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Old Town Carnival Week 2019

Once again the Old Town Community and Hastings Old Town Carnival Association put on a great programme of events for this week.

The collecting boxes and donation for events resulted in £1133.25, a great result. Both the new walks offered by Alan Jeffries on 'Lost Pubs of the Old Town [west]' and Alan and Fiona Wright on 'Windows and Glass' in the Old Town sold out. Alan Wright split the proceeds of his walk between OHPS and the Two Towers Trust which resulted in £80 for each organisation. Thanks to both Alans and Fiona for their time and trouble. The total ticket sales for the special walks was £421.

Four guides led 82 people on two of our regular Old Town Walks which raised donations totalling £99.20, a good return for a 'free' walk I think you will agree. Many thanks to Erica Barrett who is hanging up her walking boots and organising hat after the 14th October. Thanks also to our team of guides who have done sterling service and have had to overcome the lack of the West Hill lift this year which has undoubtedly affected public participation as well inconvenience to the guides.

The History House had 704 visitors over the week, our Wine and Cheese lunch was the best ever and we collected £160.95 in donations for secondhand books.

The donations in the programme collecting boxes was down by £135 on 2018 and without the support of the advertisers and Harris Woodcock who organises this we would not be able to afford to produce it.

Exhibitions

'Seaside Hastings' the exhibition of the Hastings Local History Group and our display of 'Some Old Town Clearance Areas' have proved very popular. From 3rd October until mid November our exhibitions will be 'The Bayeux Tapestry' and 'The Story of the Hastings Embroidery'. To be followed by Hastings Castle.



Very sadly the Planning Inspectorate have given approval for the whole of the **Stade Amusements** area to be classified as an enclosed amusement park, including the area of the boating lake. With regard to the footpath the Inspector said:

“ The appellants note that the north/south walkway in the middle of the site is not a public right of way and is part of the site as a whole. I have already concluded that the application site forms one planning unit in the same use and I therefore agree with the submission that footway does not, have a bearing on whether or not the east side of the boating lake is 'enclosed'.”

Following the Council's granting of planning consent for the expansion of the buildings, developments on the open area and a new path, the site of the north/south footpath has been closed off when the park is closed. Will the Foreshore Trust insist that this route is kept open as they have stated or will the excuse of building works go on for ever?

Is there a case for judicial review of the inspectors decision, given that ESCC did not grant a Right of Way because by right of the Foreshore Trust, the public has access?

There is worrying news that East Sussex Country Council cuts threaten the continuing work of The Keep. Lewes Eye reports "Due to cut backs it is possible that the new County Record Office at The Keep will either have to cut its hours or at the worse close. A target of cuts of £210,000 from ESCC'S contribution to The Keep's budget between 2019/20 & 2021/22 has been initiated." For details of the article see:
<http://www.leweseye.co.uk/local-government/county-council-cuts-will-your-history-disappear/> . continued on P2