



The Henley Society

Protecting our heritage and environment in Henley-on-Thames

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BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

You are invited

Members will recall that the Society was formed when a group of Henley residents, unhappy that the Henley Borough Council had agreed to the Catherine Wheel Hotel being demolished and replaced by a row of shops, objected and had the decision overturned. Flushed by this success the group formed the Henley Society at a meeting held in the Town Hall on December 6th 1961.

*To celebrate the anniversary we have, together with the management of the Catherine Wheel Hotel, arranged a late breakfast with Fizz on the exact date this year - **Tuesday 6th December** - and you are cordially invited to attend at 10.30am.*

Tickets can be obtained by calling 07860 145982 or emailing thehenleysociety@btinternet.com and are available to MEMBERS ONLY (no guests) as we are limited to 60 attendees.

A glass of Fizz on arrival

**Full English breakfast with unlimited Orange Juice, tea and coffee
Followed by the unveiling, by the Mayor of Henley Cllr. Michelle Thomas, of a
commemorative blue plaque commissioned by the Society**

Tickets £ 15.50 per head

Come and join fellow members to celebrate our birthday

Breakfast options available in addition to the standard Full English

<i>Option A</i>	<i>Traditional breakfast -vegetarian</i>
<i>Option B</i>	<i>Traditional Breakfast - vegan</i>
<i>Option C</i>	<i>Eggs Benedict</i>
<i>Option D</i>	<i>Miners Benedict (made with black pudding)</i>
<i>Option E</i>	<i>Mushroom benedict</i>

***If you wish to order one of the options in place of the Traditional Full English please state
your
preferred option when ordering your ticket***

VISIT TO FAWLEY HILL STEAM DAY

A large group of our members enjoyed an outing to Fawley Hill Steam Day on September 4th, experienced train trips around the estate and viewed the exhibits in the railway museum. We were pleased to receive a number of complimentary calls from members following this trip including one from Madeleine & Geoff Probert for whose family it was a trip down memory lane. It seems that their daughter and son-in-law were married in the Fawley Station Waiting Room some five years ago and to top the occasion their grandson Reuben, who celebrated his second birthday the day after the visit, enjoyed his train ride, and close encounters with some of the 21 species of animals and birds which have the freedom of the estate.



Our pictures, taken by member Nick Richardson, show member Sarah Waring (white top) enjoying a train ride with her daughter, and members Rosalie Raymond and John Willis taking a well-earned rest in the museum whilst enjoying the exhibits.

CONDOLENCE

A letter of condolence was sent, on behalf of the Society, to King Charles III upon the death of his mother, our Queen.

AUTUMN TALK

Wednesday 2nd November 2022 @ 7.15pm in Shiplake Memorial Hall

'Life in Henley in the 30s and 40s' by Peter Hancock

Peter Hancock was born at 5 New Street Henley and has lived in the immediate area all of his life. You may remember him as the founder, with his step-brother Don Hookins, of General Decorating Supplies (GDS) which operated in the town for many years.

Peter has some wonderful film of the activities in Henley on VE/VJ Day and of the first regatta after the World War II which Princess Elizabeth attended

He has kindly agreed to show his films and talk about life in Henley in those days and the town's personalities and businesses of that time.

Peter last addressed the Society in 2002 when the then Chairman described the evening as 'one of the best Henley Society events he could recall'.

Peter's talk and films will last for about an hour, to include questions, and you are cordially invited for drinks with the Committee afterwards. Tickets priced at **£7 each** are available by calling 07860 145982 or emailing thehenleysociety@btinternet.com

We look forward to an informative and interesting evening and to seeing you there.

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to say 'welcome' to the following new members this month-

- Alan French,
- Ian Reissmann,
- Karen Davies,
- Dr. Terry & Mrs Elaine Dudeney,
- Dr. Chris Furley & Ms Rosemary Hayes,
- Mrs Susan Neave,
- Peter Willis-Fleming,
- Ed & Christabel Goodwin,
- Ngairy Palin,
- Simon Tross Youle
- Peter Francis
- Barbara & Tony Cotterill

One of our members Denise Keir sadly passed away and we have lost two other members though resignations, one due to age, the other due to moving away from the area.

Total membership now 628

until next month

The Executive Committee

Valerie Alasia, Julian Brookes, Veronica Carlton, Dr Jeny Copeland, Karen Grieve, Geoff Lockett, Sandra Moon, Catherine Notaras, Nora Scanlon, David Whitehead