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Referendum

Another ballot is upon us, this time to decide whether Guildford Borough Council should be run by a Directly Elected Mayor, or if it should keep the current system.

Background

This idea has been rumbling on for quite some time now. Despite having met with much antipathy to the idea, the organisers of the petition, former councillors Monika Juneja and Stephen Mansbridge, persevered and eventually managed to gather enough signatures to force a ballot.

Costs & benefits

It is estimated that the referendum alone is costing GBC taxpayers £130,000, with an estimated further £250,000 needed annually to support a Directly Elected Mayor and their flunkies. The salary for the Mayor is expected to be around £65,000 a year, currently the council leader receives £22,000 to cover costs. The current ceremonial Mayor undertakes non-political civic duties and is separate from the routine running of the council.

Thursday 13th October

The referendum will take place on the 13th October and you can cast your vote at the usual polling station:

Ripley Village Hall Annex,
High Street, GU23 6AF.

“How would you like Guildford Council to be run?”

The question is not a simple yes or no, you will be offered two options for you to mark your preference:

- Option 1: by a leader elected by the council (as current system)
- Option 2: by a Directly Elected Mayor

Result

The result will be legally binding and cannot be reviewed for the next 10 years, until 2026. If it goes through, the first election for a Directly Elected mayor will take place in May 2017. If approved, neither voters nor councillors will be able to remove the Directly Elected Mayor from their post during their term of office which will last four years from election.

VOTE!

It's very important that residents vote in this unique referendum.

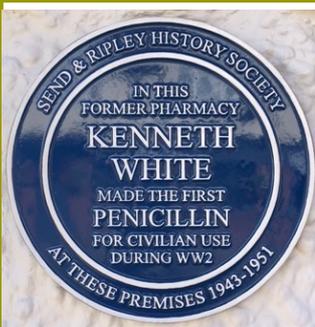
Wildflower meadows

Climatic conditions leading up to the scheduled cut of The Green in June meant that in some areas the mowing looked rather harsh. The parish council would like to reassure residents and visitors that a specialist has been appointed to advise on how to care for and maintain the wildflower meadows.



The parish council is working with Ripley Bonfire Association to make sure that The Green is properly maintained and remains the village's main asset for outdoor recreation. We are trying to maintain a balance between areas that are untended to encourage wildlife and areas for use by all. There are also plans for further replacement posts and rails to keep vehicles in designated areas.

Please contact glendacharlick@outlook.com for more information on volunteering for Team Green!



Kenneth E White

Parish councillors joined Send & Ripley History Society and the (ceremonial) Mayor at The Old Pharmacy to see the revealing of a blue plaque honouring local hero Kenneth White.

NEW OFFICE

Ripley Parish Council has moved to new premises. The nerve centre can be found at: 4 Rio House, High Street, GU23 6AE.

The new office is fully accessible (and dogs are most welcome too). All future meetings, except the Annual Parish Meeting, will be held there unless otherwise stated.

SURREY OFFICE SUPPLIES

Local firm Surrey Office Supplies helped furnish the parish council's new offices and meeting room at 4 Rio House. The showroom is at The Old Barn on Papercourt Lane.

Save the date!

Sunday 4th December

12—4pm

Final Preparations are being made for this year's **Christmas fair**. All 100 stalls are now booked and entertainment confirmed. Raffle tickets will again be on sale in Richardsons in November and on the day with many wonderful prizes. Only £1 per ticket.

Father Christmas will be in Richardsons, the fairground rides will be on The Green and musical entertainment will be outside Smith Pearman. The grand procession and turning on of the Christmas lights will take place at the end of the fair.

So come along, bring your friends and enjoy a wonderful afternoon in Ripley!

Bus service

News has reached us that the bus company Abellio is now deciding to cut the 515 Guildford—Kingston service at the end of 2016. No consultation has been carried out, and the County Council appears to have acquiesced to the bus company's proposal. Ripley Parish Council is fighting to keep the service on behalf of all parishioners, but you can help by putting pressure on the bus company and the Surrey's Cabinet Member for Environment & Planning.

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Lovelace Neighbourhood Plan

You will all hopefully be aware that Ripley, together with Ockham and Wisley (the Lovelace ward), is well advanced on the task of preparing a neighbourhood plan, to help determine the character of our three villages over the next fifteen to twenty years. Ripley and Ockham Parish Councils sponsored the creation of the Lovelace Neighbourhood Plan Group (LNPG) which has no political affiliation at all and exists only to reflect the views of local residents.

Thanks to the Localism Act of 2011, villages and towns all over the country are now able to take more control over how their areas develop in the future through the mechanism of the Neighbourhood Plan. The result is a collection of specific policies which help define future development of the area. Once a Neighbourhood Plan has been agreed and filed with Guildford Borough Council, every planning application or other development initiative in the neighbourhood will be measured against it.

The LNPG was set up in early 2015 and it was hoped that the Plan would be ready for submission to GBC within about two years. This might have been a touch over-optimistic, and matters have been complicated by the withdrawal earlier this year of the new Guildford Local Plan, for further consultation and amendment, but good progress has been made.

Since early 2015 the LNPG has:

1. Distributed a survey asking all Lovelace stakeholders their views about matters relating to the future development of the three villages. They received a substantial response from residents, visitors and local businesses. The analysis of these responses enabled the steering committee to concentrate on the areas deemed of most concern to our community.
2. Commenced work on planning policies in relation to Environment, Facilities, Housing, Infrastructure and Commercial Development.

Thank you

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Join us at the next Parish Council meetings:
20th October, 17th November, 19th January
Public questions 7:30—7:45pm

3. Undertaken "evidence gathering".

This is a most time-consuming but critically important part of the process as any policy proposed in a neighbourhood plan must be supported with evidence as to why it is appropriate for that particular area. If not, it can be rejected.

Having completed much of the evidence gathering the team is now bringing together the background information and drafting a clear summary of the community's wishes for the future of Ripley, Ockham and Wisley.

The next step, hopefully within the next couple of months, will be to present the draft plan to all local residents and businesses and give them one final opportunity to make further suggestions and comments before the plan goes to a professional examiner appointed jointly by GBC and LNPG who checks that the draft plan fits all the statutory guidelines. The draft plan will be made public and Lovelace stakeholders will all have a chance to attend meetings at which the contents will be discussed so we can make sure that we have reflected the views of the community properly.

Once this is done, the final stage, probably in Spring 2017, will be a referendum where we will all vote to (hopefully) accept the plan, which will then become law and will have to be taken into account in all future planning decisions concerning our area.

You can follow progress and make comments via the LNPG website, lovelaceplan.co.uk

CURZON COUNTRY CINEMA **23rd October**

3:15 The Jungle Book £6

5:30 The Lady in the Van £3

7:45 Love and Friendship £6

As the nights draw in, an exciting new venture reaches Ripley. Curzon Country Cinema has arrived at RIPLEY VILLAGE HALL for a trial period until May 2017. All seats are £6.00 or less and available on the door or may be reserved on line at the cinema website:

www.curzoncountrycinema.co.uk

Bring a cushion and drinks & snacks!

Coming soon... THE B.F.G
THE PRIVATE LIFE OF PETS

**The cost of producing this newsletter has been kindly covered
by Wills & Smerdon, local Estate Agents.**

Work is underway at the parish council's Nature Reserve site.

The area, between West End Cottages and the Burial Ground was formerly derelict agricultural land, but is now becoming a dedicated space for peaceful recreation, with funds from the Borough Council's s106 scheme.

An oak boardwalk and hut will be installed so that everyone will be able to enjoy the area. There *will* have to be some byelaws introduced: no dogs and no overnight camping, for example, but the area will be a place

Nature Reserve



where nature can be observed. The Woodland Trust has already

provided 400 or so native hedgerow whips such as hawthorn, and rosehip, which attract insects, butterflies and birds, and another delivery is due in early November. Please email the clerk to find out when the next volunteer day will be, and come and be a part of this exciting development. The Nature Reserve will belong to the village and its inhabitants in perpetuity. The parish council has a duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity, and we'd love to hear about what wildlife you've come across there.

Ripley Bonfire Association has been liaising with the Borough Council and emergency services to make sure that this year's event runs as smoothly and seamlessly as ever.

As usual, around 10,000 people are expected to visit Ripley on Bonfire night.

Residents and visitors can help too just by making sure that parking on the night doesn't encroach onto footpaths and other places where pedestrians should be able to access. There

is space for 1,000 vehicles in the car park on Newark Lane a short walk away.

Ripley Bonfire 29th October 2016



The torchlight procession leaves the Village Hall at 7pm, after

which the Bonfire will be lit and the fireworks begin.

A marshal's meeting will take place at the Cricket Club on 26th October at 7:30pm so that old hands and new can receive their roles and instructions. Please go along if you feel that you can help.

All residents and visitors can help to make certain that this year's and future year's Ripley Bonfires will continue with the blessing of the local authorities by acting in a safe and sensible way. It should always

be a fun night and our thanks go to the Bonfire Association for all their hard work.