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

As I sit here cobbling this issue together—foot dunked in a bucket of ice water (and don't ask why), imagining myself scoring England's World Cup-winning goal in full Pelé-Escape to Victory glory—the dream promptly flaps its wings and vanishes out the window. Still, with a lucky twig from Arthur's stump tucked close at hand, I can almost believe that one day the dream might just come true. And Joe Ayears' article (page 32) only adds fuel to that fire, reminding me that maybe—just maybe—anything is possible.

And speaking of fire... I'm already looking forward to Ripley Bonfire on the 25th of October—a night when the flames roar, the fireworks crackle overhead, and the fun fair takes over with dodgems, candy floss, and the rotor disco spinning late into the night. It's the kind of evening that lights up the dark and brings the whole village together in sparks, colour, and cheer.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue—your words, ideas, and energy are what keep these pages alive.

This issue's musical pick: Silent Poets – Asylums for the Feeling. Perfect shoe-gaze soul for when the nights start drawing in.

Here's to another great edition.
Enjoy the read, have a wonderful autumn,
and see you by the fire.

Peace & Love,
Scott Hutchinson
Professional Key Pusher
Part-Time Nincompoop





Margaret Field's Services to the Village

Following Margaret Field's passing earlier this year, Ripley Parish Council offers its sincere condolences to her family and friends and expresses gratitude for the countless ways she enriched village life.



Throughout her life, she devoted her time and energy to an array of local events and causes. A familiar face at the Ripley Christmas Fair and Ripley Farmers' Market, she also served on numerous village committees and gave invaluable assistance to Ripley Bowls Club. Whatever the task, Margaret was always willing to lend a hand and support her neighbours

Margaret was always a supporter of the Council, a voice to be heard and a champion of community spirit.

She will be deeply missed but her legacy lives on in the community she served so faithfully.

Playground Rejuvenation

Ripley Parish Council recognises that the existing playground facilities require renewal to better meet the needs of local children and young people. We have a small amount in our annual budget for maintenance and upkeep and the Council is hoping to receive a share of the community funding from the new Shanley Homes development in Ripley (S106 funding) to support a phased programme of upgrades.

Once we have a clearer idea of timeframes we will start to plan how to deliver a more inclusive and engaging play environment, consistent with the evolving needs of the community.

Once funding has been secured, the Council will aim to involve the local community, children and young people, to ensure their voices are central to the next stage of design.

Further updates will be provided in due course.

Guileshill Brook: phased restoration to boost flood resilience and biodiversity

A volunteer-led project will begin this year to restore Guileshill Brook. Phase 1 of the brook restoration will remove accumulated woody debris and then reinstate selected logs as flow-deflectors. Wooden stakes will also be installed to stabilise vulnerable banks and create in-stream habitat niches, thereby improving channel morphology and biodiversity. Works must avoid the main spawning and nesting season (October–May) so some works will take place August – Sep 2025 before resuming June – Sep 2026. Balfour Beatty is reviewing whether further protected-species surveys are required; results are expected shortly.

Vandalism

Ripley Parish Council is saddened to report that the Chapel Nature Reserve has recently been subject to repeated acts of vandalism.

New bins, installed to prevent damage from open flames, have already been deliberately kicked in and partially destroyed. In addition, significant graffiti has been daubed across the wooden seating areas and internal walls of the shelter. These incidents undermine the hard work of volunteers and contractors who have contributed to maintaining this valued green space for the benefit of the community and local biodiversity.

We respectfully remind all parishioners that the Chapel Nature Reserve is a designated local nature site and should be treated with care and respect.

Public Loos: Have your say on upgrades!

Councillors are investigating how Ripley Parish Council can improve their public loos. Please email any constructive feedback by 31 August 2025 so we can have your views ready for the full council meeting on 17 Sep 2025.

Reminder: Motorised Bikes and Scooters Not Permitted on the Green

Residents are kindly reminded that electric bikes, electric scooters, and motorised off-road bikes are not permitted on Ripley Green. Their use is a breach of the byelaws that protect this important village space. This is to ensure we are keeping all members of our community safe.



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PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2025

At our Annual Council Meeting in May, Cllr Hugh Thomas was appointed Chair of our Planning & Environment Committee, and Cllr Andrew Roberton took on the Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Both positions have, for the past two years, been diligently filled by Cllr Debbie Hurdle, who will remain as Vice-Chair of the Council. Cllr Julia Osborn will continue as Chair of the Council. All other Committees remain the same. The Council was also pleased to co-opt Mrs Karen Lord to join the Council.

PLANNING

Send PC has represented the village at several Guildford Borough Council (GBC) Planning Committee meetings this year.

In March, GBC re-determined **94 Potters Lane** after the original grant of planning permission had been quashed by Order of the High Court in January. Astonishingly, GBC published a decision 'to approve' application 22/P/01966 - ahead of the planning committee meeting. As such, GBC had to refer the application to the High Court to be quashed for a second time! However, the planning committee went on to determine and approve the second and related application 24/P/01457 at the same meeting. The decision dated 2nd July, was only published on 17th July. At the time of writing, legal advice is being sought.

The Parish Council also represented residents to oppose another 'backland' development at **94-97 SEND ROAD**. Application, 24/P/01428, proposed four dwellings in the back garden of the host properties. GBC's planning committee voted almost unanimously to reject the proposals, overturning the officer's recommendation to approve the application on the grounds that the application was not in keeping with the existing character of the area, would be overbearing, and would impact existing residential amenity.

There was also welcome news when the development proposals for Land at Heath Drive were refused on appeal.

It is heartening that we are seeing some success in opposing backland development in the Parish.

PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT AND PARISH AMENITIES

The Pavilion Redevelopment Committee showcased building designs at the Mayfair, and there has been a flurry of activity by the Committee over the Summer season, including appointing specialists in preparation for making a planning application, undertaking risk assessments, and establishing a Pavilion & Highways Working Group to examine parking in association with emerging plans for the Pavilion.

The Amenities Committee has been busy with the ROSPA report (Annual inspection of our playgrounds), surveys of the Parish trees, and preparing a bid for S106 monies to go towards new fencing at the Send Recreation Ground. A further section of drainage work has also been completed in the cemetery.

VILLAGE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

SEND SCOUTS

The Scouts did us proud as ever with the annual Mayfair, this year with a VE Day theme - and an impressive classic car display! In June, I attended the opening of the Scouts' newly refurbished changing facilities. Mr Mark Silcock was also presented with his Mayor's Award for his long service and commitment as Scoutmaster.

PUBLIC MEETING ON PLANNING MATTERS

Ms Claire Nyland must be commended for her organisation of a very well-attended public meeting in May, where residents had the opportunity to raise comments and concerns directly with the lead members of Guildford Borough Council regarding planning in our village.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

We have our Annual Litter Pick on **27th September**. Last year, bulbs were also planted by volunteers. These provided a wonderful display of colour in the Spring this year. We hope to see you there!

Julia Osborn
Chair, Send Parish Council

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Send

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest at St Mary's on 5th October at 10.30am. Throughout the summer we have been growing sunflowers in our gardens in the hope that some of them will decorate church for this special service. Everyone who received seeds in May will have a different story of how their plants have grown... or not! I hope that our harvest celebrations will connect us with each other as well as with God as we trust God to grow our community.

Our own growth continues when we value one another. Each decision we make towards loving other people is a turning towards the light of God. But we know that such love isn't always easy; that growth is disruptive.

The short meditation by the French Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, (1881-1955) has something important to say to us individually, and as a community, I think. It encourages us to be compassionate with ourselves, as God is compassionate with us. It helps us come to terms with the fact that we are not finished products but works in progress. Our growth as people is in God's hands, and as sunflowers grow naturally towards the energy and direction of the sun, so we can trust God for our growth.

Trust in the Slow Work of God

Above all, trust in the slow work of God

*We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay*

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

*We are impatient of being on the way to something
unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress*

that it is made by passing through

some stages of instability-

and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you.

your ideas mature gradually – let them grow,

let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on,

as though you could be today what time

(that is to say, grace and circumstances

acting on your own good will)

will make of you tomorrow. Only God could say what this new spirit

gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing

that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself

in suspense and incomplete.

You are warmly welcome to all our services and events at St Mary's. Keep in touch through Facebook (Send Parish Church) or sign up to receive our weekly newsheet by email: news@sendparishchurch.co.uk

Highlights this season include

Songs of Praise at 4pm Sunday 14th September

(in the churchyard if the weather is fine),

Church Growth Service 10.30am Sunday 21st September
in the Church Rooms, Send Road.

Harvest Festival 10.30am 5th October, St Mary's Church.

Remembering our Loved Ones Service, 4pm Sunday 2nd November,
Church Rooms, Send Road

Christmas Fair 22nd November, Church Rooms, Send Road.

Stir Up Sunday Service 23rd November, Church Rooms, Send Road.

With every blessing

Rev Louise Vincer

Interim Priest in Charge, St Mary's Send.



We are delighted to announce that our new website is now live and thank Your Fund Surrey for their invaluable support! You will find us at www.sendhelp.co.uk

Send Help was set up over 25 years ago as a group of volunteers with the aim of helping people who live in the village of Send. We currently have over 40 volunteers and 120 clients. Demand for our service is strong with 740 jobs last year.

On June 25th we had our annual Cream tea which in spite of the extreme heat that week was well attended. The pupils of Send CofE Primary school performed several songs with real gusto! Our clients really enjoyed that and there was a real sense of community as the youngest in our village entertained some of the older residents. We are very grateful to the school staff for their efforts towards this event!



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Seasons of Change, Seasons of Hope

Having been a teacher for many years, September always feels like the start of a new year. It may mark the return to school, new routines, or even the quiet resetting of goals made earlier in the year. In the church calendar, it is a time to draw breath before the busyness of Harvest, Remembrance and then the steady march through Advent towards Christmas.

God often works in the rhythm of seasons—both in nature and in our lives. As Ecclesiastes 3 tells us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." We feel in this beautiful corner of Surrey to have been living in a season of roadworks for ever. As we drive up the A3 we are reminded that 'We are working out of sight, so you may not see us.' Sometimes we can't see how God is leading or guiding us, but we trust that he is always working behind the scenes. In this season of transition, we are invited to trust that God is doing something new, even if we can't yet see it.

So as we move from summer into autumn, may we welcome the fresh starts before us. Whether it's returning to church after a summer break – or longer, starting a new job or taking a new step in our spiritual journey, may we find encouragement in the God who makes all things new.

We'd love to see you at 10am for some of our weekly services and activities:

Sunday @ 10 – Sunday Gathering

Monday @ 10 - Little Ripples – our Baby and Toddler group

Wednesday @ 10 – Coffee Morning in the Church Room

And if you have a new diary for the academic year, some unmissable events and services to look forward to!

2 November: 3pm Service remembering those we love but no longer see

9 November: 10.15am Remembrance Day Service

28 November: 4pm & 7pm It's a Boy! A comical musical nativity. Ripley Village Hall

3-6 December: Ripley Amateur Theatre Society presents its 2025 Panto: Cinderella



Rev Anna Norton and all at St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

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We are writing this at the beginning of the Summer break which provides an opportunity to reflect, including on our regular church groups, Little Lambs and Friday Night Youth Group (YG).

As the school summer term has just ended this means that we have sadly had to say farewell on July 17th to a number of children and their carers who have been regularly attending our **Little Lambs** toddler group as those children are moving on to nursery or school in September. They will be missed but it does mean that we have plenty of spaces for newcomers to join us.

The following evening, the young people who have been attending the Friday night Youth Group during the year, enjoyed an evening of 'water fun' and legitimately getting one another wet with water balloons and water guns! The warm weather was perfect for that.

These groups resume on **Thursday, September 11th and Friday, September 12th** - details below - and you are warmly invited to join in, according to your situation

Little Lambs – A welcoming group for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers on **Thursday mornings @ 10:00** in term time.

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

We would also love to welcome you to SendEC on a Sunday:

Sunday Mornings @ 10:30 – The service lasts for 70-75 minutes and includes singing (traditional and contemporary music), Bible reading, prayer and a Bible message. A crèche area is available in the Back Hall for parents with young children and all are welcome to stay for a chat and cup of tea or coffee after the service.

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Time has marched relentlessly onwards since the Spring 2025 issue of this magazine and our request for new trustees saw us welcome Nick Grewal back in February. Nick is a relative newcomer to Ripley, and it is gratifying to note his instant desire to become involved in village life - we all wish him well.

Following the AGM on 14th July we welcomed 2 more trustees. Nigel Bruder and Peter Hookins and said farewell to Vernon Wood. Nigel has lived in Ripley for a good number of years now, is involved in a number of village activities and is becoming enthusiastically involved with the day-to-day maintenance of the hall. Peter has lived in Send Marsh all his life and will be known to many of you for his past involvement with the Scouts and for organising Ripley Rocks. He replaces Vernon as the bonfire association's representative.

Vernon came to Ripley during World War 2 as a 4-year-old evacuee and has been a familiar face in the village ever since. He joined the Cubs aged 7, followed by the Scouts, and soon found himself involved in scout fund raising concert parties. In 1955 aged 15, he became involved with the newly formed village bonfire association, the scout leader in 1958 and married local girl Mary Stocker in 1962. He was co-opted to the parish council around 1980 following the death of Stu' Paice. Vernon then became involved as a trustee with the old village hall, followed by our new hall. In between he has been involved with most issues of importance in the village, not least the conversion of the old village fire station into the new scout headquarters. Vernon's continuous contribution to the village over the years is unprecedented and we all wish him well for the future.



Following up on observations regarding the somewhat harsh sound qualities within the Garden Hall, we are delighted to announce that acoustic treatments applied to the walls have dramatically improved the situation and this is no longer considered to be an issue. We intend in due course to apply similar treatments to the other rooms. The attendance figures for our music evenings continue to rise, justifying the huge amount of work our Chair, Julie Brown has put into advertising these events both verbally, and from the printing and distribution of posters. If you feel you can help with these events in any way at all, please contact Julie on brownjulie0803@gmail.com

Remember too, the recently formed Friends of Ripley Village Hall, should you feel inclined to help with the successful promotion and running of future community events. Again, please contact Julie for more information.

The 19th century American Showman and self-publicist P.T. Barnum famously said, "there's no such thing as bad publicity". Let's follow his example - please - and spread the word to family, friends, neighbours and anyone else you think might take notice. It is our intention to make these music evenings a regular event with varying styles to suit all tastes. With your support and help we can make this a reality.

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Flu & Covid Vaccinations

Flu season is approaching. As soon as we have dates for our annual flu day and other flu clinics, we will send all eligible patients a text invitation. Please support our surgery by coming here for your flu vaccination. We look forward to seeing you.

The criteria for Covid vaccinations have changed this year and will be offered to patients 75 years and older and some patients that are immunosuppressed.

As ever, we would like to thank our patients and the local community for your continued support.

VILLAGES PATIENT GROUP

Not long to go now before we draw the winning tickets for our Fundraising raffle in support of a new ECG machine for the Villages Medical Practice. There are loads of fabulous prizes to be won so please make sure that you have got your tickets. These can be bought either from Reception at the surgery or from our stall at the September Farmers Market on September 13th (cash only) before we make the draw at 12pm.

Good luck everyone!

If you would like more information about The Villages Patient Group please contact us on villagesppg@gmail.com.

Kate Price
Chair Villages Patient Group

SEND OPEN GARDENS

Send held two very successful open garden weekends, in 2022 and 2023, each one raising around £2000 for charity. The following year, the event 'rested' but the intention was to resume in a future summer.

Sadly, no one was forthcoming with an offer to coordinate an event for 2025; although one or two people would have been happy to assist. So local residents didn't have the pleasure this summer of discovering some of the hidden delights in our village.

If you think you might consider taking on a coordinating role next year- with advice from previous organisers- then please contact clerk@sendparishcouncil.gov.uk It would also be helpful to know who might open their garden. Ten to twelve are all that is needed to make a good weekend

Linda Parker

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Send & Ripley

HISTORY SOCIETY

The Victorian Age in Send and Ripley



The current exhibition in Ripley Museum attempts to shine a light on this very important period in the development (or lack of development) of the two villages. Only one year into Queen Victoria's reign, the railways arrived at Woking Heath, which was then in the middle of countryside – just try to imagine if the railway had come to Ripley or Send instead!

As well as this game changing moment, the exhibition considers changes in education, religion and sport plus highlighting a few famous Victorians connected to the area, such as Thomas Love Peacock, H G Wells, Ada Lovelace and local boy George 'the Lion hitter' Griffiths.



The Send and Ripley History Society are fortunate to have a publication which follows a walk by Victorian diarist A J Munby. This walk round Ripley and Pyrford is illustrated in the exhibition and the publication is on special offer for its duration. The exhibition runs until the end of September and is open every Saturday 10-12 and by arrangement with Clare 01483 728546

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GUILDFORD WALKFEST

For the past few years Guildford Borough has held 'Walkfest' each September and will do so once again in 2025. One or more walks are usually organised most days throughout the month somewhere in the borough. Walk leaders usually 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:

Wednesday 17th September at 10:00 – Send Towpath and Country Ramble

A 5 mile ramble taking you through marsh fields, along the Wey Navigation towpath and on woodland, meadow and lakeside paths in the village of Send. . The above walk starts from the car park of Send Evangelical Church, Broadmead Road, GU23 7AD.

Wednesday 17th September at 14:00 – Send Strollers and Striders

A 2 mile stroll taking you along footpaths in the village of Send. . The above walk starts from the gazebo in Send Recreation Ground, GU23 7AD (near the entrance from Sandy Lane).

There are some other walks this year just outside the Send/Ripley area including:

Friday 5th September at 11:00 – Rural Horsley (4.5 miles)

Sunday 28th September at 09:45 – Horsley Jubilee Trail (9 miles)





RIPLEY BOY WINS ROUND THE ISLAND RACE Victory for HYPER in Round the Island Race 2025

HYPER, a high-performance catamaran helmed by 75-year-old skipper Harvey Bowden from Plaidy, Looe, Cornwall, claimed an outstanding victory in the 2025 Round the Island Race, winning her class and finishing as the fastest catamaran/multihull on corrected time.

Sailing double-handed, Harvey was joined by 35-year-old crew member Joe Ayears, from Ripley — an inexperienced sailor with just two months of sailing under his belt and no prior crewing experience. The duo's performance was nothing short of remarkable, blending Harvey's seasoned skill with Joe's enthusiasm and rapid learning under pressure.

This year's race drew over 1,000 boats, making it one of the largest yacht races in the world. In the week leading up to the event, unsettled weather raised doubts about whether the multihull class would even be allowed to race. In the end, the green light was given — but competitors faced strong winds and challenging sea conditions around the 50-nautical-mile course circumnavigating the Isle of Wight.

In a fleet packed with experienced teams and top-performing yachts — many of them racing with professional or full-time crew — HYPER stood out not just for her speed, but for her spirit, determination, and the unique story of two sailors from opposite ends of the experience spectrum coming together to achieve something exceptional. *(Fun fact: Joe carried a twig from Arthur's stumps with him for good luck!)*

Congratulations to HYPER, Harvey Bowden, and Joe Ayears on this truly prestigious and inspirational achievement.



Hopefully no one has missed the fact it's the 20th anniversary of Ripley Farmers' Market first market this year! Here are a few photos of the special June market when we had a bumper 65 stalls and Haslemere Town Band to entertain us. It was a fabulous summer morning with lots of new visitors to the market who we hope will keep on coming - **#Supportlocal**



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RIPLEY AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Some of us have enjoyed the warm weather but it has been hard work keeping up with the watering. By the time you read this we may have had a very wet August but hopefully only some rain at night!

I do hope some of you managed to get to our Annual Show in the afternoon, see the exhibits and enjoy the refreshments with friends and neighbours.

We were at the Volunteer's Day at the Cricket Club at the end of June and it was good to chat to visitors about the Society.

Coach Trip to RHS Hyde Hall in Essex on Wednesday, 17th September. Non-members are welcome at a cost of £25. Please get in touch asap if you are interested.

Saturday, 11th October we will be having our usual stall at the Farmers' Market. Home-made soup will be available and produce and flowers. Do come and see us.

We have two **Speaker Meetings** to look forward to in October and November. These are held at the Church Room adjoining Ripley Church. Doors open at 7.30 for refreshments and the talks start at 8 pm. **Non-members are welcome, £3 entry fee.**

Monday, 20th October Jean Griffin "More Tales from the Potting Shed"

BBC Radio presenter, Jean Griffin, will be entertaining us with her take on the contents of our sheds.

Monday, 17th November Margaret Lennard "Growing Year Round Forage for Pollinating Insects" In the months from October to March honey bees need fresh pollen to feed their larva. Should be a fascinating talk.

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 try and offer a subsidised coach trip 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. Our members share a love of plants and gardens but you don't have to be an expert. Excellent value and we welcome new members to our friendly Society.

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

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SEND GARDENING SOCIETY

Whilst the weather this year was an improvement on the 2024 May Day Bank Holiday; there was still wind and rain in the afternoon, so thank you to everyone who braved the weather and came and supported our stall of plants grown by our members.

On Wednesday 4th June, Paul Whittle spoke about National Trust Gardens.

Paul gave a very interesting and engaging talk on over twenty magnificent historic buildings throughout the United Kingdom and the beautiful gardens and estates that surrounds them. His wide-ranging and colourful slides of personal visits highlighted glorious flower borders, walled kitchen gardens, gardens, rock gardens, and a turf amphitheatre. He suggested the best seasonal gardens for snowdrops, spring bulbs, azaleas and rhododendrons, wisteria and rambling roses, brilliant autumn colours, winter gardens and of course some with all-year-round interest. Most members mentally added a few ideas to their 'places we must visit' list.

On Wednesday 9th July a group of members met at Ripley Common and walked along the Wey navigation Canal to the Anchor pub in Pyrford. Led by our Chairman Derek, he pointed out various plants of interest both on the water and banks of the canal. Refreshments were taken at the pub before returning to the common via Ockham Mill and local footpaths – and the sun shone!

Visit to Ham House on Tuesday 22nd July a group of members met at NT Ham House for a garden tour. We learnt about many of the features, why the topiary is shaped as it is, that the walled kitchen garden has been used to grow fruit and vegetables for over 400 years and is now planted with heritage crops and fragrant flowers. The cherry garden is filled with 2 varieties of lavender to extend the flowering season for visitors. The parterre has 8 plain grass lawns, which in the 17th century was a way to show off your wealth before the invention of lawn mowers. The wilderness is set out in 16 compartments complete with summer houses and restful areas – from an aerial view this is designed along the lines of the union flag.

At the time of writing, we have not yet held our **Annual August 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'.

The next meeting date on the programme is:

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

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

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.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

'Autumn teaches us the beauty of letting go. Growth requires release—it's what the trees do.' Ka'ala



RIPLEY REGULAR EVENTS

Ripley Parish Council Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month, but not always.

Ripley Parish Planning & Environment Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month, but not always.

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

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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

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St Mary's Coffee Morning & Charity Shop

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RIPLEY BONFIRE ASSOCIATION

Heads up everyone!!

Well it will won't be long before this year's event will be upon us, so the Committee thought it would be a good idea to refresh your memories with the dates which you need to put into your dairies if you wish to attend or get involved. Of course, the main date is the 25th October for this year's event. We are again doing a dance this year, besides it being our 70th Anniversary it also raises much needed funds. The dance is on Saturday 15th November with 'Sultana' as our resident band. If you wish to purchase any tickets please get in touch with any of these Committee members:

Linda Carter – 07858 902497

Peter Hookins – 07941 007078

Diane Dean – 07866 609051

This then takes me to the Sundays preceding the bonfire event. If you wish to help with the building of our bonfire, put these dates in your diary:

Sunday 28th September

Cut Down (this involves collecting greenery for decorating the bonfire)

Sundays 5th, 12th and the 19th October

these dates are for the building of the bonfire

It doesn't involve a lot of your time, 9–12 and you will also earn yourself a cup of tea and biscuits!

On Wednesday 22nd October is one of the most important meetings for the running of the event. If you would be willing to help with marshalling for the evening, please attend. It may only be for an hour or longer if you wish, but any help would be more than grateful. Without the volunteers for this part of the event we wouldn't be able to hold it.

Then we come to **Sunday 26th October**, where we need volunteers for picking up litter and clearing up, this can be any time in the morning. Please bring a few plastic bags for collecting if you can!

Of course, don't let us forgot our intrepid collectors that do an invaluable job with collecting your donations throughout the evening. As they say 'more the merrier', we do rely on these volunteers as once again without them we wouldn't be able to fund our event.

If you need any further information please get in touch with:

Steve Hill (marshalling) – 07774 177771

Peter Hookins (collecting) – 07941 007078

Steve Hill
Chairman, Ripley Bonfire Association



KNITTERS OF RIPLEY, LET'S MAKE SOMETHING AMAZING!

Hello, I'm Anne Cornell.

Back in March I began gathering knitters and crocheters to create a cascade of poppies for Remembrance Sunday this November. What started small has grown into a wonderful community effort, and there's still time to join in.

Although our local British Legion branch has sadly closed, many of us feel it's vital to continue honouring those who gave their lives in both World Wars. St Mary Magdalen Church will hold the annual service, and the Ripley Parish Council will plant five new fruit trees in the memorial orchard, each dedicated to those lost in WW2.

Lots of knitters have already joined, but we still need more hands—whether it's knitting, crocheting, or helping in early October (date to be confirmed) to attach all the poppies to the netting.

Funds raised will help protect the new trees, with any extra going to the Clandon British Legion.

YOU CAN HELP BY:

Knitting or crocheting poppies.

Joining the October team to build the cascade.

Donating online: visit [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) and search Ripley Poppy Knitters, or scan the QR code.

If you'd like to take part, please call or message me, Anne Cornell, on 07393 471520.

Let's get knitting—and let's make this a Remembrance to remember. Together, let's honour those who served, bring our community together, and create something truly memorable for Ripley this Remembrance Sunday.

Let's get knitting, and let's make it happen!



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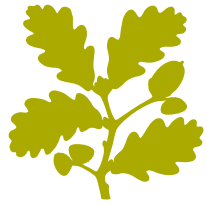
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We Brits are very good about talking about the weather and never seem to be happy with our lot. It's always too cold, too dry, too warm or too wet. That said, as much as I appreciate the warm, dry spells, lots of things by the river do struggle, plants, wildlife, dogs and people. Everything becomes parched but I am always amazed how the yellow grass springs back to life so quickly after a dry spell.

I have had lots of early starts and late finishes to avoid the heaviest parts of the job in the warmest parts of the day. The hotter, drier weather does slow down growth to some extent, so I have been able to allow slightly longer in between cuts of the towpath, moorings and locksides but that saved time has been taken up for with dealing with trees. The prolonged dry weather while trees are in full leaf and growing heavier with fruit and nuts can lead to sudden limb drop or stem failure. We have definitely had more of that this summer than us usual. They usually wait for Friday afternoons or Sunday mornings but that seems to be the case whatever the weather. Hopefully the regular visitors to Walsham will have noticed that the Floating Pennywort situation is greatly improved this year. I can assure you that is not a natural phenomenon. An autumn, winter, spring and summer of relentless work by my volunteers and me have seen huge volumes of the invasive weed removed. A targeted, coordinated treatment regime with our colleagues at the Environment Agency has seen early regrowth and new infestations from upstream reduced.

On the positive side, the sleep-deprived nights of weir keeping have been thinner on the ground but water levels are suffering as a result. At Walsham I had more summer boards in earlier than ever before. You may have noticed them between the concrete pillars on the weir bridge. They help me hold on to water in the Navigation, reducing the flow over the tumble bays. I have been able to keep the levels in the Navigation within the required tolerances but unfortunately by holding on to the water, the levels in the natural river lower over time before being recharged by the showers.

With the only predictable thing about our weather expected to be its unpredictability in the future, we are probably going to have to get used to it. We at the Trust are constantly looking at what this might mean for the river, its visitors and wildlife and how we can put mitigation measures in place. At least we'll all still have plenty to talk about.

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REVIVING OUR RIVER: A COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

A river restoration project is starting in Ripley, inspired by the works on the River Loddon at Bassetts Mead. This local effort focuses on the stream behind the woodland at the back of the village Green. We're aiming to clear blockages, restore the riverbank, and improve the area for nature.

These small works will help reduce flood risk, support local plants and animals.

By the time you read this, we hope to have already begun. Please don't disturb any works in progress, there will be plenty more chances to get involved soon.

Chris and Brianne are looking for volunteers to support the project. Whether you can lend a hand, offer materials, or simply spread the word, we'd love to hear from you. This is more than just an environmental "upgrade", it's a chance to reconnect with nature and help the river thrive for years to come.

To get involved or find out more, contact Brianne Vally at brianne.vally@live.fr or call 07854 840885.

An example of one of the areas where we'll be carrying out small restoration works. River Loddon at Bassetts Mead after the works.



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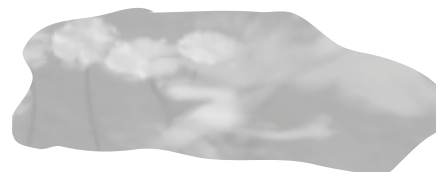
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We meet at the Guide HQ in Nightingale Road, Guildford, which has its own car park, on the fourth Tuesday of each month (not December) at 7.45pm. Currently our annual membership fee is £10 per year plus £2 each meeting attended (includes refreshments). At the present moment we are meeting on a casual basis until into the New Year, but then we hope to meet regularly and get a programme organised.

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

RIPLEY OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Ripley Over 60's 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

(Send Social & Ex-Servicemen's 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.

In June we celebrated John's birthday with the band 'The Pop Pickers' who played some great music that took us back in time and to finish the month we had a memorial evening for Stephen (Deano) Hebbard family, friends and members enjoyed a fun night playing skittles on Deano's Alley.

We hosted a member's birthday party to start July and held our regular bingo.

Although we quieten down for the summer 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.

Our SCALA (Send Club Achievement & Legacy Awards) night on Saturday 4th

October is moving along nicely, we are celebrating 60 years of moving to our premises in Tannery Lane and being a valuable part of the community. We will have awards, recognition and surprises along with entertainment. We do advise booking a table for the evening.

Future Events:

Saturday 6th September - Bingo
Saturday 4th October – SCALA night
Saturday 11th October - Bingo
Saturday 25th October – Race Night in aid of 'Dreams Come True'
Saturday 1st November – Bingo
Saturday 29th November – Christmas Fair 12 – 3pm
Saturday 13th December – Christmas Draw
Saturday 20th December – Christmas Bingo
Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve
Wednesday 31st December – New Years Eve Party

** Please see our WhatsApp, Facebook or Noticeboard for Christmas opening hours and any additional events and changes.

During the summer months we hope to carry out some much needed external and internal maintenance work.

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



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".

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]: rowland.cornell@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Ripley Grapevine

Those who do not know of The Ripley Grapevine, it is an email service that goes out to anyone in Ripley parish (or anyone else who wants to receive it) which details anything of interest to the residents e.g. events happening in the village, planning issues or anything else that the residents may be interested in. It has been running for over 10 years and presently has over 400 email addresses.

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