

# NEWSLETTER



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5th MARCH 2019 at 7.30pm

The Annual General meeting of the Association takes place at Manor Field School, Junction Road, Burgess Hill RH15 0PZ starting at 7.30 pm. This is your chance to have your say, so come along and give us your impressions of your residents' Association, good or bad. We do need feedback from you to make sure we are tackling the local issues you care about. Entrance is free and all members and residents welcome. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME ON TO THE COMMITTEE IN THE NEW YEAR, PLEASE LET A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE KNOW.

After the meeting we will hear from Sussex speaker, Geoff Hutchinson - Hear the words of 19th century Prime Minister William Pitt the Younger, as he explains his plans for the coastal defences to thwart the threat of invasion from France during the Napoleonic wars. After he has delivered his speech Geoff takes up the story as he explains the later history of the Martello towers and the Royal Military Canal. Geoff is a very entertaining speaker, so it will be Sussex history coming to life! The talk will be followed by a cheese and wine social.

## NEWS ROUND UP

### Defibrillator for Worlds End

Worlds End stores and Post Office has kindly agreed to host the new defibrillator which is to be installed on their frontage. We owe our thanks to Nishanthan and his staff for agreeing to take on this public service for the community. We hope it is never needed as it is used to assist in the recovery of heart attack patients. We need to appoint a guardian to look after the equipment, so if you can help, please let us know. The photo shows Postmistress Suba with the new equipment.



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### The Watermill Inn

Landlords Paddy and Chris are back in charge and have ambitious plans for improving the pub building and front area. The car park will be reduced to two spaces, one for a disabled driver and one for staff. The rest will become be a large seating area with tables and planters marking the boundary. The tarmac surface and outer pavement, which have been in a bad state, with weeds, potholes etc. will be repaired. We are working with the owners to conserve the old brick paving (pictured), a reminder of the brick-making history of Burgess Hill.



### Childrens' Play Area Update

Planning permission has been granted for updating the play equipment and work has started on the Changing Places restroom facilities, which are specially designed for use by disabled children and their parents. The plan is to start work on the new play area in the next six weeks. Our photo gives a digital impression. The Council has also agreed to relay the footpath alongside the school, known as Footpath 8. This has been in a poor state with flooding and uneven surface issues.



Burgess Hill Town Council has restored the community notice board after the previous board was taken down two years ago. Our thanks to them and Mid Sussex DC for bringing back this useful source of local information. It is located in the entrance path to the recreation ground, off Junction Road, near the Worlds End sign. Please do make use of the information it contains – these boards cost tax-payers money to put up and maintain, so use it or we lose it!

**Manor Court**

As our photographs show, this building is deteriorating badly. We are in correspondence with Clarion Housing to find out what the plans and timescale are. At the very least the hedge needs to be trimmed and the security fencing repaired. Planning permission has been granted for fourteen 2 bedroom flats. If improvement is not forthcoming, we will alert the local Press and our MP as the current situation is quite unacceptable. After all, we have lost 21 homes, elderly people have been moved out and we are left with a derelict building.



**OBITUARY – CHARLES BIRD**

It is with great sadness the we report the death this month of long-standing member, Charles. He had been ill for a short while. We send our condolences to his family. Charles joined the Association at the outset and served on the committee for several years. He had enormous local knowledge and was always prepared to help when called upon. He never missed a public meeting and it was he who helped solve the

flooding issues under the railway bridge. We will miss his wise advice and steadfast support of the Worlds End community. His funeral is on Monday 28th January at 1.30pm at Woodvale, Brighton and after at the King’s Head Pub, Upper Beeding.

**Real Ales of Worlds End** has, unfortunately closed down as a shop. Colin and his staff have run it for 10 years but state there are just not enough customers coming through the door to sustain a shop. However, he is going to continue with Home Delivery. There will be a website for you to place your orders, and delivery to your door. Our thanks to Colin and his staff – they have given it their best shot.

**Stop Press!** The Worlds End Duck Fair is making a comeback! Member Karen Watling has kindly offered to run a one-off summer fair. Date is 20th July 2019 – watch the website for updates.

*Subscriptions (unchanged for 2019) are due on 1st January, see renewal form appended.*

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**Subscription Renewal 2019**

**Please enrol me for Membership of the Worlds End Association**  
**Post your form to the Treasurer: K. Sutton, 22 Janes Lane, Burgess Hill RH15 0QR**



Name(s): ..... Membership Fee: £5.00  
 Address: ..... I would like to make a voluntary Donation £  
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 Email: ..... Alternatively pay by bank transfer, giving surname and initials as the reference to: Sort Code: 09 01 55  
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The committee would be grateful if members could pay by cash or bank transfer in future as changes at the Worlds End post office prevent cheques being paid in there.

We also wish to improve our communication with members and would be grateful if when renewing members would provide their current email address for future communication. It will not be shared with other parties. A facebook page is currently being set up for communication with the committee in addition to the email facility available through the web site.