



HAMPSTHWAITE VILLAGE SOCIETY

To preserve and improve the character and amenities of the village.

To promote activities of interest to the members

ASJ/VSCC

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Dear Members

NEWSLETTER MAY 2010

I recently experienced a most incredible cruise around my second favourite place on earth, the West Coast of Scotland and the Hebridean islands where it has been wall to wall sunshine for ten days. There are no prizes for guessing which is my favourite place - yes, it's upper Rowden Lane in Hampsthwaite. I returned home a few pounds heavier around the waistline, but with a reasonable sun tan.

A coach load of members visited Harrogate Theatre in March to see 'Fiddler on the Roof' presented by Harrogate Operatic Players; it was an exceptionally well produced show and equal to any professional production. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended and thanks to Norman Hesp for organising this.

Our 'Echoes of Ireland' Irish night was very successful and enjoyable and the popular group 'Brewed Slowly' soon had the audience singing along and tapping their feet. Whilst it was not a sell out - just over one hundred tickets were sold - but, as it happened, the seating lay out was ideal without being over-crowded. Janine Manton and Jean Garnett excelled themselves once again with an excellent buffet and everyone seemed to go home happy. It was a great Committee team effort which raised just under £600 for Society funds and thanks go to all those who worked hard to organise our third fund raising concert and to ensure its success.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our impresario Norman Hesp has reserved tickets for the production of 'Patience' by Harrogate Gilbert and Sullivan Society to be held at Harrogate Theatre on 27th May and a booking form will be on the board at the next meeting.

Elizabeth Mason has organised a full day's outing to Beamish Open Air Museum in County Durham for Thursday, 15th July and, as usual, a meal will be arranged at some point on the return journey. The cost will be £26 and a booking form will be on the board at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on **Thursday 13th May 2010** at the usual time of **7.30 p.m.** in the Memorial Hall when **Miss S Dunne** will give an illustrated talk on **'250 years of Harewood House and the Lascelles Family'**.

PROJECTS

The Society recently submitted an application to the Knabs Ridge Farm Community Fund for the provision of new Christmas lights for the village Christmas tree. We were successful in being granted £375 and the Society is indebted to Parish Councillor Dennis Bastow for his help and guidance in preparing the necessary application forms etc. Ian Harrington is now in possession of several interconnecting strings of lights totalling 1332 lights in all. A local electrician has been commissioned to carry out an inspection of the control box and cabling on the village green and will issue the appropriate certificate on completion.

The long awaited updated edition of the Village Pump has now been produced by Gina Jessop and all members within the parish should now have received a copy. The Society has agreed to sponsor the cost of printing the leaflet which is approximately £90.

LIFE HONORARY MEMBERS

It is my pleasant duty to inform you that at our recent Committee Meeting a proposal was put forward and accepted unanimously to create three new Life Honorary Members of the Society.

You may remember that it has been customary to bestow this honour on all retiring Chairmen / Chairwomen. Sadly our late Chairman Bob McLean did not survive to receive this honour, but instead the Committee are delighted to award it to his widow Margaret in recognition of the tremendous amount of work which Bob carried out as Chairman of our Society to ensure that it continued to be successful, enjoyable and vibrant. You may recall that in the special newsletter which I produced as a tribute to Bob in November 2008 I said "we all looked forward to the day when Margaret will feel confident and able to return to our meetings and activities and, above all, enjoy them". We are all delighted to see that Margaret is now able to do exactly that.

Life Honorary Membership has also been offered to the husband and wife team of Mozi and Jane Nami who run the very successful Post Office in the hub of our village. Despite being extremely busy they have always found time to receive Society subscriptions on our behalf and also to sell tickets for our various concerts and events. Their co-operation relieves the Society, particularly our Treasurer Richard, of a great deal of administrative work. They also provide the perfect focal point to publicise our various activities.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

I must remind you that subscriptions for 2010/2011 are now due and quite a number remain outstanding. Subscriptions remain at £5 per head and it would be appreciated if these outstanding subscriptions could be paid as soon as possible either to Richard Walker or via the Post Office. As I have said many times before debt collection is not within the scope of our Treasurer's brief and your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the Society's programme of meetings, outings and events for 2010/2011 together with full details of 'Who does What' on the Committee. Please keep this handbook safe for future reference. Additional concerts, outings and events will be organised and details will be given in future newsletter and at our meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Thursday 13th May.

Yours sincerely,



STUART JENNINGS
Chairman



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MEETING DATES 2010 / 2011

GENERAL MEETINGS

Thursday 7th January 2010

Thursday 11th February 2010..... Annual Dinner

Thursday 4th March 2010 Annual General Meeting

Thursday 13th May 2010

Thursday 8th July 2010

Thursday 9th September 2010

Thursday 4th November 2010

Thursday 13th January 2011

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday 18th February 2010

Thursday 18th March 2010

Thursday 22nd April 2010

Thursday 24th June 2010

Thursday 26th August 2010

Thursday 21st October 2010

Thursday 9th December 2010