

Hastings Old Town Residents Association

February 2013 Parish News

Stade Amusement Park

Discussions about how to achieve an attractive set of spaces continue. The quality of the finishes, the provision of a variety of free spaces and activities, the style of the new western railway station – all are important. HOTRA's Committee are particularly concerned about an 'over-arching' design that links from the Stade Open Space to the Crazy Golf. Fortunately there is a willingness to listen to local views. More reports to follow.

Old Town retail – a puzzle

With so many household names disappearing from High Streets across the nation, and even modern shopping malls struggling can anybody explain why our High Street and George Street continue to thrive so strongly ?

Robsack Surgery Patient Survey

There is currently a survey collecting your views about how to improve working practices. It is anonymous. Pop in and ask for a copy if you want to take part.

Call for carpenters

The lych gate at the top of All Saints Church yard – where it joins Tackleway – is being held up by scaffolding. Hastings Council have no funds available for repairs. There is an offer of free timber. What is now needed are 2/3 skilled carpenters to do this work as volunteers. {They do not have to be called Joseph but it might help }. Please contact me if you can help.

Fran McKeown

Fran was drowned on Hastings beach on Christmas Day. Fran had been a key worker for Hastings Voluntary Action for 10 years. Over 400 people attended her funeral. Our thanks go to the Old Town group of New Years Day swimmers who raised £300 for the RNLI in memory of Fran. HOTRA also made a donation to the Hastings Woodcraft Folk which Fran helped set up.