



The Henley Society

Protecting our heritage and environment in Henley-on-Thames

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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FIRST CALLING NOTICE

*The Society AGM will take place on **Thursday 30th March at 7.00pm** at Shiplake Memorial Hall, Memorial Avenue RG9 4DN.*

An agenda and accompanying paperwork will be sent in good time – but if you wish to nominate a person for committee please notify the Secretary, Karen Grieve, by email to grievehc@gmail.com and she will tell you how to proceed. You must, of course have the nominees permission, and you will eventually need a seconder too. The closing date for Committee nominations is 28th February

A letter of condolence was sent, on behalf of all members, to the Dowager Lady Camoys on the death of her husband, **Lord Camoys**, who passed away in early January. Lord Camoys (pictured below) was President of the Society from 1979 until 1994 when he was succeeded by the Duke of Kent. Lord Camoys remained a Vice President from 1994 until his passing and was an excellent supporter of the Society. He played, for instance, a huge part in the planting of the Fair Mile avenue of trees and was instrumental in obtaining a contribution from the American Express Company towards the cost. In later years he presided over a number of our AGMs in the absence of the President, and his knowledge of Henley was of immense use to the Committee over the years.



Membership Subscriptions Reminders have been sent during January to those of you who pay annually and in an effort to reduce administration it would be helpful if you could pay your dues to Veronica Carlton, as previously directed, as soon as possible. Thank you.

Membership Since we last reported we have welcomed new members **Jane Middleton, Sir Ian and Lady Hilary Prosser, Mr John and Mrs Diana Percival, Andrew Cooper, Angus Ross, Sally Burn, Val Kurruck, and Diane Miller**

March Spring Talk- Just **a reminder** that there are still tickets available for members and guests for Richard Anderson's talk on 'Life at RMA Sandhurst'. A call to Veronica Carlton will secure your seat for Wednesday March 8th on 07802 875379 or email veronica.carlton@outlook.com. Tickets are £7 each.

Richard, who served at Sandhurst between will relate his experience of Sergeant Majors and their brand of humour, address the Sandhurst 'system, as well as talking of many of the famous people who were Officer Cadets at the College – and many of the names you will know and be surprised!.

You are invited to join the Committee for drinks and nibbles after the talk

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Our first trip of 2023 has been arranged and you are invited to join us on the coach trip to the **Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon on Tuesday 18th April** leaving from outside the old Barclays Bank in Hart Street at 9.15am. We intend to arrive at Hendon at about 10.45 and members will enjoy a one hours tour of World War II Aircraft, with a guide, in groups of ten. Lunch will be available in the Hendon Kitchen (at cost to members) and there will then be time for a free tour of the museum and grounds with the coach leaving for the return journey to Henley at approx. 3.30pm.

Tickets, priced at £ 29.50 to include the entry, coach fare (and tip for driver) and the services of a tour guide, are available from 07860 145982 or email thehenleysociety@btinternet.com

Do you have an interest in Planning matters ? We have a couple of vacancies on our Planning Committee which meets approximately every three weeks to coincide with Henley Town Council Planning meetings and we inspect and comment on around 300 applications each year. If you have an interest please contact Geoff Luckett on 08760 145982 and he will be pleased to give you details of how you can help.

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Your Committee have a concern about the **(un)cleanliness of the pavements and streets of Henley** and have been invited by the Mayor to bring those concerns to her at a meeting later this month. We have photographic evidence which we will show as a part of our presentation but if any member has a contribution to make please let us know on 07860 145982 – or by email to thehenleysociety@btinternet.com



Left to right – Geoff Luckett, Nora Scanlon & The Mayor of Henley at the unveiling of the Catherine Wheel Plaque on the occasion of the Society's 60th birthday (Photo -Nick Richardson)

You are invited to a meeting at Henley Rugby Club on Friday 10th February (10am to noon) to listen to the **latest hospital redevelopment plans for Royal Berkshire Hospital**. You are invited to tell the meeting what is important to you in healthcare and hospital services. **Entry is FREE, as is parking and refreshments** but to attend please call 0118 322 6607 or email bbs@royalberkshire.nhs.uk