



Ripley Town Council



August 2022

Welcome to the August 2022 edition of 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.

Looking back at the Queen's Jubilee

The Ripley Township certainly knows how to celebrate! It was great to see so many street parties and gatherings taking place over the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday. Unfortunately, it rained on the Sunday which meant that some events had to be cancelled, but in the true British spirit, some people didn't let that spoil it.

Ripley Town Council gave grants to the sum of £2000 shared between ten local groups to organise celebrations for the community to enjoy. Here's what some of them and other families and neighbours got up to.



Welcome to Marehay



We invite you to read on and find out more about the history of this area.

The village of Marehay is located on land which in the 13th century was owned by Ralph de Wyteleg, who was named in a Charter in 1230. Over the centuries this name has evolved to Whiteley.

Mary Hay Parc was granted to the Zouch family of Codnor Castle in 1542 after the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII. Marehay Hall is situated close to Street Lane.

Brook Lane was named after Johnny's Brook which was probably named after the church and school on Derby Road. The brook crosses Derby Road near to Bowler Street and eventually flows into the Coppice Brook.



St John's Church in 1906 from B Wood's book

St John's Church started life as a corrugated sheet construction in 1871.

The foundation stones of the brick church were laid in 1873. St John's Church closed in 1987 and it was sold to the Pentecostal Church, who renamed it as The Springs of Living Water in 1990.

The Saint John's Church of England Primary School was built by the Butterley Company and opened in 1865. Many will remember the Head Teacher Mr Shipman and the former Mayor of Ripley Mr Emmas-Williams as teacher. The school closed in 1970 and a new school was built on Danmah Street in Ripley.

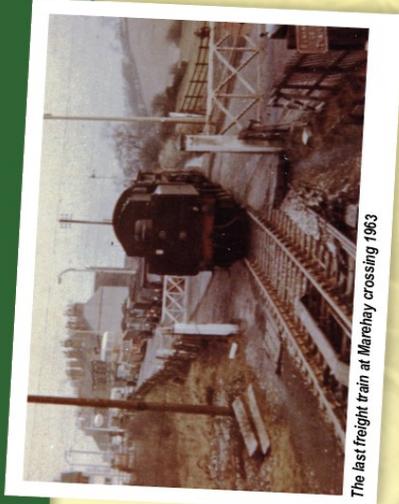
Brook Lane and Warmwells Lane was the main road between Derby and Ripley until the A61 was built. There is still a toll bar pillar at Weston Spot. This area of green was originally a pinfold for wandering livestock.



Whiteley is one of the oldest named areas in the whole of Ripley.

Marehay Miners' Welfare was built on the site of Whiteley Colliery which was started around 1835 and closed in 1936. There were many small coal mines in the area, including Ford's Pit that was used for pumping water out of adjoining mines until just after the Second World War. Ford's Pit was close to the Cricket Ground and there are still some remains near the path from Weston Spot to Marehay "City", as the terraced miners' housing in the area was known.

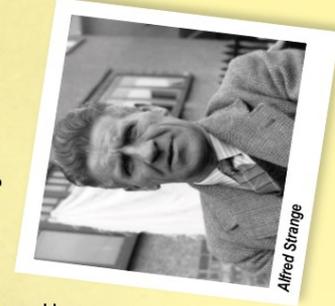
Marehay Colliery started around 1860 and was sold to Butterley Company in 1860. It was opposite the site of the Miners Arms, now known as the Village Inn.



The last freight train at Marehay crossing 1963

The railway line from Little Eaton reached Marehay in 1856, crossing the road at what is now Marehay Garage. The line was used by the Marehay collieries as it went to a turntable and station on Peasehill Road. With the need for passenger traffic from Ripley Town Centre, the line was extended in 1890 to Ripley Station on Nottingham Road. Marehay crossing was closed in 1963 and the line converted into a footpath, known as Ripley Greenway.

Marehay's best known son was footballer Alfred Strange, born on 2 April 1900. After leaving school he worked at Whiteley Colliery. His early soccer was played with Peasehill Rovers, Codnor Rangers and Marehay Colliery as a free-scoring centre-forward.



Alfred Strange

He made his international debut before 87,375 people at Wembley against Scotland on 5 April 1930. He died suddenly aged 78, on 3 October 1978.



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Mayor's message

Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Nigel Weaving writes



The first month of my role as Town Mayor coincided with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This involved visiting Ripley Junior School for tea, Amber Valley Stroke Group for tea and celebration. We also visited South Wingfield Social Club for their weekend of celebration and a Jubilee tea party at Sawmills Village Hall.

We attended a charity lunch at Ripley Fish and Chips to help raise funds for three charities, League of Friends of Ripley Hospital, The Butterley Ironworks Trust and the Midland Railway Centre.

The event raised over £1300 shared equally between the three charities.

We have enjoyed recitals by Newstead Brass, in both



rain and sunshine. The annual Teddy Bears Picnic held in the Waingroves Woodland was great fun too.

We were guests of honour at the 1st Ripley Scout AGM, a great evening of burgers, ice cream and achievement. Hundreds of awards were handed out and new members invested.

I started the 10K run from Crossley Park and welcomed returning competitors with a medal. The winning time was 35 minutes.



We attended the Mercian Regiment Annual Pilgrimage to Crich Stand. A splendidly colourful event with military bands, regimental standards and ceremony. There were dignitaries from all over the Mercian area and thankfully the weather was good.

The coming months are also busy for me and my Consort, my wife, Phyllis. We are enjoying meeting the lovely people in the Ripley Township. I will report back on my future engagements in the next newsletter.

Hire Greenwich Community Centre



For your business meeting, training event, community group or party

Facilities:

Capacity - 70 seated (10 people per round table) for dinners or buffets

Capacity - seats 80 comfortably for conferences, courses or meetings

Large screen TV

Projector and screen

Car parking for 50 cars

Bar

Kitchen

Ladies, gents and disabled toilet

Hire by the hour

For more information and to book, contact
Greenwich Park Sports Partnership:

Tel: 07380 341723

Email: greenwichparksp@gmail.com



www.facebook.com/greenwichparksp

Greenwich Community Centre, Nottingham Road, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3AY

HELP IS AVAILABLE

The Cost of Living Crisis is sadly affecting many residents in the Ripley Township.



As we all know, the costs associated with everyday living are increasing. We want our residents to know that there is help and support available to you, should you need it. There is no shame in asking for assistance – taking the first step is always the most difficult.

Where you can get help

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, you can seek advice from the following places:

Derbyshire County Council

The Derbyshire County Council website is a useful place to start. It gives information relating to:

- Assistance with claiming benefits
- Hardship Fund
- Debt management
- Housing issues
- Keeping your home warm and improve energy efficiency
- Community banks
- Energy Grants and schemes
- Help with Council Tax and housing costs

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/costofliving
01629 533190

Citizens Advice

Ripley Town Council fund weekly advice sessions held at Ripley Library on a Monday morning. You can book an appointment by calling 0808 278 7954.

www.citizensadvice.derbyshiredistricts.org.uk

Help from local Churches

Our local Churches play a major role in helping people in need. You don't have to be a member of their congregation to access emergency food parcels. They will gladly help you and signpost you to more regular help.

Local foodbanks

Ripley Salvation Army - 01773 741932
Heath Road, Ripley, DE5 3EN

A referral from your GP, school, church, Futures Housing, NACRO, Citizen's Advice or a Job Centre is needed, preferably by email to ripley@salvationarmy.org.uk.

The Foodbank is open Tuesday's 1pm-4.30pm and Friday's 10am-2pm.

Waingroves Methodist Church - 01773 742170
Waingroves Road, Ripley, DE5 9TB

How you can help



Donate to foodbanks

If you can donate food and personal hygiene products to our local foodbanks, it would be most welcome. Please contact them for a list of what they require. You can be assured that your donations will be helping people in our community.

Volunteer

Have you ever considered training as a volunteer with Citizens Advice, so you can give help, first hand to people in our community? Amber Valley CVS, based on Ripley Market Place can help you with volunteer training and placements. Contact them on 01773 512076.



Waingroves Show

9th, 10th & 11th September 2022

Friday 9th -
The Modest live band performing at Waingroves Thorn Tree Inn

Saturday 10th -
Horticultural Show at Waingroves Community Centre, Entertainment at the Methodist Church and the Thorn Tree Inn, and the Water Wobble!

Sunday 11th -
Fun Run, Dog Show, Stalls, Games, BBQ, and more all at Waingroves Primary School

 @TheWaingrovesShow
www.waingrovesshow.com



RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL 

presents

FANTASTIC LIVE MUSIC FROM LOCAL BAND...



LICKSQUID

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

Bring your chair and a picnic, sit back, relax and enjoy the music!

FINAL BAND ON CROSSLEY PARK RIPLEY

2.30-4.30PM



www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Ripley Town Council Certificate of Merit Award 2022 

Do you know someone in the Ripley Township* who is deserving of recognition for their voluntary work within our local community? If so, we want to hear about them!

Maybe they've helped someone in need, have a passion for our local environment or community, raised money for charity or organised activities to benefit local people or causes?

Deadline for applications: 1st September 2022

Enter now! www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

The nominee must live or be involved in groups within the Ripley Township*. No sitting Councillor may nominate or be nominated.

*Ripley, Waingroves, Marehay, Ambergate, Nether Heage, Heage, Bullbridge, Sawmills, Street Lane or Lower or Upper Hartshay

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL INVITE YOU TO A 

FREE!

OUTDOOR CINEMA



FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2022

ENTRY FROM 6.30PM

FILM STARTS AROUND 7.45PM

Love where you live



Please keep our streets and footpaths dog mess free



 **GREASE** 



GREENWICH PARK, NOTTINGHAM ROAD, RIPLEY, DE5 3AY

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR, BLANKET & PICNIC | FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE TO BUY | BAR OPEN | TOILETS | NO PARKING ON SITE - WALK TO THE VENUE IF YOU CAN. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF LOCAL RESIDENTS, OTHER ROAD USERS & PEDESTRIANS IF YOU DO PARK ON NEARBY ROADS | LIMITED DISABLED PARKING

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The Butterley Company was significant in the Industrial Revolution. We want to establish a Heritage Centre so that the people of Ripley Township and the surrounding area can understand the history of Butterley and how it influenced the development of the towns around Ripley.

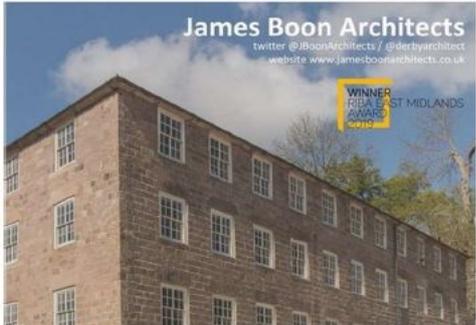
To do this we need a business plan for a Heritage Centre; so, we have put together a project to develop this. We would like to use one of the existing buildings on the Butterley Ironworks site, but we would need to get it back "in shape." Another thing we must think about is what are we going to show people? We need to prove it will be interesting enough to draw lots of Visitors & therefore be sustainable.

We have been granted funding from the National Heritage Lottery Fund, the Ripley Town Council and raised funding from our own Crowdfunding appeal.

The Butterley Ironworks Trust have selected key partners to help us: -

Focus Consultants to work on a Business Plan

James Boon Architects to investigate the restoration of an original building which could house a Heritage Centre.



Imagemakers to help us tell the story of the Butterley Company & how the Industrial society developed.

But we need you!

- To help us choose what we show & tell, and to give us your feedback
- We want to know if it is what you want- it's *Your Story!*

There will be opportunities for engagement for the people of Ripley Township with the Butterley Ironworks Trust & partners to see the suggestions and ideas. These activities will give you plenty of ways to give us your feedback.

When these events are arranged, we will let you know when and where in plenty of time on the Facebook and Twitter Butterley Ironworks Trust pages.

We aim, in approximately 4 months from now, to have a well-developed proposal with your backing with which we aim to obtain further funding to enable the First Stage of making it happen.



Litter pickers at the ready!

Article written by Ripley resident, Lydia Hopwood, age 17.

One of Ripley Town Council's main priorities is to create a pleasant and clean environment, not only to make Ripley habitable for wildlife but also to ensure our town can thrive and become sustainable for ourselves.

As it has been brought to our attention that the dropping of litter is becoming a greater issue in Ripley, we are about to buy more litter picking equipment to supply any local groups who share our desire to make a difference in relation to the protection of wildlife and the maintenance of cleanliness.



Make these small changes, and you will see a difference.



You may have noticed yourself that it can become easy to neglect the world around us. But nature is in desperate need of our help; when you are tempted to drop a wrapper, or a cup, or any unwanted litter on the ground, remember that you could well be contributing to the damaging of the very town you live in.

In order to create a happier, and generally more attractive place for you, your family and friends, we hope you will feel galvanised to make these small changes that will eventually prompt the environment on your doorstep flourish. Littering can cost us unnecessary amounts of money that could instead be spent on facilities and events and exciting opportunities for the people of the Ripley Township.

Free litter picking equipment for local groups

If you wish to tackle one of the country's biggest issues, take advantage of the beautiful sunny weather and take your community's condition into your own hands, we would be delighted to supply Ripley Township based local groups (not individuals unfortunately) with the equipment you require.

Please email deputyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk to express an interest.

Services available at Ripley Hospital



- Community Therapists
- District Nurses
- Health Visitors
- Healthy Child Team
- Hotel services
- Medical Records
- Outpatients
- Urgent Treatment Centre and X-Ray open daily, 8am - 8pm
- Occupational Therapy
- Community Paediatrician
- Phlebotomy
- Physiotherapy
- Neurotherapy
- Podiatry
- Inpatient ward (Butterley Ward)
- Inpatient Therapy

Sandham Lane, Ripley, DE5 3HE
Tel: 01773 743456

Non emergency, visit 111.nhs.uk or call 111
In an emergency, call 999

MEETING DATES

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Our meetings are conducted in the Council Chamber in Ripley Town Hall. You are welcome to join the meeting to hear our council discuss local matters or if you would like to bring something to our attention, you can have the opportunity to speak in the meeting.

Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7pm

If you have a problem, Citizens Advice is here for you.

Our Outreach Adviser can help you find solutions.

Our advice sessions are available at:

Ripley Library on Monday mornings.

To book an appointment call our freephone Adviceline on **0808 278 7954**.

Funded by Ripley Town Council.



For urgent advice call our freephone Adviceline

0808 278 7954

Open Monday to Friday,
9am to 4pm

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Mon - Fri
10am - 3pm

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