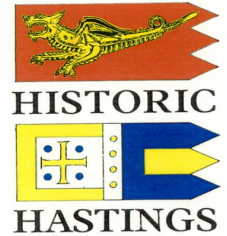




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## Newsletter Summer 2018



Last Year I began the Summer Newsletter with the same plea **YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU**. I am delighted to say we were successful in recruiting one new committee member but we still need more volunteers and more members. The Trustees recently met with Steve Manwaring HVA to discuss how to ensure the OHPS could carry on — the solution is people. People who care about the town and can spare a little time to give to the OHPS so it can carry on the good work.

Over the last six months we have amply demonstrated the value of the OHPS in working to protect the environment of Hastings. Now that planning application notifications are not sent to neighbours many people are not aware of them, not only do we try and alert people to this, we also submit comments and objections and raise these issues at various forums. Brewery Yard and its footpaths, Stade amusements and enclosure, Hastings Harbour Quarter are some examples. If you are a member reading this please make this work known to your friends and neighbours and try and recruit them as members. If you are not already a member please consider joining. The more members we have the louder our voice. The OHPS is every bit as relevant now as in 1952 when it was founded but if it is to have a future then more trustees, volunteers and members are needed. You will find a nomination paper for the CoM in this mail out so please complete if you feel you could join the CoM. If you can offer occasional help in any way please let us know.

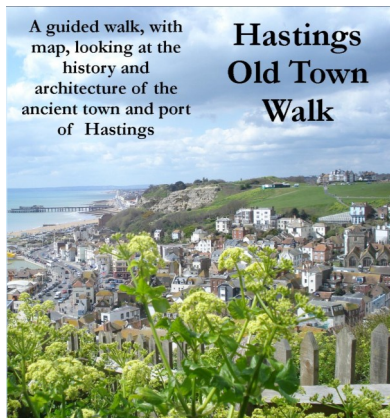
**Date for your Diary AGM Friday 8th June 7 for 7.30pm** We are delighted our Vice President, Michael Foster, will once again preside for us and after the meeting and refreshment will give us his take on "My Hastings".

### Hastings is the Nation's Best Walking Neighbourhood

The OHPS played a part in Anthony Slack's initiative to nominate Hastings Old Town for this Ramblers Association Award having been partly inspired by our tradition of offering free guided walks for 60+ years. Together with Anthony and several Old Town residents, Mick Pelling [a Stade Guide and Fishermen's Museum volunteer] and I accompanied the judges and talked about why Hastings Old Town is the best. Notice of the visit was short, it began as a snowy day in February but the sun came out, the hospitality of the FILO, our enthusiasm and the sheer attraction of the Old Town and its wealth of history won the day. We were on the short list of 10. The support of those who signed up to the website and voted was tremendous, Hastings has some great champions.

The Award is being presented to HBC on Weds 16th May at 11am in Butlers Gap.

We have noticed more people coming to the Old Town, many for the first time. Our Old Town Walk booklet at £3 has been flying off the shelf.



Tell your friends and family that they too can enjoy a **free Old Town Guided Walk any Tuesday from now until 4th September [donations welcome] Meet 2.30pm at the top of the West Hill Lift.**

**Leaflets with all dates and Stade Walk dates now available from History House & Fishermen's**

**Museum. A big thank you to our teams of Volunteer Guides who provide these walks and Erica Barrett and Nona Jackson who recruit, train and organise them. Thanks to HBC for their support.**

### 28 July to 5 August Old Town Carnival Week

We are grateful to the Old Town Community for supporting the week and their donations to OHPS. Thanks to Hastings Old Town Carnival Association Committee and all who provide content, help with the production and distribution of the programme. Thank you to all the businesses who advertise, take copies of the programme and collecting boxes. This is always a great week raising funds for local charities. Programmes should be available from 4th July and on [www.oldtowncarnivalweek.co.uk](http://www.oldtowncarnivalweek.co.uk)