

Hastings Old Town Residents Association

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April 2012 Parish News

Wow ! What a week !

The Jerwood Gallery opened its doors to HOTRA's members on 12th March. We were invited to help 'test' the building. Over 100 members turned up. Downstairs is the large 'receiving' gallery which will feature a programme of exhibitions for particular artists, changing every 2/3 months. There are also some smaller spaces and a courtyard. Upstairs the building is a series of smaller rooms showing a wonderful mix of pictures from the Jerwood collection. Members were delighted with the pictures on display. After looking at the pictures you can then refresh yourself in the café with views as far as Beachy Head.

Most people were stunned by the quality of the building design and finishes. There are large floor to ceiling windows which frame local views. I enjoyed looking north across Rock a Nore Road at the buildings which include Georgian geometric tiles – a connection to the gunmetal coloured tiles adorning the Gallery. H.A.T. Designs have given us a building that is truly exceptional and which will help regenerate Hastings. This was one of the nicest events HOTRA has ever been involved in and a true milestone for the Old Town. Did you know that 17 permanent jobs have been created at the Gallery, with 80% going to local people ? We have written to thank them.

Annual General Meeting Friday 4th May at 7.00 in Stade Hall

Please make a note and come along to this important members meeting. After the formal business Quentin Blake will talk about his work. *Not to be missed.*

Jarvis at Stade Hall

Roland Jarvis will be holding a FREE exhibition of his art and sculptures starting with a Private View for Members and Guests at 2.00 pm on Friday 4th May. The Hall will be open 11 – 5 through to Thursday 10th May. As well as much of his recent work you can see a short video about Roland and his life.

Stade Saturdays – all free

Art and performances will take place throughout the summer on the Stade Open Space, thanks to an Arts Council grant and Hastings Council Area Based Grants. The popular Fishermens Friends opened the season on 17th March. Future performers include Lianne Carroll and a marvellous mix of music right on our seafront. To find more details look at the Hastings Council website, or ring 451111, or check the HOTRA website www.hotra.org.uk.

Wonderful new Winkle

Leigh Dyer has produced another outstanding sculpture for the Winkle Club. Now serious fundraising efforts are underway to upgrade the whole of Winkle Island.