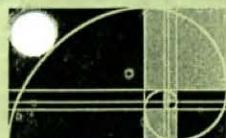


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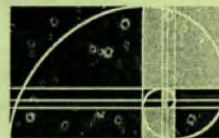
HASTINGS TRUST NEWSLETTER

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🌲 A HAPPY CHRISTMAS 🌲
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
TO ALL MEMBERS



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Trust Us . . . is a quarterly up-date/newsletter of the Trust's activities and projects, aimed at giving first-hand information on the Trust's current activities and projects. Members are actively encouraged to send in articles and suggestions for publication.

In each issue there will be a "Spotlight On" feature on Directors/Staff, so that members can become familiar with those working for them.

COMMUNITY DESK TOP PUBLISHING

In the early part of 1992 the community Desk Top Publishing system will be up and running.

With the new equipment it is hoped that many of the organisations in Hastings will be able to produce high quality Newsletters, Posters, etc at very competitive rates. This will also be a valuable source of revenue for Hastings Trust's projects.

With the inclusion of the scanner it is envisaged that many of the Trust's photographs and line artwork can be stored electronically and therefore be of invaluable help in the archiving of this type of material.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY DATABASE

It is proposed that the Trust sets up a Community Directory Database which will be used to store a wide variety of information and which will be of great value to the many organisations, and the community in general, in the Hastings area.

Once again, the Directory will be a valuable source of income for the Trust's projects.

CHRIS



The Trust's new Desk Top Publishing system

FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIP

In 1992 Hastings Trust aims to initiate and involve itself in more projects than it did in 1991. Our flagship project, restoring Pelham Crescent, is a long-term venture. Such a venture will require many years of fundraising, and it will therefore be a long while before dreams are realised and efforts rewarded.

At the Annual General Meeting, board members, members and staff expressed their hope that there will be more action, particularly in the shape of projects, at the Hastings Trust in 1992. Projects need funds if they are ever going to get past the planning stage. In order to secure funding, projects must be planned in advance with clear aims and objectives. There is a Hastings Trust Sponsorship/Fundraising form available to help people plan and evaluate proposed projects. If anyone hears of available funds, in whatever shape or form, please let us know.

Funds are not the only way a project can be supported. Equipment, administration, transport, materials, printing, staff and publicity can all cost a considerable amount of money. By appealing to the local council's departments, local schools and local businesses for donations in kind, facilities of staff time, many of the needs of a project can be met without a penny changing hands. It is up to all staff, board members and members to use their contacts and secure help wherever and whenever possible.

JULIET

THE CONSERVATION SHOP

One of the most valuable of the many assets that the Hastings Trust possesses is its shop.

Situated in the Old Town at 58a High Street it was originally established by the Trust's predecessor, the Hastings Urban Conservation Project in 1989. It is a veritable cornucopia of T-shirts, books and cards which relate to a wide variety of subjects.

So, if you want to know more about local history, conservation of old buildings or green issues then you'll find it all there - as well as helping to fill our coffers through the Trust's trading subsidiary.

The shop, which is open from 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. from Monday to Saturday, is a great place to browse around - so why not come along soon!

LAURENCE

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting which was held on 10th December at the Marina Pavilion was attended by 31 members.

The main outcome of the evening was the election of members on the Board of Management. The newly elected individual Board Members are: Rachel Lewis, Don Richardson, Alan Privett, John Turner, Mike Stuttle, Paul Smith, and Peter Billington. The two new organisational members are George Adams for Adams Johns Kennard Architects, and Dennis Collins for Hastings & St Leonards Chamber of Commerce. Existing members are: Anne Scott, James Risbridger, Alma Hanson, Cllr Ossie Hughes, Cllr Pam Brown.

The approval of a replacement clause in the Hastings Trust Articles of Association means that the Trust's confirmation of charitable status should be imminent.

Minutes of the AGM will be circulated to all members as soon as possible.

CATHERINE

EDUCATION

29 October - A walk around Burtons' St. Leonards

6 November - A walk around Burtons' St. Leonards

We were asked by the Construction Department of Hastings College if we could arrange an instructional walk around Burtons' St. Leonards for their Construction Studies Course.

Due to the numbers involved, two walks were arranged. The first, by Quin Williams, and the second, by Mr Walter Ison, both members of the Burtons' St. Leonards Society. We would like to thank both Mr Williams, Mr Ison and the Burtons' Society for their help.

We also arranged for the college construction students to survey the Assembly Rooms - now the Masonic Hall - and Christchurch School, both as part of their course. We would like to thank all those persons involved in helping us promote the *educational aims* of the Trust.

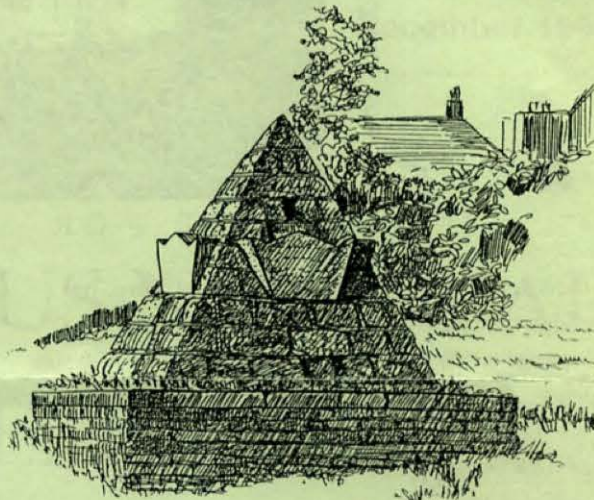
PROJECTS PAGES

THE BURTON MEMORIAL GARDEN

This project was first started in 1969 and, as yet, has not been completed.

Taken up by the Trust, we have recently made considerable progress and hope to complete it over one weekend during the spring.

We have, to date, 40 + volunteers willing to give up one weekend - to enable us to do an "Anneka Rice" on this project. However, we still need your help. Can you; clear rubbish, point brickwork, plant trees and shrubs, dig, rake and level, lay paths, raise or contribute funds? If there is anything you can help us with to complete this community garden - volunteer now!!!

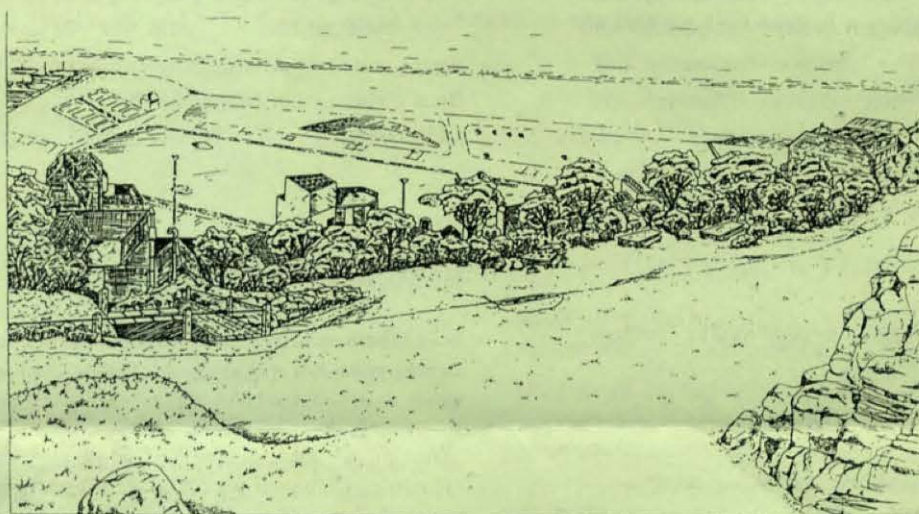


Proposed dates:

Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 March 1992

or Saturday 4 - Sunday 5 April 1992

DAVID



THE 100 STEPS - WEST HILL

Started in the spring of 1988 and shelved on financial grounds in the summer of 1991.

This file makes for pretty sorry reading. Much has been done in the way of basic planning by a number of organisations. The demise of the project must leave many of them with a bitter taste at seeing their work come to nothing. The final cost of the scheme was estimated at £25,000 - £30,000 on a contracted out basis. Detailed drawings and a schedule of work are located on the projects clipboard in the 'Project Pit' at 58a.

The work schedule can be broken down into numerous individual areas, each of which can be tackled separately. Repairing part of a supporting wall to the north west of the steps; tree planting on the upper slopes; rubbish clearance; landscaping at the top;

re-decoration and lighting of passage at the bottom, etc. etc. Even re-laying of the actual steps can be tackled in sections, over a period of time.

We may be able to undertake some of these areas with no financial outlay, others with minimal fundraising success. Once some work has been carried out, the associated publicity will no doubt help us to progress the scheme. Our experience since the Trust's launch has been that individuals and organisations are only too willing to help improve their environment by whichever means are at their disposal. Through this resource, projects such as The 100 Steps can be undertaken without the need for large amounts of cash up-front.

The way we tackle one scheme, isn't automatically the way to tackle another. In this instance the way forward will be 'one step at a time'.

ROBERT



A SITE FOR SORE EYES.

This derelict eyesore, in the heart of the Old Town, has proved impossible to deal with in conventional development terms. Some years ago HUCP held a design competition for members of the public to choose the design they would like to see on the site - unfortunately it went no further than that, and the site remained to taunt us.

Recently, a number of people asked the Trust to step in and see what we could do - this proved to be quite a challenge, since it meant undertaking a scheme with no money available. A Community Open Space with seating areas and planting was decided upon as the most popular and cheapest use of the site. The Trust is co-ordinating and organising a scheme, utilising members, volunteers and interested professionals; acquiring materials, support and voluntary labour from all sections of the community. The work will begin in early spring, with the local

HIDDEN HASTINGS

A series of high quality publications produced by Hastings Trust.

The series will include such titles as:

- The Twittens Tour
- Burtons' St. Leonards
- The Old Town Trail
- etc

The main aim of the publications is to be both educational and fun.

They will be of use to both the local community and tourists alike.

The textual and artistic content will be provided by local people (artists, historical/archeological societies, etc) and should therefore appeal to a wide range of people.

The publications will be produced "in-house" by Hastings Trust, using the full capabilities of their computer equipment.

The printing will be done by a Hastings firm, thus keeping in line with Hastings Trust's policy of helping the community.

CHRIS

Territorial Army Unit clearing the site, using skips provided by Drinkwater-Sabey. A local artist is preparing a sketch of the finished site to encourage fundraising, and we are starting a "Buy-a-Brick" scheme in the New Year to raise more funds. This kind of project work is integral to our policy of helping people realise their visions for improving their own environment, and enabling them to do it. If you feel that you can help in any way, please contact us soon.

There is no provision of public open space within the Old Town itself, no area where the old, the young and the weary can rest and enjoy the local scene. The "Site For Sore Eyes" scheme will change all that.

CHRISTINE

HERITAGE TRAILS

In an effort to raise awareness of the outstanding archeological and architectural riches of Hastings and Rother, which runs the whole gamut from Iron Age Hill Forts to the De la Warr Pavilion, and to attract the kind of tourists who will stay longer than a day, the Trust is embarking on a publication of "Heritage Trails".

Working with the Hastings Area Archeological Research Group, architects and writers, the Trust will follow its usual practice of working in-house and printing locally. Funding has been sought (and seems to be promised...) from County, Borough and District Councils, and the rest of the cost will be sought from commercial sponsors.

Initial response to the idea has been extremely favourable - it seems that there is a demand for "Heritage Trails" which the Trust can supply, and the material can also be used by local schools for their national curriculum and GCSE courses. Price of the 32 page booklet, with colour illustrations and black and white line drawings will be approximately £1.95. Any member who has especial expertise in this field and would like to contribute, please come in and see us.

CHRISTINE