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Mallow, blue skies and Milton Rd on the Friday walk, 29th June 2018

some OHSCA dates for your diary:

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. . . local news, trees, gardening, planning, constitution, Mountfield . . .

FROM THE CHAIR

In recent months many OHSCA members, including all those on the committee, have frequently gone beyond the call of duty. I would like to make special mention of Karen Thomsett, who has made significant inputs to our healthcare 'watchdog' group, and has also been helping Chris Tucker with IT duties – which has allowed him to focus, together with Sophie Scott, on the crucial Data Protection issue (opposite), and his essential support for the Planning Sub-committee through his weekly information bulletin. I also wish to congratulate Cathy Sales for success with her remarkable Lansdown path and bridge project (p. 5). My hearty thanks to them, and to all of you who support the local community in so many different ways.

The future of OHSCA

OHSCA was born nearly two years ago out of necessity. Its two parent organisations, OHDS and SCRA, despite 50 years of activity between them, were both having difficulty in forming large enough committees to deal with all the issues and opportunities that now confront a residents' group in a fast-changing environment like Canterbury.

While there is no room for complacency, I think it fair to say that all those who have served on the main committee and the various subcommittees and supporting groups should take satisfaction from what they have achieved. Thus it has been my privilege to act as Chair of this new group for the past 20 months.

However, as was always my intention and was always understood, I only agreed to take on the role for one year, or at a maximum two. The reason was always over-commitment elsewhere. With my recent 'elevation' to become one of the six Trustees of Friends of Westgate Parks, I now have no option other than to stand down at the AGM in October.

Currently we have one vacancy on the committee, and there are at least two other committee members who have expressed a wish to withdraw too – for much the same reasons as mine. Our Constitution (talking of which, please see key news on page 6) encourages turnover – such organisations as OHSCA invariably benefit from new blood. So there is the opportunity for at least four new people to get involved.

We desperately need a new committee member who will take some special responsibility for our Planning Subcommittee (see p. 6). Also a new person to work alongside our IT-provider to ensure the website is kept up to date (probably my greatest failing this past year). A new Newsletter editor is also essential. However, while there is the prospect of being able to form a large enough team to carry on with most tasks and activities, filling the post of Chair looks to be a big challenge. As yet nobody has stepped forward. **We need a new Chair.**

There has never been a greater call in our society for input from the voluntary sector. And probably there have never been more healthy, active and recently retired people in our community who can contribute. So it seems paradoxical that many voluntary organisations find it so difficult to recruit people to take on responsibilities which, although certainly not

'nothing', in reality are mostly not that onerous. The reward comes in the form of the great benefits conferred by engagement with local affairs and local people. You only need look at the work by Holt-Lunstad, Smith & Layton (2010) on social relationships and mortality, or consider GP Helen Kingston's now famous *Compassionate Frome* project to appreciate why volunteering and social engagement can be good for you. *If you value what OHSCA has done and is trying to do, please do contact me or any member of the committee if you would be willing to help. Your Association Needs You!*

**Dick Vane-Wright*



OHSCA committee in session, 10th July 2018
– please consider joining this merry band!

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (2018)

Thanks to all OHSCA members who have already responded positively to our requests by email and letter for your consent for us to continue to hold securely your contact details on our membership database. Without such consent we will be unable to communicate with you to keep you informed about the activities and concerns of OHSCA, for example through events reminders and newsletters. A few of you have not yet replied to our requests and we would be grateful if members with email who have not replied could look through their Inbox for our perhaps overlooked email sent on 1st May 2018 from Sophie Scott, Membership Secretary, and simply return the email now with a YES (or NO) at the beginning of the Subject Line. Other members without email will, around the same date, have received a printed letter at their household address with a revised membership form enclosed. If have not already completed and returned this form please do so now. Without this, we not be allowed to contact you. The OHSCA Privacy Policy statement can be found at:

<http://www.ohsca.org/pdfs/privacy.pdf>

*Chris Tucker

MEMBERSHIP

A big thank you to the 306 households (475 family members) who have paid your subscriptions for 2018 and to the 379 of you who have so far given us permission to keep your names and addresses on file! Chris Tucker (see above) and I are working our way through updating our database, and find there are a lot of households who have paid their sub but not yet sent us permission to hold your name, address, 'phone number and email address if you have one. We really need this as soon as possible.

21 of you have not yet paid your subscription or given us permission to hold your details. Please contact me straight away – we don't want to lose you!

**Sophie Scott*
Membership secretary

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPOs)

Who makes Tree Preservation Orders and why?

Local planning authorities can make a Tree Preservation Order if it appears to them to be 'expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees or woodlands in their area'.

Authorities can either initiate this process themselves or in response to a request made by any other party. When deciding whether an Order is appropriate, authorities are advised to take into consideration what 'amenity' means in practice, what to take into account when assessing amenity value, what 'expedient' means in practice, what trees can be protected and how they can be identified. For more information about this process please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-preservation-orders-and-trees-in-conservation-areas#making-tree-preservation-orders>

TPOs are administered by Local Planning Authorities (LPA) (e.g. a borough, district or unitary council or a national park authority) and are made to protect trees that bring significant amenity benefit to the local area. This protection is particularly important where trees are under threat.

All types of tree, but not hedges, bushes or shrubs, can be protected (these are protected by other legislation), and a TPO can protect anything from a single tree to all trees within a defined area or woodland. Any species can be protected, but no species is automatically protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

A TPO is a written order which, in general, makes it a criminal offence to cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy a tree protected by that order, or to cause or permit such actions, without the authority's permission. Anyone found guilty of such an offence is liable. In serious cases the case may be dealt with in the Crown Court where an unlimited fine can be imposed.

To make an application to carry out tree works you will need to complete an application form and submit it to the LPA. The form can either be submitted through the Planning Portal or directly to the LPA:

<https://www.trees.org.uk/Help-Advice/Public/A-brief-guide-to-legislation-for-trees>

So: anyone can make a request for any tree to be protected by a TPO even if they don't own the land it is on. Amenity value is defined in the literature referenced above and includes: size and form; future potential as an amenity; rarity, cultural or historic value; contribution to, and relationship with, the landscape; and contribution to the character or appearance of a conservation area.

If you would like to discuss TPOs please contact me for more information.

**Gill Gower*

GREEN TEAM

St George's Garden, the Fire Station garden and Milton Road were all entered for It's Your Neighbourhood, run by the Royal Horticultural Society. The Assessor visited our gardens on midsummer day but we will not know the result until September. Huge thanks to the dedicated team who managed to get our gardens looking good after the bitter winter – and I hope that all of you enjoy the sight of the gardens (I have had some lovely emails). Help with watering would greatly be appreciated. Danny Reardon has, with Dave's help, kindly installed a water-butt for the benefit of Milton Road, so we are extremely grateful to both of them.

Doris Hughes' tree

A tree was planted for Doris Hughes outside the Travelodge Chaucer Hotel and we are extremely grateful to Aidan Potts from Canterbury City Council as he grew the *Koelreuteria* from seed. We know our Pride of India is of local provenance! Thank you to all who generously gave towards this memorial to Doris.

Litterpick

Thanks to all who helped with the June litterpick in Dover Street and surrounding area. Seventeen sacks of litter, weeds and plain dirt were collected, which impressed the men from Serco. We will do another one when the weather cools down.

**Sophie Scott*
Green Team Lead

SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES (SEA)

The members of the subcommittee have been active organising a range of activities and events which we hope will help connect members and promote greater wellbeing and sense of community. If there are any OHSCA members who would like to join this subcommittee or who are willing to help with specific events, please contact *Alison Culverwell or any of the individuals mentioned below.

Recent social events

The main social events since Easter have been the annual Spring Plant Share, and a Strawberry Tea.

Spring Plant Share, 28th May. Many thanks to Richard and Helen Aylwin for hosting the plant share at their front garden in Ethelbert Rd. This was very well attended, with tea and coffee, numerous plants, and several new faces!



Sarah Perkins arriving with the first of many plants happily shared on 28th May

The Strawberry Tea, 23rd June at Wells Avenue, was provided by Marion Bell in wonderful collaboration with her family and local friends. In addition to strawberries and cream, great sandwiches, lovely cake and bubbly stuff, there was a raffle and book stall. A great time was had by all!

Thanks to the generosity of Members, both of these events raised significant funds for the Association.

Future social events

Tapas on the terrace. July 29th at 26 Ethelbert Road, CT1 3NF (weather permitting), 12.30–3.00 pm. Bring and share light lunch items – tapas if you can. Additional wine will be available to purchase. Please also bring your own cutlery and plates – we are striving to minimise use of plastic. Glasses will be provided.

Plant and Produce Share. Sunday 19th August. 10.30–12.30 pm at Ersham Cottage, 16 New Dover Road CT1 3AP (entrance also from Ersham road). Our hosts will be Janet and Jonathan Penton. **(NB change of venue** from that stated in the Spring Newsletter.)

St Augustine's Abbey picnic. St Augustine's Abbey starting at 12 noon, Saturday 25 August **(NB change of date** from Spring Newsletter). Come and enjoy St Augustine's abbey and bring a picnic to share with other Members. Entry to the Abbey is free to residents of CT1 and CT2, so if you have not already registered with the Abbey, please bring evidence showing your address. There is seating but if you prefer to bring a folding chair, please do. If the weather is wet, we will wait for next year! Contact *Sophie on 456285 if you have any queries.

Walks

Weekly walking group: Every Wednesday and Friday morning a walk departs from the Kent and Canterbury hospital gate at 9.30 am (sharp) returning about 10.30. Weather permitting we walk through the orchards and fields, but in winter more frequently on the roads. All are welcome, just turn up and go. We go at a moderate pace.

Recent themed walks: Tim Carlyle led two floral walks: Primroses and Cowslips (Crundale, 15th April), and Bluebells (Chilham, 6th May). These were much enjoyed, with many thanks to Tim for organising.



Marianne and Monica on the bluebell walk – the two dubious-looking chaps have yet to be identified ...

Dick Vane-Wright organised a butterfly walk in search of the Heath Fritillary (24th May; repeated 1st July). With the kind help of former warden Michael Walter, a colony of this rare butterfly was located in Blean Woods RSPB reserve – the only area of Kent in which this nationally very local species now survives. On the first visit numerous individuals were seen, fluttering and chasing each other about the glade – evoking nostalgic memories of past days when animal life seemed so much more abundant.

OHSCA Recipe Book

This book was created last year by OHSCA members and includes people's favourites recipes, representing very broad tastes and degrees of complexity. Illustrated by members, it is a perfect gift or just a window into your neighbours' culinary tastes. Copies are available for £6 from *Alison Culverwell.

Gardening Interest Group (GIG)

GIG is a network of some 50 individual OHSCA members who enjoy gardens and gardening. We are enthusiasts rather than experts, although there is a good deal of expertise within the group. The organisation and arrangements of the Group are informal and contact is principally via email or through the GIG Facebook page (closed group).

This Spring (15th April), we held a Gardeners Question Time event, which was very well attended. The session was ably chaired by David Kemsley (thanks David!) and as everyone had a question to ask, participation was very good. Thanks also to Janet Penton for running the tea bar.

In early June there was a visit to Helly Langley's rear garden to see her clematis collection, and on 24th June there was a further visit to Lee and Richard Edwards' garden to look at their roses. David Kemsley has offered to show GIG members around his allotment in September (details tbc).

On 20th June Helly organised a Group visit of 11 people to Goodnestone Park Gardens, led by the Head Gardener. The weather, the gardens and the whole visit was thoroughly enjoyable and informative. New friends were made, plants bought, and tea consumed.

The second Gardeners Question Time is *provisionally* scheduled for 3 pm, Sunday 21st October, at the Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre (off Nackington Road, by the rugby club). Further information will be available in due course.

If you are interested in joining or hearing more about the GIG, then please contact the facilitators below. If you are already a GIG member and would like to join the GIG Facebook, please contact us also.

Sarah Perkins (sarah@perkinsnet.plus.com)

*Alison Culverwell

OHSCA Drop-in meetings

The monthly Drop-In sessions are becoming well established. These informal meetings offer members the opportunity to meet committee members to provide feedback on OHSCA activities, express concerns/interests and hear what the committee has been up to

on their behalf. They alternate between Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, principally meeting at the Old City Bar in Oaten Hill Place in the back room – or the garden if weather permits. Details will be circulated by email beforehand. *Alison Culverwell.

Xmas Fayre

Following last year's very successful fayre, we aim to hold this again on Saturday 8th December in the historic (if chilly) undercroft of Eastbridge Hospital (in the High Street). We desperately need additional members to help with this event, including anyone willing to be a Father Christmas/ medieval character to draw in the crowds.

Tool and Equipment Lending Network

The OHSCA Tool and Equipment Lending Network (TELN) continues to coordinate household and gardening items lent by local people to local people. If you need to borrow a tool or piece of equipment that you think someone in the neighbourhood might own, then contact the TELN co-ordinator (Claire Leggatt).

To see a list of the items available please follow the link on the OHSCA website. If the item you need is not listed, then it might be worth putting in a request and the co-ordinator will circulate TELN members to see if anyone can help.

Claire Leggatt (claire.leggatt@gmail.com)

A Patient and Public View on Changes to Health and Social Care

This talk was given by Steve Inett on 24th May as a joint OHSCA/Canterbury Christ Church event. Steve is currently Chief Executive of HealthwatchKent – an independent 'consumer' group closely involved in plans for the future of local health and social care. His talk offered a wide-ranging update from developments affecting care available through GP surgeries to changes to hospitals expected as a result of the recent stroke consultation, and attempts to improve patient involvement. Visit <http://www.healthwatchkent.co.uk/> to find out more. Hosted by CCCU's Sustainability Research Network, the meeting closed with many thanks to Steve, and to Professor Peter Vujakovic for kindly chairing the event and organising the venue.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Concerning Canterbury Museum and Woods Stores Goods, Holmans' Meadow Story Board, and the History of Oaten Hill, please see the Spring Newsletter. For the fate of St Mary Bredin School House and Norman Mound, please see below, and page 7.

History Group meetings take place at the Kent & Canterbury Club in Old Dover Road, once every two months, starting at 10.15 am. The remaining meetings for 2018 will be on Sept 11th and Nov 13th.

Please visit www.ohsca.org/history.html for details about our publications and how they can be obtained.

St Mary Bredin School

The Local History Group has agreed that we should try to protect St Mary Bredin schoolhouse and mound from any harmful development.

A feasibility study that concluded retention of the schoolhouse could not be economically justified was included with a planning application for the construction of an additional block of student accommodation on the site submitted to the City Council last year – but this application was refused on 1st May (see p. 7).

If the developers go to appeal, and are successful with their original proposal, then it would appear no more can be done.

However, we should continue to promote the retention of the building and the mound to the City Council because, in any pre-appeal discussions with the developer or if the appeal is dismissed, more imaginative alternative scenarios could be considered that would be more in keeping with planning policies concerning air quality, massing around the ring road, the need for open space and the protection of the conservation area, in which the building stands (please see p. 7 for more about these issues).

With respect to the fate of the old school, two elements are essential. Firstly, the determination of an economic use for the future of the building and secondly, a close examination of the developer's feasibility report on costs for restoring the building.

Consultation with other organisations which may support retention is being arranged, but it would be very helpful to have input from members of OHSCA specifically in relation to the latter task of evaluating costs based on the feasibility report.

I therefore invite members with experience, or with contacts with experience of examining such construction issues to respond a.s.a.p., and advise me of their potential contribution, in order to progress the matter over the summer.

The feasibility report can be viewed/downloaded from <http://www.christucker.co.uk/SchoolViability.pdf>

**Mike Brain, Chair Local History Group*

LANSDOWN PATH AND FOOTBRIDGE

Graffiti and what to do about it proved to be a charged issue at the first two OHSCA general meetings – so much so that your committee has felt unable to commit to collective involvement. However, one of our Members is deeply engaged – Cathy Sales. Her recent success in harnessing ideas, funds, organisational buy-in, artists and volunteers on an extraordinary scale to deliver a remarkable makeover of Lansdown path and footbridge has to be acknowledged – and all those involved must be congratulated. For more information and other pictures, see digital edition.



Footbridge abutments transformed

CONSTITUTION and STANDING ORDERS

This article gives notice of proposed amendments to OHSCA's Constitution and Standing Orders. These foundation articles were originally approved and adopted by the inaugural General Meeting, held on 29th October 2016. We expected then that some clarifications and general tidying might be needed, and work on this has been proceeding. The Committee has now agreed on a number of specific amendments to be proposed for adoption by the AGM on 19th October.

Although none of the proposed changes is radical, the detail involved is too much to be set out in detail in this Newsletter. What follows here, therefore, is a summary of the nature of the proposed changes, which we hope gives a fair indication of what the Committee will be asking members to accept at the AGM, while for those who wish to see the complete detail of the amendments a full version, showing all the words to be deleted or inserted, is now accessible on the OHSCA website, under the heading "*To be Finalised*". Go to:

www.ohsca.org/pdfs/Constitution-2018-AGM.pdf

Comparatively minor improvements in clarity or definitions are not individually listed here, and references are to clauses principally concerned, not necessarily to consequential changes (references to Constitution clauses are prefaced by "C", and to Standing Order clauses by "SO").

Summary of the proposed changes:

1. OHSCA's Area to be defined by a map, as a complete list of street-names is difficult to maintain (C 2, Appendix);
2. Clearer arrangements for members to continue in membership if they leave the OHSCA Area (becoming 'Continuing Members'; to do this a household subscription at their new address must be paid: C 4.3); and better definition of the members covered by a household subscription (C 4.8, 4.8);
3. Households within a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) to be treated separately for membership/subscription purposes (C 4.1);
4. Clarification as to which items of AGM business are to be 'approved', or 'received' (C 5.2);
5. 'Continuing Members' (i.e. former full members who have left the Area but are covered by a household subscription at their new address) to be eligible to attend General Meetings, but not to vote (C 5.4); and to participate in Special Interest Groups (C 7.2);
6. General Meeting quorum to include at least two Officers (C 5.5), but also provisions to ensure that a General Meeting cannot be permanently frustrated by lack of quorum (C 5.6);
7. A separate Office of Membership Secretary is created (C 6.1; duties: SO 8);
8. Clearer definitions of Special Interest Groups, standing committees and *ad hoc* committees (C 6.3, 6.9);
9. Better definition of senior Local Government participants ineligible to serve as Officers of OHSCA (C 6.5);
10. Power of Special Interest Groups to invite non-Members to participate (C 7.2);

11. Use of five terms with specific meaning: "Area", "Member", "Continuing Member", "Officers" and "Committee" (C 11).
12. Clarification of voting rights at General Meetings, the Committee and the three classes of sub-group (SO 1);
13. Clarification of notice to Members, participation and voting arrangements in Revocation of Membership proceedings (and this clause to be moved to the end of Standing Orders: now SO 9);
14. Express provision for limited petty cash to be held (SO 6.4);
15. Committee to have power on Hon Treasurer's recommendation to approve Financial Policies covering matters such as budgeting, the format of Accounts, and the routine destruction of records (SO 6.7);
16. Clarification that a Special Interest Group may invite a non-Member of OHSCA to attend as a speaker or to provide advice (SO 7.2);
17. Membership Secretary's duties defined (SO 8).

*Denis Linfoot, April 2018

PLANNING



A view from Nunnery Road – pity about those aerials!

We now have a revived Planning Subcommittee led by Tim Carlyle with support from Helly Langley, Sophie Scott, Pat Edwards, Dick Vane-Wright, Gill Gower (trees) and Chris Tucker (OHSCA Information).

OHSCA continues to comment on selected planning applications, including those drawn to our attention by Members. Over the past three months these have included a further resubmission of the ill-designed proposals to convert the derelict builder's yard in Ivy Lane into six small houses, and very recently an application to convert a former language school in Oaten Hill to a 'house of multiple occupancy'. An issue affecting a proposed development in Ersham Rd has been concluded with satisfaction all round.

Every month we submit comments to the Council – and these can and often do have an impact. The most

spectacular recent example is accounted in some detail below – but more work will be needed if this ‘victory’ is not to turn to dust.

Victorian school and Norman fortification at Rhodaus Town

In our last Newsletter (Spring, p. 6) Chris Tucker stated that “OHSCA is continuing to fight for withdrawal, or refusal of the planning application ... to demolish the former St. Mary Bredin School ... [and] removal of the ancient earth mound beneath it.” While both our attempts to get Historic England to add the mound to the existing Dane John schedule (which includes the only other above-ground remains of the same castle) have failed, to our surprise but considerable satisfaction, Canterbury City Council Planning Committee voted on 1st May to refuse the application (<http://www.kentonline.co.uk/canterbury/news/student-block-plan-on-old-school-site-rejected-182339/>).

The Guy Hollaway design for more student accommodation was probably not turned down primarily in favour of conservation, but because of its height and incoherent style, and thus the harm it would do to the visual setting of the medieval city walls opposite. An appeal or resubmission – especially one involving some improvement in design (lower, more conventional facade perhaps) – would unfortunately likely have a good chance of success.

Even so, in the process some notice was taken of growing evidence of current oversupply of purpose-built student accommodation, failure of Canbury Holdings to include any proper open (green space) in their overall project, and the ‘canyon effect’ of another tall development at that point on the ring road and its impact on air quality (more evidence that CCC is finally waking up to the air quality issue? – see next article). But less interest appeared to be shown in the Norman remains. Indeed, one gets the impression that the story, so ably told by Chris (OHSCA Newsletter (5): 4–6, 2018) of William the Conqueror’s 3 weeks enforced stay in the 1066 equivalent to an NHS emergency care facility has still to get through to developers, architects and councillors alike!

A small group of individuals drawn from members of OHSCA (including our Local History Group – see p. 5), Canterbury Society, KCC and Canterbury Heritage Design Forum met informally on 1st June to consider what else could be done with this site. Options considered included:

- Save and re-purpose school building (e.g. for students, educational museum, community centre, etc.)
- A small public park to include interpretation of the ‘mound’ – with reference to Dane John and the Norman Conquest
- A skateboard park, using the sloping site
- A small private (gated) park for Rhodaus Town students
- A small, high-quality redevelopment no taller than the existing school. If confined to the Station end, although the old school would be lost, the key part of the Norman mound could be saved, exposed and interpreted.

Enthusiasm for a public, Canterbury-wide campaign to preserve as much of the heritage as possible was expressed. However, a leader or ‘champion’ would be required, and a single scheme (such as one of the options listed above) identified that a campaign could effectively get behind. As Chris Tucker (who was not able to attend the meeting) contends, until favoured schemes have been selected and subject to thorough appraisal of objectives, costs and benefits, arguably there is no substantive basis for moving forward.

If you want to help create a ‘Save the Mound’ action group, please contact *Dick Vane-Wright, who will put you in touch with others who have expressed interest.

Legal challenge against Mountfield Park goes to court of appeal

Planning issues arising from the Local Plan require a totally different scale of activity. Thus the legal challenge (see Spring Newsletter p.7) concerning the Canterbury South Urban Extension proposal for 4000 dwellings – Corinthian’s *Mountfield Park* project – is to be heard in the Court of Appeal in September.

Last year Emily Shirley and Michael Rundell challenged the Secretary of State for refusing to call-in the Corinthian application. The challenge was made on air pollution grounds. Air pollution has breached legal limits in a large part of Canterbury for many years, resulting in an estimated 100 premature deaths annually and causing permanent health impacts, in particular to the young and the elderly.

Emily and Michael were recently given leave by Lady Justice Arden to go to the Court of Appeal. She indicated that the issues had merit and that a reference to the Court of Justice of the European Union could be the way forward. The case will be heard on the 18th and 19th September 2018.

This is good news for all those concerned about air pollution in Canterbury. The litigation has already helped make Canterbury City Council take air quality seriously at last, and should ultimately lead to better planning proposals that will actually improve the quality of life for existing and future residents of Canterbury, not cause further deterioration, as all the major local housing development proposals would do in their current form.

So far, close to £15,000 has been raised from the Canterbury community to pay the inevitably high legal costs involved. Emily and Michael are hugely grateful to everyone who has contributed. Now a further £10,000 is needed to cover the extra costs related to the Court of Appeal. You can support them by:

- sending a cheque to the Kent Environment & Community Network (KECN) at Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge, CT4 5AT
- paying KECN by BACS transfer, to account number 65457863, sort code 08-92-99
- donating online at <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/canterbury-airpollution/?cant-pledge>

All of us, at the very least, should salute Emily and Michael for their principled and incredibly brave stand.

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ACRA = Alliance of pan Canterbury Residents' Associations

SCA = Southern Canterbury Alliance

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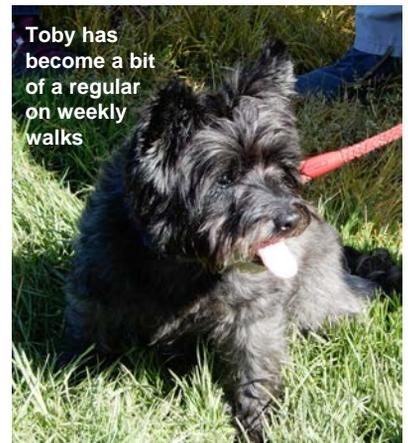
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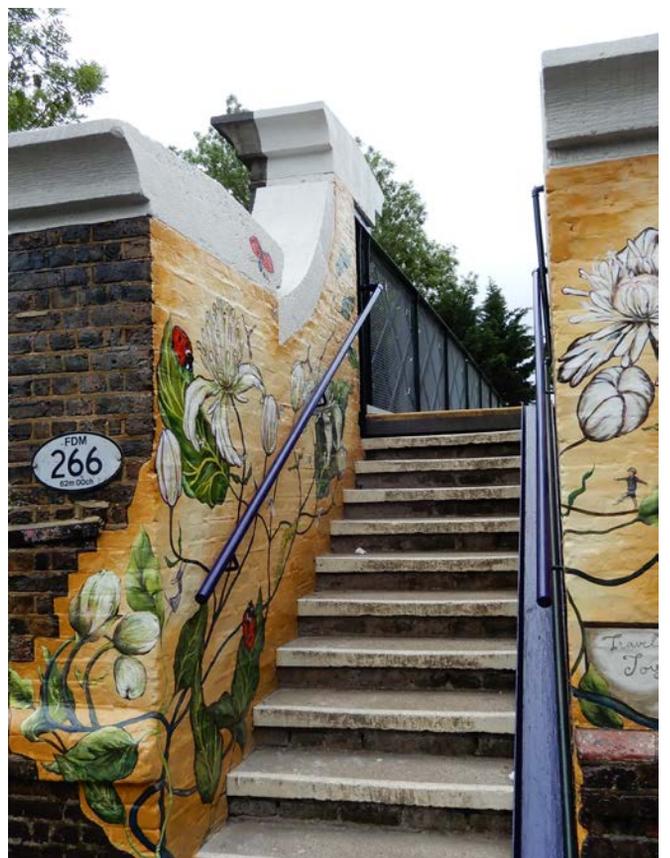


Look out for the Comma (*Polytonia c-album*) in gardens now. Being mostly orange with black spots above, it can be confused with the Small Tortoiseshell. But its naturally ragged outline and the silvery-white 'comma' mark in the middle of the hindwing below, as pictured here near Ridlands Farm on 29th June, is diagnostic. The larvae will feed on hops, and used to do so frequently when hops were grown more extensively in Kent – hop-pickers called them 'hop-cats'. A related species in N. America, with a dot and a curve, is the Question Mark!



Toby has become a bit of a regular on weekly walks

Pages 1–8 of this digital edition of OHSCA Newsletter No. 7 have the same content as the printed version, but differ in being in colour, and having live links to online sources. Pages 9–21 are additional to the printed version, and are mainly devoted to photographs of OHSCA events – or, as below, larger format versions of small images in the print edition.



For more about “Landsdown Path and Footbridge” (page 5) please see additional pages 19–21.

Planting Pride of India tree for Doris Hughes – 17th April 2018 (see page 3).



Wednesday and Friday weekly walks (see Page 9):

Poppies on 29th June





Above: Toby keeping several humans under control, 4th May. Below: what a difference a few weeks drought can make (left: 9th May; right 29th June).





On the Bluebell Walk, 6th May (page 4)



The old St Mary Bredin school in a sad but not totally sorry state on 4th May 2018 – can it be saved? Or will it be replaced, and the outer bailey of the Norman Castle on which it stands be totally destroyed, by offshore Canbury Holdings' latest bid to build more student accommodation at Rhodaus Town? (artist's impression below). See also page 7, and:

<http://www.kentonline.co.uk/canterbury/news/student-block-plan-on-old-school-site-rejected-182339/>







GIG busting out in June, at Goodnestone (above), Helly's garden (right and below left), and with tea and orchids at Lee and Richard's garden (below right; see page 4).



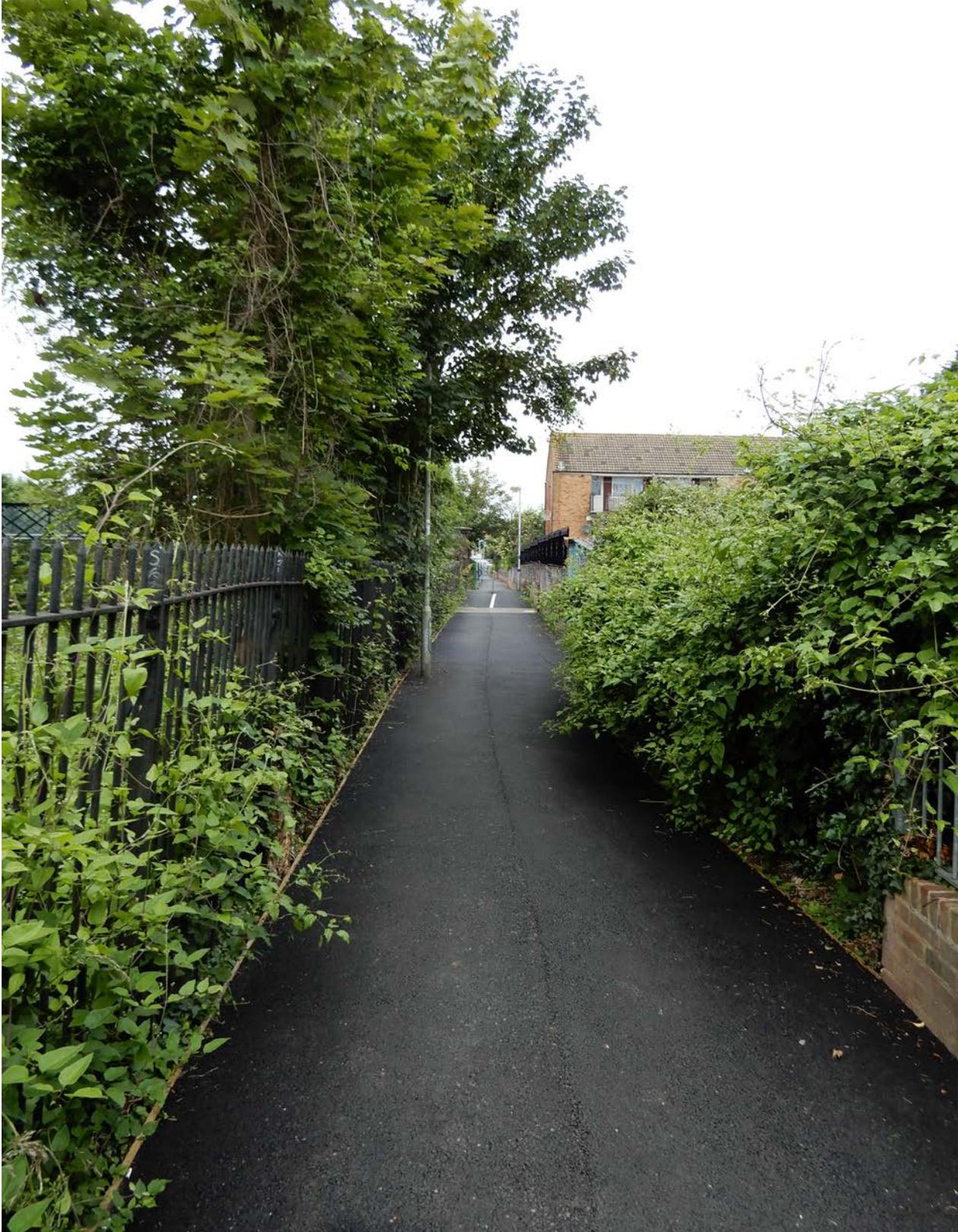
Strawberry Tea, 23rd June (see page 4)





OHSCA and friends at Blean. Top: Michael Walter at a Heath Fritillary site. Mid left: White Admiral (*Limenitis camilla*). Mid right: Heath Fritillary (*Melitaea (Mellicta) athalia*) nectaring on bramble. Bottom: juvenile Slow Worm (*Anguis fragilis*) spotted by Sue Hodge on 1st July. See page 4. (Both butterfly photographs kindly made available by Chris Laming.)

As briefly reported on page 5, through the energy and vision of Cathy Sales, an outstanding community-based transformation of Lansdown Path and railway footbridge that lead to Canterbury East Station (along the old boundary wall that marks the site of the old Dane John Manor House), has been achieved. Page 21 is Cathy’s remarkable roll-call of individuals and organisations that, in so many different ways, contributed to the success. Page 20 is images of the “A Weed is Just a flower in the Wrong Place” mural created on the rail-side wall, and the bridge decoration designed by artist Gloria Treseder. We can only hope that this creation will be respected, and the Robin will be a lasting tribute to Mrs Valerie Clifton.





THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES

NETWORK RAIL & SOUTHEASTERN FOR BELIEVING IN THE PROJECT AND LETTING US USE THEIR BRIDGE AND WALL (PERMISSIONS)

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL FOR AREA MEMBER PANEL GRANT (£2,556.95) AND PRIZE DONATIONS (UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOUR) SOME OF THIS MONEY WENT ON LABOUR AND MATERIALS FEE FOR **LIAM DOWD** WHO WORKED WITH PRINCE OF WALES YOUTH CLUB ON THE SPRAY ART MURALS AND ALSO ON THE LED SCREEN IN THE DANE JOHN GARDENS – *LIAM HAS LEFT OVER PAINT AND WOULD MENTOR OTHER YOUTHS ON ANOTHER PROJECT FREE OF CHARGE IF ANYONE WANTS THIS. STYLE IS GRAFFITI STREET ART.*

TERRY PERK, PETER HOFER AND UCA FOR HOSTING OPEN ART COMPETITION & DONATING MATERIALS & SUPPORT

LOUISE JONES-ROBERTS & CLUB CHEMISTRY FINANCIAL & TIME CONTRIBUTIONS (£2,000 INCLUDING £500 PRIZE MONEY FOR ART COMPETITION WINNER)

JENNER CONSTRUCTION FOR PUTTING UP HOARDING WORTH OVER £5,000 FREE OF CHARGE

PURPLE RHINO FOR JETWASHING CANTERBURY EAST BRIDGE FREE OF CHARGE

BID £200 CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SCREEN & EVENT INSURANCE

LEYDON LETTINGS FOR £100 CONTRIBUTION

SAINSBURY KINGSMEAD FOR £100 CONTRIBUTION OF DRINKS AND SNACKS

ASDA STURRY ROAD FOR PAINT BRUSHES, TRAYS AND CHILDREN'S SMOCKS

JENNER FOR USED PAINT AND SOME BRUSHES

NECESSARY FURNITURE FOR SOME PAINT

COWLING AND WILCOX CANTERBURY FOR ART BAGS & £10 WORTH OF PRIZES

MIROSLAVA KARASKOVA, SIMONA PIESOVA FOR MINI-FILM DOCUMENTARY (THEY HAVE MORE MATERIAL TO MAKE A 30 MINUTE DOCUMENTARY IF THEY CAN FIND SUPPORT)

RUTH GOUDIE & CANTERBURY TRANSPORTATION & SERCO FOR SIGN & RESURFACE

JAMES HARLAND FORECAST ENGINEERS LTD FOR WROUGHT IRON RAILINGS, PAID FOR BY CCC TRANSPORTATION
CANTERBURY EAST SNOOKER CLUB FOR THE USE OF THEIR CAR PARKING SPACE

CANTERBURY RIVER TOURS, ODEON CINEMA, WATER LANE BRASSERIE (PRIZE DONATIONS)

SIAN PETTMAN, RICHARD NORMAN FOR SUPPORT; **NICK GARATY** FOR SCREEN ASSISTANCE

PRINT MATTERS FOR REDUCED PRICE T-SHIRTS FOR THE CREW

WILKINSON CANTERBURY FOR £10 VOUCHER FOR PAINT

DON JUAN CAFÉ FOR LETTING US USE THEIR ELECTRICITY AND TABLE

ARTIST GLORIA TRESDER AND HELPERS: Arpana Rao, Ana Sousa, Zo Defferary, Becci Lcc, Diane Bellamy, Miroslava Karaskova, Gencivc Miller, Maud Whatley, Anne-Marie Tyler, Vanessa Wyns and the tireless Graham Jones

62 PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WHO ON 28.5.2018 WHO CREATED

'A WEED IS JUST A FLOWER IN THE WRONG PLACE'

MRS VALERIE CLIFTON LIVED NEXT TO THE BRIDGE SHE SUGGESTED FLOWERS AS A SUBJECT TO GLORIA AND LET THE BRIDGE ARTISTS USE HER ELECTRICITY, WATER AND TOILET AND STORE MATERIALS IN HER SHED. SHE WAS VERY EXCITED BY THE WORK BUT WOULD NOT PEEK UNTIL IT WAS FINISHED. HOWEVER, SHE PASSED AWAY BEFORE IT WAS COMPLETED. SHE WANTED TO SEE A ROBIN INSTEAD OF GRAFFITI TAGS WHEN SHE LOOKED OUT OF HER WINDOW.