

## **May 2010 Parish News**

### **Annual General Meeting Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.00 All Saints hall**

Please come to the AGM to consider the following business :

Presentation Dave Gibson our local roadsweeper is retiring – a small thank you.

Agenda – Minutes and Matters arising; Accounts and Treasurers Report; Chairmans Annual Report; Elections ; Any Other Business.

Speaker – Steve Manwaring , Hastings Voluntary Action, will explain the plans for the new Community building and Open Space on The Stade.

Also – copies of the plans for the inside of Isabel Blackman Centre on display. Leigh Dyer, artist and metalsmith, hopes to bring a conger eel to show.

### **Special Members Newsletter**

A copy of the Chairmans Report will be included in a newsletter to be delivered to all Old Town households. A membership form will be included.

### **Old Town Parking Challenge 2010 – 80 + extra spaces**

On 6 April the 3 local party leaders were sent a copy of our Election challenge to provide 80 more spaces around the Old Town that HOTRA had identified. The Labour and Liberal Democrat candidates replied within 12 hours. Both committed to help provide more spaces. Ten days later neither the Conservative group nor their ESCC lead member for Transport had replied. Its common sense really as residents, local traders and the Council all gain.

### **Winkle Island and Rock a Nore Road**

When 5 stark new, utility 8 metre tall lampposts appeared in early April HOTRA became very concerned. On enquiry we were told that the handsome Victorian style 8 metre lamps were to be moved elsewhere. HOTRA quickly got together key HBC and ESCC officers and others. The conclusion was the existing lamps will be retained. 4 of the new posts will be removed. The new post on the corner of Winkle Island nearest the Nelson will remain. [The latest lighting standards for pedestrian crossings make this necessary]. We also raised the provision of a dropped kerb at this point to allow wheelchair users to access the east side of The Bourne. We asked that as few posts and clutter as possible were installed.

### **Clive Vale surgery**

HOTRA was alerted that this GP practice proposed accepting no new Old Town patients on to their 'lists'. This runs contrary to the NHS principle of patient choice Also Roebuck Surgery has over 12,000 patients making it difficult for any one moving into the Old Town to be accepted. We wrote to oppose, especially as there was no evidence that any money would be saved.

### **Crown Lane to Tamarisk steps Footpath Inquiry 5<sup>th</sup> May All Saints hall**

When this footpath was locked off in 2004 many people objected. More details from ESCC on 0345 6080190