



Horley Highlights

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Horley in Spring 2012



Jubilee Fun Day in Horley "A Right Royal Knees Up!"

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, a fun day will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 4 June 2012, from 12noon until 6.00 pm, at the Horley Recreation Ground.

Local organisations are working together to organise the event. The day will start with a procession of marching bands and floats, which will make its way down Victoria Road to the Recreation Ground. Local groups will have stalls at the park and there will be arena events, which will include dance displays and singing from Vegas Nights Live and the Horley Singers.

There will also be a fancy dress competition, a children's funfair and a variety of refreshment stalls. Entry will be free.

If you are interested in taking part, either by running a stall, taking part in the parade or performing in the arena, please let us know and we will send you all the relevant information. If not, just come along and enjoy the day!



The Horley in Spring Competition has just been judged. The result were as follows:

- Residential**
1st place to Jean Wodhams
 - Commercial**
1st place to Barratt Homes
 - Hanging Basket**
1st place to Kings Head
 - Community**
1st place to Horley Infants School
- Well done to everyone who took part.



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Sponsors in attendance at last year's Horley in Bloom Awards Evening

Following last year's success, when we were especially pleased to win a Silver Gilt Award for Horley Town Centre, as well as another much deserved Silver Gilt Award for Horley Recreation Ground, Horley has once again entered this year's South and South East in Bloom competition. We are also delighted that both Horley Infant School and Langshott Infant School are entering the schools section.

In the light of the current water shortages, we have decided to have less hanging baskets this year and to concentrate instead on colourful seasonal planters, which will require far less water.

Our contractor, Amethyst Horticulture, has its own borehole and is also able to use grey and abstracted water to maintain the town centre flowers. Reigate & Banstead Borough Council will maintain the flowers in the Memorial Gardens

using grey water collected from the roof of their Earlswood Depot.

We will endeavour to use plants which are as drought resistant as possible and, should supplies of suitable water come to an end, we will adjust the timescales for our displays accordingly.

Corporate Involvement

We would love to hear from any local businesses interested in sponsoring baskets, planters or town centre flower beds. All sponsorships will be acknowledged in Press Releases, on local notice boards and on our website. We will also install plaques on sponsored planters and around the town.

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 flower beds.

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 2012/13

The Precept for Horley Town Council has this year been set for a total net figure of £295,830. This means that the town element of Council Tax will be £33.30, which represents an annual increase of 50p per Band D household. This increase is well below the current rate of inflation.

The Town Council is very aware that, in the current recession, everyone is feeling the pressures on their finances and has kept expenditure down to a minimum. We have endeavoured to make as

many savings as we can. This will inevitably mean that all new items of expenditure will be put under increasing scrutiny to weigh up the cost against the benefit to the community.

Over the last few years we have kept rises in precept down as much as possible and in fact have increased the band D household contribution by only 21p over the last three years. This has been achieved by using some of our reserves. These are now running low as a result.

The Town Council currently owns or manages almost all the recreational green spaces in the town. We have taken over the management of Yattendon Road Recreation Ground, Riverside Garden Park, Church Meadows and all town centre planting on an agency basis at no extra cost to the residents. In fact, our aim is to provide an enhanced service to the town.

We are already receiving many compliments for the work we have carried out at Riverside Garden

Park, where we are working alongside the Horley Piscatorial Society, Gatwick Greenspace Partnership and Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.

This is an extremely active Council that has always been very frugal in its use of ratepayer's money. We get no additional grants from central government and the entire Council is committed to doing as much as it can for the town as cost effectively and to as high a standard as possible.

Councillor Profiles

James Baird



James Baird is a Town Councillor for the South East Ward and is a member of the Conservative Group. He was elected to the Council in May 2011.

James has lived in Horley since birth. He particularly likes Horley's fantastically diverse population, as well as the range of amenities in the town centre and close by. James has worked for Stark Software International, based in Horley, since late 2011. Prior to this he worked for Volt Europe in Redhill and, before that, Airmiles in Crawley.

His proudest achievement is being an elected representative for the town where he has lived all his life, and where he intends to remain for the foreseeable future. James is a member of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and very much enjoys trying to ensure the on-going financial stability of the Town Council, so it can continue its work to improve life for the residents of Horley for many years to come.

Samantha Marshall



Samantha Marshall is a Town Councillor for the South East Ward and is a member of the Conservative Group. She joined Horley Town Council in May 2011.

It's the first time Samantha has represented a local authority although she has always been on the fringes of Council life as both her parents are also Horley Town Councillors.

Samantha has lived in Horley since birth and enjoys Horley's friendliness, a town of a good size but not too big, with plenty of amenities close by. She currently works for a local marketing and design company; having previously spent nine years working for the Fine Art Trade Guild in London, which is the trade association for the art and framing industry.

Samantha thoroughly enjoys the challenges of being a Town Councillor and currently acts as a champion of the Riverside Garden Park, conducting regular inspections and discussing projects with local residents. She is a member of the Leisure & Amenities Committee.

Town Mayor's Charity Curry Night



Councillor Simon Marshall and guests of honour outside the Cambridge Hotel

On Saturday 10 March, Councillor Simon Marshall, Chairman and Town Mayor of Horley Town Council, hosted a special curry evening at The Cambridge Hotel, Horley, the proceeds from which will go to the Mayor's two chosen charities, Brambles Respite Care Centre and St Catherine's Hospice.

This is the fifth time that Cllr Marshall has hosted such an event and this has been hailed as "the best one yet!" Guests of honour included Cllr Brian Stead, Mayor of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and Cllr Carol Eade, Mayor of Crawley Borough Council.

During the evening entertainment was provided by the duo Back to Back and popular singing trio Vegas Nights Live.

A raffle held during the evening raised nearly

£750 and there was also an auction hosted by Jerry Hudson, landlord of The Farmhouse pub, where generous bids for some wonderful prizes totalled nearly £900.

Cllr Simon Marshall was delighted with the evening and said, "I am so pleased that it was such a success and that, once again, we are able to support these two local charities in this way. I know all the guests enjoyed their evening immensely and I thank them all for attending. I would also like to record my thanks to all those local companies and individuals who generously gave raffle and auction prizes."

As a result of the fundraising event, nearly £1600 was raised, and this will be distributed between the two charities.

HIGHLIGHTS in brief....

Horley Town Meeting

27th April 2012

The Town Meeting will be held this year at the Albert Rooms, starting at 7.30 pm on Friday 27 April 2012.

Council and Committee Chairmen will be presenting their annual reports and there will also be a presentation by Inspector Richard Haycock, the Neighbourhood Policing Commander. He will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Awards will be presented to the winners of the recent Horley in Spring competition. We will also be presenting two prestigious Town Awards to two very worthy recipients.

The Town Council's Annual Report will also be made available at the meeting. Light refreshments will be provided before the meeting, so please come along and meet your Councillors!

Swimathon

28th April 2012

Town Councillors have entered a team for the Swimathon!

Town Mayor Simon Marshall and Deputy Town Mayor Richard Olliver have both agreed to take part, alongside Cllrs Celia Austin, James Baird and Samantha Marshall. The 5,000 metres swim relay will take place on Saturday 28 April at 3pm at the new Horley Leisure Centre. The event is in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Please come along and support this worthy event.

Horley in Bloom

This year's Horley in Bloom competition will be launched soon.

The competition is now in its 18th year and goes from strength to strength.

We plan to launch a new Orchid category this

year and, as it's Diamond Jubilee year, we will be presenting a special prize for the best Jubilee themed entry!

As usual we will be inviting local residents, businesses, community groups and schools to

take part and we will invite all the prize winners to a glittering Awards Evening at the Regent Hall on Friday 28th September.

Entry forms will be available soon and we wish all our entrants the best of luck!

Around the Clubs

Wardrobe Wizards

Wardrobe Wizards consists of a group of people interested in sewing. Anyone, all ages and abilities, is more than welcome to join.

The regular three hour Wednesday sessions are for up to ten members, making whatever they fancy with expert help from the resident tutor. Sessions take place at the Edmonds Community Hall (Albert Rooms), 92 Albert Road on a Wednesday between 11.30am and 2.30pm.

Non-members are more than welcome to come and see us at any time.

Visit www.wardrobewizards.net for further information.

Horley Society of Artists

The Society was originally formed in 1996 by Len Bush and Len Driver. The object of the group is to provide a warm and friendly environment where artists of all skill levels are encouraged to create their artwork in their own style.

The Society provides somewhere to share a common interest in all aspects of Art. Whilst there is no formal tuition, members can learn from the experienced artists, who willingly share their skills.

The Society has a library of books and DVDs that are freely available to all members.

Meetings are held on Friday mornings from 9am to 1pm at the Edmonds Community Hall (Albert Rooms), 92 Albert Road.

New members are always welcome and anyone interested should contact Len Bush on 01293 785006.

Horley Health Check

The Town Council will be asking residents to complete a questionnaire which will help us to plan for the future. Please contact us if you would like to be involved.

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The newsletter is sent to over 50 distribution points and at least 1,000 households.

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 NC - North Central SC - South Central
 NE - North East SE - South East
 BC - also Reigate & Banstead Borough Councillor

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 necessarily those of the Town Council.

MP's Surgeries

Surgeries for
Sam Gyimah MP
*(Member of Parliament
 for East Surrey)*
 are held at the Town
 Council Offices,
 92 Albert Road,
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Forthcoming dates for
 Horley Surgeries in
 2012 are:

Friday 25 May
 4pm - 6pm
Friday 29 June
 (provisional date)

To arrange an
 appointment
 please telephone:
 01883 715782 or
 e-mail
 admin@esca.org.uk

Or write to:
 East Surrey
 Conservative
 Association
 2 Hoskins Road
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Meet Your Councillor

Members of the
 public are also
 welcome to contact
 Local 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.horley-surrey-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.

The next Town
 Councillor's Surgery
 will be held on
 Saturday 12 May from
 10.00 hrs to 12 noon
 at Lidl's, Victoria Road.
 No prior appointment
 is necessary.

Meeting Dates 2012

All Council meetings usually commence
 at 7.30 pm (but check with us first).

Agenda for all meetings are posted
 on town centre notice boards a few days
 beforehand. Agenda may also be down-
 loaded from our website.

Members of the public are cordially
 invited to all meetings which are 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 telephone or
 email the Town Clerk.

May

Tuesday 1 Finance and General Purposes
 Tuesday 15 Annual Meeting of the Council
 Tuesday 22 Planning and Development
 Tuesday 29 Leisure and Amenities

June

Tuesday 12 Finance and General Purposes
 Tuesday 19 Planning and Development
 Tuesday 26 Full Council

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