

*Hastings Old Town Residents Association*

May Parish News

**AGM Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 7.00 in the new Stade Hall**

Please come along to this meeting. Nikki Port is standing down after 5 years as Treasurer. We thank Nikki for all her hard work and wish her and Graham every happiness in their new home in Westfield.

After the usual accounts, reports and elections we are pleased that **Liz Gilmore, Director of the Jerwood Gallery** will explain the plans and answer your questions.

**Pedestrian Safety** has always been a priority for HOTRA. It was disappointing to learn that East Sussex County Council had quietly dropped plans for a new pavement at the start of the High Street – from Fagins to John the Cobblers. The reason given is the road is too narrow – but so is the steeply sloped pavement opposite by the Flower Museum. This plan was consulted upon and agreed over 3 years ago. The road has not got narrower since ! HOTRA will campaign to have this added to their plans – and to sort out the ridiculous high pavement outside the Old Town Hall Museum.

**Domestic Violence** This pernicious problem may be hidden but must not be forgotten. Figures for the 6 months January to June 2010 show that East Hastings – which includes the Old Town – had one of the highest levels of incidence in the whole of East Sussex. It is good that victim support services remain strong but the reality is this is happening in a house on a street near you.

**Subscriptions** If you have not already paid for 2011 please do so now. It is only £8 for an individual or £10 for 2 or more people living at the same address. Place your details and payment [ cheques payable to HOTRA] in an envelope marked HOTRA Subs and drop it into Nelson House Antiques in the High Street. A receipt will be issued.

**Allotment Party** This will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at Torfield Allotments. Tickets just £10