

June 2017 Parish News

Annual general Meeting 5th May

The Stade Hall was full for this event. After the usual business everyone was treated to a talk titled 'Boys on the Beach - growing up in the Old Town'. Tush Hamilton and DeeDay White amused everyone with their stories about living here in the 1940's and 1950's.

The Ghost of Dunkirk

DeeDay also brought us up to date with the plans for this historically significant former Hastings lifeboat. There will be a special Blessing of the Sea on the Stade Open space. The current lifeboat will be lined up alongside for the service. Sussex Brass band will be playing. The Cyril and Lillian Bishop will remain on display for the next few days. Then it will be hauled up All Saints Street to its new permanent display place. This is opposite All Saints Church at the start of Harold Road.

There has been a huge amount of support and volunteer effort which has resulted in this unique addition to the stories of the Old Town. Well done to all involved and a special big THANK YOU to Tush and DeeDay.

Doctor's Surgery

Despite over 1,500 people having signed the HOTRA petition supporting the much needed new G.P.'s surgery and Health centre Hastings Council are still delaying progress. The AGM expressed their disbelief that any truly valid reasons could be given to prevent this going ahead.

Public Space Protection Orders

Hastings Council considered the final report on 15th May following the public consultation. There had been significantly more submissions about the Dog Controls order than that dealing with Anti Social Behaviour- Drugs and Alcohol misuse and Begging. As the new regulations come into effect responsibility for enforcement falls to a contractor for Dog controls appointed by Hastings Council. The Police and Hastings Council will be responsible for Enforcing the Anti Social Behaviour regulations. With Aggressive and Organised Begging being such an unpleasant every day feature of life in the Old Town the effect of the new measures will be watched with interest.

Subscriptions

It is not too late to pay for 2017. Just drop £10 together with your contact details at Phil White's house Eight and a Half Exmouth Place, or leave at Nelson House Antiques - opposite the Electric Palace.