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Horsham marks 80th anniversary of D-Day

A series of events were organised by Horsham District Council and the Horsham Branch of the Royal British Legion on 6 June to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

St Mary's Church in Horsham's Causeway was the focus of a 'Ringing out for Peace' bell ringing ceremony at 6.30pm to which the whole community was invited. This is part of a national initiative and churches across the country took part.

Rev'd Canon Lisa Barnett of St Mary's Church led lead prayers in the Carfax at the War Memorial.



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Friday Lates entertainment programme returns to Horsham

Horsham's popular Friday Lates live music and food nights are returning for the spring and summer months of 2024.

Organised by Horsham District Council and Food Rocks Markets, the events will take place every Friday night from 6pm to 8pm throughout June, July and August this year at the Horsham Carfax Bandstand.

The programme will open on Friday 7 June with a 70s night with music from West End wonders Emma Lindars and Lockie Chapman as part of the Council's 50th anniversary celebrations.



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Are you ready for the upcoming General Election 2024?

Residents of the Horsham and Arundel and South Downs constituencies are being reminded to register to vote in the run up to the UK Parliamentary General Election on Thursday 4 July 2024.

It only takes 5 minutes to register online. The deadline to register to vote for the General Election on 4 July is 18 June.

Please note you will need your National Insurance Number. You must re-register every time you move address.

If you are voting in person, you will also need to show an accepted form of photographic ID at your polling station. Electors who are unable to vote at the polling station can apply for a postal vote or appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf.



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Fantastic contribution of volunteers recognised

As part of 2024 National Volunteers' Week, Horsham District Council hosted an evening of celebrations to recognise hundreds of local volunteers who work hard to make a positive difference to communities throughout the Horsham District.

The awards evening took place at Slinfold Golf and Country Club on 5 June and were presented by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Rev. Rupert Toovey DL, and the High Sheriff of West Sussex, Philippa Gogarty.



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More funding available to help local businesses become greener

Following the success of the first round of funding in April, Horsham District Council's new Green LEAP Small Business Grant Scheme opens for a second round from 3 June.

Green LEAP invites start-ups and small business to apply for up to £5,000 to fund towards a broad range of climate-friendly projects. Grants of up to £2,000 may be considered for other projects, subject to funding.



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Steyning Farmers Market celebrates 25 years

Local residents and visitors were invited to join Steyning Farmers Market in celebrating its 25th Anniversary at Steyning High Street Car Park. To mark this exciting milestone, June's market was set to be an extra special event supported by funding from Horsham District Council.

On the day, over 35 fabulous producers were selling a fantastic array of products ranging from fresh produce, baked goods, deli items and condiments, to coffees, teas, spirits, beers, and wines as well as dog treats, flowers, wood carvings and more!



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Hundreds flock to Council's electric vehicle event to support carbon neutral goals



Horsham District Council hosted a free to attend electric vehicle (EV) event for people and businesses of West Sussex and beyond on Friday 24 May at their Parkside premises.

The event was attended by hundreds of people eager to learn more about how zero emission transport could both benefit them and help address climate change challenges.

Many attendees took the opportunity to take a free test drive in a host of EVs at the event from a broad selection of brands

Winning Shelley memorial sculpture announced



Sculptor Vincent Gray's concept design featuring a neoclassical style bronze quill and extracts from Shelley's poetry have been selected to go forward to the commissioning stage for a memorial dedicated to Horsham's poet Percy Bysshe Shelley.

The Shelley Memorial Project and Horsham District Council are pleased to announce that the winning sculptor for the proposed commission of a lasting memorial to Horsham's iconic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley is Chichester based, Vincent Gray.

Vincent's concept design features an iconic, intellectually engaging monument which celebrates the philosophies, beliefs and vision of Shelley. The bronze quill pen sits on a pillar inscribed with quotes from the internationally renowned poet's work.

Over 1700 members of the public took part in the public consultation, which included a vote on the four shortlisted concept designs. In a close competition between the four designs, Vincent Gray obtained the highest vote from the public.

Winning sculptor Vincent Gray commented: "I am profoundly honoured to learn my design concept through public consultation and the Shelley Memorial Project has been

such as Tesla, BMW, Volkswagen, Mini, Renault, Lexus, Ford and others, as well as the London Electric Vehicle Company with their all-electric black cab fleet including wheelchair access vehicles.

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