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Hello Dear Reader,
Welcome to another edition of Ripley & Send Matters!

As I sit beneath the shady branches of Arthur's Stump on this glorious summer's day, tapping away at my keyboard, I can feel the buzz of summer in the air—and it's positively contagious!

There's so much going on over the next few weeks, it's hard not to get excited. We've got **Ripley Rocks** on Saturday 19th July, the **20th Anniversary of Ripley Farmers' Market** on Saturday 14th June, and **Ripley Parish Day** on Saturday 26th July on Ripley Green.

But let me put a big glowing circle around this one: **Volunteers' Day**, 6pm Thursday 26th June at Ripley Cricket Club. This isn't just an event—it's a chance to get involved, make a difference, and be part of something truly special in our village. We're on the lookout for more helping hands, fresh faces, and big-hearted locals who want to lend a little time to help make Ripley and Send even better. Whether you've got an hour a month or a day a week, there are loads of ways to get involved. So come along for a drink and a chat—you might just discover your next great adventure! (I'll be there too, so come and say hello!)

Now, onto this issue's musical mayhem—a couple of sonic treats to soundtrack your summer. First up, the mind-melting, soul-soaring Red Sand Rääg by The Jonny Halifax Invocation—an 18-minute masterpiece of beautiful psychedelic noise. And if you're after something a little livelier, check out Satellites by Jason Peters—an irresistible dancefloor banger to get your feet moving and your mood lifted.

Of course, none of this magazine would be possible without the fantastic crew who work behind the scenes.
A huge thank-you to everyone who puts their time, love, and energy into keeping this magazine alive.

Here's to another great edition.
Enjoy the read and see you out there this summer!
Peace and Love, Scott Hutchinson
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National Highways A3/M25 Works Update

Ripley Parish Council continues to monitor closely the progress of the M25 Junction 10/A3 Improvement Scheme, particularly the High Street mitigation measures.

We recently raised concerns with National Highways about delays and a lack of clarity around the delivery of these important works. We highlighted the growing unease among residents that the High Street improvements, required under the Development Consent Order (DCO), might be omitted due to financial pressures.

National Highways has confirmed that the mitigation works will be delivered. While originally intended to proceed via a Section 278 agreement (typically involving developer-funded highway improvements), circumstances beyond the control of Surrey County Council and the project team have necessitated a switch to a Section 8 agreement — an arrangement between two highway authorities. This change has led to some unavoidable delay due to the need for new arrangements and personnel.

However, National Highways has firmly reiterated that the mitigation works are mandatory under the DCO and must be delivered regardless of financial constraints. A full programme of works will be shared with the Parish Council once finalised, and completion is expected during 2025. We will continue to press for regular updates and to ensure all commitments are fulfilled.

Parking in the Village

We have received concerns about misuse of the two-hour bays near the Rose Lane/High Street junction. These bays are intended for short-term visitors to the High Street. If you are staying longer in the village, please make use of the White Hart car park to help ensure spaces remain available for shoppers and visitors.

Volunteer's Day – Join Us!

Ripley Parish Council warmly invites residents to Volunteer's Day on Thursday 26th June, from 6pm at Ripley Cricket Club. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet the many local organisations seeking new volunteers. Whether you are looking to contribute, make new friends, or simply learn more about our vibrant village life, there will be something for everyone. We hope to see you there!

Shanly Homes Development

Work on the Shanly Homes development at Hamilton Mews (the former White Horse Yard site) will begin shortly. Initial works will include demolition and safe removal of old underground petrol tanks. At peak times, up to 50 workers may be on site, which may affect daytime parking. Shanly Homes is exploring staff parking solutions to minimise impact. A Construction Management Plan will be shared as soon as available, and a Liaison Contact has been appointed to keep Ripley Parish Council and residents informed. Building works are expected to last between 20 and 24 months.

Mayor's Award 2025

Ripley Parish Council is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Mayor's Award: **Brianne Vally** and **Glenda Charlick**, on behalf of Ripley Team Green, **Jennie Cliff** for her tireless work for Ripley community and **Clare McCann** for her hard work and commitment with Send and Ripley History Society.



Brianne and Glenda accepted the Mayor's Award on behalf of **Ripley Team Green** – a team of local residents who have dedicated an extraordinary amount of time to volunteering for the betterment of Ripley. Since the establishment of Chapel Nature Reserve in 2017, Brianne and Glenda have worked tirelessly to build and lead a large volunteer group of 26 individuals. Ripley Team Green meets monthly to maintain and enhance both the Nature Reserve and Ripley Green, undertaking vital work such as cutting back overgrowth, planting trees, pruning orchard

trees, and planting hedgerows. They also generously share their knowledge and expertise, inspiring volunteers of all ages within our community. (Photo left to right Glenda Charlick, Lizzie Bartlett, Jennie Cliff, Chris Heath, and Brianne Vally)

The Parish Council also warmly congratulates **Jennie Cliff**, a lifelong Ripley resident, whose outstanding contributions have benefited the community across many decades. Jennie has given her time and talents to numerous causes: she has served twice as a Ripley Parish Councillor, including a term as Chair, and was a longstanding governor of Ripley First School. Jennie has supported the Anne Haynes Trust, a young people's charity, and continues to help distribute Ripley and Send Matters and support its organisation behind the scenes. In addition, she has been involved with Ripley Cricket Club for many years, helping with match scoring, and was one of the organisers of the local Travel Club. Jennie also volunteers her time in support of **St Mary Magdalen Church**.

Their contributions have made a lasting difference to the village, and we are proud to recognise their achievements through the Mayor's Award.



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PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SEND PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of Send Parish Council for the year 2024-2025.

SEND VILLAGE: A YEAR IN REVIEW

It is fair to say this has been a challenging year. The village is now experiencing the impacts of Guildford Borough Council's (GBC's) adopted 2019 Local Plan, especially the traffic impacts. In June last year the collapse of the sewer and closure of the A247 diverted traffic and unsuitable large HGVs through Potters Lane and other rural areas of the village. The Send roundabout is already operating at capacity in peak times. Following the opening of the Wisley Lane Diversion and the closure of Wisley Lane from the north bound A3 in the Autumn, there was daily congestion along the A247. The village also continues to experience the full impact of the J10/M25 night/weekend closures. This is all before the first occupation of Garlick's Arch and the new settlement at the former Wisley Airfield has begun. Given this context, responses to planning matters consume a lot of time for members of Send Parish Council. I will now turn to this.

PLANNING

When the GBC Local Plan was adopted in 2019, one thing we were assured was that it would be an "infrastructure" first Plan. However, despite the deluge of planning approvals in Send, Send Marsh and Burnt Common, we are not seeing the infrastructure materialise.

The development of the former Wisley Airfield was supposed to have provided two new slip roads at Burnt Common. These were essential to alleviate traffic from the villages that the industrial development at Burnt Common would generate. In December a High Court judge refused Ockham Parish Council a Judicial Review of the inspector's grant of approval of the development at Wisley Airfield. This means the development will go ahead to build 1700 new dwellings but the slip roads at Burnt Common will not be delivered. Meanwhile, an application for the third phase of the industrial development at Burnt Common is soon to be considered by GBC's planning committee, and if approved will take the total industrial floorspace to 14000 sq feet.

A Local Plan is also designed to manage growth while conserving and enhancing other existing features. Unfortunately, the inseting of the villages has led to a constant stream of small backland developments which our planning committee has to constantly respond. It seems that all too often housing supply targets appear to trump all other considerations. One such example is the now 'infamous' 94 Potters Lane proposal for five dwellings in the setting of the Corridor of the River Wey.

SEND'S JUDICIAL REVIEW

Following GBC's approval of 94 Potters Lane, Send Parish Council obtained legal advice and was advised there were grounds for a challenge of the decision. The decision to grant permission for just 'five' dwellings was at odds with previous planning appeals that had REFUSED planning permission for the site. It contradicted the Conservation Area Officer's objection, the National Trust guidance for development in the Godalming and River Wey Navigations Settings, and had failed to take into account the setting of the site within the Corridor of the River Wey and relevant planning policy.

Send Parish Council, with the backing of residents, was not prepared to take this lying down so we took the monumental step of mounting a Judicial Review. Following a hearing at the High Court on the 3rd December 2024, Guildford Borough Council consented to judgement and the permission was quashed. We sincerely hope GBC's Planning Committee will have received the message loud and clear when they re-determine the applications for the site in the near future. Similarly, we hope that the planning committee will also heed the concerns of residents relating to the proposed development for the Land West of Winds Ridge and Send Hill when it comes before the committee. Send Parish Council will be representing residents at these meetings.

PARISH PRECEPT AND PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

At our first Council meeting every year, in January, the Parish Council approves a budget for the next financial year (currently 2025-2026) and we set the Parish Precept. The Council has undertaken several major projects over the past year including a full programme of work on Parish trees, installing the new play equipment at Maple Road, and ongoing repairs to the Send Recreation Ground. These projects were funded by an increase in the Precept last year. The Council has also led a Judicial Review on behalf of residents but this has been funded nearly in entirety by donations. Further, due to sound financial management, some difficult decisions, and a natural rise in the Precept (with more dwellings in our Parish), we are pleased to report there will be no increase in the Precept for a Band D property this year for Parishioners.

PAVILION RE-DEVELOPMENT

The project is making progress, but this has been slowed this year due to an issue with the release of \$106 funding from Guildford Borough Council (GBC). After we escalated the matter to the Head of Planning at GBC, we received the monies owed to us and we can now move forward with converting the existing Recreation Ground charity to a CIO (charity incorporated organisation) and the project's Design Stage. The project will be progressed in phases, the architects are seeking specialist tenders, a meeting with Highways is being arranged to consider parking and a Design Workshop will be held in early April.

AMENITIES AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Parish Council owns and runs a number of assets in the village, including the allotments, our cemetery, the Send Recreation Ground and the Maple Road play area. The assets require constant maintenance, management, inspections and repairs. I would like to thank Cllr Bruton (Chair of the Amenities and Leisure Services Committee), my Clerk and our village caretaker, Peter Heasmen for their work and daily oversight of these assets. As I have already mentioned the committee has also overseen a large program of works for Parish trees and recently it has been arranging a replacement of the pillar at the cemetery, following accidental damage.

NOTABLE EVENTS

In the Autumn, myself, and fellow Cllrs had the pleasure of welcoming our new Vicar, Louise Mincer, and her family to the village at her licensing service. Send Parish Council was also pleased to be joined by our new MP, Zoe Franklin, and the Mayor of Guildford, Sally Barker, OBE, for our annual Remembrance Day parade.

THE YEAR AHEAD: RE-ORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SURREY

As we look ahead to the next Council year, we now have to consider the proposals the Government has introduced for a major overhaul of local government in England and Wales. As a result of these proposals, Surrey County Council elections which were due to take place in May this year, have been put on hold while a new settlement for local government in Surrey is drawn up. The new settlement will see Guildford Borough Council and other district councils abolished and Surrey County Council become a single unitary authority. This change will mean that some of the functions of the district council, such as planning, will move up to the unitary authority, while other functions relating to some of the services provisions will be "devolved" to parish/town councils.

MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE CHAIR

To conclude I wish to say a few words to express my gratitude. In May it will be a decade since I joined Send Parish Council in 2015. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have served as its Chair for the past two years. As Chair, you bear the ultimate responsibility, and leading a Judicial Review on behalf of the village has been a heavy challenge for me. During this time, my Clerk and myself have faced vexatious communications, and other unrelated hostile actions directed at my family. I am immensely grateful for the support of my colleagues, from Parishioners that I have received, and from long-standing friends in the village, to support my family.

I wish to thank my colleagues for all the time they give as volunteers to serve our village. The Council may not always manage to address every issue as quickly as we hope or wish, but we try. The village is very fortunate to have such a good team of committed individuals who give many hours to bring their expertise to projects while balancing their work and home life commitments. I would also like to say a special thank you to Send residents Claire Nyland, David Williams, Peter Heath, Bruce Gomme and Mr Shatwell (aka 'Bob the Badger Man') for your support and assistance to Send Parish Council with the Judicial Review and help with the deliveries and distributions of leaflets.

Finally, thank you to all Parishioners who have supported us. The excellent attendance at our meetings, especially those related to the Judicial Review and other planning matters, no doubt reflects your concerns. We will continue to work hard throughout the coming year to ensure your voice is heard as we represent you.

Cllr Julia Osborn
Chair, Send Parish Council



The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Send

I wonder if you have any Easter Eggs left? Easter Sunday might feel a long time ago but Pentecost, which we celebrate on 8th June marks the end of the Easter season. At Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples after the risen Jesus had ascended to heaven.

The bible book: the Acts of the Apostles describes how the crowds gathered in Jerusalem from different countries, speaking many different languages. Through the work of the Holy Spirit everyone was able to hear the disciples preaching the good news in their own language. You can read the whole exciting story in Acts Chapter 2.

It is a most thrilling part of the gospel because the disciples were changed from being focused on themselves and their personal relationships with Jesus to being able to speak to everyone about God in their own language. The church was born by reaching out and building up community. It was a time of hope and celebration and liberation.

The Holy Spirit which had changed a few ordinary people into confident communicators, continues to inspire and shape our lives if we allow.

Through its "fruits" the Holy Spirit can be seen wherever God is at work in people's lives. These fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Wherever these are found, God is there. This season you might like to consider which of these you would like to grow in your life, and in your community?

Send and Ripley are special places to live and work. I believe that we can all make a difference to our neighbourhoods when we allow God's Holy Spirit to shape our lives. This season might I encourage you to let God change you. You can ask God to give you love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control – whatever of these you need, God will strengthen you in your resolve. And as we grow in these ways we will allow God to shape the community we live in, so that together we will flourish, to the glory of God.

At St Mary's Send we are holding an afternoon tea at the Church Rooms on 7th June (2-4pm). If you are interested in learning more about church life and faith we would love to meet you there, or at our regular Sunday service at 10.30am. Keep in touch through Facebook: Send Parish Church.

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Ascension Day reminds us of Jesus' return to the Father, His work on earth is fulfilled but not finished. It is a moment of both goodbye and promise. The risen Christ entrusts His work on earth to the disciples — and to us — with the assurance that we are never truly alone.

Then comes Pentecost, a vibrant burst of divine energy. The Holy Spirit descends like wind and flame, igniting hearts, giving courage, and uniting people of every culture. It is a celebration not just of a past event, but of a living presence among us — God active in our lives today.

Here in Ripley, we see that Spirit at work daily — in shared meals, thoughtful prayers, acts of kindness, laughter among neighbours. Summer offers us more time together: garden teas, community walks, and outdoor worship.

We live in such a beautiful place. The photos above were taken in our church yard in a moment of pause. Perhaps you might find a moment this summer to sit in the garden or walk in the countryside, and in the stillness, ask God to renew your spirit. May the summer months give you space to recharge, rekindle and revive you.

Rev Anna Norton



We are writing this at the end of the Easter weekend. It was lovely to see and enjoy the sunshine but, more than that, we are thankful for the opportunity to focus, in a special way, on the central message of the Christian faith.

Our annual Holiday Club took place on the Thursday before Good Friday. The youngsters who came along enjoyed a day (10am-3pm) of games, singing, crafts and learning about Jesus' death and resurrection. A model of the empty tomb really captured the children's attention and they asked lots of good questions.

In just a few weeks it will be Send's annual May Fair and, by the time this edition of Ripley and Send Matters lands on your doorstep, we hope we will have had the chance to greet many of you at the SEC stand.

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As the days grow longer and brighter, we hope you're enjoying a fresh start to the season. With spring in full swing and summer right around the corner, it's a perfect time to look at how we can all support our health and community during this transitional time.

Welcome Back, Dawn!

We are absolutely delighted to welcome back Dawn, our experienced and compassionate Healthcare Assistant and Care Coordinator. Many of you will remember her friendly face and excellent care. It's wonderful to have her back as part of the team, and we know patients will be pleased to see her again too.

COVID Vaccination Clinics

It's been a busy time at the surgery with our continued rollout of COVID-19 spring boosters. We're proud of the team's hard work in helping protect our community.

Autism Awareness Month

April marked Autism Awareness Month, a time to raise understanding and promote inclusivity for those living with autism. As a practice, we are committed to creating a more accessible and welcoming environment for all our patients. This month, we encourage everyone to take a moment to learn more about autism and the ways we can offer support, whether it's through clear communication, patience, or small adaptations that make a big difference.

Looking Ahead to Summer

With summer just around the corner, it's a good time to think about how the warmer months can affect our health. From sunburn to hay fever, heat exhaustion to holiday health tips there are many ways we can prepare to stay well.

Here are six key areas we recommend patients look out for this season:

1. Hydration

Staying well-hydrated is vital, especially in warmer weather. Older adults and those with swallowing difficulties may be at higher risk of dehydration. Consider cool drinks, water-rich foods like fruits, and gentle reminders to sip throughout the day.

2. Hay Fever

Seasonal allergies can really affect quality of life, particularly for children who want to enjoy the outdoors. Keep windows closed during high pollen days, encourage handwashing after being outside, and speak to your pharmacist or GP about suitable allergy treatments.

3. Sun Protection

It's easy to underestimate the power of the sun in the UK. Make sure to use sunscreen, wear protective clothing, and avoid peak sun hours. Sunburn isn't just uncomfortable, it increases your risk of skin cancer later in life.

4. Travel Health

If you're planning a holiday, especially a cruise or trip abroad, remember to check your travel health needs well in advance. This includes any required vaccinations and practical advice to avoid stomach bugs or heat-related illness while away.

The Villages Patient Group is fundraising to purchase a new ECG machine for the Practice. This new machine is more technologically advanced and links with patients information making necessary referrals to hospital cardiac units quicker and more reliable. We are holding a Fundraising Raffle and will be selling tickets over the next few months with the draw taking place on Saturday 14th September at the Ripley Farmers Market. Prizes include £100 cash prize, a Hamper, a case of Wine and many other prizes donated by local businesses. Tickets will be available from members of the Patient Group or you can buy tickets from Reception at the surgery. For more information, to request tickets or donate a prize please contact villagesppg@gmail.com.

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Send & Ripley

HISTORY SOCIETY



This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of Send & Ripley History Society and in February over 60 members celebrated with a dinner in Ripley Village Hall and Mary Creswell, the Vice Lord Lieutenant attended as the guest of honour.



It was lovely to have two founder members present, Sheila Brown and our President John Slatford as well as centenarian, Pat Clack. Kathryn and Chris Carr did an amazing job giving the room a 1970s vibe and our Chairman Cameron Brown ended the evening with some live music – even breaking his usual rule of not singing anything after 1969!

RIPLEY MUSEUM NEWS

The current exhibition at the museum is entitled Community Heroes. It has allowed us to display new material that has come from the estate of the late John Hutson. He was the pharmacist's assistant for his whole career and fortunately had kept many photos and artefacts relating to Kenneth White – the truly remarkable pharmacist who manufactured Penicillin Filtrate for civilian use during WW2. Come along and learn more about these two men.

Due to publication date of Send and Ripley Matters this exhibition has only a few weeks left to run so please don't delay your visit. We are planning on a follow up exhibition about life in Victorian times – so if you want to help or have items/photos of interest please let me know. Museum is open Saturdays 10-12 or by appointment.

A poster for the 'Community Heroes' exhibition at Ripley Museum. The poster has a blue background and features a circular inset photo of a man in a white lab coat working in a pharmacy. Text on the poster includes: 'COMMUNITY HEROES', 'STORIES FROM VILLAGE LIFE', 'RIPLEY MUSEUM', 'IN THE MUSEUM OF KENNETH WHITE', 'PHARMACEUTICALS', 'PENICILLIN FILTRATE', 'APRIL 2025', 'Until end of JUNE 2025', 'EVERY SATURDAY MORNING 10-12', 'or by appt. call Clare 01483 728546', 'The museum is next to Ripley Village Hall, 01483 6347', and 'www.sendandripleyhistorysociety.co.uk'. There is also a small photo of two people sitting on a bench.

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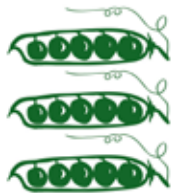
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Since 2005 Ripley Farmers' Market has been run entirely by volunteers, meaning all the money received from stallholder rents can be ploughed back into our community. The most amazing part of this we think is that over the last twenty years we have donated well over £120,000 (yes £120,000!) to local good causes and charities. Let's hope we can continue to help cash-strapped local enterprises well into the next twenty years.



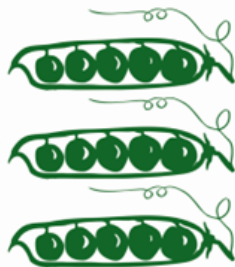
Here's a few of the local groups who have benefited from our donations over the years:

- *Contributing to the rebuilding costs of Ripley Village Hall*
- *Donations to Villages Medical Centre and free space on our community stall*
- *Financial support for Ripley First School*
- *Upkeep of the Green including making sure the toilets stay open and maintained*
- *Donations to the over 60s in Ripley, including giving anyone who signs up a £10 voucher in with their Christmas card to spend at the market*
- *Weekly contributions of fresh veg and fruit from our stallholder Vlad to a local food bank as well as Woking Hospice*
- *Ripley pre-school and the toddler group to keep them going*
- *Young Ripleyites travelling abroad for voluntary work*
- *Donations to national charities with local groups such as Homestart, Oakleaf and Riding for the Disabled*
- *Paying for flowers for St Mary's church for Christmas, Easter and for other special occasions as requested*
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Once again we had a stall at the April Farmers' Market. Every year we offer members something to grow on and this year it is a fuchsia. They collected them from our stall and will bring them back for judging at the Annual Show.

Most of our events this summer are for members only including a plant sale in May and then local garden visits during the summer. However, we are inviting non-members to join us on our coach trip and to visit the Annual Show.

Coach Trip to RHS Hyde Hall in Essex on Wednesday, 17th September – non-members welcome at a cost of £25.

This is an excellent opportunity to visit another RHS garden that isn't a particularly nice drive from Ripley. Do get in touch if you are interested.

ANNUAL SHOW Saturday, 23rd August 2.30 pm at the Scout Hut, Rose Lane

We welcome non-members to our Annual Show in the afternoon. Members exhibit vegetables, fruit, flowers and photographs and the competition fuchsias. We have a raffle and refreshments are available. Do come along!

Membership is only £7 per household from January to December. You enjoy free entry to Speaker Meetings (2 in the Spring and 2 in the Autumn). We offer a subsidised coach trip to Hyde Hall in September and garden visits during the summer. There is a garden party in July and a Christmas Social in December. Members have the opportunity to order half price seeds from Kings Seeds in early September which is a great saving. Excellent value and be part of our friendly Society.

If you are interested in the trip to Hyde Hall or membership, please get in touch via our email: ripleydhssecretary@gmail.com

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SEND GARDENING SOCIETY

On Wednesday 5th February 2025 we met for the first meeting of the 2025 programme and Geoff Pattison spoke about 'Shrubs and climbers for your garden'. Geoff ran through an extensive list of shrubs and climbers many of which were unusual and not familiar to all members. He suggested plants of interest for each of the seasons, giving detailed knowledge of growing conditions and sizes, all illustrated with appropriate pictures.

On Wednesday 2nd April 2025, we welcomed back David Standing, previously the Head Gardener at Gilbert White's Garden in Selbourne which we visited last year. David gave an extremely interesting and entertaining talk on 'The pleasure of weeding'. After naming and shaming the main classes of weeds, David went on to explain the various methods of removing them – pulling, digging, scraping and chemical means to this end. He brought along a table full of tools and implements he has acquired over his 40 years gardening, explaining the pros and cons of each and showed pictures of his wider collection of larger garden tools unsuitable to bring along that evening. His pictures of the whole weed, showing what is above and then below ground showed how deep you have to go to completely remove all traces.

We will have our usual stall on the Recreation Ground at the Send Annual May Fair organised by 1st Send (St Mary's) Scout Group. This was the venue for a wide selection of bargain plants (both flowers and vegetables) raised and donated by our members. It was great to meet many of the villagers there who came and said hello.

The next meeting date on the programme is:

Wednesday 4th June with Paul Whittle who will speak about National Trust Gardens.

Wednesday 6th August we will hold our Annual Garden Party in one of our members' garden – a chance to socialise and enjoy the outdoor space of a fellow gardener and also find the winner of this year's 'Potato Competition'.

Wednesday 1st October with Nigel Choat will speak to us about 'Fungi, fauna and flora'

The 2025 Programme concludes on 3rd December with the AGM and Christmas Party.

Dates for both our summer visit and a walk along local waterways with our Chairman, Derek, will be advised to members separately

Send Gardening Society provides an opportunity for local residents to get together and learn more about growing plants of all kinds. We meet up once every 2 months with fellow 'gardeners' for a sociable and interesting evening out. We have a varied programme that includes talks from speakers who are experts in their field, garden visits in summer and practical workshops. We are looking for new members to join our society and would welcome anyone from beginners to experienced green fingers alike. We pride ourselves on being a friendly club, so if you are a newcomer to Send or surrounding district, or an existing resident, come along and join us to make friends and exchange ideas. We can be reached by e-mail at f.whybrookcollett@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.

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Send Parish Council Meeting

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Send Parish Planning Meeting

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St Mary's Small Steps Tots Group

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Send Over 60s Club Meeting

Second Wednesday of each month.

Send Crafts 4U

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St Mary's Coffee Morning & Charity Shop

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St Mary's Craft & Chat

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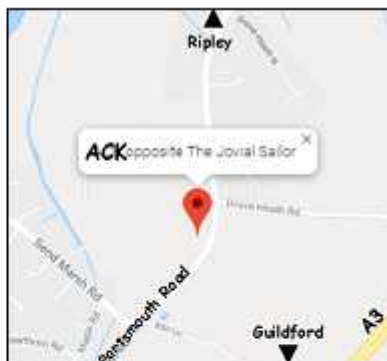
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repainting along with one or two bridges so far. Winter offside cutback and the removal of the vestiges or early growth of ever persistent pennywort has absorbed considerable time and effort with the able assistance of volunteers through winter and spring and this will continue throughout the year alongside a multitude of other tasks. Grass cutting is well under way with lock side and mooring cuts ahead of last year, which was itself a good cutting year. We have had gorgeous weather so far this spring and long may it continue with the occasional refreshing dousing of spring rain.

The flitting here and there of early damsel flies, the excited morning chorus of grey wagtails and blackbirds, even the lilting calls of skylarks in nearby fields. The misty mornings and rising ground temperature are the perfect recipe for the bursts of colour and growth all around us. Trees springing back to life with tiny green leaves, colourful buds and blossom, catkins like tiny brushes festooned about, river edge plants flourishing their roots absorbing the slowly warming water with lock side grasses stretching for the sky. It's a spectacular time of year, perfect for early morning walks, river bank picnics or for watching and listening to the plethora of wildlife we are blessed with here. Apologies if my mowing and strimming damages your calm.

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The frogs and newts soon hopped into the pond followed by the moorhen and her chicks. The stickleback fish appeared, which led to the kingfisher taking up a perch on the boardwalk. A heron could often be seen stalking the shallow bank, then many other pawprints appeared in the mud obviously finding their way to drink from the pond.

A group of volunteers started to meet once a month and with great enthusiasm began planting out hedgerow whips along the borders. Our tasks have included cutting brambles, donning waders to clear pond weed, planting, pleaching, scattering seeds, scything, pruning, thinning willow, installing bird boxes, bat boxes, bug hotels and natural bee hives. We've even been learning the ancient craft of Hedge-laying from the esteemed academy of YouTube.

To carry out tasks alongside each other has felt very harmonious and restorative to the soul. We may not be able to control what is happening in the rest of the world but we can look after our corner of it.

Please visit Ripley's Nature Reserve and find some solace or give volunteering a go.

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Views of the reserve



2025 Mayor's Award:
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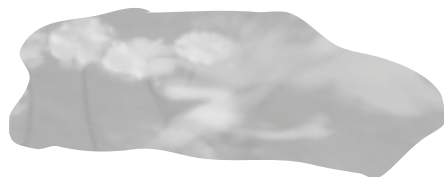
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Further information from our website www.guildfordfuchsia.co.uk or direct from our treasurer (see inside back cover) or email enquiries@guildfordfuchsia.co.uk

RIPLEY OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Ripley Over 60's 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 refreshments, a 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 of which I am Chair. 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 (Clare Grimes) 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.

SEND OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The Send Over 60s 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.

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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

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What a great fun packed start to the year, we've hosted and celebrated members parties, we've had a music night with 'Gone County' held a quiz evening and have had our annual Easter draw with music from 'Goldsworth Gerry'. We have continued holding our monthly bingo nights which are proving to be very popular and have also introduced Pool games on Friday nights.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to May Day out on the recreation ground, we have taken more member party bookings and we continue to plan and organise club events.

June

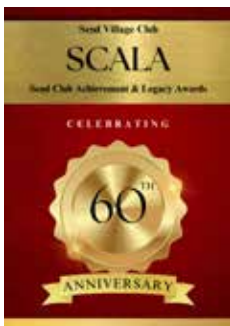
Saturday 14th - Bingo

Saturday 28th - Deano's Skittle Alley Night

July

Saturday 12th – Bingo

August 2nd – Bingo



2025 is a very important milestone for us because in 1965 the club moved from the upstairs room at the Lancaster Hall to our current premises in Tannery Lane. We are celebrating 60 years of being a valuable part of the community and will be hosting our very own 'SCALA (Send Club Achievement & Legacy Awards) evening on Saturday 4th October. Along with awards, recognition and surprises we have entertainment and a special guest. Details will be advertised soon.

A huge thank you to our voluntary Committee and our bar staff for working hard organising and helping on event nights, overseeing the day to day running of the club and maintaining the building. Their dedication ensures the club and events that are put on can be enjoyed by everyone.



Lastly, 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 your comments or ideas and any help. For information on memberships, opening times and future events please check our noticeboards, facebook or sign up to our Whats App.

ANNE HAYNES CHARITY

Late summer sees many of the young people in Send and Ripley taking the next step in their preparation for earning their own living. For some this means apprenticeships, for others it means some further or higher education course. But all of these are eligible for an "Anne Haynes Grant".

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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 or

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The Ripley Grapevine

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