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Hello Dear Reader,

First things first, before I start my usual waffle: I know you're all wondering what's on the Ripley and Send Matters playlist this month. Wonder no more, because this week, I'm mainly listening to OBOST's Take the Message.

Now, down to business. The last three months have certainly been good for sports fans. Football nearly decided it was time to come home, but apparently, it preferred tapas, sangria and an afternoon siesta in the sunshine over a pork pie, warm beer and a soggy Wednesday afternoon at work. This was followed by the Paris Olympics, the sporting event that you can watch after a hard day at work and, within an hour, become a couch expert. After just five minutes of synchronised swimming, I learned the difference between a continuous spin and an eggbeater! All I need now is seven more people, some armbands, and a fancy frilly swim cap, and LA better watch out.

So, let's look forward to what the next three months have to offer. The annual burning of retired old wooden pallets no longer loved or needed, or as normal people call it, BONFIRE NIGHT, is just around the corner. Ripley bonfire and funfair takes place on 26th October (see page 46) and Send Marsh bonfire on 2nd November (see page 16.) This means I get to enjoy my once-a-year treat of eating candy floss whilst staring at the funfair rides thinking if I was braver I would go on that, the dodgems on the other hand, I will take on all challengers.

I would like to take this opportunity congratulate Paul and Trevor from The Half Moon for 30 years of business! They're offering a happy hour on Fridays and Saturdays between 5 pm and 8 pm until the end of September to celebrate.

As always, I would like to thank everyone for their help and time in putting the magazine together, and I hope you all enjoy reading it.

Scott Hutchinson
Editor

We are always looking for new volunteers here at Ripley and Send Matters, so if you'd like to join the team and help, please email me at randsmatters@icloud.com.

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Junction 10 - National Highways

In early July I met with Jonathan Wade, the Senior Project Manager at National Highways who oversees the Junction 10 works to review the proposed plans for the traffic mitigation in Ripley High Street prior to them being submitted to Surrey County Council. The plans, designed by National Highways, include a series of speed tables along the length of the High Street, a new raised pedestrian crossing outside the village hall and the introduction of a 20mph zone. All of these new features are being submitted to Surrey for their final approval as the highway's authority for this stretch of road and delivery of the works is now expected in October/November this year. The slight delay from dates published earlier is due to the later opening the Wisley Lane diversion which ran into technical problems during works back at Easter time.

In addition to the scheme for the High Street the Parish Council with the assistance of SCC secured a second pinch point in Newark Lane outside Hedgecroft Cottages to slow vehicles exiting the village towards Pyrford, this should be delivered at the same time as the High Street Works.

Former Wisley Airfield

Following the decision of the Planning Inspector to allow the Taylor Wimpey plans to develop the former airfield site on completion of the public inquiry we will inevitably face more traffic flow through the village as the requirement within the Guildford Local Plan for the Burnt Common Slips to be constructed were unfortunately not included in the Inspectors decision. During the inquiry and the subsequent approval, it has made a provision of the development for Taylor Wimpey to fund

traffic calming and mitigation works in and around Ripley. The Parish Council already has a draft plan that would see speed limits reduced along Rose Lane, Newark Lane, Polesden Lane and Grove Heath as well as the Portsmouth Road which would also see speed tables being constructed.

We will be looking to engage with officers from SCC at the earliest opportunity to work up the details of the scheme and hopefully discourage through traffic entering our local roads and that which does will do so at a reduced speed.

As you may be aware VAWNT, WAG and Ockham Parish Council are requesting a Judicial Review of the Inspectors decision and although Ripley Parish Council have decided not to partake in the action we do offer our support to those involved. Should you wish to assist VAWNT please visit their web site for details on how you can get involved.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Just when we thought we couldn't get any busier...

At the Annual Council meeting in May, I, Cllr Julia Osborn was elected as Chairman of the Council for a second term and Cllr Hurdle as Vice-Chairman for the 2024-25 year. Cllr Hurdle also continues as Chair of the Planning Committee and Finance Committee. Cllr Bruton was re-appointed as Chair of the Amenities Committee and Cllr Goehler as Chair of the Pavilion Redevelopment Committee. The Council was also pleased to co-opt Mr Hugh Thomas to fill our vacancy.

In June, the collapse of the sewer and closure of the main A247 brought challenges with the diversion of traffic and unsuitable large HGVs through Potters Lane and other rural areas of the Village. The Parish Council was in contact with our Borough and County Cllr and liaised with our MP. They in turn were in communications with Thames Water. The main road was opened ahead of schedule, although the closure seemed like an eternity.

During this period, bins were also removed from the Send Recreation Ground and some other locations in Send due to an excessive increase in costs from our contractor Guildford Borough Council (GBC) for collections. We recognize the concerns that have been expressed but we are also aware that there has been a lot of misinformation on social media. The Council has retained four bins on the Recreation Ground. All bins along the main road, at bus stops in Send Marsh, Burnt Common, and at the Send Shopping Parade. Location maps of these bins can be found on Parish notice boards and our website. We are also grateful to our volunteers, our caretaker, Parish Cllrs, and our residents for taking rubbish home and for keeping the Recreation Ground tidy throughout the Summer.

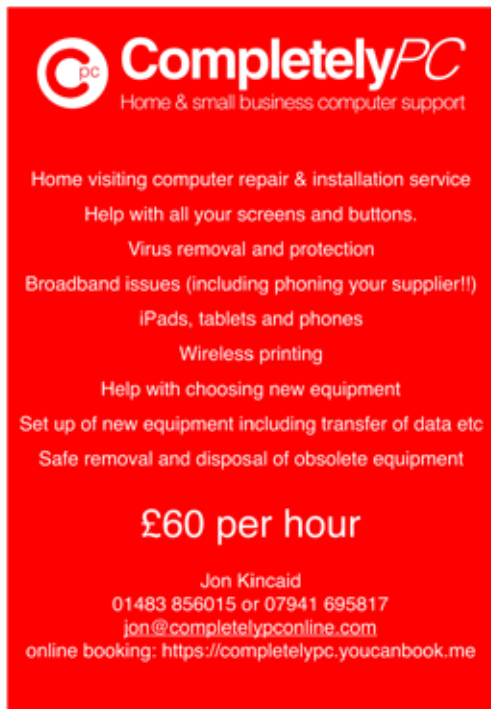
Before June was out, the decision for 94 Potters Lane was finally published. The Council is aware that over 70 residents had objected to this application and the site's location within the Corridor of the River Wey, is an important part of Send's

character and appearance. As such the Council sought legal advice following GBC's planning committee's decision and was advised of there being grounds to challenge the decision. The Council held an Extraordinary Council Meeting on 1st July to assess the public 'will' for making a challenge. The Council was blown away by the support from residents and donations we received following this meeting. The Council was able to file the claim on 24 July 2024. A second stage of fundraising will be required in Autumn to take the matter to a hearing. Please look out for details online and in our forthcoming newsletter to residents.

Other important planning matters to note include an application to build 10 dwellings on part of the allocated site A43 in the Local Plan at Send Hill. Wisley Action Group has also applied for a Judicial Review to challenge the granting of approval for 1730 dwellings at the former Wisley Airfield, following approval by the inspector in May.

Lots to keep an eye out for this Autumn...and to support!

*Julia Osborn
Chair, Send Parish Council*



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We received a warm invitation to attend James's ordination to the diaconate on Sunday, June 30th at 10:30 AM at Guildford Cathedral. It was a moving and uplifting service, filled with joy, love, and significance. Following the service, St. Mary's hosted a tea and cake reception for James's family and church members to celebrate his ordination.

During our 10:30 service on Sunday, July 7th, James had to read a Declaration of Assent:

"I, James, do affirm my belief in the faith revealed in the Holy Scriptures and expressed in the catholic creeds, as well as in the historic formularies of the Church of England. In public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the authorised or allowed forms of service as per Canon."

We honoured James with a church key and a green pure silk stole, hand-embroidered with a wheat cross. To officially celebrate James becoming St. Mary's Assistant Curate, a glass of bubbly and a slice of cake were offered at the end of the service.

*Reverend James Luckey
St Mary's Church's
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St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

It has been quite the summer for sport. Euro 2024 and Wimbledon led seamlessly into the Olympics and as I write we still have the Paralympics to look forward to. You may be one of those people who love watching sport – or you may be sick of it already. Most of us will have been drawn into the events at some level - there is something special about cheering on our favourite, our team or our country. Sport can inspire a spirit of competitiveness, but also inspire a spirit of friendship and inclusion. The three Olympian values are excellence, respect and friendship, while the original values of Olympism as expressed in the Olympic Charter were to 'encourage effort,' 'preserve human dignity' and 'develop harmony.'

In the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona the British runner Derek Redmond was favourite to win a medal in the 400m final. Halfway through the semi-final he tore his hamstring and fell to the ground. He struggled to his feet and began to hop on his left foot, determined to finish the race. His father ran from the stands, put his arm around his son and helped him across the line. If you haven't seen the video, it's available on You Tube; it's worth a watch and embodies all the Olympics is about.

In the Book of Hebrews, in the Bible, it tells us to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us." We each have our own trials and tribulations to overcome in the race that is set before us. Perseverance isn't always easy and on occasion we will fall. But just like Derek Redmond we have a Father in God, who is always alongside us. We never have to try and finish the race alone because he is there beside us, waiting to pick us up and accompany us to the finish line.

Summer always seems to exist in its own time zone. Many of our usual activities pause and this can give time for rest, recuperation and refreshment. It can also feel challenging at times and the holidays can be a lonely time for some people. You are always welcome to pop into the church – not just for Sunday Services but for Toddlers on Monday or our coffee morning each Wednesday morning. The church is open each day for you to pause, pray, have some quiet time or some company. We'd love to see you!

Reverend Anna Norton



Send Evangelical Church opened her doors on **May 25th, 1974** in what had become the dilapidated building of the 99 year old Cartbridge Congregational Church. The opening service was a joyful occasion, as was this year's celebration of God's faithfulness and of the opportunities we have had to be part of the village community for the past **50 years**.

A few pictures below capture the spirit of the day - food, fun and fellowship, following the morning service, on one of the, seemingly, few rain-free days in May.

If you would like to find out more or to join in, please do come along to any 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, which starts back on September 12th.

Youth Group: Fridays from 19:30-21:00 - The evening includes games and/or an activity, snack time, teaching from the Bible plus discussion and plenty of time for secondary-school aged young people to 'chill' with their friends. This starts back on 13th September.

For more information, please visit our website [Send Evangelical Church \(sendec.org\)](http://SendEvangelicalChurch(sendec.org))



For the past few years Guildford Borough has held 'Walkfest' each September and 2024 is no exception. One or more walks are usually organised most days throughout the month somewhere in the borough. Walk leaders prefer people to register interest in advance

and the full programme can be found at www.guildfordwalkfest.co.uk. As always please wear suitable footwear if coming on any of these walks.

Of particular local interest this year are:

Saturday 7th September at 10:30 – A 3.5 mile walk from Send to Triggs Lock, then cutting across to Sutton Green and St Edward's Catholic Church and back to the starting point via footpaths. There will be plenty of stops in which David will give historical details of the navigation as well as pointing out other features including its rich natural history. This walk is led by David Rose, a local historian.

Monday 9th September at 17:00 - A 3-4 mile evening walk around Send. This is a mostly flat walk along the Wey Navigation towpath and through the village of Send. This walk is led by Clive Woodland, a local resident.

No dogs please on this walk.

Saturday 28th September at 10:00 - A 2 mile stroll mostly along the Wey Navigation towpath and suitable for buggies and toddlers. This walk is led by Clive Woodland, a local resident.

All of the above walks start from the car park of Send Evangelical Church, Broadmead Road, GU23 7AD.

There are a number of other walks this year just outside the Send/Ripley area including:

Wednesday 4th September at 10:30 – Bird tweets on Ockham Common

Friday 6th September at 10:30 – Rural West Horsley

Thursday 19th September at 10:00 – Clandon and Hatchlands



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SCOUTS

Send Scouts will once again be running two great local events over the coming months:

Send Marsh Fireworks will take place on the evening of **Saturday 2nd November**, with the usual Torch Procession, Bonfire, Fireworks Display and range of food and drinks.

The Santa Run will be taking place on the week commencing **Monday 9th December**, with Santa making his way around the villages in his sleigh over the various evenings.

Please do mark the dates in your diary and look out for local adverts with the specifics nearer the time.

Money raised from the events goes to the local Scouts and other great local causes.

Our local Send Scouts group are looking for your help!

Send Scouts group are currently recruiting for various voluntary roles to help in the running and governance of the Scout group.

These roles offer fun and flexible ways to be involved in supporting the Scout group and the local community.

All of these roles can be managed in a very flexible way. Typically they require an hour or less per week, albeit some of them need a bit more time in preparation for the three main fundraising events each year (Send Marsh Fireworks, Send May Fair, Send and Ripley Santa Run).

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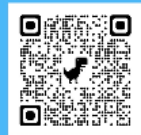
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Saturday 22nd June saw the eagerly anticipated Grand Opening Day of Ripley Village Hall. An extremely well attended event that saw the trustees totally focused for 3 hours introducing and familiarising villagers and guests to the new facilities. Feedback for the event has been positive, being well received and much appreciated by all concerned.

Sadly, our AGM on 30th July saw the departure of both Chair and Secretary. Secretary Suzie Powell-Cullingford has decided to stand down after 7 years of sterling effort and we all wish her well for her outstanding contribution. Gill Haig-Brown, our 'engine-room', also stands down as chair after 7 years of unbelievably hard work but fortunately (for the rest of us) remains a trustee – very well-done Gill. We then welcomed new trustee Sarah Powell.

On 1st August our exciting new website went live. Easy to navigate, it gives all the information necessary to make a booking, see what's on or just make an enquiry, and all in a precise and user-friendly format. The website has been created by Treefrog Design and showcases the amazing photography of Natalia Prykhodko. Natalia has worked worldwide over the past 7 years and lives locally. We are happy to recommend her for all your photographic needs.

Now well and truly open, snagging of the few minor, mainly cosmetic issues has been addressed and as we begin to welcome back previous users such as the hugely popular Antiques Fair, the vibrant future of the new village community space appears to be in no doubt. The success of this completed project will bring a welcome injection of visitors to the village, benefitting all the local businesses. Please tell your friends and relatives about the hall and together we can make our new amenities the envy of all the surrounding towns and villages.

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Villages Medical Centre would like to apologise for an earlier article we wrote for the Send and Ripley Matters. It stated that Physicians Associates work in the same way as GP's, which they do not. To help make clear the role of a Physician's Associate and how they complement the surgery team we have asked our PA Olivia to explain a bit more about her training and role at the practice.

Physician Associates have been working in the UK since 2003 and there are around 4,000 Physician Associates working in the NHS in England as of 2023. This role is more common in the US, where there are more than 178,700 Physician Associates working today.

Physician Associates are generalist healthcare professionals who work always under supervision of a doctor to assess, examine and diagnose patients. They are also able to interpret test results, perform tests and procedures such as ECGs and blood tests, design treatment plans and work with patients for ongoing healthcare management.

The Physician Associate course is typically a 2-year intensive post-graduate course, where applicants have first obtained a health sciences related degree and often have prior healthcare working experience. The first year involves intense training in various subjects including musculoskeletal and rheumatology, cardiology, respiratory, endocrinology, gastroenterology, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology, urology, ophthalmology, ENT, neurology, psychiatry, dermatology, strokes and frailty/multi-morbidity. The second year is largely the placement year, where the student attends hospital and GP surgery rotations.

Personally, my first degree was a BSc in Psychology and I then completed a two-year masters in Counselling and worked with patients in NHS and private mental health services for a number of years before deciding to retrain as a Physician Associate. I have worked in a GP surgery for almost 2 years as part of a multi-disciplinary team. The GPs provide invaluable supervision to me based on their extensive medical experience in different specialities. I feel it is truly a privilege to work with patients as a clinician and be entrusted with their healthcare and, therefore, also my duty to keep myself up-to-date with training and research and always work within my scope of practise.

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26 September 2024 West Horsley Village Hall

Restoration of habitat A3/M25

illustrated talk by Victoria Gilbey, Balfour Beatty Atkins

Victoria is ecologist with the developers of the new M25/A3 junction, where we have witnessed massive destruction of the trees and heathland. She will talk to us about the vision for the restoration of the habitat and where they have got to so far.

24 October 2024 Zoom

Hornets, Gentle Giants – illustrated talk by Stephen Powles

Formerly a vet, Stephen changed career to pursue a lifelong passion for wildlife, wildlife photography, filming and conservation. Stephen's material has made a number of TV appearances, featured in the national press and won major awards. His photography concentrates on interesting and challenging wildlife subjects, many of which are in and close to his home, such as the otters he introduced us to in a previous presentation. His hornet talk will give you all you need to know about these fascinating insects ... and more! Stephen got up close over several years to a colony and his photos are exceptional.

28 November 2024 West Horsley Village Hall

AGM followed by

Photographing the Unseen World – illustrated talk by Adrian Davies

There are many subjects or events in nature which happen too quickly or too slowly for the eye to perceive, or are only visible outside the normal human visible wavelengths. This presentation will look at photographing a range of natural subjects using high speed and time lapse, ultraviolet and other type of photography. Adrian specialises in wildlife, natural history and scientific subjects. He is particularly interested in "invisible photography" and is currently looking at how plants and other natural history subjects appear in ultraviolet light. He is also increasingly photographing environmental issues such as the effects of global warming and alien species in the British countryside.

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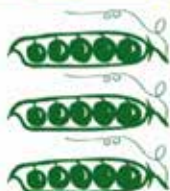
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The Ship

Hello I'm Rebecca. I am a 44-year-old mother of two adult children and The Ship's new landlady.

I have always wanted to run my own pub, working front of house as an adult and growing up in and around pubs as an 80's baby. That sense of social and local village buzz is something I've wanted to be a part of.



I first moved into the village before lock down and that's when I fell in love with Ripley village. Being a single female at the time I used to pop into The Ship with my dog and got taken in by the locals and especially Colin the barman, it felt like a safe, happy place, full of history and stories. I then started working part time at The Ship for over three years and my partner (Timothy) joined the team not long after.

The house I rented in Ripley had to be sold, I was so sad to leave the village. It was divine timing that Harry the previous long-standing landlord generously put me forward to take over The Ship. How could I fill these shoes?

It was a hard baton for Harry to pass over to me, with all the wonderful memories him and his late wife Lisa created and to leave their family home of nearly 30 years. I felt very overwhelmed but had a massive amount of support from the local people to take on this amazing opportunity.

My deep connection to The Ship and the local community feel inspired me to take this new adventure something I had never done before. Tim's family had been in the village for over twenty years, this also meant we could move back into the village. We were ready for the task ahead.



However, the journey wasn't easy. To become a publican, I had to complete a public licence. The deadline to get the licence was nail-biting as I had to apply to the local council and the police after completing the course and this was done the day before we started trading all due to a lot of investigating from myself and finding the right people to speak to.

During this time my partner's father was just starting to undergo cancer treatment which was unexpected, and we were desperate to move into the village to look after him and our family. Sadly, he suddenly passed away before we could finalize the contract to the pub. His memory inspires us to make The Ship a place where everyone feels at home.

Six months on now and we've been hard at work revitalizing this beloved local pub. There's so much character and history to The Ship. With its unique solid elm tables made by the landlord John Pullen from 1870-1895 it is a feature that still stands strong today. I enjoy all the stories and memories that get shared to me over the bar from returning and local customers. The external decorations are nearly complete, giving the pub a fresh and welcoming look. We've also tackled numerous restorations to address the dilapidations, ensuring that The Ship maintains its historic charm. A small classic pub menu has been introduced with ongoing small changes to ensure that there's something for everyone to enjoy. We have a fantastic monthly quiz, and regular live music. When you step into The Ship you will be in an award-winning pub from Cask Marque giving us 5-star rating! Makes all the hard work from all the staff worthwhile. We will continue making improvements to the pub's facilities and ambiance, creating a space where the community can come together and relax.

We look forward to welcoming you all to The Ship and join us for our exciting times.



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Send & Ripley

HISTORY SOCIETY



We are delighted that **THE MECCA FOR ALL GOOD CYCLISTS** exhibition, supported by the Anchor, received a lot of positive comments and visits from quite a lot of cyclists who usually pedal past. Perhaps our extra sign lured them in.

Many of you will know that Anne Bowerman has recently died and the Veteran Cycle Club, shown here in earlier days at the Manor House, have renamed their Les Bowerman Memorial ride to the Les and Anne Bowerman Memorial ride – so cycling history continues to be written locally.



Our new exhibition is entitled '**HE'S BEHIND YOU!..AMATEUR DRAMATICS IN SEND AND RIPLEY**'. This aims to look at the history of amateur dramatics in the two villages and their plans for the upcoming holiday season. We will have some costumes on show and hopefully more in Ripley Church.



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Ripley Business Association

Four years ago, a small group of Ripley business people had the idea of starting a Business Association, as businesses were struggling with the outbreak of COVID. A Committee was formed and a donation was received from Ripley Parish Council to help get the association off the ground.

Ripley Business Association achieved many things over the past few years, including launching the Discover Ripley website, helping businesses with social media, organising and funding the painting of windows in the village, putting up flagpoles on businesses and Christmas tree holders and organising the Ripley Parish Day.

Now four years later people have come and gone from the Committee and business life in the village has also changed. I have recently taken over as chair of the Committee and we are looking for volunteers to join our small group and help us relaunch the Business Association and give it renewed purpose, bringing it more up to date with the business requirements of today. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Andy Shaw, the retiring Chairman.

On the 21st July this year we organised the Ripley Parish Day, which has replaced the Ripley Event. A village fair has taken place on Ripley Green at the end of July for many, many years but the Ripley Event was a much bigger affair. The Parish Day was a great success, in large part as a result of the hard work of a small band of people, who ensured it went ahead this year. The weather was kind to us and many people came along with their picnics, to enjoy the free live entertainment from our two bands and the children's games and face painting. The Raffle raised over £400 and we were able to make a profit from the day. The face painting proceeds went to Ripley Pre-school and to St Mary Magdalen Church.

If you are interested in joining the Ripley Business Association, either as a member or on the Committee, please do contact us. We are also looking for people to join a separate committee to help organise the Ripley Parish Day and develop ideas, in order to grow it back into an event similar to the old Ripley Event.

Clare Grimes



Ripley Over 60's Club

Ripley Over 60's Club has been running for many years. We meet on the first Saturday of every month from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and enjoy a tea, raffle and entertainment, whilst meeting friends and neighbours for a chat. Membership fees are set at a very low annual amount, as we have benefitted from donations from the Bonfire Committee and others over the years.

We used to meet in the old Village Hall but were offered the use of the former Ripley Primary School's hall and kitchen, when the Village Hall was being redeveloped. We are continuing to meet at the school for the time being.

The Club is run by a committee, which Edna Millis chaired for in excess of 35 years. I took over from her after the AGM in March this year and have been ably supported by a small band of Committee members and helpers, whilst I learn the ropes.

At last month's meeting Jackie Strange announced her retirement from the Committee, after years of hard work and dedication. We thanked her at the July Club meeting with the presentation of a bunch of flowers. Thank you again Jackie.



We are currently looking for new enthusiastic volunteers to join the Committee. We are a friendly group who meet once a month in order to run the Club and the monthly Club meetings. If you are interested or would like more information please do contact me on 07985048327 or email claregrimes58@gmail.com.

Everyone is very welcome to come along to the Club meetings. Please feel free to come and see what goes on, without any obligation to become a member. It's a great chance to meet people and enjoy an afternoon chatting or just being with others.

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RIPLEY AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

I do hope some of you visited our **Annual Show** in August. The photo is of the dahlia class from a previous year. The cut flower section attracts a good number of entries and they look so pretty. Our Competition Entry this year was a coleus plant. We were given a small seedling to grow on for the Annual Show.

We have a coach trip to Arundel Castle on **Wednesday, 11th September**. It is open to non-members at a cost of £37 for the coach and garden entry. If you would like to join us PLEASE EMAIL: ripleydhsecretary@gmail.com

We have two **Speaker Meetings** this Autumn which you may be interested to attend as a visitor for £3 (members free). Held at Ripley Church Room. Doors open at 7.30 for refreshments and talks starts at 8 pm

Monday, 21st October - The Savill Garden - Past, Present and Future. It will cover its collections and history including past and current plant hunting. Given by Sian Thomas of the Friends of Savill Gardens. We are planning an outing to the Savill Garden in 2025.

Monday, 18th November - The Garden of Surrey. Given by one of our favourite speakers, Cherrill Sands. She is a garden historian and her talks are always fascinating.

Saturday, 12th October – Stall at Ripley Farmers’ Market. Do come and see us and pick up a mug of tasty soup (for a small donation). We may well have some fruit and vegetables available (for a small donation) as well. Hopefully some jam jar flowers which are always popular. **CASH ONLY** please.

For further information about membership or events, please contact our Secretary, Sue Stranger, by email ripleydhsecretary@gmail.com You can also find us on the Ripley & Send Matters website.
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SEND GARDENING SOCIETY

At our meeting on 5 June 2024, David Standing spoke about Gilbert White, the naturalist who lived at Selbourne. David was Head Gardener at Gilbert White's house and his enthusiasm for his work and passion about old varieties of plants and the history of the gardens ensured it was a very entertaining evening. David also brought plants for sale.

On Weds 19th June members met for a guided walk by our chairman along local waterways. We met at Ripley Green and walked with views of Newark Priory, on to Walsham Lock and back via the golf club bridge to Ockham Mill before returning to Ripley Green. In addition to looking at native and non-native vegetation growing along the waterway, Derek pointed out the sewage release pipes into the River Wey from the Ripley Treatment Works. Further on, Derek explained that the fish pass channel route upstream alongside Walsham Weir is a mixture of a 170m long naturalised channel with fish-friendly hard structures that reduce the water flow rate so that multiple fish species and eels can make their way upstream. This replicates a natural stream with environmental benefits. A novel brush, fish tile and dividing wall plied outlet section reduces the water velocity. This fish and eel pass forms part of a chain that allows fish and eels to migrate from the River Thames to new feeding and breeding areas – which, in turn, will improve populations of coarse fish species, eel, salmon and sea trout in the River Wey.

Following the successful talk by David Standing on Gilbert White a SGS visit with a tour of the Gardens and House has been arranged for SGS members on Friday 26th July. With 25 acres of garden and parkland, an 18th century landscape garden with a Gilbert White twist. We are looking forward to seeing his quirky and innovative garden techniques and design.

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.

The 2024 programme continues on 2nd October 2024 – Gardening in tune with the moon presented by Isobel Bernhard. This promises to be very interesting and revealing evening. The age-old practice of planting by the Moon's phases has been used by gardeners and farmers for ages.

Our 2024 programme concludes on Wednesday 4th December with the AGM and Christmas social.

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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Ripley Parish Council Meeting

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Ripley Parish Planning & Environment Meeting

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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

Little Ripples Baby & Toddler Group

Every Monday in term time.

Paracise & Wobble Exercise Classes

Every Friday.

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.

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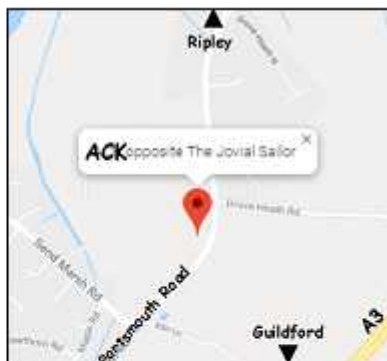
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Yes, I can't believe it myself either! It won't be long before the bonfire evening will be upon us and the Committee will be gearing up to getting the bonfire built.



The Committee are always looking for volunteers to help build the bonfire and would love to see any of you wishing to do so. The building of the bonfire is over three Sunday mornings, although you will find us on the green on September 26th, doing cutting back for some foliage. The dates for building the bonfire are on the 6th, 13th and the 20th of October. The build is only for three hours, 9 'til 12 and the time flies by, honestly.

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The Committee would also like to seek volunteers for help with collecting donations over the evening of the bonfire, 26th October, which is the main contributor to financing the night. If you wish to help please get in touch with Peter Hookins (07941 007078).

In anticipation, on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank anyone who is kind enough to turn up and help.

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On the bright side, the benefit of the heat if it's dry is the grass on the locksides does slow down slightly. They usually won't last the week but getting a couple of extra days between cuts at some times of the year really helps. Any job that can be put off for a little while frees up time to fit the other things in.

Unfortunately, the warmer days mean warmer water and happier floating pennywort. We have been making an extra special effort this year and the team of volunteers and staff have cleared over many kilometres of riverbank. I wish I could give you that figure in tonnes of plants pulled but I can tell you it is a huge amount. However quickly we get it out, it never feels fast enough. The battle continues.

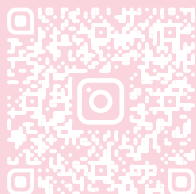
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It has been a very challenging time, especially for those living alone, the over 70s and anyone with serious health conditions. I have supported a huge number of patients through unsettling periods in their lives whilst working in my role as Health and Wellbeing in GP surgeries in East Surrey, helping them to enjoy a happy healthier lifestyle.

The incredible man, Captain Tom was the perfect example of a centenarian who stayed active, connected, and 'contributed' when he set out to walk around his garden 100 times to raise £1,000 for charity and achieved over 30,000 times above his initial goal and vowed to keep walking as long as people continued to donate to NHS. He was quite remarkable to be so lively at the age of 100. But, providing we're relatively free from the debilitating effects of disease, there's no reason why we shouldn't be able to stay active, motivated and live independently.

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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 asking to be included. There is no charge and your details will not be passed on to any third party.

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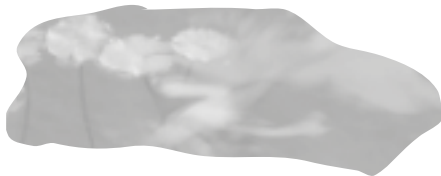
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Further information from our website www.guildfordfuchsia.co.uk or direct from our treasurer (see inside back cover) or email enquiries@guildfordfuchsia.co.uk

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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Ockham & Ripley WI

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Ripley Village Hall at 7.30. 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: Jen HC 01483 282922 or Lynne 01737 214805.

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SEND VILLAGE CLUB

It's that time again to update on the last few months and promote future events that our committee have been busy organising. We are truly lucky to have a great team of volunteers who really do work hard.

It was a very wet May Day! Thank you to those who braved the weather and visited our tombola and smash crockery stall. We ended the month with a busy 50th birthday party.

In June we went back to the 80's with some great outfits and tunes and finished the month with sensational singing duo '2 Che' to celebrate Tony and Tina's anniversary.

At the time of writing England have made their way to the final of Euro 2024 and we have been pleased to have been open and shown their progress in the tournament.

The committee and our members welcome Marie back from maternity leave and thank Trish for keeping our bar running efficiently during that time.

Although we quieten down for the summer but we will still have events in the planning stage along with events booked and we continue to have bingo normally on the first Saturday of the month, including a come on down and a chance to win the snowball.

Future Events:

Saturday 31st August – Live music with Tamla Tigers

Saturday 7th September - Bingo

Saturday 21st September – Quiz night

Saturday 12th October - Bingo

Saturday 19th October – Live charity comedy night proceeds to RSCH

The building is in need of some maintenance and repairs. Painting has been started internally and the outside car park has benefitted from weeding and new plants have been added to our planters. During the summer months we hope to carry out some external painting and toilet repairs.

Finally thank you to all our members who continue to support our efforts and use the premises. The Committee are a voice for every member and are always happy to receive ideas, comments and help. For information on memberships, opening times and future events please check our noticeboard or Facebook



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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.

There are two trustees who 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, then apply with details by email to:-

Arthur Thomas [Send Parish]: jillarty1@gmail.com or

Rowland Cornell [Ripley Parish]: rowlandcornell@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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