

JANUARY 2010

Newsletter



Hastings Pier & White Rock Trust

Future HPWRT Events

ARTHUR GREEN our trust base is now open
Friday/Saturday/Sundays 11am – 4pm
34 White Rock, on the seafront opposite the old bathes.

SWAP SHOP
Saturday 30th January

**HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET MEETING MONDAY 1ST FEB
AT 6PM AT THE TOWN HALL**

NOT JOINED YET?

Forms are available on line
www.hpwrtr.co.uk,
or at Arthur Green
Membership funds help keep us going.

The Battle For Hastings Pier Facebook Group

To keep in touch with events around the pier, you can join the Facebook group.
Also on Twitter

Visit Our Web Pages

We have a fully updated web site
www.hpwrtr.co.uk which contains lots of the information from the newsletter, past information as well as a photo gallery and discussion forum.

HELLO AND WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW AND EXISTING MEMBERS, THINGS HAVE IMPROVED FOR THE PIER AND IT'S ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE HELPED THIS HAPPEN.

Hastings Council to consider CPO

Hastings Borough Council cabinet meeting Monday 1st February 6pm at the Town Hall.

The council will decide whether to develop an Approval in Principle for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). The brilliant thing about this approach is that it gives the Trust 'prospect of ownership' but keeps all the risks under control because the Approval in Principle lays out the conditions that must be met before a CPO is 'made and sealed'. If we meet those conditions it goes ahead; if we don't, it doesn't.

The trustees will be attending to hear the outcome and as this is an open meeting we hope you will join us on the night to remind councilors of the strength of opinion in the town.

Arthur Green

At long last our base at Arthur Green is open. Please try and find the time to pop in and say hello. We will have a grand opening around Easter time, meanwhile we are inviting artists to come along and hold exhibitions, local community groups to hold events. Anyone interested please contact Lesley.

We will also sell locally designed items from Sussex based artisans, and Hastings Pier fund-raising souvenirs. If you are an artist maker and want some where to sell your products we will be having space for 12/16 people in Arthur Greens again contact Lesley for an application form or for more details.

Volunteers also needed to help in the shop contact lesley@hpwrtr.co.uk or pop in and see me.

Swap Shop

Saturday 30th January 11am – 4pm.

Come along to recycle unwanted presents, nearly-new or good quality items those things we all have in a cupboard that are now unloved and unwanted but too good to throw out, so bring them along to Arthur Greens swap them for credits to buy something more useful in the shop. Clothes accepted if clean and in good repair.

Items can be brought in at any time but nothing will be swapped until Saturday 30th.

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Listening to Hastings December 2009

In December HPWRT asked its supporters a series of questions about how they feel about Hastings. What they love about the place and their concerns. What makes them sad, angry, frustrated and worried? What is their vision for the future of the town?

Whether they have project ideas that tackle their concerns and build on what they love about the town. Whether they feel they have a say in the future of Hastings and, if not, whether they would like to have a say. Here, in a spirit of New Year optimism, we present a few of the things people love about the place.

People love: the character of the built environment, the quirkiness of the people, the unusual festivals and vibrant arts scene, the old town, the seafront, the fishing fleet and, of course, the pier.

"The wonderful mix of beautiful built and natural environments, the character of the town, the slight anarchy of its people (Jack in the Green, Bonfire Night)." "It is unique, down to earth, creative, fun. It is steeped in history. It has lots of unexpected corners." "Diversity of people - not just old people, sea and beach, music scene, arts, independent shops and restaurants, fishing beach and fish shops." "The beach, the Fishing Huts, George Street, grand events such as Hastings Week, Seafood Festival, Bonfire etc, affordable housing." "Great Old Town; town centre located right by the sea. Having lived here for 6 years, seeing signs at last - albeit at snail's pace - of visual improvements. Festival weeks." "Its quirkiness, artistic vibrancy & sense of history." "The town is studded with artists and musicians and gems that shine out in their individuality, and the town lets them get on with it, with as little prejudice as you could get anywhere really." "It also has St Leonards! Diversity - culture - shoreline - architecture - community - people - surrounded by beautiful countryside - quirky individual shops, great fish." "Mainly the natural things, the landscape, the park, green spaces, east and west hills and the beach and sea." "The Pier is integral to this town as a site of many great and fond memories. We are a seaside town and part of that is having a pier. The value of The Pier is manifold. It can still be a site for local enjoyment, and seems now to be a way for local people to come together, unified in their efforts to bring back a well-loved part of our town." "I love the eclectic mix of people now living in Hastings" "The summer, the events, the seaside and the unique characters you find here and the spirit of the town." "I love the spirit of the people of this town. I love the sense of history and the beautiful, if rundown, architecture. I love the way this town is both urban and rural at the same time." "Its colour and vibrancy, its acceptance of everyone and its ability to say 'we have a problem' and get on and raise awareness and maybe fix it!" "Hastings is a wonderful place to live. A beautiful environment, fantastic people, and a great arts scene." "The rich history and culture. The fact that there is music everywhere, all the time.

The abundance of galleries and artists. The amazing number of friendly people. The natural beauty. The sense of community and pride in the area" "Its history, its lack of pretence, the variety, by the sea, the old town, fishing huts, heritage." "The sea, the sea air and walking along the prom past the landmark of the pier, until I see it is still closed. I love the fresh fish and the fishing fleet." "It's unique, has glorious history, buildings that are a 1000 years old, the old town, the beautiful unkempt fishermen's working beach. I hope it never gets 'cleaned up' - it's wonderfully rustic and historical and a real educational eye opener - it's an honour to see such a tradition still going on in its own way untouched by the horrible modern world. I love the bizarre events that keep this town rooted in its Pagan days like Jack in the Green, Old Town Week, Fire festival, pram racing etc." "The people, the unique atmosphere and the music and arts scene", "Lived here all my life and think it is a lovely place with so much going for it" "Hastings is very special and I would say unique. It has played a key part in our nation's history and 1066 is known all over the world. Our town is fortunate to be able to boast a varied topography and architecture. It is also full of colour and character. Whenever I am away part of me is missing Hastings. We have so much here - the Old Town, the fishing fleet, the arts and cultural community for instance. Then Burtons St. Leonards, the Country Park and so much more. How lucky we are!" "The old town and the seaside, the hills and the castle, discovering a little pub that you didn't spot before, the seagulls on a clear windy day, the country park, the plentiful taxis and buses, the largely clement weather. Oh, and the pier." "The people; the architecture; the quirkiness; the vibrancy; history; the cultural mix; I could go on, I just love Hastings and St Leonards." "The blend of old town, new town and the facilities that are provided such as a great cycle lane, great shops and restaurants and generally vibrant people who seem to enjoy the town" "The physical beauty of the place, the wonderful vegetation and green places, the seafront, the Stade and fishermen's beach. The wonderful mix of people we have in the town" "Everything. The history, the architecture, art and the diverse culture." "Its eclectic mix of people, the beautiful beach and the potential that it has to re-generate." "I love being by the sea, the architecture, the traditions, Hastings' uniqueness as a seaside resort." "It is a truly beautiful place and could be one of the most exciting places to visit on the South Coast." "I love the quirkiness, the arts scene, the sea" "Love the History, the eccentricity and the creative feel." "Hastings is a very beautiful place with fantastic architecture, a great heritage and surrounded by quite amazing scenery. But it is the people of Hastings I like most - they make up the town's unique, welcoming character, yet call a spade a spade - you know where you stand with them and they don't have airs and graces: hey, we're all in the same boat!" .