



Newsletter of Horley Town Council

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Horley in Bloom results

Results of Horley in Bloom competition judged on 5 July 2010:

Residential Front Garden

1st: Peggy Clarke
2nd: John Byrne
Highly Commended: Paul Avis

Residential Back Garden

Equal 1st: Monica Read and David Sharratt
2nd: Sue Sherwin
Highly Commended: Tony Lawrence and Marcia Atkinson

Cottage Garden

1st: St Wilfrid's Church
2nd: Ken Greaves

Hanging Basket

1st: The Farmhouse
2nd: The Gatwick

Schools

1st: Langshott Infant School
2nd: Meath Green Junior School

Community

1st: Douglas House
2nd: Mitchell Court

Commercial

1st: The Gatwick
2nd: The Farmhouse

Guesthouse/B & B

1st: Rosemead
2nd: Gatwick White House

Best Newcomer

1st: Horley Infants School
Highly Commended: Gary Thomas



Residential Back Garden - Monica Read



Commercial - The Gatwick

Mike George, Chairman of the Horley in Bloom Committee, said: "We are delighted to welcome more newcomers into our competition and we are always pleased to see our "regulars" entering once again."

A presentation evening will be held on Friday 24 September at Regent House, Albert Road when the awards will be presented.



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Horley Saturday Market "Super Saturday"

Another "Super Saturday" event was held at the Horley Saturday Market in the High Street Car Park on 3 July 2010 with entertainment provided by local group, Vegas Nights. The event was very successful and

future dates will be arranged to encourage more visitors.

New stallholders are always welcome, and may contact us on 01293 784765 to make the necessary arrangements.



New Fitness Equipment at Horley Recreation Ground

Horley Town Council has started to create an "outdoor gym" at Horley Recreation Ground, thanks to funding from the Gatwick Airport Community Trust.

The equipment was supplied and installed by Fresh-air Fitness and is proving to be extremely popular with park visitors of all ages.

Come down to the park and have a go!



Around the clubs

The Reigate Group of the Ramblers

The Reigate Group of the Ramblers is part of the Ramblers Association, which works to promote walking and to improve conditions for all walkers. The Reigate Group has over 350 members from the Reigate, Banstead and Horley areas.

There is a programme of year round walks in the beautiful Surrey and Sussex countryside. Walks take place both at the weekend and midweek and, during the long summer days, there are also evening walks. Most of the walks are around 5-8 miles but there are also shorter ones, as well as much longer walks of up to 25 miles.

All forthcoming walks are available on the website www.reigateramblers.org.uk. On Sunday, 10th October, there is an 11 mile walk, starting at the Riverside Garden car park by Gatwick Stream (Grid Ref: TQ282 421). Flat terrain but numerous stiles, can be very muddy in places. Picnic lunch (NO DOGS PLEASE).

Community First Responders

Community First Responders are members of the community, some of whom are South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAmb) staff and all have volunteered to carry out special duties in their spare time. SECAmb introduced the scheme in an effort to provide early pre-hospital care.

Responders are based within the community in which they live or work and are able to attend the scene of an emergency within a very short time. They can then begin vital life saving emergency aid before the arrival of Ambulance crews. Each Responder has to apply for the post via www.nhs.jobs.uk and, following interviews and a medical, the successful candidate is sent for training by SECAmb officers.

Once qualified, the Responder is allocated emergency calls through the 999 system for their designated area. Each Responder is equipped with an approved kit that includes an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and Oxygen. The Responder also undergoes regular refresher training at both County level, and within their respective team.

The Community First Responder Scheme has been operating since December 2000 and over 7,000 patients have benefited during this time. Following this success, the scheme is being expanded to as many communities as possible and more people are being encouraged to join the Reigate & Banstead Team.

Councillor Profiles

Veronica Snowball

Veronica Snowball represents the Town Council as Councillor for the North Central Ward. She is a member of the Conservative Group and has served on the Town Council since 2007.

Veronica is a member of the Finance & General Purposes and Planning & Development Committees. She also serves on the Horley Market Sub-Committee and is working hard to promote and expand the market.

Veronica has been a resident of Horley for 23 years and enjoys living here as so many places are within easy reach of the town. Veronica used to run a hotel and restaurant and, although now retired, she still helps out part time at a local guest house.

Veronica loves to serve her community and is always more than happy to assist her neighbours by driving them to various destinations or shopping for them.



Paul Avis

Paul Avis is a Town Councillor for the North Ward and is a member of the Conservative Group. He has been a member of the Town Council since 2007, having previously served on the Council some ten years before. He was Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee for two years and is now Vice-Chairman, having stood down as Chairman for family reasons. He is also a member of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Paul has lived in Horley for 17 years and finds the town very accessible. He is caretaker/driver at Regent House and can regularly be seen out and about driving the Day Centre bus. Previously Paul worked for Barclays Bank as a Facilities Manager.

Paul is a keen gardener and describes himself as a family man. He is particularly proud that, as Chairman of the Planning Committee, he was involved at the start of negotiations with Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, for the devolution of services to Horley Town Council.



Surrey Residents urged to Love Food, Hate Waste by Surrey Waste Partnership

According to research carried out on behalf of the Surrey Waste Partnership, nine out of ten Surrey residents admit to throwing away some uneaten food. A recent Waste Prevention Survey for the Partnership showed that fruit, vegetables and salad feature high on the list of foods thrown away by residents.

Half of those surveyed said they throw away completely unopened packs of food and two thirds throw away food that's been allowed to go off. Food waste accounts for 20% of the waste generated by Surrey households every year with disposal costs in the region of £7.6m. So the Surrey Waste Partnership has launched a countywide "Love Food Hate Waste" campaign to encourage residents to reduce the amount of food they waste.

Surrey Waste Partnership Chairman, Jean Pearson explains: "Food waste is a significant issue in the county and it's vital that

the amount being generated is reduced. We hope the new campaign will encourage residents to stop and think about the food they buy or cook that ends up in the bin, and make a pledge to reduce it." National research shows that an average family can save up to £50 a month on their shopping bill if they take steps to reduce their food waste and there are significant environmental benefits too. The energy, water and packaging resources used in food production, transportation and storage all go to waste when perfectly good food is thrown away.

The new campaign will include a series of roadshows at supermarkets and shopping centres. For tips and advice on reducing food waste, ideas for cooking with leftovers and more facts on food waste, visit www.lovefoodsurrey.com.

For further information contact:
Felicity Stanbridge on 020 8541 8751 or
Pat Hindley on 020 8541 8798

Annual Town Meeting



The Annual Horley Town Meeting was held on Friday, 30 April 2010, in the Edmonds Hall. Business discussed included the presentation of certificates to successful entrants of the Horley in Spring and Horley Country Markets competitions, an update on the Smith's Charity, a presentation on the

Cyril Edmonds Fund, and the receipt of the annual reports from the Town Mayor and Committee Chairmen.

A special presentation was also made by Mr Pete Crawford on the work of the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership.

Wally Jupp Memorial

A short ceremony was held in the Memorial Gardens in honour of former Town Mayor Wally Jupp, who recently passed away. The ceremony was attended by family members and friends, as well as Town Councillors and staff. A plaque in memory of both Wally and his late wife Doreen, both of whom were Town Mayors and Town Award Holders, was unveiled during the ceremony.



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HIGHLIGHTS in brief....

Power of Well Being

Horley Town Council has voted to extend its powers and potential responsibilities. At its Full Council meeting held on 11 May, the Power of Well Being was formally adopted.

The Power of Well Being is a new style of legislation which may be used to promote or improve the economic, social or environmental well being of an area. It makes the Council much more flexible in being able to spend money on any project that could improve the local community. Chairman and Town Mayor, Cllr Simon Marshall, said: "Members and staff have worked very hard to achieve this and I am delighted that we have this new Power at our disposal."

Annual Report

Horley Town Council has issued its Annual Report for 2009/2010. The report provides an insight into the Council's business and activities over the past municipal year, along with information on all our Town Award holders, financial statistics and an analysis of attendances by Councillors at meetings. The report was launched at the Annual Town Meeting and copies are available from the Town Council Offices, the Help Shop, the Library, or can be downloaded from our website.

Corporate Plan 2010/15

Horley Town Council has issued its Corporate Plan for the next five years, following public consultation earlier this year. The plan was adopted by Full Council at the end of March and was launched at the Annual Town Meeting. Copies are available from the Town Council Offices or can be downloaded from our website. Comments on the report, together with any other suggestions for future projects, are always welcome.

Improvements at Planning & Development Committee Meetings











The Town Council is pleased to report that, as a statutory planning consultee, a new procedure of viewing Planning Applications online has been adopted at Planning Committee meetings. This has significantly reduced paper usage and early indications show that it is working well. Internet access is available at the Horley Help Shop for those members of the public who do not have this facility and wish to view Planning Applications prior to a meeting of the Planning & Development Committee.

Horley Community Environment Week: 20th – 25th September 2010

Horley Town Council, in partnership with other authorities, is encouraging the local community to take actions to lower its use of fossil fuels and is hosting a Community Environment Week this September. Full details of the Environment Week will be announced in the Press, on our website, and from the Council Offices, including a list of suggested pledges for residents and businesses to complete. Please tick as many of the pledges as you can, or alternatively you can submit your response online using our website. Please help us to make Horley a cleaner greener town!

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 Contact the council for further information.

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Meeting Dates 2010

All council meetings usually commence at 7.30 pm (but check with us first). 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 part of the meeting.

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

August
 Tuesday 17

Planning & Development

September
 Tuesday 7
 Tuesday 21
 Tuesday 28

Full Council
 Leisure & Amenities
 Planning & Development

October
 Tuesday 12
 Tuesday 26

Finance & General Purposes
 Full Council

MP's Surgeries

The newly elected MP for East Surrey is Sam Gyimah. His contact details at the House of Commons are:

House of Commons
 London, SW1A 0AA
 020 7219 3000
 sam.gyimah.mp@parliament.uk

Saturday
 18 September
 10.00am – 12.00pm

Saturday
 16 October
 10.00am – 12.00pm

Saturday
 27 November
 10.00am – 12.00pm

Saturday
 11 December
 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 speak to a Councillor, however you are required to book a prior appointment to see your Member of Parliament. Further details are available on our website.

Alternatively contact Alan Jones, Town Clerk (01293 784765) and he will make arrangements for you to speak to or meet with a Councillor.

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

Mayor's Charities

Brambles Respite Care Centre and St Catherine's Hospice



Cllr Simon Marshall, Chairman and Town Mayor, recently presented a cheque for £1,250 to each charity, as a result of fund raising efforts at the Mayor's hugely popular curry evening, which was held last March at Horley Town Football Club



The Town Mayor, along with three other Town Councillors, also took part in a sponsored Cycle Ride for St Catherine's Hospice

Forthcoming fund raising events

Sunday 12th September 2010
20th Annual Balcombe Fundraising Walk in aid of St Catherine's Hospice

This 12 ¼ mile walk is set mostly on footpaths and quiet country lanes. During the walk, participants will be able to enjoy the stunning Sussex Wealden countryside. You will also be able to stroll under the 11 million bricks making up the Victorian Balcombe railway viaduct and follow trails alongside Ardingly Reservoir within the steep sided Loder Valley.

Entrance to the walk is free but all walkers are asked to raise sponsorship, alternatively you may make a donation. Walkers may finish at various points along the route, if they wish, and will be transported back to the start.

Walkers should assemble at Victory Hall, Stockcroft Road, Balcombe RH17 6HP between 9.00 am and 10.30 am on Sunday 12th September.

Please telephone
01444 455420 for further details.

Sunday 19th September 2010
Wheelathon Bike Challenge in aid of Brambles

Choose one of four routes and distances (10 miles, 25 miles, 35 miles or 50 miles) ranging from a leisurely tour of Horley to a demanding route for the more experienced cyclist. The event will start from Horley Town Centre at 10.30am. on Sunday 19th September.

Entry fee is £12.

Please telephone
01293 771644 for further details.

Brambles Petition

Recently the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society's Board of Trustees announced that, with effect from November 2011, the Society will no longer directly provide funding for residential respite care and will instead move to a more personalised system of support.

This directly affects the Brambles MS Respite Care Centre in Suffolk Close, Horley. Brambles offers short-term respite care for people with MS, which enables their full time carer to take a desperately needed break.

The change comes after the year-long Respite Care Review and consultation process, during which more than 1600 with people with MS and their carers contributed their views. The MS Society has stated that it no longer intends to directly run the four MS Respite Centres across the UK and that it will try to transfer their operation to another provider. This will not be MS specific. At the present time, Brambles intends to remain open.

Multiple Sclerosis is a debilitating

condition of the central nervous system. Contrary to popular belief, most people are diagnosed between the ages of 16 and 35. MS is a life long condition, there is no cure. Around 50 people are diagnosed with MS every week and, in the UK alone, over 100,000 people have MS.

If you wish to support a nationwide petition to persuade the MS Society to remain in control of the respite care centres follow this link www.savemsrespite.com.

Town Council takes over care of Horley parks and open spaces

The Town Council has entered into an agency agreement with Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the provision of grounds maintenance services in Horley until March 2015.

The Town Council has been responsible for all the precinct planters and hanging baskets in the town centre since April and there will be a phased handover of responsibility for Bay Close Open Space, Church Meadows, Riverside Garden Park, Riverside Walk and Yattendon Road Recreation Ground. The Town Council will deal with all operational queries from members of the public.

A number of other service areas for potential transfer have also been identified and these will be

considered later. Cllr Julian Ellacott, Executive Member for Environment at Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, said: "This is a very good step forward for both Councils and shows how strong the partnership is between us."

The Town Council has Quality Status and now has the opportunity to show how well it can manage these sites. Assuming that this transfer of responsibility goes well, I look forward to more arrangements like this in future." Cllr Simon Marshall, Chairman & Town Mayor, commented: "I am so delighted that we have built on our partnership agreement with the Borough Council. The transfer of responsibility is very good news for the residents of Horley. I hope that we shall discuss further elements of partnership working in the future."



**Are you interested in Horley's parks and open spaces?
Would you like to guide their future use and appearance?**

As previously mentioned, Horley Town Council is about to take over responsibility for the management of several open spaces from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. Added to the areas that the Town Council already owns – including Horley Recreation Ground and Emlyn Meadows – this makes an impressive suite of sites.

An Open Spaces Advisory Committee has been formed to canvass new ideas and schemes. At present, the Committee is made up of Town and County Councillors, Town Council staff and the Manager of the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership. However, we would like some input from one or two public minded people who have an interest in their local environment. We are not considering individual issues, such as whether a certain tree might need surgery, or where to locate a dog bin, but rather trying to ensure a strategic approach to issues such as tree planting, management of sites for wildlife and wild flowers and developing new activities such as a circular walk.

If you think you might be interested in joining please contact the Town Council.



South & South East in Bloom 2010



Horley Town Council has once again entered the South & South East in Bloom competition in the Town Centre and Small Parks categories. We were delighted to win both silver gilt and silver awards in 2009 and hope to do even better this year! The Town Council is now responsible for all town centre planting so we hope that you will all enjoy our efforts! Judging took place on 8th July so wish us luck please!

A note of thanks to our sponsors

Horley Town Council would like to personally thank the following sponsors for their extremely generous donations towards our summer planting:

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Lunch with the Judges and Sponsors

You will no doubt have seen the plaques around the town acknowledging the contributions. We would also like to thank KM Vinyl Graphics for their creative input into the banners and shop window pictures in the town centre.