



Horley in Bloom

Results of Horley in Spring competition

judged on 16 April 2009

Residential

1st - June Ward

2nd - Kenneth Greaves

Best Newcomer - Monica Read

Highly Commended - Marcia & Ernest Atkinson

Non Residential

1st - Manorfield Primary & Nursery School

2nd - Rosemead Guest House.

Highly Commended - Barratt Homes



Mike George, Horley in Bloom Chairman, said: "Although this has been a challenging time for entrants due to the uncertainties of the English

spring weather, the Horley in Spring competition reflects the ongoing development of Horley in Bloom. The spring gardens were of a high

standard. We thank everyone who took part this year. We have since launched the main Horley in Bloom Competition.

Horley in Bloom categories:

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



There will be special awards for newcomers to the competition and for any entry deemed by the judges to be a "Cottage Garden". We are pleased that Court Lodge Residents Association, Country Markets and Horley Floral Art Group will arrange separate competitions but under the umbrella of the Horley in Bloom competition.

Horley has also been entered in the South & South East in Bloom Competition and is hopeful of improving on its two Silver Awards gained in 2008.

Entry forms are available from the council offices or downloadable from our web site www.horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk. Closing date for entries is Monday 29 June. Judging will take place in early July and the Awards Evening will be held on Friday 2 October at Regent Hall.

Nominations for 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.

Nominations will be considered by the Awards Sub-Committee of Horley Town Council. Worthy recipient(s) will be presented with the award later this year. Closing date for the nominations will be

Monday 30 June 2009.

Information on all previous winners can be viewed from our annual report which is available from our web site.

For further information and a nomination form, please contact the Council's help line on 01293 784765, or e-mail town.clerk@zen.co.uk.

Election of Town Mayor

At its Annual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2009, Horley Town Council re-elected Cllr Simon Marshall as the Chairman and Town Mayor for 2009/10. Cllr Richard Bethell was also re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Cllr Marshall stated at the meeting, "Having been Town Mayor since 2007, I am delighted and honoured to have been elected as Mayor for another year. With the strong and unfailing commitment of all our members, I know that we shall continue to work hard together on a number of important projects as stated in our 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. Committee Chairmen will be elected later at their respective committee meetings.

Town Mayor's Charitable Fund

Town Mayor, Councillor Simon Marshall, organised a special curry evening at the Regent Hall. The proceeds from this will go to the Mayor's two chosen charities, The Brambles Respite Care Centre and St Catherine's Hospice.

The function was hailed as an outstanding success. Guests of Honour were Councillor Roger Newstead, Mayor of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Councillor Dr Howard Bloom, Mayor of Crawley Borough Council and Councillor Chris Thomas-Aitkin, Mayor of Burgess Hill Town Council, all accompanied by their wives. 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 John Jones, where generous bids were made for some wonderful prizes. Cllr 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 again able to support these two local charities in such a way. I know 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 £1,600 was raised, with £800 to be presented to each charity.



Oakwood School Student: Work Experience Week

In April a year 10 pupil from Oakwood School, Charlie James, shadowed the Town Clerk, Alan Jones, as part of his work experience week to learn about government administration. Charlie is seen in the attached photo working with Cllrs Michael Miller and Jack Chapman during a Finance meeting.

Charlie spent his week assisting Alan in a number of tasks including office duties such as sorting letters, typing up accounts, inspecting recreation grounds and attending council meetings.



Town Council re-launches Grants Scheme for 2009

At its recent Finance Committee meeting, the Town Council approved the re-launch of its Grants Scheme for 2009.

Applicants are invited to complete an application form to apply for financial assistance, for what they consider to be a worthwhile project.

The annual deadline for receipt of completed grant applications is close of business on Monday 30 June 2009. The Awards Committee will then consider all the submissions and announce the successful applicants later in September.

Grants can be made for capital or revenue expenditure or 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, how the grant would benefit the residents of Horley, other bodies to which applications for financial assistance have been made, together with any other supporting information.

The maximum figure payable for grants will be £1,000. The application form, accounts and other information may be copied and placed on the public agenda for the council's meeting.

Application forms are available from the Town Council Offices on request or can be downloaded from our website.

Quality Status

Horley Town Council is pleased to announce that it is one of the first local councils in Surrey to obtain re-accreditation of its Quality Status for a further period of four years.

The award was given based upon a portfolio of strict criteria covering communications, accounts, meetings, electoral mandate, qualifications, the annual report and code of conduct. It also covered two new areas, promoting local democracy and citizenship, and member training.



Chairman and Town Mayor, Simon Marshall, said "I am proud and delighted that the examining panel has noted the excellent and sustained progress made by the Town Council. It underlines the commitment of our members and the professionalism of our staff in helping to provide the best possible and most cost effective services to the people of our town. We will continue to work closely with other authorities and agencies."

Saturday Market

The Town Council will be taking over the management of the Saturday Market in the summer, following successful negotiations with Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. The market is open every Saturday morning in the public car park adjacent to Factory Shop, Consort Way East from 8.00 am until 2.30 pm.

A formal relaunch will take place shortly. Further details of this will be placed on the council's website.



The friends and family of Cyril Edmonds at the meeting

Edmonds Hall

The Town Council held a Re-dedication Ceremony prior to its Town Meeting on Friday 24 April 2009 and renamed the main hall in the Albert Rooms. In future the hall will be called the "Edmonds Community Hall".

This follows the bequest so generously made by the late Cyril Edmonds to enable the council to create the Horley Edmonds Community Fund. Two local organisations (Barnfield and St Wilfrid's Church) have already benefited from grants during 2008

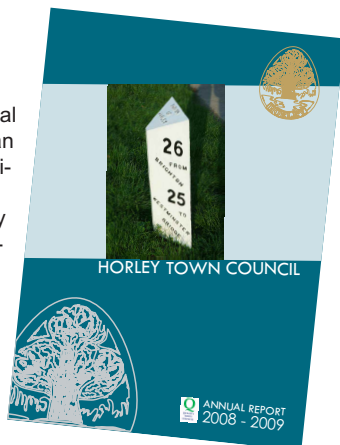
Annual Report

Horley Town Council has issued its Annual Report for 2008/2009. 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 24 April 2009. A variety of information and statistics are 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 this web site.

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



HIGHLIGHTS in brief....



New Councillors

At an Extraordinary meeting of the Council on 16 June, two new town councillors were co-opted. They are Graham Knight who will represent the Horley North West Ward, and Michael Robinson who will represent the Horley South Central Ward.

Further details of both councillors will be available in the next edition.

Financial Year 2009/10: *A brief summary*

As previously reported the town council's precept has been set for a total net figure of £280,886 (compared to the net figure of £278,560 for 2008/09). This means that the town element of Council Tax will be £32.60, representing an annual increase of 10p per Band D household (+ 0.31 per cent).

Prudent use of Council finances has allowed the Council to use £34,000 of its general reserves towards 2009/10 costs. Whilst the charges for some of our community facilities, such as the use of the Albert Rooms main hall, were held for the past two years, the hire charges with effect from April 2009 have been increased to take account of the improved facilities.

These rates are available at the council offices or downloadable from the web site.

Annual Accounts 2008/09

The Unaudited Annual Accounts for 2008/09 have been approved by Full Council. The balance sheet has stated a modest increase in its general reserves to £43,309 (2007/08 £39,909).

The draft accounts are available for inspection and are also downloadable from the website.

Members of the public are also welcome to come in to the Town Council Offices to inspect the Annual Return, a statutory report required by the Audit Commission. The public inspection period lasts from 29 June until 24 July. Prior appointment is required, for further information please contact the Council Offices.

Annual Town Meeting


The Annual Town Meeting was held in the Albert Rooms on 24 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 the Town Mayor and Andy Thompson.

Andy Thompson also gave a very informative presentation on "Remembrance - for those who made the supreme sacrifice" and welcomed many questions from the audience.

HORLEY TOWN COUNCILLORS

Ward Codes N - North NW - North West
 NC - North SC - South
 Central Central
 NE - North East SE - South East
 BC - also Reigate & Banstead Borough Councillor

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 Contact the council for further information.

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MP's Surgery

Saturday 11 July
 11.00am - 1.00 pm

Saturday 19 Sept.
(to be confirmed)
 10.00am - 12.00pm

To arrange an
 appointment
 please
 telephone
 01883 715782

or write to:
 East Surrey
 Conservative
 Association
 2 Hoskins Road,
 Oxted, Surrey
 RH8 9HT

Please note that
 representatives of
 Town, Borough and
 County Councils will
 also be available on
 the same dates as the
 MP, and they will be
 delighted to discuss
 any issues you may
 have. You are
 welcome to turn up
 on the day to chat to
 a Councillor, however
 you must have
 already booked an
 appointment to see
 your Member of
 Parliament.

Further details
 are available on
 our web site

Meeting Dates 2009

All council meetings usually
 commence at 7.30 pm (but check
 with us first). Agendas for all meet-
 ings 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.

June

Tuesday 23

July

Tuesday 7
 Tuesday 14
 Tuesday 21

August

Tuesday 18
 Tuesday 25

September

Tuesday 8
 Tuesday 22
 Tuesday 29

Finance and General Purposes

Full Council
 Planning and Development
 Leisure & Amenities

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Other Notable Dates

13 Oct Finance and General Purposes
 27 Oct Full Council

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