



The Henley Society

Protecting our heritage and environment in Henley-on-Thames

Executive Committee Briefing- September 2021

The Michael Redley walking tour of the Charles Clements buildings in Henley quickly sold out and a full house of 24 members led in two groups by Michael and his son, Will, enjoyed an instructive, interesting afternoon finishing with tea and cake in the Watercolour Café. **A second walk, on September 7th**, is being organised for those who were on the wait list for the first one, and there are still a few places left if you are interested in Henley's history. Please call 07860 145982 to reserve a place.

Alan Pontin Talk

Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 7pm (via Zoom)

Henley's need for new housing and how it can be sympathetically achieved

*We have had the utmost difficulty in securing a venue for this talk and so reluctantly it will be held via Zoom. If you would like a **free ticket** please email thehenleysociety@btinternet.com with 'Pontin ticket' as the title, and you will be sent joining instructions a day or so before the talk. If you wish to ask Alan a question please add that to your email so that the answer can be properly researched.*

Simon Spearing Talk

Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 7.30pm

The Kenton Theatre, the past, the present, the future and the Ghost

Simon is the recently appointed General Manager of the Kenton Theatre and his talk will include his early thoughts on the future direction of the 4th oldest working theatre in the country.

*The talk will take place in the Pither Room, Christchurch Centre, Reading Road at 7.30pm and will last about 45 minutes plus any questions. The Executive Committee hope that you will join them for a glass of wine after the talk. **Tickets priced at £6. 50 per person** can be obtained via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). If you experience difficulty please order your tickets by calling 07860145982.*

Our drive for new members is continuing to be successful and this month we welcome Christine Wright, Kay Robertson, Anthea Hoskins, Sue Brosnan, **our 550th Member** Dianne Sharp, Domenic Bertelli, Muriel Quinsac, Nick and Sue Sharp and June Wood to the Society. **Our membership** is now at a record level of 555.

The **tree planting at Sheephouse Lane/Reading Road** has proved very popular with members and we now have seven of the eight trees sponsored. We have remaining one Linden and if you would like to attach your name, or that of a loved one, to the tree, then please contact Catherine Notaras on catnotaras@gmail.com or 07474 095807

The Henley Agricultural Show takes place on **Saturday 11th September** and the Society is taking a stand, which will be manned from 9am – 4pm. If you are visiting the show please stop by and say 'hello'.

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A date for your diary - On **Wednesday 2nd March 2022** an illustrated talk will be given by **The Queens Swan Marker, David Barber**. Full details, venue and ticket prices will be announced shortly

Introducing our Executive Committee Members
September - **Julian Brookes - Deputy Chairman**

Julian has been a Henley on Thames resident for over 20 years since he returned to the UK from living in Hong Kong in the mid-90s. He is married with a son and a daughter and two grandchildren. A pupil of the Newcastle upon Tyne Royal Grammar School, he is a graduate electrical engineer, holds a post graduate diploma in nuclear technology and has been a member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology since 1980. After serving as an engineer officer in both nuclear and conventional submarines he has held international sales, marketing and general management positions covering the markets of Europe, North America and for the last 30 years, East Asia. Recent activities included the introduction of UK and US based wireless technology companies to the markets of Northeast Asia.

He became involved in local politics on becoming aware of the JHHNP at the end of 2013. He was a Henley Town Councillor 2015-19, Deputy Mayor 2015/16, and Mayor 2016/17. He is a trustee of our Henley YMCA having led the £570,000 fund raising to enable the trustees to take full control of the future of our local YMCA and is a member of our Bell Surgery PPG (Patients Participation Group). He has been leading the Henley Society's response to the recent MHCLG Planning White Papers.



OCC are asking us all to give views on how household waste and recycling centres are run and used in the County. It seems that Oakley Wood, our local waste depot, could be under threat once again. Please take time to add your views to the survey. The closure of Oakley Wood would mean further to travel to dispose of our waste, inevitably leading to more fly-tipping.

<https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/tell-us-what-you-think-of-countys-household-waste-and-recycling-centres/>

...until next month, and remember, please let us have your comments on any Henley or County related matter.



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