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**Hello Dear Reader,**

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Many thanks to Edward Whittle for the fantastic cover photo of the Northern Lights over Send in October (which, once again, I missed!). Speaking of thanks, I'd like to extend my gratitude to all the volunteers, writers, distributors, and helpers who make Ripley and Send Matters possible.

As Christmas approaches, the Ripley and Send Matters disco jukebox will soon shift from its usual weird techno sounds to a more cheerful selection of holiday tunes. That said, I'll be observing "Whamageddon," so there will be a strict ban on the Wham Bam Dont Give a Dam Boys classic. Instead, you can expect the rather excellent "Silent Night"—the Trentemøller version—and a sprinkle of Sufjan Stevens' Silver & Gold album whilst i stuff my face full of pfeffernusse.

In this edition, we have a fantastic write-up and photos from the Ripley Bonfire Committee after a wonderfully successful evening on October 26th. You'll also find information from Ripley Parish Council about the upcoming Ripley Christmas Fair on December 1st.

I hope you enjoy this issue, have a wonderful Christmas, and an amazing New Year. Here's to 2025 being a year to remember! See you at the Half Moon on Christmas Eve for the best/worst Christmas jumper competition.

Peace and Love,  
Scott Hutchinson *Professional Key Pusher / Editor*

P.S. We're always looking for new volunteers here at Ripley and Send Matters. If you'd like to join the team and help out, please email me at [randsmatters@icloud.com](mailto:randsmatters@icloud.com).





## **Ripley Parish Council Welcomes New Clerk Emily and Bids Farewell to Ruth**

Ripley Parish Council is saying farewell to our current Clerk, Ruth, who will be stepping down after a dedicated year of service. We extend our sincere gratitude to Ruth for her hard work and commitment to the Council and wish her all the best in her future endeavours. Starting in November 2024, we warmly welcome Emily, who will be taking on the role of Clerk. We look forward to Emily's contributions and a smooth transition in continuing to serve the Ripley community.

## **Ripley Christmas Fair**

We are thrilled to announce that Ripley Christmas Fair is back, set for 1st December 2024 from 11 am to 3 pm. Join us for delightful stalls, delicious food, funfair rides for the little ones, and a special visit from Father Christmas! Enjoy live music from Emily Louise and the Rock Choir, and be sure to stay for the raffle - an exciting array of prizes awaits!

The Christmas Fair funds our iconic Christmas Lights, which are a proud feature of Ripley's festive season. However, financial challenges at Guildford Borough Council starting from 2023 mean that we have lost some of the grant funding that traditionally supports the lights, raising the prospect that we may not be able to continue them in future years. We're determined to make this fair a success and to raise the funds needed to ensure Ripley can keep shining brightly for many years to come.



If you'd like to help, please look out for our beautiful Christmas cards designed by talented young artists at Ripley Court School, buy raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes donated by our local businesses, or make a contribution to our GoFundMe page at: [gofundme.com/save-ripley-christmas-lights](https://gofundme.com/save-ripley-christmas-lights) (or scan the QR code).

We're pulling out all the stops to make this fair a joyful day for all ages, with a fantastic selection of local food and gifts. Join us in supporting our village and making this year's Christmas Fair one to remember. If you're available to volunteer at the fair, please get in touch with Jess at [christmas@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:christmas@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk). Let's come together to celebrate the season and keep Ripley's festive lights aglow!

### **Fly-Tipping in Ripley: How You Can Help Keep Our Village Clean**

Fly-tipping is an ongoing issue that affects not only the beauty of our village but also the wellbeing of our community and local wildlife. Dumped waste can spoil our countryside and create potential hazards, impacting us all. We are calling on residents to play a part in tackling this problem by reporting any incidents of fly-tipping they come across.

If you see fly-tipping in Ripley or surrounding areas, please take a photo of the waste and report it immediately to Guildford Borough Council. You can do this quickly and easily online through their website: [guildford.gov.uk/reportflytipping](http://guildford.gov.uk/reportflytipping). Remember to note the exact location and any details that might help in identifying the source of the rubbish, especially if you observe the incident happening.

By working together, we can help Guildford Borough Council address these issues swiftly and keep Ripley clean, safe, and beautiful for everyone. Let's keep our village a place we're proud to call home!

### **M25 Junction 10 Works update**

Works have been delayed for the M25 Junction 10 project. A critical component of the project, the S278 Notice, has not yet been submitted to Surrey County Council (SCC). This notice is essential, as it requires SCC's approval of all project-related drawings before work can proceed. The submission timeline for the S278 Notice appears to be considerably delayed, creating a ripple effect on other project elements. In related progress, the Wisley Lane diversion is nearing completion, which will allow National Highways to advance to subsequent stages of the improvement scheme. Despite this progress, concerns have been raised over the stalled request for a 20mph speed limit within Ripley. The introduction of this speed limit remains conditional on the submission of the S278 Notice by National Highways. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and advocate for timely updates to ensure Ripley's infrastructure improvements progress without further delay. Residents are encouraged to stay informed, as these projects impact traffic, road safety, and overall community wellbeing.

*Jess Caine*  
Assistant Clerk



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## PARISH COUNCIL

Our Planning & Environment Committee continues to be busy. The Parish Council agreed to an objection to the development proposals for Land to the West of Winds Ridge and Send Hill, part of site A43 in the Guildford Local Plan. Other proposals for strategic sites are also coming forward quickly: a proposal for the next phase of development at Burnt Common Nurseries for 8 commercial units and a reserved matters application for 119 dwellings as part of the Garlick's Arch development. In addition, both development proposals for Land at Heath Drive have gone to appeal on grounds of non-determination by Guildford Borough Council. Send Parish Council's response can be found on our website.

As this edition lands on your mats two legal challenges of planning approvals will be in the process of being heard at the High Court. Send Parish Council on behalf of its residents is challenging the approval of the development at 94 Potters Lane. The Council has taken this step because if allowed to stand this permission opens up the potential for more development along the Corridor of the River Wey. Ockham Parish Council will also be at the High Court in the first week of December to challenge the inspector's decision to approve 1730 dwellings at the former Wisley Airfield.

In September, I attended a meeting of the Potters Lane residents organized by County Cllr Bob Hughes to hear their experiences of traffic issues. Our entire local road network, including the Send Roundabout, is at capacity. I was able to explain to residents the Wisley Airfield development should have provided two new slip roads at Burnt Common, but the inspector accepted the argument put forward by Taylor Wimpey that an 'alternative' package of mitigation was acceptable. This package included carriageway haunching works to Potters Lane, to 'improve cycling'! The Send & Ripley Rule 6 party vehemently opposed the mitigation proposals at the Inquiry last Autumn and insisted the slip roads should have been delivered to alleviate traffic from the rural road network. We will be at the High Court to support Ockham's PC's challenge.



On a lighter and jollier note, we enjoyed some wonderful community events this Autumn. Our annual litter pick was combined with bulb planting for young children and a stakeholder session for the re-development of the Pavilion was held at Send EC in October. I, and my fellow Cllrs also had the pleasure of attending the Licensing Service of our new Vicar, Rev. Louise Vincer, and welcoming her and her family to Send. As I sign off this time, I am looking forward to the St Mary's Scout's bonfire, and our Clerk, Nichola Mair is busy organizing the Remembrance Day Service for 10th November, before turning to the Christmas lights' switch on.



On behalf of Send Parish Council, we hope you have a kind, caring Christmas.  
*Julia Osborn*  
Chair, Send Parish Council

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# The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Send

Hello! I'm Louise, the new parish priest for Send. As I write, I am getting settled into the new Vicarage and looking forward to learning all about Send and Ripley.

I have worked as a priest in the Church of England in Essex, South London, Lincolnshire and Canterbury.

Parish churches are special places. My husband, Andrew and I were married in the church where I first worked, and our two children were christened in the church where we were living.

I'm interested in lots of things: being outdoors, as well as reading a good book in a warm place; I love being with people as well as having time to think by myself; I love keeping fit as well as watching theatre and live music. I love discovering more about God's goodness in the world.

Send is a very special place as St Mary's has two places of hospitality and worship – the beautiful Church set in a peaceful location, and the Church Rooms at the heart of the village.

The church is here for everyone – at times of celebration (including weddings and christenings) and at times of grief and loss.

Both our buildings are full of wonderful people who offer a warm welcome. Like them, I look forward to meeting you.

Rev Louise Vincer

## **Christmas Services 2024**

### **1<sup>st</sup> December First Sunday of Advent**

08:00 am Holy Communion & 10:30 am Holy Communion

### **8<sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am Holy Communion

### **15<sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am Nativity Performance by the Sunday Club and YAC

### **22<sup>nd</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am Carol Service of Nine Lessons

### **24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

3:00 pm Crib Service (All are welcome, followed by Christmas Cake)

11:15 pm Midnight Mass

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

09:30 am Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

### **29<sup>th</sup> December First Sunday of Christmas Canon Angela Townshend**

10:30 am Holy Communion





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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - 6:30pm:**

Candlelight carol service followed by mince pies.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - 4pm:**

Christingle / Crib Service

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 11pm,;**

'Midnight Mass (Communion Service)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - 10:00am:**

Christmas Family Service

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I wonder how you feel about Christmas? For some it is a joyful, anticipated season; for others it can be a sad or lonely time. The Christian message of Christmas celebrates that Almighty God came to earth as a person, Jesus. This is eloquently expressed in these lines of a carol:

Our God contracted to a span,  
Incomprehensibly made man.

This is good news for so many reasons, not least that God identifies with us in our humanity, including in how we feel. To quote a familiar carol:

... He feeleth for our sadness  
And He shareth in our gladness

Whether feeling joyful or sad, you are warmly invited to Send Evangelical Church (Send EC), including at Christmas time. At 10:30am during Advent - December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> - we will be considering four of Jesus' names. These names are found in the Bible, in the book of Isaiah, chapter 9, verse 6, and are depicted on the Christmas Tree.

We would also love to welcome you to any or all of the following events:

**Stir Up Saturday** – Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10am

**Gingerbread Decorating** – Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10am

*[Note: Please sign up on the website for these two events]*

**Carols by Candlelight** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

**Christmas Day Celebration** – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am

Details of these events, along with our regular services and activities (Little Lambs Toddler Group and Youth Group) can be found at [sendec.org](http://sendec.org)

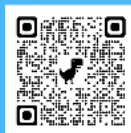


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## **A Heartbeat for Our Community: The New Ripley Village Hall**

Nestled in the heart of our lovely village, the new Ripley Village Hall has quickly become a vibrant hub for residents of all ages. Opened just a few months ago, this beautifully designed space has already hosted a range of events, from community meetings, Pilates and Yoga classes to birthday parties and exhibitions. There is a huge amount of enthusiasm surrounding the hall, but there's still room for more of our residents to engage with this wonderful resource.

## **A Space for Everyone**

The Village Hall is more than just a building; it was created to foster community spirit and provide a versatile venue for all kinds of gatherings. There is a spacious main hall which includes a fully fitted kitchen, a stage with full AV system, two other community rooms, each with underfloor heating and air conditioning. One of the rooms has access to a beautiful garden. It's an ideal setting for everything from workshops to social events and we've seen a great turnout for the activities hosted so far.

## **What's Happening Now**

Currently, the Hall is buzzing with activity. Weekly classes in fitness, arts and crafts, and a monthly antiques fair have found their footing, attracting participants from across the village and beyond.

While we're thrilled with the initial turnout, we want to remind everyone that Ripley Village Hall is your space. It's a venue waiting to be filled with your ideas and activities. If you've been thinking about starting a club, hosting an event, a special birthday celebration, or even a wedding - there are endless possibilities.

To keep our Village Hall thriving, we need your creativity and enthusiasm. We invite you to get involved and make the most of this fantastic resource. Here are a few ways you can contribute:



1. **Attend Events:** Check out “What’s On” at [www.ripleyvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.ripleyvillagehall.org.uk) and join in the fun, learn new skills or discover hidden talents. Whether it’s a fitness class, Pottery course, Cycle Club, WI, dog training or even the Village Pantomime, your participation helps to strengthen our community bonds.

2. **Host Your Own Event:** Have an idea for a class or event? Reach out to discuss your idea at [info@ripleyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:info@ripleyvillagehall.org.uk). We’d love to help you bring your idea to life.

3. **Volunteer:** If you’re passionate about the community, consider volunteering at the hall and join our ‘Friends of Ripley Village Hall’. Volunteering can be rewarding and meaningful, and your involvement can be as much or as little as you would like. Whether that is helping set up for events or organising activities, or if you have a special skill that we could use, your support makes a difference. Please contact [brownjulie0803@gmail.com](mailto:brownjulie0803@gmail.com) to find out more.

4. **Spread the Word:** Share information about upcoming events with friends and neighbours. A personal invitation can go a long way in encouraging participation.

Keep an eye on the village newsletter, Ripley Grapevine and social media for updates on events and activities, and don’t hesitate to reach out with your ideas. Together, we can ensure that our Village Hall remains a welcoming and active cornerstone of our community.

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**We will be running a children's treasure hunt at the upcoming Ripley Christmas Fair on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

Search for the numbered soldiers in business windows and fill in their locations on forms available at the main tent on the green or outside the Clockhouse Restaurant.

## Ripley Over 60's Club

We are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December and would like to thank Ripley Bonfire Committee and Ripley Farmers' Market for their support.

If you would like to join our friendly group for tea, raffle, entertainment and chat please come along to The Former Ripley Primary School. We meet on the first Saturday of every month from 2.30 to 4.30p.m. (except January)

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### **12 December 2024 West Horsley Village Hall**

*Geology of the Mole Valley and the Weald*

*illustrated talk by Andy Los*

Andy is local and is passionate about geology, which he enjoys sharing with people. His talk will be mainly about geology and how this influences human activity such as building stones, quarrying and other industries. He will also include some fauna and flora of the area. It's a chance to learn more about our local area and how it has evolved.

### **23 January 2025 on Zoom**

*Stewardship of our Waters*

*illustrated talk by Alistair Young of The River Wey Trust*

We are blessed in this area with the beautiful River Wey, passing meadows and mills which proliferate the upper reaches of its two source branches. Any interest in water will include quality and management of the riparian area. As a result of engagement with other groups, the River Wey Trust is a founder member of the Wey Landscape Partnership with interest in the water body. Alistair will talk to us about the work the Trust does in addressing concerns of local water users and the part played by their Citizen Science activities, work being adopted by other catchments in the country.

### **27 February 2025 on Zoom**

*A Brief History of You*

*illustrated talk by Will Newton*

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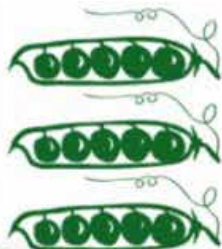
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# The Lancaster Hall

The Lancaster Hall in Send has long been a Village Hall at the heart of the community. It's a busy hall with lots of regular users but until now the Upper Hall has not been accessible to people with mobility issues.

Many years ago a stairlift was fitted but hardly ever used and eventually became defunct. However, the Lancaster Hall Committee, with the help of Cllr Bob Hughes found out about a grant that could help towards the funding of a new model.

The 'Your Fund Surrey' grant offered by Surrey County Council, allows community groups to apply for funds that can help with community projects, in this case, the funding of a new Stairlift to enable accessibility to the Upper Hall.



Lancaster Hall Chair and Bookings Administrator, Nicole Connell, said: 'This will make a huge difference to the hall. Having accessibility to the Upper Hall and allowing people with mobility issues the option of holding functions/events in this space is something we have wanted to do for a while. We are so pleased with the new Stairlift and on behalf of the Lancaster Hall Committee I would like to thank Cllr Bob Hughes and the 'Your Fund Surrey' grant, for helping us obtain some funding towards this project.'

*From L-R: Members of the Lancaster Hall Committee: Julia Osborn, Nicole Connell (Chair), Wendy Hulme, Amanda Vaughan (Secretary), Justin Addison Smith (Treasurer) and on the Stairlift is Cllr Bob Hughes from Surrey County Council.*



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## **Practice update**

We are delighted that with the help of our patient group and generous donations from patients we have been able to create a further 2 consulting rooms at the practice this year. The new consulting rooms will allow us to offer more services and appointments for our patients. If you are interested in supporting our patient group and getting involved in future events or projects at the practice, please send an email to [syheartlandsicb.villagesppg@nhs.net](mailto:syheartlandsicb.villagesppg@nhs.net)

# Send & Ripley

## HISTORY SOCIETY

The current exhibition is entitled **'HE'S BEHIND YOU!..AMATEUR DRAMATICS IN SEND AND RIPLEY**. This looks at the history of amateur dramatics in the two villages. As well as programmes and photos we have some costumes on show. The exhibition has been a collaborative effort with the Ripley Amateur Theatre Society and SADS both contributing. The Ripley Panto this year is Dick Whittington and we hope to have a special museum opening on the afternoon of Saturday 7th December to coincide with the matinée.



Following that plans are afoot to have a short interim exhibition about Christmas traditions and then January will see us in full 1970s reminiscence mode in the run up to the Society's 50th Anniversary. Anyone willing, or better still wanting, to help do let me know.

Don't forget if you have children or grandchildren aged between 5 -11 then please encourage them to come along to the museum and join WHEELS OF TIME. They will receive a unique badge from Ripley Museum and a lanyard. They can then get more badges from all the participating Surrey museums and heritage venues to earn Awards. Register at <https://surrey.wheelsoftime.uk/>



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*Lancaster Hall Remembrance Sunday*



*Jean Turner who has been attending the Remembrance Day Service since 1945, Zoe Franklin (MP for Guildford,), Brian Osborn, Julia Osborn (Chair of Send PC)*

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# RIPLEY AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our coach visit to Arundel Castle in September was a great success with a beautiful drive through Sussex. The castle is interesting and the gardens well worth a visit.

**OCTOBER FARMERS' MARKET** – soup, produce, preserves and jam jar flowers were available for a donation. A great atmosphere there. We will be back at the April market next year.

**KINGS SEEDS** - once again members have enjoyed purchasing their flower and vegetable seeds through us for half the normal cost.

## **SPEAKER MEETINGS**

The slides shown at our talk on The Savill Garden in October encouraged us to visit. Something to see all through the year.

Our November talk was on the Gardens of Surrey by Cherrill Sands.

We hold 4 Speaker Meetings a year which are free for members and £3 for visitors on the door.

**10<sup>th</sup> February** - Carol Gubler will be talking to us about Fuchsias

**17<sup>th</sup> March** – our Annual Show judges will be giving us hints on showing fruit and vegetables and photography for competitions.

Details of our Programme can be found on the Ripley & Send Matters website.

Our members only Christmas Social and Quiz will be held in early December.

RDHS membership for next year starts in January 2025 and the subscription is only £7 per household from January to January.

For further information, please email our Secretary, Sue Stranger at [ripleydhssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ripleydhssecretary@gmail.com)

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# SEND GARDENING SOCIETY

On **July 26<sup>th</sup>**, SGS members visited Gilbert White's House and Garden in Selbourne. We enjoyed a guided tour of the grounds, which featured formal gardens, orchards, a herb garden, wildlife pond, and wildflower meadow, all inspired by the English landscape movement and Gilbert White's \*Garden Calendar\*. Highlights included 18th-century plant varieties, heritage crops, and preserved hotbeds for growing melons and cucumbers. After lunch, we toured the 17th-century house and museum, which also holds collections from polar explorer Lawrence Oates and naturalist Frank Oates. It was a diverse and enjoyable day for all.

On **August 7<sup>th</sup>**, we gathered in a member's garden for our annual summer picnic, admiring the beautifully cultivated garden and enjoying a relaxed afternoon with jugs of Pimm's under the summer sun.

On **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Isobel Bernhard presented a talk on "Gardening in Tune with the Moon," discussing how the Moon's phases influence plant growth and moisture in the soil. She introduced both Moon Phase and Moon Zodiac Sign gardening, sharing her experiences and garden photos. Isobel's engaging presentation, supported by reference books and handouts, was both inspiring and informative.

**Our 2024 programme concludes on 4<sup>th</sup> December with the AGM and Christmas social.**

**Looking forward to our 2025 programme we have 2 exciting talks lined up:**

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

'Shrubs and climbers for your garden' by G Pattison

**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

'The pleasure of weeding' by David Standing

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](mailto: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*

***Gardening simply does not allow one to be mentally old, because too many hopes and dreams are yet to be realized.*** – Allan Armitage



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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.

### **Send Evening WI**

Fourth Wednesday of each month.

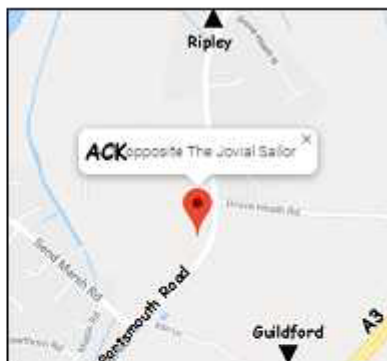
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# **RIPLY BONFIRE CELEBRATIONS 2024**

## **YES, WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES?**



Whilst the organising for this year's event may have started back in 2023, with de-briefs, meetings and discussions regarding money etc., it all started in earnest at the end of September 2024 with our first Sunday cut-back and build.

It was no surprise, that given the appalling weather conditions of 2023, the main topic for discussion was the weather, this continued every Sunday morning during the building of the bonfire, the weather was also heard being discussed in various hostelrys in the village throughout the week.

I am pleased to report that despite one Sunday morning when we had a little bit of rain, all our builds, the Friday set-up, the day itself and the Sunday clear up, were all dry, a far cry from the previous year.

So, to the day itself: In anticipation of possible bad weather, some of our crew were on the road at 5.30am, putting out road cones and signage. By mid-morning when we stopped for tea, the topic of conversation was again still the weather, for which the forecast according to the Met Office and BBC Weather was now looking good.

As the day progressed: The sun came out, the funfair started early afternoon, the car parks started to fill with cars, and as the evening closed in, people started to congregate at the village hall to participate in the procession. As a result of the good weather some 175 wax torches were sold, which is believed to be a record.

At shortly after 7pm the procession left the village hall and progressed along the High Street, led as usual by the Surbiton Royal British Legion

Youth Marching Band, followed by the Queen's Carriage and families with children carrying torches. On arrival at the bonfire our Queen for the night, Zelda Wittern and her two attendants, lit the fire to a trumpet fanfare, which due to the dry conditions quickly developed into an amazing inferno, enjoyed by all, as their faces flickered in the light of the flames reaching high into the clear sky night.



This now just leaves the final part of the day's events: At precisely 8pm Dynamic Fireworks shot into the air, treating many thousands of spectators to a wonderful display, the joy on the faces of those looking to the heavens was magical. But the best was still to come, after nearly 20 minutes the whole sky was illuminated with a spectacular finale, which concluded in such loud spontaneous cheers and clapping that you could hardly hear the music coming from the fair.



I would first like to thank all those involved in this year's event: the bonfire builders, the marshals, the collectors, the litter pickers, those that provided transport and equipment, those that





fed and watered an army of volunteers, those individuals and organisations, who gave their services and time over the last month and to our sponsors, without you all, we could not have put on such a successful event.

Finally, the biggest thank you must go to all of you that attended on the night and for your generosity, one of the biggest turnouts for many years with an estimate of up to 10,000 people and some much needed income. So yes, a year does make a difference.

Looking forward to seeing you next year (25th October 2025) for another Legendary Ripley Bonfire.

*Steve Hill*  
Chairman and Safety Officer

*Note: As this magazine went to press we are still counting our income and paying the last of the bills, so further information on this and our charitable donations will be carried in the spring edition.*



# Christmas Crackers

**Why did the snowman go to Send Recreation Ground?**

**Because he wanted to chill where all the coolest locals hang out!**

**Why did Santa stop by Arthur's Stump in Ripley Village?**

**He heard it was the root of all Christmas cheer!**

**What do you get if you cross a snowman and a dog?**

**Frostbite!**



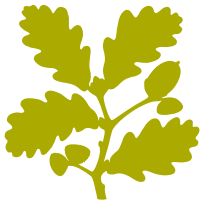
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I seem to always be saying this but it has been a challenging season. The grass and other vegetation has been growing at an astonishing rate, late into the year, but dodging the showers to do something about it has been tricky. I'm perfectly happy getting wet but the grass doesn't like it.

I've continued to step up the floating pennywort fight. It's a question I often get asked, how do we control it? The bottom line is that, on the whole, it's very low-tech and labour intensive. The usual way is just to use a long-handled rake to drag it to the bank where it can be left to rot. You never feel like you are winning. Even if you have taken out enormous rafts there can still be new ones floating down off the backwaters to take its place the next day. We have had a grant from Defra this year to help us that has meant we have been able to acquire new tools and equipment and hire in external resources to help hit it hard. Thankfully I have a couple of fantastic volunteers helping and a couple of group days and so far this year we have cleared over 11 kilometres of bank on the Walsham stretch alone. The fight continues.

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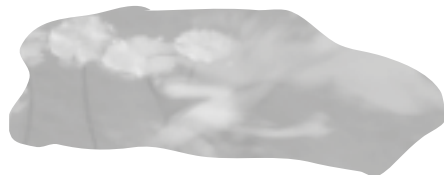
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Further information from our website [www.guildfordfuchsia.co.uk](http://www.guildfordfuchsia.co.uk) or direct from our treasurer (see inside back cover) or email [enquiries@guildfordfuchsia.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@guildfordfuchsia.co.uk)

## **RIPLEY OVER SIXTIES CLUB**

Ripley Over 60's will be meeting again every first Saturday of the month throughout the year. We will now be meeting at Ripley Primary School at the usual time of 2.30pm. We have a full programme of entertainers for the year.

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

It will be lovely to see old friends once again or any new members. We are also looking for a new chairperson. Please contact Clare Grimes for any queries: 07985048327, [claregrimes58@gmail.com](mailto:claregrimes58@gmail.com).

## **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.

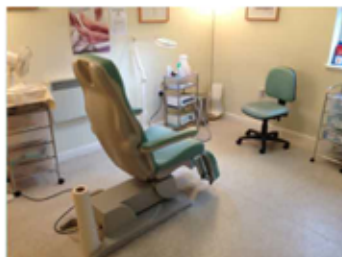
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# SEND VILLAGE CLUB

*(Send Social & Ex-Servicemen's Club)*

It seems like the year has gone by very quickly, it has been great to host parties and have club events. Members enjoyed being entertained by 'Tamala Tigers' in August, a well attended quiz night in September and at the time of writing we will be ready for our Live Comedy night for charity with proceeds going to the Royal Surrey County Hospital.



At the end of July we were saddened to get the news that Steve Jones had passed away. Steve was our President, longest serving committee member and most importantly a friend to many not only at the club but in the village. We remembered Steve's life along with his family and friends by raising a glass 'One for the road' to a much missed brother, uncle and friend.

The committee are still working hard preparing club events, which will be displayed on our Facebook page and notice boards. We have also set up a WhatsApp group for current events it is easy to join using a QR code.

## **Future Events:**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a Christmas table top sale

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December Bingo

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December will be our Christmas Draw Evening.

Tickets are on sale £1 per line.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve Disco.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December New Years Eve Disco.

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

## **2025**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January Bingo

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February music with 'Gone Country'

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April music with 'Goldsworth Gerry'

We are pleased to be able to offer Send Brownies the use of our club for their Christmas party once again. And we also welcome back our dart teams for the new season and wish them luck.

Membership renewals for 2025 will fall due on the 1st January, new members always welcome.

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. New Committee members are always welcome and are needed to run as a members club, if you would like to volunteer and can offer your time, share ideas, or admin skills we would really appreciate it, we currently meet once a month.



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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](mailto:jillarty1@gmail.com) or

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