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## October 2013 Parish News

### *A very important month for the Old Town*

#### **Clean Seas Please campaign – Open meeting Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm in Stade Hall**

Do you know that within 18 months signs could be put up on Hastings beaches saying 'Unsafe to bathe'. The European Union safety standards have been raised. Councils like Hastings will have to test the water quality every day. As things stand it is unlikely that Hastings will meet the new requirements. Can you imagine the impact on holidaymakers, especially families ?

Please come to the meeting. Steve Manwaring of Hastings Voluntary Action will describe the issues. Speakers from Southern Water and the Environment Agency have also been invited.

Problems with litter on Hastings beach add to the poor impression for beach users. Responsibility for cleaning is fragmented. At busy times the beach becomes littered. These arrangements need review.

#### **High Street improvements – special exhibition for residents and traders**

ESCC Highways developments team are holding an exhibition in the hall beneath St Mary Star of the Sea Church. It will be open to all Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2 – 8 and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 10 – 4. To their credit ESCC have carried out considerable research and obtained specialist advice to develop their ideas.

As things stand the High Street is unsafe for pedestrians, especially at the lower end. The proposals include a new pavement between Fagins and John the Cobblers. To prevent the problem caused by 'rat-running' between 4 and 7 pm the most positive suggestion is to reverse the One Way direction from Roebuck Street to the start of George Street. Vehicles coming down Croft Road would turn right and join the A259 by the Two Bulls restaurant. This would also help to secure the pedestrianisation of Courthouse Street. Please go along, talk to the officers present and express your views. Remember that this is a response to the petition signed by over 630 people organised by HOTRA.

#### **Isabel Blackman Centre, Pinehill and Mount Denys**

Please go to [www.HOTRA.org.uk](http://www.HOTRA.org.uk) and sign the on-line petitions before 12<sup>th</sup> October. Do you know that there are more people affected by Dementia than in any other county ? Please support now.