

# NEWSLETTER



## February 2020

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**17 MARCH 2020 at 19.30**

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 meeting your expectations, or indeed exceeding them! Entrance is free and all members and residents welcome.

After the meeting we will hear from our guest speaker, Rob Bonnett on the story of our Sussex Mills, both wind and water. You will know that we once had a watermill not far from here – Valebridge Mill.



Rob has worked on three Sussex mills, has succeeded in obtaining Listed Building status for one and has written books on the subject. He will cover the history, types and how they work, and their demise. There are some good disasters too! The talk will be followed by a cheese and wine social.

### NEWS ROUND UP



#### **Manor Court**

As our photographs show, the building is still deteriorating. We are pressing Clarion Housing to progress the project.

Latest information we have is that they are close to agreement with the building company. Projected date to start demolition is early spring 2020. There will be 14 two-bedroom flats and they will be for sale as shared ownership or outright leasehold purchase and available to all age groups. The landscaping, trees, hedges etc will be retained. Parking for 14 cars and a cycle store.



### THE WATERMILL INN

We have applied for a Heritage Lottery Grant and are working with the owners to conserve the brick paving at the front, a reminder of the brick-making history of Burgess Hill, where there were once over 100 brickyards. The new frontage is a big improvement on the old run-down tarmac. The landlords are planning to start serving meals from April – please do support our local in the new venture.

Burgess Hill Town Council Help Point has been assisting in getting the blocked drain cleared on the pavement by the station garden, in Leylands Road (pictured). Flooding here has been a problem for years but should now be a thing of the past, provided WSCC keeps it clear. Our thanks to BHTC and the Paper Shop proprietor Razaad Taahir for getting this done.



We now have a representative on the new Burgess Hill Residents' Forum and he is contactable, if you have any issues you wish to raise with the Town Council, at: [kelvin.sutton@worlds-end-association.com](mailto:kelvin.sutton@worlds-end-association.com)

**LEYLANDS ROAD** bridge closure has been a major disruption to motorists and others using the tunnel. Three of our members (all transport or railway executives at one time) have been putting pressure on Network Rail, which has resulted in the partial re-opening. Our thanks to them. We are working with Network Rail to get the tunnel walls painted, but it is a struggle as they regard such work "cosmetic" and of low priority. However, Network Rail has now given us permission to do the work ourselves so we will be looking for volunteers. It will be a big improvement as safer for pedestrians on dark nights and will look much better.



Contact a committee member (details below) if you would like to help with this. We have a professional painter who will manage the work for us. It may be we have to do it ourselves, with permission, of course – any volunteers? Go to our website to Contact The Association if you can help.

**ART AT WIVELSFIELD STATION** We have been approached by Francis Knight, a public art consultancy which is supported by MSDC, to improve the station environment. A major challenge, you might say, but your committee has met with the company and hopes for positive results.

The Great British Clean- up, supported by the Town Council, takes place again this year. We have fixed Saturday 21 March, 10 am as clean-up morning for Worlds End. Meet at the recreation ground entrance in Junction Road High visibility jackets, litter pickers and bags will be provided. If you can offer to help, please bring your gardening gloves. It should only take an hour or two, and afterwards in the Watermill Inn.

Farewell to Bridget Black. Bridget has been a loyal member of the association since the start in the 1980's having lived in Worlds End for 40 years. She is moving to be nearer to her family and we thank her for her generous help with the refreshments at our meetings and her wise advice on local matters over so many years. We wish her happiness in her new home, still in Burgess Hill.

**OBITUARY – MARGARET PAGDEN**  
It is with great sadness that we report the death last May of long-standing member, Margaret. She had been unwell for a while. Together with her husband Bill, they ran the hardware store, RAITAB for eight years and provided strong support to this Association and our community.

We have sent our condolences to Margaret's husband and family.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Annual General Meeting  
where you have your say  
**Tuesday 17th March at 7.30pm**  
Worlds End clean-up  
**Saturday 21st March at 10.00am**  
Worlds End Duck Fair  
**Saturday 11th July — Starting at 11.00am**

*Subscriptions (unchanged for 2020) are due on 1st January, see renewal form appended.*

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## **Subscription Renewal 2020**

**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 £

TOTAL: £

Postcode: .....

**Subscriptions are due January - Info given will only be used by WEA and will not be divulged to any 3<sup>rd</sup> party**

Tel: .....

Alternatively pay by bank transfer, giving surname and initials as the reference to: Sort Code: 09 01 55

Email: .....

A/C No: 08703085

Date: .....

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.

