

Hastings Old Town Residents Association

May 2015 Parish News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Friday 15th May Stade Hall

There will be a welcoming reception from 6.30. The meeting will start at 7.00. The normal business of accounts , reports and elections will take place. This will be followed by a special guest speaker.

ANNUAL REPORT

A copy of the report will be delivered to all households and retailers in the week beginning 27th April. Copies will also be displayed on the noticeboards and our website. Go to www.hotra.org . There are also other issues of interest to see.

WEST STREET

For some years HOTRA has raised concerns about a number of issues in West Street. The number of large Eurobins illicitly placed on the highway attracts repeated fly-tipping. On a Friday and Saturday night anti- social drinking and drug taking takes place. Derelict sites and neglected buildings, together with totally inadequate Highways maintenance is offensive and unacceptable to the people that live there.

HOTRA have now written to the leader of Hastings Council, Cllr Jeremy Birch raising concerns about

- Environmental health [just take a look on a Monday morning]
- Failure to exercise adequate controls over licensed premises
- Planning issues.

OLD TOWN HALL MUSEUM

At the time of writing the future of this important and historical building is looking grim. Clearly the Town Hall needs to recognise that where they have failed to sustain this building the community should be given the opportunity to try. Both residents and visitors would like this important community asset to be the subject of genuine consultation about a viable future. HOTRA are strongly supporting the lead that OHPS are taking.

PAVEMENT CLEANSING

When there is no rain it quickly becomes obvious that street washing is no longer happening. The excuses are well known. If all retailers were to wash the pavement outside their premises it would help Just a bucket of water, some detergent and 5 minutes. Ask the shops that you use to do their bit.