



Dear Rye Conservation Society member,

Please find overleaf a copy of the Rye Conservation Accounts for 2021, a Notice of the AGM to be held in the St Mary's Centre at 11.00 on Friday May 27 and a menu for the Annual Lunch. You are asked to return menu choices to me by 20 May. I have invited our local MP, Sally-Ann Hart to our AGM and she will be attending together with Andi Rivett, our new Rye Town Mayor.

Our normal arrangements have been somewhat upset by the COVID situation and thus in order to get back on track we are holding this AGM just six months after we last met. It now looks more hopeful that we will be able to go ahead with social and cultural activities this year. An Annual Report of activities will be circulated later this year.

It's been a long wait but Rother have organised maintenance of the Landgate which included the removal of vegetation from the towers and a general clean-up of bird droppings and other debris. The Society have requested Rother that a committee be reappointed to agree and arrange an ongoing maintenance programme, we had a couple of meetings in 2019 with local Councillors from Rother, Rye town Council and other interested parties but then COVID intervened but hopefully we can get this back on track. By the way congratulations to whoever raised the Ukrainian flag in support of that country in the current awful war.

At the time of writing it looks like the George Hotel will shortly be reopened, members of the Society have differing views concerning the terracotta colour scheme which has divided opinion locally and for which planning permission should have been sought. Nonetheless I look forward to once again being able to visit a landmark institution and seeing its newly refurbished interior. Once the hoardings outside come down Cclr. Glazier informs us that finally East Sussex Highways will be resurfacing Hilder's Cliff, The High Street and the Mint all of which have been in a bad state for a while.

Membership Subscriptions

Just a reminder for those who are annual members and who pay by cash or cheque their annual subscription for 2022 were due from January 1st. The Committee are grateful for your ongoing support and loyalty even if you are not getting the all the activities that we normally offer, we are keen to enter our 50th year in a healthy state. Membership forms are available on our web site, www.ryeconservationsociety.org

Subs remain at £6 for a single person or £10 for joint membership. Could you please drop the cash or cheque (payable to Rye Conservation Society) to Andy Stuart, the Society's membership secretary at: Little Orchard House, 3 West St, Rye TN31 7ES. Alternatively you can pay us by bank transfer, Sort Code 30-90-28, Account Number 00710394. Life membership is also available,

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