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Hello Dear Reader,

I am writing this while listening to the splendid new track from Golden Bug, The Limiñanas, and Vega Voga: "Hi No Tori (Original)." It's some lovely, French-sounding, psychedelic chug rock, perfect for setting my mood.

So, what has been happening since the last issue? I hear you ask yourself quietly in your head...

The Ripley and Send Matters AGM took place and it was lovely to meet all the attendees. Thank you all for coming along.

The Northern Lights made an appearance over Ripley and Send in May, a sight you would never have thought possible. Some of the photos I have seen from the villages are truly spectacular. Did you manage to see them? Fingers crossed it might make another appearance, according to the Met Office. As they say in *The Thing From Another World*, "Watch the sky, keep looking."

The football season has come to a close, which can mean only one thing: fantasy football managers can now relax and not worry about last-minute changes to their squads or forgetting about double game weeks and that tricky triple captain pick. I have to congratulate Jed "I once came 40th" Alexander on winning the Ripley fantasy league. Maybe next year I will start the Ripley and Send Magazine league. What could go wrong?

At last, the sunny weather has arrived. Time to get the factor 50 out! Let's hope it lasts for the upcoming wonderful Ripley Rocks on Saturday, July 6th. With a packed lineup of music, an on-site bar, and a BBQ, it is a great day out for everyone. Also, Ripley Parish Day is back this year on the Ripley Village Green. Bring your picnic, find a nice spot, sit back, relax, and enjoy the day.

In other great news, Ripley Village Hall is now complete. See page 18 for more details or check their website: ripleyvillagehall.org.uk.

So enjoy the magazine, enjoy the sunshine, and have a great summer. If you have any photos, stories, or events you would like me to add in the next issue, please do email me at randsmatters@icloud.com

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Wisley Airfield Update

The council and other interested parties are eagerly awaiting the Planning Inspector's report and decision on the Taylor Wimpey planning application. As of the 1st May we have not received the Inspector's report which was anticipated during April.

M25/Junction 10

The design work for the traffic mitigation for Ripley High Street is still progressing and the council will share the plans with the community once we have received them from National Highways. The council is continuing to press Surrey County Council to introduce traffic calming across the whole Parish to reduce the speed of vehicles and improve pedestrian safety. The council welcomes any input from our residents and business community to help shape what this might look like.

Bins

We are aware of the ongoing situation with overflowing bins. Due to Guildford Borough Council ceasing funding, we have had to reduce our bins. We are reviewing the situation as an urgency. For now, we have attached posters to the bins saying "please take your rubbish home when possible".

Ripley Playground Rejuvenation Working Group

Ripley Parish Council is committed to the continual improvement and maintenance of our community spaces, ensuring they remain vibrant, safe and enjoyable for all residents, both young and old. As part of our ongoing efforts, we are excited to announce plans for the management and rejuvenation of Ripley Playground. One of our primary initiatives involves the replacement of the broken children's roundabout within Ripley Playground. Recognising the importance of providing quality play equipment for the children of our village, we have ordered a new roundabout at the cost of £10,500. Ripley Parish Council have allocated some funds towards this but will be fundraising for the difference.

Ripley Parish Council has established the Ripley Playground Rejuvenation Working Group. Comprising passionate individuals from within the community, this group will spearhead efforts to fundraise and plan for further enhancements to our playground facilities. This includes assessing the condition of existing equipment, exploring innovative play structures, and considering accessibility enhancements to accommodate all members of our community. It will actively seek out opportunities to raise funds for future improvements. We are exploring various avenues to ensure the sustainable development of our playground. We encourage residents, businesses and stakeholders to join us in supporting these endeavours, as every contribution plays a vital role in enriching the experiences of our children.

We value input from our residents. As such, we are committed to fostering open dialogue and soliciting feedback throughout the playground rejuvenation process. Together, we can create a playground that reflects the spirit and vitality of Ripley village, enriching the lives of all who call it home.

Ripley Parish Council Celebrates Outstanding Community Service: A Tribute to Daniel Bimson and Sue Charter.

Ripley Parish Council takes immense pride in recognizing the exceptional contributions of two outstanding individuals who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of our community. Mr. Daniel Bimson and Mrs. Sue Charter, nominated by Ripley Parish Council, were both honored with the prestigious Mayor's Award in April 2024, marking their significant impact and unwavering commitment to service. Ripley Parish Council extends its heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to both individuals for their outstanding service and exemplary commitment to our community.

At just thirteen years old, Daniel Bimson has already proven himself to be a remarkable and commendable asset to our village. His involvement in various community initiatives exemplifies his dedication to service and his desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others. He has participated in the "Poo Fairies" by actively collecting dog waste, repainted lines in Ripley car parks, assisted in the setting up of the Christmas Lights and is involved in Ripley Team Green. Daniel's philanthropic endeavors, such as selling bags of reindeer food during the Christmas season and donating proceeds to Surfers Against Sewage, highlight his altruistic nature and dedication to supporting both local and wider causes aligned with environmental conservation.

Sue Charter: a champion of cleanliness and community pride. Her unwavering dedication to enhancing the cleanliness and overall well-being of Ripley is

truly commendable and deserving of recognition. Her voluntary litter-picking efforts exemplify a genuine concern for the environment and a deep sense of responsibility towards our community. Through her meticulous and consistent litter-picking activities, Sue has significantly contributed to the aesthetic appeal of our village, creating a cleaner and more welcoming environment for all residents. Her efforts align perfectly with the shared vision of Ripley Parish Council to keep our community green, clean and proud.

Recognising Ripley Residents

In line with our commitment to celebrating the outstanding contributions of our residents, Ripley Parish Council is delighted to announce the introduction of a new segment named "Recognising Ripley Residents". This quarterly feature aims to highlight individuals within our community who exemplify the spirit of service and dedication. Residents are invited to nominate deserving individuals by sending their recommendations to clerk@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk. Selected nominees will be mentioned in our articles, website and on our social media, showcasing their remarkable contributions and inspiring others to join in building a stronger, more vibrant community.

Jess Caine

Assistant Clerk





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PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SEND PARISH COUNCIL APM 2024

The following is a report on the Council year 2023-2024:

THE NEW COUNCIL

Following an uncontested election in May 2023, a new Council was assembled. I, Cllr Osborn, was appointed as Chairman at the Annual Council Meeting, and I have been well supported by Cllr Hurdle, my Vice-Chair, and our Clerk, Mrs. Nichola Mair. The three of us meet weekly to keep abreast of Council business and events in the village between meetings. The Council is also fortunate to have the breadth of experience of long-serving members such as Cllr Bruton and former Chairman Cllr Manktelow. In addition, we have the expert advice of Cllr Goehler and our new members who joined us in May, Cllr Robertson, Cllr Sherman and Cllr Shields bring enthusiasm and drive which is important for a new Council to capture. The Council has also appointed a new assistant to the Clerk and a new village caretaker this year to fill existing vacancies. I would like to thank all members and staff for their contribution.

WISLEY AIRFIELDS PLANNING INQUIRY

Also in May 2023, Taylor Wimpey appealed to the Secretary of State against Guildford Borough Council (GBC) for 'non-determination' of application 22/P/01175, to build a new settlement comprising 1,730 dwellings on the former airfield. As such, the application would be determined by way of a public inquiry. Send and Ripley Parish Councils are acutely aware that this development will have major implications for local infrastructure and our local road network. In June 2023, both Councils resolved to join forces and participate in the inquiry as a joint Rule 6 party and to present our case for the unsustainability of the development. The work of the Rule 6 party and our detailed arguments can be found on the Send Parish Council website, Wisley inquiry tab: <https://sendparishcouncil.gov.uk/wisley-inquiry/>. We await the Planning Inspector's decision in April 2024.

SEND RECREATION GROUND & PAVILION RE-DEVELOPMENT

The Council has designated S106 funding (from the Clockbarn Way development) to re-develop the pavilion on Send Recreation Ground. I'm sure we would all agree the existing pavilion is looking very tired. The Council has appointed CAVE architects to formulate the design of the new building and they have been holding community outreach engagement sessions. The first session took place on the recreation ground on the 18th of November and was very well attended. Thanks, perhaps, to Cllr Robertson and his heated Gazebo! The Council has also approved moving the Recreation Ground Charity to a CIO (incorporated structure) to progress this project and bring the charity in line with Charity Commission guidelines for today.

COUNCIL PRECEPT AND OTHER CAPITAL SPENDING

While SPC has the benefit of S106 funding for the Pavilion Project, other capital expenses of the Council need to be funded from our existing budgets. The Precept had not increased for three years, and due to ongoing drainage issues in the cemetery which has reduced its capacity, the income we receive from this source has been lower than would otherwise have been expected. At the same time, the Council has had some major capital expenditures, including the replacement of the play equipment at Maple Road, installing new bus shelters, undertaking drainage works at the cemetery, and the ROSPA report identified repairs that were required to the play equipment at the recreation ground. Inflation has also impacted our ongoing expenditure. As such, we have made the difficult but financially prudent decision to increase the Precept this year to replenish the Council reserves. Moreover, the Council did save on a considerable sum of expenditure, by representing ourselves at the Wisley inquiry rather than hiring a planning consultant.

PLANNING MATTERS

Send continues to experience a high level of windfall applications. Our Planning & Environment Committee continues to be vigilant and make robust representations. The Council spoke at GBC's Planning Committee meeting on the 3rd of January 2024 to oppose the proposals for 94 Potters Lane and is concerned about the implications for the River Wey Corridor, as a National Heritage Asset. The Council is keeping abreast of GBC's decision to sell the land known as Send Hill Sandpit. The Council also spoke at GBC's recent full Council meeting to start a Review/Update of the Local Plan. SPC stressed the need for constraints on building in villages and for sites that have not yet received approval to be removed from the Plan.

WORKING WITH OTHER TIERS OF GOVERNMENT

SPC has developed strong working relationships this year with other Parish Councils, notably Ripley Parish Council. As Parish representative to GBC's Corporate Governance and Standards Committee, I continue to raise Parish matters at GBC. SPC also has strong working relationships with its Borough and County Cllr. We are well served by them and thank them for their support. It certainly has been a busy year for SPC...!

*Julia Osborn,
Chairman, Send Parish Council*

Obituary: Ripley Royal British Legion Social Club - R.I.P.

By the time you read this, sadly, the Ripley Royal British Legion Social Club in Rose Lane will have closed for business forever. Like many other clubs and pubs in the country, it has fallen victim to ever rising costs, lack of committee to run it and a serious decrease in membership.

We remember the good times of 500 members now down to just 40. We remember the parties, the bingo nights, the Christmas pantomimes, the competitions, the darts and snooker and pool teams that kept the club busy. And not to forget the club being packed to the gunnels for the magnificent Christmas Draws with over 400 prizes. All gone, lost forever, but not forgotten by the few remaining loyal members.

The Ripley Branch of the Legion, now 102 years old, may have also closed around the same time, probably too a victim of a lack of volunteers.

The committees of both thank members, past and present, for their support over the years and also to the steward, Jimmy, for over 22 years of excellent service. We leave you with a famous quote from a much-loved TV series: *'Goodbye, Farewell and Amen'*.

*Mike Baker, for and on behalf of both Committees.
Club Treasurer for 29½ years.*



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The church of St Mary the Virgin is an important medieval building, with a grade II* listing from Historic England. The first mention of a church at Send was in the Domesday Book in 1086. The oldest part of the existing building dates from around 1240, with the nave being rebuilt in the late 15th century and the south porch built in the early Tudor period. The church as a whole was restored in 1901.

In 2000, a toilet was installed, and the church is accessible to all along with disabled parking spaces in front of the Lychgate.

There are four Commonwealth War Graves in the churchyard, including that of Flight Lieutenant Robin R Skene, of the Royal Flying Corps, one of the first casualties of the First World War.

Care and Maintenance of St Mary's as with any historic building - especially one that is formally listed - means that raising funds for its upkeep is a central focus.

We want the wider community to recognise their parish church is not just an old and pretty building at the end of a country lane but rather a living, breathing community of Christian people serving the local area and welcoming all who wish to join them on the journey.

Many people - not all of them regular churchgoers - give their time and energy to help maintain St Mary's, including our cleaning and mowing teams. There are also regular churchyard working parties throughout the year. All maintenance tasks are undertaken by a loyal band of volunteers.

Rachel & Helen
Churchwardens



St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

By the time this goes to print, it will be almost summer, but as I write, it is still chilly. Easter is just a week behind us and we are still adjusting to British Summer Time. The clocks went forward on Easter Saturday this year, so at the end of a busy week with many services, I went to bed too late, set my alarm for 5am (really 4am!) and woke in the dark to make my way to Newark Priory to greet Easter Day at the annual 6am dawn service among the ruins left by Henry VIII who dissolved the monastery there in 1538. Originally founded by Rauld de Calva and his wife, Beatrice de Sandes, the building was dedicated to the Virgin Mary and St Thomas Becket. Now on private land, the ruins can be seen as you drive between Ripley and Pyrford – but only from a distance. Easter morning is the only chance to get up close and personal and it was very special to gather as churches together from across the area to celebrate Easter Day.



Songs were sung, prayers said and a bonfire was lit. And as we celebrated the ultimate victory of Christ defeating death, of the light of the world overcoming the dark, we watched the sun rise. Next year, Easter falls later and it will already be light as we gather, but this year, the symbolism was striking. Do join us next year – you'd be very welcome.

Service Times

10am each Sunday

1st Sunday – Holy Communion

2nd Sunday – Worship for Everyone

3rd Sunday – Holy Communion with separate activities for children and youth

4th Sunday – Sunday Worship

Rev Anna Norton

Vicar of Ripley and Rector of Ockham with Hatchford and Downside.

Rest Day: Friday





Since we last wrote in Send and Ripley Matters, we have enjoyed our annual holiday club on April 4th with approximately 50 children in attendance. We show above some photographs to give an idea of what it was like.

On Sunday 16th June we will be saying farewell to our Assistant Pastor, Kurt Holmgren, as he takes up an appointment as Youth/Childrens' Worker at Grace Church Guildford. We pray for God's blessing on Kurt, Lucy and their children as they make this move. They will be missed by SendEC and, more widely, in the village and at Send CofE Primary School where Kurt has enjoyed taking assemblies on a regular basis. If you would like to join us in thanking them then do look out for details of the formal farewell.

We would also love for you to join us for any of our services or activities which are:

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.

For more information, please visit our website Send Evangelical Church (sendec.org)

Send

SCOUTS

1st Send (St Mary's) Scouts have had a busy time these past few months. Thanks to a generous grant from Councillor Bob Hughes through the Your Fund Surrey allocation, we are in the process of building a new changing facility next to the Scout hut. Along with our kayaks and associated trained leaders and safety equipment, this means that we can offer rafting and kayaking with segregated purpose-built changing facilities for family groups, other Scout and Guide groups and others, as well as improving the experience of our own Unit. We are very grateful for the opportunity afforded by the grant and the support of Alfiam Building Supplies, without which we wouldn't have been able to do this.



The May Fair this year was a rather rainy one (to say the least), but the whole team at Send Scouts would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in the planning and delivery of this much-loved event, and all members of the community who came along to brave the weather. We were grateful for every smile and for the Decades who kept us entertained! We were especially proud of all the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who paraded in their uniform (with a rare agreement to wear raincoats!) to welcome the May King, Queen and Attendant in the beautiful Rolls Royce.

Suzie Maine

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The Trustees of Ripley Village Hall are absolutely delighted to announce that your new building has now been completed! We are sure most of you have been watching the build over the past year and are keen to know what it actually looks like. We would be thrilled if you would all like to attend the Grand Opening Day on Saturday 22nd June between 12 midday and 3pm and see for yourselves your fabulous new community space.

The whole building has been constructed using the best materials with the anticipation that it will still be a landmark in the village for at least another 100 years. It is certainly a building to be proud of and we know will be incredibly popular with local residents who have collectively fundraised over many years to create this legacy for the village.

There are many people who we need to thank for bringing our new hall to fruition. Our fantastic architect Brian Hendry (based in Effingham) has been with us from the outset and not only has he delivered a wonderful project and been a joy to work with, he has also demonstrated admirable patience in all his dealings with the Planning Department at Guildford Borough Council over the past 7 years. Where possible we have used local contractors and tradespeople with this project. The construction process of Phase 2 (the new main hall building) has been very smooth and we can thoroughly recommend Buchanan and Son (a local firm) who have done a fantastic job. We are also very pleased with the extensive landscaping and fencing which has been undertaken by Countryside Contracts (a business based in Ripley).

In all, the trustees have secured over £2million of funding and we would like to thank our major funders, without whom Victory House and the new Village Hall would not exist and these include:

Surrey County Council Your Fund- £645,036

London Strategic Land via S106 grant from Guildford Borough Council - £600,000

Ripley Parish Council - £500,000

National Lottery Community Fund - £162,221

Individual Ripley Residents & Fundraisers - £82,000

Garfield Weston - £25,000

Our Chair, Gill Haig-Brown has been relentless in her pursuit of the funding which has taken a huge amount of effort over the past 7 years. Although each trustee has worked diligently to deliver this project, Gill should be acknowledged for her massive contribution to overseeing the build and ensuring that both Victory House and the Village Hall were delivered on time, on budget and with everything as it should be.

There were two phases for the site, the first being Victory House which finished construction in 2022 and comprises 2 x one bedroom flats offered at affordable rental to persons with a connection to Ripley, as well as providing a permanent office for Ripley Parish Council and a further room that is available for hire. The second phase is the new Village Hall completed in May 2024 comprising a large main hall with stage, sound & lighting and full kitchen facilities, and two further vaulted halls with smaller kitchen facilities. The beautifully landscaped gardens offer further benefits to hosting events in the various halls.

The costings of the whole site are as follows (including all professional fees):

Phase 1

Demolition of old hall and construction of Victory House - £610,176

Phase 2

Construction of main hall, carparking, landscaping and professional fees - £1,412,590.00

We hope you will agree that the new building is something to be immensely proud of and enjoyed for many decades to come. The future financial success of both buildings will be dependent on them both having regular usage so please make enquiries for hire to info@ripleyvillagehall.org.uk



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An end of an era, after over 30 years Edna Millis has stood down as chairman of Ripley Over 60s. Having enjoyed all her years as chairman Edna has decided that it was time for someone else to take over the reins. She has had great support from the committee and would like to thank each and everyone of them. As a thank you Edna was presented with a decorated mirror and flowers from the group. She is seen here with the committee at the end of her final meeting as chairman.



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We hope everyone is enjoying the longer days and getting out and about in the fresh air.

Dr Guard has asked us to send his sincere thanks for the many cards and gifts he received from patients on his retirement. As we mentioned before his shoes have been very ably filled by two new GPs, Dr Chanusha Gooneratne and Dr Sushmita Kakati both come with exceptional experience. Dr Gooneratne will be working on Monday and Tuesday mornings and Dr Kakati will be working on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are sure you join with us in welcoming them to our surgery.

A gentle reminder to ask you to submit any prescription requests when you have two weeks of your medication remaining. This enables us to process your request and your pharmacy time to dispense and ensures you do not run out of any medication. This is also really important as we head into the summer holiday period.

And lastly, recent media coverage has highlighted the amount of people who have undiagnosed high blood pressure, which can have serious consequences. Please feel free to pop in and take your BP on our machine in the waiting room, or alternatively, for a refundable £20 deposit, you can borrow a home monitor from us to record your blood pressure over a few days. We can then review your readings and advise if you need any treatment.

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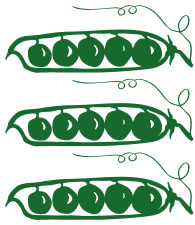


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Send & Ripley

HISTORY SOCIETY

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Lord Bury described Ripley, or possibly The Anchor as The Mecca for all good cyclists. In 1881 alone the visitors' book at the Anchor recorded over 4000 visitors.

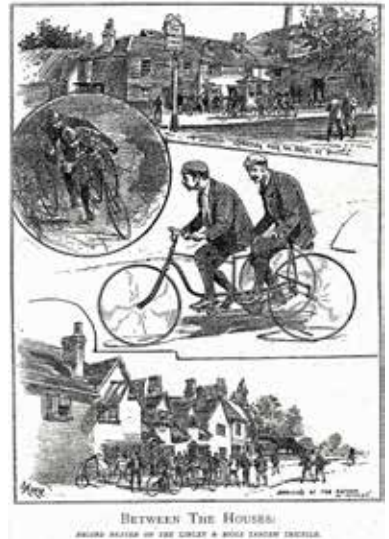
Ripley was so famous it had its own board game, its own cycling shoe and even its own tricycle.

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Images of village life



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Ripley Cricket Club

Ripley cricket club which is located on Ripley green is one of the oldest cricket clubs with cricket being played on the green since 1749.

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Playing in the Shepard Neame Surrey County League we have four senior sides and a thriving junior Academy.

The two Saturday league sides are hoping for promotion this year after a few years of missing out within the last couple games of the season. The club have also entered the Surrey Trust League playing Sundays and encourages the junior players who are on the cusp of playing in the Saturday league sides a chance of playing senior league cricket. There is also a Sunday friendly side that welcomes players of all abilities to participate in the game of cricket.

The Academy ranges from the ages of five to sixteen, giving the stars of the future a chance to learn and progress their cricketing abilities.

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RIPLEY AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It is lovely to feel the warmth of the sun and feel that Spring is here. The wisterias in Ripley are fantastic again and their perfume fills the air. We had a sunny day for our stall at Ripley Farmers' Market in April. In May we will have had our annual plant sale/swap and coffee morning for members.

Our next event that we welcome visitors to is our **Annual Show** which is held at the Scout Hut in Rose Lane, Ripley on **Saturday, 24th August**. We are open to the public in the afternoon from 2.30 to see the exhibits and enjoy refreshments. There will be entries for vegetables, fruit, flowers and photographs as well as our competition plant (coleus).

It is only £7 per household per year (January to January) and members have free entry to 4 speaker meetings a year, a Christmas Social and other events on our Programme. This year we are organising a coach trip to Arundel Gardens at the Castle on September 11th which is subsidised for members. Non-members can join us at the full price. Do get in touch if you are interested to find out more. Members who grow vegetables and flowers benefit from half price seeds from Kings Seeds which is a great saving. The seed catalogue is normally available at our Annual Show and orders placed in September for delivery in October.

We are a friendly, local group who welcome new members whether keen hands-on gardeners or you just enjoy gardens and plants.

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SEND GARDENING SOCIETY

Send Gardening Society (SGS)

At our first meeting on **Wednesday 7th February**, Sarah Squire spoke about 'Squire's Garden Centres'. Sarah has recently taken over from her father, Colin Squire OBE as Chair of the family business. Sarah was enthusiastic about her favourite plants – herbaceous plants and roses. Sarah gave us an insight to the ethos and values that underpin Squires as well as a breakdown of how the running and financial aspects have changed over the past few years. Sarah's pride in some of her centres winning awards within the industry for best departments was clear to see.

On **Wednesday 3rd April 2024**, Jackie Currie gave us a very inspiring and informative talk about Ornamental Alliums and how to grow them successfully. Jackie holds the National Collection of Alliums, and is a true allium expert, with over 240 species, hybrids and cultivars in her garden and allotment. Jackie explained her observations and conclusions leading to grouping alliums into 'categories' for lifting, drying, separating, and leaving in the ground. Realising that some alliums needed to be treated differently would overcome any issues with disappearing plants! We saw pictures of many alliums in all sizes and colours - purple, pink, red, yellow, blue, or green. One of her tips was to grow bulbs in aquatic pots in the ground. Jackie concluded with some photos of her award-winning exhibits at the RHS Chelsea and RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Shows, where alliums were showcased at every stage of growth, from bulb to plant, flower to seed head. Jackie also gave us an overview of the application process and expectations of someone who holds and manages a national collection.

By the time this is distributed, the **Send Annual May Fair** will have taken place. We hope that everyone was able to enjoy the community event and that many villagers from Ripley and Send called in on our stall to say 'hello' and pick up some bargain plants.

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




On **Wednesday 7th 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.

A date for your diary is 2nd October Oct 2024 – Gardening in tune with the moon

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. 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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Ockham WI in Ripley

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Ripley Over 60s Club Meeting

First Saturday of each month.

Ripley Farmers' Market

Second Saturday of each month

Little Ripples Baby & Toddler Group

Every Monday in term time.

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 in term time.

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

Last Wednesday of each month.

Send Evening WI

Fourth Wednesday of each month.

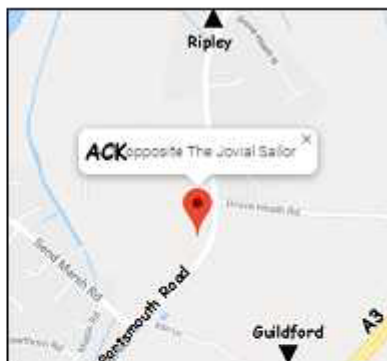
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As many of you are aware and as reported in the last magazine, we have identified the need to raise much needed funds, to ensure that the Legendary Ripley Bonfire continues for future generations, as well as supporting our current local charitable causes, without the need to erode our reserves.

Our main charitable causes in addition to other local associations include:

Ripley Over 60's Club.

Ripley Parish Council.

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At a recent committee meeting it was agreed to pursue the following:

- 1: "Dance" in the new village hall (confirmed as above-29th June)**
- 2: Possibility of a "Beer Festival" at village hall (August/September)**
- 3: Engage with local businesses for "Corporate Sponsorship" (October)**

Please help us to continue to support our local community.

For tickets & further details on the Fund Raising Dance, please contact:

Stuart Shoemsmith 07710 344998. Linda Carter 07858 902497

Peter Hookins 07941 007078. Dianne Dean 07866 609051

This years Bonfire Celebrations & Fireworks Display is on Saturday 26th October 2024, let's hope it is a dry one "Please".

Should anyone wish to assist on the evening either as a Marshall or Collector and support the cause, please contact myself (Marshalls) or Peter Hookins (Collectors)

Steve Hill

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Chairman Ripley Bonfire Association



DOWN YOUR WEY

When the weather is kind this is one of my favourite times of year, even though it is very busy. Everything is growing at an alarming rate and keeping the towpath under control and looking natural takes a lot of work. It should look like nothing has been done but the tallest plants won't have taken over and the broadest won't have narrowed the towpath so there is plenty of room for everyone and their dog to have a lovely walk. I assure you achieving this takes lots of early starts and long days, often in the rain to avoid bothering everyone.

If you are lucky enough to be down by the river early you may be rewarded by the sight of something special. The kingfishers and herons prefer the quiet early mornings and the damselflies won't be frantically active yet so you'll be able to get a good view. Enjoy.

Emma

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At last with a change in the weather I've been able to get out and do some work on my length of the Navigation.

The first signs of spring are arriving, the landscape is turning green, ducks are nesting and the longer days are most welcome.

You'll now see a change to the Navigation as I begin the spring/summer work of vegetation management and with the help of my wonderful volunteers you'll also notice the locks/bridges being painted one by one ready for the summer and boating season ahead. Fingers crossed for a dry one!

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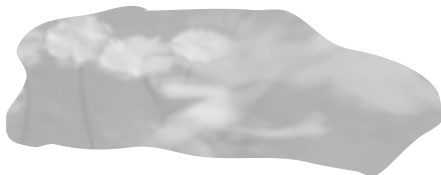
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We meet at the Guide HQ in Nightingale Road, Guildford, which has its own car park, on the fourth Tuesday of each month (not December) at 7.45pm. Currently our annual membership fee is £10 per year plus £2 each meeting attended (includes refreshments).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

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.

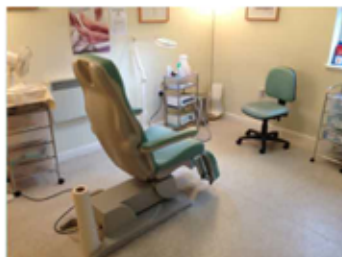
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Ockham & Ripley WI

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

What a great fun packed start to the year, since our last update we have held a charity race night raising £776.00 for a local charity 'Dreams Come True', we held our annual Easter draw evening which was well attended and several of our members have booked the club to host private parties including a Baby shower, a children's party and a 70th birthday. At the time of writing we are looking forward to being entertained with music from 'Goldsworth Gerry' and we will have attended the Send Scouts May Day with a tombola and our ever popular 'smash crockery' stall.

We continue to hold our monthly bingo nights which are proving to be very popular and our book exchange has had new books added for adults and children.

We currently have 3 dart teams playing in local leagues, Friday night Send A and Send B, and our ladies team on a Wednesday. They have all represented us well and achieved some great results. Well done to our ladies team who have finished the season as runners up in the Woking and District league. Dart season is now finishing with just the competitions to go and we wish our teams the best of luck.

We are looking forward to the start of Euro 2024 in June and following the progress into July.

The Committee are currently planning and organising future events as listed, dates will hopefully be available soon.

Pool competition evening

Dart competition evening

Quiz evening

Skittles evening

Horse race night

80's Disco

Comedy evening

Live music evening

Lastly, a huge amount of work goes into the smooth running of the club. Thank you to our dedicated Committee and bar staff for working hard, organising, helping on events, maintenance and general day to day tasks. We also thank all our members for their continued support.

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