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A busy bee on Horsell Common.
Photo: Michael Jones.

A word from the editorial team

Greetings...

This issue focuses on some of the 'busy bees' that are our Horsell volunteers. We've got a handful who have agreed to be featured (and we are very aware that there are many more of you also making a difference to others). It's interesting that a focus for the Coronation was volunteering in The Big Help Out and hopefully that has sparked an interest in some of you, thinking about what else you can do. Perhaps you will be inspired by some of the volunteers in this magazine and get in touch with their organisation to get involved yourself.

The thing about volunteering is that you do get out so much more than you put in. I can attest to that. Having offered to pick up the lead editor role for this magazine at the Picnic on the Green in June 2017 (after perhaps a Pimm's too many), it is time for me to hand the baton (or keyboard and email address) to someone else. It has been a huge

privilege to get to know so many people in the village, even if only by email. I have made some great friends due to this role and I know that the fantastic editorial team is ready to support whoever wants to lead them in my place. The autumn 2023 issue will be my last one, so do get in touch with Alan Taylor (details below) if you want an informal chat about what the role involves.

Thanks, as ever, to all the contributors and congratulations to our cover photographer, Michael, who, as well as providing our 'busy bee' photo, showed real dedication by writing his article while waiting for his daughter to be born. Best wishes to the whole family, Michael. (And a note to others: volunteering doesn't have to be that dedicated).

Lucy

LEAD EDITOR FOR THE RESIDENT MAGAZINE, HORSELL

A vacancy exists for a Lead Editor of The Resident, the magazine of the Horsell Residents' Association (HRA). The magazine is published quarterly and is praised for its editorial and reporting excellence. It has a distribution of 4,200 to residences and businesses across Horsell.

The role involves leading an editorial team in the timely delivery of the magazine's life cycle from conception to production. You will co-ordinate with the editorial team on the magazine content, sharing of the editorial tasks and liaison with the layout designer and printers.

A knowledge of MS Word, email and uploading files to Dropbox are essential IT requirements. Editorial experience in a similar role is desirable.

For an informal chat about the role email Alan Taylor, HRA Chair at ajrolyat@gmail.com

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Horsell happenings



Alan Taylor, HRA Chair

View from the Chair

HRA's wonderful volunteers work to a busy calendar throughout the year which is defined by our events schedule rather than by the astronomical calendar.

This is the summer edition of The Resident magazine which finds us in our social and fund-raising season. Teams are currently making plans for the Picnic on the Green, The Village Show, the Flowerpot Festival plus helping at the Horsell Garden Safari too. Last year the Village Show was able to donate to 1st Horsell Scouts & Guides and Chobham Girl Guides for their help at the show. Further contributions were also made to St Mary's Church and the Village School.

Following on, the next HRA season will find the teams in full flight planning the Horsell Christmas Market. This aligns around the beginning of the traditional autumn season and there will be some 60 volunteers planning the location of the 55 market stalls along the High Street ready for 2nd December. Last year more than £5,500 was raised for local charities.

This period also sees the work on the Horsell Charity Calendar come to fruition. Last year this raised funds allocate to SAMBER - Riding for the Disabled, Intergenerational Music Making, Your Sanctuary and Woking Talking Newspapers.

Our AGM also falls in this month. Held in the Village Hall it is an opportunity to join residents in discussing the year's HRA activities. Each year we invite a guest speaker, and this year it will be another well-known local person.

The following period is when the cold dark evenings are with us but, far from hibernating, volunteers continue to plan - as planning is our byword within the HRA. Horsell Prepared (formerly Snow Angels) are now

readying themselves in anticipation of their services being in demand.

March comes and Spring proclaims that all things are going to be OK. As plants, shrubs and hedges begin to show life it is also a message to the Woodlanders and Pares Woodland Garden teams that their services are required. It's also a good time for the community to join in the weekly walks.

The monthly Litter Pick always welcomes new joiners and departs Elizabeth Garden on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am.

This is a summary of the HRA volunteer activity throughout our unique seasons and if you are not already involved may I invite you to come and join us for one of our many activities - even if it is only for a season.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH US

All will agree that Horsell is a pleasant place to live. Most will value and enjoy the efforts put in by the volunteers of the HRA throughout the year and if you would like to learn more about us then please look at our new and easy to view website which also contains information about the local area at <https://horsellresidents.com>.

You can also sign up to receive our regular newsletter at <https://horsellresidents.com/Support>

THE HORSELL SURVEY

You'll see below that HRA want to survey Horsell residents to make sure that what we do is what you want. I would really value your time in completing this as it will help us in planning for the HRA to remain relevant to the community.

Alan Taylor (Chair, HRA) ajrolyat@gmail.com



The HRA Survey

We would really value your time in completing the Horsell Residents' Association (HRA) short survey designed to see what the residents of Horsell know about HRA activities and to evaluate if the HRA meets the community needs or where changes are required. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete.

All individual details and comments will be kept confidential by the HRA Committee and on completion a general summary will be published.

To join in, go to <http://bit.ly/43p8HsB> or scan the QR Code

For any comments or issues please contact Adrian Beesley adrianbeesley@horsellresidents.com



Horsell Events 2023



- 24th and 25th June – **Horsell Garden Safari**. Join this happy community event in gardens all around the village. Schedules from local shops.
- 2nd July – **Picnic on the Green**, in front of The Cricketers from 12 noon-4pm. See page 11.
- 22nd July – **Horsell Village Show**. Have you worked out what you'll enter? See horsellvillageshow.co.uk and take your entry forms to Seymours by Saturday 15th July. On the day itself there is lots to tempt you, from entertainment to craft stalls to food and drink. Horsell CofE Junior School, from 12 noon.
- Throughout the summer – **Horsell Flowerpot Festival**. Make your own flowerpot sculpture or take a walk around the village and spot the ingenious creations of other villagers and traders.
- 26th October – **HRA AGM**, Horsell Village Hall, 7pm.
- 2nd December – **Horsell Christmas Market**, 1-5pm.



Horsell Volunteers

The HRA's strapline is 'powered by volunteers' and the Coronation included a focus on volunteering. We want to celebrate some of our village's volunteer power and generosity in this issue. There are hundreds of volunteers in Horsell who contribute to our village, town or even wider. Here are just a few volunteers whose arms we managed to twist to tell us about who they are and what they do (thank you!)

Have a read and see if you'd be interested to join them. We know this is just a fraction of who could have been included, so if you want to tell us about your volunteer role and the local charity you support, just email theresidenteditor@gmail.com and maybe we can feature you next time.

Name: **Marion Piper**

I volunteer for: **Horsell Village Show**

My role is: Secretary of the Show.

This means that I organise meetings, take the minutes and generally collaborate with the committee and the public. I am the first port of call for stallholders to book a pitch to sell their crafts and services. I organise some of the publicity for the show, and appeal for raffle prizes as well as sell tickets. My husband Ron is also a long-standing helper.



We attend around six committee meetings each year – they are relaxed affairs, and we often enjoy a glass of wine as we make our plans! Some weeks are very busy getting everything ready, while others quite free.

The difference I make: I liaise with all sections of the community, aiming to provide as much information as I can and answer any queries directed to me or field them to those that know more than I do!

Why I do it: It is so satisfying seeing families out enjoying themselves and watching the delight on the faces of the individual class winners. It can sometimes be exhausting but oh so worthwhile. It is just great to see the whole village come together.

Other things about me: I work two days a week in an admin role at a local dialysis unit, I am a member of Horsell Sings, belong to a local book club, and attend an aerobics class. I am a keen ballet and theatre fan, and I collapse in front of the TV when I have had enough of all that!

My message if you're thinking of volunteering: It is a wonderful way to meet Horsell residents and feel part of such a brilliant community, and to hope you might just be a making a bit of a difference.

More info: <https://www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk/>

Name: **Caroline Hughes**

I volunteer for: **HRA's STC, in particular the Weekly Walks**

My role is: With my husband, Geoff, I organise the weekly (twice-weekly in the summer) walks from Horsell High Street for anyone who wants to join us.



Emboldened by the success of projects such as the Horsell calendar, Christmas Market and Horsell Woodlanders, I suggested weekly walks at an STC meeting back in 2017. Our first walk was in January 2018 when Geoff and I hovered on the High Street wondering if anyone would turn up. We couldn't believe it when 25 did! We have planned and led walks since then, each time open to all. The maximum we've had has been 50!

The difference I make: I am able to share my love of our beautiful surroundings with others and also facilitate a bit of routine exercise in the fresh air. I am touched by the number of people who really value these walks and have enjoyed discovering paths they never knew existed.

Why I do it: I started the walks because I knew that many people wanted to explore the local countryside but needed company. I have met new people, discovered new routes and had fun at the same time. We all enjoy the company, fresh air, exercise and the beautiful surroundings.

Other things about me: I think I might be hooked on volunteering! I also run the Horsell Woodlanders, Picnic on the Green and Horsell Christmas Market. But I do have other interests: family, of course. I am making the most of retirement with art and dance classes and I mustn't forget daily Wordle and a good read.

My message if you're thinking of volunteering: There are hundreds of volunteers in Horsell doing a vast variety of jobs from delivering The Resident to years and years of organising Scouts and Guides and the Village Show and editing this magazine. How would life go on without volunteers? It's useful and it keeps us oldies active. Just say "yes" and tag along. And a big "Thank you" - how could we manage without you?

More info: horsellresidents.com/walks

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Name: **Richard Mackie**

I volunteer for: **Scouting**

My role is: Chairman of District Scout campsite, Assistant Explorer Scout Leader, Chairman of the Horsell Scouts and Guides May Fayre committee, Co-editor of 1st Horsell Scout Group monthly newsletter.

What I do: I ensure that Woking Scouts have a quality local outdoor campsite for regular use. I co-lead Martians Explorer Scout Unit in Horsell. I help to organise an annual community event in the form of the Scouts and Guides' May Fayre, which is an important fundraiser for Horsell Scouts and Girlguiding. I also ensure that 1st Horsell Scout Group has a regular online monthly information newsletter.

How much time I give to this: The campsite is at least a day a week; Explorer Scouts is at least one weekly evening during term time; the newsletter is a monthly commitment.

The difference I make: That's for others to say.

What do I get out of it: Friendship and the feeling that I can make a difference.

Other things about me: I am retired and run a business which can take time to maintain. I also volunteer for the HRA with a focus on considering potential local improvements in the environment, community feedback and community care.

More info: <https://wokingscouts.org.uk/>



Name: **Peter Lawrance**

I volunteer for: **Horsell Care**

They arrange assistance for various transport needs, including doctors' surgeries, dental clinics, and shopping.

My role is: Volunteer driver

This means that I take 'clients' from their home or another address to wherever they wish to go within the local area, helping as necessary with any mobility issues getting in and out of cars or buildings.

How much time I give to this role: Typically, I will do between one and possibly three or four jobs a week, depending on demand and availability of other volunteers.

The difference I make: It is normally a door-to-door service, so clients don't have the difficulties of having to use public transport. I can help those with mobility issues to get in and out of cars, and generally provide all manner of help not available on public services. Also, it's an opportunity for those who might be living on their own to have a chat.

Why I do it: There is a degree of satisfaction in making life easier for someone, and of course I do get a fuel allowance!

Other things about me: When I started, I was self-employed, working-from-home, so was able to allocate time to do Horsell Care jobs. This continues now that I am more or less retired, and if I am unable to take on a job, I only have to say so and another volunteer will step in.

My message if you're thinking of volunteering: If you can spare a little time to help someone get to an appointment or other activity it is a well-appreciated service. Most jobs in my experience are not very time consuming. You never know, one day you may wish to call on Horsell Care yourself!

More info: <https://www.wokinggoodneighbours.com/horsell-care>



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Name: **Tim Stokes**

I volunteer for: **Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care**

This patient-led charity delivers palliative and end of life care to people who have advanced life-limiting illnesses living in North West Surrey. Each year the hospice cares for thousands of patients, their carers, and families.

My role is: Chair of the Board of Trustees

I'm responsible for leading the board, ensuring the efficient management of meetings, supporting good governance among fellow charity trustees and acting as the spokesperson where required.

How much time I give to this role: Seldom a day goes by when I'm not involved in general administration, overseeing governance, supporting management as required, or planning and preparing for the essential work of the various committees, sub-committees, and board meetings.

The difference I make: I hope I make a positive contribution and try to create an environment which supports and nurtures the relationships between the board and all involved with the charity.

Why I do it: I've found close involvement in the hospice keeps me alert and fascinated by the key challenges facing organisations in the healthcare sector and wider society. I get immeasurable satisfaction working with the hugely skilled and committed management teams and trustees.

Other things about me: Now retired, and a part-time gardener, I also volunteer as Chair of Trustees for Woking College and deliver The Resident for the HRA. I am a Director of Plaisterers Hall Limited in the City of London and Woking Borough Council's 'Independent Person'. I run with Horsell Runners and have just completed the London Marathon for Woking Hospice. Post-marathon donations will still be gratefully received at <https://2023tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/tim-stokes>. Last but not least, I'm a frequent visitor to The Crown in Horsell High Street.

My message if you're thinking of volunteering: Our society and communities would not be the same and would not be able to function without volunteers – go for it and enjoy the experience!

More info: **Woking Hospice** <https://wsbh.org.uk/>



Name: **Lizzie Judson**

I volunteer for: **Horsell Residents' Association (HRA), in particular their Second Thursday Club**

What they do: The Second Thursday Club (STC) is the part of HRA that meets to discuss the events we are organising and welcome new ideas for future products.

My role is: Chair of the STC

As I work full time, I volunteer for jobs that can be done in the evenings, for example proofreading the Horsell Charity Calendar, preparing budgets and business cases for the events for the board, invoicing, obtaining events licences, and even inviting the Mayor to the Christmas Market!

How much time I give to this role: Along with other HRA roles (I am a director of HRA), I give around two evenings a week. Less at quiet times, more in the run up to an event plus parts of the days when our events are held.

The difference I make: Working in the teams together we get the activities done!

Why I do it: It's always great to help organise the events that provide fun for the community and it's good to meet new people in Horsell.

Other things about me: I work full time for the RHS at Wisley (in the office - not the garden, that would be unkind to the plants!) I am also on the HRA board and help with the HRA's charity calendar and occasionally lead Horsell evening walks.

My message to you if you're thinking of volunteering: Do it! Even if you don't have a lot of time to spare there will be something you can help with that will make all the difference – we're always looking to welcome new volunteers. Many people involved doing even a small task gets a lot done!

More info: <https://horsellresidents.com/Support#Help>



Name: **Gerry Pearce**

I volunteer for: **HRA's Second Thursday Club**

This is HRA's 'action group' which plans and organises events and tasks to benefit Horsell residents.

My role is: I join the teams that make our village events happen. These include Horsell Christmas Market, Picnic on the Green, The Horsell Charity Calendar and the Flowerpot Festival.



This is what it actually means: Within the calendar team, I manage the technical aspect of the calendar pictures and liaise with the printers. When printed I work with the sales outlets to maximise sales. Since 2016 the calendar sales have raised over £25,000 for local charities. For the flowerpot festival, I worked with others to build large flowerpot creations at The Crown and joined in the fun with creations at my home.

How much time I give to this role: Anything from a few hours a week to occasional complete days as the events occur throughout the year.

The difference I make: The events offer enjoyment for locals. The calendar raises money for four charities each year so there's a tangible difference there.

Why I do it: A mix of wishing to do some good in the community, getting satisfaction for a job well done, and enjoyment from the friendship of other volunteers.

Other things about me: I am retired and have time available beyond family commitments.

My message to you if you're thinking of volunteering: Voluntary work can take up as much or as little time as you are able or willing to give. Either way it is a benefit to others and a satisfaction to you.



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Name: **Emma Rainier**

I volunteer for: **Coroner's Court Support Service (CCSS) at the Coroner's court in Woking**

The CCSS aims to support, practically and emotionally, anyone attending a Coroner's court.

My role is: To offer support to anyone attending a Coroner's inquest.

This is a many and varied role. It generally involves being a friendly face to anyone who is attending an inquest, whether they are family or friends of the deceased, or witnesses giving evidence as part of the proceedings. I am available to explain how the inquest process works, what to expect during it, and answer any questions that they may have.

How much time I give to this role: The minimum requirement for volunteers' time is just two days a month, but you can offer more if you have it!

The difference I make: Attending an inquest can be very daunting and stressful for all involved so I hope that the support I offer helps to make it an easier experience.

Why I do it: No two days are the same. I get to meet some very interesting people from all walks of life and use the skills that I have to hopefully make the experience easier for them.

Other things about me: I am a self-employed antenatal practitioner working with the National Childbirth Trust (NCT), and I also teach baby massage courses for new parents. Now my family has all grown up, I can be more flexible with my time.

My message if you're thinking of volunteering: Do it! Whether you have a lot of time to give or only a little. You get so much more back than you give.

More info: <https://coronerscourtsupportservice.org.uk/>
0300 111 2141



Name: **Jess Gadd**

I volunteer for: **Surrey Care Trust**

This is a local charity which recruits volunteers to provide mentoring to vulnerable young people, families, and adults. They aim to give them opportunities, skills, and the support they need to achieve their potential.

My role is: I am a mentor. I work with a mentee to listen to and encourage them, while also acting as a role model. I give them the support and direction they need to identify their challenges and meet their goals, while also boosting their confidence and self-esteem.

This is what it actually means: I meet my mentee and we go and grab a drink at a local coffee shop. There we chat about how their week has been and discuss how to organise the coming week so that they can build consistent and daily good habits.

How much time I give to this role: I meet with my mentee once a week for approximately two hours, though other mentees may require only half an hour/an hour of your time.

The difference I make: I believe I am helping my mentee's overall wellbeing and happiness. I feel I am making a positive difference to someone's life.

Other things about me: I am currently working as a Learning Support Assistant/Emotional Literacy Support Assistant where I support students with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) with their academic and emotional needs. My volunteering fits in easily around my work life.

My message if you're thinking of volunteering: Volunteering is a great way to give back and help.

More info: <https://www.surreycaretrust.org.uk/> 01483 426990



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A walk to the Peace Garden, Bronze Age tumuli and the new wetland area

WALK: The Basingstoke Canal and Horsell Common, mostly on flat well-maintained paths (which may have puddles and be muddy in places) but with two very busy roads to cross.

DISTANCE: approx. 2.5 miles – but a wander round the new wetland area will extend this!

This easy walk along the canal, and back across Wheatsheaf Common via part of the Bedser Trail, takes in the Peace Garden (where it is peaceful to pause awhile), the Bronze Age tumuli and the new wetland area. For more information on the history of these places – and more! – see pages 14 to 15. From the village, you can start this walk either along the Basingstoke canal, or turn into Wilson Way by the Red Lion and follow the footpath alongside the churchyard to Brewery Road. (Alternatively, you can park in Brewery Road Car Park.)

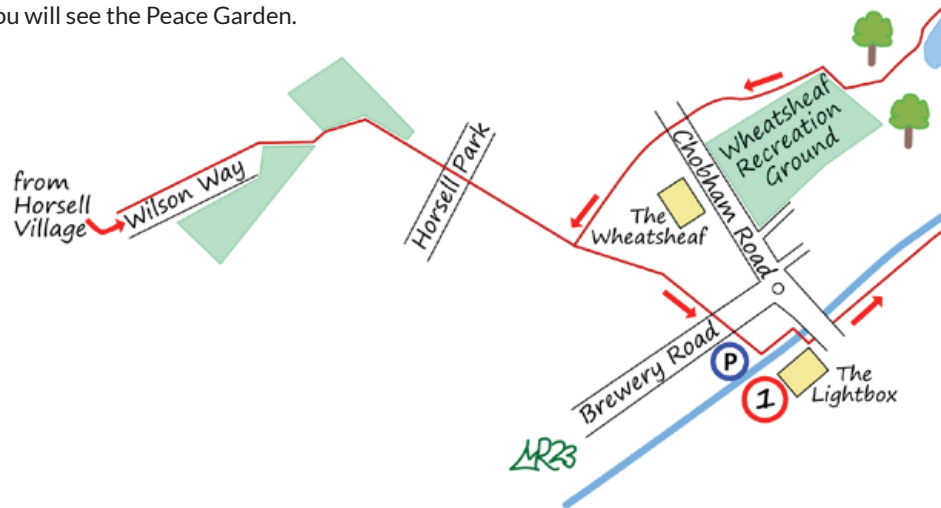
- Starting at Brewery Road, walk to the canal path and turn left. Cross the canal by the footbridge (look out for bikes), go under the bridge and follow the right-hand path. Continue under the Chertsey Road bridge to the Monument Road bridge.



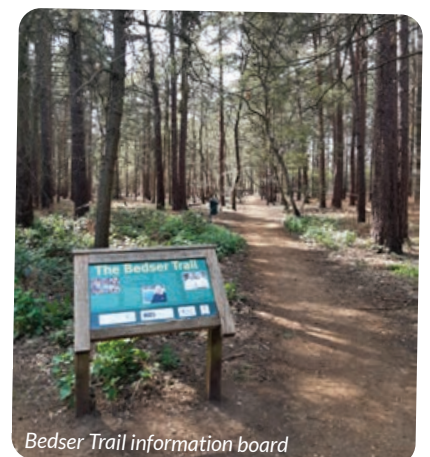
Peace Garden, Bronze Age Tumuli, New Wetlands

Not to scale

- Go under the bridge, then turn right onto the narrow path up to the road and bridge. Cross the canal bridge and soon, on your right, you will see the Peace Garden.
 - Take some time to look around.
 - Please note that dogs should be left outside.



- Leave the Peace Garden and walk straight ahead to cross Monument Road to join the Bedser Trail.
 - Monument Road is very busy so please take care when crossing.
 - For information about the Bedser twins, turn right, towards the car park.



4 Otherwise, turn left and keep heading left at junctions. Soon the path is parallel to the canal and you'll see a bench on the left. Then the path becomes a boardwalk.

- The Bronze Age tumulus is on the right, covered by heather.

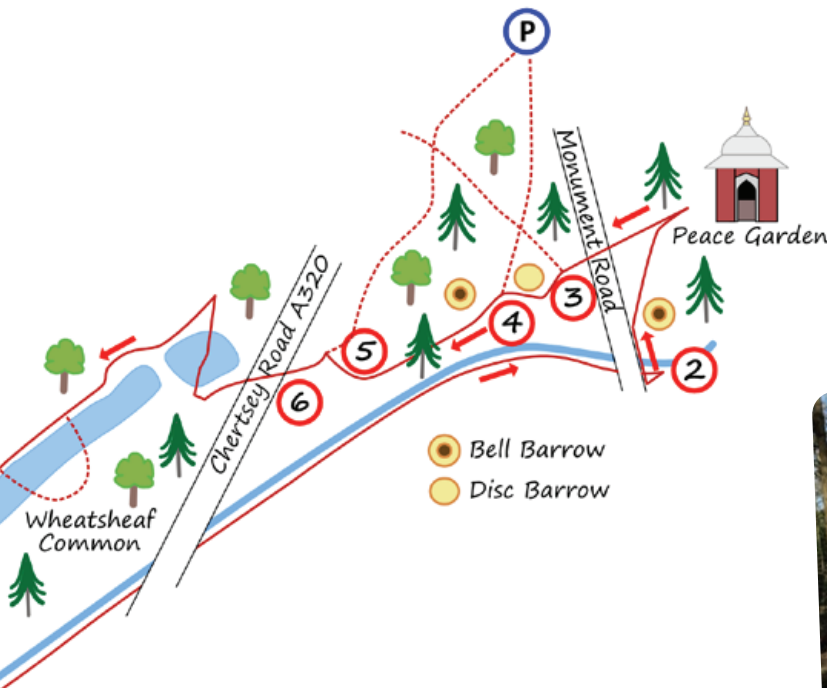


The new traffic island on Chertsey Road

5 At the end of the boardwalk, continue on the path until you reach a T-junction. Take the narrow path going left to reach the A320.



New Wheatsheaf Common Boardwalk



6 Cross the very busy Chertsey Road (A320) using the island and go straight onto a path on Wheatsheaf Common and the new wetland area.

- There are many paths you could take to explore this recent development. The route shown on the map leads down to the Wheatsheaf Recreation Ground, with a playground and a good place for a game of cricket or football.
- The Wheatsheaf Hotel and The Lightbox serve refreshments. (The Lightbox is closed on Mondays.)



Wheatsheaf Common

The Basingstoke Canal Society and the Horsell Common Preservation Society couldn't exist without volunteers!

Each year more than 28,000 hours of volunteer time is spent on the canal, clearing the footpath, removing weed, and constructing wharves and other infrastructure, while the regular work done by volunteers on Horsell Common is vital in maintaining the fragile habitat and diverse plants, invertebrates, birds and reptiles which it supports. Go to <https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/> and <https://horsellcommon.org.uk/volunteers> to find out how you can get involved in helping maintain the green spaces around our village.



Geoff and Caroline Hughes. Why not join us on the weekly Wednesday walks? No need to book – just turn up at 9.50am in front of The Cricketers pub, Horsell Birch. There is a short walk (2 to 3 miles) and a longer walk (3 to 5 miles) each week throughout the year. In addition, Thursday evening walks operate from 18th May to 31st August. Meet at 6.50pm in front of The Cricketers: evening walks finish around 8.30 pm. For further information contact Caroline: carolinehughes523@gmail.com

May Fayre 2023

Another successful Horsell Scouts and Guides' May Fayre was held on the Wheatsheaf Common Woking on Monday 1st May. This is a wonderful community event which has been going for 43 years and many see it as a great place to relax and enjoy time with friends and family. One lady told me she has been coming every year for 37 years – is that a record?

The numbers attending were on a par with previous years despite the intermittent showers which did not dampen the afternoon for the majority, who were determined to have a good time come rain or shine.

With a Coronation theme, all the stalls were out to impress with bunting, crowns, a photo opportunity with 'King Charles III' and there were amazing hairstyles provided by Summerscales dancers. Whether it be a Royal Afternoon Tea with cake or a burger and beer everyone seemed to be well fed and watered as they took in the atmosphere of the day watching the Scout and Guide competitions, Summerscales Dancers and Dangerous Steve being ... well ... dangerous.

Dangerous Steve was the star attraction in the Main Arena this year and he really did pull the crowds with his daredevil bike skills and juggling with fire and chain saws. As the stunts got more dangerous the crowd applause

amplified, however as was repeated a few times, if you are thinking about riding your bike whilst in a hand stand – please don't!

All the Scout and Guide competitions were hotly fought for with the winners for each competition being:

- Tony Bowman Gold Cup was awarded to the Adventurers Beavers after they won the Beaver Challenge.
- Big Brownie challenge to 'Dress a King' was a hard-fought draw between 1st and 3rd Horsell Brownies.
- Baden Powell Cubs won the Cubs' Tug of War and so were awarded the John Marsden Trophy.
- And finally, the It's a Knockout competition was a battle to the end with the May Fayre Trophy being won by the Somers Scout unit.

Well done to all the groups who took part; everyone could see how much fun you all had.

Sincere thanks to our generous sponsors without whom the event would not happen: Seymours Estate Agents, Trident Honda and Halstead School. Alongside the main sponsors there were many others that helped, for example, Prince and Sons provided the burgers. Liberty Executive cars sponsored the Scout and Guide It's a Knockout competition and Thurstons ran the beer tent. It really was the best of Horsell coming together for the good of the village.

Also, no thank you would be complete without mentioning the organising committee, Leaders, Horsell Scouts and Guides themselves and their parents who put in so much time and energy. You plan the event, get tents put up, man the stalls and clear down at the end – amazing team work from everyone – thank you.

Kathy Gilbert

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WHERE IS IT?

The green in front of The Cricketers, Horsell Birch.

WHAT IS IT?

On the first Sunday of July, come and enjoy a summer's picnic with friends and families. There will be a paper plane competition and Hook the Duck. To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, join in the 'Parade of Monarchs' – dress up in velvets and satins (old curtains make fantastic trains!) and wear a crown. The more the merrier! There will be prizes for the best King and Queen, and a little something for all the young ones who participate. Last year, Oliver looked super royal in his regalia. This year, let's hope we don't need wellies! The Cricketers will have a drinks stall and Mr Sher will be selling ice creams. This event is free (apart from ice creams and drinks!) Please be aware there is no parking on the green except for performers and blue badge holders.

And there will be music!

We're delighted to welcome back Lost in Surrey and Surrey Ukeaholics and, for the first time, Woking High School Jazz Band and Bluestone Bills.

TIMETABLE:

12 – 1pm Lost in Surrey

"We are a local band who play classic songs and love to play music."

1.15 – 2pm The Surrey Ukeaholics

"We have been playing a range of ukulele music, from classical to recent hits, over the last decade. We play up-beat tunes, adapted to our unique style, to be fun for everyone – from small private events to music festival stages."

2.15 – 2.45pm Woking High School Jazz Band

"A fantastic blend of musicians from Years 9 to 11 at the High School playing big band swing and pop classics too. Formed in September 2022, this band gelled very quickly to make a strong sound in spite of its size. You could say it is a Mini Big Band! In the performance at Picnic on the Green, the band will perform a strong variety of music with music from the King of Pop, a Disney classic and others to be confirmed. We hope you enjoy our set!"

2.45 – 3pm Parade of Monarchs

Put on your best crowns and gowns!

3.15 – 4pm Bluestone Bills

"We are a four-piece band based in Surrey/Hampshire. Our aim is to have fun and for our audience to do the same. We enjoy performing for local events and charity fundraisers. Our music is an eclectic mix of foot tapping, upbeat numbers including country, 60s pop, blues and rock 'n' roll."

A New Look for the HRA Website

The HRA website has recently undergone a complete redesign to make it easier to find out everything about the activities of the Horsell Residents' Association. Visit the new site to learn more about the events we put on for Horsell, how to get involved in volunteering with us and to how become a member. Thank you to Geoff Hughes for the fabulous redesign. <https://horsellresidents.com/>

Horsell Charity Calendar 2023 raises over £2,500 for local charities

Cheques were recently handed to the four charities who benefited from the sales of the Horsell Charity Calendar 2023. The amount raised by the calendar was boosted by an extra donation from the HRA.

The charities were:

- Intergenerational Music Making who connect children and older people through musical creativity;
- SAMBER, Riding for the Disabled who provide horse riding sessions for children aged 3 -11 with a range of disabilities;
- Woking Talking Newspapers who circulate a free audio version of the Woking News & Mail for the visually impaired;
- Your Sanctuary who offer support and empowerment to anyone affected by domestic abuse.

A big thank you to all who bought the calendar and to the traders who advertised in it. The charities will be attending the HRA AGM on 26th October to tell us more about how the money will be used.



Intergenerational Music Making



Samber, Riding for the Disabled



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Horsell Common



Nature Connections

I'm writing this in between my partner's contractions in a near pitch-black delivery room at the Royal Surrey Hospital. It's about 4am and, at some point, I'm about to become a dad for the first time. Labour has been going on for a long time and progress is slow. Neither of us have been out of this room for what seems like a lifetime. I am incredibly stressed, but can hear a distant Robin welcoming a new dawn. Listening to this flutey song lifts my spirits and reassures me that everything's going to be okay. This is the mental health boosting power of nature in action!

I'm looking forward to meeting my daughter and am really excited to share nature with her. Since I discovered nature, it has been such an important part of my life. I live it, I breathe it, I lie down on the floor and stare at it! You could say I'm a bit obsessed by it. Nature is my happy place and it's so important in lifting my mood and brilliant for my well-being. I want her to reap these rewards too.

It's so important to share the wonder of our plants and animals and hope that my daughter (1) thinks that her dad's nature obsession is cool and (2) will one day love it enough to want to share it with others.

Thankfully, she was born safe and well, unaware that a Blue Tit was buzzing around outside the window!

Schools and the heath

Recently, I spent a week introducing the children of Maybury Primary School to the wonders of Horsell Common.

I love connecting school groups with their local heathlands. Not just introducing them to the rare stuff – magical ground-nesting Nightjars, Woodlarks and Dartford Warblers – but also to the species they can spot easily and show their friends and families.

We spotted lots of exciting species, like Turkey Tail fungus, foraging bumblebees and wandering Brimstone butterflies. One group even found a dozy European Hornet on a fallen Silver Birch branch! We

sniffed Gorse and listened for singing birds. It was a treat for the senses!

It was so much fun and the children were brilliant! Weather conditions were somewhat challenging (activity sheets disintegrated in the drizzle on some days!), but everyone got so much out of the visits. Children discovered first-hand about how amazing our heathlands are and how we can all help protect them from disturbance to ground-nesting birds (by keeping to main footpaths) and avoiding destructive wildfires.

Our Amazing Heathlands



The next generation of naturalists?

These experiences are really important in connecting children with nature and are essential in helping projects like ours to spread the word about how we look after it. Children go home inspired and share their excitement with friends and family. It's this passing on of knowledge and experiences that can help communities engage with wildlife and this is so important in helping to protect it.

I'd love for my daughter to be similarly inspired by the natural world!

Summer on the Heath: Keep an eye out for...

- **Green Tiger Beetle** – This ferocious predator is one of the fastest runners on the planet! Check out main tracks for a flash of metallic green.
- **Silver-studded Blue** – A rare butterfly with inky blue upper-wings.
- **Bee Wolf** – This black and yellow wasp can be found in sandy areas excavating long nest tunnels and hunting Honeybees!
- **Nightjar** – Mysterious nocturnal bird that flaps around like a bat, eats moths and makes churring noises!

I'll be running lots of walks at Horsell Common over the summer and it would be lovely if you could come along to meet these amazing creatures!

Michael Jones

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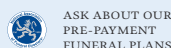


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Horsell Gardens

Taking Hydrangea cuttings'.
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The price of pretty much everything has gone up recently and gardening and horticulture are no different, but there are still money-saving and cost-effective ways of buying. Some will even help save the planet in the process.

Firstly, plan what you need ahead of time, rather than make on-the-spot decisions, and take advantage of garden centre clearance times in autumn. Garden furniture and plants are reduced for the simple reason it's the end of season and they need to make way for those Christmas trees and

decorations. Many plants are discounted, but still perfectly healthy. Buying bare root and root ball plants whilst dormant in winter will be cheaper than buying potted.

Gardening tools and containers can be picked up second hand from charity shops, reclamation yards and even in the pre-loved section of the recycling centre. Other items can be re-purposed such as wooden coffee stirrers as plant labels.

Avoid buying bedding plants which only last one season. Instead grow hardy annuals from seed which, if then left to self-sow after flowering, will germinate and come through the winter for another year of flowers.

Buying smaller plants saves money too. 9cm pots or plug plants will be far cheaper than buying in 10, 5 or even 3 litre plants. Just be mindful that you will need patience watching them grow and they will need more care initially whilst small.

Propagate your own plants by saving seed, taking cuttings or dividing plants. Over time, seeds naturally adapt to your garden's growing conditions, so when saved year-upon-year it means you should have plants more suited to your garden conditions. Try swapping with friends and family too so you have more choice.

Buying things such as compost in bulk can be more cost effective and saves packaging. Although compost will only retain its nutrients for around 6 months, spent compost can still be used as mulches to prevent water evaporation. There is even a product called compost rejuvenator which can be added to depleted compost to reinvigorate it for another growing season.

Although smelly, making your own fertilisers from natural sources just takes a little bit of time and effort. Seaweed, comfrey, nettle and dandelion all make excellent liquid feeds when collected, chopped up and stewed in water. This is far cheaper than buying fertilisers. Ditch all the pest sprays too and go organic by encouraging natural predators such as birds instead.

With many of us in the village having water meters going in, the amount of water we use outside could easily be reduced by investing in water butts. One won't make much of a difference, but with three or four connected to downpipes, it can tide you over in dry periods.

Pamela Barden, Painted Fern Garden Design

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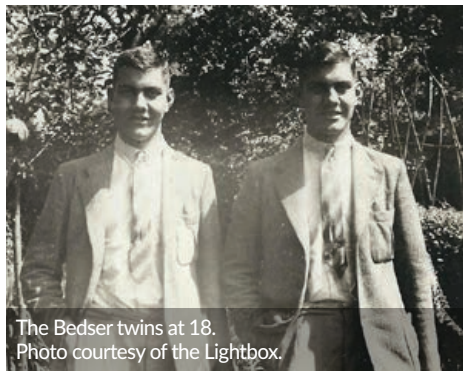
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The Peace Garden, Tumuli and Wetlands Walk and its history

In this issue, our professional historians are taking a break, so, inspired by the walk on pages 8 and 9 we explore the history behind the places on the route. Some are hidden, some very familiar, but how much do we really know?

Bedser Bridge

Bedser Bridge features Horsell's famous cricketer twins Sir Alec and Eric Bedser who joined the Surrey team at 18 in 1938 and played for England and Surrey their whole careers. It was formally opened in 2015 by cricketer fan Sir John Major. The life-size bronze statues were created by sculptor Allan Sly. As Alec bowls to Eric, the ball has rocketed across Victoria Way to lodge permanently in the council buildings.



The Bedser twins at 18.
Photo courtesy of the Lightbox.

The Lightbox

The Lightbox has been a colourful landmark in Woking since it was built in 2008. The innovative design won an award from the RIBA for architects Marks Barfield who also designed the London Eye.

In 2016 The Lightbox was awarded a Green Tourism silver award for sustainable energy practices, and regularly wins local awards for inclusion and family activities. Currently there are three art galleries, a local museum, café and shop.

The Basingstoke Canal

Today the Basingstoke Canal is managed by the Basingstoke Canal Authority (BCA), after many years of changing management and mixed fortunes.

Plans for a canal to take agricultural produce from north Hampshire to London were first drawn up in 1769. The original route would have taken it north to Monkey Island, Bray on the Thames, but this was revised in 1776 to go east, linking with the River Wey navigation and the Thames at Weybridge. After a delay during the American War of Independence, it finally opened in 1794. There have always been challenges with maintenance and water supply.

Barges took timber, flour and chalk to London returning with coal and fertiliser, but road



Perseverance the steam powered dredger. Purchased at low cost from the Kennet and Avon canal company by the BCA and in use ever since.

improvements meant that by 1866 the original canal company was bankrupt.

During WW1 the Royal Engineers used prisoners of war to renovate the canal to transport aircraft spares. There were various owners until in 1966 Brookwood resident Jim Woolgar, seeing the canal sink into neglect, created the Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society with fellow enthusiast Robert Harris. Gaining local momentum, they campaigned successfully for the canal to be taken into public ownership.

In 1974 Hampshire County Council started restoration of the canal within their county, followed in 1976 by Surrey. The gradual restoration reached Woking for the first time in 1988 and in 1989 the Basingstoke Canal Authority was created with a headquarters in Mytchett.

Current renovations include two back-pumping schemes to help with water supply problems caused by there being no summit reservoir.



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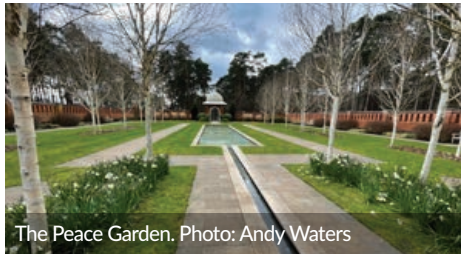
The Peace Garden

This is a walled garden built in the Islamic tradition on Woodham Common.

Originally a Muslim burial ground for servicemen who lost their lives during the two world wars, the area contained 27 graves of Indian Muslim soldiers; 19 from WW1 and 8 from WW2 who had died either from their wounds or through illness. Due to concern about lack of maintenance of the burial ground, the soldiers were removed and reinterred in Brookwood Military Cemetery by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in 1969.

Ownership of the site then passed to Horsell Common Preservation Society and, in 1984, the building became grade II listed by English Heritage, necessitating proper repair and maintenance. In 2011 English Heritage gave an 80% grant to restore the walls and Chattri, Woking Borough Council provided the remaining 20%, with a plan to create an Islamic-inspired Peace Garden where the graves had been.

Today, an Indian granite memorial stone with Portland stone plaques on which were engraved



The Peace Garden. Photo: Andy Waters

the names of the 27 servicemen looks across the water feature and 27 Himalayan Birch trees. Funding came from The Army Civilian Covenant Fund, central government, Surrey County Council, Woking Borough Council, The Sultanate of Oman and the local Muslim community through The Shah Jehan Mosque.

Horsell Common Preservation Society and their volunteers maintain the garden and water feature.

The Bedser Trail

This was established in 2012 as an accessible walking route by the Horsell Common Preservation Society and is named in tribute to the famous cricketer twins. It was partly funded by Surrey Wildlife Trust's Greenspace project and is a SANG or Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace, designed to offer different routes through the common to take pressure off areas favoured by endangered species.

The Society exists due to Lord Onslow, who in 1805 took on this part of the Windsor Great Park when it was being broken up for much needed farming enclosures. The Pyrford and Chertsey enclosures act gives exemption for the 'commons and waste lands' within the Parish of Horsell. In 1910 the Horsell Common Trustee Management scheme was set up leading to the Horsell Common Preservation Society, which became a charity run by volunteers in 1959.

Horsell's three Tumuli

Hidden under heather and brambles are Horsell's three Anglo-Saxon barrows, each built to cover the cremated remains of a single body over 4,000 years ago.

The Bell barrow near the Peace Garden and the Disk and Bell barrows over Monument Road are Wessex type, and not usually found in Surrey.

Currently scientists are carrying out more extensive analyses of the Horsell Common site. We hope to share details of this study in a future issue, thanks to Richard and Rosemary Christophers.

The Boardwalk on Wheatsheaf Common

Wheatsheaf Common is a conservation area, and another part of the Horsell SANG project. The new paths and boardwalks are designed to be fully accessible, while the wetlands will help prevent flooding in the centre of Woking, and encourage a range of species into the area.

Writing these history pages I've tried not to use the word 'volunteer' too many times, but interwoven within all these projects is the passion of local people to keep places open and accessible, helping us understand what is literally right under our feet.

Sue Waters

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Richard and Rosemary Christophers for the Bedser article

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