

Horley Saturday Market

"Super Saturday"

The Saturday Market, which is held weekly in the High Street Car Park, off Consort Way East, is hosting a "Super Saturday" event on Easter Saturday, 3 April 2010, from 9.00am until 2.00pm.

There will be entertainment provided by local bands and other acts. We hope the event will increase visitor numbers and boost market stall trade in general. There is always room for more stallholders. We would particularly welcome stallholders selling: fish, haberdashery and wool, DIY goods, jewellery and a fashion stall. Please come along on 'Super Saturday' to see how we operate or contact us on 01293 784765.



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. Full details and nomination forms are available from the Town Council Offices or can be downloaded from our web site. The closing date for the nominations will be Wednesday 30 June 2010.

St George's Day Festival

Following the success of last year's event, the Horley & District Chamber of Commerce is once again hosting a St George's Day Festival in the High Street and the Town Centre Precinct on Saturday 24th April. The event will be opened by the Chairman and Town Mayor of Horley and the Reigate & Banstead Mayor and the day will be full of fun, games and other entertainments, so please come along!

Town Council re-launches Grants Scheme for 2010

At its recent Finance Committee meeting, the Town Council approved the re-launch of its Grants Scheme for 2010.

Applicants are invited to complete an application form to apply for financial assistance, for what they consider to be a worthwhile project. The deadline for receipt of completed grant applications is close of business on Wednesday 30 June 2010. The Awards Committee will then consider all the submissions and announce the successful applicants later in September. Full details are available from the Town Council Offices or can be downloaded from our web site.

Horley in Spring and Horley in Bloom

The Horley in Bloom Committee is pleased to announce that the "Horley in Spring Competition" for 2010 is currently inviting entrants. As usual there will be two main categories, Residential and Non-Residential, plus a Newcomers Section. Entry forms are available from the Town Council Offices at 92 Albert Road or can be downloaded from the website: www.horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk

The forms need to be returned before the closing date of 31st March 2010, and judging will take place in April. Winners will be presented with their awards at the Town Meeting, to be held at the Albert Rooms on Friday, 30th April 2010.

The Horley in Bloom competition will be launched in April with all the usual categories and the awards will be presented at our special Awards Evening at Regent Hall on 24 September 2010.



Details will be available on the website and on our notice boards soon and entry forms will be available from our offices or can be downloaded from our website.



Around the Clubs

Kidzone

Kidzone is a daily term time 'After School' Club run by Angela Bailey and Lyn Davies. Since its inception in 1998 it has grown in size and continues to be a thriving club for 5 – 11 years. Children are collected from Horley Infants and Yattendon Schools and are walked back to Albert Rooms for tea and to play with friends (in the garden if dry). Vacancies available at present. Please call 07821 165787 for further details.



Surrey School of Ballet



Surrey School of Ballet holds its fun Saturday lessons at the Albert Rooms, 92 Albert Road, Horley and at Oakwood School, Horley. Children can enjoy ballet, tap, modern jazz, musical theatre and street dance classes with regular performances held at the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill. Further details are available on their website: www.surreyschoolofballet.co.uk

Councillor Profiles

RICHARD BETHELL

Richard Bethell is the Town Council's Vice Chairman and is a councillor for the South Central ward. In his own words he writes: "I moved to Horley in 1982, with my wife Sharon and two boys aged 6 and 3. We like Horley's small town ambience. Living close to the town centre, we find that the station, shops, restaurants, Con Club and Council Offices are all within easy walking distance.

In the early part of my career, I specialised in Work Study (popularly known as Time and Motion study) and Organisation & Methods. When these disciplines went out of fashion, I got involved in computer systems and project management, mostly at the London Stock Exchange, where I worked for 22 years. With a colleague, I then launched a start-up company (Compeer Ltd) to do competitor benchmarking, from which I retired after 15 enjoyable years. Amongst other things, I became competent in using the Microsoft Office program suite, which I still find very useful.

Voters in Horley South Central kindly elected me to the Town Council 3 years ago. I've enjoyed my time on the council, which in my view does an excellent job. I am increasingly impressed by the huge local knowledge and dedication of the town councillors and staff.

Apart from the Town Council, I am a keen amateur musician, playing various instruments. I fight the flab in two ways:- (1) pounding Horley's streets to canvas voters and recruit new members into my favoured political group and (2) playing squash at the Horley Cricket and Hockey club off Horley Row, where I've been a member for 27 years."



VALERIE MARSHALL

Valerie represents the Town Council as councillor for the North Ward. Valerie has lived in Horley for 37 years and is married to Simon, who is currently Chairman and Town Mayor. They have one daughter.

On leaving school Valerie worked for several years at the Bank of England's computer department, dealing with the issue of government stocks. She has also worked in the Paymaster General's Office and, until her retirement, in the Medical Records Department at Crawley Hospital.

Valerie previously served on the Town Council for three years from 2000 to 2003, during which time she was Vice Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee. She was re-elected in 2007 and currently serves on the Leisure & Amenities and Finance & General Purposes Committees. Valerie enjoys the "hands-on" approach of the Town Council.

Valerie is a member of the Conservative Group and acts as secretary of both Horley branch of East Surrey Conservative Association and Horley & District Constitutional Club.

Among Valerie's leisure activities are reading, gardening and membership of a quiz league.



South & South East in Bloom

Corporate Sponsorship

Following last year's success, with a silver gilt and silver award, Horley has once again entered this year's South and South East in Bloom competition. We hope to impress the judges with our colourful hanging baskets and planters. Any corporate interest in sponsoring baskets, planters or flower beds will be most welcomed by the Town Council.

All sponsorships will be acknowledged in Press Releases, on local notice boards and on our website. We would be more than happy to install plaques on any sponsored planters or beds. The South & South East in Bloom judges are always delighted to see local sponsorship and all sponsors will be invited to a buffet lunch on judging day where they can meet and chat with the judges.



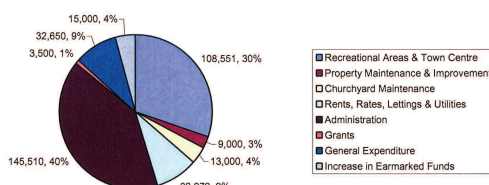
Please let us know if you are interested in taking part.

Community Participation

The South & South East in Bloom judges are particularly keen to see community involvement in the competition and we would be delighted if local residents would like to help make areas of the town look more attractive this summer. We are keen to set up some days, possibly at weekends, when local residents can work with our Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Team to improve areas such as the Ornamental Gardens or some of the town centre flowerbeds.

Please let us know if you would like to take part or if you have any ideas for planting. We would also be extremely grateful if you have any plants to spare!

Precept for 2010/2011



The Town Council has announced that the Precept has been set for a total net figure of £282,769 (compared to the net figure of £280,886 for 2009/10). This means that town element of Council Tax will be £32.80 which represents an annual increase of 11p per Band D household (+ 0.34 per cent).

The Town Council remains fully committed to maintaining all its services as well as pursuing its programme of enhancements, as detailed in its Corporate Plan. These will include improvements to recreation grounds and further improvements to community halls.

Prudent use of Council finances has allowed the Council to use £30,000 of its general reserves towards next year's costs. The rebuilding of the Albert Rooms is now complete, apart from some minor enhancements. As charges were already increased this financial year to take account of the improved facilities in the Edmonds Community Hall, there will be only modest

increases next year in line with inflation. Full details of all charges for 2010/11 are available from the Town Council Offices or from our web site.

The Town Council also has a duty to provide for future likely expenditure, and is therefore increasing its earmarked funds by £15,000 for football pitch improvements, buildings maintenance, playgrounds improvements and community funds.

The Town Council will continue to improve security in its recreation grounds. Therefore a provision has been made for further CCTV enhancements to be carried out in consultation with Surrey Police. There will also continue to be a commitment for regular security patrols in all our parks to aid the safety of all members of public.

In a challenging financial climate, Horley Town Council remains committed to providing and enhancing facilities that meet the communities' needs, and in doing so, achieving them at best value.

Service	Expenditure	Estimates Income	Net	Council Tax
Recreational Areas & Town Centre	108,551	20,801	87,750	10.18
Property Maintenance & Improvement	9,000	0	9,000	1.04
Churchyard Maintenance	13,000	0	13,000	1.51
Rents, Rates, Lettings & Utilities	32,079	24,800	7,279	0.84
Administration	145,510	920	144,590	16.77
Grants	3,500	0	3,500	0.41
General Expenditure	32,650	0	32,650	3.79
Increase in Earmarked Funds	15,000	0	15,000	1.74
Totals 2010-2011	359,290	46,521	312,769	36.28
less from reserves			30,000	-3.48
Precept Band D Council Tax			282,769	32.80

HIGHLIGHTS in brief....

General Election 2010

Don't lose your chance to vote!



While the date for this year's general election is not yet known, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council is urging residents not to wait until the date has been announced before they secure their right to vote. "The time between the election date being announced and the last chance to register to vote can be a matter of a few days," warns Returning Officer Nigel Clifford. "If you are not on the electoral register, you won't be able to vote."

"Many people assume they are automatically on the electoral register if they pay Council Tax or if they have voted before. This is not the case: you need to register every year and if you have moved house, you need to re-register with your new address."

Registering to vote only takes a few minutes; print off a form from www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk; or telephone 01737 276000.

The Returning Officer is also reminding electors who can't access a polling station for the election that they can apply for a postal vote. The deadline for postal vote applications is 5pm on 20 April.

"So if you want to vote in the General Election, now's the time to act and make sure nothing stops you". For further information contact Electoral Registration office, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Tel: 01737 276000.

Horley Town Meeting 30th April 2010

The Town Meeting will be held this year at the Albert Rooms, starting at 7.30 pm on Friday 30th April 2010. Council and Committee Chairmen will be presenting their annual reports and the Town Council will be launching its updated Corporate Plan for the next five years, as well as its Annual Report. There will also be a presentation by Pete Crawford, Project Manager of the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership, and awards will be presented to the winners of the Horley in Spring competition.

This year we are also asking our guest speaker to present the awards to the winners of the various categories of the annual Horley Country Market competition. (Part of our Horley in Bloom event) Light refreshments will be provided before the meeting, so please come along and meet your Councillors!

Stop Press

Advertise in the Horley Highlights

Would you like to advertise in this newsletter? We would be happy to advertise your business. The newsletter is sent to over 50 distribution points and at least 1,000 households. Please contact the council offices for further information and charges.

Cycle in Cuba in aid of the Children's Trust, Tadworth 28th Nov. to 6th Dec. 2010

Discover the Caribbean's largest and least commercialised island. Christopher Columbus described it as the 'most beautiful land human eyes have ever seen' For further information: tel: 020 8748 5669 email: nina.jackson@btinternet.com ebsite: thechildrenstrust.org.uk/cuba

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

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 necessarily those of the Town Council.

MP's Surgery

No further MP
 Surgeries are
 currently planned.
 However, Peter
 Ainsworth can be
 contacted via email:
info@peterainsworth.com

Alternatively,
 please contact
 the East Surrey
 Conservative Office
 on
 01883 715782

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

Members of the
 Public are also
 welcome to contact
 Town, Borough and
 County 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.horleysurrey-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.

Meeting Dates 2009/10

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 part of the meeting.

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

April

Tuesday 13
 Tuesday 20
 Tuesday 27
 Friday 30

Planning & Development
 Leisure & Amenities
 Finance & General Purposes
 Town Meeting

May

Thursday 6
 Tuesday 11
 Tuesday 18
 Tuesday 25

Local Elections
 Annual meeting
 to be announced
 to be announced

June

to be announced

Other Notable Dates

30 April Annual Town Meeting
 6 May Local Elections

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