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Newsletter Spring 2022



First an apology for the lack of a newsletter at the end of 2021, I hope I can make up for it now by wishing all our members and readers a happy and healthy 2022 and create an interesting newsletter .

I did apparently start a page in November but thanks to 'improved' technology I seem unable to see what was in it. From that you will gather we have purchased new computers. We have 2 volunteers working on indexing our archive collection and continuing the index of our local newspaper cuttings files. We are very grateful to Rob and Denise for their work on these. You may have seen that Marilyn continues to add to and update www.friendsofhastingscemetery.org.uk and Nona does a great job with the OHPS website for the Society, the History House and the Fishermen's Museum, we are grateful to them both. The FOHC website has had 3616 users from all over the world in 2021.

We have managed to keep the History House open Thursdays to Saturdays 11-4 and the Fishermen's Museum open daily 11-4 [winter hours till April]. Some days however are very quiet we are very grateful to our staff and volunteers who enable this. We continue to get a fair number of enquiries which often lead us in interesting directions, but more of that later.

We actually held an in person Council of Management Committee meeting in September and hopefully will do so again next month. Doug Deeks, our Hon. Treasurer, is doing a sterling job and we are very grateful to him for this. When matters arise which need a consultation we use email. Major repair work to some of our Net Shop roofs has been done and currently one is being strengthened and given a new first floor. Hastings Borough Council's programme which has for the past few years undertaken this work does not seem to have done so in 2021 despite having a budget allocation for it.

We have also been looking at work needed to Hastings History House and are grateful to David Dine who has done a great job in sorting out the contents of the roof space, the next stage with that is getting part of it cleared and some items from the small space at the back of the building and then try to sort the condensation that gathers in the back section of the roof and the pointing at the front..



Current Exhibitions at Hasting History House
Lost Heritage of Hastings and St Leonards
at the Fishermen's Museum
The America Ground



It's time to renew your subscriptions for 2022 and we hope you will consider continuing your support of the OHPS, Fishermen's Museum and History House. Membership rates remain the same at £15 for two people at the same address or £10 for an individual, any donation in addition you care to make is very welcome and also signing up for gift aid if appropriate is a great boost to our income. You will find a renewal slip with this newsletter which gives details for paying by bank transfer. We can also take contactless payments now at Hastings History House.