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## FROM THE EDITOR

### Welcome to our Autumn OHSCA newsletter

For most of us this year has been difficult because of Covid and its effects on personal lives and businesses. It is hard to predict a clear 'end point'; it seems the virus will be endemic in the same way that influenza rumbles on year on year. As if that is not enough to worry about, the reality of climate change, as revealed in the IPCC Report published on 9 August, makes everything else pale in comparison; one hopes the coming COP26 Conference results in real action from governments and not simply more hot air. The Canterbury Climate Action Week in October will address many important areas (see p.11).

This newsletter touches on key issues for OHSCA, some of which will need to be discussed at the AGM. We hope as many members as possible will attend this important AGM.

### A CALL FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

As you all know, OHSCA is a non-party-political group representing residents in the Oaten Hill and South Canterbury areas. We depend on volunteers to run the Association's activities, and we represent our residents' interests through the committee. OHSCA is urgently looking for new members to cover vacancies on the committee. The commitment is not onerous, and you may be able to contribute skills and knowledge valuable to the Association. OHSCA is represented on several 'umbrella' residents' association groups, such as ACRA and NORA, that fight for local environmental issues, standards and amenities on residents' behalf at Council and government level. If you are interested in joining the committee, but want more information before putting your name forward, do contact the OHSCA Hon. Secretary, Marion Bell, on 01227 459949 or 07713 025245 for a friendly chat about what it means to join the committee. A nomination form is on p. 9 in this newsletter.

The AGM is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> October, and this is your opportunity to find out more about forthcoming changes in our district, proposals for the K&C Hospital, and the ongoing legal 'battle' concerning the Mountfield Park development. The AGM is open to all paid-up OHSCA members.

*Greta Cotterrell*

### Forthcoming events for your diary

SEA coffee mornings: every 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of the month  
Walks: Twice weekly (Wed and Fri) 9.30 am, meet at old K&C main gate  
Litterpick: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 10.30, meet in Dover Street/ St George's Garden  
AGM: 7 pm, 15<sup>th</sup> October, at Kendall Hall



Jane Pollok won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Mad Hatter competition with her NHS-themed hat 'Syringe' at the *al fresco* luncheon on 21<sup>st</sup> August

## FROM THE CHAIR

This will be my final article as Chair, as I am stepping down: a group chair arrangement will take over. I hope I have helped support OHSCA in a difficult year, and many thanks to the Committee members for their hard work.

I think OHSCA perhaps needs to look outward this coming year – how can we assist the 74 Afghan refugees coming to the Abbots Barton? (Phone KRAN: Kent Refugee Action Network 01227 634320.)

How will massive building programmes proposed under the new draft Local Plan vision, along with probable new national arrangements for planning applications aiming at even greater numbers, leave our city? As the stampede to build more and more housing for upper income families progresses, has our Council done enough to create realistic and robust arrangements to support lower income families, particularly in respect of affordable housing? I fear not. It is up to us to raise our voices in objection.

*Tim Carlyle*

## PLANNING

CCC's assurances that Canterbury's World Heritage Status is in safe hands are frankly risible in the light of the unchecked overdevelopment of the city centre in recent years; a long list of horrors, concluding with the shockingly intrusive ventilation plant atop a new CCCU building right next to St Augustine's Abbey. Let us hope that the powers-that-be can now be persuaded to at last get on with the updating of the local WHS management plan which has remained unchanged since 2002 despite a requirement for it to be updated every five years.

### **The ACRA submission to the Canterbury Local Plan Draft Vision and Options consultation:**

This detailed and carefully considered response was sent to Canterbury City Council on 4<sup>th</sup> August. ACRA recognises some of the efforts of the CCC but completely rejects the Preferred Growth Option and Canterbury focus B option in the Local Plan. "ACRA readily acknowledges the progress made by Canterbury City Council in working towards the 2030 zero carbon target for its own activities ... (but) ... the suggestion that the best way of improving our natural environment and conserving our rich and unique heritage is to build double the number of housing units specified in the central government forecast of need is in our view completely undeliverable and financially risky in the extreme." ACRA notes that inadequate study had been made regarding student numbers and the need for student housing, and the effects of large new housing developments on traffic congestion and pollution. Readers who are interested in studying the ACRA response in detail could contact David Kemsley, ACRA representative on behalf of OHSCA, via the Press Liaison office ([press@ohsca.org](mailto:press@ohsca.org)).

In addition the OHSCA response to the CCC Options was lodged on 8th August. A copy of this document was circulated via Mailchimp to members, and some meetings with Councillors have been offered to review CCC thinking at this interim stage.

The Permitted Development Notification to convert Beckett House to 42 flats has returned and details now submitted of some car parking arrangements. OHSCA has objected as there are no useful details of transport planning.

**CANTERBURY CLIMATE ACTION WEEK** *Climate Action and the Road to COP 26* takes place on 24-29 OCTOBER 2021 with discussions and events led by the Canterbury Climate Action Partnership (<https://www.ccap.org.uk/>). The full programme is on p.11.

*David Kemsley and Tim Carlyle*

## OHC

A decision is still pending between Option 1: a super-hospital and A&E at Ashford, acute services and A&E at Margate, and non-urgent/pre-booked treatment and a UTC at Canterbury, and Option 2: a super-hospital with A&E at Canterbury, partly financed by Mark Quinn's offer, and UTCs and GP-led care only at Ashford and Margate. [UTC = Urgent Treatment Centre.]

The Gazette reported on 29 July that KCC had agreed to make land "surplus to KCC's requirements ... available for inclusion in the hospital plans, if required." – evidently for Option 2, but no details of exact

location, potential purchaser, price etc were revealed. However, we know that the Kent/Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) sent the required 'business cases' for the two Options to Whitehall earlier this year (as a decision of this financial significance is taken at national level), so it seems likely that the availability, and no doubt the cost, of the site envisaged for Option 2 is being verified; and so it also seems that Option 2 remains under active consideration.

In the present state of Local Government finances, KCC would no doubt be glad of the money; equally, if their land is needed, they might have been unwilling to be seen as limiting the NHS's choices to Option 1. But it may have been a politically difficult decision: the adoption of Option 2 would substantially down-grade hospital services in the Ashford area, which is a larger centre of population than Canterbury, in terms of voters as well as patients, and would obviously be deeply unpopular there (as the quotation in the Gazette report from an Ashford County Councillor illustrated.)

We do not yet know when the NHS's choice between Option 1 and 2 will be promulgated for formal consultation, but if it proves to be for Option 2, CCC as planning authority will presumably be required to consider applications relating to the hospital itself, and also an application relating to consent for the 2000 additional dwellings which was a condition of Mark Quinn's offer of £100m for the 'shell' of the new hospital building; the two applications to be separately considered on their respective merits in accordance with correct procedures. The current draft revision of the Canterbury Local Plan proposes a further very big increase in housing at Canterbury, but does not locate it, and it says nothing about any of the implications of a massive upgrade of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital, such as traffic and environmental issues (both air quality and drainage) of the kind that are currently at issue with the Mountfield Park development.

But there can be little doubt that the Canterbury public would be strongly in favour of hospital Option 2, irrespective of any environmental and amenity impact. South Canterbury is obviously the area where these impacts would impinge most strongly. Your Committee would welcome guidance from the OHSCA membership as to what kind of representations, if any, we ought to make on these issues, as and when the occasion arises. Depending on events between now and the AGM, it may be timely to include this as an item on the AGM agenda.

*Denis Linfoot*

## **GREEN TEAM**

Volunteers from local gym, Énergie Fitness, including Rochelle West, the manager, did an excellent job in clearing some overgrown shrubs at the Fire Station planters before rebuilding of the planters by Bossingham Groundworks. Replanting was done by the Green Team.



The Green Team entered the Fire Station, St George's Garden and Milton Road for 'It's Your Neighbourhood' in July.

*Sophie Scott*

STOP PRESS: Results are out, and Canterbury retained Gold in the 'South & South East in Bloom' competition for the 7th year in a row. Congratulations to all in OHSCA who contributed to this success. There is a special 'thank you' to Sophie Scott and her team on p.12.

## SEA

Drop-in coffee mornings (at 'No. 35', 35 St. Margaret's Street, 11.00–12.30) are now successfully re-established on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (next: 28<sup>th</sup> Sept; 26<sup>th</sup> Oct; 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov; not in Dec.).

An *alfresco* OHSCA luncheon, including a 'mad hatters' contest, was enjoyed on 21<sup>st</sup> August (see photo). A successful visit to Lydden to look for the Silver-spotted Skipper took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Local walks have restarted, meeting at the old K&C main gate at 9.30am (Wednesdays and Fridays).

If you want to join the Gardening Interest Group, please contact Alison Culverwell or Helly Langley.

At the AGM, SEA will be offering refreshments (food and drinks) so this will be a chance to socialise as well as transact essential Association business. We will have a speaker talking about the Judicial Review of Mountfield Park. For more details contact Marion Bell (Hon. Sec.)

*Dick Vane-Wright*



'Mad-hatted' OHSCA members at the *al fresco* luncheon at 35 Ethelbert Rd

## The Heath Fritillary

"It's difficult to make predictions, especially about the future" (often attributed to physicist Niels Bohr). On 16<sup>th</sup> July, Phil Perkins sent me the following brief message – and the two pictures shown here: "Hi Dick, just seen what look like at least two Heath Fritillaries in the garden."



Undoubtedly correct. In my little guide to South Canterbury butterflies, still to be found online at <http://www.ohsca.org/pdfs/OHSCA-guide-to-garden-butterflies-2020.pdf>, after dealing with all 20+ species we can expect locally, I listed 21 others known from Kent, including the Heath Fritillary, with the comment “all of them very unlikely to be seen in our gardens”. Wrong!

Phil Perkins saw at least two in his garden in July and took these photographs. Phil and others will join me in a brief write-up for *The Adonis* (Butterfly Conservation Kent Branch newsletter). [OHSCA Newsletter no. 7 <http://www.ohsca.org/pdfs/OHSCA-Newsletter-7-2018-Summer.pdf> has a little about the May/July 2018 OHSCA visit to Blean Woods, to see this rare butterfly.]

*Dick Vane-Wright*

## LHG

What makes a local historian? I suppose a local who wonders what went on along the road in times past. And someone who enjoys a bi-monthly coffee and conversation, that helps. Also a mind drawn to the curious – why do men snaffle all the biscuits whilst the women pass them on? Local history is like doing a jigsaw, those great splodges of sky that seem hopeless but gradually each blue piece finds its place, helped by the bits with seagulls on red roofs and bikes zooming past that fitted in ages ago.

We are still looking at Dover Street. Recently, pubs caught our eye and group member Maggie has winkled out from the past The Blue Anchor, a pub with a rocky history until around 1900 when the council could stand it no longer and called 'Last orders please'. We are still mulling over The Lilypot, now also long gone – did its name refer to a bowl of porridge, the losers in the Reformation, an early Gardeners' Question Time, an Amsterdam-style koffeeshop? Come along and have your say.

The group hope to meet face-to-face again soon, in September or October, and will keep those interested informed. Drop me a line if you want to get on the local history distribution list: [forstal22@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:forstal22@yahoo.co.uk)

On a serious note I (and I feel sure all OHSCA members) send condolences to our colleague and my neighbour, Madeleine Thomas (nee Richardson), for the loss of her husband Rob, an ex-vet, and both whizzing around London canals in a narrow boat. (Madeleine has written a moving piece about Rob, which can be found at the end of this newsletter.) I also send condolences to another neighbour, David Hanson who lost his wife to cancer far too early. You may have spotted his piece of local history last Christmas, two enormous Santa heads carved from fir trees, probably the biggest between St Lawrence Forstal and Lappland. He's doing them again this Christmas in memory of Sarah so keep a look-out on St Lawrence Forstal in the festive season.

*Derek Ray*

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## **OATEN HILL & SOUTH CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION**

### **AGM 2020/ 2021**

**7.00 for 7.45 pm, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

at Kendall Hall, St Mary Bredin, 59 Nunnery Fields, CT1 3JN

*7.00–7.45: informal Social Gathering with drinks, light refreshments and photo quiz, hosted by OHSCA Social Events & Activities group*

*7.45: Brief Introduction from the Chair, followed by a short presentation by Thomas Lynch: “The Ongoing Legal Challenge to Mountfield Park”*

### **AGM AGENDA**

**8.00 pm:**

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of AGM held 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (see pages 5 – 6, this Newsletter)
3. Matters arising
4. Annual Report from the Acting Chair (to include work of subcommittees)
5. Annual report from Hon Treasurer
6. Approval of certified accounts for the two financial years ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021
7. Annual report from Membership Secretary
8. Receive annual reports from SIGs and subcommittees (History, Green, SEA, OHC)
9. Subscription rate (the Committee is not recommending any change for coming year)
10. Proposal for revisions to the Constitution (see page 4, this newsletter)
11. Nominations for Officers and Committee for 2021–2022 (see page 7, this Newsletter)
12. Elections for:
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair(s)
  - Hon Treasurer
  - Hon Secretary
  - Membership Secretary
  - Committee Members
  - Appointment of suitably qualified person to certify the accounts at the end of the ensuing year (this person shall not be a member of the outgoing and/or incoming Committee)
13. Other business (which must be notified in writing in advance – see page 4 note)
14. Vote of thanks and end of formal meeting (approx. 8.45 pm)

*8.45–9.15: informal Social Gathering continues, including answers to quiz questions*

## **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

### **Sections 5 and 6 – Remote meetings**

The following amendment to OHSCA’s Constitution has been proposed by Marion Bell and seconded by Tim Carlyle, David Kemsley, Denis Linfoot and Dick Vane-Wright, with the support of the Committee, with the object of explicitly authorising General Meetings, and other Association meetings and events, to take place by ‘remote means’ (as defined) at the Committee’s discretion during periods of Pandemic restrictions and during any other comparable periods of emergency.

The meaning of the amendment is clear from the proposed new text, and as no changes (except in numbering and punctuation) to the existing Constitution text are proposed, it is unnecessary to reproduce any ‘old wording’ here; the existing text is accessible on the OHSCA website, or can be made available on application to the Hon Secretary.

*The amendment proposes the following insertions of new text and consequential re-numbering of existing sections –*

(1) Re-number the existing ‘Section 5: Annual and other General Meetings’ as Section 6; amend the sub-section numbering of Section 6, and all following Sections, correspondingly; and update all cross-references in the Constitution and Standing Orders.

(2) Before (the re-numbered) Section 6, insert:

#### **“Section 5: Meetings in person and by remote means**

“5.1 Meetings shall normally be held in person at a place approved by the Committee. When in the opinion of the Committee a meeting or meetings, including any Annual or other General Meeting, should for good cause not be held in person, the Committee may decide that such a meeting or meetings should be held by remote means, which must provide for all those attending to be identified and able to hear and be heard. The term “remote means” includes video conferencing, telephone conferencing, live interactive streaming and other comparable means.

“5.2 The Hon Secretary or other convenor of each meeting shall provide to members, in the Agenda or otherwise as appropriate, relevant details to enable them to attend and participate, in person or by remote means as the case may be. “Attendance” and other words of this import in the Constitution and Standing Orders shall include participation by remote means when these are being employed.

“5.3 Entitlement to vote is prescribed in section 1 of Standing Orders; arrangements for meetings to be held by remote means must include suitable provision for those entitled to vote to do so.”

(3) In the (re-numbered) Section 6.1, which currently reads

“The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held during the month of September or October each year, after notice as required under the Association’s Standing Orders.”,

insert the words "Constitution and" before "Standing Orders", replace the full stop with a semi-colon, and add the words:

"save that in the event that in the Committee's opinion it is for good cause impossible to hold the AGM before 31 October, and the Committee is unable to arrange to hold it before then by remote means, the Committee is empowered to postpone the AGM to the earliest practicable alternative date."

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**MINUTES OF THE 3rd OHSCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019  
KENDALL HALL, ST MARY BREDIN, 59 NUNNERY FIELDS CT1 3JN**

Attendees: Janet and Jonathan Penton. Hilary Adams, Marion Bell, Helly Langley, Pat Edwards, Bert and Margot Leslie, David Kemsley, Madeleine Richardson, Deirdre Hawkes, Maggie Ansell, Tim Carlyle, Denis Linfoot, Chris Laming, Chris and Marianne Tucker, Jeff Derham, Lorna Durrani, Diane Billam, Daphne Reeve, John and Marian Heath, Derek Ray, Jane Carey-Harris, Gill Prett, Sue Hodge, David and Greta Cotterrell, Dick Vane-Wright, Sophie Scott, Graham Wood.

*Tim Carlyle welcomed speaker Susan Acott, Chief Executive, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust and Natalie Yost, Director of Communications and Engagement.*

Having worked in various Health Authorities across the country, Susan took up her current post in East Kent a couple of years ago. Unlike other health authorities, EK offers most specialities across the area's hospitals with highly trained clinicians and staff. Patients do not need to move out of the area for treatment.

One of her challenges was the long waiting times, for example for cancer diagnoses, A&E and hip replacement operations. Through the introduction of more efficient systems waiting times have been greatly reduce, patients can be dealt with more effectively and staff are more motivated. Another challenge was keeping the long term elderly active and engaged so they would be more prepared to return home. Beauty Therapy Students from EK College visit to do patients' hair and nails and they bring the outside world in to the patients. It proves mutually beneficial. Similarly, visits from pre-school groups are enormously popular and positive.

A dementia village (6 houses) in Dover is to be opened soon where residents will be able to live. Local community groups can take residents out to church, pub, etc. The project will be overseen and monitored by modern technology.

At K&C, they are encouraging a healthier lifestyle by introducing a weekly fruit and veg stall and a smoking ban on hospital property. Several GP practices are moving into new buildings on site and 4 new orthopaedic surgeries will be craned-in, in about 18 months time, making K&C the EK centre for hips, knee replacements, shoulder surgery etc. It is planned to ensure a doctor is always present at the Urgent Treatment Centre.

Questions from the floor mainly focussed on poor communication between the various departments/ GPs/Doctors. Susan said there are plans for the significant development of a country-wide clinical record system but staff must be trained to use it to full effect. A member suggested that patients should be able to hold copies of their own medical records to avoid delays through loss of paperwork.

Tim thanked Susan sincerely for coming to speak to Association members and presented her with copies of the Story of Oaten Hill and OHSCA Cook Book.

### **1. Apologies**

Mr & Mrs Thornington, Mr & Mrs H MacDonald, Mr and Mrs D Hartwell, Mr & Mrs Holcroft, Alison Culverwell, Tim Chancellor, Tim Woods, Michael Steed.

### **2. Minutes of AGM held 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

These were agreed without amendment.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tim thanked departing Committee members – Chris Tucker, Pat Edwards, Alison Culverwell and Jeff Derham – and presented them with a bottle of wine. Hilary Adams, who so kindly certified our accounts, was also given a bottle of wine. Graham Wood, who is standing down as LHG representative, and who has allowed the Committee to meet on so many occasions at his house, had been presented with a thank-you gift earlier.

### **4. Annual Report from the Chair (full copy filed with these Minutes)**

Tim reported that the rotating Chair had worked well over the past year but the Committee is shrinking this coming year. We need a Treasurer and IT specialist. However Committee members will continue to represent OHSCA on ACRA, CS, HE/FE Impact Reviews, Transport Forums, etc. SIGs will have more independence whilst reporting back to the main Committee via their reps. Results of the Members' Survey showed we are doing what the membership want. SIG are introducing a programme of coffee mornings to attract members.

Tim listed a number of planning applications which we have been effective in getting refused. Mountfield Park is currently on hold but, as Government policy facilitates local Councils to develop, it will most likely proceed.

### **5. Annual Report from the Treasurer (copy of Accounts filed with these Minutes)**

Jeff Derham presented the year end Accounts. There is a smaller surplus this year, mainly because there was no Christmas Fayre. The recent OHSCA donation of £120 to CHDF will appear in next year's Accounts. Although there is no subs review this year, Jeff felt it would be necessary to review it next year.

## **6. Approval of certified Accounts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

The Accounts were certified by Hilary Adams, signed copy filed with these Minutes.

## **7. Annual Report from Membership Secretary**

Sophie Scott announced that there were just 16 unpaid households. Membership is slightly down on last year. She thanked donors - a list of whom were displayed. We need more members; Sophie asked everyone to encourage a neighbour to join.

## **8. Annual Reports from Special Interest Groups**

*Local History Group* – Mike Brain's Report is filed with these Minutes

Mike presented the LHG accounts and summarised a busy year with the launch of The Story of Oaten Hill book and its success in winning the Hayes Award, the installation of the History Board in Holmans Meadow unveiled by the Lord Mayor, and the planting of the Doris Hughes commemorative tree with accompanying plaque and crocuses. Announcing that he was standing down as LHG Chair, he thanked the Group's enthusiastic members for their support over the years.

*Green Team* – KCC acknowledged Sophie Scott's outstanding contribution to tree planting by planting a tree in Maidstone in her honour and replacing the dead tree outside her house. Two other trees have been planted this year and at least two are planned for 2020 depending on donations. Her team's maintenance of the OHSCA gardens have contributed to the City's success in the Canterbury in Bloom competition. Litter picks have continued throughout the year.

*SEA* – Lorna Durrani's full report is filed with these Minutes.

Lorna ran through a busy year of social activities and the group's forward programme for 2020. SEA is introducing monthly coffee mornings starting in December at Cafe Rouge (upstairs) to which everyone is invited. The Photographic Competition deadline has been extended to 31/1/20. The group hopes to organise talks by local authors.

*OHC*

Denis Linfoot reported that the group met with Colin Carmichael about the future of K&CH but learned very little. Alison Culverwell is updating the Urgent Care list. Dick Vane-Wright attends the NHS Public Reference Group.

## **9. Recommendation regarding annual subscription**

Jeff Derham recommended that the annual subscription remain at £5 per household for 2019-2020.

## **10. Proposal for revisions to the Constitution – Sec 7 – Special Interest Groups**

1) Add new line at top of introduction: The Local History Group (LHG) is an independent group, similar to other SIGs in general terms, but not governed in the same way.

2) At Section 7.3 add: With the exception of the LHG, the group may not publish anything or make any public pronouncements without prior agreement of the Association's Committee

3) At end of Section 7.5: The LHG, which is an independent group within OHSCA, is an exception to the provisions of this section – its financial arrangements, governing committee and activities are not controlled by OHSCA main committee.

All revisions were agreed unanimously.

## **11. Nominations for Officers and Committee 2018-2019**

The nomination papers for 5 applicants are filed with these Minutes.

## **12. Elections for Committee members 2019-2020**

The following were unanimously block elected to form the next OHSCA Committee.

Chair –

Vice Chair – Tim Carlyle

Hon Treasurer –

Hon Secretary – Marion Bell

Membership Secretary – Sophie Scott

Committee Members: Tim Chancellor, David Kemsley, Helly Langlely, Denis Linfoot, Dick Vane-Wright

Hilary Adams was nominated as Auditor for 2020.

The Committee will operate a rotating Chair with Tim Carlyle, David Kemsley and Marion Bell.

## **13 Other Business**

There was no AOB

## **14. End of formal meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

# **OATEN HILL & SOUTH CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION**

## **Officers and Committee Nomination Form for 2021–2022**

For the committee, Nominees, Proposers and Seconders must be paid-up Members of OHSCA. Signed nomination forms need to be posted, or delivered by hand, to the OHSCA Honorary Secretary, 13 Wells Avenue, Canterbury CT13YB. Nomination forms should reach the Hon. Sec. not later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. One copy of the form is required for each nomination. If you need copies, please print from the website (<http://www.ohsca.org/>), photocopy this page, or contact the Hon. Sec. by telephone or email (07713 025245; [secretary@ohsca.org](mailto:secretary@ohsca.org)). If you are unable to deliver your nomination before 8<sup>th</sup> October, please let the Hon Sec. know of your intention as soon as possible. If you have difficulty in finding a seconder for a Nomination please contact any member of the Committee via the Secretary, or direct if you know them personally.

A call is also made here for Items to be included on the Agenda under 11: *Other Business*. Such items must be duly proposed and seconded (with addresses), and signed. This can include Resolutions. Proposals for items to be included on the Agenda should be sent on paper to the Honorary Secretary (as above), and must also be received by 8<sup>th</sup> October, at the latest.

### **OHSCA: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE 2021–2022 NOMINATION FORM**

NOMINEE (caps)

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Nominated for (please circle one):    Chair  
    Vice Chair  
    Hon. Treasurer  
    Hon. Secretary  
    Membership Secretary  
    Committee Member

PROPOSED by (caps)

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Signature

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SECONDED by (caps)

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Signature

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## OHSCA COMMITTEE 2020–2021

Chair:	vacant (covered pro tem in rotation by Tim Carlyle, David Kemsley, Marion Bell)
<b>Tim Carlyle</b>	Vice-Chair/Planning subcommittee rep.: <a href="mailto:vicechairtc@ohsca.org">vicechairtc@ohsca.org</a>
<b>Marion Bell</b>	Hon. Secretary/Main OHSCA Contact: 13 Wells Avenue, CT1 3YB Tel: 07713 025245 <a href="mailto:secretary@ohsca.org">secretary@ohsca.org</a>
<b>Jane Pollok</b>	Hon. Treasurer: <a href="mailto:treasurer@ohsca.org">treasurer@ohsca.org</a> [co-opted October 2020]
<b>Sophie Scott</b>	Membership Secretary/Green Team/Planning subcommittee: 27 Ersham Road CT1 3AR Tel: 01227 456285 Email: <a href="mailto:sophie01@btinternet.com">sophie01@btinternet.com</a>
<b>David Kemsley</b>	ACRA /SCA rep./OHC subcommittee/Press Liaison: <a href="mailto:press@ohsca.org">press@ohsca.org</a>
<b>Helly Langley</b>	Committee member/Planning subcommittee
<b>Denis Linfoot</b>	Committee member/OHC subcommittee
<b>Dick Vane-Wright</b>	Committee member/SEA rep./OHC subcommittee

Weekly CCC planning bulletin	<a href="mailto:vicechairtc@ohsca.org">vicechairtc@ohsca.org</a>
Local History Group rep.	<b>Derek Ray</b> For information about OHSCA Local History Publications, contact <a href="mailto:history@ohsca.org">history@ohsca.org</a> or see publications on OHSCA website
Acting SEA convenor	<b>Dick Vane-Wright</b> : <a href="mailto:social@ohsca.org">social@ohsca.org</a>
Newsletter distribution	<b>Deirdre Hawkes</b>
Tree champion	<b>Helly Langley</b>
Events bulletins	(vacant)
Newsletter editor	<b>Greta Cotterrell</b> : <a href="mailto:gretaohsca@gmail.com">gretaohsca@gmail.com</a>
Website support	<b>Lucy Fletcher-Jones</b> : <a href="mailto:website@ohsca.org">website@ohsca.org</a>

If you are uncertain who to contact, please direct your enquiry to the Honorary Secretary (contact details above).

Note: ACRA = Alliance of pan-Canterbury Residents' Associations; SCA = Southern Canterbury Alliance; OHC = OHSCA HealthCare subcommittee; SEA = Social Events and Activities subcommittee

### Some useful contacts

- For problems with student neighbours contact University of Kent student community liaison officer: 01227 816156 or email [communityliaison@kent.ac.uk](mailto:communityliaison@kent.ac.uk)  
<https://www.kent.ac.uk/studentservices/community/index.html>
- If you are concerned about security or have an urgent query and need to talk to the Canterbury City Council 'Out of Hours' team, their number is 01227 781 879. This redirects to CCC Control Room staff on duty 24/7.
- To report illegal parking: [Report illegal parking | Canterbury City Council](#)
- To report graffiti (with possibility of removal depending on circumstances)  
[https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20044/vandalism\\_and\\_graffiti/55/report\\_graffiti](https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20044/vandalism_and_graffiti/55/report_graffiti)

### Summer Photo Quiz answer:



This beautifully framed photo of the Cathedral was taken on the edge of the green space next to the right hand side of Spring Lane heading to St Martin's. The photographer stood close to the Hadlow College site, a few yards up the slope.

Who guessed it correctly?

## **CANTERBURY CLIMATE ACTION WEEK** *Climate Action and the Road to COP 26*

Programme details are set out below:

- Sunday 24 October      ***United Nations Peace Service & Launch, Canterbury Climate Action Week (Canterbury Cathedral; 5.30pm)***  
organised by United Nations Association, Canterbury  
Climate focus with The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin Bishop of Dover
- Monday 25 October      ***Local Government Day (Canterbury, Herne Bay, Whitstable)***  
organised by Canterbury City Council  
Focus on local climate strategies with stories from Canterbury, Herne Bay and Whitstable with Cllr Dan Watkins, Lead Councillor on Climate and others
- Canterbury Festival Talks: The Global Climate Emergency (Cathedral Lodge; 7pm)*** Panel discussion moderated by Dr Carl Wright, Chair, CCAP with Rosie Duffield (MP for Canterbury); Cllr Dan Watkins (Lead Councillor on Climate, Canterbury City Council), Lucy Slack (Secretary-General, Commonwealth Local Government Forum), Ella Scarr (Youth Parliament, UK), UK Government representative (tbc)
- Tuesday 26 October      ***Community and Civic Action Day (Canterbury College)***  
organised by Canterbury Society/local community groups  
Citizen's Assemblies & showcasing local projects addressing carbon reduction, climate change and biodiversity in transport, building standards, food consumption and other sectors; launch, 2022 Climate Action Awards (community category)
- Wednesday 27 October      ***Green Businesses***  
organised by Canterbury Business Improvement District (BID)  
A celebration of local businesses committed to reducing carbon emissions, address climate change and promote biodiversity with the launch of new trails. There will also be business support events for those starting the journey towards a net zero economy and the launch of the 2022 Climate Action Awards (business category)
- Thursday 28 October      ***Education and Schools Day (Canterbury College, University of Kent, Canterbury Christ Church University; University for the Creative Arts; venues tbc)***  
organised by CCAP in association with local schools/universities showcasing schools and universities projects/ engagement on climate action, biodiversity, circular economy and sustainable development; launch, 2022 Climate Action Awards (education category)
- Friday 29 October      ***Public Rally & Closing Ceremony: Looking to a Green-led Covid Recovery focused on Climate Action and Biodiversity (Westgate Hall; 9.30am)***: Rosie Duffield MP, Cllr Dan Watkins, Dr Carl Wright and others; reviewing the outcomes of the Climate Action Week and the way forward
- Saturday 30 October      ***Fairtrade & Climate Action: Fairtrade Fair (Canterbury Methodist Church Hall)***  
***Canterbury Deanery Eco-Group: Eco-Fayre (St Peters' Anglican Church)***

For more updated information/venues and the related CCAP Crowdfunding Appeal please see <https://www.ccap.org.uk/canterbury-climate-action-partnership-crowdfunding-appeal-2021/>

## 'Canterbury in Bloom 2021' Award

It has just been announced that Sophie Scott has been awarded special recognition by 'South & South East in Bloom'. The OHSCA planting beds have been judged **THRIVING** (located at the Odeon cinema and Fire Station) and Milton Rd was judged **OUTSTANDING**. Congratulations to Sophie and the Green Team for this success!

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, a presentation to Sophie Scott was made at Tower House, the photograph below showing Lisa Carlson (CEO of Canterbury Business Improvement District) making the presentation of a certificate to Sophie on behalf of OHSCA as one of the Gold Award winning team of 25 participating groups, and also her special award (the bowl is inscribed with "South & South East in Bloom Outstanding Achievement Award 2021").



Photographs courtesy of Julia Wierucka (Canterbury Business Improvement District)



## About Rob Thomas (d. 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021) – a tribute from Madeleine

I am hugely, enormously proud of him, not only for his pioneering National award-winning veterinary work on heart problems in small animals, and his initiating radio iodine treatment for thyrotoxic cats – both of which have saved a lot of animals' lives, of course, but also, for who Rob was – modest, a very skilled dinghy sailor, gardener, narrowboater, grandparent, cheeky and mischievous always, and a fighter to the end. We were told, at diagnosis, three and a half years ago, that his life expectancy with that particular tricky, covert cancer, would be around six months, and, three and a half years later, there have been a number of occasions when even the most experienced specialists in London have been amazed at his capacity and determination to fight back, often against huge odds.

He and I have been friends, through work, for over forty years, and stepping out together for seventeen years, and – as Rob would often say – “From day one we have made each other laugh!” The current silence in my kitchen is quite tricky, of course, and in some ways harder, because of the exclusivity of just we two and Mr Tober through lockdown, which we have both enjoyed enormously, and I keep doing stupid things, by mistake, like taking his coffee up for him, and halfway along the upstairs landing before I think ‘Oh, just a minute’, but I shall do my best to do as he always said, “Get a Good Grip, Team Thomas (his name for him and me!) and Keep Battling On” – so I will do my very, very best not to let him down of course.

*Madeleine Thomas (née Richardson)*

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OHSCA member Diane Billam with Nathan Jones (Chair of Butterfly Conservation Kent Branch) at Lydden Temple Ewell National Nature Reserve on 22nd August, for the Silver-spotted Skipper search (see p. 4).

Photograph courtesy of Jane Carey-Harris