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Hello Dear Reader,

It is with much sadness that I have stepped down as editor of this wonderful community publication.

For the last two years & eight issues I have had the privilege to serve as editor, get to know the software & more importantly made some lovely friends & contacts along the way.

As I am sure you are aware, this publication is organised, designed & delivered by our amazing committee & group of volunteers who trudge the streets to get it through your door. Scott Hutchinson has taken over as Editor from this issue. He has vastly more experience in the software than I do, is from a printing background & has the technical skills to improve the magazine both in terms of look & feel. I will remain part of our committee.

I have really enjoyed my time as editor but as you will see by this issue, Scott has already started with some lovely improvements. Thank you everyone & I wish Scott all the best.

*Andy James*

Sitting here listening to Goat's track "I Became the Unemployment Office" I am wondering why I agreed to take over from Andy as editor. Though it is too late now to change my mind, as Andy has handed over the ceremonial hat and robes, as they say if the cap fits wear it. Being born in Send & now living in Ripley I feel as if I am an adequate fit for Ripley & Send matters and will aim to do my best like all good cub scouts to deliver a magazine full interesting & helpful articles. So that only leaves me to thank Andy for all his hard work over the last few years & to wish you all a very merry christmas and happy new year.

*Scott Hutchinson*



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## **Jim Morris , Clerk, Ripley Parish Council**

Just less than 10 years ago, I was part of the Parish Council when Jim was appointed as clerk.

We had the help of a representative from the Surrey association of Parish Councils on our interviewing team. There were several candidates, and the consensus of the panel was that Jim would be a clerk who would apply his intelligence, and put Ripley on the map with other agencies such as Guildford and Surrey councils, Surrey wildlife Trust, et al.

Jim proved himself keen to learn, having had little previous clerical experience, and soon started on the “qualifications” route, obviously loving the challenge of learning. He applied his new found knowledge to the variety of tasks wrapped up in his job, and often offered the council wise and appropriate advice. His presence in the office and out in the village has been beyond his duties, and councillors, allotment holders, complainers, village green users, and residents in general will all miss his wit and expertise.

The new team at the office has a hard act to follow, but is proving just as keen to serve the Parish. Jim, we wish you success in the future, and thank you for all you have done as clerk to Ripley Parish Council.

## **RIPLEY CHRISTMAS FAIR**

We're excited to announce that our annual Christmas Fair is on its way, set to be held on 3rd December 2023 from 11am - 3pm. We know how important this event is to our community, & we're working hard to make sure it's as magical as ever.

There will be delightful stalls, delicious food & some funfair rides for the children to enjoy. There will even be a visit from Father Christmas himself with his own Grotto! Enjoy the music of Emily Louise Brown & the Rock Choir! Be sure to stay until the end for the fantastic raffle prizes to be won.

The Christmas Fair funds the Christmas Lights completely. Due to Guildford Borough Council's recent financial challenges, we've unexpectedly lost some grant funding this year. This is making it difficult to pay for the iconic Christmas Lights, leading to considerations of possibly not having them going forward. We're determined to make our Christmas Fair a success & bring a little festive cheer to our village, which means we need to raise some funds to ensure we can keep our famous lights for many years to come!

If you are able to help, look out for our Christmas cards, locally designed by children at Ripley Court School, buy raffle tickets for fantastic prizes donated locally, or donate to our gofundme page:

<https://gofund.me/748a1fb6>

or scan the QR code



We're pulling out all the stops to make sure the fair is full of fun & festive activities for all ages, as well as offering a fantastic range of local food & gifts. We hope you'll join us in supporting our community & making this year's Christmas Fair one to remember.

We would like to thank our kind sponsors: Ripley Farmers Market, Charybdis, the Jovial Sailor, Thomas Ford & Sons, Ewbanks, Seymours, KH Heating, Sea Salt, & The Frame Shed. We would also like to thank those who have donated a raffle prize: Ripley Farmers Market, Royal British Legion, Nest, The Talbot, Co-Op, Ilsanto, Sea Salt, The Beauty & Skin Clinic, Jonathan Andrew Hair, Ilsanto Hair Salon, Miss Bush, The Anchor, Café Beirut, Pinnock's, Ripley Curry Garden, the Half Moon, Voo Vets, Ripley Guitars & Wills & Smerdon. We would also like to express our gratitude to the local businesses who have displayed our Christmas Fair poster.

If you are able to volunteer at the upcoming Christmas Fair, please reach out to Jess at [christmas@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:christmas@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

*Jess Caine*  
Assistant Clerk

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## PARISH COUNCIL

*I signed off my first article promising to update you on Council business since May. It most certainly has been a busy few months...*

As I assumed the role of Chair, I was acutely aware that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State by Taylor Wimpey against Guildford Borough Council (GBC) for the non-determination of the Wisley Airfield planning application, 22/P/01175. As a result, the application would be determined by a planning inspector following a public inquiry. In June Send & Ripley Parish Councils applied for joint Rule 6 status to participate in the inquiry to oppose the development on grounds of the unsustainability of our villages to accommodate large-scale development without appropriate infrastructure. An extraordinary amount of work was put into producing a Statement of Case & Proof of Evidence which can be viewed online through a search of the application reference at Guildford Borough Council's planning portal. The inquiry opened on the 26th of September & ran until the end of November. On behalf of SPC, Chairman, Cllr Osborn & VC, Cllr Hurdle presented evidence & were cross-examined by James Maurici KC on behalf of the appellant. On behalf of RPC, Chairman, Cllr Ayears spoke. Contributions were also given by former Borough Cllr, Mike Hurdle & incumbent Borough Cllr, Pat Oven. The planning inspector will now decide whether to allow or dismiss the appeal.

A second priority for SPC since May, has been addressing recruiting new members & an assistant to the Clerk. It has been a pleasure to co-opt Mr Andrew Roberton & Mr Andy Sherman. Mr Roberton, is an executive member of the Send Scouts & lead organiser of Send events including the May Fair & the Send Marsh Bonfire. Mr Sherman has managed Send United Football Club & has been a resident of Send for over 25 years. Their contribution, along with newly elected member in

May, Cllr Shields & our existing Chair of the Pavilion re-development committee, Cllr Goehler, is already being felt in assisting with community engagement activities & the Pavilion re-development project.

I am also pleased to report that Ms Naomi Niblet has been recruited as an assistant to our Clerk, Ms Nichola Mair. The Council has a new email for general inquiries, please email, [info@sendparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@sendparishcouncil.gov.uk). The Clerk is still contactable, [Clerk@sendparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@sendparishcouncil.gov.uk).

In November the Council conducted its first community outreach event led by CAVE architects to listen to residents' views on re-development of the pavilion on Send Recreation Ground. The Council has also commenced undertaking some repairs to & replacement of our aging play equipment at Maple Road & on the Recreation Ground. Thanks is extended to the Chair of our Amenities & Leisure Services Committee, Cllr Bruton for leading on this. The Council still has a vacancy for one more co-optee. We would be particularly interested to hear from anyone with an interest in highways matters of the village. The Council would like to set up a working group in this area.

Until next time....

please keep updated at [www.facebook.com/sendvillage](https://www.facebook.com/sendvillage)

*Julia Osborn*

Chairman, Send Parish Council



# Have your say about the **Send Pavilion** Redevelopment

## Consultation Days:

- **Saturday 18 November** 2023 (10am -1pm) @ Pavilion on the Rec
- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** 2024 (10am-1pm) @ To be confirmed.
- **Monday 11 March** 2024 (4pm-7pm) @ Upper Room, Lancaster Hall
- **BH Monday 6 May** 2024 (12noon-3pm) @ Recreation Ground



- **share your thoughts**
- **meet the architects**
- **free cake & drink**
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## What improvements would you like to see?

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Back in September our Vicar Tony Shutt & his wife Beth retired & moved away from Send village. They held our community together with their hands & hearts for 28 years & we hope that they are being held in the hands & hearts of their new community.

We wish them both every happiness in their retirement together & hope retirement affords them both the chance to pursue their hobbies, interests, & dreams.

We are now in a new phase called a Vacancy (formally an Interregnum). During this period there will be no Vicar. With the support of the Archdeacon the recruitment process has begun. During the Vacancy our Sunday services continue & are kindly being led by visiting Clergy. We continue to maintain the strong links with Send Church of England Primary School Tony developed during his ministry here. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the services. We would love to see you.

Please see our Christmas Services Calendar below & please visit our website for the list of our services in the New year & beyond.

[www.sendparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.sendparishchurch.co.uk)

Wishing everyone a very special Christmas & every happiness for 2024.

*Helen Sloan & Rachel Wilkinson*

Churchwardens for St Mary's Church, Send

**3<sup>rd</sup> December**, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

08:30 Holy Communion &

10:30 Holy Communion

**10<sup>th</sup> December**: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

10:30 Nativity play by

St Mary's Sunday Club

**17<sup>th</sup> December**: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

10:30 Carol Service TBC

**24<sup>th</sup> December**: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

10:30 Holy Communion,

15:00 Crib Service All very welcome to

this service especially all the little ones &

23:30 Midnight Mass

**25<sup>th</sup> December**: Christmas Day

09:30 Holy Communion

**31<sup>st</sup> December**: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

08:30 Holy Communion &

10:30 Holy Communion

### Christmas Services December 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> 3.30pm Christingle  
10<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Nativity  
17<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight  
24<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm Crib Service  
11.00pm Midnight Communion  
25<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Family Celebration

### Service Times

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Communion Service  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Family Service  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Communion Service  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Sunday Worship  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Group Ministry Service  
(with churches from Ockham,  
Downside, East and West Horsley.)

# ST MARY MAGDALEN, RIPLEY



Rev Anna Norton is the new Priest in Charge of a newly formed benefice – Ripley and Ockham with Hatchford and Downside. You would be very welcome at any of our services!

## FOLLOW THE STAR: JOIN THE SONG

The night that Christ was born, Shepherds were watching their sheep when they were astonished to find the night sky filled with angels singing God's praise. Before long, they were joining in, raising their voices to praise God, caught up in the wonder and magic of that wonderful night.

Sing-along screenings have become increasingly popular in cinemas and part of the reason that they are so joyful is that we thrive when we are part of something bigger than ourselves. Something happens when we participate in something in company with others. We know that being part of a choir is good for us physically, mentally and spiritually. When we sing together, magic happens. We grow closer to one another – and when we sing to God, we grow closer to him too.

This Christmas, we invite you to follow the star and join the song. Singing Christmas Carols is as central to Christmas as eating sprouts and pulling crackers. We'd love you to join in. To join us. The archbishops invite us this Christmas to follow the star, journey to the manger, join the song and come into the presence of Jesus Christ. This Christmas, may you know the joy of belonging. Of being part of a community. Of knowing that you are loved beyond measure.

Happy Christmas, one and all.



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## SCOUTS

**One of Send 1st Scout's attended the 25th World Scout Jamboree in S Korea this August, you may have heard about it when it hit the headlines, so here's his account of this trip of a lifetime:**

Having been waved off at London Heathrow we went on a 24hr journey to Kuala Lumpur & then up to Seoul. Stepping straight off the plane we jumped on the metro to the famous Gwangjang market for traditional Korean street food. All over Seoul we were bumping into Scouts from around the world.

We had the privilege of visiting the De-Militarized Zone. It was really interesting, seeing first hand how different North Korea looked to South Korea & learning about the history.

Our travel to the Jamboree site was delayed, the UK contingent had decided it wasn't ready for us yet due to flooding. So after some hotel swapping & more sight seeing we eventually left for the site & made it just in time for the opening ceremony which was huge. There was over 50,000 people in the open air arena, it was amazing to see the flags from all of the countries represented being paraded & the drone display.



It was incredibly hot & humid on the site, & it was infested with bugs after all the rainfall. The food was “interesting” & sadly all the activities were cancelled because of the heat. We spent our days sat under shelter, meeting Scouts from other countries & trading neckerchiefs & badges. We had to pitch our tents on plastic crates because of the flooding risk. There were a lot of problems on the site, not enough shelter, food or clean sanitation facilities & after 3 days we were told we were being evacuated back to Seoul.

It was really sad to know that the jamboree was over but it was a relief because the site was really bad. I was disappointed that I'd missed out on the things I thought I would do at the jamboree. However playing rugby with the Scouts from Fiji was really memorable.

Back in Seoul we were taken to a hotel where we spent the night in a ballroom with 400 other UK Scouts as there were no rooms. The Korean Ministry of Patriots & Veterans Affairs organised an amazing trip for us; we visited Gloster Hill Memorial Park where we took part in a memorial ceremony & learnt about the battles British people faced in the Korean war followed by a trip to the War Memorial of Korea exploring all kinds of military vehicles. The day finished with a visit to the National Cemetery where we marched with other units, saluted the flags & had a moment of silence.

Whilst in Seoul we also saw the Banpo Rainbow Fountain Bridge, went to the Olympic Park, the Alive Museum had Korean BBQ, explored the malls & attended a baseball match.



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The Jamboree closing ceremony relocated to Seoul because the whole site was evacuated, we saw a K-Pop concert as well as hearing speeches from the jamboree organisers.

Overall whilst my Jamboree experience was not at all what I had prepared for & expected it was still an amazing trip & I hope to go to a future jamboree as Service Team. I learned a lot about international travel, different cultures, languages, cuisines & customs & World wide Scouting, it's made me appreciate everything I have here at home.



Thank you to everyone who supported me in my fundraising to attend the Jamboree.

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We can't believe that we are writing our final article for 2023 already. This year has really flown by and we are all looking ahead to the winter months. As you know we have been very busy with our flu and Covid vaccination programme and have delivered these important immunisations to a large number of you across the community. Indeed, we have given 1627 Flu vaccinations and 949 Covid vaccinations.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported The Villages Medical Centre in our programme this year. It is so important that our patients come to see us rather than go elsewhere for their flu vaccination as it ensures we are able to continue to offer a comprehensive service each year.

With winter coming on, we would like to remind all of our patients that keeping warm over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression. Heat your home to a temperature that's comfortable for you. If you can, this should be at least 18°C in the rooms that you regularly use, such as your living room and bedroom. This is particularly important if you have a health condition. And it is best to keep your bedroom windows closed at night.

Remember that other people, such as older neighbours, friends and family members, may need some extra help over the winter. And we can all do our bit to help each other. It can be as simple as just keeping in touch with friends, neighbours and family to ask if they need any practical help, or if they're feeling unwell. Making sure they're stocked up with enough food supplies for a few days, in case they cannot go out and if they do go out, reminding them to wear shoes with a good grip and a scarf around the mouth to protect them from cold air, and to reduce their risk of chest infections. And of course making sure we all order any prescription medicines before the holiday period starts and if bad weather is forecast.

With that in mind, please don't forget to order your medication to cover the Christmas and New Year period. From 4th December, we will be accepting repeat prescription requests that allow for the holiday time. So, when you have 3 weeks remaining of your current supply please go online to our website or drop your form off to us here at the surgery. Many thanks for your support during this busy time for us all. Lastly, while we do not wish to race through the holiday time, we are looking ahead to 2024 and some exciting changes for us as a surgery. As the community and demand for the services we offer grows, we will be extending and expanding our building here in Send. Of course this will involve building and construction work and, as we all know, this brings with it some inconvenience. We will do our best to keep that to a minimum and hope that you will support and bear with us during this time. As the saying goes, no pain, no gain. We will keep you posted with our plans and progress and we look forward to being able to offer more appointments and services going forward into 2024.

Thank you all for your continued support and we wish you, your families and friends a very happy and healthy Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year.

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## **CHRISTMAS FARMERS' MARKET 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Happy Christmas from Ripley Farmers' Market and thank you to everyone who has supported us this year.

Make sure you join us on Ripley Green for our Christmas market on 9 December from 9am to 1pm. There will be extra stalls selling their festive produce, wreaths and unusual presents for that 'hard to buy for' person. The Christmas hamper raffle will be drawn that morning too.

Did you know that nearly all of our income from stallholders' fees goes to support local groups and good causes? The market is run completely by volunteers so apart from a small amount spent on marketing materials, the gazebo etc. we are able to distribute funds to those who get in touch asking for financial help. So if you are, or know of someone, who is in need in the Ripley area, tell them to contact us via our website. There is a list on our website of groups we've supported in the recent past.

At Christmas, we also donate £10 worth of vouchers to anyone registered with us who is over 60 in the village. This can be spent until April 2024. Give us your name, address and email if you have it, at the market stall and we will add your name to the list.

We look forward to a successful monthly market in 2024. Please support us and the large variety of stallholders we attract by continuing to shop with us on the second Saturday of the month throughout the year.

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# Send & Ripley

## HISTORY SOCIETY

### A TALE OF TWO VILLAGES

The Village Weddings exhibition seemed to be very well received, a big thank you to those who lent items. The new exhibition is called The Tale of Two Villages. It has some background information on the two villages & some interesting artefacts to add to the story. As it is close to Remembrance Sunday we have some photos from both the First & Second World Wars. Our publication Memories of War will be on special offer for £2.50 (£5 with the Bomb Map). Finally some new acquisitions will be on show including an interesting aerial photograph.



Incidentally I had originally planned that the final exhibition of the year would feature the amazing work of locally born artist Frank Brown.

He now lives in Scotland but I'm delighted to say he is being very encouraging. I now realise that to do his work justice is going to take time so this exhibition will go ahead in 2024. In the meantime I

would love to hear from anyone who owns one of his pictures & might be prepared to loan it or at least allow us to photograph it. I am particularly interested in paintings that feature local scenes or local characters.

Clare G728546 cricketshill@hotmail.com

One final note, if you are not already a member of the society, you can join now & your membership will run until the end of 2024.

Forms can be found at the Museum (open Saturdays 10-12) or via our website <https://sendandripleyhistorysociety.co.uk/> & you can also follow us on Facebook.

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### **14 December 2023 in West Horsley Village Hall**

#### **The WT and the Story of Langley Vale Centenary Woodland**

*illustrated talk by David Hatcher of the Woodland Trust*

David will outline the aims of the WT in general and then tell "The story of the Langley Vale Centenary Woodland", everything from planning to archaeology to wildlife to the work of the volunteers. At 259 hectares (641 acres), Langley Vale Wood is the largest of the WT's Centenary Woods. It has pockets of ancient woodland, diverse and fascinating wildlife and flora, and stunning views over the rolling hills of the North Downs. In the coming years, the ambitious woodland creation scheme will transform the existing arable land into both a natural haven and a living memorial to those who sacrificed so much in the First World War. Just 2 miles south of Epsom, this is one of our local special wildlife places.

### **25 January 2024 on Zoom**

#### **Wasps and Bees**

*illustrated talk by Andy Sands*

We will look at many of the fascinating solitary Bees that we have in the UK as well as their parasites in the form of Beetles, Flies and Wasps. We shall also explore the amazing worlds of Wasps, not the usual yellow and black jobs that annoy you at the BBQ but the interesting ones, the ones with macabre lifestyles... The ones that paralyse Bees, Spiders and Grasshoppers to feed their young or are cuckoos in the nest of Bees. We will gain a whole new insight into an amazing group of insects.

**22 February 2024 on Zoom**

**Nature Through the Seasons, Part 2 Autumn/Winter**

*illustrated talk by Roger Hance*

Back by popular demand, this is Roger's photographic account of the end of summer and the transition to winter. Autumn colours, woodland fungi, birds feeding up for the hard weather and migrant birds coming in from colder climates. As winter starts to really take hold it we will see Seals on the coastline, Barn Owls hunting and Waders on the coastal shorelines.

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# Ripley School

## UPDATE

Achieving specialist temporary education at Ripley School for children with special needs remains an important target, along with the safe keeping of the site for a local primary school for the future, say the Trustees & Friends of the school.

Temporary plans to use the site to provide full time education for primary-aged children with complex social communication needs are now in place. Refurbishments suited to the needs of primary school children on the school site are underway.

Small classes led by Freemantles school, an outstanding state-maintained specialist school based near Woking, will use the site for ages 4-7 years old from early next year until July 2026.

Ripley Pre-school will continue to provide early year childcare from their self-contained building on site while the school site will continue to benefit local community activities – such as dance, coding & hosting the Ripley Over 60's Group. Enquiries regarding the hiring of the school for after-school or out of term activities should be directed to: [admin@ripleyschooltrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@ripleyschooltrust.org.uk)

The decision last November by the Department for Education to not grant the Section 554 order (which would allow the site to be handed over to Guildford Diocese) continues to be under review by the Department. The site Trustees & Friends Group hope to be able to provide an update on this shortly.

Colin Cross, recently retired local councillor, says: "I am still hopeful that the efforts of the Trustees & Friends Group will eventually pay off & the school will reopen in its former role. Remember, Garlicks Arch is coming on stream & Send Primary has no capacity so hopefully the Authorities will be able to add two & two finally."

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# RIPLEY AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our **ANNUAL SHOW** went well again this year with a good range of entries. I am very pleased that each year we get more visitors in the afternoon to see the exhibits & enjoy a cup of tea & cake. Although only members can enter, we are keen for the afternoon to be open to all.

In October we had a stall at the **FARMERS' MARKET** serving soup & had flowers & produce available. It was a lovely sunny morning although a chilly wind but plenty of visitors to the stall. We have a stall in the spring & autumn & is a great opportunity to let visitors know about our Society.

We will have had our two Autumn **SPEAKER TALKS** by the time this article is published. Non-members are very welcome at all our talks for a small charge of £3. The next talks will be in February & March 24. Details can be found on the R&SM website from January.

I wonder what weather we will get this winter? Hopefully not the very low temperatures we had last year. Our weather seems to be very extreme now – drought to floods, very low & then high temperatures, no wind, high winds. Challenging for gardeners ! I am hoping that by the time you read this we have enjoyed some lovely sunny autumn days.

RDHS membership year starts in January & is only £7 for the year.

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This fund has been available since 1702 when Dame Anne Haynes donated a sum to assist children in apprenticeships. The Charity Commission now says of the charity "the interest earned is distributed to young people to help in their further education".

A meeting is held annually in the Autumn to administer the available funds which is shared among the young people who qualify and apply for the grant.

The criteria for young people to qualify is that they must live in the Parish of Send or Ripley, they must be under 21 and the money must be used to further their education and prepare them for the workplace.

This year, after a break during the Covid epidemic, two new trustees have been appointed to administer and distribute available funds from the charity. Rowland Cornell represents Ripley Parish and Arthur Thomas represents Send Parish.

If any young person, their parent or guardian wishes to apply for funding, please apply with details by email to:-

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# SEND GARDENING SOCIETY

In August, we met for our annual garden picnic in a member's garden. It was a chance to relax, share food & appreciate the planting & outlook of a fellow gardener's endeavours.

On **Tuesday 3rd October** there was a Society outing to RHS Wisley in the form of a guided tour by an RHS Guide, a picnic lunch, & an afternoon talk "Behind the scenes at Hilltop". Although many of us are regular visitors to the gardens, the tour highlighted areas we were not as familiar with & we were given background information on some of the planting schemes, the trial grounds, the newer Hilltop areas, & Clear Pond. We are now more familiar with the information contained on plant labels & know about 'Champion Tree' signs & how Wisley is home to more than 100 British 'Champion trees'. Behind the scenes at Hilltop was exactly that – a visit to & talk initially from the Librarian. Resuming with a RHS member of staff, we were escorted around the first floor at Hilltop & learnt about the diagnostic & research work undertaken by the various laboratories. We



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were given more information about the work & archives of the Herbarium & finally we went into the Seed room. There we were shown how various seed heads are collected & the drying/sorting/storage processes the seeds go through. It was a fascinating insight of the work & staff behind the scenes & an interesting day out.

**Wednesday 4th October**, we met for a talk by John Lawrence of the RSPB on 'How to make your garden wildlife friendly.' This was an interesting talk, highlighted with bird songs, with plenty of information & tips for planting to encourage birds & insects into our outdoor spaces. Of particular note was the monthly/season breakdown of shrubs with berries to encourage birds each month.

The AGM on **Wednesday December 6th** followed by our Christmas Social & Quiz for members will be the final meeting from the 2023 program.

Looking forward to 2024, we do not meet in January so our first meeting will be:

**7th February 2024** 'Squires Garden Centres' by Sarah Squires.

Send Gardening Society provides local gardeners with an opportunity to get together & learn more about growing plants of all kinds. We meet up once every 2 months with fellow 'gardeners' for a sociable & interesting evening out. We have a varied programme that includes talks from speakers who are experts in their field, garden visits in summer & practical workshops. We are looking for new members to join our society & would welcome anyone from beginners to experienced green fingers alike. 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 & join us to make friends & exchange ideas. We can be reached by e-mail at [f.weybrookcollett@gmail.com](mailto: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

**The more one gardens, the more one learns; & the more one learns,  
the more one realizes how little one knows - Vita Sackville-West**

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### **Ripley Parish Council Meeting**

Third Wednesday of each month, but not always.

### **Ripley Parish Planning & Environment Meeting**

Third Wednesday of each month, but not always.

### **Ripley Coffee Morning**

Every Wednesday.

### **Ockham WI in Ripley**

First Wednesday of each month.

### **Ripley Over 60s Club Meeting**

First Saturday of each month.

### **Ripley Farmers' Market**

Second Saturday of each month.

## SEND REGULAR EVENTS

### **Send Parish Council Meeting**

Third Monday of each month but not August and December.

### **Send Parish Planning Meeting**

First and Third Mondays of each month, with some exceptions.

### **Send Small Steps Tots Group**

Every Wednesday.

### **Send Over 60s Club Meeting**

Second Wednesday of each month.

### **Send Crafts 4U**

Third Thursday of each Month.

### **Send Coffee Morning & Charity Shop**

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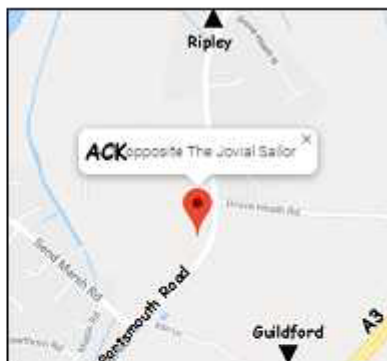
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## **The Seven Stars, Ripley to open late November following £265,000 major upgrade**

The Seven Stars just outside Ripley has closed for a major £265,000 revamp by Heineken-owned Star Pubs & Bars and new local licensee Ollie Bailey of The Running Mare in Cobham. It will reopen in late November in time for Christmas festivities with 10 jobs created as a result of the investment.

Ollie's plans are for The Seven Stars to become a dog and family friendly traditional local, a hub of the community with a reputation for great food and a welcoming environment. As well as offering home cooked meals and a traditional Sunday roast, there will be a monthly pub quiz on a Tuesday, and once up and running regular live music. The Seven Star's layout makes it an ideal venue for private functions including birthdays, anniversaries, wakes and company celebrations.

A sympathetic refurbishment will maintain the traditional look and feel of The Seven Stars whilst giving it a fresher, lighter ambience and an improved layout. The reconfiguration will result in more zoning of the pub for dining, a food pass so customers can see their food being prepared, a new bar and back bar, and the installation of an extra ladies loo. The top-to-toe redecoration will include the installation of joinery screens, an eclectic mix of tables and wooden and upholstered chairs, feature wallpaper, new lighting and carpet and a double sided woodburner.

The exterior is being given a complete facelift redecorated in green render and brick with gold signage and traditional lantern style lighting. Alfresco eating and drinking is in the pub's garden, one of the best in Surrey, either in outdoor heated wooden booths or on picnic tables and benches.

The menu at The Seven Stars will include classic modern British dishes with new and exciting flavours using fresh, local ingredients. There will be a selection of homely nostalgic food including Shepherd's pie, lasagne, chicken mushroom and leek pie as well as Surrey farm ribeye steak, traditional "fish n chips", homemade burgers and "catch of the day" specials that change weekly. Typical of the pub's approach to using the best available ingredients, its roasts include the finest Scottish sirloin of beef and Welsh lamb.

Ollie says: "The Seven Stars is similar to The Running Mare in terms of layout, location and size and so ticked the boxes when I saw it. It just needed investment to take it to the next level, which it is now having. It is also in a desirable location near river and canalside walks, making it a great place to relax with a drink or food. Back in its heyday - 10 years ago - it was famous for its food. We want to build on this reputation and create a pub the community can be proud of."

"Our Christmas menu will be available From 27th November to 23rd December, excluding Sundays. It will include 2/3 course lunch or dinner with a choice of four starters, mains, and desserts, as well as vegan and gluten free options."

Richard Foster, Business development manager at Star Pubs & Bars says: "The investment will broaden the appeal of The Seven Stars and is timely given the new housing being built nearby in the next couple of years."

"We're delighted that Ollie is taking on the lease of The Seven Stars. His food and reputation for great hospitality are well known locally as is evident from previous awards won. He will be a real asset to the community, and I wish him well with this latest venture."



# DOWN YOUR WAY

We were lucky enough to have a largely warm, if confusing summer and autumn with the wildlife, as always, in control and us just trying to keep up with it. As the keen gardeners among you will know, this year has seen everything grow at a furious pace. The moles and pennywort in particular have, at times, seemed to be winning the battles, if not the war and I'm sure the winter will see that continue. Thankfully I have fantastic volunteers who help me keep things under control.

This time of year is always hard, with the work continuing to be physically demanding and an increase in nights disrupted by water-watching and weir adjustments at ungodly hours. That said, the end of the summer visitors and the onset of the, let's call it 'atmospheric' weather, gives the river a different personality and being able to feel like the only person seeing a particular sight on a particular day, if you time it right, always feels special. You might share your misty walk with the odd heron, flotilla of geese or boat but even in the soggiest or coldest of days I always manage to see something that makes me smile and glad I braved it. I wish the same for you.

*Emma*

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If you're a regular visitor you may have also seen a new face on the Triggs length. I took over the length at the beginning of September from Chris and have spent my time getting to know the navigations. I come from a boating background, having lived on a narrowboat for the past eight years and then two years volunteering on the River Weaver in Cheshire for the Canal and River Trust and I'm very much looking forward to working here on the Wey.

There were a few weeks between Chris leaving and me getting started, so I spent some time catching up on getting the towpath cut and tidy with the unusually warm weather we had in the late summer. Autumn and winter bring new challenges and a different workload. The primary job is managing water levels, I have two weirs that I operate, one in Sutton Place and the other near Gresham mill. The other work to do soon is to cut back the vegetation along the river. As we go through October, I will begin this 'winter cut back', where I cut back all the vegetation around the river to ground level. This may look harsh but has two important purposes. Firstly, it allows me over winter to inspect the riverbank, to identify issues and repairs needed but also to allow me to see where, come spring, I will keep areas cut back for boaters, fishing and tow path users a good view of the river. The second purpose is to allow controlled regrowth in the spring along the length and to manage invasive plant species.

I look forward to getting to know the area more over the coming months, please do stop and say hello if you see me out on the river.

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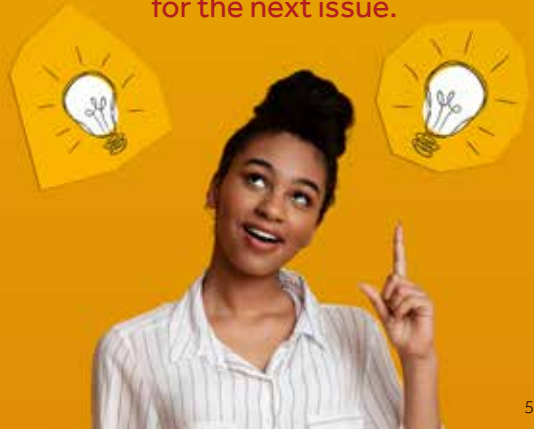


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It has been running for over 10 years and presently has over 400 email addresses.

If you would like to subscribe, simply email [chris.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.lee@btinternet.com) asking to be included. There is no charge and your details will not be passed on to any third party.

I believe many residents find it an invaluable information service, so please let me know if you would like to join.

*Chris Lee*

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This is an organisation that at Christmas time is able to give small donations to people who need it. We have some people who are on the list already but if you know of somebody (who you think might benefit) let one of us know. If you live in Ripley ring Geoff on 01483 225322 and if you live in Send ring Lorna on 01483 222224, this would be in the strictest confidence. Or you could recommend yourself.

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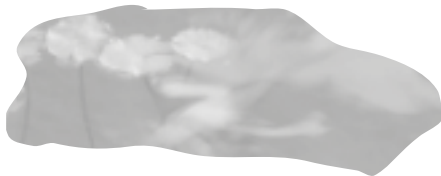
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Further information from our website [www.guildfordfuchsia.co.uk](http://www.guildfordfuchsia.co.uk) or direct from our treasurer (see inside back cover) or email [enquiries@guildfordfuchsia.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@guildfordfuchsia.co.uk)

## **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.

Help needed please setting up the hall for our meetings. Setting up and storage of chairs etc. Please get in touch if you can help.

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.

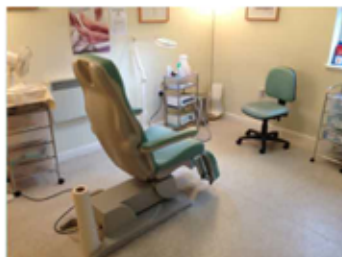
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### Ockham & Ripley WI

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.

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# SEND VILLAGE CLUB

It seems like the year has gone by very quickly, it has been great to host members parties & have club events. During the summer months we have had club competitions, where members had fun playing pool & darts. On the 23rd September we had 'Sendown Park Races' hosted by Hughie & Vic, absolutely brilliant evening enjoyed by all raising £116.50 for the club.

At the time of writing we are preparing to welcome a Blessing reception & a Wedding reception & wish both couples a very happy future together.

**Sunday 12th November** we will remember them with a minutes silence & the laying of our wreath at the club & afterwards at the Send Memorial.

'Lest we Forget'

**Sunday 19th November** we will be holding our first ever Christmas table top sale from midday.

**Saturday 25th November** we welcome live music with 'Free Peace Sweet'

**Saturday 16th December** will be Christmas Draw Evening.

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**Sunday 24th December** Christmas Eve Disco.

**Sunday 31st December** New Years Eve Disco.

We welcome guests of members to our events a signing in fee will apply.

Our Christmas week opening times will be displayed on the noticeboard & on our Facebook page along with all event information.

We are continuing to put together events for our members.

Our regular monthly bingo is very popular we have introduced a snowball cash prize & raffle for a free bingo book for one lucky player next time.

We also welcome back our dart teams for the new season & wish them luck.

Membership renewals for 2024 will fall due on the 1st January, new members always welcome.

Finally thank you to all our members who continue to support our efforts & use the premises. The Committee are a voice for every member & are always happy to receive ideas, comments & help. New Committee members are always welcome.



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