

# **December 2016 Parish News**

## New surgery at Rock a Nore - petition

I apologise for the delay in issuing the petition forms. It is essential to use a word format that will allow local people's deep concerns to be recognised. We can only petition by objection. It is not possible to petition simply in support. Hopefully there will be a sense of wisdom at Hastings Town Hall and people's voices will be heard. An e-mail alert will be issued when we can go ahead. Petitions will be at the Roebuck surgery and other locations. Please do all that you can to support the efforts to secure a vibrant Health centre for the 8,500 patients listed.

## Stade Amusements / Flamingo Park

The newly re- issued lease for this important large seafront site was immediately sold on in September. HOTRA has welcomed the wide number of improvements to the 'estate' owned by the Foreshore Trust over the past 5 years. It was thus very disappointing that the conditions applied at the point of renewal were not more rigorous. What has been agreed to is very modest and could leave the centre of the seafront looking tired and run - down.

#### Homeless people - Snowflake Night Shelter

This national problem that attracts little attention from central Government is more and more apparent in Hastings. The Seaview Project has a long and praiseworthy record of assisting some of our most overlooked people. This winter a new effort is being organised using church halls across the whole town until the end of March. All Saints Hall will be used on Wednesday nights. Volunteers are needed.

Please contact Rebecca Black on 07547482627 or via their website at <a href="https://www.snowflake-nightshelter.org.uk">www.snowflake-nightshelter.org.uk</a>.

#### Hastings Sierra Leone Friendship Link Concert

Words and music will help to promote of this charity at St Clement's Church on Friday 2nd December at 7.30. Tickets are £10 on the door.

The New Year special edition of the HOTRA newsletter will be delivered to all letterboxes in the first week of January.

Enjoy the festive season