



Ripley Town Council



June 2022

Welcome to the June 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.

New Mayor for the Ripley Township



Deputy Mayor, Councillor Paul Lobley and Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Nigel Weaving

At the May Annual Meeting of Ripley Town Council, a new Mayor was elected for the ensuing year.

Councillor Nigel Weaving was unanimously voted in by his peers to become Mayor of the Ripley Township until May 2023.

The new Deputy Mayor is Councillor Paul Lobley.

Councillor Weaving lives in Ambergate with his wife, Phyllis who will be his Consort.

As a stroke survivor, Councillor Weaving has chosen to support Amber Valley Stroke Club and Derbyshire Air Ambulance with his fundraising efforts over the next year.

He retired from the laboratory service of the NHS in 2010 and moved to Ambergate in 2012.

Growing up in Sheffield, Derbyshire was his playground and he and Phyllis brought their children here as much as possible. They have three adult children and five grandchildren.

Councillor Weaving wanted to be a councillor to help the community and maintain quality of life for local people. He is a diligent litter picker in the Ripley Township and reports any problems encountered to the relevant authorities. Councillor Weaving is a Trustee of the Heage Windmill Society and a Treasurer of the Bullbridge and Sawmills Area Civic Society.

If you would like the Mayor to attend an event you are organising, please contact us using the details on the back page.

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Welcome to Sawmills

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



Ordnance Survey 1835

The village is named after the sawmills used for cutting marble that were near the canal and river. The marble cut at the site originated from Hopton Wood Quarry, probably brought to the sawmill by horse drawn wagon. The stone was used for facing fine houses around Britain after travelling down the canals to the River Trent.

Ambergate and Sawmills were formerly part of the parish of Heage. A mission was set up in 1887 and a church built in 1890-1891.

It was intended that this should be a chapel of ease to Heage, however Ambergate parish and Sawmills became a separate ecclesiastical parish, and the mission church of Sawmills St Mary was started in 1903.



St Mary's Mission Church, Sawmills

The village grew mainly because it was next to Cromford Canal and the Cromford to Langley Mill Turnpike Road. There was an aqueduct built for the canal to cross the river and road, but when the railway was built the problem of crossing the canal was solved by the building of an iron trough, 150 feet long that was floated into place overnight so as to not impede canal traffic. The railway was driven through the bank beneath the trough and the stone bridge built over the railway line. The aqueduct carrying the canal over the road was demolished in 1968 to widen the A610.



Bull Bridge aqueduct carrying the canal, demolished in 1968 © picturethepast.org.uk

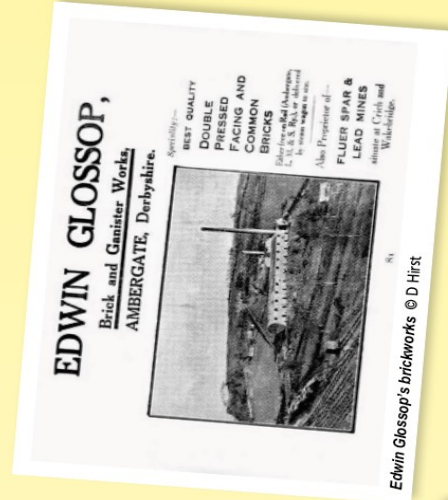
The only remains of the sawmill are four old cottages. Now two houses near the four arch bridge into the old brickworks. The rest were demolished to make way for the Belper to Pye Bridge railway line in 1875.

There was also a brickyard at what is now known as Riversdale. This was owned by Edwin Glossop, probably starting in 1917. Butterley Brick Co. bought the works in 1947, and it finally closed in 1970, becoming a tip. Bricks from this works were used to build the houses in Riversdale and also used in the building of the new Roman Catholic Cathedral in Liverpool.



Ambergate Brick and Tile Company tile, probably made around 1880 © D Hirst

There were two brickyards in Sawmills. One was where Lockwoods Haulage is now although it was linked to the brickyard that was at Buckland Hollow. It was known as the Ambergate Brick and Tile Company, probably starting around 1876. It became Bull Bridge Brick Company in 1889. After the 1920s it was owned by Midland Refractories, producing bricks and refractory products. It closed in 1981.



Edwin Glossop's brickworks © D Hirst



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A focus on the history of Sawmills

We are featuring each of the new information boards which have been installed throughout the Ripley Township. Here's the next one in the series about Sawmills. It is also available to read on the Ripley Town Council website.

Greenwich: Making good a transfer deficit

Since the change in ownership of Greenwich Park from Amber Valley Borough Council to Ripley Town Council, the newly appointed Custodian Trustees of the "Ripley Recreation Ground Charity" have been hard at work.

Unfortunately, Amber Valley Borough Council made a late decision not to carry on funding the grass-cutting for a 3-year period; this was despite having promised to do so and the late decision meant replacement services had to be found quickly. However, following discussions with the Greenwich Park Sports Partnership about the specification of works, and after a tendering exercise, a replacement contractor has been appointed and they are doing a good job.



Greenwich Park, home of Butterley United Cricket Club
and Ripley Town Football Club

The Custodian Trustees also commissioned a suspended ceiling in the main community room which has greatly improved the acoustics of the space. This has now been installed. Other works are being planned, including fitting a (push-button) automatic door-opener for the main doors for improved disabled access and installing temporary storage containers for both the cricket and football clubs.

We are also going to enhance the environmental impact of the building by ensuring the solar panels are working effectively. In addition, there are some drainage issues on the main football pitch which also need to be resolved and every effort will be made to do this.



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

Ripley Spring Market and Wool Bombing 2022

The sun shone on Ripley Market Place for the Spring Market event and Wool Bombing launch on Sunday 15th May 2022. The previous Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Roland Emmas-Williams, opened the market and welcomed stall holders, entertainers and the community for the first Spring Market we have held since 2019. Ripley Market Place was filled with beautiful bubbles from the Big Bubble Man and music from Amber Sound FM. Thank you to everyone who came along to support this event, especially the amazing dancers from Ripley Academy of Dance on Cromford Road in the town who performed for the large crowd.



Butterley Ward is back!

Butterley Ward has now moved back to Ripley Hospital from its temporary base at Ilkeston Community Hospital. The ward was temporarily relocated last autumn as part of measures agreed by the local NHS system, Joined Up Care Derbyshire (JUCD), to help manage extreme pressures on NHS services and health service staffing across Derbyshire in the winter months.

Now Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Ripley Hospital, has confirmed that the ward returned to Ripley Hospital on Thursday 28 April. It honours a commitment made at the time of the temporary relocation to bring the ward back on site when pressures on healthcare and on NHS staffing allowed. JUCD has approved the move as part of the wider healthcare system plan going into the spring and summer.



In March this year, health bosses at Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust said the ward would be moving back in the final week of April, and this has now taken place.

New Clerk at Ripley Town Council

After 13 years of working as Town Clerk for Ripley Town Council, Linda McCormick has retired.

Cllr Steve Freeborn said, 'On behalf of Ripley Town Council, I would like to pass my sincere gratitude to Linda for her commitment to the Council over the past 13 years. She has always done the best for the residents of the Ripley Township and the Council. We send her best wishes for a relaxing and happy retirement'.

Linda has now passed the keys of the Ripley Town Council office on Grosvenor Road in the town to our new Town Clerk, Jayne Simpson who will work alongside our Deputy Clerk, Hannah Curzon.

Jayne comes to us with many years experience and is the past winner of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils' Clerk of the Year award.

We welcome Jayne to the town and to her new position.

Jayne Simpson (left) being handed the keys from former Town Clerk, Linda McCormick



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

WE'RE BACK

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL presents

SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2022
NEWSTEAD BRASS

SUNDAY 10 JULY 2022
PURE STEEL

SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022
DOG HAUS

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2022
NEWHALL BRASS

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 2022
DERWENT WINDBAND

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022
LICKSQUID

FREE

VARIOUS DATES THROUGHOUT SUMMER 2022

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

BANDS ON CROSSLEY PARK RIPLEY

2.30-4.30PM

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Love where you live

Please keep our streets and footpaths dog mess free

SHOP LOCAL Ripley
Community Store, Your Support. Please support local businesses.

Market Traders wanted

Be part of one of the oldest markets in the area at Ripley Market on Fridays and Saturdays

Contact Malcolm Ruscoe - 07957 382611
(Ripley Market Traders' Association)
for more information

Photo credit: Ashley Franklin

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL INVITE YOU TO A

FREE!

OUTDOOR CINEMA

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2022
ENTRY FROM 6.30PM
FILM STARTS AROUND 7.45PM

FREE ADMISSION

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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 RESEDENTS, OTHER ROAD USERS & PEDESTRIANS IF YOU DO PARK ON NEARBY ROADS | LIMITED DISABLED PARKING

ALL SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Ripley Music Festival

9th - 17th July 2022

**FREE
ENTRY
AT ALL
VENUES**

unless otherwise stated

All venues are in Ripley unless otherwise stated

- 9th The Honey Pot (at The Beehive Inn).....18:00 - 21:00.....Crossroads
The Holly Bush, Marehay.....20:00 onwards.....No Damn Clue
- 10th The Honey Pot (at The Beehive Inn).....17:00 - 20:00.....Junction
The Holly Bush, Marehay.....20:00 onwards.....Jam Night
- 11th TBC - see Facebook for more information
- 12th All Saints' Church.....19:30.....J26 Chamber Orchestra
Tickets £5 (U18 free) available from Whites Jewellers, Oxford St. Ripley
- 13th TBC - see Facebook for more information
- 14th TBC - see Facebook for more information
- 15th Schools Day on Crossley Park, Ripley...13:00 - 14:30
Crossley Park, Ripley.....19:00 - 21:00.Open Mic on the Big Stage
All Saints' Church.....19:30.....Sonara Singers
Tickets £5 (U18 free) available from Whites Jewellers, Oxford St. Ripley
- 16th PARTY IN THE PARK & PROMS SPECTACULAR..13:00 - 22:30
FREE ENTRY (Donations welcome on the night!)
20:30 onwards NEWSTEAD BRASS & FIREWORK DISPLAY
- The Holly Bush, Marehay.....20:00 onwards.....Dark Lightening
- The Honey Pot (at the Beehive Inn).....18:00 - 21:00.....The Inheritors
- 17th Crossley Park, Ripley.....13:00 - 18:00.....ROM FEST! Licenced bar
The Holly Bush, Marehay.....20:00 onwards.....After show Party
The Honey Pot (at The Beehive Inn).....17:00 - 20:00.....Breaking Loose

**KEEP AN EYE ONE THE RIPLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR MORE INFO or email rmf2022@gmail.com**





Community
OPEN DAYS
2022

Sunday 10th July - Flower Sale and open garden

Saturday 27th August - Family fun - picnic, games and crafts

Saturday 17th September - Sustainability September
- see the eco friendly features of our garden.

Drop in to the Grow Outside Garden any time between
10am and 4pm.

Grow Outside.
Butterley Station, Butterley Hill, Ripley,
Derbyshire. DE5 3QZ



**SUSTAINABLE
GARDENING
COURSE**

A course of monthly half-day workshops starting Friday

April 22nd 2022, then taking place every second Friday of the month:
13th May, 10th June, 8th July, 12th August, 9th September, 14th October,
11th November. Morning and afternoon sessions available.

Learn the organic techniques and skills you need to create your own
wildlife-friendly productive garden from scratch, no matter the size of
space available. We are here to show that gardening is for everyone!

Complete beginners and experienced gardeners all welcome.

Find out more and book your FREE place here:
bit.ly/2022sustainablegarden

Grow Outside CIC
Butterley Station, Butterley Hill, Ripley,
Derbyshire. DE5 3QZ
email hello@growoutside.co.uk



Butterley Ironworks Heritage Hopes

By Steve Freeborn (Councillor for Butterley Ward, Chair
of Butterley Ironworks Trust)

Butterley Ironworks Trust (BIT) has raised the funds it needs to prepare a strategic report describing how a financially self-sustaining future for the heritage features of the former Butterley Works site can be delivered. BIT has been awarded a grant of £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) which has been matched by Ripley Town Council. A similar amount has been raised by BIT itself and the tendering processes for the appointment of specialist consultants are underway.

The consultants will help BIT complete a professionally costed Report that sets out a range of options for the future conservation of the heritage, including the creation of a visitor centre in one of the existing buildings that remain on site. This is the preferred option and BIT needs to describe an 'experience' that will attract visitors.

Of course, the Butterley site was at the very heart of the Industrial Revolution, being a trail-blazer and pioneer of engineering manufacturing processes. BIT proposes to tell the story of Butterley's impact on



Former Butterley Ironworks site in Ripley

engineering and manufacturing development, and the impact of the huge socio-economic changes that took place.

The fully costed report will be prepared over the summer and autumn months and shall be submitted to the HLF when complete. BIT hopes its proposals will be supported by the HLF!

In the meantime, you can keep fully updated about Butterley Ironworks Trust by looking us up on Facebook.

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 21st June 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7pm

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?

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

Deadline for applications: 1st September 2022

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

2022 Best Kept Garden & Allotment Competition

Do you have a garden, allotment, school garden or community space you are proud of?

ENTER NOW!

Contact us for an entry form (details on back page), or enter at www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Deadline for entries: 1 July 2022
Date of judging to be confirmed

This competition is open to all residents in the Ripley Township including Ambergate, Bullbridge, Hammersmith, Heage, Lower Hartshay, Upper Hartshay, Marehay, Nether Heage, Ridgeway, Sawmills, Street Lane, Upper Hartshay and Waingroves.



RIPLEY TOWN COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

BHIB Derbyshire Council of the Year 2020 & 2018 & Highly Commended 2019

AMBERGATE WARD

Cllr. Christine Worth | 01773 853571 (Lab)
Cllr. Nigel Weaving | 01773 856375 (Lab)

BUTTERLEY WARD

Cllr. Steve Freeborn | 01773 749000 (Lab)
Cllr. Tony Holmes | 01773 742574 (Lab)

CENTRAL WARD

Cllr. Ron Ashton | 01773 745420 (Con)
Cllr. Lyndsay Cox | 01773 742574 (Lab)

EAST WARD

Cllr. Sean Carter | 01773 741600 (Con)
Cllr. Matt Jones | 01773 742225 (Lab)
Cllr. Roland Emmas-Williams | 01773 746543 (Lab)
Cllr. Ian Fisher | 07836 734005 (Lab)
Cllr. Steven Williams | 07837 263344 (Con)

ELMS WARD

Cllr. Matt Allwood | 07426 027184 (Lab)
Cllr. Janis Gregory | 01773 744477 (Lab)
Cllr. Trevor Spencer | 07982 943944 (Con)

HEAGE WARD

Cllr. Tony Harper | 07730 044021 (Con)
Cllr. Paul Lobley | 01773 856874 (Lab)
Cllr. Lynn Joyes | 01773 857320 (Con)

MAREHAY WARD

Cllr. Mick Wilson | 01773 772712 (Lab)

NORTH WARD

Cllr. Paul Moss | 01773 748827 (Con)
Cllr. Matt Murray | 07598 284313 (Con)

WAINGROVES WARD

Cllr. David Williams | 01773 744754 (Lab)

The postal and email address for each Councillor can be found on the Ripley Town Council website.



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Mon - Fri
10am - 3pm

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