



HYTHE & DIBDEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA:

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous annual meeting (attached)
4. Matters arising
5. Proposal to adopt revised constitution
6. Chairman's report (see attached)
7. Secretary's report (see attached)
8. Treasurer's report (see attached)
9. Election of Honorary Officers : Chairman, vice-chairman,
secretary and treasurer
10. Election of individual members of the General Committee*
11. Notices and resolutions

* INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE: Under proposed new constitution (item 5 on the agenda) the annual meeting may appoint 35 individual members to the general committee to represent the interests of members (a similar number are appointed by affiliated groups to protect their interests). People willing to offer their services to the committee should add their name and address to the list being circulated at the meeting. In the event of more than 35 people volunteering a vote will be held. Because of the complexity of counting the votes the count may have to be completed after the meeting closes. Anyone wishing to stay until the end of the count will be welcome. Full details of the voting will be published later and included as an addition to the official minutes.

ACTING SECRETARY'S REPORT

1985 can be regarded as the year that the community association was forced a grow up. After the euphoria of our opening year we had to buckle down to the basic job of expanding our appeal to the people of the district. New clubs have flourished, old faithfuls carried on steadfastly and generally we must regard it as a good year. Membership was slightly lower than in our first year, but not significantly so and the prospects for this year are encouraging.

I must take this opportunity to thank all the people who have worked tirelessly during the year and particularly those who gave me so much support when I took over the duties of acting secretary part way through the year. After some months without a secretary our administration had slipped, but we now believe we have overcome the problems.

Centre maintenance: A small (sometimes very small) band have been working extremely hard behind the scenes to keep the building up to scratch - and improve it. Structural alterations include the setting up of a permanent room for the Inn Centre, an enlarged office and new cupboard store. New lighting has been installed in Wilson Hall and plans are at an advanced stage to add curtains and carpets to enhance the look and cut down on the problem of noise. More volunteers are desperately needed. If you can help please add your name and address to the volunteers list in the entrance hall.

Social and fund-raising: The social committee holds the key to the success or otherwise of the community association. This year the committee has staged a wide range of activities and is promising even more for the coming year. In addition the ever-popular junior discos - held for space considerations at the parish hall - have gone from strength to strength.

Catering: We sell, perhaps the cheapest cuppa in the area at a price that has remained unchanged for two years and once again it has proved a profitable way to help keep down room and hall hire charges and boost our efforts to raise money towards the eventual replacement of the centre when the present lease expires. All credit to the ladies (and gentlemen) who have proved so valuable to the association during the hours they have manned the kitchen. During the year we installed new kitchen cupboard units and this year we will be considering the possible purchase of a freezer and microwave in order to expand our service.

Evening wardens: Manning the office and kitchen during the day has not caused too many problems, but we have always had a problem getting men to act as evening wardens. If you are able bodied and can spare an evening now and again, please add your name to the volunteers list in the entrance hall.

Gardens: Last summer saw the centre's garden flourish for the first time, brightening up the tarmac jungle. Everyone has been full of praise for the gardeners who took on the back-breaking work and this year the gardens promise to be even more admirable.

Ray White