



Ripley Town Council



March 2019

Welcome to the Ripley Town Council newsletter. We aim to make Ripley a better place. We will try and help all those who need it, by building and strengthening relationships with individuals, groups and communities. We aim to create a more secure and inclusive Ripley by helping individuals, families and communities to thrive. We will work towards a more fairly shared society seeking to strengthen opportunities for all in education, health, housing, employment, transport, leisure and culture.

New facilities open at Greenwich

The new pavilion and community hall at Greenwich Park, Nottingham Road are open! Funded by both the Town and Borough Councils, the buildings were officially opened on 23rd March 2019.

The day to day running and management of the new facilities is being done by the Greenwich Park Sports Partnership which brings three sports clubs together: Butterley United Cricket Club, Ripley Town Football Club and the Ripley Running Club. Their clear ambition is "to make Greenwich Park a hub that serves the needs of the community".

It is hoped the new buildings are only the beginning of the development and improvement of the whole Park. The ambitions are to update the skate park, provide a perimeter footway for runners, joggers, informal/formal walkers etc., create exercise points around the trim trail, convert the football pitch to a 3G artificial grass pitch, and to develop a wildlife area by the pond with

To book the facility, please call: 07796 004000 or email: greenwichparksp@gmail.com

Events for young people

Over the last couple of years, Ripley Town Council has provided summer evening events at Greenwich Park, which have proved to be very popular with young people.

As you will read opposite, Ripley now has the new community facility which is open and available for everyone. We intend to use it every Wednesday evening for young people from the Ripley township.

From early April, we will be providing a variety of events. We will be working with youth leaders, musicians, sports coaches and the popular 'Extreme Wheels' to make sure there is something for all young people, whatever their interests.

More information about this will be publicised on the Ripley Town Council website and Facebook page when plans have been finalised.



CORRECTION - Ripley Neighbourhood Plan

A leading councillor has stated repeatedly at a public meeting that the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan is "Not fit for purpose". This is INCORRECT. The Plan was voted on in a local referendum and you overwhelmingly supported it. It was then adopted by the Borough Council. In addition, the Town Council was told by the Borough Council legal officers that when it was ignored regarding a planning decision in Heage, the Borough Council was incorrect and that the Local Plan should be actively considered with all planning applications in the Township.

The Plan is being reviewed as it is now 4 years old and we want to include other aspects such as improving environmental protection.



Money raised by Ripley Town Mayor for local charity

At the end of February, Ripley Town Mayor, Councillor Paul Lobley held a charity dinner at Sea Fish Restaurant in the Town. All money raised from the evening through ticket sales, donations and the raffle was donated to the Mayor's chosen charity, Derbyshire Carers Association.



Guests enjoyed their fish and chip supper and took part in a quiz about Derbyshire Carers Association. Special thank you to the brilliant staff at Sea Fish, Ripley for their kindness and generosity for hosting this event. Also, thank you to everyone who attended, made donations and purchased raffle tickets.

Pictured is the Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Paul Lobley presenting Narinda Sharma, Chief Executive of Derbyshire Carers Association, with a cheque for £935.00 for the Ripley based charity.

Ripley Wool Bombing

We have been overwhelmed with the interest and enthusiasm from groups, schools, businesses and individuals who want to take part in our community wool bombing. Thank you!

All the trees on Ripley Market place have been assigned so we are now allocating trees in Crossley Park too.

There is still time for you to sign up to take part. If you are an individual or group, business or school, you must live / operate within the Ripley Township (Ripley, Heage, Nether Heage, Waingroves, Marehay, Sawmills, Lower Hartshay, Ambergate, Street Lane or Bullbridge).

Please knit, crochet, pom-pom whatever you like. All the creations will be in situ on the trees ready for the Ripley Spring Market on Sunday 19th May 2019. For more info, please contact the Deputy Clerk, Hannah Curzon on 01773 513456 / deputyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Planning for the Ripley Big Day Out 10th July 2019

After last year's success with attractions aimed at toddlers in the morning and everyone else in the afternoon, we are making the day even more attractive. We are pleased to announce that once again, every attraction will be free of charge.

The day was so popular last year that the train was very busy. This year, there will be two trains running between Butterley and Swanwick Junction all day. Everyone is welcome to come and see the engine shed, museum, model trains and signal box at any time of the day. In addition we will again welcome toddlers to enjoy the free fairground rides, play bus, face painter, balloon artist and more, in the morning.

In the afternoon, there will be the popular service in the "Tin Church" and then a new attraction. James Lewis, the popular TV antiques expert will be carrying out free valuations of your heirlooms. Just make sure that you can carry them on the train! A big thank you to James for this; he has agreed to come along if we provide a defibrillator at Midland Railway - Butterley.

There will be lots of other activities on the day. Please save the date - **Wed 10th July 2019**



Royal Visit to Ripley

Back in January, Ripley residents and school children turned out to wave their flags and welcome a royal visitor to the town. Princess Anne came to visit Ripley based charity Derbyshire Carers Association.

The Princess Royal was invited along to help the charity celebrate their 30th anniversary of supporting carers in the county. She met carers, young carers and staff who she talked with about their work.

Derbyshire Carers Association recognise the great responsibility of caring for someone who cannot manage at home without help and this often places a great deal of physical and emotional strain upon the carer.

They are here to offer support and services to carers. More information can be found at www.derbyshirecarers.co.uk





Ripley Town Council are proud to present



Ripley Spring Market



& Well Dressing

Sunday 19th May 2019 - 10am-3pm

Ripley Market Place



- **Crafts** • **Food** • **Drink** • **Clothing** • **Gifts** • **Children's entertainment** •
- **Free children's rides** • **Free Face Painting** • **Ripley Academy of Dance** •
- **Blessing of the Well Dressing** •
- **Launch of the Ripley Community Wool Bombing** •
- **Live broadcast from Amber Sound FM** •



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Everyone is welcome - come along for a great family day out!



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Want to know what lives in your local brook? Become a RiverLife volunteer

What's living in our local brooks tells us about how healthy it is. Is it polluted? Is it getting better or worse? Identifying and counting the bugs living there will tell us. We will provide FREE training and equipment.

You don't have to be an expert. The main thing is to be reliable, to sample one place three times a year for 3 years and record your findings on a website where it is shared with the Environment Agency.
Schools and colleges might want to take part too.

We are planning a training session in April/May 2019, so get in touch asap to find out more and book your place.
Trent Rivers Trust - Julie Wozniczka - Senior Project Manager - 07827 667888 / projects@trentriverstrust.org

LOCAL ELECTIONS - 2nd May 2019

On Thursday 2nd May there will be elections for councillors to both the Amber Valley Borough and Ripley Town Councils.



Amber Valley Borough Council

There are 3 electoral wards in the Ripley Township where a Borough Councillor will be elected; Ripley, Ripley & Marehay, and Heage & Ambergate.



Ripley Town Council

There will be elections for all 21 Town Council seats.

VOTING IS YOUR VOICE

Voting is your opportunity to have your say and to vote you must be on the Electoral Register.

You can vote by going to your polling station – you will receive a polling card telling you where this is. You can also have someone cast your vote 'by proxy' if, for example, you are away on holiday or you might want to vote by post.

For any of these options, you need to contact the Borough Elections Team on 01773 841634 or email: elections@ambervalley.gov.uk

Please note these deadlines are when the request must have reached the Borough's Election Team:

New registrations by Friday 12 April 2019.

(Note you can also register to vote by completing the online form at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.)

New postal applications before 5pm on Monday 15 April 2019.

New proxy applications before 5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2019.

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