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Hello Dear Reader,

First things first as they say **The Annual General Meeting** of the Ripley & Send Publishing Association will be held in the Ripley Church Rooms on Tuesday 14th May at 7:30pm. All are welcome. Please do come along to meet the team and find out ways you can volunteer and help.

Hello, people of Ripley, Send, and beyond! What's been happening since the last issue? Christmas has come and gone, with me attempting to break my record of cheese consumption over the holiday period. However, my New Year's resolution of burning off the excess cheese consumption from Christmas has also come and gone without success. There is a feeling of the first whispers of spring in the air, and any mention of spring makes me think of Zebedee from 'The Magic Roundabout,' bouncing around in a field full of daffodils. Already, there is a positive energy for summer, just around the third corner on your left, right after the large oak tree.

Speaking of large oak trees, did anyone hear about the mention of Arthur's Stump? It was brought up on Radio 5 on my way home from work. Apparently, it is a tree just outside of the cricket club that has more stories than you can shake a branch at. I will set myself the task to investigate further.

Now, back to the magazine. This issue is packed with information on upcoming events, a great article about what happens to a retired guide dog and a whole lot more. I must give a massive thank you to Natalia Prykhodko for the wonderful photo on the front cover. Her photo exhibition has just finished at Cafe Beirut, so I hope some of you made it there to see it.

I do hope you enjoy this issue and I'll see you in the summer. Remember, make tea, not trouble.

Scott Hutchinson



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Christmas Fair

We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year from Ripley Parish Council. We were delighted to bring the Christmas Fair back onto the High Street – even if it was a rather last-minute change due to adverse conditions on the Green. Almost without exception visitors and stallholders alike told us how much they love the atmosphere of having stalls along the street.

In financial terms, the fair did well too and was pretty close to the £14,500 the Parish Council has to spend on the fair and the lights. At £14,179 there's a relatively small shortfall with that income coming from stall fees, raffle tickets, mulled wine, and generous donations from businesses. A big thank you to Emily Louise Brown and Matt Jelley, singer and compere respectively, volunteers, sponsors, raffle prize donators, individuals who donated via GoFundMe and Cllr Sarah Gill for steering the ship and arranging the entire event. Thank you to everyone.



Finance

One of the hardest jobs the Parish Council has to do is balance the books. Our main source of income is the Parish Precept, which is part of the Council Tax everyone pays to Guildford every year. We have, in the past, also been able to access grants from Guildford for specific one-off items such as a new Roundabout for the children's playground. You may have read that Guildford Borough are in financial difficulties, and as a result have stopped these grants meaning that we haven't been able to replace the Roundabout (yet!). But it's actually a "double whammy", because they will also start charging us for things that they never used to. From next year, we will have to pay to have the bins on the green emptied, at well over £100 per bin. Sadly, this means that many of the smaller red 'dog litter' bins will be removed, although some will be replaced with large green all-purpose bins. The dog walkers in the village

are doing a fantastic job clearing up after their dogs; please use the green bins in future when the red bins have gone.

It is about this time of year when the council has to prepare a budget for the coming year. It is never easy: on the one hand, we know that many people are financially stretched and can't afford a big increase, but on the other hand the loss of money from Guildford means that we need more than ever before just to keep the status quo. - Cllr Ian Baker

Wisley Airfield Planning Appeal

Ripley and Send Parish Councils have worked together at the recent Wisley Airfield Planning Inquiry to oppose the development put forward by Taylor Wimpey. The two councils applied for Rule 6 status which allowed us to put forward our objections and cross-examine Taylor Wimpey's experts to challenge their case for allowing the development. The full report on the inquiry can be found in the Send Parish Council section in this edition. - Cllr Richard Ayears

Junction 10 Improvements

As part of the Development Consent Order for the Junction 10 improvements, Ripley High Street will see a series of speed tables along its length, and it is expected to see a 20mph limit replacing the current 30mph limit. There will also be a new pedestrian crossing near the Village Hall and another road narrowing and priority vehicle movement in Newark Lane outside Hedgecroft Cottages to slow vehicles leaving the village.

The Secretary of State required National Highways to put together this scheme to mitigate the impacts of additional traffic following the creation of the new Wisley Lane diversion on Ripley High Street. The Parish Council, although not a statutory consultee, has worked with National Highways and Surrey County Council to develop a scheme which the Secretary of State has recently approved.

National Highways and Surrey County Council are now working up the details of the scheme which is currently planned to be installed during August and September this year.

The Parish Council are continuing to work with Surrey to develop a scheme to reduce the speed along Portsmouth Road as well as Polesden Lane, Newark Lane and Rose Lane. - Cllr Richard Ayears

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PARISH COUNCIL



I am pleased to report the public inquiry into the Wisley Airfield planning application, 22/P/01175 has now concluded after it was extended into December.

Send and Ripley Parish Councils participated in the inquiry as a joint Rule 6 party, meaning we had a seat at the table to make a case and challenge the appellant (Taylor Wimpey) on their proposals. After we had been cross-examined in October, in November it was our turn. On behalf of the Ripley/Send team I was able to question, at some length, the appellant's transport witness Mr McKay on the impact of the proposals on our local road networks; and Mr Collins, Director of Planning at Savills UK, on the site masterplan. In December, the sessions focused on the S106 legal requirement if permission is granted, and planning conditions. We presented our closing statement on the 19th of December - just in time for Christmas!

Aside from the Wisley inquiry, SPC continues to be vigilant and make robust representations on planning applications relating to Send Village. Our Planning and Environment Committee led by Cllr Hurdle, has been putting a lot of diligent work into making representations to several recent windfall applications. These were not allocated sites in the Local Plan and include eight dwellings at Heath Farm in Tannery Lane and the most recent proposals for development of the Send Barns Stables at Woodhill. A member from SPC spoke at the GBC planning committee in early January to represent residents to oppose the application for five dwellings at number 94 Potters Lane. It was also good to hear the views/concerns of residents of Send Hill at our January meeting on GBC's approval of the sale of the Send Hill sandpit.

SPC is fortunate to have a great team of Cllrs who bring a depth of experience and community focus to Council projects. Cllr Goehler continues to drive the Pavilion re-development project and our new Cllrs have been assisting with some very productive engagement events. In December the Council approved moving the Recreation Ground charity to an incorporated structure, CIO to help facilitate the project and bring it up to date with current charity legislation. While we are fortunate that this project will be mainly funded by S106 from the Clockbarn development and Garlicks Arch, the Council had some major expenditures this year to replace the play equipment at Maple Road, a new bus shelter in Send Marsh and other groundworks in our playgrounds, open spaces and at the cemetery. This is reflected in a rise to our Precept requirement for the next financial year.

Finally, a note for your diaries. **The Annual Parish Meeting will be taking place on the 11th of March**, in the Upper Room of Lancaster Hall. This will be our final engagement session for you to give us your feedback on what you would like to see from a new Pavilion on the Send Recreation Ground.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Julia Osborn

Chairman, Send Parish Council

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Consultation Days:

- **Monday 11 March** 2024 (4pm-7pm) @ Upper Room, Lancaster Hall
- **BH Monday 6 May** 2024 (12noon-3pm) @ Recreation Ground



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What improvements would you like to see?

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A little insight into the running of St Marys' Church while there is no Priest in charge and the timescales on when we might have a new one.

These questions and answers along with more can be found on the St Marys' church website: www.sendparishchurch.co.uk

Who is In Charge during the Vacancy?

Following Tony's departure, the formal running of the parish is the legal responsibility of the Area Dean and Churchwardens (the Sequestrators).

How does the parish function without a Priest in charge?

Whilst the Area Dean will provide oversight and support, most of the work will be coordinated by the vacancy management team who are accountable to the PCC. This will consist of the churchwardens, administrator, treasurer, and others who share in ministerial and administrative support. It will meet regularly to ensure things continue as normal.

How is our new Priest in charge chosen? Who decides on or new Priest in Charge?

There are five people who will be on the formal interview panel:

The Patron's rep and Bishop of Dorking
The Archdeacon of Dorking
The Area Dean of Woking
The two Parish Representatives



The Bottom Line...

So when can we expect to welcome our new Priest in charge?

If we are successful in appointing a new Priest in charge in June, we might expect an induction during September/October. The average time between an appointment and an institution is approximately 4 months.

Next issue we will update you on further developments.

Rachel & Helen
Churchwardens

St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

By the time you are reading this, it might feel that Christmas and the New Year are far behind us and January has been going on for ever. The new year always feels significant – time to look back and time to look forward. A time to reflect, perhaps to grieve. To hope and to dream.

In the church we begin with prayer, thanking God for his love and faithfulness and asking his blessing on the year ahead. We began the year using a guide produced by the 24-7 Prayer Team – looking back with gratitude. Asking where we were this time last year and listing how we have seen God's goodness since then. We challenged ourselves about our hopes, dreams and goals for the future – regarding school or work, family, friendships, faith and fun.

We asked what relationships we might invest in this year and whether there is anything we need to leave behind as we move into the year ahead. Whatever your faith, we all need moments of reflection, moments to pause and consider where we have been and where we are going. We all need to feel that we are loved and that we belong. We hope that church might be part of that for you in 2024. Come to one of our services, our new toddler group starting in February or community food bank – we'd love to welcome you!

After living in Hong Kong for a number of years, if our new year passed you by, it's not too late! Chinese New Year begins on 10 February, so take time to pause and reflect. Or at least celebrate with a Chinese meal!

God bless you this year.

Rev Anna



Service Pattern

All Services at 10am

Wk 1 Communion Service

Wk 2 Family Service

Wk3 Communion with Children's Groups

Wk 4 Sunday Worship

Wk 5 Group Ministry Service

Please see website for details



Send Evangelical Church (SEC) is a friendly, community-minded church on Broadmead Road towards the Old Woking end of the village. We exist to love God and make Jesus known and would love to be part of your journey towards faith in God and growth in Christ-likeness. You are warmly invited to join in with any or all of the following:

Sunday Morning Service at 10:30 – This includes singing (traditional and contemporary music), Bible reading, prayer and a Bible message. A crèche area for parents with young children is available and Treasure Hunters (Sunday School) runs, most weeks, during the second half of the service

Evening Gathering at 18:30 – an informal meeting in the Back Hall for Bible study and prayer

Little Lambs – A welcoming group for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers on Thursday mornings at 09:15 or 10:45 in term time.

Youth Group – Fridays from 19:30–21:00 during term time, for secondary school aged children. Each Friday evening includes a game or activity, snack time, teaching from the Bible plus discussion and plenty of time to chill with friends.

Two exciting events that are coming up this quarter are our annual **Easter Holiday Club on Thursday 4th April from 10am to 3pm**, and a **Golden Jubilee Celebration** of the church's opening which was 50 years ago on May 25th and 26th, 1974. We would love to see you at one of these special events.

For further information, please visit our website:
Send Evangelical Church (sendec.org)
or contact our Assistant Pastor, Kurt Holmgren, kurt@sendec.org

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SCOUTS

Fingers crossed, by the time this magazine is printed, the worst of the storms will have passed and we'll be heading for better weather. At 1st Send (St Mary's) Scouts, we're starting to look forward to our next big event – the May Fair, Monday 6th May! The Decades are booked to play and there will be the usual stalls and games, food and drink and fun for all the family. To discuss holding a stall, running an event or volunteering to help, email gsl@sendscouts.org.uk

The May Fair is an important event for the local community as well as one of the biggest fundraisers for the Scouts. The Squirrel Section (age 4-6) will be proudly joining the procession in uniform for the first time, having first joined the rest of the Unit at the Remembrance Parade in November. As well as these events, we're enjoying camps and nights away on submarines, messing around on (and in) the river, campfire cooking, navigation, helping our community, first aid, learning about disabilities, hikes, gardening, air rifles and crafts.

We're regularly told that one of the most attractive things about Scouting is this huge range of activities but I believe that our Leaders make Scouting what it is. Our Leaders are all big kids who are also frequently found cooking on fires and floundering in the river. If you enjoy those things too, do email and join them!

Suzie Maine

Dates for the diary:

Sunday 10th March

Mothering Sunday service at St Mary's Church
(uniformed members please)

Monday 6th May

May Fair (uniformed members parade to open the fair)

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BRIAN & ROSIE

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A GUIDE DOG RETIRES?

It seems only yesterday I was saying goodbye to my first Guide dog Justin, but here we are again, this time saying goodbye to Rosie, who formally retired on the 6th of November.

We have come a long way and have become popular with residents, and at the voluntary work I do in the Debra Charity shop in Send. She was liked by staff and customers. I had Rosie for eight years and she celebrated her 10th birthday on October the 10th. We have overcome many challenges over the years with the two dogs I have had - a 15 year stretch, but sadly, as most of you know in the news over the past a few months, there has been a shortage of puppies and staff at Guide Dogs, and due to Covid the breeding program had to come to a halt. Fortunately now things are on the move and waiting lists are coming down, which brings me to the next thing. Now that Rosie has retired it could be a two year wait for my next dog. Most of you may go into a car and go off to see friends and so on, but my kind of life is slightly different, however. Rosie was my vehicle and therefore she was trained to guide me around obstacles and sadly this includes cars parking on the pavement which is now becoming a constant problem. Nevertheless it was a challenge and these are things that she overcame. We had a steady routine day in day out, and probably some of you have seen me on my travels from Village to Village, and throughout the villages, but sadly all this came to an end on November 6th, retirement day.



The impact of losing a guide dog is very hard on a guide dog owner, although they go to either family or friends, as first port of call. If this is not available and not an option then they can go back to Guide

Dogs for those on a waiting list which is very extensive. Fortunately I have been lucky with the two dogs I have had and they have gone to respectable homes which I had to denominate as there were two up for nomination. This is a hard decision for any guide dog owner. If they have to give up a guide dog the impact is the fact that once the guide dog retires and has to be rehomed it is devastating. Firstly giving up their loved friend which they have bonded over the many years together. This could be eight years or even nine years and to give them up is very hard. This can lead to loneliness anxiety and, in some cases, depression. They are not just a dog. They have been a long service dog that helps people with their mobility. This time for me there could be a long wait – it is very much possible that there will be a two year wait for my next guide dog. It's going to be hard, but I am having some training with my cane, preparing myself ready for this day. Having a cane is very restrictive. Unlike a guide dog who will manoeuvre and guide you around, a cane symbolise visual impairment or even blindness. I have many challenges ahead still to come, but I know with help and support we will get there in the end. It was a sad sad day when she went.

On a positive note I celebrated 25 years at the Debra charity shop, Send, with family and colleagues who have supported me endlessly and that was very special and very emotional. Of course, mentioning Rosie retiring was one of them. I got a lovely card signed by all my colleagues and a special 25 year medal. There was even a special cake made as well as an Amazon voucher. It was a pleasant evening. You can see my article on the Debra website which is www.debra.org.uk. From there, if you click on news and blogs, you will find the 25 year anniversary article with lots of pictures and the story behind it. This was very exciting and made a massive milestone not just for myself but also for Rosie. She was included which was vitally important because I wouldn't be doing the things I am doing today without the help of a guide dog. It has certainly changed my life.

When retiring a guide dog, it can be very sad as you have been a partnership for eight or nine years together. It is like losing a loved one or a relative, that kind of thing. You know each other's movements and routines. What happens when the dog retires is that obviously the

routine completely stops although the dog is still alive. Handing her or him over means missing part of the partnership that has lasted for eight or nine years. When it comes to an end you get a little bit lonely and very sad, sometimes a little bit isolated. Every guide dog owner goes through this for a period of weeks. Although I will be getting a new dog this is going to take some time – possibly a two year wait. During this time, we have got to go back to the old method of using my cane again from scratch, as it has been 15 years since I've last used my cane. A cane can detect your environment and what maybe is in front of you, and what is on the pavement and finding obstacles to a point. However, a guide dog can do so much more, they learn to assist before you even approach the obstacles, so they can determine the best course of action and guide you safely round them, rather than bumping into them. This can be roadworks, wheelie bins and sometimes cars parked on the pavement which is a very big issue. Retiring a guide dog is a very stressful time. There is lots of preparation before the big day of retirement. This is making sure you get things ready like medication and dog beds and getting all their belongings together, before you do the final walk. Finally signing paperwork and handing them back to Guide Dogs or even your nominated family. In Rosie's case there were two nominations. As I live on my own I was unable to keep my dog like some people can so it was very stressful and upsetting, but I know Rosie will be safe with her new family.

By Brian Stalley



A heartwarming moment was captured as I and Rosie received a beautifully signed card from every member of the team, expressing their fondness and sincere farewell to Rosie. The sentiment was truly overwhelming.



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We hope that 2024 has started well. Life at the surgery is as busy as ever. Over and above our nurses and doctors, we host a variety of specialist clinicians, including physiotherapists, midwives and dermatologists, here at The Villages Medical Centre. We refer patients to these services for their expert advice and care. In addition, Daniel Pufulete, a Musculoskeletal Practitioner, is here every Thursday. Patients with any joint or muscle issues can book an appointment to see him through reception.

The surgery is also very fortunate to have a permanent Physician Associate in the team. Olivia Biancardi is a highly qualified medical professional and works in exactly the same way as a GP, diagnosing, treating and managing the huge variety of conditions and issues we see every day. Jaceena George has also joined us as Clinical Pharmacist. And lastly, we are pleased to offer face to face GP appointments here every Saturday morning. These can be booked in advance through reception.

We end on a sad note. This spring we say a fond farewell to Dr Aaron Guard, who is an exceptional GP and colleague. He is looking forward to retirement but we will miss him enormously and would like to thank him for everything he has done for The Villages and our patients over the past 8 years. His shoes will be incredibly hard to fill but we are pleased to welcome two new GPs to the team. For now though, bon voyage Dr Guard, have fun and thank you.

Did you know that you can now see a GP on a Saturday morning? The Villages Medical Practice run a GP clinic on Saturday mornings on behalf of several GP practices in the area. There is one GP available between 9 am and 1pm and appointments must be booked in advance. To book an appointment please telephone the Practice on 01483 226330 - these appointments cannot be booked through the online system.

I can recall when I was working how convenient it would have been to be able to see a doctor at the weekend so we hope patients find this service beneficial.

Kate Price
Chair Villages PPG



RIPLEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE WINTER 2024

As I write this in January, I am sure you have all noticed our lovely new building now that the scaffolding has come down! The village hall looks fantastic from the outside, complete with our nod to the Lovelace diamond patterned brick design on the front of the building.

We continue to be delighted with our building contractor Buchanan and Son who are doing a wonderful job managing the complexities of this construction. We remain on time and on budget for completion at the end of April.

We would like to thank The Community Lottery Fund (National Lottery) for our most recent funding grant of £162,000 which has enabled us to complete the project without the requirement for further loans. Trustee Chairman Gill Haig-Brown has worked tirelessly over the past few years to secure funding from many different sources to enable the project to come to fruition.

The new building looks just as good on the inside and we can't wait to show it off to all the residents of the village when we officially open (likely to be early in May 2024 to allow for landscaping and final finishing). We have recently been working closely with some of the members of the Pantomime committee in order to purchase and fit out suitable sound and lighting for productions in the main hall and we hope that they will be encouraged to expand their amateur dramatic output to more than one production per annum!

All 3 halls in the new building will offer huge scope for a large range of activities such as drama, music, crafts, meetings, exercise classes, after-school activities and the like. It will also make a wonderful venue for a wedding or large celebration. There are kitchen facilities to each hall and the whole venue looks incredibly smart and nothing like your normal village hall! Please bear in mind if you have a big event coming up and are looking at suitable venues, Ripley Village Hall offers fantastic value for money with great facilities and it is an ideal location with plenty of parking.

We are already taking regular and one-off bookings for the new halls so please get in touch with Trish at info@ripleyvillagehall.org.uk to discuss further.

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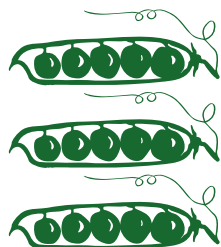


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Many local people will know the name of Frank Brown – the boy from Rose Lane who excelled as an artist and went to the Slade School of Art having first attended the Royal Grammar School, later returning to teach there and at Send Detention Centre.

Frank Brown now lives in Scotland but thanks to the wonders of email, I now have dozens of images to work with, as well as physical paintings – a massive challenge. Frank knows our little museum; in fact he sent me this photo when it was still a bank so he knows it isn't a Tardis!

His range of subjects is very varied but animals; in particular horses, music and history come through as themes as well, of course, as paintings of local friends, family and local scenes. Frequently a mosaic of all these things. This painting is an early work showing Turner Cottage in Rose Lane and its environs.



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23 May 2024 in West Horsley Village Hall

Spiders of Surrey – illustrated talk by Mike Waite, Surrey Wildlife Trust

Mike is a professional ecologist of some forty years experience. He is a very keen naturalist with specialisms in birds, higher plants and more latterly spiders. His talk will give an overview of spiders, the delights of arachnology, why Surrey is arguably the best county for pursuing it, and a gallery of what is out there. He will also touch on their relevance to the current state of nature in the UK, as well as what may be seen on sites closest to home. In 2020 he re-discovered the very rare Great Fox-spider on Hankley Common.

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Teams can comprise up to 4 players per rink and can be over several rinks. For example, Ripley Bowling Club in Rose Lane has 4 outdoor rinks and 2 short mats in the clubhouse. Matches are usually played over 18 ends, though it can vary dependent on the game being played. Both genders can play on equal terms and there is no bar to age.



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By the time this goes to print we will have had our AGM in January and our February Speaker Talk on Hardy Annuals by Pamela Holt.

Monday March 18th at 8 pm we are looking forward to a return visit from **Belinda Allen** with a talk entitled Companion Planting. We meet at the Church Room adjoining Ripley Church and doors open at 7.30 for refreshments and the talk starts at 8 pm. Non-members are very welcome (£3).

We are planning to have a stall at Ripley Farmers' Market on **Saturday, 13th April** so do come along and see us.

You can find more details on the Ripley & Send Matters website. Look for us on the list of local organisations and then click on our name. Alternatively, email us.

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SEND GARDENING SOCIETY

On **Wednesday 6th December** members met for the Annual General meeting (AGM) and Christmas Social. When the official business was concluded, mulled wine was served and a buffet table laden with sweet and savoury options was declared open. The Chairman's quizzes were fun and much merriment was had with his unusual scoring method ! Instead of a raffle, Secret Santa presents were gifted, adding to the festive spirit. An entertaining social evening was enjoyed by all attendees and was the successful conclusion of our 2023 programme.

At the time of writing, our first 2024 meeting on **Wednesday 7th February: Sarah Squire** speaking about 'Squire's Garden Centres' has not yet taken place so a report will follow. The next Wednesday meeting date on the programme is: **Wednesday 3rd April 2024 Jackie Currie – Alliums**

On Bank Holiday Monday 6th May, we will have our usual stall on the Recreation Ground at the Send Annual May Fair organised by 1st Send (St Mary's) Scout Group. This is the venue for a wide selection of bargain plants (both flowers and vegetables) raised and donated by our members. We look forward to meeting many villagers there, do come and say 'hello' and see what we have for sale.

Our 2024 programme continues on **Wednesday 5 June 2024** with **David Standing** who will speak about **Gilbert White**, the naturalist who lived at Selbourne.

Also in June, Send Gardening Society will have a floral display at the Send Blacksmith Sculpture for the Send Open Gardens weekend. Dates for both our summer visit to Gilbert Whites House and Garden Tour in Selbourne, and a walk along local waterways with our Chairman, Derek, concerning invasive species such as pennywort, will be advised later.

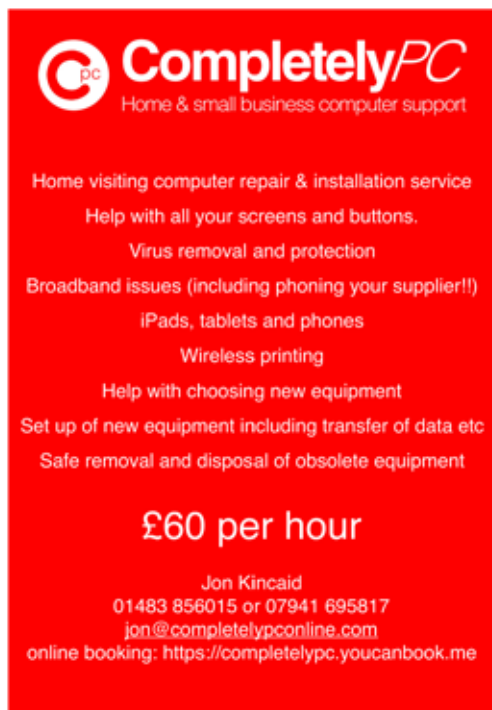


Send Gardening Society provides local gardeners with an opportunity to get together and learn more about growing plants of all kinds. We meet up once every 2 months with fellow 'gardeners' for a sociable and interesting evening out. We have a varied programme that includes talks from speakers who are 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. 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 exchange ideas. We can be reached by e-mail at f.veybrookcollett@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

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Ripley Over 60s Club Meeting

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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.

St Mary's Small Steps Tots Group

Every Wednesday.

Send Over 60s Club Meeting

Second Wednesday of each month.

Send Crafts 4U

Third Thursday of each Month.

St Mary's Coffee Morning & Charity Shop

Third Monday of each month.

St Mary's Craft & Chat

Fourth Wednesday of each month.

Send Evening WI

Fourth Wednesday of each month.

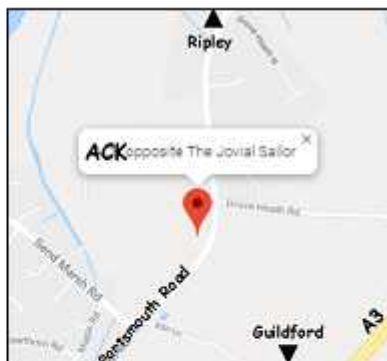
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28TH OCTOBER 2023

A huge thank you must go to all of you that ventured out on the evening of this year's Bonfire Celebrations, the weather was not with us, with the worst of the rain coming at that all important decision time 5pm. A complete reversal of last year's barmy temperatures. Despite the appalling weather the green and streets were lined with several thousand people to witness a break in the Bonfire Associations 68-year tradition by having a Bonfire "King" and our thanks go to our past and long-standing chairman Vernon Wood for taking up the challenge.

Having left the village hall in the pouring rain, the procession proceeded along the High Street led by The Surbiton Royal British Legion Youth Marching Band and accompanied by over 100 flaming torches. Once on the green our King then lit the huge Bonfire which despite the wet conditions took hold very quickly, for which the steam rising off the coats of those around the bonfire was testament to its heat and a welcome chance to dry off.



At 8pm as we looked to the Heavens for the Fire Work Display, miraculously the rain stopped and we were again treated to a fantastic fire work display, who's finale not only lit up the whole sky but the hearts of many damp souls, this was followed by a rapturous round of applause from all.

Thankfully, despite a persistent drizzle, the rain kept off until the end of the evening when most people having enjoyed the funfair, the food outlets and bar, were making their way home, to dry off. Unfortunately, when the rain came back it came back with vengeance and for those that were left there in the pouring rain, we were treated to an amazing Lightning display.

My thanks go to all our Marshalls and Collectors together with the Road Closure Marshals, First Aiders, and those Manning the Car Parks, that made the evening possible. Thanks also go to those that supported the evening including: our village business sponsors, the Food outlets, the Bar and of course Sultana who once again entertained those around the bar with their rendition of many classic hits. My thanks also go to the Benson family, for again a mammoth Fun Fair.

As a consequence of the bad weather, unfortunately our income from the Street Collection and Car parks was down a lot on previous years, and whilst we have paid all our costs and given initial donations to the Over 60's club and the Parish Council, this leaves our reserves extremely stretched, so please put Saturday 26th October 2024 in your diary as we look forward to seeing you next year come Rain or Shine .

Again, a big thank you to you for all your support.

Steve Hill

Chairman Ripley Bonfire Association

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DOWN YOUR WEY

I've seen 14 winters here, most of which have had some 'interesting' weather but this year it was relentless. The 32.5 mm of rain we had in the run up to Christmas in 18 hours was, I think a new record since I have been here. A record I hope won't be broken for a good while but I'm suspicious it will be. Regular readers will know the weir keeping aspect of the job can require hourly checks through the night. During the day it is often more regularly than that. If you'll pardon the water-based pun, it has been a little draining. The other winter chores have to fit around that. I am often mowing locksites on Christmas Eve to tidy up for the Christmas Day walkers, of whom there were (sensibly in the circumstances) fewer this year. The soggy ground meant I would have been doing more harm than good, so November saw the last cut of the year. The rest of the season is a lot of strimming, tree taming and trying to plan how you would like the vegetation to behave in a given area in the year ahead. That always takes a bit of experience, a bit of crystal ball gazing and a bit of luck. I'm just hoping my luck holds.

Emma

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Since I last wrote I have been settling in and getting to know many of you who regularly use the river. I am very grateful for the very warm welcome I've received. I have also been enjoying meeting all the dogs that bring their owners down the river for a walk!

Work on my length over the winter has primarily been weir keeping, it has been very wet over the late autumn and winter months, it has been incredible to see the power of water on the river.

In addition, storm Henk made its impact known and with my colleagues much time was taken up in the weeks after the storm clearing trees. Over the rest of the winter months, I've been making my way through a variety of projects; Dog hole repairs, Pollarding, Offside vegetation management to name a few.

With spring upon, I am looking forward to the longer days and warm spring sunshine to begin with the next phase of work on the river; painting and maintenance for the boating season ahead being top of the list.

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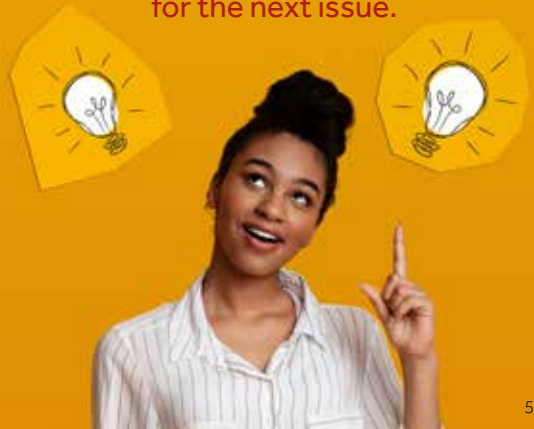


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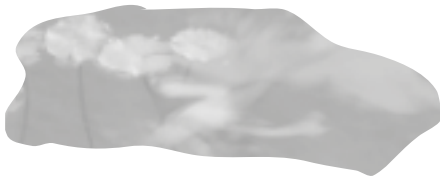
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Further information from our website www.guildfordfuchsia.co.uk or direct from our treasurer (see inside back cover) or email enquiries@guildfordfuchsia.co.uk

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.

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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Happy New Year. We are looking forward to the year ahead and welcome our newly elected Committee who will be volunteering their time and energy to help organise this year's coming events and supporting the day to day running of the club. We thank our outgoing Committee Members for all their commitment during the past year and finally we thank our members for their continued support. The club is a non-profit making organisation which is run by the elected committee on behalf of the members, the committee welcome ideas and comments which can be put forward by members in our suggestion box.

Club membership is due for renewal from the 1st January the price for yearly membership is 18 years to 59 years £25, 60 years to 69 years £10 and 70 years and over £5. Membership covers the whole family including children under 18 years. There is no part year concession.

We had an extremely busy December gifting our hall to Send Brownies for their end of term Christmas party, supporting a local Christmas appeal and loaning our Horse Racing game to a local care home. At the club we held our Christmas draw, Christmas Eve Disco and New Years Eve party with Disco Dave. It was extremely nice to welcome so many members and new visitors over the festive period.

Well done to our dart teams, Ladies on Wednesday and Send A and Send B on Friday nights who have represented us in the local League with some great results in the first half of the season.

Forth Coming Events

We continue to have Bingo every first Saturday of the month.

We will be having an Easter Raffle and disco along with Easter games for the children on **Saturday 30th March**. Guests of members will be welcome a signing in fee will apply. Raffle tickets will go on sale in February.

We are also planning live music on **Saturday 27th April**.

News, updates and forth coming events are display on our noticeboard, in the club and on our Facebook page Send Village Club.

We look forward to seeing our members and welcoming new members throughout the year.



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