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A word from the editorial team

Greetings...

And we're back! What an amazing few months we've seen in Horsell – packed full of events for the whole village. We've tried really hard to cover as many of these as we can in this magazine. Thank you to all who have provided words and photos to help share the joy of these events. Often, the contributors are those who also need thanks for making the event happen in the first place. Horsell really is powered by volunteers!

You can see great examples of the power of volunteers in our centre pages where we celebrate Horsell Residents' Association (HRA)'s Second Thursday Club. This strangely-named group is so often at the heart of Horsell events and you can see some of them in these pages. You can also see how to get involved – they are already planning the Horsell Christmas Market!

We also need to thank our local traders who pay to advertise in this magazine. Their payments (just about) cover the design and printing costs. Everything else is, once again, done by volunteers. I'm supported by a great editorial team of Linda and Sue but we can always welcome others to our group. Do get in touch if you think that you can help.

Lucy

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View from the Chair

It is unbelievable that for the last edition of this magazine I was enjoying listening to Tony Kremer tell me about Horsell's celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 that he was instrumental in organising. I recorded how this became the catalyst for many of the Horsell events enjoyed now. Sadly, Tony passed away in June, but these events will be remembered in the future as his legacy to the village. I'm sure I convey the wishes of all residents in offering sincere condolences to Sandy and their family.

Ten years on from that Diamond Jubilee, Horsell celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June with the very popular Picnic on the Green. My admiration and thanks go to all the energetic volunteers who made this possible under the leadership of the 'evergreen' Geoff and Caroline Hughes, not

forgetting the efforts of 'Mr Gazebo' himself, Robin Hoyle. A week later Horsell enjoyed the Garden Safari organised for the 20th time by Gail Bromley. Then we had the wonderful Village Show, headed up by Marion Piper. Full reports and pictures of these events are in this magazine.

In other news, Horsell's Residents' Association (HRA) has now purchased a new six metre flagpole. This arrived in time for the Jubilee so we were able to fly the special Queen's Platinum Jubilee flag during the celebrations. My thanks to Paul Bowyer and Dick Mackie for their invaluable advice on pole selection, storage, and installation. Believe you me, I have learned from these two that purchasing a flagpole and flying a flag is not 'a load of old rope'! The Union flag was also hoisted over the weekend of 11th and 12th June to recognise the Queen's official birthday and it's our intention to display on other significant dates.



To continue the theme of flags, why not try your hand at designing a flag for Horsell. See below for details.

Alan Taylor, HRA Chair

HORSELL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION LTD Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at The Village Hall, High Street, Horsell, Woking GU21 4SS on **THURSDAY 27th October 2022 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm** start for the following purposes:

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 16th AGM of Horsell Residents' Association Ltd
3. Matters arising.
4. Chairman's report.
5. Treasurer's report.
6. Election of Directors.
7. Election of members to the Committee.
8. Any other relevant business.
9. Presentation by Thurstons, The Horsell Brewing Co.

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For a copy of the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021 please contact Carol Cheesman prior to the meeting.

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Note: A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.



Horsell Christmas Market Saturday 3rd December 2022

Stall Holders, book your stall early! **Horsell Residents**, make a note in your 2022 Horsell calendar to buy Christmas gifts, Horsell burgers, savoury delights and local brews – and the 2023 Horsell Charity Calendar – at this popular event.

HRA's Second Thursday Club is already planning the 2022 Christmas Market, bringing trade to stall holders and local tradesmen alike. Local bands and groups will perform throughout the afternoon.

Can you help? Join our 'core team' planning all the details, booking stall holders, doing publicity, contacting local tradespeople, getting the Christmas trees ready and organising volunteers for the day itself.

Or volunteer to decorate trees and set up gazebos, lighting and the stalls.

Contact: xmas@horsellresidents.com

A Flag for Horsell Competition

The incredibly old wooden Horsell flagpole has now been replaced by a new 6 metre version near the war memorial which can be used on special days. Hopefully, you saw the Queen's Jubilee flag flying over the Jubilee celebration of 2nd to 5th June.

This set me thinking: how good would it be if we had our own **HORSELL FLAG**?

So, the HRA is setting up a competition to encourage residents to submit a flag design specifically for Horsell.

Whilst it is not the intention to restrict creativity, but some guidelines might help:

- The background of the flag should be a bright colour reflecting the warmth and friendliness of our community.
- The flag design should be clear and distinctive. Not over complicated.
- The flag must be identifiable by its design to be significant to Horsell.
- An explanation of how Horsell has inspired the flag design should accompany the flag submission, including colour selection.
- To assist with the design proportions, the flag aspect should be 2:3 which is the most popular flag dimension for example 24 x 36 inches or 40 x 60 cm.
- Flag design submissions should be electronic (photo) and be sent by email to horsellflag@horsellresidents.com.
- The competition will run throughout the winter months with the objective on having the selected flag, manufactured, and flying in the Spring of 2023.
- Residents may submit no more than two designs, and we respectfully ask that each submission should be a serious contender.
- If any questions, then please email horsellflag@horsellresidents.com.

Alan Taylor, HRA Chair

Tony Kremer



I will not be alone in being saddened to learn of the passing of previous HRA Chair, Tony Kremer, in June.

In the last edition of this magazine, and again in this, Tony's vision and energy in initiating a celebration to recognise the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is remembered. In the aftermath of this, wanting to retain the energy and enthusiasm of local people, Tony came up with the idea of a forum where Horsell residents could bring forward their ideas for the community in a welcoming, informal setting. The result of this was HRA's Second Thursday Club. The first

meeting resulted in the Community Choir, regular litter picks and a clear-up of neglected woodland behind the tennis courts. And of course, 10 years on, it is still going strong.

My first encounter with Tony was as a Neighbourhood Watch (NhW) volunteer some 11 years ago. He became Chair of Woking Association of Neighbourhood Watches with his personal mission to increase coverage across Woking. He developed a strong working relationship with Woking Borough Council and was quick to invite the first Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner to

address Woking members. Then, as Chair of Surrey Neighbourhood Watch committee, he endeavoured to promote the profile of NhW across the county so that each borough had representation.

Recognition should go to Tony for his promotion of 150 years of 'Wells in Woking' and coordinating a team of volunteers to work in conjunction with Woking Borough Council. They put together a programme of events, a souvenir programme and the H.G. Wells statue located in Wells Plaza.

Tony enjoyed his sport and played hockey for Woking until council responsibilities claimed his time. We shared pleasure in thrashing a golf ball but unfortunately his eyesight (he had retinitis pigmentosa eye disease) was his handicap. More recently, Tony enjoyed a few ends at Horsell Bowls Club.

In preparing this article I have learned from others of a new expression 'to be Kremered' meaning being won over by inspiration, enthusiasm, encouragement, persuasiveness – all good attributes in getting people to volunteer – but in the most gentle and friendly of ways.

Tony – a true visionary whom I, his friends and Horsell shall miss.

Our condolences go to Sandy and their family.

Alan Taylor, Chair, HRA

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Alan Taylor

Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator of the Year Award

Alan Taylor, Chair of HRA, has been acknowledged as the Neighbourhood Watch (NhW) Co-Ordinator of the Year with a richly deserved award presented on 10th May by the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner, Lisa Townsend.

Alan, his wife Christine, and their three sons have lived in the Woking area for over 40 years. He reckons he's been involved with NhW some 11 or so years.

As well as being Chair of HRA and his NhW work, Alan did much to assist Helen Cammack with getting Horsell Prepared to, well, preparedness. In 2018, when Helen had the idea of expanding Snow Angels, Alan was the first person she contacted. What an incredible success that proved to be during the pandemic! He also, through his church,

works with Christians Against Poverty where he helps people prepare job applications, work on their interview techniques and then actually start work.

Alan's background is in IT. He told me: "I joined as a mainframe computer engineer with responsibility for maintaining and repairing those great big air-conditioned things now only seen in very old films. Believe me, they took some diagnosing, as there were limited diagnostic programs around at the time and we relied on working through the logic with an oscilloscope. I spent 10 years working in the Eastern Bloc during communism (before the Wall came down) and was not contactable by my family for weeks, as communications there were basic. Once back in the UK, my work was mostly in Government and Defence areas."



Alan Taylor receiving his award from Lisa Townsend, Police and Crime Commissioner

Now away from all that, and settled in Horsell, Alan plays golf – in any spare time he may find. Ann Harington

Horsell Prepared

NEW: Community Incident? You can now call out Horsell Prepared.

We're announcing a big change in how Horsell Prepared operates. Now anyone can notify us of a community incident.

Horsell Prepared is our local community resilience organisation which aims to mobilise the power of local volunteers for any community incident or crisis. We're there for any urgent situation that would benefit from local volunteers being on the scene in support of the authorities. This could be missing persons, floods, gas leaks, power cuts, or pandemics.

Previously, only Woking Borough Council was able to call us out, but now that's changing, and anyone can alert us to an actual or potential community incident. We'll make a judgement about whether to get involved.

Of course, all incidents requiring emergency services or utilities need to be reported to them first. After that, to report an incident to us, go to HorsellPrepared.com and you'll see a red banner inviting you to 'Report new incident'. The committee will be immediately notified by text message and someone will call you back quickly for more information.

If we decide to respond, we'll send a text message straight away to all our 500 volunteers, directing them to a page on our website with the incident details and asking them to confirm if they're available to help.

Because we already know each volunteer's skills and location, within a few minutes we'll have a long list of who's available, where they live and how they can help. So our virtual co-ordinators (working from home) can easily deploy volunteers to the incident (using the logged-in area of our website) – effectively

running a 'control room'. Once the volunteers are at the incident site, they will be managed by one of our field co-ordinators.

Our co-ordinators learn, refine and practise our processes for calling out and managing volunteers. Being a co-ordinator is a small time commitment but highly valuable in a crisis. We always welcome more co-ordinators. If you'd like to join our merry crew, check out the roles on our website and contact us there.

Helen Cammack

The screenshots show the Horsell Prepared website. The homepage features a red banner with the text 'Report new incident'. Below it is a large image of a street. The 'Report new incident' page shows a form with fields for 'What happened?' and 'Where did it happen?' with a map.

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May Fayre 2022

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Two-year absence – no problem

The Horsell Scouts' and Guides' May Fayre took place on 2nd May Bank Holiday at Wheatsheaf Common. It was busier than ever with a great atmosphere, lots of chat and queues for all the much-loved stalls like the bouncy castles, burgers and beer, all with a Platinum Jubilee theme.

No one knew how this year's event would go, given all that we have experienced over the last two years, so we planned hard, hoping the weather and the crowds would support us as usual. We were not disappointed!

Ridgeside 'Little Nippers' lurcher and terrier

racing kept everyone entertained as the main arena event this year, a fast action-packed display that provoked much hilarity from the crowds.

Dogs then made way for the talented dancers from Summerscales performing wonderful routines to popular tunes.

The Scout and Guide challenges included chariot racing and knot skills. They saw Gladstone Scouts win the Scout and Guide Challenge and the best dressed stall. Brownsea Cubs won the tug of war and the Beaver challenge was won by Trailblazers – well done to all who took part.



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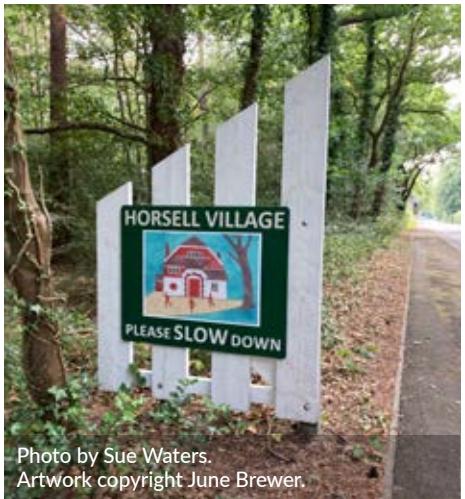


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Excess speeding in Horsell is continually discussed by Horsell Residents' Association (HRA) and local councillors. The campaign for a 20mph speed limit around Horsell Village School and St Mary's Church resulted in road width restrictions in 2015, and recently a speed limit of 20mph was granted for Church Hill and the High Street.

Other potential local dangers include those where residential 30mph roads and 60mph highways meet. HRA therefore agreed to

install white wooden gateways with reflective signs at Woodham, Cheapside and Horsell Birch to indicate the entrance to the village, as well as one at Church Hill where the speed limit becomes 20mph.

Designs were produced following Surrey County Council guidelines and locations agreed with Woking Borough Council and Horsell Common Preservation Society, landowners of the sites. Plans and illustrations of the gateways were exhibited at The Horsell Village Show in 2016. The wooden gateways you now see are constructed from reclaimed timber and installed on posts made from recycled plastic.

Design-a-Sign Competition

While the gates at Horsell Birch are smaller to maximise sight lines, those at Woodham and Cheapside were designed to allow for a central artwork representing Horsell. This magazine held a competition and paintings by local artists June Brewer and Hannah Bruce were selected.

Horsell Residents' Association would like to thank the team that built and installed the gateways and signs: Robin Hoyle, Greg Devine, Geoff Hughes, Bob Abraham and Malcolm Banks.

Robin Hoyle



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Horsell Bowling Club

Horsell Bowling Club once again welcomed the London Welsh team to their green on Saturday 9th July. We couldn't have asked for better weather with a beautiful blue cloudless sky. It was a great game played in a friendly atmosphere with of course an element of competitiveness. Horsell won the match overall so we now stand at one match each. Afterwards we all retired to the clubhouse for a delicious meal of baked potatoes with various fillings, ice cream and fresh fruit to follow and a few drinks from the bar. The raffle raised £100 to be split between the two clubs for their funds. We look forward to welcoming them back again next year for a third match.

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HRA's Second Thursday



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6 HORSELL CHARITY CALENDAR 2022



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Club celebrates ten years



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The photos show the wide range of activities undertaken, all of which need people with various skills and talents, including the ability to organise and plan and to get 'stuck in' – such as decorating a Christmas tree, collecting litter, taking photographs or producing the master plan for Horsell's Christmas Market. The choice is yours.

The benefits are many, both to Horsell and to the individual: working as a team, doing something useful and the glow when you see how many people have enjoyed it.

Take a look at the photos: could you lead one of those activities or be part of the core team? Maybe you have a suggestion? Join us and be part of the team, helping either with planning or just on the day of an event. We meet on the second Thursday of each month.

Interested? Email secondthursdayclub@horsellresidents.com

Caroline Hughes



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Second Thursday Club 
Horsell Residents' Association

Photo	Activity	Time	Photo by
1	Litter Pickers: Horsell Heroes meet third Saturday of the month, 10am Queen Elizabeth Gardens, Horsell High Street.	10 years	Caroline Hughes
2	Woodlanders: Volunteers restored and now maintain Pares Woodland Garden.	10 years	Caroline Hughes
3	Woodlanders: Robin and Nigel working in St Mary's churchyard.	7 years	Lizzie Judson
4	Woodlanders: Wild flower area, St Mary's Churchyard, created and cared for by STC Woodlanders.	4 years	Caroline Hughes
5	Adopt a Grave: In your own time, tidy and care for a few graves in the peaceful churchyard.	3 years	Caroline Hughes
6	Calendar: Creating the Horsell Charity Calendar and Horsell notelets, and selling them at the Horsell Christmas market. Sales have raised £23,000 for local charities.	6 years	Cover photo by Shirley Selden
7	Horsell Preserves: Preserves and jellies made from fruit donated by Horsell residents.	5 years	Caroline Hughes
8	Horsell Bakes: Recipes for Horsell residents' favourite cakes, bakes and more! Over £900 raised for Woking Lions.	3 years	Linda Russell
9	Christmas Market: More than 35 stalls run by local crafts people and charities with live music, food, drinks and children's entertainment, in Horsell High Street.	9 years	Caroline Hughes
10	Horsell walks: Weekly Wednesday walks with extra in Summer. Enjoyable walks along the canal and on Horsell common.	4 years	Caroline Hughes
11	Horsell Community Choir: Horsell sings every Tuesday. Started by STC and now independent.	10 years	Caroline Hughes
12	Horsell Prepared: Started as Snow Angels by Helen Cammack, renamed Horsell Prepared. Now an independent group ready to help in any crisis or emergency.	5 years	Lizzie Judson
13	Garage Sale Trail: Raise money for charity or extra cash by selling your preloved items in your own driveway.	2 years	Caroline Hughes
14	Christmas Trees: Sponsored by local traders, decorated by volunteer residents and placed above the shops in the High Street.	10 years	Caroline Hughes
15	Flowerpot Festival: Flowerpot sculptures created by residents. Follow the map during the summer holidays to find them!	5 years	Caroline Hughes
16	Picnic on the Green: Music from local bands and choirs to entertain picnickers on the green in front of The Cricketers.	5 years	Caroline Hughes

Horsell Happenings

Horsell Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Picnic on the Green Sunday 5th June 2022

Despite gloomy skies, drizzle and the risk of rain, more than 400 people came to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic on the Green.

HRA's Second Thursday Club started planning in September 2021. The group decided that, rather than a huge street party, we'd suggest streets organise their own street parties, and to share the fun we'd organise a free Picnic on the Green.

This was a very special celebration. The Queen is the first British monarch to reign for 70 years. So, to make it extra special, a big cake was created by putting 16 cakes together. Ten local people baked the cakes, and Angie Holloway made mini bunting and a Platinum Jubilee disc for the resulting big cake.

For the children, there was Hook the Duck, a paper plane challenge and other games – even a procession of royalty in Crowns and Gowns. King Oliver had a splendid costume and won a celebration mug.

Our own mini-Glastonbury was provided by the wonderful musicians who gave us so much pleasure: Adam and 'Lost in Surrey', Horsell Community Choir, Surrey Ukeaholics and 'Bad Weather Friends'.

The bunting around the green in front of The Cricketers made it festive and we had special bunting from Horsell Junior School decorated by Year 6 pupils, and from the Horsell Scrubbers.

If there had been a prize for the keenest picnickers, it would have gone to Celia and Mel Keenan! They set up their gazebo at 10:30am and they were still there at 8pm, in the pouring rain, enjoying their beer and chat with friends. Wonderful.

Thank you to all the volunteers on the day and then on Monday to dry off the gazebos. Special thanks go to Nigel Longley who set up a magnificent First Aid tent and allowed us to use the Scout HQ to dry the gazebos.



Horsell Community Choir



Horsell Junior School's bunting



"King" Oliver



Bad Weather Friends



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Flowerpot Festival 2022

The Horsell Flowerpot Festival returned in 2022 with a Jubilee twist! We started early so that those who wanted to make a Jubilee-themed creation in time for the celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee could do so, and many rose to the challenge.

HRA's Second Thursday Club added to the fun by creating a golden crown – at (where else?) The Crown pub, surrounded with flowers in red, white and blue to mark the occasion. We also had monarchs, guardsmen, another crown, and flag waving flowerpot creations throughout the village.

The imagination of Horsell never ceases to amaze with other creations such as a unicorn, bees, an elephant, Clangers, Spiderman and the Peppa Pig family.

An online map was available so that people could follow the festival trail over the summer.

A big thank you to everyone who has taken part in the Flowerpot Festival this year.

Lizzie Judson

Horsell Garden Safari

This was the 20th year of the Horsell Garden Safari - and it didn't disappoint. The weekend was a great success and our thanks go to all our lovely garden owners who opened for us, plus of course our sponsors: Seymours, Victoria Clinic and Hamlyns, and all the retailers who kindly sell the brochures for us: Premier Horsell, Lisa Jones, Seymours and the Horsell Framing Company. I would also like to thank Bill Pugh - one of the unsung heroes who puts together the brochure and map for us every year! This year we raised over £5800, our best ever, and this will be split between Horsell Village Hall and the local Salvation Army who run a range of community support activities.

We held a celebration supper for all who opened and shared all the lovely comments the safari visitors made to our garden openers. Visitors are always so complimentary and our garden openers always say how enjoyable it is to be part of such a joyful and colourful event.

Next year's safari will be on the 24th and 25th June - and I will be happy to hear from anyone who is thinking of opening - new and/or regular supporters! We are already planning ahead - so put the date in the diary and get in touch!

Thanks to all again for such a successful year!

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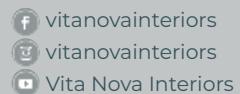
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Horsell Village Show

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After the success of last year's show, we wondered if we could achieve the same this year with so many other local shows and events. We need not have worried, with the day dawning warm and sunny with a gentle breeze. Well in excess of 1000 visitors turned out to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of competition and fun entertainment.

As ever, there was plenty of sustenance for all, with amazing burgers from JL Butchers, delicious Indian snacks from Dee's Kitchen, beers from local brewery Thurston's and a Pimm's and soft drinks stall. Members of St Mary's Church helped provide refreshing and very welcome cups of tea and delicious cakes.

In the marquees there was plenty to see, with great displays of lovely flowers, fruit and vegetables, cakes, beautiful handicrafts, fun novelty classes and gorgeous floral art. We had a great number of excellent entries for the art and photography classes and, of course, lots of delightful entries in the children's classes.

Winners were presented with their awards at the end of the show by Paul Rimmer, formerly of Horsell Common Preservation Society. Mention must go to 11-year old Robert winning eleven 1st and 2nd prizes, including two trophies, from the 12 adult and children's classes he entered. This young man developed his cookery skills during the lockdown, and is considering a career in catering. Another gentleman, Ben Lay, new to competing in the show, came top in many of the flower and vegetable classes, including an enormous sunflower in that class! We hope that such amazing entries will encourage those new to the show to come along next year and have a go at one of the classes for



themselves. The award for "Very Best in Show", went to Horsell Knitters for their delightful knitted Jubilee Queen's Tea Party Tray.

The show kicked off with songs from Woking Rock Choir. Scott No Fans' music was loud and clear and very much enjoyed. Children had a great time watching Mr Marvel the Magician. The Chobham Morris Men – always a great favourite at the show – gave us two sessions, with the naughty horse getting in their way!

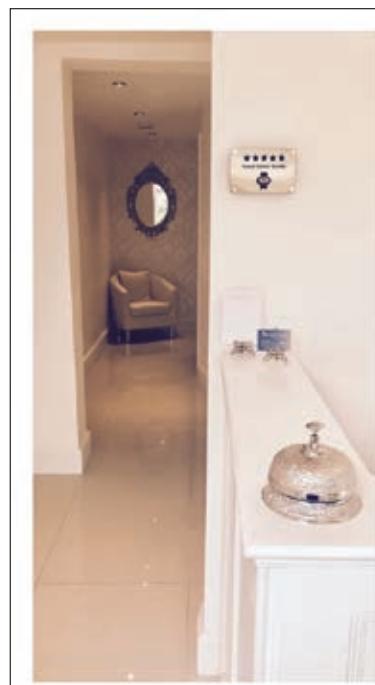
The Guides kindly oversaw lots of games including the coconut shy, carpet golf, the "Wibbly Wobbly Thing" and Splat the Rat. Other attractions included a traditional tombola and a bottle tombola. The latter was so successful that further bottles had to be purchased when stocks ran out.

We were delighted to welcome many stallholders – some who have come to us before and others new to the show. There was a wonderful range of goods for sale as well as community awareness stalls including Horsell Residents' Association and Woking and Sam Beare Hospices.

We were grateful to those who stayed behind afterwards to help take down the marquees. We always appreciate help in organising and putting on the show. If you are interested in being part of this great community event, please e-mail horsellvillageshow@yahoo.com

The show would not be a show without our visitors, so thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you in 2023! Look out for details on the show website www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk

Marion Piper – Secretary, Horsell Village Show



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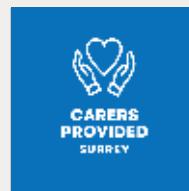
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Name of Horsell business: Nutrition for You

What do you do? Nutritional Therapy – personal support and guidance on nutrition and lifestyle.

Who might I speak to if I get in touch? Me – Monique Parker.

Where are you and how do I get in touch? I live in Horsell, but my practice is mainly online (Skype, Facetime or Teams) at the moment.

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So, who are you and why did you set up this business?

I'm a qualified and registered nutritional therapist (BANT & CNHC). I studied nutrition at the College for Naturopathic Medicine in London, having always been very interested in Complementary & Alternative Medicine.

Becoming increasingly convinced of the beneficial impact nutrition and lifestyle changes can have on our health, I

started 'Nutrition for You' in 2016. Having struggled with health issues myself, I understand how frustrating it can be, being unable to live life to the full, suffering from symptoms such as fatigue, anxiety, bloating etc. without knowing the cause.

Why do you love your work? There is nothing more rewarding than helping people improve their health and well-being. It's great starting a journey with a client, getting to know them and helping them achieve their goals. I believe a holistic and personal approach increases the chance of health improvement.

What are the best bits of your job? Having happy clients! I love being able to apply the latest nutrition science, meeting all kinds of people of different ages and backgrounds, and giving talks on nutrition to interested groups.

What's your dream for your business? Do more talks, expand my client base – and, one day, write a book on nutrition.

Name of Horsell business:

Home Office Chic

What do you do? I'm a furniture upcycler and Frenchic Paint stockist.

Who might I meet if I visit? Me – Jane Goodman

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Who are you and why did you set up this business? I've always enjoyed repurposing furniture by saving it from landfill and breathing new life into it. I set up the business nearly five years ago, initially to upcycle bureaux for flexible/home workers – what a growth area this has become!

Why do you love your work? No two days are the same! I now do four things in my business: buy and sell furniture that I've painted, upholstered, or restored; take commissions for painted furniture and light upholstery; I'm the Official Stockist in Woking for Frenchic paint, alongside other upcycling items; and I run upcycling workshops using the paint and other products.

What are the best bits of your job? Meeting people and helping them – whether it's upcycling their furniture or teaching them upcycling tips and tricks.

What are your best sellers? Frenchic Paint: eco-friendly, odourless and baby-friendly.

What's your dream for your business? To be in a local creative hub with shared, affordable workspaces for sustainable/zero-waste businesses – anything with a sustainable ethic – and workshop areas.

What's your favourite commission so far? The Marilyn Monroe Gin Cabinet – an old display cabinet from my stock, with a made-to-measure poster of Marilyn, mounted on a new back panel, then touch of Dusky Blush Frenchic pink and metallic silver.



The Marilyn Monroe Gin Cabinet

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Horsell Gardens



A well-maintained garden.
Photo: Pam Barden.

Requests in the village for gardening help are becoming more common, but how can you be sure of finding the right person for your requirements? I've listed a few things to consider before you begin.

First things first, be very clear about what work you need doing. If you are just looking to get the lawn cut every week, a hedge trimmed or leaves cleared during the autumn then the 'mow and blow' type will be fine. This

is the type of work you could do yourself, if you had more time on your hands. Asking anything more than this may lead to shrubs being pruned into mounds, often with a hedge trimmer, leading to a lack of flowers in your garden.

You might think that you could get by with a student looking for extra cash in the holidays, but could you be sure you'd get exactly what you want without standing over them? More importantly, if they were to have an accident, you would be liable without any health and safety in the workplace put in place and appropriate insurance.

If you need someone with more skill to prune shrubs at the correct time of year, ensuring flowering, to keep on top of the weeds and generally have the garden looking nice throughout the year, then you should look for a gardener with horticultural training. This might be an RHS or City and Guilds qualification, but may also include NPTC and Lantra qualifications. Ideally, they should be a member of an organisation such as The Gardeners' Guild. Someone like this may not take on the task of doing lawns and hedges, so you might need more than one person, or to take on the task of mowing yourself.

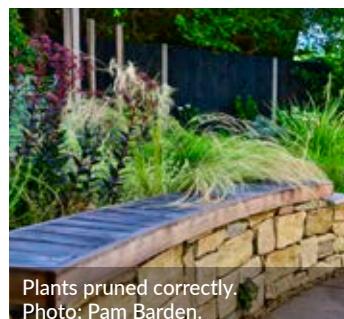
Any work to sizable trees should be dealt with by a tree surgeon. Do your homework first. Always check that the tree does not have a Tree Preservation Order assigned to it. If it does, you need to apply for permission to the council before any work is done. Look for people with

NPTC or Lantra Awards in chainsaw and machinery use. They should also have National Certificates and Diplomas in Arboriculture. They may be members of professional organisations such as The Arboricultural Association or the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

If you need an overhaul of the garden, be that changing some of the planting, adding new landscaped features, or starting from scratch, then you should look for a garden designer. Dependent on your budget, they would either offer you advice on how to get the maximum out of the space for your budget, or would draw up plans. They will then work through the entire process from concept, to construction drawings, to the landscaping being completed. A designer should have a design qualification and ideally a horticultural qualification too. A landscaper might be able to draw up a simple design for you, but these could be heavy on the hard landscaping with minimum planting and only use common plants.

Ultimately, whatever help it is you require, you should make communication a key point. Be clear in what you would like done and ask for any costings to be provided in writing. Don't be afraid to ask about what qualifications, training and insurance someone has. Insurance would be public liability, professional indemnity or both. Ask for and follow up references. This should be for a similar type of work to what you are looking for. Be prepared to wait! Anyone who is any good will be busy. Be prepared to pay more for people who have more qualifications and skills. Anyone with the appropriate training, doing continual CPD, having all their own equipment and the correct insurance will have more overheads and will charge accordingly, but they will be worth it.

Pam Barden, Painted Fern Garden Designs



Plants pruned correctly.
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Horsell Common

It was a great day. I walked across the Common from the office at Heather Farm on my way into Horsell. I said hello to the brilliant Belted Galloway cows, who were doing a fab job helping to keep the habitat open by munching away at the encroaching scrub. I listened to a pair of Dartford Warblers calling back and forth to each other – probably talking about whose turn it was to feed their rapidly-growing young. I stopped to admire a beautiful pastel-blue Keeled Skimmer dragonfly holding territory over a rapidly shrinking pond. The heather was just about to burst into its vibrant purplish bloom. What a joyous time to be alive!

What a great walk... and I hadn't even got to the good bit!

The main reason for my walk was to visit Horsell Village School to collect the posters the School Council had created to help spread the word about how people can help look after the heath.



Schools and the heath!

The best part of my job is being able to share wildlife and our amazing heathlands with local people. From nursery-aged children all the way up to local Rotary Groups, please do get in touch if you want to learn more.

After going in to talk to the children, I was subsequently joined by classes from Horsell Village and Horsell Junior Schools out on the Common. We all learned about heathland and its fascinating species: magical Nightjars – birds that, by the time you read this, will be well on the way to Africa for the winter – and carnivorous Sundews, whose taste for insects sets them apart from most other plants.

There were audible 'wows' as dragonflies whizzed by and one of the children saw their first ever frog! Special times.

The children went back to school inspired by their local wildlife and wrote up their heathland adventures. Some even designed posters to encourage people to #BeWildfireAware and to protect our brilliant ground-nesting birds by keeping to paths and keeping dogs under control. Thank you!

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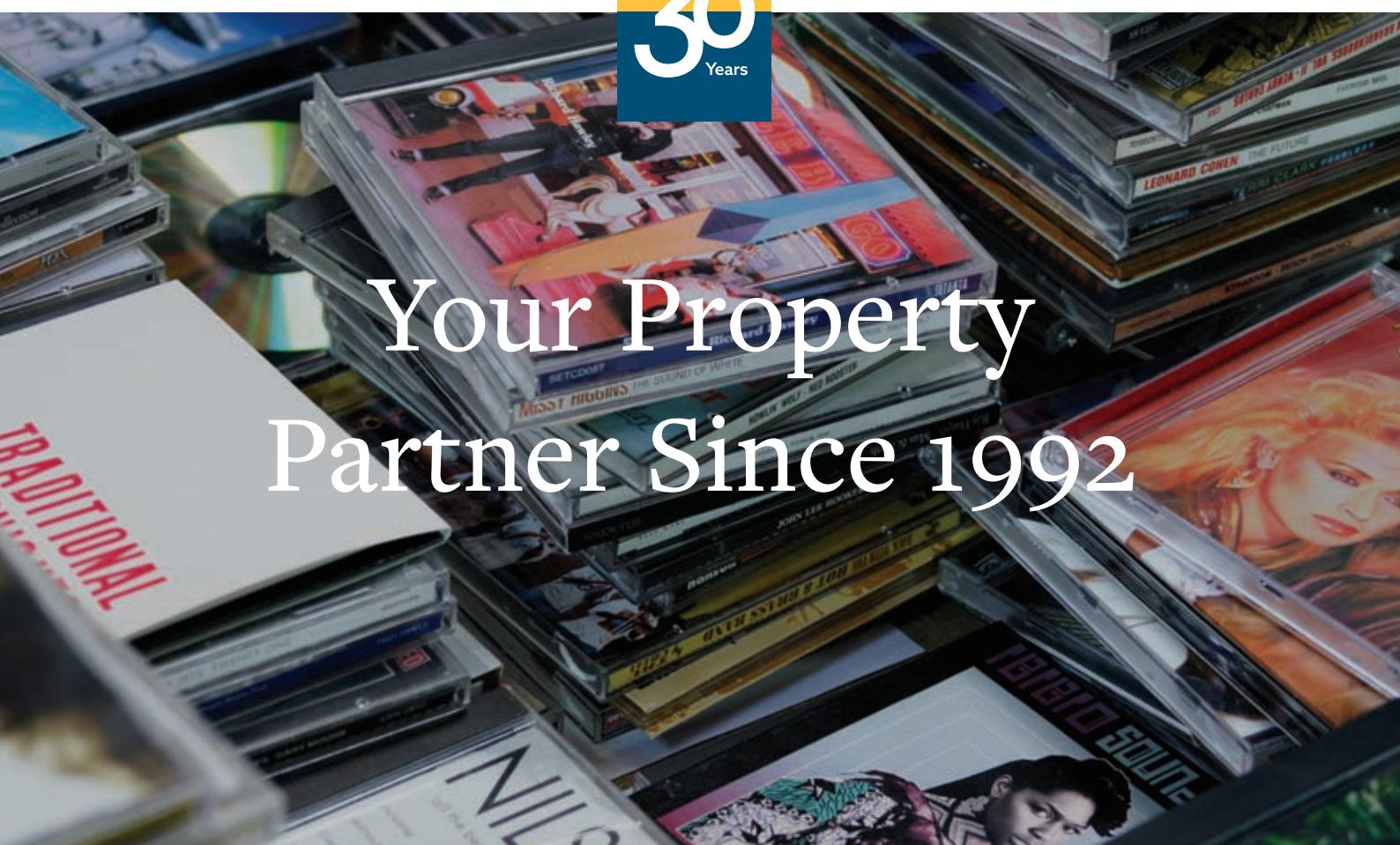
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