



Old Hastings Preservation Society
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Normally I would be wishing you a happy and healthy new year but in these strangest of times I must reverse the order and wish you all a healthy and hopefully happy 2021.

Well what can I say about 2020? Our activities were minimal, a few walks were squeezed in when allowed, many thanks to our guides. I very much hope I will be appealing for more volunteer guides before this year is out. The Fishermen's Museum and History House have been open when allowed with appropriate Covid precautions taken, but we have really missed all the visitors in early summer and more recently over the Christmas/New Year holiday period.

I must once again especially thank our Treasurer Doug Deeks and Hon. Sec. Carol Porter for their help and support in keeping things going. Thanks also to the Council of Management, we have kept in touch and made decisions by emails. We have been able to claim furlough for the staff and so far been able to make up their pay. Our strategy has been to reduce opening hours at the Museum to those when we expect the highest visitor numbers, that is when we were allowed to open. Since Hastings has been in tier 4 and now in national lockdown of course we are closed. Some work can be done from home, emails are answered and enquiries dealt with and the properties are visited weekly.

We are once again grateful to David Dine for his work on RX90 The Valiant, we just need a spell of dry weather for the painting to be finished

We are very grateful to Jan Sellers and her team at the Fishermen's Museum for their efficiency in dealing with the regulations and their willingness and eagerness to return to work when circumstances permit. Nona updates the website. Marilyn and I answer enquiries, Stephanie is updating her Ridge Book, Steve Peak keeps an eye on the external exhibits. We have drawn the Council's attention to the poor state of some of the Net Shop roofs, which have deteriorated greatly with all the wet weather. Our grateful thanks to the whole team.

We are also grateful to our volunteers who appeared again when Covid allowed and enabled us to open and continued their archiving work.

Thanks to all our loyal members and thank you to those who have already renewed their subs with generous donations. If you have not yet done so I hope you will be renewing your subscriptions in 2021, details of payment options are outlined in the box below.

I do hope that we will be able to invite you back to the History House and the Fishermen's Museum again soon, when restrictions are lifted. Please check our website for details of opening hours.

Subscriptions are a vital part of keeping the OHPS and its work going so please do continue your support. Subscription rates remain as £10 individual and £15 for two people at the same address.

If you wish to pay by bank transfer the details are:

CAF Bank sort code 40-52-40,
account number 00003831.

Please make sure to put your name and sub as a reference

Cheques/cash maybe sent to Hastings History House, 21 Courthouse Street, Hastings TN34 3AU.

If you wish to pay by Bankers Order you will find a form on page 4, to complete and return to us.

There is also a form for gift aid which greatly helps our funds if you are able to add it. Please notify us if you no longer wish us to claim gift aid from your income tax.

Old Town Carnival Week

Carnival is planned for 7th August 2021. We would like to hold OTCW as usual from the 31st July to 8th August, whether this will be possible is too soon to say.

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