

Hastings Old Town Residents Association

March 2012 Parish News

Jerwood Gallery – special opportunity for members

A week of opening events at the new gallery will happen in March. HOTRA has been invited to use its members for a ‘test’ of how the building will cope with large numbers on Monday 12th from 3 – 4.30. This is for paid-up members only but our Treasurer Phil White will be there if you have forgotten. From 1st January the rate is £ 10 per person. If you would like to be there on 12th March please let me know by dropping a note to East Hill House, 13 Tackleway, Hastings TN34 3DE or by email to dick@hotra.org.uk

Later in the week there will be other Opening events including a performance of sea shanties by Fishermens Friends on 17th March. This is the first of many events during the summer on the Open Space, in the Stade Hall, or in the Gallery.

Winkle Island

HOTRA are working with the Winkle Club to try to upgrade the whole of Winkle Island. On March 10/11th March the old Winkle will be removed. On 17/18th the new Winkle will be installed. This is a stunning piece of art created by Leigh Dyer.

Can you help ? Do you know anyone connected to the people named on the existing benches ? We need to consult with them about the plans. Please let Cllr Richard Stevens or me know.

Highways Working Group

At the second meeting, chaired by Cllr John Hodges, there were 2 officers from ESCC present. Initially the discussions will focus on the High Street, thereafter the needs of the rest of the Old Town will be looked at. On 26th March our petition will be formally presented at County Hall. Signed by over 600 people it calls upon ESCC to bring forward schemes to improve and make safer the Old Town.

Digital TV switchover

This will mainly happen at the end of May. All old TV sets will be affected. More details on 08456 50 50 50 or www.digital.co.uk. All people 75 and over should have received a letter from the Switchover Help Scheme 0800 40 85 900.

Patients Participation Group at Roebuck Surgery

Ann Novotny will be representing HOTRA at this new group which will look at the changes in Primary Health services.