

HOTRA, East Hill House 13 Tackleway Hastings TN34 3DE

## **April 2009 Newsletter**

### **Membership**

HOTRA subs are due on 1<sup>st</sup> April. All households will receive a Special Annual General Meeting newsletter which will include a subs renewal invitation. The fee remains a modest £5. Please make our Treasurers life easier by paying promptly

### **Annual General Meeting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

This will take place in All Saints hall starting at 7.00. There will be the usual reports and elections. If you want to stand for the Management Committee or for one of the officers posts please let me know by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Currently there is a vacancy for Secretary. ALSO this year there will be 2 guest speakers

- Lee Browning of Sussex Probation Service will describe the Community Payback scheme which may help to improve parts of the Old Town
- Bill Wickens – well known and much respected local activist – will tell us ‘Why the Old Town is so special’. Both are well worth listening to.

### **Jerwood Gallery, The Stade Open space and the Community building**

Following the well attended public exhibitions matters now move to HBC’s Planning Committee. For local residents the biggest gains are around the huge potential uses for the Open space for a great range of events + the exciting promise of a Community building. Discussions about the design details and future management of these 2 key assets are now underway. HBC cannot afford to pay for any running costs so a big challenge exists. Hopefully we will get a robust agreement that supports the EH Angling Club and delivers good quality activities for residents – especially young people.

### **Community Payback**

More and more the Courts are imposing Community Service sentences as an alternative to prison. Offenders who are considered ‘low or medium risk’ have to work unpaid on various projects. They are supervised at all times. Projects must benefit the community or a charity. HOTRA have written to HBC suggesting that they consider the following worthwhile projects:-

- construct a BMX cycle cross circuit opposite the Sea Life centre in Rock a Nore Road;
- upgrade and regularly maintain the East Hill steps
- cutback and refurbish the footpaths behind All Saints churchyard and Torfield Cottage
- repoint the Victorian retaining wall in Tackleway
- undertake some of the huge back log of pavement repairs.

What do you think of this idea / Do you have other suggestions?

### **Stade Amusement Park**

It has been reported that there are plans afoot to build a large new ride which could be up to 60 feet high. There will need to be clear enforceable regulations about noise levels if our worst fears come to be true.