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HELLO FROM THE WHPC CHAIRMAN

Welcome to our 2026 Summer Edition

The recent heatwave saw off the drabness of winter which was anything but tame for the Council. We saw some long-term projects come to fruition notably the complete relaying of the pavement from Cranmore Lane to Walnut Tree Gardens thanks to funding allocated by SCC Denis Booth and the re-tarmacking of the Window Box Roundabout also paid for by the County Council instigated by Denis. Both these have increased road safety significantly. Our bi-Annual Awards to celebrate service in the community by so many volunteers was held in April on a beautiful evening at West Horsley Place: more on this later. Our Youth Council has excelled again. Thank you to Adrian and Elise who have played a major role in the YC for several years and who are now heading off to university. We wish them every success and happiness in their future careers. Now it is preparation for all change.... the West Surrey Unitary Authority is effective from 1 April 2027. Congratulations to Catherine Young and David Evans who have been elected as Councillors for the Horsley Ward; we look forward to working with you over the years to come. Meanwhile, we



will work with Catherine as GBC Councillor and Dennis Booth as SCC Councillor until those two authorities are dissolved on 31 March 2027.

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DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN PLANNING AND BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

We currently have a vacancy at the Parish Council and would like to co-opt someone who has knowledge and expertise in planning. The role and work of the Parish Council is varied as articles in this newsletter illustrate with one of our main responsibilities considering planning applications. We can certainly offer an interesting time, offer training and look to a commitment of attending Full Council meetings and participation on a committee and a task group of interest. Details are on our website www.westhorsley-pc.gov.uk Please contact the Clerk at clerk@westhorsley-pc.gov.uk if you would like a chat about what is involved.

ACCOUNTING TO YOU...

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 21st April. This meeting is held by law, is not a Parish Council meeting but one organised by it for residents. It was preceded by a practical workshop run by Nurse Consultant Jane Graham on 'how to deal with choking and anaphylactic shock' which was a prelude to main speaker Keith Smith from the KSS Air Ambulance talking about the work of the service.

The APM provides the opportunity for us to account to residents for all we have done and how the annual precept has been spent. Highlights included:

- 131 planning applications considered
- Road and pavement repairs undertaken
- Traffic speed survey conducted

- Housing needs survey compiled
- Biodiversity initiatives delivered
- VE Day celebrations organised
- Awards for Service in the Community held

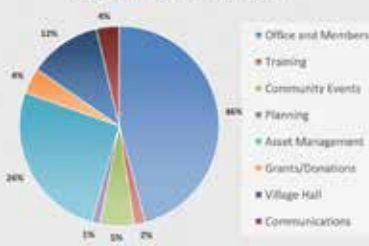
Our precept for the year was £108,000. In addition, we received £6,400 Section 106 (money paid to us by the developers of the new houses in our village), which went towards the replacement of the boiler at the Village Hall. Our budget for grants to local organisations was £4,000. Funding from Surrey County Council arranged by Cllr Dennis Booth provided new nursery equipment and renewed wet pour under certain pieces in the Playground together with a new bench at the top of Long Reach.

Planning Applications



- WHPC Objections: 21
- GBC Approved: 39 Full/Tree Applications; 27 Other
- GBC Refused: 9 Full/Tree Applications; 14 Other
- Awaiting Decision: 39; 1 at Appeal

Expenditure 2025/26



Youth Councillors participating in a choking demonstration at the Annual Parish Meeting

AWARDS FOR SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY

Our biennial awards to recognise and celebrate the contribution individuals and groups make to the local community was held on a beautiful spring evening at West Horsley Place on 23 April. Over 140 guests joined us for the celebration in the presence of Lieutenant Colonel Sam Hibbs DL and his Worship the Mayor of Guildford, Howard Smith. Thanks were expressed to the Judging Panel independently chaired by Clare Mathias with members, Sir Rupert Jackson KC, SCC Cllr Dennis Booth, Parish Councillor Stephen Skinner and the Parish Council Chairman, Elaine Best supported by Clerk, Julia McClung. They had the daunting task of deciding eventual winners from nearly 40 nominations.

The degree of commitment and effort was evident in all nominations, and, in truth, everyone was a winner. One of the criteria was "evidence of going above and beyond what might be expected" so the eventual winners were:

CATEGORY: ORGANISATION OR GROUP

- **The Goodhart Rendel Community Hall** This new organisation has created a welcoming, modern environment building on the legacy of the old Royal British Legion providing assorted activities and events. Regarded as a hidden gem in the village it is rapidly becoming a vibrant part of village life.

CATEGORY: OUTSTANDING WORK BY AN INDIVIDUAL

- **Ann Masset** for her service to West Horsley evening WI, West Horsley in Bloom, as Church Warden at St Mary's, Leader of Walking Groups and a former Parish Councillor.
- **Rob Treble** for his service to Grace & Flavour Community Garden and Allotments, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Horsley Preservation Society and the West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan.
- **Russel Palmer** for his service to the Horsley Football Club, organiser of tournaments over many years and promoter of well-being and fitness in youth groups.
- **Edward Scott** for his service to Community Speed Watch, instigator of the Horsley Lunch Club for Men, and creator of digital copy of 16,000 photographs from the archives of West Horsley Place.
- **Trevor Wykes** for his service to St Mary's Church, dedicated tending of the churchyard and endless contribution to Grace & Flavour Community Garden.



Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hibbs DL, Cllr Elaine Best and award winner Russell Palmer

CATEGORY: WHPC CHAIRMAN'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

- **Chris and Judith Scarlett** for their service to the village appearance by tendering the planters at the Village Hall over more than 20 years and regular members of the Litter Pick Team.



Chris and Judith Scarlett received the Chairman's Award

CATEGORY: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- **Mel Beynon** for service over 50 years to life in the village through volunteering with the Horsley Library, Friends of Horsley Station, the Repair Café, Horsley CAN, Village Litter Picks, West Horsley in Bloom and as a parish councillor for 40 years.
- **Ian Stewart** for his service to the Scout movement for over 35 years. He has been the driving force behind First Horsley Scout Group seeing the number of beavers, cubs and scouts ever increasing and developing their skills and nurturing principles for life as responsible citizens.



Lifetime Achievement Award winner Mel Beynon receives her award



Guests enjoying some evening sun before the presentations



West Horsley Youth Council



Youth Councillors following the last meeting of the academic year, with their outgoing Chairman, Adrian and Clerk, Elise



In-house stylist Belinda offering advice at the Clothes Swap



Now in its third year the Clothes Swap was a great success

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

We were delighted that our article in the last edition of this Newsletter encouraged a local young resident, Finley, to express his interest in joining the Youth Council, and the Youth Council unanimously approved his membership in January. Despite being the newest and youngest member of the team, at only 14, Finley has already impressed with his ideas & commitment. At its June meeting the Youth Council was also delighted to co-opt Teagan to the Council, taking the number of councillors to nine. We have also just received two further impressive applications and look forward to meeting these candidates over the summer. With two Youth Councillors set to leave in September, it is good to know that there are new willing young people ready to take the Youth Council forward. However, we are always looking to recruit new members aged 13-18 who are interested in this unique opportunity to contribute to their community and gain invaluable life skills. Please do get in touch via our Clerk if this applies to you!

clerk@westhorsley-pc.gov.uk

Our most recent event was the annual Clothes Swap, which took place at the Village Hall on the 18th and 19th of April. The idea is to promote sustainable fashion consumption. Recent statistics suggest each of us only wear an average item of clothing seven times before condemning it to landfill! Participants could donate the pieces they no longer wear in exchange for tokens to spend on those new-to-them, or simply buy them at bargain prices, we

were once again very impressed with the quality and quantity of the clothing donations received and the demand on the sale day. Alongside the sustainability aspect we were delighted to support three charities through this event. Some surplus stock was donated to a collection for the Ukraine, and local charity Stripey Stork. We will also be making a donation to Cherry Trees out of the cash taken on the sale day. Our thanks go to everyone who donated, swapped and shopped, and to all of those volunteers who helped the event run smoothly, in particular members of The Horsleys' CAN and West Horsley resident Belinda Wates, who generously offered her professional personal styling services to shoppers.

Thanks to a grant from The Arts Society Horsley Lovelace, we were able to launch a spring Art & Photography Competition for young residents aged 11 to 18, with the theme "The World Around Us". The cover picture of this newsletter, entitled "Curiosity" is by artist Alexa aged 15 who was the winner of the photography category. Further winning entries will feature in the next newsletter.

Our attention then turned towards our annual Fun Run, The Horsley Hustle, now in its fourth year. This took place in the grounds of West Horsley Place on Sunday 31 May. We were thrilled by the demand for places this year, which was higher than ever, resulting in us being almost fully booked within a matter of weeks, with minimal publicity.

NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

You may already know that the local government system in Surrey is about to undergo a radical transformation. The election held in early May was for two councillors who will represent the Horsleys.

Under this new system Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council will be abolished, and they will be replaced by two unitary authorities, West Surrey and East Surrey. There will be far fewer councillors representing our region than hitherto. The Councillors elected in May, David Evans and our own Catherine Young, will serve as shadow councillors until April 2027 when the new West Surrey Unitary Authority comes into existence. For more information, please click the link below.

<https://www.surreylgrhub.gov.uk/homepage/28/shadow-authorities>

TRAFFIC SPEED SURVEY REPORT

West Horsley Traffic Survey 2025

A snapshot of village traffic, speeds and road use

 West Horsley
Parish Council

Anyone who lives in West Horsley will know that traffic is one of those topics that comes up regularly: how busy the roads feel, whether vehicles are travelling too fast, and what impact future development may have on our village. To help us build an accurate picture, a traffic survey was carried out across the village from 8 November to 14 November 2025.

WHAT THE SURVEY FOUND

One of the clearest findings is that the vast majority of traffic through the village is made up of everyday vehicles. Around 90% of all recorded traffic was cars and light vans. The survey also showed clear patterns across the week. Sundays were the quietest days, while Thursdays and Saturdays were generally the busiest.

The busiest survey point was on The Street,

where 31,548 vehicle movements were recorded over the week. Put another way, that is equivalent to roughly 1.64 million vehicle movements a year, counting traffic in both directions. That figure gives a sense of just how important this village 'spine' road has become, moving traffic from the A246 down to Ockham Road North — and why it is so often part of local conversations about traffic and safety.

WHAT ABOUT SPEED?

THE RESULTS ON SPEED ARE MORE MIXED.

At many locations, average speeds were broadly around the posted speed limits. However, averages do not tell the whole story. The data also shows that at several locations, up to one-third of vehicles exceeded the speed limit — typically by around 1 to 4 mph.

That may not sound dramatic, but it matters. Small increases in speed can make roads feel less comfortable for pedestrians, cyclists and residents trying to exit driveways or cross the road. They can also affect stopping distances and the severity of accidents.

A few locations stood out more clearly. On Shere Road, southbound, 42% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit, and 11 vehicles were recorded travelling at over 65 mph during the survey week. The Street, near Cranmore Lane, also showed notable speeding in both directions. On East Lane, the data also highlighted concerns, with 50% of vehicles in a westbound direction exceeding the speed limit.

These figures show that speeding is not just a matter of perception. In some parts of the village, it is a measurable issue.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The Parish Council have identified several practical next steps.

First, the survey provides useful evidence to support Community Speed Watch activity. The data can help volunteers focus on locations where speeding is most common and at times when traffic is heaviest — particularly Thursdays and Saturdays.

Second, there is a case for reviewing signage and visibility. Are existing signs clear? Are there locations where drivers need a stronger reminder? The use of additional vehicle-activated signs, which light up when a vehicle approaches too quickly, have the greatest impact.

Third, the survey gives the Parish Council an important evidence base for future planning work. Traffic volume and speed data can be used in the next revision of the West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan, helping to inform discussions about development, scale, settlement character and road capacity.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS

The aim of Community Speed Watch is not to catch and punish people but to remind them that speeding is unnecessary, anti-social and dangerous. It does seem to work, with social attitudes towards speeding changing just as they have done towards seatbelts and drink-driving.

We are often asked to do more sessions. However, the simple fact is that with only 10 volunteers, we can only do so much. To do more sessions, we really need volunteers. Anyone over 18 can join the team. All you need to do is complete a Surrey Police approved online course (takes about an hour) plus a 30-minute roadside session for practical/Health & Safety training. Once completed, we ask that you aim to volunteer a minimum of one hour per month. The schedule is agreed month by month with each volunteer saying the days and times they can do each month so it will always fit in with your availability. We work in pairs on all 7 days of the week but can only operate between sunrise & sunset.

Details of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are recorded using a hand-held radar device (looks a bit like a hairdryer!) and passed to the police for action. This can range from a simple warning letter or, for repeat offenders, a home visit. All the records are logged on the Police national system, and you may be stopped whilst driving anywhere in the country.

Please consider volunteering — with just a few more members, it would make a huge difference to our ability to run more sessions. WestHorsleyCSW@gmail.com

VILLAGE ASSETS

Since the last newsletter we have installed CCTV at the village tennis court as we are aware that it could become a target for anti-social behaviour, which sadly is something of which we all need to be more aware.

Elsewhere, the refurbishment project for the restoration of the Millennium Viewpoint at Sheeples is nearing completion, and a new display panel, which has been updated, to show landmark buildings which have arrived on the horizon since the construction of the plinth in



The Village Green wildflower border

the year 2000 will soon be installed.

We would respectfully remind residents that you should not cut back your hedges during the bird nesting season (March-September) unless absolutely necessary.

Promoting biodiversity, eight fruit trees have been planted in the Village Orchard and the dying Walnut tree in Cranmore Lane has been replaced with a Liquid Amber tree. A new wildflower border has been planted at the Northcote Triangle. All should look splendid this summer.



Eight fruit trees planted in the Village Orchard as part of a restoration project

THE HORSLEY VILLAGE PICNIC
A lovely day out for all the family
SUNDAY 28th JUNE • HORSLEY TOWERS
 East Horsley Parish Council, with support from our friends at Curchods and De Vere, invites you to a great day out at Horsley Towers.

IN THE MORNING
 Sign up for the annual Hearts and Ribbons Walk (route includes the Lovecase Tunnel) and help raise funds for the Woking and Sam Beare Hospice. For information and to register scan the QR code...

IN THE AFTERNOON
 Enjoy a traditional village picnic on the croquet lawn at Horsley Towers from 1 pm to 5 pm. Food, drinks, music and fun activities for children.

ANNOUNCING THE HORSLEY CAKEATHON
 Roll up your sleeves and get baking to raise funds for the Woking and Sam Beare Hospice. Entry is free for all the family. For information and to register scan the QR code...

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GOODHART RENDEL COMMUNITY HALL

Through the commitment and dedication of its trustees, the newly constructed Goodhart Rendel Community Hall (charity number 1167485) reopened in 2023 as a modern facility designed to meet contemporary community needs.

Today, the Hall is regarded as a valuable asset to the residents of West Horsley. Operated as a members' club, it continues to grow its membership and serves as a welcoming social hub. The Club is open from Thursday to Saturday evenings and is also available for private hire for events such as birthday celebrations and Pilates classes. An active volunteer management committee oversees the promotion of the Club and its programme of events, including music evenings, quiz nights, and forthcoming bingo sessions. horsleygrch.co.uk



The Goodhart Rendel Community Hall is available for hire

HORSLEY GARDEN SOCIETY

Horsley Garden Society is over 100 years old and is thriving with over a hundred members. It continues to advance gardening by providing opportunities for 'education, enjoyment and community'. New members are warmly invited to join. No gardening experience is required; membership subscription is only £5 and is open to residents in West and East Horsley. To find out more, ring Terry Lazenby on [01483 284232](tel:01483284232).



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GRANGE PARK OPERA

Grange Park Opera's 2026 season will bring a wonderful programme to West Horsley, including Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, Verdi's *Don Carlo*, a world premiere of *Krishna* by Sir John Tavener and *Das Rheingold*, the first part of Wagner's epic Ring Cycle, to be presented over four years. This new production by Charles Edwards comes exactly 150 years after the first Bayreuth performance.

Beyond opera, Melissa Hamilton, Principal of The Royal Ballet, will curate an exclusive evening for Grange Park Opera, showcasing the transcendent magic of dance.

The season runs from **4th June to 12th July 2026**. As well as bringing outstanding music and performance to the community, Grange Park Opera also provides a range of summer employment opportunities, particularly for our younger local students. More information can be found at:

grangeparkopera.co.uk

THE HORSLEY LUNCH CLUB FOR MEN

The Horsley Lunch Club for Men runs on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at The Wheelhouse at 82 East Lane, West Horsley. We don't just talk about food. We talk about lots of things, some that really do matter and some that don't. It is somewhere to talk about things that are frustrating you. But it is also somewhere to prepare and have a nice meal in good company.

The Club is for all men, and you don't have

to live in The Horsleys. Whether you are living alone, feeling alone, looking for friends or just eager to learn, it is somewhere to drop in and have a good chat with other men. It is where we can help and support each other, somewhere to be kind to each other, somewhere to be ourselves. Beginner or Michelin Chef, all are welcome. A new recipe, all the ingredients and all the equipment are supplied for each session. Helping hands are always available and new

skills shown when required.

We have a few spaces available and there is no requirement to come to every session. All you need to bring are your reading glasses, a donation towards the cost (this is not mandatory but we suggest £5), an apron, enthusiasm and a sense of humour. Contact Edward Scott on **01483 285394** or horsleylunchclubformen@gmail.com



Horsley Lunch Club for Men

THE EAST HORSLEY BRIDGE CLUB



The East Horsley Bridge Club was formed back in the 1980s and has always managed to maintain a very friendly and sociable atmosphere, despite the "serious" tag sometimes associated with the game of duplicate bridge. We invite all standards of players from early improvers to county level - they all enjoy the relaxed and supportive attitude, not to mention the gossip at coffee break or in the bar. Our members are both local, and from the wider area.

The club now meets (face to face) on the top floor of The Drift Golf Club every Monday evening (bar Bank Holidays), playing from 7-10 pm. We are helped with modern equipment, including a dealing machine, and club tablets to do all the scoring and results. No need to remember the scoring system!

Our website on www.bridgewebs.com/easthorsley/ provides loads of support and information including for guests/visitors and is also used for pre-booking places or seeking a partner. It contains tips and advice, and shows results, leagues and analysis of the hands played for those who are keen to learn and advance. We have a qualified playing Director on a weekly rotation to help with organisation. Modest Joining fees, Subs and table money are all managed online.

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'Hear Here' 2026

St Martin's Church
East Horsley KT24 6RL
Every 2nd Thursday of
the month
(in the church)
10.00 to 12.00 noon

FREE Hearing Aid Clinic

Clinic dates:

8th January, 12th February, 12th March,
9th April, 14th May, 11th June,
9th July, 13th August, 10th September,
8th October, 12th November and 10th December

Provided by NHS trained volunteers
Re-tubing, ear mould cleaning and battery replacement
for NHS supplied hearing aids

Please bring your NHS Battery Book (which includes your settings) and wear your hearing aid



VILLAGE ASSETS

WEST HORSLEY PLACE AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

An historic house and estate at the heart of the local community, offering a wide range of ways to visit, get involved and enjoy the space throughout the year. Whether you're looking for a peaceful walk, a cultural day out or a chance to contribute your time, there is something for everyone. Visitors are welcome to explore the beautiful grounds, which include open parkland, woodland walks and our beautiful sensory garden. The estate is an ideal place to take in nature, enjoy a coffee from Tiger Lily Coffee in the barn courtyard or simply spend time outdoors. The sensory garden, designed to be accessible and engaging for all, is free to visit (no ticket required) and open to the community —inviting visitors to experience the landscape through touch, scent and sound.

Throughout the year, West Horsley Place hosts a varied programme of events. These range from Living History Festivals and family fun in the school holidays, to concerts, workshops and exhibitions. Many events celebrate the history of the house, while others bring contemporary arts and community creativity into the space. There are regular opportunities to try something new, whether that's a craft workshop, guided tour or outdoor performance. Please note that to visit the manor house and walled gardens you will need to book a guided tour or event.

West Horsley Place also offers a regular programme of wellbeing activities including forest bathing, yoga, trauma release exercise (TRE) sessions, sound baths and mindfulness workshops. From its medieval origins to its more recent role as the filming location for the BBC's Ghosts, West Horsley Place offers a unique glimpse into the past, alongside a growing programme of culture, heritage and nature activities. Guided nature experiences, family workshops, drop-off workshops, immersive experiences, art adventures and more every holiday.

For those who would like to play a more active role, volunteering is a vital part of life at West Horsley Place. Volunteers support everything from welcoming visitors and guiding tours to gardening, events and conservation work. It's a friendly and rewarding way to meet people, learn new skills and contribute to the care of a special local place.

West Horsley Place continues to grow as a space for community, creativity and connection. Whether you come for a walk, an event, or to lend a hand, you'll find a warm welcome and plenty to discover. Parking is free and Tiger Lily Coffee is open 10am-4pm Tuesday-Sunday (open 7 days in school holidays and for bank hols). www.westhorsleyplace.org or 01483 282032



West Horsley Place, a hub for activities in the heart of the village

THE CRAFT OF WEAVING

Would you like to learn to weave on a handloom?

A group of ladies & gents meet in Newdigate to practise the wonderful craft of weaving, every Thursday morning, with the assistance of our excellent tutor. The group consists of beginner & experienced weavers. We pay a monthly fee that covers expenses and we have a huge range of looms available to use. If you are interested, you are welcome to come & see the set up & meet the members.

All equipment is provided and there is plenty of practice yarn! We also welcome experienced

weavers to join us. Please contact Sue Reeve on 07779 465368 or surreybarnweavers@gmail.com.



An opportunity to practice the craft of weaving

WEST SURREY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

West Surrey Natural History Society was founded in 1979 and represents a community of nature lovers, each with their own particular interests, which the society addresses with a wide variety of talks and a regular full-colour emailed newsletter. Members don't necessarily have a science background but like to learn about our environment, its inhabitants and how things are connected.

Our meetings take place in the evening on the fourth Thursday of the month from September to May, mostly in West Horsley Village Hall but with some on Zoom. Illustrated presentations over the past few months have included Surrey's Amphibians and Reptiles, Rock pooling, The Wilder Blean Project in Kent, Lichens and Slime Moulds, and Spring in the Peloponnese.

Annual membership is £8 single, £14 family. Guests to meetings (£3) and new members are always welcome. www.wsnhs.wordpress.com.

GRACE AND FLAVOUR COMMUNITY KITCHEN GARDEN

Do you enjoy gardening or the thought of bringing home organically grown fresh fruit and veg for the family? Or would you just like to build up your knowledge of all things gardening? Either way Horsley's Grace and Flavour Community Kitchen Garden welcomes you.

Our volunteers help with everything from planting to harvesting. All our fruit and veg is organically grown – we do not use chemicals or pesticides. We also grow a range of flowers. All are available to buy at a discount. We also support

local charities and administer allotments for East and West Horsley residents. We can offer lots of fresh air, gentle exercise and being part of a friendly team.

If this sounds interesting, do come along and have a chat about joining the team. We are open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings 9.30 to 12.30. The Community Garden is located off Ripley Lane in West Horsley. www.graceandflavour.org or email mail@graceandflavour.org



G&F volunteers are a hard-working and sociable group



A wide range of fresh produce on display



WEST HORSLEY METHODIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 150 YEARS OF SERVICE

In April 1876 the foundation stone for a new chapel in the village was laid at the southern end of the Horsley Green, long before Silkmore Lane, Kenyons and Ricksons Lane were developed. Prior to the construction of the chapel, Methodists had been conducting services under the oak tree on the village green. It is not known whether this was the large oak tree on the corner junction of Silkmore Lane and The Street, close by the chapel, or the larger oak tree opposite The Barley Mow as archived documents do not make it clear.

In the early days preachers came from nearby towns and villages where longer established Methodist Churches existed. Sometimes preachers stayed all day so as to be able to conduct morning and evening services. Today our Minister is the Revd. George Quarm who's idea it was to celebrate the 150th anniversary as it is the oldest Methodist Church in the Wey Valley Circuit.

This year sees the celebration of 150 years of services in the chapel with the annual Songs of Praise which was held on Saturday 25 April, almost exactly 150 years since the foundation stone was laid. The anniversary was celebrated in a service on Sunday 26 April followed by an invitation lunch in the village hall. During the year Ministers who have been appointees over the last four decades have been invited to return to the church and take a service.

www.westhorsleymethodistchurch.org.uk

Everyone is welcome to join our Sunday services held each Sunday at 10.00am



West Horsley's Methodist Church was established in 1876

THE FRIENDS OF HORSLEY STATION

The Friends of Horsley Station have added real momentum, delivering another well attended community event featuring guided wildlife and historical tours, a classic car display, the unveiling of a new Heritage roundel and contributions from several community groups, including East and West Horsley Parish Councils and the newly formed Heritage Group. Volunteers continue to enhance planting, tidiness and local pride throughout the year. Effingham Junction supporters also play a vital role through regular clean ups and ongoing engagement with rail partners, helping ensure both stations feel well cared for and rooted

in their communities. The Railway Task Group continues to make steady, practical progress in strengthening links between the Friends of both Horsley and Effingham Junction stations. Working closely with South Western Community Rail, the group supports improvements to accessibility, signage and community safety, while championing clearer and more reliable passenger information.

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HORSLEY'S CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

The Horsley's Climate Action Network group was set up as a community group a few years ago with the aim to raise awareness of climate change and what we can all do to mitigate the effects of this. Co-chaired by Catherine Young (GBC Borough Councillor) and Anna Mitchell (East Horsley PC), the group is made up of volunteers and network groups covering East & West Horsley. Both Parish Councils are represented, and we are grateful to them for their continued support for all that we do.

In the past, we have run a series of events focusing on climate change and sustainability. We were instrumental in helping to set up the Repair

Café and this year our focus has been on recycling and taking part in the Great Big Green Week which ran from 6 to 14 June.

Hopefully you had a chance to meet us over that week as we promoted lots of events that focused on practical ways we can all contribute to a more sustainable future, culminating in our Horsley Great Big Litter Pick. A huge thank you to everyone who took part in this and helped make the week.

This summer we are setting up our own website, but for the moment you can find us on Instagram [@the_horsleys_can](https://www.instagram.com/the_horsleys_can).



The Great Big Horsley Litter Pick was a great success



Horsleys CAN team out meeting residents to promote The Great Big Green Week

HORSLEY U3A



Are you reducing your working hours to four or three days per week, approaching retirement or already retired? Do you want to take up a new activity or maybe restart an activity that you had to put on hold in the past because of a lack of time? If so you're welcome to join the Horsley u3a. There is no minimum or maximum age limit, just not in full time employment, and the cost is £15 pa. There may be some extra costs to cover extras - such as Hall hire. We now have over 740 members and 69 groups covering diverse activities ranging from Classic Cars to Plant Identification and Pickleball horsleyu3a.org.uk.

HORSLEY HERITAGE

Horsley Heritage Group seeks to enhance awareness of the rich heritage assets to be found in the Horsleys. Launched in 2024, Horsley Heritage is a voluntary task group supported by East and West Horsley Parish Councils. Our team comprises a group of volunteers, a mix of parish councillors and other residents. We have a very interesting website at horsleyheritage.info where you will see sections on local history, significant local buildings, heritage walks, photographs and books. Please log on!

THE PROBUS CLUB OF THE HORSLEYS

The Probus Club of the Horsleys is a luncheon Club for retired or semi-retired professional and business gentlemen which meets on the second Monday of each month at The Drift Golf Club. A convivial lunch is followed by a talk. Past speakers include legendary sporting figures such as the late Peter Alliss and Steve Rider, the Chief Constable of Surrey and Commodore Swann of the Royal Yacht Britannia. Forthcoming talks include Britain's Amazing Aircraft industry, The story of Horsley Station, Dabs and DNA Catch Criminals, and Industrial Relations at Ford in the 70s and 80s. Visitors and new members are welcome. Ladies Lunches are held twice a year, when wives and partners can also attend. Contact David Davis on **01483 283728** or davidmdavis@btinternet.com.

EFFINGHAM AND LEATHERHEAD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Effingham and Leatherhead RFC, the "Eagles", is a community-driven rugby club based at the King George V Playing Fields in Effingham. They offer inclusive rugby programmes for all ages and abilities, competitive senior teams, social touch rugby, and a bustling clubhouse for members and families.

RUGBY PROGRAMS

- **Minis & Juniors:** A massive, highly active youth section for ages 5 to 18, led by fully qualified RFU coaches. Training sessions focus on fundamental skills, fun, and the RFU's core

values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship.

- **Senior Men's & Women's:** Competitive contact rugby for multiple senior teams, playing across Surrey and regional leagues.
- **Touch Rugby:** A casual, minimal-contact, year-round program on Wednesday evenings suitable for males and females for all ages from 2 to retirement. There are teams for boys and girls, men and women. From touch or tag rugby to full contact league games our philosophy is based on enjoyment and inclusion.

www.eaglesrugby.club



Effingham & Leatherhead RFC
Under XV squad

HORSLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

HFC is a community football club based on Long Reach, West Horsley. We are one of the largest clubs in Surrey, entirely run by volunteers, and have a thriving youth section with almost 60 teams and over 700 youth players from starting at U6 and going through to U18 playing on Saturday and Sunday mornings and 3 adult teams playing on Saturday afternoons. We have continued to see an explosion in girls' football in recent years and girls now represent a third of our youth players and teams.

We are also promoting football for under resourced areas in Africa. If you have any old football boots that are looking for a new home, please do pop them into the clubhouse. One of our coaches, Steffan Perkins, started The Bola

Bola Foundation which has helped over 1000 young people around the world access football, and continues to do so.

<https://www.bolabolafoundation.org>

Off the pitch we have a clubhouse serving a good selection of beers and hot and cold soft drinks and our bar steward Les would be delighted to welcome you on a Saturday afternoon to cheer on our men's teams. We have a fantastic 3G pitch which is available to hire to the local community when not in use for club training. clubsecretary@horsleyfc.co.uk.



HFC Under 19s 'Mustangs'

THE ARTS SOCIETY HORSLEY LOVELACE

The Arts Society Horsley Lovelace (TASHL) meets on the third Wednesday of the month (except August and December) at East Horsley Village Hall. We are a thriving, friendly member society and run lectures on a wide variety of subjects to do with the Arts. Recent lectures have been on 'The Paintings & Wit of Noel Coward & Winston Churchill' and 'The Art of The Movie Poster'. We also run outings and heritage/community projects and we welcome visitors to join us.

www.tashl.org

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Volunteering in a church is so much more than just helping out, it's a meaningful way to grow spiritually, build community and make a real difference in the lives of others. At St Mary's we know that by contributing to weekly church services or community events like our Noah's Ark Baby and Toddler Group, Reclaim Youth Group and Wheelhouse Café, our volunteers play a crucial role in supporting both our congregation and the wider community.

Church volunteering provides opportunities to live out biblical teachings, such as serving others selflessly, practicing compassion and helping those in need. It also allows us to discover and develop God-given talents, sometimes uncovering passions and skills we didn't know we had. Whether you are part of a church or involved in other local organisations, there is always a way to get involved. In giving of yourself, you may find you receive far more in return.

stmaryswesthorsley.co.uk



HFC Under 9s 'Dolphins'



West Horsley Parish Council

HORSLEY CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

ARTS

Horsley & Clandon Society of Arts
Robyn Cormack Tel: 01483 224063

Horsley Craft Group
Jody Fern Tel: 01483 284437

The Arts Society Horsley
www.theartsocietyhorsley.org.uk

The Arts Society Horsley Lovelace
www.theartsocietyhorsleylovelace.org.uk

CLUBS

University of the Third Age (u3a)
www.horsleyu3a.org.uk

East Horsley Women's Institute
Helen Taylorson Tel: 01483 283577

West Horsley Evening Women's Institute
Pam Tel: 01483 281798

West Surrey Natural History Society
Tel: 01372 457623

The Probus Club of the Horsleys
www.horsleyprobus.org.uk

Rotary Club of Bookham & Horsley
Mark Secker Tel: 01372 458733

Grace & Flavour Community Garden
www.graceandflavour.org

East Horsley Bridge Club
www.bridgewebs.com/easthorsley

Horsley Floral Decoration Group
Ruth Farmer Tel: 01483 202440

Horsley Garden Society
Terry Lazenby Tel: 01483 284232

Beehive Craft Group
www.easthorsleychurch.org.uk

The Horsley Wheel of Care
www.horsleywheelofcare.co.uk

Horsley Heritage
www.horsleyheritage.info

DRAMATICS & CHORAL

The Nomad Theatre
www.nomadtheatre.com

The Whips Players
www.whipstheatre.org

Horsley Choral Society
www.horsleychoralsociety.com

YOUTH

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorer Scouts
www.firsthorsley.co.uk

4th Horsley Brownies
Email: horsleybrownies@yahoo.co.uk

1st West Horsley Brownies
Email: westhorsleybrownies@gmail.com

1st Horsley Guides
Karlennie Peach Tel: 01483 224692

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Sports facilities & Skatepark
Kingston Meadow, Kingston Avenue

The Horsley Shufflers – running group
www.facebook.com/HorsleyShufflers

Horsley Football Club, West Horsley
www.horsleyfc.co.uk

Effingham and Leatherhead RFC
<https://eaglesrugby.club>

West Horsley Community Club
Snooker & Pool
Robert Elliott Tel: 07702 922217

Effingham Table Tennis Club
Tim Hobbs Tel: 01372 452197

Horsley Tennis Club
www.horsleysportsclub.com

Horsley Badminton Club
www.horsleybadminton.co.uk

Horsley Cricket Club
www.horsleysportsclub.com

Effingham Cricket Club
www.effinghamccc.co.uk

Horsley and Send Cricket Club
www.horsleyandsendcc.co.uk



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HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Are you a first-time buyer?

Are you struggling to find a home that you can afford to buy or rent?

Do you live or work in West Horsley?

Do you want to downsize?

Please participate in this important Housing Needs Survey and help shape the future of housing in the village. Your feedback will inform a review of the West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan and planning applications.

To access the survey scan the QR Code, go to www.westhorsley-pc.gov.uk or complete the paper copy which is being delivered to your home.



Deadline for survey completion is Monday 13 July 2026



Independent charity Surrey Community Action is conducting this research on behalf of West Horsley Parish Council and Guildford Borough Council. You can contact Nicola Davidson, Surrey Community Action at nicolad@surreyca.org.uk or call 01483 447141.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Sat 12 September *The Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic*
- Sat 17 October *Autumn Litter Pick*
- Sun 6 December *Christmas Lantern Parade*

MEET THE TEAM

Join us at our Monthly meetings (third Tuesday of the Month) and have your say about your village! If you can't make it sign up to our mailing list to be up to date on current projects, events and issues affecting West Horsley.

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guildford@surrey.police.uk

GBC Refuse Collection
Tel: 01483 505050
www.guildford.gov.uk

Slyfield Recycling Centre
Tel: 01483 532187

Guildford Borough Council
<https://my.guildford.gov.uk/customers/s/>

Water Leaks
Tel: 0345 357 2407
www.affinitywater.co.uk

Gas Leaks
Tel: 0800 11 19 99

Electricity Power Cuts
Tel: 0800 31 63 105 or 105 (Mobile)
www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk

Flooding & Waterways
www.gov.uk

Environment incident hotline
Tel: 0800 80 70 60
www.gov.uk

Surrey County Council
www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/

SCC Highways Roads & Transport
www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport

Floodline:
Tel: 0345 988 1188