 14th year, has simply gone from strength to strength. This year we welcome a new associate to the competition, the Horley Floral Art Group."

Awards will be presented at the Horley in Bloom presentation ceremony in the Regent Hall, Albert Road on Friday 26 September 2008 at 1930 hrs. All participants will be invited. Closing date for entries is Monday 30 June 2008. Judging date is Monday 7th July.



June Ward's winning entry in the Horley in Spring Residential section 2008

Entry forms are available from the council offices and from our website and on the reverse side of this page. Judges will be keen to see evidence of gardens being watered with recycled water and also the composting of green waste.

All results will appear in the local press and on the Town Council website.

Emlyn Meadows

The Environment Agency started work in April to clear the Burstow Stream of debris, which has accumulated over several years. Some of the stream had been partly dammed and much of this has now been cleared.

The next stage will be to dredge the stream at all areas of the meadows. It is hoped that a viewing platform may be installed across the Stream at a later date. Local Schools will be using the Meadows for orienteering practice during this summer and the Horley Baptist Church plans to hold an afternoon event there for Church members on 21 June as part of the Church Anniversary weekend. (Please contact Horley Baptist Church on 01293 456258 for further details.)



Horley in Bloom

Summer Competition

ENTRY FORM

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

Category
(Please tick as appropriate)

* Judges will also make an award to the overall best newcomer. Please tick this box in addition to the categories entered, if applicable.



Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

House Number & Road: _____

Post Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Signed: _____

Return your entries to:

Town Clerk, Horley Town Council, 92 Albert Road, Horley, RH6 7HZ.

Closing date: Monday 30 June 2008. Judging Date: Monday 7 July 2008.

Any queries please telephone: 01293 784765.

You may also enter via our website - www.horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk

South and South East in Bloom

Horley has again entered the South & South East in Bloom Competition in the Town Centre and Best Public Park categories. The competition is once again sponsored by Southern Water. Plans are in hand to have spectacular floral displays in the town centre and we hope that the Memorial Gardens will be even more stunning than usual. Borough Councillors and local businesses will be sponsoring much of the planting. Last year we were delighted to win a Silver Award and this year we are "going for gold!"

Judging for this competition is due to take place on 9 July and the awards will be presented at Hove Town Hall on 3 September.



Election of Town Mayor

At its Annual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2008, Horley Town Council re-elected Cllr Simon Marshall as the Chairman and Town Mayor for 2008/09. Cllr Richard Bethell was also re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Cllr Marshall stated at the meeting "This is a very exciting time for this Council. With the strong and unfailing commitment of all our members, I know that we shall work hard together on a number of important projects as stated in the Corporate Plan. I will ensure that the Town Council's views are strongly represented at other authorities. I will continue to support St Catherine's Hospice and the Brambles

Respite Care Centre as my two nominated charities. I also have a very able deputy in Cllr Richard Bethell, and I am sure that he will support me in what I know will be another busy Council year."

At the meeting, the first one of the new municipal year, all members were elected onto the main committees. All Councillors' details and photos are available on the Town Council's website, as well as the new schedule of forthcoming Council meetings.



HIGHLIGHTS in brief....



Annual Report

Horley Town Council has issued its Annual Report for 2007/2008. The report provides an insight into the Council's business and activities over the past municipal year. The report incorporates all the statutory reports made by the Town Council's Committee Chairmen, which were presented at the Annual Town Meeting on 25 April 2008.

A variety of information and statistics is available including a look back over the significant events of the previous year, information on all our Town Awards holders, financial statistics and an analysis of attendances by Councillors at meetings.

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

Corporate Plan 2008/12

Horley Town Council has issued its Corporate Plan for the next five years, following its approval by Full Council on 8 April 2008.

Comments on the report together with any other suggestions for future projects are welcomed. Please contact the Town Council, e-mail info@horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk

Copies are available from the Council Offices or can be downloaded from the website.

Town Awards

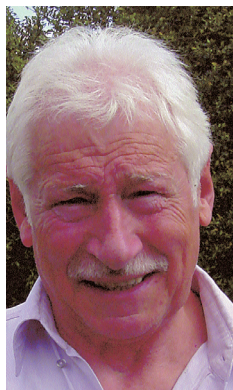
Members of the public are invited to submit nominations for the prestigious Town Award. The award is traditionally presented to worthy individuals for their outstanding service to the town of Horley. A person may be nominated by any member of the public; for example for voluntary work, or for a particular service to the community, or for an exceptional selfless act of bravery etc beyond the call of duty.

Nomination forms are available from the Town Council Offices and on the website. Nominations will be considered by the Awards Sub-Committee of Horley Town Council.

Any worthy recipient(s) will be presented with the award later this year. Closing date for the nominations will be Monday 30 June 2008.

Estate of Cyril Edmonds

Cllr David Powell reported on the Cyril Edmonds Fund at this year's Town Meeting on 25 April. He reminded those present that, last June, the Town Council had been left a substantial sum of money in the will of Cyril Edmonds, a local builder.



Cllr David Powell

Cllr Powell went on to explain that a sub-committee had carefully considered how the bequest might best be used. The terms of the will had stated that the bequest "should be used for the benefit of the people of Horley as a whole". He said that the Town Council had explored a number of options, followed by a full public consultation. Many members of the

public had been in contact with the Council and a number of very interesting suggestions were received. The Council also listened to presentations made by the fund's Trustees at a Full Council meeting last November.

Cllr Powell said that the Town Council had subsequently approved the sub-committee's recommendations that the capital sum be placed in a high-yielding account and the interest derived from it used for the benefit of underprivileged and needy Horley residents. He added that a separate Management Committee had since been set up to oversee matters.

Cllr Powell said that he was pleased to report that the Town Council had agreed in principle to work in partnership with the Surrey Community Foundation. He explained that the Foundation would conduct all the administration, publicity and promotion of the Edmonds Fund, with final decisions on grant allocations being taken by the Town Council. He added that, as at 25 April 2008, the capital value of the fund was £132,500 and that, with interest, the total of the fund now stood at £136,052.93.

Grants Scheme

The Town Council recently approved the re-launch of its Grants Scheme for 2008.

Applicants are invited to apply for financial assistance, for any worthwhile project. The deadline for receipt of completed grant applications is close of business on Monday 30 June 2008. The Awards Committee will then consider all the submissions and announce the successful applicants in September of this year.

Grants can be made for capital or revenue expenditure or for special projects, although the Town Council is prevented by statute from giving financial assistance to individuals.

In considering applications for financial assistance, the Council will take into account the purpose for which the grant is required, the organisation's accounts and how the grant will benefit the residents of Horley, together with any other supporting information.

The maximum figure payable for grants will be £1,000.

Chairman of the Council, Cllr Simon Marshall said, "We are pleased to be able to re-launch this scheme in 2008. We really look forward to receiving some exciting and worthwhile projects for consideration."

Application forms are available from the Town Council Offices on request and are also available on the website.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Accounts 2007/08

The unaudited Annual Accounts for 2007/08 will be submitted for approval by Full Council on 8 July. The draft accounts will be available for inspection and to download from the website after members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee have considered them on 24 June.

Members of the public are also welcome to come into the Town Council Offices to inspect the Annual Return, a statutory report demanded by the Audit Commission. The public inspection period lasts from 23 June to 18 July 2008.

Further information is available from the Council Offices.

Prom in the Park

Following the success of last year's event, a "Prom in the Park" is again to be staged at Horley Recreation Ground. This year it will take place on Saturday 14 June. 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. Tickets

are available from a number of town centre outlets, including the Town Council Offices. You can also contact the Proms Hotline and Booking Service on 01293 574162.

HORLEY TOWN COUNCILLORS

Ward Codes N - North NW - North West
 NC - North Central SC - South Central
 NE - North East SE - South East

BC - also Reigate & Banstead Borough Councillor

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

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 as defined by the editorial staff are not necessarily those of
 the Town Council.

Councillors' Surgeries

Town Councillors are available to discuss constituency matters with members of the public, in confidence, at the portakabin, Albert Rooms on the following Saturdays between 10 and 11 am.
 No appointment is necessary.

14 June*
 28 June
 12 July*
 26 July
 9 August
 30 August
 6 September

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

Further details are available on our web site

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting was held in the Albert Rooms on 25 April. Those attending heard updates on the Smith's Charity and the Cyril Edmonds Fund, as well as receiving annual reports from the Town Council's Chairman and Committee Chairmen.

Winners of the recent Horley in Spring competition were presented with their awards by Peter Ainsworth MP. He also gave a very entertaining presentation on his work as a parliamentarian.

Meeting Dates 2008

All council meetings commence at 7.30 pm. Agendas 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 which are now held in the Albert Rooms, Albert Road, Horley, and they may, if they wish, address councillors during the public forum.

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

The Albert Rooms are undergoing refurbishment, so if you wish to attend any meetings please check with the council offices, as venue may change at short notice.

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August

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