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www.ripleyandsendmatters.org.uk

A PDF edition of the magazine is also now available to view on the website.

Hello Dear Reader,

I would like to start my editorial with an apology, due to the fact that I am technically inept, there were some issues with our June edition, from blurry advertising to strange paragraph layouts. Having had some expert tuition from Scott Hutchinson (Ripley's printing expert)! this issue and future issues should be clearer and easier to read. I will get better at this I promise!

A big thank you to the committee and our production team for their kind words and support with this valuable publication.

We have lots happening in our villages for you to enjoy over the next few months, from Send Open Gardens, Ripley Rocks and Ripley's second Parish Day, I do hope you can go along to support and enjoy these and the many other events that have been organised. I would personally like to thank all the

volunteers who give up their spare time to organise these events for others to enjoy.

Every issue I struggle with enough good images to use in the magazine, so please do take some pictures and email them to me for the Autumn issue, I would very much appreciate it.

I end with some very sad news, the Rotary Club are going to have to close due to the lack of volunteers in our community, Gill Colbeck and the Rotary team do a tireless job raising money for local community organisations, running food banks and so many other very valuable efforts to improve our communities. If you can help keep them to keep operating get in touch. See page 39 for more details. Until next time, have a super summer.

Andy James.

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This will be the last time I write the update on behalf of the Parish Council as I chose not to stand again for election after 3 terms totalling 12 years. My fellow Councillors Simon Moxon and Vernon Wood are also stepping down, Simon after one term of 4 years and Vernon after an absolutely magnificent 43 years as a Parish Councillor. A huge thank you to all the Councillors for their hard work and diligence over the past 4 years and I would like to wish all the best to the incoming newbies Ian Baker, Caroline Bimson and Paddy McLaughlin who will be joining the existing team of Cllr Richard Ayears, Cllr Rowland Cornell, Cllr Sarah Gill and Cllr Peter Shoesmith.

Cllr Vernon Wood was quite rightly celebrated for his immense contribution to the community with the unveiling of a new plaque on our wooden building at the Nature Reserve which is now known as The Vernon Wood Hide. Many members of his family, together with grateful villagers and friends turned up to congratulate and thank Vernon at this surprise event for his unwavering sense of duty and commitment to the betterment of his village. They sure don't make them like him anymore and he will be greatly missed for his work ethic, willingness to step up and offer his help and for his encyclopaedic knowledge of all things Ripley. Thank you Vernon for everything, you will be greatly missed.

I would also like to thank Cllr Colin Cross who is stepping down as our Guildford Borough Councillor after two terms in office, battling away on behalf of the Lovelace Ward. Against our wishes, our ward has now been amalgamated with Send and we hope that the 3 new Councillors who will be representing this huge combined area will take on board the slightly more rural nature of our village. Sadly nobody from Ripley chose to stand for election this time so we must trust that our views are fairly represented at GBC

RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

by our newly elected Borough Councillors (unknown at the time of writing).

A heartfelt thank you to Colin for all the work he has done on our behalf over the past 8 years, trying his best to prevent the school closure, very actively supporting the potential for the school to re-open, raising countless objections to both the Wisley housing development and Garlicks Arch (now Allium Park) and supporting the funding for the new village hall. Colin continues to be our Surrey County Councillor and we are grateful for his work in this important role.

Your Parish Council has continued to work hard on your behalf this year and if you would like a better insight into what we do, please do join us at our monthly Council meetings which are held in the Parish office in Victory House.

So with that, I wish you all well and it has been a privilege to represent you all over the past 12 years.

Cllr Suzie Powell-Cullingford Chairman



SEND PARISH COUNCIL



Dear All,

At the time of writing (18/04/23) we are heading towards the end of this particular Parish Council's period of office. It has been a difficult time with so many developments happening and in the planning stages. We have endeavoured to represent the majority of viewpoints on the plans. Some cases we have lost others we have helped moderate. However, in addition to planning we have continued and will continue with all the day to day projects that always happen in our Villages. Our Clerk Nichola with assistance from our Administrative staff will hold it all together for the good of residents.

The group of Councillors involved with the changes for the Recreation Ground continue their admirable works and their vision for the future. One of the projections is for the improvement or replacement of the Pavilion. There have been many suggestions as to what might be included and we have now appointed architects to develop our ideas to date to create a valuable community scheme. However, it is now for a new Council (who will be elected or co-opted after the election on the 4th May) to bring all to fruition.

Some of our Councillors will have stepped down by the time you are reading this and we thank them for their stoic efforts for the good of all the people we serve. We are pleased that some have agreed to stand again and it looks that we at least have one new member so far. Amongst those who will retire is our Chairman of seven years Phil Beddoes. We thank him for his leadership. We now need to co-opt a further three members to our hard working Council.

We wish you all a very happy, healthy and enjoyable summer.

Janet Manktelow (on behalf of the outgoing Parish Council).

SEND PARISH COUNCIL





The Send Parish
Councillors at the last
Council
meeting in April.
Back row, Alex
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CHURCHES

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Send Tony Shutt, Priest-in-charge

'I raise my eyes towards the mountains.

Where will my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord.' Psalm 121

During my time in Send I've grown fond of its little big parish church. Of its type, St Mary's Church is unremarkable, at the plainer end of the medieval architectural spectrum. But it also has its quirks and secrets. I sometimes wish it was more central and nearer to where most people reside, yet its remoteness and riverside location are part of its charm. If its spaces were more adaptable it might be useable for a wider variety of functions, but many admire its relatively untouched layout and fixed seating. Accessibility is a concern for some. I know. I'm baffled why the founders gave so little thought to motor vehicle parking 1000 years ago. Meanwhile, despite and because of its limits, the oldest building in the village continues to be home to a vigorous Christian community offering a range of public worship, social events, celebrations and commemorations of special occasions, and maintaining a focus for village life and identity.

Like the psalmist I have often raised my eyes while at the church, sometimes while sitting in the churchyard. From the path between the lych gate and the porch I have looked to the heights of the ochre grey tower against a summer blue sky and wondered, maybe prayerfully, where will my help come from? The old stones seldom offer any direct answers. No matter. I don't need the tower, the skies, the nearby river, or the distant views of the North Downs to trust that my help comes from the Lord. Such a spirit is within us. That said, churches and religion are known to open inspirational windows to and from the soul. One window for me has been art. I have sketched or painted the church many times and each experience has shaped my faith, hope and curiosity. I look forward in retirement to attempting new projects with fresh pigments and perspectives. As Winston Churchill mused, "When I get to heaven I mean to spend a considerable portion of my first million years in painting, and so get to the bottom of the subject..." Tony



Sunday Services (See sendparishchurch.co.uk for monthly details.)

8.00am Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

9.00am Straw Chapel online via Facebook 10.30am Holy Communion

CHURCHES

Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalen, High Street, Ripley Website for all updates and information: http://www.ripleychurch.org.uk Email: churchwardens@ripleychurch.org.uk

We continue to meet every Sunday morning at 10am for a service. Everyone is welcome! Services are led by visiting vicars or members of the community, depending on the service.

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: Communion 2nd Sunday of the month: Family service with children's activities 4th Sunday of the month: Service of the Word (traditional but no communion)

- Coffee morning at 10am on Wednesday mornings
- 'Stay and play' session fortnightly at 3.30pm on Mondays (see website for dates) Both are open to all on a drop-in basis and are held in the church room, behind the church.

St Mary's Quiz night - Friday 23rd June at 7.00pm (booking essential) £7.50 to include the quiz and a shared ploughman's platter. Bring your own drinks plus cash for a raffle! Teams of 6 or let us know if you would like us to match you up with other players. For all questions related to events, please email ripleychurchevents@gmail.com

We are in the process of recruiting a new vicar to be shared between the parish of Ripley and the parish of Ockham (which includes Hatchford and Downside). We will continue to update the website with news of this appointment at the appropriate times.

We are keen to welcome our community into the church which is usually open 9.30am-4pm.

- There is a free book swap at the back of church open to all.
- We are collecting for the foodbank, a donation box is at the back of church.
- Please email churchwardens@ripleychurch.org.uk to enquire about hiring out the church room at the back of the church.

If you are interested in being baptised or married in the church, email churchwardens@ripleychurch.org.uk. We would love to help organise this with you.

CHURCHES

Website – www.sendec.org

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Assistant Pastor - Kurt Holmgren - youth@sendec.org

Sunday morning services - 10.30am

We meet for morning worship every Sunday from 10.30am. The service lasts from 75-90 minutes, and includes songs (a mixture of old and new), Bible readings, prayers, a kids' talk, and a sermon. Everyone is welcome, whether you've been to church a thousand times or never before! We love having visitors, and over the years, many visitors have become faithful regulars. There is no dress code – you won't be out of place in jeans and t-shirt.

If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch our morning service livestream at www.youtube.com/@SendEvangelicalChurch

We have a Sunday school (Treasure Hunters) which on average runs three Sundays a month during the main morning service – email our assistant pastor Kurt for more details.

We also have an informal crèche available in our adjacent hall for those with babies and toddlers.

You are also welcome to join us for our evening services at 6.30pm which take place most Sundays.

Other activities -

Our toddler group Little Lambs takes place on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 during term time at our church. It is a relaxed group where parents can enjoy refreshments and conversation with other parents while their children have the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of toys and activities, as well as snacks. It runs on Thursday mornings For more information please email Val at littlelambs@sendec.org.

If you have teenagers, we would love them to join us on Friday evenings from 7.30-9pm, during term-time. We have a lot of fun each week playing a range of games (including table-tennis and pool), eating tasty snacks, taking part in Bible-based group discussions and going on outside trips like bowling, Laser Quest etc. Again, email our pastor Kurt for more info.

We keep our website up to date with all of our latest activities so do visit us at www.sendec.org

Send Scouts

Thirty five years ago, 1st Send (St Mary's) Scouts became the first Group in the District to offer a Beaver Colony for 6-8 year olds. We're excited to be paving way once again, with the imminent launch of a Squirrel Dray (https://www.scouts.org.uk/squirrels/).

The waiting list for our popular Beaver Colony was so large, and starting so young, that we have a small group of children ready to start in May, with a full launch taking place in September.

Aimed at children aged 4-6, activities at Squirrels will act as an introduction to the Scouting movement and incorporate things like exploring outdoors, learning about the local area and celebrating hobbies such as reading, music and building. The Squirrels

programme is designed to support children's learning as they start school, with research showing that the earlier children start non-formal education, the better their prospects.

From a child's first day at Squirrels to their last day at Explorers, being a Scout is all about trying new things. Children can work towards as many badges as they like, at their own pace, but all badges include an element of challenge, learning or adventure. Each award is packed with awe and awesome,



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Spring has very much sprung and we hope you are enjoying the sunshine and longer evenings. Getting outside does us all good both physically and emotionally but of course we encourage everyone to think about using sunscreen to protect our skin from harmful rays. Skin cancer can affect people with all skin types, so if you spot anything that doesn't seem right to you, please get in touch. We are fortunate to have Surrey Dermatology hosts some of its clinics here each week. Please note that you MUST be referred by your GP to access the clinic but it is a valuable local service, aimed at providing exceptional care and treatment options for NHS patients across our region.

Cancer carries with it so much fear and understandably so but we all know that catching it early can improve treatment options and outcomes significantly. So, here at The Villages we hope our patients will attend for routine screenings for certain types of cancers. With this in mind we are thrilled that our surgery has the highest number of eligible patients attending for cervical and breast screening across the entire Surrey Heartlands region.

- 87% of women aged between 50-64 attended for their cervical screening
- 82% of women aged between 25-49 attended for their cervical screening

And 85% of all eligible women attended their breast screening appointments.

Thank you for booking in your screening and we hope that those of you who have yet to take up the invitations for these simple tests will do so. Continuing on this theme, we are holding a patient information evening here at the surgery on Wednesday 5th July. Our team of GPs will be on hand to talk through the latest thinking around cancer and how we can support you to come forward with any worrying symptoms and take up screening .This is especially important for bowel cancer. Now we know that poo chat remains rather taboo but in the words of local girl and Bowelbabe, Deborah James, who spent 5 years of her life raising awareness and funds for bowel cancer, checking your poo might just save your life. Tragically Deborah died last year but her words and incredible legacy should inspire us all. There are some key symptoms to look out for and to talk to us about:

- Blood in your poo or from your bottom
- Obvious changes in your bowel habit.

- Weight loss you can't explain.
- Extreme tiredness for no apparent reason.
- Lump and/or pain in your tummy.

Moving on to all things Covid, we are receiving enquiries about the next booster programme. At this time we don't have confirmation of the local services or when they will be operational. Rest assured that, as with the previous programmes, you will be contacted and invited to book your vaccination as you become eligible.

And last but by no mean least, a gentle reminder that local pharmacies are dealing with huge demand currently. To support them, please submit your prescription requests to us when you have 2 weeks supply remaining. This will ensure your medication can be processed and dispensed in good time. Thank you.

The PPG were very pleased to receive a cheque for £1000 from The Rotary Club of Ripley and Send. This donation will be used to buy additional medical equipment for the surgery. The picture below shows Gill Colbeck, Rotary Club Chair, passing the cheque to Kate Price, PPG Chair, and Lucy Sawyer, Practice Manager.

SAVE THE DATE - WEDNESDAY 5Th JULY EVENING - The PPG together with the Villages will be holding an event for patients on the importance of screening in detecting cancer and other diseases. Come along and join us to learn more, meet some of the Villages clinical staff and enjoy a cup of tea in the sunshine!



Kate Price - PPG Chair

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS
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Come and meet your friends and make new ones - enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a homemade cake.



As you will all have noticed, the construction work for the new village hall has now started – hooray! The build is scheduled for 12 months so we should be open in Spring 2024. The new village hall will comprise of one large main hall with a stage and fully equipped kitchen and two further very spacious halls both of which will also have kitchen facilities. There will be a main entrance hall and lobby meeting area, as well as a small management office. The building has been carefully designed so that the 3 individual halls can host separate events at the same time, with two of the halls having access to outside space. However we are also anticipating that the whole hall will be hired for major events such as weddings and parties. We can't wait for it to be ready for business and with the new residents moving into the housing developments at Allium Park, we anticipate that Ripley Village Hall will be a very popular venue.

In the meantime, Victory House goes from strength to strength and is proving very popular. The parish office has permanently relocated to the right hand side of the building and the other hall is used on a very regular basis by a huge variety of hirers. Surrey and Sussex Police book the hall at Victory House every fortnight to run training events for their officers, the Book Club meet every month, the Bridge Club meet weekly, a new instrumental band meet weekly, yoga classes run weekly and we now have a Sports Massage Therapist offering a pop up clinic on a Friday and Saturday. Please do look at our website to check out what is available for you to join in or indeed to book the hall for your own event www.ripleyvillagehall.org.uk.

Suzie Powell-Cullingford Ripley Village Hall Committee





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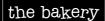






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Ripley Bonfire Donations

Ripley Bonfire has donated £7,700 to local organisations. On the 12th February, organisations met at Ripley Cricket Club to receive their donations from the Bonfire Association, the total amount donated was £7,700. Although during the pandemic the Association kept donating to relevant organisations, this was the first year since 2019 that they were able to meet them.

The Bonfire's chairman, Steve Hill, was at hand to present the donations to the local community groups and organisations, the beneficiaries were: Ripley Over 60s, Ripley Scouts, Pre-School, the Parish Council, Send Guides, Surrey Air Ambulance, Woking & Sam Beare Hospice, Surrey Search and Rescue and S.E.R.V., the volunteer motorbike couriers who transport blood for transfusion across the county.

The Bonfire Committee hope to see you all at this year's event on Saturday 28th October.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER?

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SEND AND RIPLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

RIPLEY MUSEUM

'The Mill on the Wey' – this exhibition has been very well received and visitor numbers are substantially up. As the watery subject matter fitted in with the Surrey Day theme, the Society was fortunate to receive a visit from the Lord Lieutenant, Michael More-Molyneux.

It is hoped the next exhibition will start sometime in June but the date will be advertised as soon as possible. The plan is to feature local weddings as the Society has many lovely photographs. We hope local residents will also come forward with photos, artefacts and stories. As usual the museum opening time is 10-12 every Saturday and by arrangement with Clare 01483 728546





WEST SURREY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Evening meetings - Thursday at 7.30pm All meetings free to members! £3 for non-members payable in advance/on entry See our website wsnhs.wordpress.com

We are a group of friendly people, not necessarily with a science background, who are passionate about wildlife and the natural world. We hold meetings with invited speakers once a month from September to May and organise occasional walks to local places of interest. While Ripley Village Hall is being rebuilt, we are meeting in East or West Horsley, with some evenings being on Zoom; this allows us to have speakers from further afield.

28 September 2023 WEST Horsley Village Hall

The Secret Life of Moths – illustrated talk by Peter Smith Peter is a beekeeper, writer and a keen environmentalist with a special interest in pollinators and particularly the pollinator 'night shift' – our night flying moths.



The hidden pollinator night shift comprises a surprisingly colourful group of insects, many of them with fascinating stories and histories. As an amateur entomologist Peter keeps the subject simple and engaging, uses common names and illustrates his talk with numerous images.

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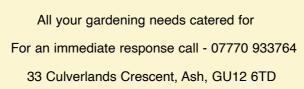
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June			
3rd	Sat 2.30pm	Over 60's	Ripley School
Every	Monday 10-12	Coffee Morning	Church Rooms
10th	Sat 9-1	Surrey Artisans Farmers Market	Ripley Green
15th	Thurs 7pm	Parish Council	Victory House
July			
1st	Sat 2.30pm	Over 60's	Ripley School
Every	Monday 10-12	Coffee Morning	Church Rooms
8th	Sat 9-1	Farmers Market	Ripley Green
20th	Thurs 7.00pm	Parish Council	Victory House
August			
5th	Sat 2.30pm	Over 60's	Ripley School
Every	Monday 10-12	Coffee Morning	Church Rooms
12th	Sat 9-1	Farmers Market	Ripley Green
17th	Thurs 7.30pm	Parish Council	

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June

14th	Wed 2.30pm	Over 60's	Church rooms
19th	Mon 10.00am	Charity Shop/Coffee Morning	Church Rooms
28th.	Wed 2-4	Craft and Chat	Church Rooms

July

12th	Wed 2.30pm	Over 60's	Church Rooms
17th	Mon 10.00am	Charity Shop/Coffee Morning	Church Rooms
26th	Wed 2-4	Craft & Chat	Church Rooms

August

l	9th	Wed 2.30pm	Over 60's	Church Rooms
l	21st	Mon 10.00am	Charity Shop/Coffee Morning	Church Rooms
	30th	Wed 2-4	Craft & Chat	Church Rooms



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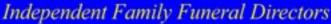


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RIPLEY AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

What a late Spring we have had and such difficult gardening weather. However, a late Spring has its benefits. The magnolias have mainly escaped frost damage and hopefully the wisterias will too. It is a joy to see all the bright green new leaf on the trees around us.

We wanted to plant a tree to mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee last year and Ripley Parish Council suggested an apple tree for the Memorial Orchard next to the Nature Reserve to replace one that had died. We planted the tree in February and on Saturday the 4th of March we had an official laying of the plaque with Sarah Gill, parish councillor. The other fruit trees are all thriving and I hope this one will as well.

We have had two of our four speaker meetings so far this year, in February and March and the other two are in October and November. Non-members are very welcome. Members can look forward to a Plant Sale, Garden Party, and visits to the Grace and Flavour Community Garden and West Horsley Place gardens. In August we have our Annual Show in Rose Lane to which everyone is welcome in the afternoon.

We had a stall at the March Farmers' Market and were delighted to chat to newcomers about our Society. We will be at the October Farmers' Market and hope to serve some soup.

If you are new to the area and are interested in becoming a member, do

get in touch or visit the Ripley & Send Matters website where you will find more information. We are a well established, friendly organisation serving Ripley Village and its surrounding communities. We offer a diverse programme of events throughout the year. Our secretary, Sue Stranger can be contacted via email - ripleydhssecretary@gmail.com.

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A very difficult decision has been taken by members of the Rotary Club of Ripley and Send. Due to the falling number of members and despite increased publicity and local presence we have been unable to increase our membership numbers. It has therefore been decided to close the Club.

We will honour all of our commitments made to the community until June 2023 but will not be taking on any new projects. All monies raised during this period will be distributed to local charities and organisations.

The nearest Rotary clubs to Ripley and Send will be in Woking and Guildford. Please see www.rotary.org for details of other clubs.

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to Ripley & Send Rotary Club in the past and hope that you will continue to support any other Rotary initiatives in the future. In the past three months we have made donations to Send Scouts, The Patient Participation Group, Your Sanctuary and Rotary Disaster Recovery. We are continuing to distribute the remainder of our charitable funds.

If you would like to be considered for funding or want to know more about Rotary, please contact me via www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=887

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Ripley & Send Rotary Club





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SEND GARDENING SOCIETY

The first day of summer this year arrives with the solstice on Wednesday June 21 - an important time for gardens, as our plants react to the changes in day length. In February we met for a very interesting talk on 'Summer Bulbs' by Tim Woodland. Supported by a colourful slide presentation, Tim described many of the summer and autumn flowering bulbs/tubers and gave tips about best practice and growing conditions. Tim runs DirectBulbs, a family business with over 20 years' experience in the horticulture industry. He brought along some of his bulbs for us to buy at discount prices so many of us will have different flower colour and shapes to appreciate later this year. Tim was also able to give us an insight into the commercial world of bulbs and explained how research and development of new varieties and strains was being tailored to meet current consumer demands.

On Wednesday 5th April, Dr Judy Hill gave a fascinating talk on 'The Victorian Gardener'. In this era, gardening was mainly the preserve of professionals and Dr Hill went on to explain the social and economic changes that took place to alter this. She explained the history of Allotments



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and Pleasure Gardens backed up with all the relevant acts and laws that governed these changes. We also heard about the role of Victorian Head Gardeners, often called 'the forgotten heroes of horticulture in the golden age of the British country house in the 19th century.' We now know to look out for their trademark bowler hat to identify them in staff photographs!

At the time of writing, members are busy growing and potting on tomatoes, flowers, vegetables etc for our plant stall at the Send Fair on Monday 8th May. This was a wonderful post lockdown community gathering last year and we hope that we were equally able to celebrate this event on the Coronation Bank Holiday this year. Due to a change in the program, we hope to reschedule the talk by Pamela Hunter on 'Bees' in 2024. At our next meeting Wednesday 7th June, Derek Hack will talk about 'Invasive Species' focusing on our local waterways. Our rivers play host to a number of unwelcome invaders that have a negative effect on delicate ecosystems. As a River/Fisheries Manager, Derek has extensive knowledge and practical experience of these issues and this should be a very popular and interesting talk for anyone interested in the local environment. In August we shall be meeting in a member's garden for our annual summer picnic. A chance to relax and appreciate the planting and outlook of a fellow gardener's endeavours.

Send Gardening Society provides local gardeners with an opportunity to get together and learn more about growing plants of all kinds. We meet up once every 2 months with fellow 'gardeners' for a sociable and interesting evening out. We have a varied programme that includes talks from speakers who are experts in their field, garden visits in summer and practical workshops. We are looking for new members to join our society and would welcome anyone from beginners to experienced green fingers alike, who can pass on their knowledge to others. We pride ourselves on being a friendly club, so if you are a newcomer to Send or surrounding district, or an existing resident, come along and join us to make friends and create a new garden through the exchange of plants and ideas. We can be reached by e-mail at f.weybrookcollett@gmail.com by phone on 01483 765730 (Secretary Fiona Collett) or by coming along to one of our bi-monthly meetings which are at 7:30pm in the Church Rooms.

Linda Davis Committee Member.

"What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfilment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade." — Gertrude Jekyll

RIPLEY SCHOOL

We are grateful for the continuing support from the local community to save the school site for local ownership and future educational use.

The Education Secretary's decision last October (to not support Guildford Diocese's application for a Section 554 Order) led to a request from the Diocese for the

decision to be reviewed.

We still await the outcome of the review and will advise when we have the decision

via Friends of the School (*see below) and www.ripleychurch.org.uk

Meanwhile, the latest news from Surrey County Council and the Bourne Education Trust is that they will have a small cohort of children using the site in September for a year, as part of a Special Educational Needs provision.

Ripley pre-school is operating as normal, as are the out of school hours dance classes. The school's facilities can still be hired out at evenings, weekends and school holidays for community use - *for further information please contact admin@ripleyschooltrust.org.uk







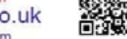
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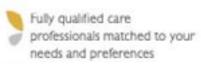


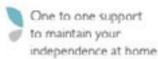


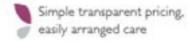
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A lot of the wildlife has been a little slow to get going, grow, fly in or hatch this year but things are on their way now. Lots of the early butterflies have either hibernated as adults somewhere warm or flown up from warmer climes and for me, their arrival always heralds the promise of warm, sunny days to come. We do what we can to manage the riverside vegetation to provide the best possible meal when they get here and everything a growing insect family could ask for. We do have the need of the visiting boats and humans to take into account but do our absolute best to ensure the best management practices to keep everyone happy. That means despite the historic nature of the waterway, that we always respect, we do try not to accept that how we have always done things is the best and only way.

At the moment it is full speed ahead keeping the towpath under control to ensure walkers have an easy passage and good views through to the water and the navigation. Leaving some sections to grow a little longer than in the past allows grasses to flower, which are the main food source for some of our most interesting and elusive moths. You may never get to see them but the fact that we come across them when we are surveying means that we know all is well. It's the ecological equivalent of looking after the pennies so the pounds will look after themselves.

Emma Goodwin 07786 703834 emma.Goodwin@nationaltrust.org.uk



It has been a very tricky start to the year on the river. Much of my spring work is behind due to the poor weather conditions and weir operations. Usually, I would have both Triggs and Papercourt Lock painted by Easter but mother nature has not given me the opportunity. My volunteer group helped me prep Triggs Lock and about 30 mins into painting the beam ends, we were violently hailed on. Something which the weather forecast had not prepared me for. The shocking speed in which the locksides and towpath have grown up is always quite amazing and this year is no different. As we approach summer, I can only hope that it dries up a little so I can get a little more on top of everything again.

These notes will be the last you will hear from me as I will be making the move to another river length in Summer. My colleague and our longest serving member of staff Rob Craig is retiring from his post at the St Catherine's length, just south of Guildford. Rob started his journey at Triggs Lock when he was in his late teens, before the Wey Navigation was under National Trust care. His role wasn't a Lengthsman, as that name didn't exist at that time on the river. Instead he undertook all manner of tasks all along the river but was mainly mowing the towpath. This very lengthy task took him from one end to the other and then repeating, much like the Forth Bridge. After a few years at Triggs Lock Cottage, Rob moved to St Catherines and has been looking after the river there ever since. I very much look forward to the challenge of a new length with different character and needs but will miss the Triggs length, which has been my home and focus for just over 8 years now. I wish my successor all the best in looking after this beautiful and diverse length.

Chris Charman 07786 703833 chris.charman1@nationaltrust.org.uk



OBITUARY NOTICE - MAVIS PERRYMAN 1936-2022

Sadly, we lost long-time Send resident Mavis Perryman in December, suddenly after a serious fall. Many will know Mavis from her 30 years as a Brownie Leader in Send, and other local volunteer activities. Mavis and her older sister had a difficult start in life, losing their mother in an accident when Mavis was just a toddler. Her father remarried around the time that war broke out and Mavis remembered sleeping in a Morrison shelter with her sister and stepmother at their home in Hounslow. Later, in 1944, Mavis was evacuated to Holcombe in Devon where she was welcomed with open arms and kept a lifelong relationship with her 'adopted' family. It was here she developed her lifelong love of nature and gardening.

After leaving grammar school in 1952, Mavis went to work for Watkins and Simpson, a wholesale seed merchant in Feltham. Here she met her future husband Reg and they married in 1956. Two years later they bought their first home in Ashford and welcomed their son Brian into the world. When Reg's employment moved, they also moved and became residents of Send in 1960, happily seeing out the rest of their years in the same home. Mavis was always an active member of the Send community, both in work when delivering for the local butcher, and as a volunteer. She spent 30 years as a Brownie Leader and continued her

involvement with the Guiding Movement through the Trefoil Guild in retirement, right up until her passing. She and late husband Reg were also involved in bowls, both outdoor lawn bowls at Mayford, and in later years organising indoor carpet bowls at the Moorcroft Centre at Westfield. Mavis also regularly helped prepare meals for the elderly residents at Sandfields in Send, until Reg's health began to decline. If all this was not enough, Mavis also sorted and delivered the Send and Ripley Matters magazine for many years, and still delivered them to her own street.

Mavis was a real people person and made a point of befriending her neighbours. We miss seeing her pottering around her garden and the chats over the garden wall. She contributed much to our local community. Mavis will be much missed by both family and her many friends in Send and Ripley. Her funeral took place on 11th January, and her ashes are to be interred at the Clandon Natural Burial Ground along with Reg's. A fitting place of rest for two Gardeners'.



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We have been busy decorating the village for the King's Coronation. All funded by our membership. We hope you enjoyed the festivities and look forward to welcoming you all to the Parish day in July. Please save the date and spread the word. The Business Association Committee.

Ripley PP

Ripley Poo Painters is a group set up by a young resident named Daniel. There are a number of volunteers who monitor areas of the parish and spray around any dog poo with a non-toxic chalk spray paint. We have been operating for 35 days and over that period have sprayed 208 poos that have not been picked up (= just under 6/day)and sprayed 37 bags that have been left for the pooh bag fairies to remove. Please read our initial communication about RPP below

After reading this I hope you make the decision to join Ripley Poo Painters. Ripley Poo Painters is a group that go around Ripley spraying around dog poo with a

non-toxic chalk spray paint. Our aim is to highlight the poo and encourage the small amount of anti-social dog walkers to pick up their mess. I am 12 years old, and I proposed the idea to the parish council in 2022. I managed to get permission and funding for the poo paint. I asked Paul, who is a friend and Ripley resident, to help me. Paul's now the group secretary. We started planning how we will do this and, after another big meeting, we are now here in 2023 and ready to start doing trials to see how it goes and what we need to change. If you feel able to join and be a part of the RPP group please email ripleypoopaitrol@gmail.com for more information. We will get in contact to explain further and agree with you what area of the Parish you may be able to monitor.'

'I am very pleased to be involved with RPP. Many of us are proud to live in Ripley, it is a village which has managed to maintain a real sense of community. I feel that young residents like Daniel should be applauded and supported in their efforts to do something that we hope will have a positive effect for all Ripley residents. For more information do please email ripleypoopaitrol@gmail.com.' Paul.



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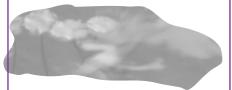
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We meet at the Guide HQ in Nightingale Road, Guildford, which has its own car park, on the fourth Tuesday of each month(not December) at 7.45pm. Currently our annual membership fee is £10 per year plus £2 each meeting attended(includes refreshments).

At the present moment we are meeting on a casual basis until into the New Year, but then we hope to meet regularly and get a programme organised.

Further information from our website www.guildfordfuchsia.co.uk or direct from our treasurer (see inside back cover) or email enquiries@guildfordfuchsia.co.uk

Ripley Over Sixties Club

Ripley Over 60's will be meeting again every first Saturday of the month throughout the year.

We will now be meeting at Ripley Primary School at the usual time of 2.30pm. We have a full programme of entertainers for the year.

It will be lovely to see old friends once again or any new members. We are also looking for a new chairperson. Please contact Edna to apply and for any queries.

Edna Millis, Chairman 01483 225483

SEND OVER 60'S CLUB

The Send Over Sixties are pleased to say we are up and running again, anyone interested in joining us is very welcome to come along, we usually have a speaker, raffle, bring & buy, tea & cakes & chat. We meet every second Wednesday in the month at the Church Rooms, Send, why not come along and join us.

Sally Legerton, Chairman - 01483 223542.

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Contact Judy on 0792 6049255 or Jenny on 07906747344



Ockham & Ripley WI

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Ripley Bowls Club, Rose Lane at 7.45 and close at about 9.45 after a light super. We have a varied

and interesting programme each month, also a yearly Warner break, book club, film afternoons, theatre trips, crafting, rambling and visit places of interest. We are a small friendly group. If you are looking to join a WI come along and meet us. For further details contact Lesley 01483 225125 or Lynne 01737 214805.



SEND VILLAGE CLUB

What a great fun packed start to the year, we've hosted and celebrated a members 50th wedding anniversary and a members 60th birthday party, we organised a fun valentines evening, we have held a charity race night raising over £600 for 'Dreams Come True', we then danced along and enjoyed being entertained with 'The Decades' and held our annual Easter draw. We have continued holding our monthly bingo nights which are proving to be very popular and have introduced Pool game nights. Finally we are pleased to have set up a book exchange in the club for adults and children.

A huge thank you to our voluntary Committee and bar staff for working hard organising and helping on event nights, overseeing the day to day running of the club and maintaining the building. Their dedication ensures the club and events that are put on can be enjoyed by everyone. We would like to thank Tony and Tina for providing two new planters which have brightened up our car park and also for our new noticeboard situated outside near the wall.

At the time of writing we will have also held a 'Send Grand National' a horse racing night with a difference hosted by Hughie and Vic and held our Coronation Celebrations including a tea party and evening entertainment from '3 Peace Sweet'. We would have also attended May Day on the recreation ground with a tombola stall and our very popular smash crockery stall.

Lastly, thank you to all our members who support our efforts and use the premises. The Committee are planning future events and are a voice for every member and are always happy to receive your comments or ideas and any help. For information on memberships, opening times and future events please check our noticeboards, facebook or Instagram.



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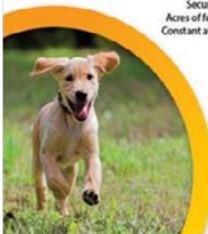
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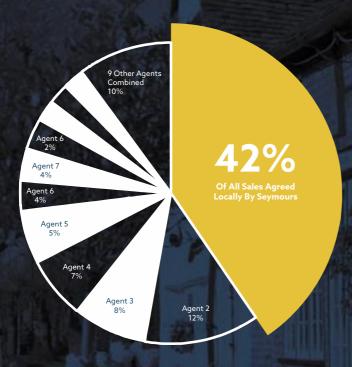
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