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SUMMER 2025

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SALFORDS & SIDLOW PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Salfords village hall free community events

SALFORDS STROLL
4 July, 1 Aug, 5 Sept

COFFEE MORNING
4 July, 1 Aug, 5 Sept

BABY/ TODDLER SESSION
9 July, 13 Aug, 10 Sept

COMMUNITY GARDEN
Weekly - Thursday 2 - 3pm



News and Events from around your Parish

Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council

Parish Council News

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July to September 2025 Meeting Dates

Councillor Surgery at Salfords Village Hall – 6.30pm	Council meeting (7.30pm unless guest speakers attending - see website)
Monday 7 April	Monday 14 July - Salfords Village Hall
Monday 4 August	No August Council meeting
Monday 1 September	Monday 11 September – Emmanuel Church, Sidlow

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OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN IS OPEN ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS BETWEEN 2PM TO 3PM

We will be producing a great selection of fruit & vegetables for our residents.

Any surplus will be donated to the community fridge.

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FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Warm Welcome coffee mornings

4 JULY, 1 AUGUST, 5 SEPT 2025

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The Parish Council was delighted to have Sidlow WI join in as part of the Easter celebrations at Emmanuel Church when they held their Treasure Hunt and Easter making craft day. We sold home made cakes and craft goodies.

Sidlow WI also joined in the community fun on 14 June at Salfords Social Club where we sold more home made cakes and served hot refreshments to the community.

New members are always welcome to join our small friendly group, we have various clubs which are held monthly, Knit & Natter, Lunch and Book clubs. Speakers or entertainment on most meeting days. Sidlow Bridge WI hold monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) in the Upper Room, Emanuel Church, Sidlow at 2pm.



For more information, please contact our President Eve Freeman on 07913910032. Email: presidenttwi@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook Sidlow Bridge WI.

Diwali Celebrations

Save the date - Saturday 25 October

Diwali is widely celebrated across the UK by Hindu, Sikh, and Jain communities. Festivities include lighting oil lamps, bursting fireworks, decorating homes, and exchanging sweets. We will be holding a joint Diwali celebration, with Asian Social Group, on Saturday 25 October, 12pm to 2pm in Salfords village hall.

There will be an opportunity to experience and celebrate with food, music, dance, cultural performances and craft making, reflecting the festival's spirit of light, joy, and community togetherness.

More information will be in the next S&S newsletter, on our social media and our website but in the meantime please save the date to join in the fun and celebrations.



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Message from the Parish Council

2024/25 financial year was a busy one for the Parish Council as we celebrated turning 50 years - a full review is included.

At our annual council meeting, Cllr Wayne Clarke was re-elected as chair and we now have a new Vice Chair, Cllr Karen Dukes.

Summer has finally arrived. We were able to celebrate in style in mid-June at Salfords Social Club when we held our community fun day for all our residents. This was a great day with so much entertainment and fun and it was fantastic to see so many people enjoying themselves. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen.

In April, Salfords Pathfinder scout group and residents helped tidy up Salfords with our Spring litter pick, and we then welcomed young families and a local care home to our Easter extravaganza at Emmanuel Church, when the Parish Council and Sidlow WI served cakes, refreshments, ran a treasure hunt and provided craft making. VE Day 80 was commemorated with two different events which were well attended and enjoyed by all. The Parish Council is now working with Emmanuel Church to run a spectator's station for Reigate Marathon in September and then with Asian Social Group charity to plan a Diwali celebration for October.

Our wellbeing walks, coffee mornings and Parent/ Carer toddler group are each getting busier each month and our weekly community garden sessions have planted all our fruit and vegetables - residents are already enjoying the abundance of strawberries. Residents are welcome to attend any of these sessions and details of times are included in this newsletter.

Our new train station bookstore has launched, and we have successfully won our application for a joint venture with GTR Network and Kew Gardens for 'Grow Wild on the Railway' bringing together young people and station partner groups to champion UK native plants and fungi.

We are closely monitoring local government reorganisation to try to better understand what impact it will have directly to our parish and residents.

Councillors held a training session with a planning consultant to help guide and focus our thinking for creating a neighbourhood plan - we now have lots to consider to help shape moving this forward. Anyone is welcome to get involved as this is a parish/ resident driven initiative - not just the for the parish council.

If you have any questions on subjects raised or would like to get involved please contact the Clerk.

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Reigate Marathon Spectator station



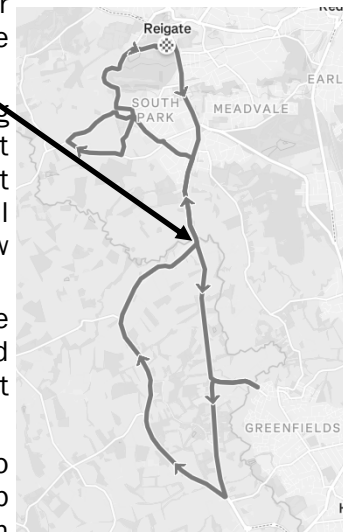
Run Series will be holding Run Reigate's 9th half marathon on Sunday 21 September where runners can take part in the half marathon, 10K, 5k and child races all starting and finishing in Reigate Priory.

Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council will be supporting Emmanuel Church by running a spectators cheer station at their location at the end of Ironsbottom on the A217.

We will be serving free refreshments enabling family and friends to park in the car park (first come first served) and watch from a great spot as the runners pass by. Any funds raised will be split between the church and new Sidlow community hub.

The 10k race is from 09:00 and will be followed by the half marathon at 09:15am and the 5k at 09:20. The children's event starts at 12:00.

Road closures will be in place from 8am so people will need to arrive before then to grab their space. If you would like to observe from here please contact the Clerk so we can reserve a spot for you.



Community fun for the family

The Parish Council held our annual community fun day at Salfords Social Club on Saturday 14 June. Residents came out on a wonderful sunny afternoon to enjoy and take part in the activities. We were entertained by live band 'Something Like That'. There was a fabulous BBQ and the licensed bar was open all afternoon. Families were able to take part in the crafts and activities including bubble making, China smash, safe cracker, races and enjoy watching Punch and Judy. Christ the King church ran their ever successful tombola stall and Sidlow WI sold home made cakes with refreshments. Many craft stalls were selling goods such as home made honey and crafts.





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VE Day 80 celebrations

Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council remembered and celebrated VE Day 80 in style in two locations in early May.

On 8 May, the Parish Council held a celebration event at Salfords Village Hall which included serving a fish and chip lunch for over 50 residents followed by afternoon cream teas. Residents were entertained with live music from Kelly singing classical 1940's songs and we welcomed pupils from Salfords primary school who read poetry and told stories. This was a great event for the community where we also raised £90 for the Royal British Legion.



Kelly Singing at Salfords

On Sunday 11 May, the Parish Council supported Sidlow Community Association's VE Day 80 event at Bures Manor. Over 200 residents joined in the fun listening to the Redstone Community band who were excellent and played longer than hoped. Local singer Kate also provided musical entertainment. Salfords Pathfinder scouts helped with the games and the 17th Scout group assisted with the BBQ. Many residents enjoyed their time on the field due to the lovely weather and games to play. The event raised over £2,500 with the profits being put towards the new Sidlow community hub fund raising.

It was also great to welcome most of our borough and county Councillors, including the Mayor Elect, who were able to attend one if not both events.



*Sidlow residents enjoying
the sunshine and smiling
for the camera!*

We enjoy sharing our news and updates with the local residents. In this article we share a range of events and activities that add to our 'curriculum in action'.

- **Reception children** visited Gatton Park in April, enjoying hands-on forest school activities, exploring nature and deepening their environmental learning.
- **Year 2** were in full exploration mode at the Tilgate Nature Reserve and were able to handle a range of animals.
- Our **Year 3** historians loved their trip to Hampton Court Palace, enhancing classroom learning through real-world discovery, despite some transport hiccups, their conduct was exemplary.
- **Year 4** embarked on a memorable overnight residential at High Ashurst, complete with climbing walls, team challenges, a campfire and melting marshmallows! We're proud of their resilience and superb behaviour.
- Middle Farm was the destination for **Year 5** children for a day of hands-on learning and discovery.
- Reception also welcomed **chicks** via the Living Eggs project, bringing science to life as children discovered the wonders of hatching and caring for live chicks.
- Community Engagement - We celebrated **VE Day 80** both at school, on the field with wartime music and biscuits, alongside the Parish Council event, where Year 5 pupils shared poems and historical insights.



Our participation at the YMCA Fun Run in Priory Park allowed pupils to connect with the wider community, run a stall, and offer stickers and bookmarks to our wider community.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to our football team for winning the **Redhill GLF Schools tournament**; they earned a place in the GLF finals where we came 4th overall.

Creative Expression

Our art club and whole-school art project culminated in a vibrant **art gallery**, inspired by mixed media and Dean Russo's street-art animal portraits. All entries were submitted to the recent **GLF Foundation Art Competition**.

The **sensory garden** received a colourful new mural, courtesy of Easter-time garden improvements that also included refreshed painting and new Nursery bathrooms.

Welcoming New Families

We're thrilled to start welcoming our September 2025 reception cohort!

A few spaces remain available in our Nursery for the September intake, please contact the school office if you're interested info@salfordsschool.org where more information is available on our website at www.salfordsschool.org

Dog Walk in Salfords and Sidlow

As residents we all know that our Parish is divided by two main roads, the A23 and the A217 and as you whizz along these roads, you could be forgiven if you assume that there are no green spaces in our Parish. You would be wrong - there is one on the Parish boundary from Salfords Cricket Club to Sidlow Church. This lovely walk starts at Salfords Cricket Club on Petridgewood Common, an area of Common Land to the north of the Parish. You can park in car park on the left-hand side of the Woodhatch road.

1. Take the footpath to the cricket club from the car park, and pass behind the club-house and bear left around the edge of the cricket field. At the far corner you will find the footpath sign. Bear right through a large kissing gate.
2. The footpath takes you through some wonderful ancient woodland, simply heaven for dogs. Keep straight on following the path. Beware of the horses in the fields to your left.
3. At the end of the woods, cross a stile (there is a dog gate for your four legged friends), and continue on the path between two fields.
4. At the end of the field, you will reach Lonesome Lane. Cross the stile onto the road, and cross straight over into the driveway to Old Owl Farm. Bear right and take the footpath across the field making sure that you close the gate behind you and keep your dogs under close control.
5. At the end of the field, pass through another kissing gate and follow the path between two fields. At the end of the path, cross the bridge over a small ditch (beware it could become slippery in the wet) and take the path across the next field, keeping the fence on your right. The river Mole is in the valley to your left and you can see the steeple of Emmanuel Church, Sidlow through the trees.
6. Bear left at the brow of the hill and head downhill to the Earlswood Brook and the River Mole. Cross over the bridge - allowing time for your dogs to have a swim, and cross the final field to the A217. Emmanuel Sidlow Church is about 100 yards down the road on your left.

To return, simply re-trace your route.

Please respect the countryside and leave only footprints behind.



Footpath by Cricket club



The River Mole

Emmanuel Church www.emmanuelchurchsidlow.co.uk

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Emmanuel Sidlow Bridge!

We recently held our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (same as an AGM with a few more prayers!). The PCC was re-elected and we added a new member - Pat Walcott. Liz Neale continues as Church Warden. I am very grateful to these dedicated people who continue to keep Emmanuel running smoothly.

We continue to meet every Sunday morning at 11:00 am. We have Communion services on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays, Matins on the 2nd Sunday. 5th Sundays are Joint Parish Services with St Nicholas Charlwood with a start time of 10:30 am. You are welcome to join us at **Emmanuel on Sunday June 30th at 10:30 am.**

Thank you to those who responded to our call for some help - it has been encouraging to see some new faces in the church on Sundays and by volunteering in a few ways.

Emmanuel also has 2 groups that meet during the month:
Knit & Natter on the 2nd Thursday at 11 am - contact Mary Gooding for more details: mary.gooding@live.co.uk.

Coffee & Chat on the last Wednesday at 11 am - contact Paul Weakley: Paul@atenorsworth.co.uk. The next one is June 25th & then July 30th.

Both of these groups are super friendly & welcoming and are free. A great way to meet new people!

I am very happy to have further conversations, please contact me at:

Rector: Revd Sue Lepp
revdsuelepp@gmail.com or 07930 520562

Church Warden: Liz Neale
sidlowchurchwarden@gmail.com

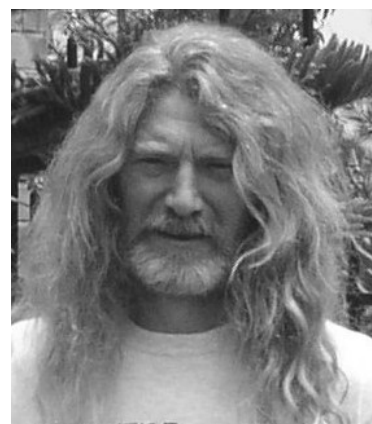


Newly elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

At our annual council meeting in May, Cllr Wayne Clark was re-elected as Chairperson of the Council.

Cllr Jim Blackmore advised he did not want to stand as Vice Chairperson, having served for several years. Cllr Wayne Clark thanked Cllr Jim for his support with the council and confirmed he had enjoyed collaborating with him in this role. Councillors elected Cllr Karen Dukes to be the Vice Chairperson for 2025/26 for the Parish Council.

Karen will support Wayne in this role over the next year as we continue to represent our residents and explore new opportunities for the parish. We know there will be changes with local government review so are keeping a close eye on developments and ensuring we have a clear understanding how this may impact our residents directly. See page 8.



Chairman Cllr Wayne Clark



Vice Chairman Cllr Karen Dukes

Foodbank Donation Centre

Salfords Village Hall foodbank is still open and taking donations
5 Honeycrook Lane, Salfords RH1 5DG

Our donations are split between Loveworks and St Matthews's Church
If you would like to make a donation please contact the Clerk to ensure we are there to receive the donation.
You can also leave donations at the front door porch.

Contact claire.minter@salfordsandsidlowpc.org.uk for more information



Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation update

The Government wants to see a new 'single-tier' system in Surrey with a far smaller number of unitary councils each delivering all the local council services. This will mean that the County and all 12 district/ borough councils in Surrey will be abolished in their current form. Currently in Surrey responsibilities for delivering services are split across a range of councils. These are sometimes referred to as tiers of local government. Surrey has a two-tier council system, with some services (like education, adult and children's social care and roads) delivered by Surrey County Council and others (like bin collections, planning and housing) run by the local borough council - Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.

Parish Councils will remain so your local Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council will continue to serve the community as we have been.

What does this mean for Reigate & Banstead?

The Government has indicated that it expects unitary councils to have a population of around 500,000 or more. This means that it is most likely that we will see two or three unitary authorities across Surrey, each covering a much larger area than current borough and district councils do.

In the future, a new Strategic Authority will be set up as well, covering several unitary areas and with a directly elected Mayor.

On 9 May 2025, various proposals were submitted to Government from different boroughs and Surrey County Council.

Surrey County Council, Elmbridge Borough Council and Mole Valley District Council submitted a proposal for two unitaries, split east and west



A proposal for three unitaries was supported by nine councils including Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Tandridge District Council, Runnymede Borough Council, Spelthorne Borough Council, Woking Borough Council, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, Surrey Heath Borough Council, Guildford Borough Council and Waverley Borough Council.

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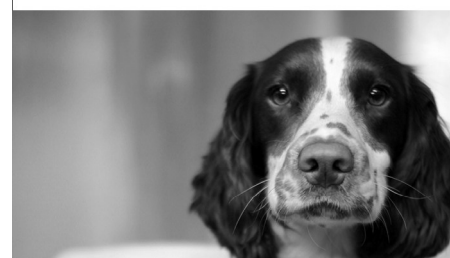
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Whether you're a seasoned player or a complete beginner, there's a place for you on our team. We are pleased to announce the successful completion of Project Phoenix, which involved the replacement of our old pavilion with a modern facility at the end of last year.

With the new pavilion now operational, we are excited to host parties and events. To secure your booking, please reach out to us at salfordscricketclub@gmail.com.

Additionally, our new pavilion features a café offering a selection of teas, coffees, and delicious cakes.

We invite not only cricket enthusiasts but also dog walkers and passersby to visit and enjoy our café, which will be open on match days and beyond.

Our season has gotten off to a great start and we have made full use of the dry weather with players of all ages and skill level able to represent Salfords. As always it isn't too late to join the team and we continue to reach out and try find new players. Becoming a part of our cricket team is simple. Just reach out to us through our social media pages or email us at salfordscricketclub@gmail.com. We'll let you know when our next practice is scheduled, and you can come along to see what we're all about.

SIDLOW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOOT FAIR

SUNDAY 27 JULY 2025

PERRYWOOD/ MONOTYPE SPORTS CLUB
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Sidlow community Association - Our community at our heart



Reigate & Banstead Borough Council submitted an additional report, supported by Crawley Borough Council, for bringing R&BBC and Crawley Borough Council into the same unitary. Their case was about the removal of the hard administrative boundary that cuts across the heart of the Gatwick Diamond stating this is the solution that will maximise the future economic growth potential of our area. Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council provided a letter of support for this proposal stating the coordinated efforts are necessary to ensure public services, transport, and housing meet local needs.

We believe this more sensible devolution boundary would facilitate strategic economic, transport, and spatial planning across the area, supporting the growth goals outlined in the Government's White Paper. Co-operation and very close working relationships around Gatwick Airport will be critical for Government growth aims and targets and we support Reigate and Banstead and Crawley Councils to come together to achieve this with a united purpose.

S&SPC also stressed the importance of community engagement and empowerment proposing the need for the establishment of new town and parish councils within the new unitary authority. We believe parish and town councils are considered necessary for providing a local democratic voice, especially as elected officials in the new Unitary Authorities may have less direct engagement with constituents. Although resident-formed groups and associations contribute to community spirit and advocacy, they do not possess the authority and resources needed to implement changes effectively. Town/Parish Council function as a formal mechanism for local governance, offering stronger democratic representation and a greater ability to influence decisions and deliver services that meet residents' needs.

We now await the decision from central government, which is expected in the autumn, whether a two or three unitary authority will be proposed. Once this decision is known, legislation will be passed to allow changes for all councils who will be working hard to align processing, assets and resources to ensure as smooth a transition as possible to be ready for May 2026. At this time, there will be elections for Councillors to be elected as the new shadow unitary authority who will run for a year (known as the vesting period), with a view to the new unitaries going live in April 2027.



Free entry and refreshments

Parent/ Carer Baby and Toddler coffee morning

***In July and August we will have an
area for parents/ carers to meet other
families who are starting Salfords
Primary School in September***

***Second Wednesday of the month
10.30am to midday
9 July, 13 August, 10 September***



***Salfords village hall
5 Honeycrock Lane
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Spring litter pick clears up Salfords

On a glorious sunny Saturday morning, in early April, we welcomed many residents and Salfords Pathfinder Scout group to join in our Spring litter pick in Salfords.

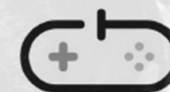


In one and half hours they were able to collect over 15 bags of rubbish, car parts and wheel covers and even a rotten sign.

Most stayed to enjoy free refreshments and biscuits afterwards. The Parish Council would like to pay special thanks to the scout group for attending and to our regular litter pickers - John and Danielle - who work tirelessly every day to help keep our village clean. If you would like to get involved in picking up litter please contact the Clerk who can provide a grabber and bags.



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Saturday October 4th

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Train station bookstore

Cllr Paul Edwards, with a little assistance from Cllr Wayne Clark, built a book swap store for Salfords train station. This was built at a cost of £184.79 using grant funding we had received from GTR. The book swap store was launched at our April coffee morning, where residents were impressed with the design and style and bright orange colour to draw attention of the great service we are now offering. The book swap store will be available at Salfords train station every weekday morning between 7am and 10am when Train Station Manager, Karen Smith, will be there to bring it out for anyone to use.



We are always looking for new books to replenish stock so if you have any please contact Karen directly at the train station or email the Clerk. Resident Elaine is assisting with sorting the books and ensuring that they are fit for purpose and in good condition. The book store has a connected donation box if anyone wants to contribute. Council will consider how to use these funds for a future project

Residents have asked if we can provide one at the village hall and extend the swap offerings to include not only books but also wool and puzzles. Cllr Edwards is now working on a new design.

Grow Wild on the Railway

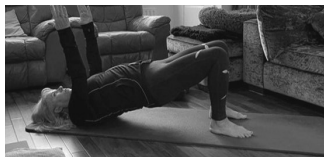
Parish Councillors are delighted we have been successfully chosen as one of ten stations, after making an application for the Grow Wild on the Railway, to form a new partnership between Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) and Grow Wild from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Grow Wild on the Railway will support ten projects at stations along the Southern Railway route of the GTR network, bringing together young people and station partner groups to champion UK native plants and fungi.

The projects will be developed and led by Kew, who will be responsible for the selection process to find young people aged 18–25 living locally to the station. Projects could be but are not limited to artistic installations, community events, or gardening/growing activities.

This is an exciting opportunity we are delighted to be part of.

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We are continuing our series of pilgrimage walks towards Winchester. Our walks are monthly and apart from the beneficial effects of the exercise, give us the opportunity for conversation and



fellowship. We hope to get to Winchester in November.

At the beginning of September, two of the intrepid walkers, Hazel and Sian are walking the entire length of Hadrian's Wall to raise money for the Church upkeep and a charity – Plan International. Plan International is a development and humanitarian organisation based in the United Kingdom that works in over 75 countries across Africa, the Americas, and Asia, focusing on children's rights.

Diary dates

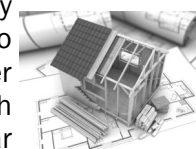
- Aug 10th 10.00am service followed by a picnic in the church grounds
Sept 27th Local walk and/or bike ride. All welcome.
(Further details from hazel.weaver@virgin.net)
Sept 28th Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 10.00am, followed by a shared lunch.

Planning Applications Reviewed

Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications in Salfords and Sidlow that are registered by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (R&BBC) and Surrey County Council (SCC).

Councillors meet at their Councillor surgery on the Monday evening at 6.30pm a week before each Council meeting to review all planning applications and discuss any other matters residents want to raise. If you wish the Parish Council to be aware of your views on a particular application, then please contact the office at the earliest opportunity so that they may be considered by the Council. Public attendance at our Councillor Surgery is also welcomed as this is one of your opportunities to liaise with Councillors and make comment in an informal setting. If you feel strongly about an application it is important that residents also comment directly.

In the months April to June the Council reviewed 17 planning applications as follows:- No observation – 6, No objection with comment – 7 and 4 object.



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We are here for any and all situations where the Parish Priest can give spiritual guidance and support.

Our Healing Anointing Mass is very popular and allows for lovely Communion Service in the Chapel. This is 10 a.m. every Wednesday with chat and coffee following. A warm welcome awaits visitors.

We are always here for baptisms, weddings and funerals. We would be honoured to have you share these occasions with us.

We would also enjoy welcoming you at the Parish Mass Sundays at 10 a.m. Coffee and warm chat are evident. We also hold monthly Vespers at 6.00p.m (please see our website above for details).

Also, your help with items for the Foodbank that can be left at church or Village Hall is much appreciated.

The new Pope has said the following to help increase our sensitivity and a call to prayer and action to help.

“Our world, wounded by war, violence and injustice needs to hear the Gospel message of God’s love and to experience the reconciling power of Christ’s grace.”

Fr Jim Rosenthal

Contact Fr Jim 07742856149 christusrex9@gmail.com

A PLACE TO BELONG, BELIEVE AND BECOME

In addition, we get together for social events – a more relaxed way of getting to know our church family. We have just had a Hymns and Pimms event with singing, a cream tea and of course, the odd glass of Pimms!

We will be co-hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning with the Parish Council on 3rd of October. This will be followed by our very popular Quiz Night on October 4th. Please see page 18 for details.

2024-25 Annual Review

All Parish Councillors worked on many projects and events affecting the local area in 2024/25 which include:-

- Reviewing 68 planning applications.
- Working with Borough and County Councillors to ensure the traveller incursion on Picketts Lane and New House Lane is monitored and to continue to add pressure on the illegal waste dumping at Crosswinds site in Sidlow.
- Being representatives on 11 local organisations such as Redhill Aerodrome Consultative Committee (RACC) and Norwood Hill Residents Association, where we attend meetings and feedback on behalf of residents.
- Reading and commenting on 9 Consultations, including: -
 - London Gatwick Airport Development Consent Order
 - Night flight consultation
 - London DCO Gatwick Waste Water consultation
 - SCC A23 bus consultation
 - RBBC 2025/26 budget consultation
 - RBBC polling station consultation
 - RBBC corporate plan consultation
 - Earlswood school PAN consultation
 - Surrey rights of way consultation
- Holding litter pick events in Salfords and Sidlow collecting over 50 bags of rubbish.
- In late March 2025, we received £15,473.77 (CIL) from developments in the Parish in 2024/25 – this will be assigned to future projects.
- To officially open the new community garden, growing vegetable produce for residents and the local community fridge.
- Arranging for the replacement bus shelter at the corner of Lodge Lane and improving the shelter by the Salfords shopping parade.
- Arranging for hail and stop bus stops in Sidlow on A217.
- To continue to hold our successful Warm Welcome coffee mornings and welcome various guest speakers including the Surrey Fire and Rescue, Salfords primary school, health and wellbeing and armchair exercises. It was fantastic to support Christ the King Church in October when we held a Macmillan coffee morning and were able to raise funds for charity.
- Continuing to donate free fuel vouchers worth £25 and winter warmer essentials including socks, gloves, wheat bags, electric blankets and flasks.

- We celebrated our 50th birthday in style holding birthday celebration community events in Salfords and Sidlow at a cost of £1,187.
- Building on our 50th birthday legacy, Salfords Primary School received gifts of bird boxes/ bat boxes/ bug hotel/ hedgehog houses and gateways - £418.06 and we made sure that every pupil had their own personal Rubix cube gift costing £701.08. Some of these were also handed out as gifts at the community events and as prizes for the winners of the Scarecrow competitions.
- We planted and gifted over 2000 daffodil bulbs to residents at a cost of £431.30.
- We gifted and planted Himalayan Birch trees at Salfords Social Club at a cost of £796.
- We also gifted Happy to Chat benches to Salfords Primary School, Salfords Cricket Club, Salfords Social Club and Salfords village hall at a cost of £761.83.
- Organising a Bikeability event at Salfords village hall, where Ben serviced 13 bikes including fixing chains, brakes, gears, punctures and many other issues. Louise and Emily were on hand to offer 1:1 training on how to maintain a bike and carry out puncture repairs
- Running a Treasure Hunt with Sustrans charity in February half term when over 80 people attended.
- Running our monthly wellbeing walks for about 15 residents who join us to walk through Salfords.
- Providing Christmas lights for Salfords at a cost of £850 and holding a successful Christmas light 'switch on' event for over 80 residents at Salfords village hall where we were honoured to have Revd Canon Dr James Rosenthal (Father Jim) switch on our inaugural Christmas lights. We were entertained by A2Z Flute choir playing Christmas songs and residents Emma, Neha and Sarah who provided Christmas craft stalls.
- The foodbank donation centre remains open and we work with residents to make food donations for the local foodbanks St Matthews and Loveworks.
- Receiving £1,600 grant funding from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council De-Carbonisation grant scheme to enable us to carry out a detailed feasibility study on ways to insulate the village hall roof.
- Arranging for flowers, via Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, for Summer 2024 for the shopping parade and meadow flowers on the A23 verges.
- We continue to support Salfords Social Club with ongoing maintenance of the grass area, playground, external gym and table tennis table by making a £600 donation for use of the land.

- Working with and supporting all the various community groups including Salfords Primary School, Salfords Cricket Club, Salfords Beavers and Scouts, Salfords Brownies and Guides, Salfords Social Club, Monotype Sports and Social Club, Christ the King and Emmanuel Churches and Sidlow Bridge WI. We provided grant funding of £600 to Salfords Social Club for new gates, £455 to Salfords Primary School PFA for up and oversteps and £250 to Salfords Cricket Club for bike racks.
- Making donations to local organisations including Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) - £250, Aviation Environmental Federation (AEF) - £250, Weald Action Group - £250 for support of Horse Hill and Gatwick Community Partnerships - £375 to assist with environmental enhancements.
- We made our annual donation to Emmanuel Church for assistance with grounds maintenance - £1,750.
- We refurbished the rear committee room area at Salfords village hall at a cost of £5,600.
- Salfords village hall main kitchen was replaced through sponsorship grant funding of £24,380 from County Cllr Andy Lynch and the Surrey County Council Small Community Projects Fund. The kitchen was officially opened by Cllr Lynch in March at our coffee morning.
- We replaced the rotten entrance gate, provided a new welcome sign and planters at a cost of £979.51 for the entrance to Ironsbottom.
- We have increased our precept by over 5% for 2024/25 to £48,997.20 which covers our running costs for the Parish Council and village hall. In real terms this is an additional 96p per household per annum. We continue to apply for grant funding for larger projects and try to ensure the financial increase will have little detriment to our residents so our financial accounts remain in a healthy position which ensures the Parish Council will continue to serve our community in the best way we can.

The Parish Council pay special thanks to all the volunteers who helped the Council and community in 2024/25 including delivering the S&S newsletters, carrying out litter picking, making foodbank donations, assisting on community walks, running the coffee mornings and baking cakes, watering trees and help maintain the community garden.

We also thank our Borough and County Councillors who attend our meetings and have assisted with grant donations and on various planning and local highway matters during the year.